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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD
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V.P. Adm. Sect. 27/3
 to General
 V.P. Adm. Sect. 28/3

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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM MAR. 44
TO MAY. 44
CATALOGUE.

MINUTE SHEET NO. 1

Date		Page
27 Mar.	Adm. Sect. ⁽¹⁾ Attached letter for approval. Lt. Gustavelli has been informed also. R. Sample cys. Interim ⁽²⁾ The revised draft of the A. is suggested. If you agree will you prepare for VP's signature. Please return file so that we can place it in the VP. Admin. ⁽³⁾ 27 Mar. 10-50 Adm. Sect. for V.P.'s signature. R. Sample, cys. <u>L. March</u> 30 Interim began Admin. 7 Apr. May we have your comments on the draft at 8 A. tomorrow. Admin. 7 Apr.	
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Admin
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Agreed. particularly with press. 3:44

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ACC/26/INT

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD APPOINTMENT OF PREFECTS
TO REGIONAL BOARDS OF CENTRAL ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD, 22,3,44

No	Precis	REMARKS
I	From the Ex. Sec/ of the APB dated 22 Mar. 44 to VP Adm. Sec. stating that General Masor MacFarlane, Dep. President of the ACC had requested him to approach the Italian Government regarding designation Prefects to sit on Reg. Boards of the Central APB. Asked to state what action is taken by the Italian Govt. so that the AP Board may be informed. <u>Copy of Minutes</u> of special meeting of Board No Ia.	
6	To M.O.I. Italian Govt. dated 23 Mar. 44 signed by Adm. Sec. stating that it is proposed to set up Regional Boards of the Central Publication Board at Palermo, Bari, Cagliari and Potenza, and setting forth the proposals as to the constitution, areas, duties and powers of these Boards. Local Prefects are proposed for membership and M.O.I. asked that Italian Govt. appoint and inform of action taken.	
7a	Reply to 6 from Dr. Reale dated 4 April 44 stating inter alia that he had been present at some of the earlier meetings of APB and communicating his comments as to Italian Procedure. Opposed to inclusion of Prefect in each Section and giving personal reasons why.	
8b	From Legal Sub. Com/ to M.O.I. dated 7 April 44 informing him that as the subject has already been dealt with by VP, requesting that letter from Legal be kept in abeyance until prior matters have been given due consideration.	
9	From Adm. Sec. to APB dated 9 April sending a copy of No 7a.	

ACC/26/INT

A. P. B.

SUBJECT: Notes of Meeting CIO's office, 17 May 1944
TO : Director (to see)

PRESENT: CIO, DCIO, Lt Col Munro, Major Bergen, Lt Col (APB), Major
Grossman, Lt. Vernon Lewis.

ARRANGED

1. Lt Col Munro would personally submit amended proposed draft decrees to the Minister of Interior on behalf of APB, and discuss with the Minister agreed text to be finally submitted to Minister.
2. Draft to be submitted to Minister for his consideration only with the invitation to make comment, rearrange its form, etc., as Minister thought fit. It was not to be "thrust" upon the Minister.
3. No necessity for legal or Interior representative to accompany Lt Col Munro. (He had already had one general discussion with Minister on subject)
4. Final draft to be submitted to CIO who would notify Interior.
5. Hist Protinella would arrange interview.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB 14.

1 May 1944.

Subject: Italian Government representative on APC.

To: Lt Col R.G.B. Spicer, Interior Sub-Commission.

The attached minute by Lt Col Munro was approved today by the Central Allied Publications Board. This clears some of the ground for the preparation of the decrees which should go forward as soon as possible.

Recd May/2
no comment
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Lionel F. Fielder
LIONEL FIELDER,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

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cc to : Chief Legal Officer
CA Branch.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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1 May 1944.

C O P Y

Central APB Meeting 1.5.44

As the discussions and reasons behind APB decisions are often veiled from the Italian Government or officials, leading to misunderstandings and, on occasion, misrepresentations; and as this situation puts a smoke-screen between ourselves and the Italian Government, choking goodwill and smothering real understanding, I propose that, in order to ensure a better working machine to promote Allied war aims in Italy, the Italian Government be invited to nominate a representative to attend the Central and Local Board meetings in a consultative and advisory capacity.

With regard to the above, it might be useful to recall that Italian administrative difficulties in appointing a Prefect to sit on Local Boards (because one Prefect cannot speak for other Prefects whose jurisdiction may also be within the Local APB area) will be solved by inviting "a Government representative, thus leaving it to the Italian Government to choose their man and to give him the necessary authority for the particular job even if he is a Prefect.

Apart from solving the local problem of Prefects, the above proposal also solves the illogical position of having Italian representatives on Local Boards which are responsible to the Central Body on which they have no representation.

(Sgd) I.S. MUNRO,
Lt Col,
Executive Secretary.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/4104/7/L

21 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Licensing of Publications.TO : RO & ~~VP~~ Sec.

- 1 Your 291/25 SA of 17 Apr addressed to us for Legal Sub Commission.
- 2 The Allied Publications Board passed certain resolutions on the 14 Mar among others, one including Prefects on certain Regional Boards. This resolution was passed without previously consulting either the Interior Sub Commission or the Italian Government.
- 3 At the same time the APB asked the Legal Sub Commission to draft a decree to implement their resolutions but did not inform the Legal Sub-Commission that there had been no agreement in principle with the Italian Government.
- 4 This Section was then asked to obtain from the Italian Government the names of the Prefects to sit on these Boards. Our letter asking for nominations was the first that the Italian Government had heard of the proposed formation of these Boards. For reasons stated in the Minister of the Interior's letter 374 of 4 Apr (some of which the Interior Sub Commission considers to be perfectly sound) the Italian Government objected to making these appointments. A copy of the Minister's letter of objection was forwarded to the APB on the 9 Apr since when no communication has been received from the APB.
- 5 Until the question of whether Prefects are or are not to be members of Regional Boards has been settled with the Italian Government, the drafting of the decree cannot proceed.

R. R. Chipp
R.R. CHIPP,
Lt. Colonel,
for VP Adm Sec.

Copy to: Interior Sub Comm refce 76/INT.
Copy for: File 4009/L

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Conf with APB 27 May to have letter
settled - decree then to be forwarded

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ATC 394

Acc/76/Int

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9 April 1944

Subject: Appointment of Prefects to Regional Boards.

To : Allied Pub. Bd, 157 Corso Umberto, Naples.

1 With reference to your letter of 22 Mar and our
ACC/76/Int of 22 Mar (copy to you). The reply of the Italian
Govt has now been received and I forward herewith a copy thereof.

S.M. WHITE,
Major,
For VP

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FOR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

AOC/76/INT

7 Apr 44.

SUBJECT : Appointment of Prefects to Regional Boards.

to : The Allied Publications Board, P.R.O.
187 Corso Umberto, NAPLES.

- 1 Your letter of the 22 Mar requesting me to ask the Italian Government to appoint Prefects to Regional Boards reached my office on the evening of the 26th and the matter was at once put to the Minister of the Interior and his reply (a copy of which is enclosed) has now been received.
- 2 It is perhaps a pity that the Interior Sub Commission was not consulted before your committee reached its conclusions as it could have informed the committee that the proposals were not very practicable or likely to be acceptable.
- 3 Take for example the Bari Board. It covers ten provinces with the details of nine of which the Bari Prefect will be unacquainted. He will therefore be of little assistance to the Board; while if he be elevated to any position which may be regarded as in any way superior to the position of the other nine Prefects it is likely to cause ill feeling and friction.
- 4 If the Regional Boards are necessary it is suggested that the proposed representation thereon of the Italian Government by the local prefect be dropped. It will do little good, it may do harm and is not welcome.
- 5 It is agreed however that Italian representation on the boards if they are formed is essential so that they may not make suggestions which, from the Italian point of view, are either impracticable or might cause ill feeling. The Italian Government might be asked to nominate to each regional board a number of members who have knowledge of both local conditions and of the publishing and printing trades, leaving the selection to them.
- 6 I think it is to be regretted that the Legal Sub Commission was asked to prepare a decree on this matter before any agreement on the main points had been reached (and agreed with the Italian Government). The request has placed them in an embarrassing position and has made them look as if they were "attempting to pull a fast one".

7. Perhaps you will be good enough to put the matter of V.P. to the A.C.C. at the next meeting.

STANBATE,
VP Adm Sec.

V.P. delayed

Not to go forward.

I had with a short coming note
maybe, then an earlier version

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

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ACC/4609/L

7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Control of the Press.

TO : H.E. The Minister of the Interior.

Since addressing to Your Excellency this morning a suggested draft decree and covering letter concerning certain measures proposed in accord with the APE, it has been learned that the matter has already been the subject of correspondence between the Ministry and the Vice-President of the Administrative Section of ACC. Accordingly, Your Excellency is requested to kindly treat this Subcommittee's letter as remaining in abeyance until these prior matters have been given due consideration.

G. H. UPJOHN
Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: VP Admin. Section. ←

Translation No. I59. Administrative Section. April 5th. 1944.
Sgt. SORISI.

Minister of the Interior.
 File No. 374 Gab. Ris.

SALERNO, 4 April, 1944 .

Subject: Nomination of Prefects in Regional Commissions of A.P.B.

Ref. ACC/76 INT. (3832) dated 28 March

Dear Lord Stansgate,

I have studied very closely the proposal sent by you regarding the creation of Regional A.P.B.'s, and I hope to express my thoughts on the subject clearly and sincerely.

It is not within my power to judge whether or not it is necessary to set up these Regional A.P.B. offices.

The A.P.B. (central) is an organization created by A.F.H.Q., with the well-defined purpose of limiting and evaluating newspapers in Italy. The Allied Control Commission sent us the original text, dated 14 December 1943, explaining the functions of A.P.B., and I had the honor of being present at some of the earlier meetings of this body, although the original constitution excluded the participation of an Italian member.

I have agreed since the beginning on the purpose for existence of this body, although it constitutes an evident obstacle to freedom of the press in Italy, but war reasons justified it amply, even though the activities of A.P.B. should have been left to the Italian Government.

Its regulations for licences were clear and equitable, and corresponded to Italian administrative policies. As a matter of fact, anyone who desired to publish a newspaper would make application to the Prefect of his province, giving a certain amount of information established by A.P.B.; the Prefect made his comments to this application, and forwarded it to the Ministry of the Interior. The Ministry added its own comments on the subject, and forwarded all documents to A.P.B., which gave its final verdict.

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- b) National, fulfilled by the Ministry of the Interior, higher direct authority over the Prefecture, which could judge upon the need of a newspaper, since it had on hand all the information from the different provinces, thus a general picture of the situation.
This step gave applicants the opportunity of making known ~~their~~ ^{their} aspirations, besides to the Prefecture, also to the Ministry, for eventual complaints against the Prefect.
The Ministry was thus able to offer A.P.B. a completely objective and already coordinated judgment.
- c) Final, by A.P.B., dictated by its own policy.
The proposal to create regional A.P.B. offices, which are to include the Prefects of Bari, Potenza, Palermo and Cagliari, will completely break down the Italian administrative regulations, under which a Prefect has no jurisdiction over activities of neighboring provinces. In the case of Bari, the local Prefect would have control, even if of a consulting nature, over matters which involve 10 Prefectures (5 in Puglia, 5 in

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Abbruzzi); and so on.

There is, furthermore, the fact that the Ministry of the Interior would lose any control and authority over so delicate a matter which has always been under its supervision, and which, in time of war, in all countries of the world, is firmly held in hand.

While there is no opposition on the part of this Ministry, and of the Government, to an enlargement of the central A.P.B. by forming regional sections, it is opposed to the inclusion of a Prefect in each section. Nor is it thinkable that all Prefects within the regional section should take part in it, because difficulty of travel and serious problems the Prefects are forced to meet daily within their provinces, it is impossible for them to leave their duties unattended for such reasons.

My personal conviction is that A.P.B. (central) is large enough, and that it can fulfill its task by taking intelligence personnel from provincial sections of A.C.C., censorship, and where possible, from P.W.B., without resorting to the formation of new committees.

Unfortunately, the situation of the press in liberated Italy, to my way of thinking, should be entirely reviewed, because it has been altered by unauthorized interference and by the excessive number of bodies which deal with these matters. The daily press has lost its character of national interest. The local weekly press, upped in its extremist activities by P.W.B. has created a diivused ill-feeling within the nation, by hindering it from following a unified course of behavior, such as is the duty of all nations at war, and thus causing the present crisis. At any rate, this is a different problem from that which I was to answer in this letter, although closely allied to it, and upon which I am gathering a large number of documentary evidence that I soon desire to submit to you with my own conclusive arguments.

With best regards,

/s/ V.REALE.

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/S/ V.REALE.

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Aut. 574 del R. S.

Salerno, 18 Aprile 1944



Sp. Ministro dell'Interno

SOGGETTO: Designazione dei Prefetti nelle Commissioni Regionali
del A.P.B..-

Caro Lord STANSFORD,

Ho studiato con molta attenzione la proposta da Lei trasmessami sulla creazione delle A.P.B. regionali, e spero di poterle esprimere chiaramente e sinceramente il mio pensiero in proposito.

Non è di mia competenza giudicare la necessità o meno della costituzione di queste A.P.B. regionali.

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Ho convenuto fin dal principio sulla opportunità di questo organismo, benché esso costituisca un evidente intralcio alla libertà di stampa in Italia, ma le ragioni di guerra lo giustificavano abbondanza, benché le facoltà dell'A.P.B. avessero dovuto essere lasciate al Governo Italiano.

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Con questo sistema si aveva un triplice giusto controllo
a) Quello locale, che può essere fatto solo dal Prefetto della Provincia, che ha il compito, il dovere e la possibilità di conoscere tutti i problemi locali;

b) Quello nazionale, che veniva dato dal Ministero dell'Interno, organo superiore diretto delle Prefetture, che poteva giudicare sull'opportunità del giornale, avendo in mano tutti gli elementi delle diverse Provincie, e così il quadro generale della situazione.

Ciò dava la possibilità ai ricorrenti, di far sapere le loro

aspirazioni oltre che alle Prefetture, anche al Ministero, per eventuali ricorsi contro il Prefetto.

Il Ministero poteva così offrire all'A.P.B. un giudizio d'estrema obiettività e già coordinato.

c) Quello definitivo dell'A.P.B., ispirato a sue regioni particolari.

Con la proposta di creare le A.P.B. regionali, che includono i Prefetti di Bari, Potenza, Palermo e Cagliari, si viene a rompere completamente l'ordinamento amministrativo italiano, per il quale un Prefetto non ha nessun potere su quanto deve farsi nelle province vicine. Nel caso di Bari, il Prefetto locale avrebbe dei poteri - sia pure consultivi - su argomenti che interessano ben 10 Prefetture (5 di Puglia e 5 di Abruzzi); e così via. Oltre poi il fatto che il Ministero dell'Interno perderebbe ogni controllo e autorità in una materia così delicata, che è sempre stata di sua competenza, e che in tempo di guerra, in tutti i paesi del mondo, va tenuta saldamente in mano.

Nel mentre questo Ministero, e il Governo, non hanno nulla da opporre che l'A.P.B. centrale ingrandisca ancora la sua organizzazione formando delle sezioni regionali, è contrario a che in queste prendano parte un Prefetto per sezione. Ne è da pensare che tutti i Prefetti inclusi nella sezione stabilita vi prendano parte, poiché con la difficoltà di mezzi di comunicazione e con i gravissimi problemi a cui devono far fronte i Prefetti quotidianamente nelle loro province, essi non possono assolutamente allontanarsi per simili questioni.

Come giudizio mio personale, trovo che l'A.P.B. (centrale) è sufficientemente ampia, e può adempiere il suo compito, tranne due personali informazioni dalle sezioni provinciali dell'A.O.C., della censura e, dove esiste, dal F.W.B., senza ricorrere alla istituzione di nuovi comitati.

Purtroppo la situazione della stampa nell'Italia liberata, a mio personale avviso, è tutta da rivedere perché alterata da ininterrotte non autorizzate e dall'eccessivo numero di organi che se ne occupano. La stampa quotidiana d'informazione ha perso il suo carattere d'interesse nazionale. La stampa locale settimanale, sostenuta nei suoi movimenti extramisti dal P.W.B., ha creato un diffuso malessere nel paese, impedendogli di seguire un'unica linea di condotta, come è dovere di tutte le nazioni in guerra, e provocando la crisi attuale. Ad ogni modo questo è un problema differente da quello a cui dovevo rispondere con questa lettera, benché strettamente collegato, e sul quale sto raccogliendo ampia documentazione.

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Coi migliori saluti.

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J. P. P.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount STANSBURY
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

422/76/Int

23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefects for Regional Boards of Central APB

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Basile, Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency:

1. It is proposed to set up Regional Boards of the Central Allied Publications Board at Palermo, Bari, Cagliari and Potenza.

2. The proposals as to the constitution, areas, duties and powers of these Boards are as follows:

- (a) That they shall consist of representatives of the Psychological Warfare Board, the Allied Control Commission, Censorship, and of the local Prefects.
- (b) That they will be authorized to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures, and similar publication products, in their regions.
- (c) That the authority of the Palermo Board shall extend over Sicily and the contiguous islands; that of Bari over Apulia and Abruzzi; that of Cagliari over Sardinia; and that of Potenza over Calabria and Lucania.
- (d) That their decisions shall be governed by considerations of security, political policy and the printing facilities and supplies in, or available to, their Regions, and that directives on these matters will be issued from time to time by the Central Allied Publications Board.
- (e) That they shall meet once in every week and may in addition call such special meetings as circumstances may require.
- (f) That they shall report fortnightly all action taken to the Central APB.
- (g) That the Central Board reserves the right to review decisions by Regional Boards and the sole power to suspend or revoke any license granted.

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3. I have been requested by Lieut. General Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission, to ask the Italian Government to appoint the Prefects at the places mentioned, as members of the respective Regional Boards.

4. Will you please inform me in due course of the action taken by your Government.

M.C.
The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stanagate
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission

Copy to:

Allied Publications Board

(unnumbered letter dated 22 March 1944 refers)

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- (d) That their decisions shall be governed by considerations of security, political policy and the printing facilities and supplies in, or available to, their regions, and that directives on these matters will be issued from time to time by the Central Allied Publications Board.
- (e) That they shall meet once in every week and may in addition call such special meetings as circumstances may require.
- (f) That they shall report all action taken fortnightly to the Central AIB.
- (g) That the Central Board ~~shall~~ reserves the right to review decisions by Regional Boards and ~~shall reserve itself~~ ^{shall} power to suspend or revoke any license granted.

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3 I have been requested by ^{Lieut} General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, ^{Chief} ~~President~~ of the Allied Control Commission, to ask the Italian Government to concur with these proposals and to appoint the Prefects at the places mentioned, ~~to~~ members of the respective Regional Boards.

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4 Will you please inform me in due course of the action taken by your Government.

The Right Hon. The Viscount Stansgate,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to: Allied Publications Board. (Unnumbered letter d. 21 March 1944 refer).

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SUBJECT: Appointment of Prefects for Regional Boards of Central ASD.

TO: His Excellency, Dr. Paolo, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. The Board of the Central Allied Publication Board was being set up in Rome, with the following members: Dr. Paolo, Dr. Agliardi, and Dr. Petrucci. The members of the Psychological Warfare Board, the Allied Control Commission, the ASD, and the Allied Prefects.

2. The Board will be composed of two members: Dr. Agliardi, who will be in charge of the ASD, and Dr. Petrucci, who will be in charge of the Psychological Warfare Board.

3. The Regional ASDs are authorized to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, pamphlets, brochures, and similar publication products, in their regions.

4. The decisions of these Regional ASDs will be governed by considerations of security, public order, and national facilities and supplies in, or available to, their regions.

5. Directives on these matters will be sent from time to time from the Central Allied Publication Board.

6. The Regional ASDs are to meet once a week and call special meetings if circumstances justify them.

7. The Regional ASDs will report fortnightly on all actions taken.

8. The Central Board reserves the right to review decisions by Regional ASDs and to suspend or revoke licenses.

9. I have been requested by General Sir Noel Pearson, Parlane, Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission, to request the Italian Government to request the designation of Allied Prefects to the places mentioned in paragraph 1, above, to sit on their respective boards.

10. Will you please advise me of the action taken by your Government.

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Lt Colonel

Director

Interior and-Communication

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OFFICE OF THE
ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

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25 MAR 1944

A. C. C.

22 March 44.

TO : Vice-President,
Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT : Appointment of Prefects to Regional Boards
of the Central APB.

General Mason MacFarlane, Deputy President of the Allied Control Commission, has requested me to ask you to approach the Italian Government regarding designation of Prefects to sit on Regional Boards of the Central Allied Publications Board. The composition and functions of these Boards, and the part played by Prefects in them, is explained in the accompanying extract of APB minutes constituting the Regional Boards. Will you please tell me what action is taken by the Italian Government in order that I may keep the Board informed.

I shall be glad to supply you with any further information which may be required, either directly or through PWB Liaison Officer with ACC, Mr. Minifie, who is also a member of the Central Board.

I. S. Munro
Lt. Col.

I. S. MUNRO,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Secretary.

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ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

OFFICE OF THE
167 Corso Umberto
NAPLES

MINUTES of Special Meeting of the Board
called for Tuesday, 14 March 1944, to
discuss reorganisation proposal

PRESENT : Mr. George W. Edman, PAB (Chairman).
Major Lionel Fielden, PRO, ACC.
Capt. Henry Haas, Economic Section, ACC.
Major J. W. Colville, INC.
Mr. J. M. Minifie, PAB.
Lt. Col. I. S. Munro, PAB (Executive Secretary).

Mr. Minifie read a memorandum covering the proposed reorganisation of the Board which had been drafted by himself and Major Woolfolk in accordance with a decision taken at the last Board meeting.

With some amendments, the proposal was approved and adopted as follows:

REORGANISATION OF ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARD

Recommendations have already been made to General Wilson to reconstitute the Allied Publications Board with representatives from PAB, ACC, Censorship and G-2. This brings the Board's Charter up to date by eliminating the AMG (15 Army Group).

It is desirable that in other respects the new Charter follow the lines of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 89, 11 December 1943, as amended by AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 96, para I, 29 December 1943, and Signal No. 51612, 15 February 1944.

The Present Charter gives APE the power to determine the method by which its mission shall be carried out, para 3 reading:

Mr. Minnie read a memorandum which had been drafted by himself and Major Woodson of the Board which had been taken at the last Board meeting. in accordance with a decision taken at the last Board meeting.

With some amendments, the proposal was approved and adopted as follows:

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The Present Charter gives APB the power to determine the method by which its mission shall be carried out, para 3 reading: "The Board is empowered to draft such regulations and perform such functions as are necessary properly to carry out the following."

Under this authority the following regulations are approved:

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- 1) That Regional APB Boards be set up in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI and NAPLES.
- 2) That in view of the difficulty of dealing with CALABRIA and LUCANIA from either BARI or NAPLES, arrangements be made to set up a Regional Board at POTENZA.
- 3) That PALERMO authority extend over SICILY and contiguous islands; that CAGLIARI's extend over SARDINIA; that BARI's extend over APULIA and the ABRUZZI; that POTENZA's authority extend over CALABRIA and LUCANIA, and that NAPLES' authority extend over CALPANIA.
- 4) That in PALERMO, BARI, CAGLIARI and POTENZA the Regional

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Boards be composed of representatives of PWB, ACC, Censorship and the local Prefect.

- 5) That the Central Board be composed of representatives of PWB, Censorship, C-2, ACC Political Section, ACC PRC, and, Economic Section ACC.
- 6) That the Regional APB Boards be authorized to grant licenses for the publication of newspapers, magazines, books, posters, placards, brochures and similar publication products, in their Regions.
- 7) That their decisions be governed by considerations of security, political policy, and printing facilities and supplies in or available to their Region; directives on these matters to be sent from time to time from the Central APB.
- 8) That the Regional Boards meet once a week or call special meetings if circumstances justify them.
- 9) That the Central Board sit in NAPLES for the present, meeting fortnightly or oftener if circumstances justify it.
- 10) That Regional Boards report fortnightly on all action taken.
- 11) That the Central Board reserve the right to review decisions by Regional Boards, and possess sole powers to suspend or revoke licenses.
- 12) That in case of complaints, the Regional PWB Press Officer inform the editor concerned that "the matter has been referred to higher authority." The Regional PWB Press Officer, keeping the Regional Board informed, will immediately communicate with his Theatre Chief, forwarding three marked copies of the offending newspaper and all necessary information. Any action taken will be reported back to the Regional PWB Press Officer, who will again keep Regional Board informed, the Chief Press Officer likewise informing the Central Board.

In the event of PWB Theatre Chief considering that a case involves revocation or suspension of license, he will immediately lay the matter before the Central Allied Publications Board, the Board to be in a position to recommend action after consultation with ACC.

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- No complaint will be entertained if not made within four days of publication of the offending issue.
- 13) That the Central Board periodically circularise Regional Boards with information as to the quantity of newsprint assigned to each Region, and formulate policy by which Regional Boards will be guided.
- 14) That the Chairman of the Central Board be empowered to take executive action to establish such local Boards immediately.

MOVED by Major Fielden and seconded by Major Colville that a committee of the Board, as presently constituted, be appointed to function, for the time being, as Regional Board in Naples. Carried.

It was agreed:

- a) That members of the present Board (i.e. Mr. Edman, Major Fielden, Major Woolfck, Major Colville and Capt. Haas), or their official

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