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NOTES OF EVENTS FOR V.P. & WEEKLY SITREP
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Feb 13	Director (9) Weekly Setup for signature, please L	47.
Feb 20	Director (10) Herewith draft setup for approval L	48
19 Mar	adj (11) ascertain whether my Reade wants our weekly setup changed materially, please. 122 circulate p. 100 to all officers. 122 RET	
16 April	adj (12) Please note p. 127. L. OK 127	127
Apr. 16.	Director (13) Saw PA to VP as to pos 127 & 122A & discrepancy between them. This is really directed to other S/Cs which have invariably sent in NIL returns although CA Section knows they have had incidents which should go into the Setup. Lg to carry on as at present.	127

CJN RT

As accentuation was changed materially, please
our weekly sitrep to all officers.
Circulate p. 102 to all officers.
RRT

16 April
Adf
Please note p. 127. P. 127
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Director
Apr. 16.

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april 17
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Please in 10 minute (13)
(1)
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Dear Sir:-
I have taken up the subject of
adding to make typing & dispatch.

(15)

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Wm. H. W. W.

Minute sheet No. 1

Date

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April
25.

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I regard this as an additional burden to the ever growing list of returns, reports and diaries. I suggest for the V.P.'s consideration that Directors be entrusted to report on the relevant files such conversations or discussions as they consider merit his notice, and would request his directions in this regard.

[Signature]
lt. Col.

10. To-day

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Every 7 days that go to day.

Apr 25

Director: Draft News letter for approval

Apr 27

Director: News letter for signature

Lt. L

Apr 28

Please prepare newsletter for past week
PRT.

Sept 2

Director: Draft News letter. See particulars para 1. 2 that subject to be included. Particulars as Calamandrei has apparently "revoked"

Apr 19

Ex Capt. L. Two will have to do this please in Capt. Lewis' absence.

9/5/57 - calendar
for 25 Sept please
get

Oct 10

Dir: Weekly sitrep herewith for signature, please

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 354
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/16.

Tel: 476190

SUBJECT: SITREP 12 Sept. 45.

13 September 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference your G/16.N/CA dated 22 August 1945 concerning reports on matters of special interest.

2. Appointment of Provincial Commissions for Disfranchisement of Fascists:

(a) After considerable discussion with the Italian Government, the method to be followed in appointing the Provincial Commissions for Disfranchisement of Fascists has been defined in a Directive issued by this Sub Commission on 3 September 1945 (reference AG/45/N/16).

(b) The presiding officer of the Commission (by virtue of Article 8 of DEL 159 of 27 July 1944, as modified by article 2 of DEL 2 of 4 January 1945, both of which have been duly implemented and are in effect in AMG Territory), is a magistrate appointed by the President of the Council of Ministers after consultation with the Minister of Grace and Justice and the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism. The Italian Government is at present selecting the Presidents of the said Commissions for each province, whose names will be published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale and duly implemented so that they are to be effective in AMG Territory.

(c) Inasmuch as it is not specifically indicated who should actually appoint the other 2 members of the Provincial Commissions, it has been agreed that the Provincial Commissioner should request the First President of the Court of Appeals to nominate the members; the appointment of such members to be made legal by formal order of the Provincial Commissioner.

R. R. GRIBBS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

RR/16.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6/16.B/CA

22 Aug 45

22 AUG 1945

SUBJECT : Weekly Sireps

TO : All Sub-Commissions

- 1 Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of Executive Commissioner's letter Ref : 150/37/EC of 21 Aug 45.
- 2 Please consider this Section's letter Ref : 6/16.B/CA of 17 March 45 as cancelled.

H.H.-S. Hartley
H.H.-S. HARTLEY Col,
CSO CA Section

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Pub Health S/C
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DP & R S/C
Legal S/C
Local Govt S/C
MPAAR S/C
Patriots Branch
Educ S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 150/37/EC

Tel : 284

21 Aug 45

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitreps

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Communications S/C
War Material Disposal & IPW S/C
Navy S/C
Land Forces S/C (MMLA)
Air Forces S/C
Pub Relations Branch

Routine weekly sitreps will not be submitted in future, but matters of special interest or importance will be reported to this office as and when they occur.

s/

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

AC/27/16/LG

22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

TO: Civil Affairs Section

Nil return

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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RALPH R. TEMPLE, Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 478190

14 August 1945

AC/27/16/LG

Subject: Weekly Sitrep

To: Civil Affairs Section

Nil return.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

[Signature]
RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/27/16/10

Tel: 473190

7 August 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Preparation of electoral lists. During the period 25 July to 5 August the Sub Commission completed the move to the Northern Regions of 73 tons of material required for the preparation of electoral lists.
2. Local Government Surveys. On 1 August, Major Ralph R. Temple, the Deputy Director, returned from a visit to Venezia Giulia where he assisted in the formulation of a plan for local government organization and administration for the Region, which took into consideration the juridical position of the Region as still part of Italy and yet recognized the problems involving the presence of various national groups.

Captain Cunningham left on 6 August to tour the provinces of Anti, Aosta and Cuneo, which are the last provinces to be visited in accordance with the Sub Commission's plan to make about surveys of all the Northern provinces and advise and consult on local government organizations and electoral list procedure.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR:



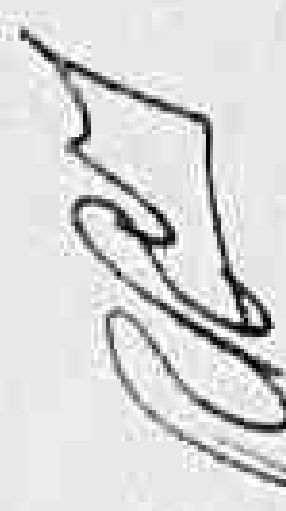
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FOR THE DIRECTOR:



WILLIAM R. SAMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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WEEKLY SITREP - 7 AUGUST 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/27/16/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

31 July 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

NIL RETURN.

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W. P. Cunningham left

R. R. CRIPP, Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/LG

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep

24 July 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

NIL RETURN.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

FR/CG.

RRT
RALPH. R. TRIPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS SUB COMMISSION

AO/27/16/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

17 July 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Conditions in Bolzano Province. Two meetings concerning problems arising from the Germanic element (e.g. nationality, registration of voters, education, etc.), have taken place in this HQ and were attended by the Political Advisors and the Prefect of Bolzano.
2. Giunta Comunale. RG Venezia referred to this HQ on the question of continuing in office Giunta which, as constituted by the GHI, are larger than prescribed by law. He has been advised that, while the special circumstances in Bolzano are fully appreciated, it is still considered that even in this province Giunta Comunale should be reduced to the legal size. The general application of this policy is stressed.
3. Electoral Lists—21-year olds. The Italian Government has prepared a Decree which will give the power to vote to those persons who will become 21 years of age by 31 December 1945. At present only the 1944 class is included.
4. Cassellari Giudiziali. This Sub Commission has informed the Ministry of the Interior that all Cassellari in Lombardia and Piemonte Regions are in order. Reports on Ravenna province have not yet been received but Cassellari in Liguria Region are otherwise intact, with the exception of that of the province of La Spezia where records have been partly destroyed by fire.
5. Preparation of Electoral Lists—Northern Provinces. A directive on the preparation of electoral lists concerning "Extension of Time Limits" and "Progress Reports" was distributed on 11 July 1945 (AO/45/A/16).
6. Preparation of Electoral Lists—AMZ Zones in Southern Italy. A directive has been distributed (AO/45/A/16 of 12 July) to AMZ Zones in Italian Government Territory. The compilation of electoral lists was unofficially commenced in these Zones at the same time as in Government territory. These unofficial dates of commencement are to be ratified by an order of the CGAC which will legalize the work already completed.
7. Local Government Surveys. Major C. G. R. Williams returned from his tour of 7 provinces in Venezia Region on 15 July and Captain W. I. Cunningham completed a survey of 5 provinces in Liguria Region on 15 July. Major R. R. Gangle, the Deputy Director, is at present away on a tour of 5 provinces of Lombardia Region.

R. R. CRIPPS, Colonel
Director, Local Government S/A

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/1G

Tel: 475190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

10 July 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. A letter dated 7 July and signed by the CC has been addressed to Signore BURNI, President of the Council of Ministers, in which a new attempt is made to persuade the Government to revise the present Electoral Laws which were passed in 1915 and are considered by the United States and British Governments in many respects to be un-democratic. It is hoped that the reaction of the New Government will be more responsive than that of M. E. BONOMI's Government.

2. On 8 July 1945, a letter was addressed by the CC to Signore PARCHI concerning the early formation of the Constituent Assembly. The letter points out that the matter is of the highest interest to the Allies and one concerning which there should be the closest possible exchange of information and collaboration between the Italian Government and the Allied Commission.

3. In accordance with the policy set out in a directive dated 30 June 1945 (AG/27/A/1G) whereby all Provincial Hqs in the five Northern Regions would be visited by officers of Local Government Sub Commission, the following tours are now in progress:

Major C.G.R. Williams, who left HQ on 3 July, will visit the provinces of Rovigo, Padova, Vicenza, Treviso, Belluno, Udine, Venezia.

Capt. W. I. Cunningham, who left HQ on 6 July, will visit the provinces of Lucca, Apuania, La Spezia, Parma and Piacenza.

These officers will make a short survey of local government conditions in the provinces mentioned and will consult and advise on local government organization and electoral list procedure.

4. A directive (AG/4/21/1G) dated 29 June on "The Promotion of Employees in Northern Italian provinces" has been distributed to Regions and ICs and states that the Italian Government will recognize no promotions in grade conferred on state officials by the Fascist Republican Government after 8 September 1943. This does not affect the right of Allied Military Government to appoint officials to positions during the tenure of which the office-holder receives a commensurate salary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

PR/pec

RRJ 1520
RALPH R. TROTT, Major 4521
Deputy Director, Local Govt. S/C

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16

Tel: 473706

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

3 July 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The high spot of the week involved the determination of the date when the compilation of electoral registers in the Northern provinces under AMG, excluding Venezia Giulia, would commence. Although difficulties were anticipated to be encountered in setting up local government machinery and in distributing the material to every comune, some of which were difficult of access, the Chief Commissioner decided to fix the date as of 15 July 1945. The job at HQ of distributing about 50 tons of material from Rome to Regional HQs has been completed and the Regions are now engaged in the arduous task of distributing to provinces, whence further distribution to every comune will be made.

2. In order to prepare several of the Regional Commissioners for discussion of this subject, the Deputy Director and Executive Officer visited Regional HQs. Several provinces were surveyed to ascertain the status of local government and also to give the Provincial Commissioner and the Prefects an explanation of the tasks involved in the compilation of the registers. In a number of provinces, it was found that an important body, i.e. Deputazioni Provinciali, which chooses the majority members of the electoral commissions, has not as yet been established. Although instructions have been issued from HQ urging the creation of local government machinery and explaining the long process involved for compiling the election lists, officers of the Sub Commission intend to visit every province in the next few weeks to advise PCs and Prefects on this matter.

3. It may be of interest to note that in the Central and Southern provinces under Italian control, the compilation of the electoral lists is expected to be completed by the end of July. This will have taken about six months. The reasons for the long period involved are destruction of records in "Cassellari Giudiziali", destruction of "Municipi" and other local government places, and movement of population. A cable has been dispatched to all Regional Commissioners to inform HQ as to the condition of the "Cassellari Giudiziali" which contained records of convictions, in order that substitute measures be adopted in the event that these places have been destroyed.

4. Some concern was felt at the back-log of 117 cases remaining to be heard by the Spontaneous Commission of the Ministry of Interior before the closing date of 15 August. At the average rate of hearing, it would take 3 or 4 months to clear these cases. At an interview, the Secretary of the Spontaneous Commission stated that the majority of the cases were substantially heard and only required very little more work, before they would be finished. He gave assurances that all the outstanding cases would be heard by the end of July.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RALPH R. THOMAS, Major 4487
Deputy Director, Local Govt. 8/1

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/18

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep.

27 June 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Again the Sub Commission have been heavily occupied with electoral lists and elections.

2. By 11:30 hours on Tuesday, 26 June, all the printed material, etc. required for the March had been dispatched from Rome, and by the time this sitrep reaches your HQs, the material should all have reached their HQs. 49 tons has been moved between 17 and 26 June.

3. The Vice Prefect Vicario for Bologna was dispatched on Saturday, 23 June. The Vice Prefect Inspector for Piacenza was also got away on the same day.

4. The Vice Prefect Inspector for Modena has been returned. The PC states that he is anti-fascist, scintza littorio, and a few other things, and in view of the political complexion of the province he could not possibly make use of him.

5. The official had, of course, been submitted to operation and awarded "Censur e" only, or he would not have been sent down at all. The PC must be the best judge in a question like this, but it is obvious that considerable difficulty is going to arise if a different criterion has to be applied in the provinces than is applied by the operation machine of the Italian Government. The Sub Commission is endeavoring to obtain another nominee, but it is doubtful if there is any one available with a better record, and there is bound to be considerable delay in finding him.

FOR THE DIRECTOR :

for AGS Nayi

RAIMONDO A. WINTER
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government S/C

CCRM/CG.

VPV - Bologna
VPE - Piacenza
VPI - Modena - returned.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/IG

Tel : 478190

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep.

27 June 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

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FOR THE DIRECTOR :

for AGS Napoli
RALPH. E. YEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government S/O

OGRS/eg.

VPV - Bologna
VPI - Piacenza
VPI - Modena - returned.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16.

Tel: 478190.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

19th June, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Sub-Commission has been almost exclusively occupied in the past week with the question of preparing the electoral lists in Northern Italy.
2. RJs and PCs will by now have received the preliminary instructions mentioned in para. 5 of last week's sitrep -- CA Section circular AC/15/A/16 of 13th June. It has been decided to fix the date for commencing the preparation of electoral lists in this H; on the advice of RJs, and not to delegate this function to the latter as suggested in the previous sitrep.
3. The Italian Government are cooperating very well in getting ready for dispatch the forms and stationery required. The material for Emilia Region was got away on Sunday and Monday, 17/18 June; that for Liguria will be despatched on 19 June. A circular is being issued on 18 June to RJs, giving a statement of the number and weights of the parcels that will be sent to them and an indication of at least the approximate date of dispatch.
4. It is expected to dispatch everything by 27 June, if only adequate transport is forthcoming. It may be necessary to use aircraft, although the additional handling involved makes this undesirable, except in the last resort.
5. RJs no doubt already have in hand preparations to transport this material to Provincial Hqs, and PCs in their turn will, in consultation with their Prefects, be making plans for the re-sorting of the material and its distribution to the Communes.
6. The Deputy Director is leaving on 19th June to visit Lombardia, Piemonte and Liguria Regional Hqs this week on local government matters and to advise on problems relating to the electoral lists. On his return, it is hoped to dispatch another officer to Venetia Region for the like purpose.
7. An officer of the Sub Commission has been engaged all the week in a survey of local government in the provinces of Bologna, Ferrara, Modena and Reggio nell'Emilia.
8. The official selected to be Vice-Prefect for Imperia was flown to IV Corps HQ on Sunday, 17 June.

FOR THE DIRECTOR,

R. R. Temple
RALPH R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

12 June 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Vice Prefect Inspector required for Ferrara and Modena have reported and will be dispatched on Wednesday, 13 June. There is now a reasonable expectation that the Vice Prefects for Bologna, Piacenza and Imperia will also report within the next week. There is heavy demand for places in transport going North, and there may have to be a wait of days between the official reporting and his being dispatched.

2. The information so far received by the Sub Commission about the state of local government in the North is very scanty indeed, and relates almost entirely to the appointment of Prefects. The execution of Executive Memorandum No. 39 is a matter of primary concern to this Sub Commission. Until the establishment of the local government structure therein described, the administration of the northern provinces is bound to function stiffly.

3. At Lodi has issued a short Administrative Instruction stating that even though Provincial Commissioners have scores of pressing problems, the re-organization of local government cannot be ignored; and he draws attention to the principal local government agencies required to be established by Executive Memorandum No. 39 and calls for a progress report at the end of the month.

4. With the liberation of the whole of Italy, the holding of elections becomes a practical possibility. The election of a Constituent Assembly is being discussed in Italian circles, as well as local government elections. For both these purposes, an accurate and trustworthy register of the voters is a "sine qua non".

5. Preliminary instructions as to the formation of the registers of voters for electoral lists are about to be issued. A date will have to be fixed in respect of each province as from which the time-table for the preparation of the lists will run. The Sub Commission is recommending that authority to fix these dates be delegated to ROs, and that as far as possible a uniform date be fixed for each Region.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

R. E. Temple
RALPH E. TEMPLE, Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

AG/27/16/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

5th June 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. As to fulfilling the requests for career Vice-Prefects to be sent to FERRARA, BOLOGNA, PARMA and IMPERIA, the Sub-Commission can only report that the approved candidates are anticipated to be available here in POME for despatch to the North towards the end of this week. A request for a Vice-Prefect in a fifth province - MODENA - has also been received; and it is hoped that the approved candidate in this case will be ready at the same time. The delays in filling these vacancies are as annoying to the Sub-Commission as they must be to the Regional and Provincial Commissioners concerned. They, on their part, will appreciate that this Headquarters has no direct disciplinary control over the functionaries concerned and can only act through the Ministry of the Interior, who seem to attach the least importance to the factor of speed.
2. The Sub-Commission has been asked to authorize a visit to the North by officials of the Ministry of the Interior for the purpose of collecting the records of that Ministry that were taken away by the Republicans and have now been discovered. This request will not be granted just yet. In the first place, these records are of importance to the Allies and require examining by security agencies. In the second place, many of them are in a bad state and unfit to be moved without careful sorting and packing, which is an expert job. Our colleagues in MFA & A Sub-Commission have this in hand. In the meantime there is evidence that the GIs would like to keep these records in their own control. This Sub-Commission would like to emphasize the great importance of these ministerial records and of seeing that nobody obtains possession of them or interferes with them without proper authority from this Headquarters.
3. The preparation of electoral lists in the recently liberated provinces will have to be taken up in the near future. Now that the whole of Italy has been liberated the possibility of national as well as local government elections is in the air. For both of these purposes correct and properly prepared electoral lists are essential.
4. The decree agreed on with the Italian Government and which enables the preparation of electoral lists to be put in hand in Military Government Territory has been promulgated and will shortly be implemented for Allied Military Government areas. A preliminary instruction on this subject is about to be issued to Regional and Provincial Commissioners.
5. As to local government elections, the reply of the Prime Minister to Allied Commission's criticisms of the voting arrangements the Italian Government

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Government proposes to adopt, has now been received and is under consideration. (In next week's sitrep or a later one, we hope to be able to inform AMO Officers of its contents and of the view taken by this Headquarters with regard to it.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:



RALPH R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

CGS/ed

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AD/27/16/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

29 May 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The anticipated requests from the North to be supplied with career Vice Prefects are beginning to arrive. Up to date, the Sub Commission has been asked to supply them for Ferrara, Bologna, Piacenza and Imperia: the possibility of requests from one or two other provinces has also been indicated.
2. Daily conferences with and telephone calls to the Ministry of the Interior for the nomination of Vice Prefects have so far produced no concrete result—in accordance with our fears, if not our hopes. The usual excuses of illness and inability to face the expenses of transfer are again arising. The Ministry have, however, just decided to make a grant of 20,000 lire to each official transferred to the North, to cover his moving expenses. One cannot yet say if this will have any effect. In one instance, it appears to have effected an instantaneous cure of the official's malady; but in another it does not seem to have had any therapeutic value.
3. A disturbing feature is that the Ministry do not appear to be following the arrangement so carefully made in the "planning" stage for the constitution of 'pools' of officials. Instead of nominating officials already in the pool, known to this HQ, ~~or~~ present here in Rome, and ready to go to the North, they are recommending officials whose names are entirely new and who are at present holding offices in places as far away as Foggia and Benevento. The Sub Commission is doing all it can to inculcate some appreciation of the realities of the situation.
4. A number of requests have been received from the Government for AEC to make inquiries and furnish them with information as to the political attitude since 8 September 1943 of certain officials who have now reported themselves to the Government from the North. The Government have been advised to address their inquiries to the Prefects of the provinces in the North in which the officials concerned have been residing and to forward such communication to this HQ for transmission through the usual channels. It is considered unwise for AEC to become responsible for the making of inquiries and forwarding information upon what is essentially a matter for the Italians, i.e. the liability or otherwise of the official to epuration.

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5. Minor developments have taken place on the question of local elections. A further supply of forms for the preparation of electoral lists have been consigned to EC Toscana for distribution to the provinces of Apuania, Florence, Livorno, Lucca, Pisa and Pistoia. The AMIQ directive as to the assistance to be furnished to the Italian authorities in order to make polling places available (if and when local elections are held) has been distributed to all ICs and KCs.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

R. Temple
RAUL R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AD/27/16/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

22 May 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Ministry of the Interior have arranged to resume the holding of the examination necessary to qualify candidates for appointment to the position of Communal Secretary. Before the war, this examination usually took place every two years, the last occasion being in 1939. By arrangement with this Sub Commission such examinations will also take place at the same time throughout the Tuscan Provinces and in parts of Emilia Region. Sealed papers, instructions, etc. have been sent to PCs for handing to Prefects. The shortage of properly qualified Communal Secretaries in the Italian Administration is well known to AMG. Reports from Provincial Commissioners during recent months have shown that a considerable proportion of these positions have had to be filled by non-career men. It is hoped that the resumption and regular holding of these examinations in the future will result in adequate trained personnel being available.

2. Prefects for six provinces in Venezia Region have been appointed. Each appointee was the candidate proposed by the CML. The political party of one of these Prefects is not named. The others are, respectively, 2 Christian-Democrats, 2 Action Party and 1 Liberal.

3. Little information from other northern provinces has been received regarding appointment of their Prefects. It is understood, however, that the final appointments will shortly be settled.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RRT

RALPH R. TRIPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/10

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

15 May 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Returns from the provinces of the late Umbria-Marche Region indicate that at the time of its restoration to the Italian Government, the state and condition of local government organisation were satisfactory and had been properly developed on a uniform basis throughout the whole region.

2. Information from the North regarding local government arrangements is now being received. It appears that few senior appointments have yet finally been made, but are in process of settlement. The RC Varesio is "convinced that any attempt to impose imported career Prefects from the South would be a political blunder on the part of the Rome Government". He states that the calibre of CLN nominees in that Region is impressive and superior to and more suitable than the qualifications of Government candidates.

The Prime Minister's personal nominee for appointment as Prefect of Parma (MICHELI) has withdrawn his candidature. This unconfirmed report was a matter of surprise to the Ministry of Interior.

3. The Ministry have been kept informed of the list of CLN nominations received to date. A small number of CLN nominees are known by name to the Italian Government.

4. The Ministry have not yet replied in detail to the Chief Commissioner's letter in which their attention was drawn to defects in the system they proposed to adopt for holding municipal elections. The Ministry state that the points in question are still under consideration, but that they expect to reply by letter shortly.

5. The Ministry have been informed of the requests that are being received from officials for permission to proceed North for "family reasons" and were told that permits could shortly be issued by the Government for the purpose. The Ministry state they have received hundreds of such applications.

6. Arrangements have been made to enable representatives of the Ministry to proceed North for the purpose of searching for the complete records of the administration personnel, which were removed by the Fascist Republican Government.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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RALPH R. ERTLE, Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

10 May 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. In last week's sitrep, reference was made to the issue of the new directive regarding the policy to be followed in relation to the CLN, and to the fact that under the agreed arrangement names of the Government's nominees for consideration for appointment as Prefect had been forwarded to SCAGs/ROs. Since that time, biographical particulars of such persons have also been issued. Little information has, as yet, been received regarding senior appointments in the North, but it is known that positions of Prefects, etc. are in hand and are being dealt with apparently without difficulty. It might be of interest to mention that cables and other messages from certain provinces have conveyed names of CLN nominees in respect thereof. Contact has been maintained with the Ministry of the Interior and they have been informed of the CLN's proposals. The Ministry have been invited to make their observations upon the persons mentioned where possible. Already a very small number have proved to be known to them and have been consented upon favourably. In one province, the CLN's nominee for Prefect was also that of the Government.

2. AME members of the late Terni provincial team might be interested to hear of the position regarding the Prefect Regent they appointed—namely, LORENZINI. His appointment was somewhat in the nature of an experiment which events proved justified. He was 31 and previously an Army officer. For some time before the province was liberated he served with the Partisans. As Prefect, he was frequently the subject of criticism from certain sections of the populace but he worked loyally, energetically and well and was retained in his position. The criticisms of him were within the knowledge of the Ministry of the Interior, and this HQ had the feeling that he was not looked upon with great favour by the Government. If this was so, they have changed their attitude and suggested his name for the pool of Prefects for the North. Recently the Ministry specifically advanced his name as the Government candidate for any small northern province. It was pointed out to them that whilst LORENZINI was held in high regard, he was, so far as the North was concerned, neither "fish nor fowl" in that he was neither a local man nor a career Prefect. The Ministry were informed that it would depend upon the personal acquaintance that the Provincial or Regional Commissioner might have of LORENZINI which would determine his possible use. The Ministry saw the point of this and agreed.

3. Whilst the interests of the S/C are naturally concerned with the administrative problems which may arise from the North, routine matters have continued and arrangements have been made. These include a new Prefect for Siena. The person now appointed (MEZZI) was actually in Siena whilst waiting to be called to the North if his services were required. He was appointed temporarily during the absence through illness of the regular incumbent. The Ministry now state that the latter will be unable to return and have suggested

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✓ MZMI's permanent appointment. In view of the imminent restoration of this province to the Government, it is intended to leave arrangements for his permanent appointment to them.

✓ 4. Few requests have yet been received from the Armies and Regions for officials, but cable inquiries have begun to arrive. Whilst initial reports suggest a somewhat different state of affairs in the North from what was anticipated, it is nevertheless thought that within a short time a number of matters in connection with the administration generally and with personnel in particular will arise, necessitating contact with the Ministry.

5. Regarding municipal elections, no instructions have yet been issued for the preparation of electoral lists in AMT Territory as the necessary Decree has not been made by the Government. It is expected very shortly.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

R. R. Temple
RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APG 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AD/27/16/10

Tel: 478120

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

1 May 1945

20 : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Italian Government again recently raised the subject of the appointment of prefects and other senior officials in the North of Italy, presumably because of the possibility of the GHI desiring to fill such offices exclusively by their own nominees. The Italian Government stressed the point that under Italian law and practice since 1865 the prefect was ordinarily a career official, though in limited cases non-career persons could be properly appointed. They urged that the established policy should be continued.

It was pointed out to the Government that such appointments were ultimately for AMG to decide, but it was agreed that it was proper for the Government to have its say on the subject. It was therefore arranged that the Government should submit the names of persons they suggest for appointment as Prefect and Questors in the Northern Provinces and that these names would be considered by AMG together with any nominees proposed from any other source (e.g. GHI or the local Archbishop). It was explained to and agreed by the Government that it would be an obvious advantage if the Government would nominate a local man who would be likely to be acceptable to local interests.

Such names have now been received and have been conveyed to SCAGs/AGs to whom also a directive has been issued setting out the policy to be followed by AMG and the attitude to be adopted towards the GHI.

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2. When the Fascist Republican Government left Rome the archives were taken to Northern Italy. These included the files and records relating to almost every member of the personnel of the administration controlled by the Ministry of the Interior. The Ministry of the Interior recently intimated that it now appeared that these documents were possibly in Verona and AMG have been requested to endeavour to locate and protect them. A request from the Ministry for permission to send two officials to Verona to deal with these archives is being considered.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RRT

RAJAH R. TAPPEL,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/10.

Tel: 476190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

1st May, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

X Further conversations have taken place with the Italian Government regarding the appointment of Prefects (and other senior officials) in the North of Italy. As a result, it was agreed that AMC before filling such appointments would consider not only nominees of the CIN but also the names of any persons proposed by the Italian Government. The Government's nominees for consideration under this arrangement have been received and forwarded to SOAO/ROs.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:



RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/27/16/16

Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

25th April, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. A memo containing proposed planning arrangements of this Sub Commission in relation to North East Italy has been forwarded to Civil Affairs Section. It follows in general the Scheme for N.E. Italy.

2. The fortnightly report up to 15th April of the Ministry of Interior shows that the cases of all officials of the Ministry down to Grade IX have been investigated. Of the 799 officials concerned 315 or 39% have had expurating proceedings initiated against them. As the Expuration Commission had only tried 7 cases in the fortnight and 133 cases since the start of Expuration representations have been made to the Ministry asking assurance that the remaining 182 cases shall be disposed of before the date when cases must be concluded, 15th July next.

3. (a) Following receipt of the Italian Government's general views on the holding of local elections, officers of the Local Government Sub-Commission conferred with officials of the Ministry of Interior, and got explanations of their proposed plan. An analysis of the proposals has resulted in a letter being sent by the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister in which it was stated that it is felt that the voting methods intended to be used by the Italian Government and based on the 1915 law do not provide sufficient controls and guarantees to secure the possibility of holding an independent, free and secret vote.

(b) In pointing out some of the principal defects, for example, no formal nomination of candidates prior to voting, no official ballot papers, and no control of electioneering at the polling places, it has been earnestly recommended to the Italian Government that the present law be amended prior to the holding of elections in territory under the control of the Italian Government.

(c) The Italian Government has also been informed that the Commission could not countenance the holding of elections in Allied Military Government Territory under the 1915 system. Substantial improvements and amendments to the existing law, tending to establish more truly democratic procedures, would first have to be made in AMG Territory.

4. An officer of the Sub-Commission is at present visiting AMG at Ravenna and Forli to survey local government conditions and assist where necessary.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RET
RALEH R. TRIPLE, Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16

Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

24 April 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
P. 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16.

Tel: 478190.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

17th April, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. A position of some difficulty arose in connection with the Prefect of UMBERTI. The Italian Government had, before AC's withdrawal, agreed to remove him on account of his misadministration. Action under the arrangement was delayed and in the meantime, AC withdrew. The matter accordingly became entirely one for the Italian Government and strictly speaking AC had no right to influence the position under the terms of the 'New Deal' arrangements. Having regard however to the particular circumstances a copy of a report concerning the Prefect has been sent by the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister for any action he may deem necessary.

2. Reference has frequently been made in these notes to the excuses made by senior Italian officials who have been ordered to another Prefecture where a shortage of staff has been reported by AC. As an example, in the period 1st December 1944 to 31st March 1945, thirteen officials nominated by the Ministry of Interior failed to move to new positions where their services were urgently required. Ten of these pleaded health grounds and three faulty reasons. In the meantime the administration suffers by such 'delaying tactics' and ACs rightly complain.

The same attitude is now being shown by certain Vice-Prefects who have been included in the Pool of officials for use in the North if their services prove to be required. The whole purpose of the pool system is to ensure that the required officials can arrive quickly after being called for by a PC which will not be the case if the personnel includes a number of doubtful starters. In fairness, be it said that the Ministry themselves have used every endeavour and have willingly adopted all suggestions by this Sub-Commission to overcome these delays. In the result however and having regard to past experience the Sub-Commission is not satisfied that no delays will occur in the future. With a view to stressing the seriousness of the position and in the hope that the Government will take the necessary steps to discipline their officials, the matter is being brought to the notice of the Chief Commissioner.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RLT
RALPH R. TUCKER,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 478190

17th April, 1945.

AC/27/16/10.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

Reference your D.O. 9/3.1/GA dated 14th April, 1945, a

NIL return is rendered.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RET
RALPH R. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 206
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: D.O. 3/3.1/CA.

11 Apr 45.

SUBJECT: Discussions with the Italian Government
and other matters of interest.

To: See Distribution Below.

Further to this Section's letters 2/3.1/43 dated 19 Sep 44 and
6/16B/CA dated 17 Mar 45.

- 1 In order to comply with the Executive Commissioner's letter, reference:
150/26/20, dated 15 Mar 45, all Sub-Commissions please render a short
weekly litrep to reach this office by 1800 hrs each Tuesday (instead of
Wednesday morning). Heads of Sub-Commissions' attention is drawn to the
Executive Commissioner's letter, reference above, as it is felt no Sub-
Commission should render a nil return.
- 2 To enable the Vice President to send out an interesting, concise report
to Regional Commissioners and Armies, on the work of the Civil Affairs Section,
Sub-Commissions will render weekly, on a Wednesday morning (instead of Tuesday)
a short, interesting, light précis of the result of any discussions they
may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week, or any
other points of interest arising out of their work. These reports are
compiled into a D.O. Letter, and are also sent to Public Relations Officer,
who uses these reports for information in the A.C. Weekly Bulletin.

J. D. Bonham-Carter
J. D. BONHAM-CARTER, Lt. Col.,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/16.

Tel: 478107.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

11th April, 1945.

Reference your 6/168/CA dated 17th March, 1945. a NIL
return is hereby rendered.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RRT

RALEIGH R. TROTT,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/24/13/13.

Tel: 476107.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

3rd April, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Italian Government are preparing a Decree as to the conduct of local elections. It is intended to revive the pre-Fascist law. An outline of the Government's proposals has been communicated to AC.

2. As the electoral procedure proposed to be re-introduced is in several respects not adapted to ensure freedom and secrecy of voting, it has been decided to tender advice as to improvements that might be made.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RRT

RALPH E. TEMPLE,
Major,
Deputy Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/LG

Tel: 620

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

27 March 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. At the suggestion of the Allied Commission, the Italian Government prepared a modification of the Decree Law to permit the compilation of electoral lists in AMG Territory, without waiting for these areas to be returned to the control of the Italian Government.

2. AG has given approval to the amending Decree, which will now be acted upon by the Council of Ministers at its meeting on Wednesday, 28 March.

for *RRT*

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/10.

Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : WEEKLY SITREP

20th March 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Epuration of Local Government officials (Grades I to IV) in Italian Government Territory has been completed. Of the 34 officials sent to trial 6 were dismissed from office while 16 others received minor punishments.

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2. Examination of the cases of officials of Grades I to IX, is 82 % complete.

*R. R. Temple
major**for*

R. G. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/10.

Tel. : 478190

SUBJECT : WEEKLY SITREP

20th March 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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R. G. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government S/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

17 MAR 1945

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17 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps

TO: All Sub-Commissions

1. Attached for your information and guidance is Executive Commissioner's letter Ref: 150/26/EC dated 15 March 1945.
2. In order to comply with the instructions contained therein Sub-Commissions will render to this Section a short weekly sitrep to reach this office by 0900 hours each Wednesday.
3. Nil Returns will be required.

E. R. Griffiths
E. R. GRIFFITHS, Col.
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 735

Ref: 150/26/EC

15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitreps.

TO : VP, Economic Section (11)
VP, Civil Affairs Section (10)
Dir, Communications Sub-Commission (1)
Dir, War Material Disposal (1)
& Italian PW Sub-Commission
Public Relations Officer. (1)

1. I have received a complaint from AFHQ that the material contained in the Weekly Sitrep is not satisfactory.

2. The purpose of this sitrep is to provide AFHQ with material to give a concise weekly national picture of conditions in ITALY for the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in WASHINGTON. I gain the impression that this is not appreciated and the object of this memorandum is to give directions which will ensure that the activities of this Commission are adequately reported.

3. Previously the basis of this sitrep has been reports from Regions, but since Sub-Commissions receive all regional information of importance from their specialist officers in the field I have decided to rely on HQ to provide this basis. Vice Presidents will give special attention to the provision of material for the sitrep. Two or three lines are all that are required from each Sub-Commission, containing only material which is general in character and is likely to be of value to the CCAC in WASHINGTON. commencing 21 March 1945 this information, or a nil return, to be submitted to this office not later than 1200 hours on Wednesday of each week. //

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFLA)
Air Forces Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/26/16/16

Ref: 473190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep. ✓

13 March 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Brief reference was made in last week's notes of the changes effected by the "New Deal" arrangements in relation to this Sub Commission's work. Conversations have since taken place with the Chief of Cabinet to the Minister of Interior and his subordinates to agree the details of such alterations and to settle the relationship and routine work of the Sub Commission and the Ministry thereby effected. It may be of interest to record a few of the results of the changed status.

(a) As consent is no longer required to the appointment of officials in Italian Government Territory, the Ministry were informed that the pending appointments of the new Prefect of Pescara (RIZZA) and also to Catania (VIZZINI) were entirely matters for them to deal with.

(b) As, similarly, no consent is required for the removal or demotion of officials appointed or promoted by AMG, the Ministry were informed that they would also now deal with the outstanding question of a number of promotions made by AMG at Palermo which they had previously submitted for AG's views. The hope was expressed that the Ministry would find it possible to give due consideration to all those concerned who had done good work and the Ministry intimated that such cases would be dealt with as follows:

- (i) where there was a real need of the official to continue to perform the higher functions, he would continue to do so.
- (ii) where the promotion involved no change of functions, the official would be reduced to his proper grade.

It may be stated that the Ministry endeavoured to find a fair solution of an awkward problem and in no way evidenced any inclination to "throw down" AMG arrangements now that they (the Ministry) were now free from control.

(c) The Ministry intimated that when the promotion of an official to the rank of Prefect was under consideration, they desired to inquire of AG if such official would be acceptable for use as a Prefect, if required, in the North. This practice was agreed and also that it should apply in respect of promotions to Vice Prefects. Such agreement made it clear, however, that AG would express no opinion on the actual promotion as such but only in regard to the official's suitability should he be required for the North. It was further stated that the Ministry would be entirely free to promote an official and use him in their territory even if rejected for the North. This is a continuation of the present position.

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(d) During the past 12 months, AG have at times had occasion to inform the Ministry that certain Prefects would not be welcome for employment in any capacity. Following the announcement of the "New Deal", the Prefects concerned have been "besieging the Ministry for re-employment". In answer to AG's attitude in this connection, the Ministry were informed that they were at liberty to employ whom they desired in their own territory, but that AG still had the strongest interest in speedy epuration, and ensuring that proven Fascists did not find their way back into the administration.

2. In connection with the planning for North Italy, the Ministry of the Interior have submitted particulars with regard to available personnel for senior appointments (e.g. Prefects, Vice Prefects, etc.) The Ministry's position is not an easy one. They have stated that their "establishment of Group A officials (i.e. administrative, as opposed to accountancy or Group B) is 1234; but, having regard to the numbers of prisoners of war, recalled to arms, suspensions for epuration, retirements for health or age reasons, barely 500 officials of the requisite grades are in fact available to fill this "establishment".

In connection with this subject, the Ministry have been asked to furnish particulars of local government officials held as prisoners of war or civilian internees in Africa. The question of their release will be taken up with appropriate authorities.

3. In accordance with the decision of the recent RO's Conference, the Italian Government have been asked to make arrangements to enable the preparation of electoral lists to proceed in AMG territory. Under the existing RDL such work had been confined to Italian Government territory.

Consideration of the question of the desirability of holding municipal elections in AMG areas has been postponed to a later date.

R. G. B. Spicer

for R. G. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub-Commission.

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ITALY/UNITED STATES COMMISSION
AND 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AS/27/16/10

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section,

Tel: 478190

6 March 1945

1. As previously intimated, the Prime Minister was asked to give a general indication of his Government's intentions regarding the arrangements for local government elections to which reference is frequently appearing in the current press. A full and well-reasoned reply has been received. The Prime Minister states it clear that the Italian Government appreciates that the pattern and structure of local government throughout the provinces and regions is closely associated with such important matters as the eventual form of the National administration and the eventual institutional reforms following the abolition of the Fascist system, which can only be undertaken after the final liberation of all Italy. Until such matters can be dealt with, the Government have rightly decided that only a temporary system of local government can be used and for this purpose they propose to employ the general pattern of local government of the pre-Fascist era. Provincial and communal elections will, therefore, be held for the various bodies (subject to certain technical modifications) which were in existence under a law of 1915 (on which the present AMS system is based). The reply also contains other technical details connected with the conduct of elections on which conversations have taken place with the Ministry of the Interior.

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Conversations are taking place with the Ministry to meet the point.

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(b) AC can no longer prevent the Government, if they wish, from removing officials who were appointed by ASI. A case in point is TALEUARO Dott. Cuido, who was appointed Prefect of Astara by the old Region 2. Many attempts have previously been made to remove him and were resisted by AC. It is thought that he and others similarly placed will lose office.

3. Many previous references have been made in these notes to the reluctance of senior civil servants to proceed to new Prefecture in AD Territory. Excuses continue to be made and delay caused. In the meantime, Provincial Commissioners rightly complain that the local administration under the Prefect is suffering by the lack of adequate staff. By arrangement and with the full support of the Ministry of the Interior, (who have genuinely done their best) it has now been laid down that before an official can be exempted from a move on the grounds of alleged ill health, he must obtain a certificate from a board of Italian military doctors.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16

Tel: 478107

27 February 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Lt. Col. Walker, formerly PC for Eastern Sicily, called at this HQ on 21 February and stated that he wished to clarify the position of the late Prefect of Catania (GIAMMICHELLI) who he felt was not primarily responsible for the manner in which the disturbances in that town had been handled. The PC who detailed what took place stated that in his opinion the one most to blame was the Sindaco (ARDIZZONE). The PC was anxious that GIAMMICHELLI should not be penalised.
2. On 11 January, a Decree was issued by the Italian Government and published in Gazzetta Ufficiale (No. 15) on 3 February fixing the dates for the holding of examinations for the "patente" of communal secretary. The Decree prescribes the holding of the examinations in those provinces which on 11 June have passed to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. It has been suggested to the Italian Government that steps might be taken to alter the Decree so that it can be made applicable to provinces under Allied Military Government.
3. Agreement has been reached with the Ministry of Interior in connection with the promotion of certain Vice Prefects who may be required in northern provinces.
4. Approval has been given to movement of Prefects as follows:—
 - (a) VOLPES, Goffredo - to Chieti, in substitution for PETRELLA, Gaetano
 - (b) PALAMARA, Giovanni - to Poggia, in substitution for COTRONI, Gen. Ettore
 - (c) VILLASANTA, Carlo - to Nuoro, in substitution for PALAMARA, Giovanni

The Prefetto Reggente at Pescara has been recalled. He will be employed at the Ministry with inspective functions until the judgment of the Epuration Commission is known. Dr. RIZZA is under consideration to take his place.

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- ✓ 5. A Decree has been published by the Italian Government in Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 22 of 20 Feb. 1945, extending the right to vote to women.
6. Capt. E. V. Falk, Provincial Legal Officer, Perugia Province, called at this HQ on 24 February in connection with the staffing of the Prefecture. Requirements have been agreed at one Vice Prefect and one Consigliere: a local official, VIGARELLI, is under consideration for the latter post.
7. A circular letter has been sent by the Italian Government to Prefects in Italian controlled territory, urging the necessity of forming Giunta Comunali and appointing Sindaci to replace Commissari Prefettizi. The letter was issued as a result of Inspector General MASTROBUONO's survey of the Apulia provinces.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

11/27/16/11

Tel: 478107.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

20th February, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. As indicated in the previous week's Sitrep, a circular has been signed by the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and distributed to RO's in the Territory advising them as to the status of the compilation of electoral lists, and instructing them to see to it that the Italian local government authorities began the preparation of one of the necessary preliminaries, namely, the drawing up of population registers. Copies of the translation of the Italian government's circular to Prefects were attached.

2. In connection with Northern Italy Planning, an amendment to Executive Memorandum No. 30 has been approved empowering ROs of Emilia, Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte and Venezia Regions to appoint and remove Prefects Regent without first obtaining the approval of HQ AC, provided any such appointment or removal is reported to HQ AC as soon as possible with full particulars of the persons appointed or the reasons for the removal.

3. Prefetto Reggente (Lombardia) of Teramo called at this Headquarters on 13th February. In referring to the Prefectural staff he stated that he thought the Vice Prefect recently posted there was a competent official, and that his office was now sufficiently staffed.

4. Owing to the shortage of trained Italian Government officials the Ministry of Interior has been asked to render lists of officials whom they may desire to be released from internment or from UN Camps. The Ministry had been informed, of course, that the question of release rests entirely with the appropriate Military Authority.

5. The Director is visiting Pescara and Emilia Regional ROs.

6. Progress reports relative to the emuration of civilian administrative employees of the Ministry of Interior for the period ending 15 February have been compiled and passed to Civil Affairs Section. "Fair" progress is indicated. The Ministry of Interior has been asked to furnish information concerning the setting up of an Bureau or Sub Commission to consider cases against communal and provincial secretaries.

7. Reference para 5 of Sitrep dated 5 December. Captain Rened ¹⁴⁰⁸ called at this Headquarters on 14 February and stated that he had been unemployed since the termination of his appointment as Commissario Prefettizio. He asked whether we could find him employment. He was informed that as the Italian Government had terminated his appointment it lay with them to find him something to do. He was told however he had been recommended for a

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post in the North, but at present there were no vacancies.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION.

AC/27/16/10

Vol: 478107

Subject: Weekly Sitrep

15th February, 1945.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

1. An instruction is being drafted for issue to Regional Commissioners in all territory to the effect that all facilities are afforded to Prefects in connection with the distribution of electoral lists and advising them as to their part in the preparation of them. This will be submitted through the Vice President to the Chief of Staff for approval.

2. The Ministry of the Interior has been informed that the Allied Commission raises no objection to the employment of certain officials nominated by them for posts in the Ministry of Occupied Italy.

3. The action of promoting Italian Local Government officials in all territory has been taken up with the Ministry of the Interior. While promotion cannot be considered until relevant information is made available, the Ministry has stated that in the event of a case being made out for promotion, it will be back dated to keep matters in order. The Ministry is sending a circular to Prefectures.

4. The Chief Executive Officer of the Sub Commission has visited the Southern Region and conferred with the Regional Commissioner, members of his staff, and the PG of Naples and an Italian Local Government matters. The Regional Commissioner has stated that he feared the visit of considerable value, and that there were now no outstanding problems.

5. In connection with North West Italy Planning, arrangements have been made for transporting Italian Local Government officials to the various Prefectures. The question of accommodation en route has been taken up with the PG of Tuscany Region with regard to Florence, which must of necessity be the first halt from Rome on the first day of the journey.

6. Considerable interviews have taken place at this Headquarters with Italian Local Government officials nominated for posts North of Rome, and where necessary arrangements are being made for their transport.

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6. Numerous interviews have taken place at this headquarters with Italian Local Government officials a committee for North West Italy and there necessary arrangements are being made for their transport.

7. Reference paragraph 9 of letter dated 6th February the Ministry of the Interior has taken up seriously the question of their commission downing 11 lines when notified of change of other than those given as last. It does not mention participation not be accepted. This was a direct result of a personal interview between the Director and the Italian Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Nello. The whole position of these officials was becoming quite anomalous, and their discipline was deficient. It may be truthfully said that the officials of the Ministry of the Interior are just as concerned in regard to this matter as this Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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AC/27/16/LG.

Tel: 478107

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep.

6 Feb 45

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference para 1 of Sitrep dated 30 Jan., the Ministry have designated Vice-Prefect Inspector Dott. Felice DE PASQUALE, Prefecture of Benevento, as Vice Prefect for Florence. Steps are being taken to ensure the suitability of DE PASQUALE for this important post. /
2. The Director visited Sicily (22-31 Jan) for the purpose of ascertaining generally, the position of local government in the Island. He interviewed the Rc and members of his staff as well as the following: the Prefect of Palermo; the Sindaco of Palermo; the Secretary-General for the High Commissioner; the Director of Personnel; the Prefect of Messina; and the High Commissioner. The opinion formed by the Director was that local government administration is not so strong as when the Allied Commission as in Sicily in an executive sense and a Regional Commissioner was functioning with AMG authority. /
3. Pursuant to para 1(i) of No. 79 of the Deputy Chief of Staff's Meeting of Heads of Sub Commissions, a letter to the Prime Minister, Italian Government, requesting information as to the Government's plans with regard to ~~local elections and the bodies to be elected~~, has been prepared for the signature of the Chief Commissioner. /
4. The Director when at the Ministry of Interior on 3 Feb. on other business, referred to SCIORILLI-BORRELLI holding office in the Ministry of Occupied Italy. The under Secretary (Berutti) stated that he had been removed from office by the direct order of the Prime Minister. /
5. SCIORILLI-BORRELLI called at this Headquarters on 5 Feb. stating that he wished to apologise to the Director if his conduct had been unbecoming. The Director thanked SCIORILLI-BORRELLI for his call and informed him that any official question he wished to raise would require to be done with the Italian Government. /
6. Reference para 7 of Sitrep dated 23 January, the PC has reported that the writer of the letter is unknown in Ascoli and that the statements are not considered to have any basis in fact. The PC further stated that the appointment of Dr. BROISE had been welcomed and unanimously approved by the local Committee of National Liberation. The Prefect is reported to be performing his duties in a most satisfactory manner. This has been communicated to the Ministry. 1405 /

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7. All the cases of Grade III and IV officials have been examined by the Ministry of Interior and so reported to the Deputy High Commissioner for Epuration, who in turn has sent the appropriate cases for formal hearing to the Epuration Commission in the Ministry of Interior.
8. The Minister of Interior has been asked to furnish particulars of local government officials held as POWs, or as civilian internees in Africa, so that the Sub Commission may raise the question of their release with the appropriate military authorities. The object is to make such officials as can properly be released, available to the Italian Government, and thus to relieve to some extent the present grave shortage.
9. The difficulty of ensuring that officials selected for AMG provinces obey their orders to go there is increasing. Pleas of sickness, inability to leave the family and so on are mounting. One official sent to his new post on 7 December left it after a day or two and went into hiding in Rome; owing to the failure of the Prefect to mention the matter to anyone the fact has just been discovered. In the result it is taking 3 or 4 months to fill vacancies which ought to be filled within as many weeks. The bad state of discipline in the Italian Civil Service has been taken up strongly with the Under Secretary of State. It remains to be seen whether there will be any improvement.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

NO/27/16/16

Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

30 January 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. On 25 January 1945, Dr. Umberto PARISI, Vice Prefect designate for Florence, was interviewed at this Headquarters. PARISI, who is in his 68th year and is acquainted with the present Prefect, having been at the same Prefecture at one time, indicated that he did not wish to go to Florence, and one of the reasons advanced by him was that he did not think he would make a good Vice Prefect Vicario, as his functions had been mostly of an inspectorate nature. In all the circumstances, it has been decided that the Ministry submit another nomination. ✓

2. The Italian Government have finally promulgated the Decree, No. 426, in the Official Gazette of 20 January, relative to the reorganization of the administration of Rome. AC's consent was given several months ago. Copies of the translation of the Decree have been sent to the Regional Commissioner. ✓

3. Pursuant to directions of the VP, the Chief Executive Officer called at the Headquarters of Lazio-Umbria Region and discussed local government matters generally with the Acting Regional Commissioner and the Executive Officer. ✓

It was stated that the state of local government was good in the region, and that the Prefect of Rome had adjusted himself to the administrative machinery. While the formation of Giunta Comunale was slow, it was considered with a little gingering up that this would be rectified. At Perugia Comune, all had not been well with the Sindaco; it was hoped, however, that matters there would soon be put in order. ✓

4. The subject of wage increase for provincial and communal employees in Toscana Region having been raised in the Monthly Report, the Chief Executive Officer, on the instructions of the VP, has prepared a report on the matter, pointing out the bad effect on local government administration due to disgruntlement on the part of civil servants. The matter is being further investigated. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/16/16

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

23 January 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Sub Commission continues to be mainly occupied in efforts to supply Italian officials for the essential needs of Prefectures in Military Government Territory. The delays and difficulties in meeting such demands are increasing in view of (a) the growing shortage of officials at the disposal of the Italian Government, (b) the attempts made by some of them to evade transfer to a new and possibly less comfortable job, and (c) bad weather conditions, which in one or two cases have made it impossible for the official concerned to travel.
2. The Sub Commission is reviewing its plans for the provision of officials for the Po Valley with the object of reconstituting small pools of the more essential ones, some of whom should be available here in Rome, as "first line reinforcements" and the others available in provinces in the south of Italy as "second line reinforcements", to come up to Rome and take the place of those sent forward from the capital.
3. It is already apparent that the pools which can be constituted in this way will be small. The Ministry of the Interior have stated that out of an estimated 1,200 positions to be filled throughout Italy, they do not think there are more than 500 officials available. At the risk of repeating oneself, the Sub Commission would ask again that only the most essential demands be made upon these slender resources. Prefects must certainly not expect that their establishments will be brought up to anything like peace-time strength.
4. In one or two recent cases, the Minister of the Interior has nominated for posts in Military Government Territory officials who have been suspended from their appointments in other provinces by AMG. The Minister stated quite frankly that he would prefer to be able to nominate officials against whom nothing could be alleged, but, in the cases in question, he suggests that they have only been suspended for purely local reasons, and in the absence of anyone else, he has no one else he can forward.
5. This raises a difficult problem. It has hitherto been our usual practice not to allow the re-employment anywhere in Military Government Territory of an official who has been suspended by AMG for any reason.
6. The Ministry have now raised the same question in general terms in connection with the reconstitution of pools of officials for the North, and have suggested that officials suspended by AMG for purely local reasons

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and against whom nothing serious can be alleged should be placed at their disposal for service in Italian Government Territory. The whole question of the re-employment of officials suspended by AMG demands very careful consideration and is now being examined in this HQ in that sense.

7. The Minister of the Interior has transmitted to this Sub Commission a denunciation forwarded to them, accusing the Prefect of Ascoli, Dott. BROISE, of collaboration with the Germans: the Regional Commissioner has been asked to report on it.

8. Several conferences were held with the Epuration Commission and the Personale Division of the Ministry of the Interior to insure a more rapid disposition of cases within the time recently extended and proper reporting thereon.

9. The Sub Commission was consulted by and gave advice to the officers planning the Piedmont Region administration.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/16

Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

16 January 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference para 5 of Sitrep dated 9 January, the officers have now made their reports. On 4 and 5 January, the Provincial Commissioner, Administrative Officer and the Prefect of Arezzo were interviewed. The PO stated that the Prefect had impressed him very favourably. While the Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa had been formed it lacked a number of civilian members. No Deputazione Provinciale had yet been constituted, but names had been submitted and were being considered. There were Giunte Comunali in all communes and these were reported to be functioning well. Certain appointments of Sindaci were being reviewed; some had been dismissed as they were politicians rather than administrators. There was a shortage of Segretari Comunali as most had fled.

On 6 January an interview took place with the PO of Florence. While attacks were still being made upon the Prefect, the PO stated that he continued to work well and to his complete satisfaction. Changes in connection with the Vice Prefects were in contemplation. Giunte Comunali have been appointed for all the communes, and the Deputazione Provinciale and Giunta Provinciale Amministrativa have been formed and are functioning.

2. Avv. LEVI, who represents the Comitato Centrale di Liberazione, called for the Director on 11 January; he had been re-directed by Political Section. The purpose of his visit was to discuss the position of the CLN in the Province of Arezzo. He was informed by the Director that as an officer of the Allied Commission, there was only one authority with which it was his duty to deal; namely, the Italian Government by its Ministry of Interior. Avv. LEVI asked whether he could leave with the Director a letter which contained the points he had proposed to deal with. In reply to a question, Avv. LEVI stated that he had not approached the Ministry of Interior. The Director recommended that if he so desired, Avv. LEVI should send the letter to the Ministry and it would be dealt with in the normal way.

3. On 12 January, the PO of Arezzo called and commented upon the visit of Avv. LEVI. The PO had told the CLN that they were to cease their activities, which tended to duplicate the regular administration. He stated that he was content to an existence on the lines of the British and U. S. Legion, viz:—a limited social and welfare role, but he would not have them trying to pose as a channel of government, nor would he consider them trying to pose as a political party until they were so recognized and had produced a political creed.

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4. The question of planning for northwest Italy has been under consideration and, apart from any decision that may be come to in connection with the holding of local elections, it is not considered that the functions of this Sub Commission will differ much from those which it has hitherto exercised.

5. Attacks are still being made against the Prefetto Reggente (Dott. LORENZINI) of Teramo. Reporting upon the latest one, the RC states that according to the Provincial Commissioner's information, the allegations against LORENZINI are nothing but local gossip and are considered to be quite untrue.

6. Reference para 2 of weekly sitrep dated 13 December 1944, AMG 5 Army stated on 15 December that they had no objection to the transfer of Dott. GIGLI. Subsequent to that date, an officer from this Sub Commission made a survey of Florence Province and when there was informed that it was now desired to retain GIGLI's services. In view of certain findings in the report, however, it has been decided that it would be in the best interests that GIGLI be transferred to another Prefettura. The Ministry of the Interior have accordingly been asked to nominate one of the most capable and energetic Vice Prefects for this important Province.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/LG

tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

9 January 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. ITALIAN OFFICIALS FOR THE NORTH

Reference para 2 of Sitrep dated 26 December 1944, plans for this have been further developed at conferences with the Ministry of the Interior and the Sub Commission now awaits the formal submission, promised by the Italian Government, of nominations to form a reserve for this purpose.

The Ministry have already nominated 18 Consiglieri for this purpose, to be used as Vice Prefects Inspector. In some of these cases it has been possible to give a decision on the information available here: others are not known to this HQ and it has been necessary to ask EC's Southern, Sicilia and Sardegna for an opinion.

2. MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

Among other intimations received from the Ministry was one asking the approval of Allied Commission to the substitution of the Prefect of Trapani by Dott. Rodolfo BIANCONI. The change was stated to be urgent as trouble had arisen in the Province and the Prefect had proved inefficient. The substitution was therefore approved.

3. TOURS

Two officers have visited the Provinces of Arezzo and Florence to review and advise on the organization of local government.

4. LOCAL ELECTIONS

A memorandum has been prepared for the information of the Acting President on the present position of the question of holding local elections.

5. INTERVIEWS

On 2 January, the Prefect of Forlì called at this HQ and discussed the staffing arrangements at his Prefettura. He needs a Consigliere: one is available in his province.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/LG

Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

2 January, 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. SINDACO OF NAPLES.

The position of this appointment has been settled satisfactorily by the acceptance of Ferrarillo who will assume office with a constituted Giunta on January 8th.

2. NEW MINISTRY FOR OCCUPIED ITALY.

A draft Decree setting out the powers and organization of the new Ministry for occupied Italy was received from the office of Study and Legislation of the Italian Government. An expression of opinion from the Allied Commission was requested on or before 29th December. The Prime Minister has been informed that for military reasons the proposals will require careful study. As it was proposed to present the draft to the Council of Ministers on 30th December, the Prime Minister was asked to defer this. A fresh draft has since been issued and this Sub-Commission has submitted its views.

3. DEPASCINIZATION.

(a) Progress Reports for the period ending 15 December covering activities of the Depuration Committee in the Ministry of the Interior, which includes Public Safety, Public Health and this Sub-Commission, have been rendered.

(b) Provincial Depuration Commissions. As progress in appointing Provincial Depuration Commissions has been slow, attention has been drawn to this fact and a request made for the number of Provincial Commissions already appointed, and also for an indication of the date by which it is expected that those necessary for the remainder of the territory to which D.L. 159 applies will be appointed.

4. MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

Several nominations for various Prefectural posts have been submitted by the Ministry of Interior. The necessary approvals have been given and arrangements for transporting the officials to their destinations made. 14/1

Delay in officials taking up new posts is still being experienced: the matter has again been brought to the notice of the Ministry.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 478107

26 December 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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INTERVIEWS

The following interviews have taken place since the rendition of last report:

(1) Sindaco of Naples. On 22 December the Chief Executive Officer and the Assistant Executive Officer interviewed representatives of the Ministry of Interior as to whether there had been any development of the question of appointing Sgr. PERMARINELLO to the office of Sindaco of Naples. R. E. BERNINI stated that he had spoken to the Prime Minister who had expressed a favourable opinion of PERMARINELLO and had authorized BERNINI to mention that the Government approved the appointment. Sgr. PALLERNO, however, after consulting his party, was unable to withdraw his candidature. This situation has been reported to C.A. Section.

(2) Vice Prefect of Ancona. On 23 December the Secretary to General PIRAME, Prefetto Regente of Ancona called and referred (among other matters relative to prefectural officials for Ancona) to the present Vice Prefect Vicario (TASINI) a non-career official who had been nominated by the C.A. of which he was a member. Agreement between the Prefect and the Provincial Commissioner that TASINI be changed had seemingly been reached. The only reason for desiring a change appeared to be that TASINI belongs to a political party which is not now represented in the Government.

It was intimated to the caller that:--

(a) Any request for TASINI's removal should be formally submitted to this HQ through A.M. channels; and

(b) If an official was competent, co-operative and loyal to the Prefect and if his holding office did not interfere with the good administration of the province, the fact that he belonged to a particular party did not appear to be a sufficient reason for removing him.

last report:

(1) Sindaco of Naples. On 22 December the Chief Executive Officer and the Assistant Executive Officer interviewed representatives of the Ministry of Interior as to whether there had been any development of the question of appointing Sgr. PERMARIELLO to the office of Sindaco of Naples. H. A. BERGUTI stated that he had spoken to the Prime Minister who had expressed a favourable opinion of PERMARIELLO and had authorized BERGUTI to mention that the Government approved the appointment. Sgr. PALARDO, however, after consulting his party, was unable to withdraw his candidature. This situation has been reported to C.A. Section.

(2) Vice Prefect of Ancona. On 23 December the Secretary to General FIORE, Prefetto Regente of Ancona called and referred (among other matters) relative to prefectural officials for Ancona) to the present Vice Prefect Vicario (TASINI) a non-career official who had been nominated by the CLM of which he was a member. Agreement between the Prefect and the Provincial Commissioner that TASINI be charged had seemingly been reached. The only reason for desiring a change appeared to be that TASINI belongs to a political party which is not now represented in the Government.

It was intimated to the caller that:--

- (a) any request for TASINI's removal should be formally submitted to this HQ through AM channels; and
- (b) If an official was competent, co-operative and loyal to the Prefect and if his holding office did not interfere with the good administration of the province, the fact that he belonged to a particular party did not appear to be a sufficient reason for removing him.

2. ITALIAN OFFICIALS FOR THE NORTH

On 22 December, officers of the Sub Commission interviewed representatives of the Ministry of Interior in connection with para 1 of sitrep dated 19 December. The Ministry were asked to prepare biographical notes of

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each so that screening could be proceeded with. After screening results had been received the Ministry would be informed of the names of those who were acceptable to the Allied Commission. There was also outlined to the representatives proposals to re-constitute a "pool" of junior officials for service in the northern provinces consisting of (i) Vice Prefects (Vicario) and Vice Prefects (Ispettore); (ii) Consiglieri and Segretari; and (iii) Ragionieri. The purpose of the pool is to ensure that there will be sufficient of the required officials available in Rome to answer the first demands in newly liberated provinces.

After the Ministry have considered the "pool" proposals, another meeting is to be held.

3. MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

Several appointments and transfers of officials have taken place during the week. The officials have been interviewed and the necessary arrangements made for their transport.

4. Memoranda have been prepared for consideration by higher authority on:—

- (a) Local government elections:
- (b) AG policy as to the appointment of Prefects.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 478107

19th December, 1944.

AG/27/16/LG.

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Italian Officials. Three months ago, with a view to meeting a possible shortage of senior officials which might be required for the administration of the Northern Provinces, it was pointed out to the Ministry of Interior that there was a considerable number of young men in the Prefectural and administrative services who it was thought could perform higher duties, but were prevented from so doing because of their grade. The Ministry have had the matter under consideration and have now intimated that 19 consiglieri (1st Class) have been designated for promotion to the rank of Vice-Prefect Inspector (Grade 6).

2. Incident at Catania. The Executive Officer interviewed Dr. Berruti of the Ministry of Interior on 16th December in connection with the disturbance which recently took place at Catania. Dr. Berruti stated that the Ministry were of opinion that the Prefect, Dr. Giannichele, had not taken proper action and that it was proposed to send H.E. Vitelli, who was recently cleared of expatriation charges, and was at disposition in Rome, on a special mission to take over the functions of Prefect temporarily. Should it be decided to appoint Vitelli permanently to the post of Prefect, the Ministry will ask the approval of the Allied Commission. The Regional Commissioner of Sicily has been informed.

3. Examinations for Communal Secretaries. The RC of Lazio-Umbria Region recently stated that he had been asked by local officials whether it was the intention of the Italian Government to renew the practice of holding examinations for Communal Secretaries. The matter has been taken up with the Ministry who have stated that it is not the intention meantime to conduct examinations, but that the question would probably come up for consideration next February or March.

4. Defascistization. Reports for the period ending 30 November, covering activities of the Expatriation Committee in the Ministry of Interior, which includes Public Safety, Public Health and this Sub-Commission, have been rendered, together with a note of the position regarding Prefects - Grades 3 and 4.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/27/16/16

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

13 December 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. APPOINTMENT AND MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

Dott. ~~Ugo~~ BRACALI, nominated by the Ministry of Interior as Prefect of Arezzo in place of Comm. GUIDO MORI, has been despatched to take up his appointment. Arrangements have been made for the appointment and transport of Dott. GUSTO Beredetto as 1st Secretary at the Prefettura of Macerata. Screening of other officials who have been nominated for posts is in hand.

2. VICE PREFECT GIGLI, FLORENCE PROVINCE

This official was suspended from office by the Comitato Toscano di Liberazione before the arrival of the Allies in Florence on the grounds of irregularities of a financial nature in the discharge of his duties. There was no political objection to him. At the request of the Prefect, GIGLI was re-employed in his previous position. The Ministry of Interior suggested that an inquiry be conducted with regard to the Vice Prefect and into the allegations upon which he was suspended from office. Dott. MASCOLO, one of the Ministry's Inspectors, has held an inquiry with the result that he has recommended that GIGLI be transferred to another Prefettura. The report of the inquiry has been forwarded to the Regional Commissioner with the view of ascertaining whether he is in agreement with the proposal and for any other observations he may have to make.

3. PREFECT OF PALERMO

The Minister of Interior recently communicated with the Director and informed him that it had been urgently necessary to recall the then Prefect of Palermo, D'ANTONA. He had been replaced by Dott. BATTIATI. The Minister fully recognised that he should first have obtained AG's approval to this arrangement, particularly as D'ANTONA was an AG appointee. He apologized for this and asked for "clemency" for his action which was in the nature of an emergency decision. In the circumstances, it was decided to inform the Minister that AG would raise no objection, having regard to the particular circumstances. The successor, BATTIATI, is a career official and it was within the knowledge of the Ministry that he had been satisfactorily screened by AG when he had previously been intended for another Prefectural appointment.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Arising out of discussion of this subject at a Vice President's meeting, the Director was requested to prepare a memorandum upon the desirability and possibility of holding municipal elections in the near future. This has been done and the document is now with the Political Section.

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The routine work of the Sub Commission in relation to the Ministry of Interior has not been unduly affected by the recent political situation and regular contacts with the Chief of Cabinet and subordinate officials have continued.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 478107

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

5 December 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. TOURS

The Director and staff officers have returned from their respective tours, mentioned in last week's sitrep. Reports of surveys made are being completed and where necessary observations on local government administration will be conveyed to all concerned.

2. INTERVIEWS

(a) With Prefetto Reggente of Teramo on 28 November when staffing was considered and suitable arrangements made for the filling of vacancies. The Prefect indicated that the citizen members of the GC were already chosen and that this body was now functioning. All communes had Giunta Comunale and Sindaco. The question of transferring round Segretario Comunale with the view of breaking up any corruption which may have resulted after the Fascist regime was referred to by the Prefect. He had expressed concern at the proposal of the Ministry of Interior to restore these officials to their former posts.

(b) With Cav. CAMERA, Vice Chief of the Cabinet, on 29 November when the question of restoring the officials referred to under 2(a) was dealt with. Cav. CAMERA was asked to supply the observations of the Ministry on the position and this he stated he would do. Delay in personnel presenting themselves to take up posts for which they had been designated was also dealt with. The urgency of the matter was impressed upon Cav. CAMERA, and he was asked to arrange that when an official had been designated for a position and was not available within a reasonable time that the name of a substitute be submitted.

3. SINDACO OF NAPLES

The present Government crisis is holding up the appointment of a Sindaco for Naples.

4. REAPPOINTMENT

The Chief Executive Officer of the Sub Commission attended a meeting on 2 December, when he reported that so far as operation of the personnel for which this Sub Commission is concerned, the progress was fair. Fifty per cent of the cases of officials in Grades 3 and 4 had been disposed of.

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DEVASTATED AREAS - Polesine Province

Since it was reported that the position at Polesine no longer requires that the Commissario Speciali be employed, the Ministry of Interior has been informed that the Allied Commission have no objection to the termination of Sig. BOZZI's appointment. With regard to the appointment of Sig. DAMANO, as this had been made by the Prefect after the territory had been restored to the Italian Government, the Ministry has been informed that this is a question for them to decide.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AS/27/16/16

Tel: 489081 Ext. 620

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

26 November 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. TOURS

The Director has proceeded to Florence and Forli in connection with the organization of the Patriots Branch. A staff officer has gone to the Provinces of Florence, Pistoia and Lucca to make a survey of Local Government there. Another officer is in Pisa and Livorno for a similar purpose.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

In view of the delay and confusion which was taking place with regard to the appointment, removal and movement of Italian officials caused by Prefects communicating direct with the Ministry of the Interior, an instruction is being issued to all concerned. The instruction states inter alia that Prefects will address correspondence to the Provincial Commissioner who will forward it to the respective Army or Regional Headquarters, as the case may be, with his recommendation. The Army or Regional Headquarters will in turn forward it to the Civil Affairs Section with further recommendations. The correspondence with any further observations of the Allied Commission will be sent to the Ministry. The same procedure will apply for correspondence in the reverse direction.

3. APPOINTMENT, TRANSFER AND MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

Following upon a number of proposed transfers, etc., the necessary approvals were obtained and transport arrangements made accordingly.

4. PEOPLE'S COURT AT MONTECATINI TERME (PISTOIA)

Following upon a communication from the Ministry of Interior that a People's Court had been set up at Montecatini Terme, the question was taken up with Hq 5 Army. We were informed that immediate action had been taken to dissolve the Commission which had been appointed. The Sindaco has been removed from office and replaced by a Commissario Prefittizio.

5. PROVINCIAL OPERATION COMMISSIONS

As delay has taken place in appointing Commissions, the Ministry of Interior has been asked to make representations to the Presidency of the Council to hasten matters.

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6. The Secretary of the Separation Committee in the Ministry of the Interior has informed us that the case of GALAZA, Prefect of Rieti, has been disposed of. It has been decided to retain him in service but censure him. Formal notification of this action is to be sent to us.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 489001 Ext. 620

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

21 November 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. ITALIAN OFFICIALS - Transfer of

Recently a number of officials have made application to the Ministry for transfer from one province to another. These applications have been more or less on personal grounds. After consideration, the Ministry of Interior has been informed that applications could only be considered when the question of good administration is at stake.

2. MACERATA PROVINCE

Following upon the demonstration which took place at Macerata on 14 November, when Prefect R. PONTE left his post, it was decided that it was not in the best interests to have him return. It has been agreed, in consultation with the Ministry that Dima SANETTI, Brigadier in the Infantry, be appointed as Prefetto Reggente. SANETTI left on 20 November for Macerata escorted by an officer of this Sub Commission.

3. APPOINTMENT OF ITALIAN OFFICIALS

(a) Demands from Regions and Armaies to fill gaps in the staffs of Prefectures continue to mount. The Sub Commission is dealing direct about this with the Personnel Division of the Ministry of the Interior whose business methods compare unfavourably even with the general run of Italian Government offices. Continual daily pressure has to be exercised to ensure the execution of the simplest request. As a result, we have not in recent weeks been able to make the progress we should like with fulfilling the needs of various provinces.

(b) The Personnel Division recently nominated for our approval Vice Prefects for Lucca and Foggia. Both the nominees were found to have quite definite pro-fascist backgrounds and to be cases for expiation rather than promotion. The Ministry has assured us that this admittedly incompetent handling of personnel matters would be remedied in the future. Speriamo!

(c) To save unnecessary repetition of work, it has been agreed that all requests by Prefects for personnel in Military Government Territory be submitted through the Provincial Commissioner. This will avoid the necessity of the Ministry making any proposals in this matter, except in reply to communications from this Sub Commission.

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4. SALERNO PROVINCE

For some time, the reports have indicated the progress of local government in this province has been slow. It has accordingly been agreed with the Ministry that a change in the office of Prefect was necessary. Dr. VOLPE has been removed and Dr. Antonio MASCOLO, who held the appointment of Inspector General at the Ministry has been appointed in his place.

5. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

This office, which is for the purpose of examining and reporting to the Italian Government upon the administration of Provinces in Italian Government Territory, having been rendered vacant by the appointment of Dr. MASCOLO as Prefect of Salerno, it has been agreed with the Ministry that Dr. Gaetano MASTROBUONO take his place.

6. PROSINONE PROVINCE - Devastated Areas

On 14 November an interview took place at the Ministry with H. E. BERNUTI in connection with information received that the Ministry proposed to dismiss the two Commissari for the devastated areas in this Province. The Ministry indicated that they had no knowledge of the proposed dismissals.

On the same day, the Prefect of Prosinone, ZANFRANCO, called at this Sub Commission and stated that he had been instructed by H. E. CANEVARI to dismiss the Commissari.

It has been agreed meantime to continue the appointments pending a report from the Region.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 489061 Ext. 620

SUBJECT: Weekly itrep.

14 November 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. DEFAUCIMENTATION

The report of the Expiration Committee of the Ministry of the Interior for the period ending 31 October has been received. Seventeen cases involving officials of grades III and IV have been heard, resulting in seven dismissals.

2. ANCONA PROVINCE

On 8 November, General PIERRE, Prefect of Ancona, while on a visit to Rome, called at this Sub Commission and discussed provincial administration. He particularly asked that a Vice Prefect (Vicario) and a Ragioniere Capo should be sent as soon as possible. He was informed that a report on the entire Provincial administration had already been sent to the Italian Government stressing the need for these officials. General PIERRE stated incidentally that progress in local government was good. All Giunta Municipale has been formed with the exception of three or four. There had been no trouble with the Committee of Liberation.

3. PREFECTURE OF PALERMO

The question of recognizing promotions made by AMI at this Prefecture has been raised by the Italian Government. An interview with R. E. MARINELLI, Chief of the Cabinet, brought about the following understanding which has been communicated to the Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region, viz:--

(a) That the promotions do not make any alteration in the officials' permanent rank or grade in the Italian Civil Service, and that they are to be regarded as temporary appointments only, entitling the officials concerned to use the title, exercise the functions and draw the pay of a higher post;

(b) That none of the officials in question can be removed from the posts to which they have been appointed without the consent of the Allied Commission.

4. PAYMENT OF RENDACI

One or two officers in the field have suggested that a number of sindaci were suffering great hardships through their office carrying

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no salary. A questionnaire was therefore addressed to Regional Commissioners, and 5th and 8th Armies. From replies received, it appears that only 8 per cent of the communes have presented any difficulty, and for that reason it has been decided to take no further action, it being left to PCs to deal locally with individual cases of hardship.

5. OFFICIALS

Arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Interior in connection with the appointment, and transfer of several junior officials, and the transport required to effect these.

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HEADQUARTER ALLIED COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
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AC/27/18/10

Tel. 478107

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep

7 November 1944

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The Acting Director conferred with the Eparation Committee of the Ministry of Interior urging them to start up all proceedings in the first four grades, pursuant to the new Decree, and furnish lists of such cases within the next fortnight.

Eparation proceedings against Dott. GALATA, Prefect of Rieti are being speeded up so that his case may be disposed of, it is hoped, this week.

2. Brigadier Carr, Regional Commissioner for Sicilian Region called at this Sub Commission and discussed with the Acting Director the transfer of Prefects, the relationship between the Prefects and the High Commissioner, and other Local Government matters.

3. Arrangements have been made for Dott. MASCOLO Antonio, Prefetto-Ispettore visiting Florence to conduct an inquiry with regard to Dott. GIGLI and into the allegation upon which he was originally suspended from the office of Vice-Prefect.

4. An officer has proceeded to Riccione conducting a Prefect-designate for the Province of Ravenna.

5. Legal Sub Commission have been notified to exclude from implementation in Military Government Territory Decree No. 247 dealing with the compilation of lists of Electors, so that the law upon which it is based may be studied.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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21 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. A brief history of the work of this Sub Commission since its arrival in Sicily has been prepared at the request of the Public Relations Branch.
2. The Director left at the beginning of last week for an official tour which may last a month. During his absence Capt. Ralph E. Temple is in charge of the Sub Commission as Acting Director.
3. The Patriots Branch of the A.C. has been placed under the supervision of the Director of the Local Government Sub Commission. It will continue to function as a separate entity until the return of the Director from the above mentioned tour of duty.
4. After consultation with all Sub Commissions concerned a draft decree on the dissolution of the Governatorato of Rome has been sent by the Ministry of the Interior for consideration by the Council of Ministers.
5. The Ministry of the Interior was consulted about a report that the provinces of Caserta and Capua were to be recreated by a rearrangement of the existing provinces of Frosinone and Littoria. The Ministry said that such a change was based on historical and traditional grounds and was for these reasons being studied by the Government. The Acting Director Capt. Temple intimated to the Ministry that the present time was not opportune for such a change and that the execution of the plan be deferred to some future date.

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HEADQUARTERS
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/27/16/10

24 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The past week has been mainly occupied with routine matters.
2. The material collected from the tour of the Abruzzi-Marche Region mentioned in last week's sitrep has been reviewed: copies of the reports will be sent to the RC. The tour has brought out one matter of general interest. In some provinces, it was found that the local Committees of National Liberation had, before the arrival of AMG, purported to make numerous appointments to local government offices. In fact, the further north one proceeded, the more one found this to be so: the fact was particularly noted in the provinces of Ancona and Pesaro, where Prefects, Vice Prefects, Sindaci and Giunta Comunale had been appointed. The procedure followed by AMG was to scrutinize all these appointments and confirm them or otherwise. Although much good ground-work was done by the committees, considerable changes had to be made: and in some instances the CLN was evidently more concerned with putting in politicians of their own kidney than with the real interests of the comune or province.
3. Incidentally, with regard to the CLN, the officers concerned found the usual tendency for these bodies to attempt to usurp executive authority, but this attitude had been quite firmly dealt with from the first.
4. The young non-career Prefect mentioned in last week's news letter has been the subject of some pretty serious charges: copies of the accusations submitted to the Italian Government were sent to this Sub Commission by two separate Ministers. Full inquiry on the spot showed the baselessness of the whole thing. It turned out to be an attempt by one of the local political parties to discredit an honest and impartial Prefect. Needless to say, he will receive every support from us here. He is Capt. LORUMINI, Prefetto Reggente of Teramo. A similar attack on the Prefetto Reggente of Chieti was noted heretofore in the news letter of 14 September.

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HEADQUARTERS
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
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17 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. DEFASCISTIZATION

The Officer representing this Sub Commission on Defascistization attended the Conference on the 14 October to discuss an Order which was being prepared for the handling of operation in the northern regions, and advise on the class of official that should be operated first.

The appointment of Provincial Operation Teams by the Central Operation Authorities or by the Prefects has not been settled as yet.

The Minister of Interior was asked whether there were any employees dependent upon the Ministry who "were invited not to frequent their offices" but against whom no formal charges had been presented. The Ministry asserted that they had no such cases of this type, but that all employees were dealt with in a formal manner.

2. INTERVIEWS

(a) Dr. MASCOLO, Prefect Inspector, Ministry of Interior. An officer of the Sub Commission interviewed Dr. Mascolo who had recently been appointed Prefetto Ispettore in the Ministry of Interior, concerning his duties which consist of inspecting the administration of local government under the jurisdiction of Royal Italy. Arrangements were made whereby brief appraisal reports are to be submitted by him to this Sub Commission.

(b) Prefect MORRILLI was interviewed on 11th October. He has been designated as a Prefect for a northern province, and arrangements have been made to have him remain in Rome and to be available at short notice.

3. PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

An analysis was made of a Family Questionnaire issued in connection with the Census of National Reconstruction to ascertain whether there was sufficient information for the proper preparation of an Electoral Roll. It was ascertained that only a population list could be compiled from the information and not a true Electoral List. However, sufficient data was recorded to enable census to establish beginnings of a proper Election Register.

4. SURVEY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Two officers have been in Abruzzi-Marche region and have made a rapid survey of local government organization in the Provinces of Pescara, Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro. They report good progress in all provinces. The new Prefects sent down by the Sub Commission are well

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into their stride. Incidentally, the tour brought into prominence the youngest Prefect so far known to us--an energetic and high-purposed infant of 30--not, one need hardly say, a career official. We hope to meet more like him as we go further north.

5. VISIT TO FLORENCE

The Director at the request of the VP Civil Affairs Section visited Florence and had conferences with the SCAD and other AMG officers as well as with the Prefect and the President and Secretary of the Committee of Liberation on the problem of the relationship between the Committee and the Prefect and also AMG.

Further developments will be dealt with later.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACG/27/16/16

10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. POOL OF PROSPECTS

The call for Italian officials for the newly liberated provinces continues. When we were in Salerno, the demand was small and the material at hand ample, but since coming to Rome and as we now take over more of the liberated territory it is found that the reservoir is fast drying up and the task of providing the right man for the right place becomes more difficult. At one time the Italian Government were adamant that high ranking places should be filled by career officials, but with the number of such dwindling, they have recently "softened" and have agreed to other than career officials occupying the position of Prefect, or to be more correct, Prefetto Reggente. This process has naturally placed more personal interviewing on the Director and his staff; it being imperative whenever possible to appraise the qualities of the prospective official from an integrity and political, as well as an administrative point of view. If Italy is to take her place among the democracies, Local Government must be placed on the highest possible level - it is the Highway to recovery, as an Editorial in the "Times" recently stated.

It is essential, however, in the judgement of this Sub-Commission for AMC to support these Prefects on appointment, since they are the highest ranking official of Local Government and any policy of permitting them to be dictated to by the Local Comitati di Liberazione should be firmly discontinued.

2. INTERVIEWS

Since last report the Director has had interviews with the Minister of Interior, the Undersecretary of the Ministry, and Prefects who had been earmarked for provinces in the north.

Some of the more important interviews were:

(a) On the 4th October with H.E. Borruati, when a lengthy discussion

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took place regarding changes in Sicilian Prefects and Prefects for provinces in the North. The behaviour of one of the Prefects designate was also discussed. He had adopted a most disloyal attitude towards the Italian Government and had made derogatory remarks concerning the Prime Minister and his Chief of Cabinet.

(b) On the 5th October, the Director had a meeting with the Minister of Interior regarding the "disloyal" Prefect referred to. The Prime Minister said: "He was a most unpleasant and dangerous individual".

(c) On the 7th October, M.E. Paterno, Prefect of Florence, called for the Director. He protested emphatically against the power of the Comitato di Liberazione in Florence. His Excellency made his complaint formally to the Vice President. The Director adjusted with the Vice President drafts of documents concerning certain incidents that had taken place in Florence.

(d) The Director interviewed a number of Prefects who have been selected to take over northern provinces as when liberated. One of these (actually the third to do so in a fortnight) was obviously averse to going and like the others mentioned, raised every possible difficulty and argument in favour of staying in Rome. They were referred back to their own Ministry to deal with. This behaviour which is not necessarily typical (many Prefects are clearly men of "guts" and go where they are sent) provides a sorry commentary in view of Italy's present condition.

3. ITALIAN OFFICIALS

(a) Perugia Province. In view of the fact that this province has two non-career Vice-Prefects, it was recommended and agreed to by the Provincial and Regional Commissioners that a career Vice-Prefect (Vicario) be appointed to strengthen the Italian side of administration. The Italian Government has been consulted and have agreed to submit a nomination for that position.

(b) Movement. Arrangements were made for transporting two Prefects to provinces in the north. Arrangements are also in hand for transport for certain junior officials for Chieti, Livorno, and Pesaro provinces.

4. SURVEY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Two officers are at present in Region Abruzzi-Marche surveying and assisting in Local Government arrangements in a number of the provinces.

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5. REORGANIZATION OF ROME CITY

Conferences with the Ministry of Interior and with the Finance, Legal, and Public Works Sub-Commissions on the proposed draft Decree have taken place; a new draft has been drawn up, the terms of which should be to the advantage of the City.

6. DEPARTMENT

Personal contact has been made with the members of the Epuration Commission. Detailed instructions for the compilation of Reports and its work and propaganda activities are co-ordinated by this Sub-Commission have been instructed accordingly.

The Department in the Ministry of Interior dealing with the personnel in which this Sub-Commission is interested, has been proceeding as rapidly as conditions warrant. A total of 74 cases have been presented for the month of September. Of these, however, more than half involved persons north of Rome who are not available and consequently charges cannot be sent to the accused. Twelve cases have been taken away from the Commission by the High Commissioner for the formal presentation of charges. This leaves that 36 cases to date are available for handling by the Commission. Of these, 23 hearings have been completed and 18 judgments pronounced. Of the 18, six resulted in removals and 12 reductions in service involving disciplinary action being taken. Two cases have been appealed. The majority of the cases presented involved high ranking officials of the Prefect and Vice-Prefect class.

7. CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL LIBERATION

Arising out of the Vice President's meeting and communications received from Provincial Committees of National Liberation, conferences were held with the Director and some staff members of the Patriotic Branch and Political Section, as well as the Ministry of Interior to ascertain all the facts concerning the existence, functions, and relationship of the Italian Government to the alleged Central Committee of National Liberation. As soon as all the information sought is to hand, a comprehensive report will be made.

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A representative of this Organization visited this Sub-Commission and

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conferred with the Chief Executive Officer concerning the Italian Governmental background.

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R. C. B. SPIDER
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub-Commission

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ACC/27/16/16

3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Sitrep

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. At the request of the SCAO 5th Army, an officer visited the Provinces and Provincial Commissioners of Lucca, Pisa, and Pistoia, in connection with the state and condition of Italian Civil Administration. The tour was useful and a number of arrangements were subsequently made in conjunction with the Ministry of Interior for the supply and appointment of certain senior officials who were found missing. Incidentally, the Pistoia Province at first presented difficult problems as the administration had not functioned as such since June and all the officials together with most of the inhabitants of Pistoia had left the city whilst it was part of the zone of operations. With the enemy retreating, conditions changed somewhat. Officials began to return and arrangements were made for recalling the remainder with a view to building up the administration under a new Prefect who was sent forward.
2. The Provinces of Rieti and Terni were also visited and local government surveys made.
3. A staff officer has visited Perugia Province at the request of Region IV to advise on matters affecting the administration.
4. A third officer is now dealing with a number of Provinces in Abruzzi-Marche Region under arrangements made for the purpose with the Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

26 September 1944

AGC/27/16/Int

SUBJECT: Weekly SUMMER

TO : Administrative Section

1. This Sub-Commission is still struggling to increase the small number of Prefects held in reserve for the 40-odd provinces in northern Italy.

2. An interesting development this week has been the decision of the Ministry of Interior to nominate for the few provinces of outstanding importance in the north, not career Prefects, but private individuals of distinguished record and nation-wide reputation - a sort of "Older Statesmen". To keep them straight on legal and administrative detail, they are to have exceptionally competent Vice-Prefetti Vicari. The finding of these Vice-Prefects may well be more of a headache than finding the Prefects themselves.

3. There have been two other encouraging signs which - we hope - indicate a tendency on the part of the Italian Government to treat the Prefect situation with less rigidity. They have agreed to the nomination of a distinguished general to be Prefect of Ancona in place of the former Prefect transferred to Florence. The Italian Government have also nominated two other non-career men for the pool of Prefects: these are being screened.

4. A scheme for the interchange of a number of Prefects has been agreed by the Ministry of Interior with great rapidity for the purpose of submission to the Council of Ministers today. When the scheme has passed the Council the AGC concerned will be informed of the result. As put forward, the scheme would have noticeably reduced our reserve of Prefects for the north by sending some of the best men to the south; but alterations have been agreed on which will slightly increase the pool for the north.

5. One interesting result of the arrival of the new High Commissioner in Sicily is a request for our agreement to the removal of three AMOT appointed Prefects in that island. Any question of removing AMOT appointees is always approached with great reserve. It has been shown, however, that two of the Prefects have been diverging more and more from the directions of the Italian Government since the island came under their direct control. The third is to be retained. Although the other two are to go, they did render valuable service in earlier days when conditions were different and the Government have agreed to give suitable recognition to that fact.

6. In the last three days there has been a little spate of calls for government officials for the north - Prefects for Ancona, Pistoia, and Lucca.

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a Vice-Prefect for Pescara, two subordinates for Livorno with more demands expected in a few days' time. These are being sent forward as fast as we can, but the crying need is transport, transport, transport.

7. The draft decree for reconstructing the government of the City of Rome is under discussion with the technical Sub-Commissions concerned. An interesting new point is a proposal to pay salaries to the Sindaco and the Assessori. Rome is, of course, an exceptional case. The Sindaco has a lot of entertaining and the Assessori have something like full time jobs. This is not a precedent for other communes.

8. In this connection, Regions have been circulated to find out if the honorary nature of the Sindaco's office does in fact to any extent prevent suitable candidates from coming forward.

9. An officer has been sent to 5 Army for several days to examine and advise upon the local government situation particularly in Lucca and Pistoia. Another officer has been dispatched to Perugia for the like purpose.

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

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19 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Discussions with the Italian Government.

TO : All Administrative Sub-Commissions.

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Further to this Sub-Commissions letter 3/3.1/AS dated 22 April 44, and the point brought up at the V.P.'s meeting on Monday 18 Sep 44 - items of interest to A.P. HQ, for inclusion in the weekly Sitrep.

Will Administrative Sub-Commissions submit so as to reach the Admin Sec by 1600 hours every Tuesday commencing 26 Sept 44. (instead of Saturday) a short interesting light précis of the result of any discussions that they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week, or any other points of interest arising in their work during the past week.

J. R. [Signature]
C.R. [Signature] Brig,
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AOC/7/16/Int

16 September 1944

SUBJECT: Weekly Newsletter

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

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2. The Provincial Commissioner and Prefect of Roma Province has been interviewed regarding the state of local government reorganization. Little has been done in the Province since it was restored on the 15th August. The Repubblica Provinciale was formed a few days ago and the 4 citizen members of the Giunte Provinciali Amministrative will be selected by next week. There are no Giunte Comunali in any of the 109 communes. The Prefect was strongly advised to see to the formation of these as soon as possible in spite of the political difficulties which he said were prevalent and tended to retard progress.
3. Contact has been established with the Migration Commission responsible for dealing with personnel of the Ministry of Interior and satisfactory arrangements were made for the submission of bi-monthly reports of the progress of their work. Arrangements were also made with Public Safety and Public Health Sub-Commissions for the co-ordination of returns made to them by the Ministry prior to submission of the aggregated particulars to the Administrative Section.

R. R. Temple

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ACC/7/16/Int

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for M. G. B. SPICER
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Director
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ACC/7/16/Int.

10th September, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period now on days ending 10th September, 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

R. E. HUGHES,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

1. The appointment of a Successor and Prefect of Florence proved difficult. The position regarding the Prefect was complicated at the last moment by an allegation against the Government's nominee, Dr. BONTATA, of Fascist inclinations made by the Committee of 11 existing in Florence where he was Prefect under AMO. The charge was not accepted, but in view of the importance of the office, it was decided that DR BONTATA could not be sent to Florence. The position had to be filled quickly and the most suitable alternative was the very recently appointed Prefect of Ancona. His transfer to Florence must have proved most disagreeing and inconvenient to the PO Ancona, but it was unavoidable.
2. An unusual position arose regarding the Prefect of Chieti who was appointed some months ago on the nomination of the Italian Government. The Under Secretary of State to the Ministry of the Interior forwarded a memorandum received from the Chieti C.L.M. stating that this Prefect was "openly Fascistic", and calling for a new appointment. The HQ, HQ, and HQ gave excellent reports, strongly denying the allegations and intimating that, if anything, he was too energetic in ousting Fascists from office. The facts were reported to the Minister personally and the seriousness of the allegations forwarded from his department against the Government's own nominee was pointed out. The Minister has investigated and since writes testifying to this Prefect's "excellent activities" and intimating that the report which the "government has no way of checking" was "sent in an improper manner".
3. A staff officer has spent some days with the HQ of Grosseto in connection with local government reorganization. He joined the "team" of AMO officers and Italian provincial officers who visited a number of towns and joined in conferences on the spot with communal representatives. Italian Officials, Sindaco, etc. and others.
4. A short summary has been prepared and will very shortly be turned to HQ America and Regions containing in simple form all steps necessary for reorganization of local government.

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5. New Prefects and officials have been sent up to Assisi, Ancona, and Livorno.

6. The everlasting subject of "Pools of Officials" is still being dealt with at the Ministry. They are being urged to plan for the necessity of having to provide for many of the 45 Provinces still in enemy hands. To overcome their shortage of personnel it has also been suggested that they should promote efficient Vice-Prefects.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/27/16/Int.

3rd September, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this S_{ub}-Commission for period seven days ending 3rd September, 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

R. C. B. SPICER,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior S_{ub}-Commission.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. As forecast in last week's Newsletter, the Director visited Florence in connection with the appointments of P_{re}fect and the Sindaco. Some little difficulty was experienced in obtaining agreement by the various interests concerned, including the Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale, to the nominations made by the Italian Government and approved by ACP. Last minute complications however arose regarding these nominees and the Italian Government have again been asked to suggest further names.
2. Two career P_{re}fects were recently located in Region V. Arrangements are proceeding with the Regional Commissioner and the Italian Government with a view to their appointment, respectively, for Pesaro and Pescara. As the advance continues, it may well be that further career P_{re}fects who were dismissed by or have been hiding from the Germans may be discovered. This S_{ub}-Commission hopes that ACP will keep a look-out for this type of person and notify HQ on any discoveries. The problem of providing the right type of personnel for senior positions in the administration is still exceedingly difficult and the position may become even more acute as and when the many remaining northern provinces are liberated.
3. In connection with the personnel situation mentioned in 2 above, the Italian Government are still being pressed to provide more names for the Pool of P_{re}fects. This Sub-Commission are satisfied that the Ministry of Interior are doing their best, but it must be admitted that whilst there may be justifiable reasons for it, their results are not yet good enough.
4. The Island of Elba was normally comprised in the administration of the province of Livorno. In view of present conditions, however, it has been decided that the presence on the island of a direct representative of the Italian Government is necessary and arrangements have been made for the appointment and dispatch of an official. He is Dott. Migliorini, a Consigliere under the Ministry of Interior. This arrangement is a new venture.

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5. A number of monthly reports have been received from regions with regard to the state of conditions of local government. The majority of such reports have been excellently prepared and contain a clear and concise picture of local arrangements over a large parts of AMG areas and Southern Region. They are of the utmost assistance to this Sub-Commission in its dealings with the Italian Government. With regard to the Southern Region, reports relating to Catanzaro and Cosenza indicated that insufficient progress was being made. The attention of the Minister of the Interior was drawn to the matter and he now states that he has given clear instructions to the respective Prefects to deal with the subject adequately and without delay.

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ACC/27/16/Int.

27th August, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period seven days ending 27th August, 1944. For incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. Some progress has been made towards "restocking" the pool of Prefects. It is hoped that the screening of nominees will shortly be completed.
2. Arrangements are being made with the Ministry to provide a new Prefect and Vice-Prefect of Pescara. On appointment the existing Prefect Regent will be discharged. Neither his record of work or Fascist background justify his retention in office. Region V have also requested the nomination of a Prefect for Pesaro if required. This is in hand.
3. A staff officer recently delivered the new Prefect of Ancona to Regional HQ and went on to survey local government conditions in Aquila and Chieti provinces. Excellent progress is being made there in the reorganisation. The opportunity was taken to discuss with Region various Prefectural appointments and questions arising therefrom have been taken up with the Ministry.
4. A short guide for RC's regarding Italian local government organisation has been prepared. It has been adopted by AMG 5 Army and arrangements are being made to issue it generally through RC & MG.
5. The Government have tackled the subject of the reorganisation of the Rome City administration which they propose to deal with by way of Decree. Their proposals have been analyzed and the details thereof sent to RC Region IV for his observations.
6. The Director is at present in Florence in connection with the important appointments of Prefect and Sindaco. Close contact has been maintained with the Government and the views of Bonomi in his capacity as Minister of Interior have been obtained on the various nominees and these will be before AMG when the appointment is made.

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ACC/27/16/Int.

20th August, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period seven days ending 20 August for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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R.G.B. SPIDER,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

1. The stationary condition of the line along the Arno and east of the Apennines has given the Sub-Commission a welcome breathing space. Use is being made of this to improve and round off plans for supplying Italian personnel to the North, in readiness for the next advance.
2. In the meantime a Prefect has been found for Ascoli. Another for Ancona leaves on the 12th August. This clears all existing demands, except for Rieti which has just called for a new Vice-Prefect.
3. One of the Sub-Commission's greatest difficulties at present is transport. The lack of it is delaying - and will delay - the dispatch of officials to AMG provinces and prevents the Sub-Commission from answering calls as promptly as in July and June.
4. The extreme difficulty of obtaining transport has also partly nullified the efforts which have been made this week to bridge the gap between the appointment of a new Prefect for the south and his arrival at his seat. It is well understood here that this gap is a source of much inconvenience to Regional and Provincial Commissioners. The two remaining new Prefects for Sardinia have been got away by air this week as has also the new Prefect of Syracuse. So much difficulty has been experienced in other mainland cases however, that it has been thought better to bring pressure on the Italian Government (who after all have some transport at their disposal) to organise the matter themselves.
5. The pool of Prefects is now almost dry. So as to provide an influx of fresh water, the Minister of the Interior has this week submitted the names of a number of Vice-Prefects for promotion to the rank of substantive Prefect. The Sub-Commission is examining these as quickly as possible with the object of determining if they are personally suitable to rule a forward province. Their worthiness for promotion in rank is another matter. This is a somewhat technical but nevertheless an important point. As is well known, the Allied Authorities have no right, even in Military Government Territory, to alter an official's

substantive rank; such matters are outside our competence and are exclusively an Italian business.

6. A directive has been prepared and submitted for the approval of higher authority for clarifying the procedure as to appointing Prefects and Mayors in Army areas.

7. The monthly reports of Provincial Commissioners on the state of local government are of incalculable value to the Sub-Commission though one or two of them err on the side of scrappiness.

8. Evidence is accumulating that the Committees of National Liberation are delaying the setting up of local government bodies because of endless disputes as to nominations. These Committees are purely unofficial and political and their advice may or may not be accepted. The responsibility is the Prefects, not theirs. The recognised representative local organs are the Deputazioni Provinciali and the Giunte Comunali. The Prefect should lose no time in getting these going - with the help of the CNL if they will give it promptly, but without waiting for them to settle their interminable political squabbles.

9. In continuation of the Sub-Commission's survey of local government in Region IV, an officer has visited the provinces of Viterbo and Rieti. A similar survey for Region V is contemplated, starting next week with the provinces of Aquila and Chieti.

10. At the urgent request of Region Z, an officer has been sent to that H. to conduct a short course of instruction upon the Italian system of local administration.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/27/16/Int.

13 August 1944

SUBJECT : News Letter.

TO : Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub Commission for period of seven days ending 13 August for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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(Approved by Director).

for R.G.B. SPICER, Colonel
Director
Interior Sub Commission

INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. Interviews have taken place between the Minister of Interior and the Director, and between the Staffs of the Ministry and of this Sub Commission.

2. Among other matters discussed were:

- a. Prefect for Rome resulting in the appointment of Avv. Giovanni PERSICO, who will be styled "Prefetto Reggente".
- b. Pool of selected Non-Career Men. The Minister of Interior is considering forming such a Pool to be in readiness as Prefects in Northern Provinces.
- c. Vice-Prefect for Elba. The Minister of Interior was of the opinion that this was not necessary.
- d. Re-organisation of Rome City - still under consideration.

3. The Director and Executive Officer have visited the 5th Army and made a Survey of the status of Local Government in their Forward Areas.

4. Viterbo and Rieti Provinces. A Staff Officer of the Sub Commission is visiting these Provinces to make a Survey of Local Government Organisation.

5. Littoria and Frosinone Provinces. A Report on ¹⁶3 interviews which one of the Staff of this Sub Commission has had with the Provincial Commissioners has been completed, and Precie containing suggestions ~~has~~ been forwarded to the Regional Commissioner.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

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Weekly News Letter for 13 August 44 (Contd)

6. Prefects. A Staff Officer is conducting a Prefect for installation at LIVORNO; and the Secretary-General for Sardinia, and the Prefect for Nuoro have left by Plane, as a result of arrangements made by this Sub Commission. Travel arrangements are in hand for Prefects for the following Provinces :- Trapani, Siracusa, Cagliari, Sassari, and Cosenza.

7. Guide for Officers in Organising Local Government. This is in state of preparation.

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION ON
DEFENSE AND CONSTITUTION
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ACC/27/16/Int.

6th August, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period seven days ending 6th August, 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

W.D. J. WILSON,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

1. Contacts with the Minister of Interior and his staff continue to be close and frequent, and characterised by frankness and cooperativeness on both sides. In particular the maintenance of a reserve of prefects and other officials for forward provinces and transfers and the filling the vacancies in the South, have necessitated daily and almost hourly conferences.
2. During the week under review, the Arvies have stepped up their domestic somewhat. The Sub-Commission has been warned to have ready prefects and complete teams of officials for Livorno and Pisa. Prefects have been called for in Ascoli and Ancona and a change is to be made in Grosseto where the Prefect originally sent has not coped with the problems in his province in quite the way it was expected.
3. At the same time there has been a very heavy drain this week on the pools of prefects and other officials this Sub-Commission is trying to maintain. There has been considerable movement of personnel in the Ministry itself and the Government are also taking steps to fill vacancies in Southern prefectures, as the Sub-Commission have been pressing them to do. In the result, the pool of prefects is in distinctly low water at the moment though the demands actually made can and will be satisfied. It is therefore with a sigh of relief that we have observed from the recent sitings from the Arvies that in quite a few cases Army and Air are preferring to try and get back the local officials rather than calling for people from Rome. It is to be hoped that the policy of looking for suitable administrative in the locality will prove successful. Though additional names for the pool are expected any day from the Government, it is a fact that their reserves are getting lower and lower. The capture of the big centres of population in the Agro valley may possibly release some more personnel.

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4. The Director is paying a visit this week to AI and also to the 5th Army and an officer to 5th Army to strengthen liaison. Another officer has just returned from a survey of the provinces of Lucca and Pistoia in Region IV; his reports are being collated for the information of the Regional Commissioner.

5. The new defascistization Decree of the Italian Government and the directives issued by the Administrative Section there are being closely studied. Proceedings under the Decree may very well have the effect of reducing personnel resources still further as the Italian Government will have to draw upon them to replace those ejected from the Administration under epuration proceedings.

6. The apparent division in view as to prefectural appointments between Bonad and his Under-Secretary Carevati, which was mentioned in the last news letter, seems to have been resolved by a Ministerial Decree delegating to Carevati the supervision of public health, fire services and religious affairs only but not the departments of civil administration or personnel. It is inferred from this that Bonad will continue the policy of having career officials and that this remains the official policy of the Government.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/27/16/Int

30 July 1944

SUBJECT: News Letter

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period seven days ending 30th July 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. Approval has been given to the following proposed appointments included in the list submitted by the Ministry:
 ADDI, Dott. Francesco - Prefect of Agrigento
 GUZZA, Dott. Giuseppe - Prefect of Siracusa
 SACCHETTI, Dott. Sebastiano - Prefect of Cagliari
2. ACC/ACC's views upon certain other nominees based upon EC's and FC's past experience and reports have been conveyed to the Ministry for their consideration. Comparative standards were involved, e.g. one nominee was classified by the Ministry as "excellent". The FC with whom he had worked had described him as "inert", "characterless", "untrustworthy". The official concerned was proposed for a Sicilian appointment. It is probable that new nominations will be submitted. Decisions on the remaining cases will be given as soon as the large number of security reports involved are received.
3. Apparently the Ministry's policy regarding the type of personnel for Prefectural appointments is still not unanimously agreed. Late Ministers Reale and Alcide and also Bonomi favoured career officials as being free from politics. The new Under-Secretary Casavari's strong view is that the service should be infused with new blood by the appointment of outstanding personalities - not necessarily career men. The decision is primarily one for the Government in their own areas. Interior Sub-Commission are merely concerned with assisting the Ministry towards the establishment of the Administration. Whatever be the decision the Sub-Commission have suggested that a clear and agreed policy is a basic essential.
4. A new Prefect for Florence has been agreed with the Ministry and is standing by, as have other officials.

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23rd July 1944

UNSUB: New Letter.

10 : Vice President, Administrative Section

Below "New Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period seven days ending 23rd July 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. Many conferences have been held with the Ministry of Interior. The Ministry has submitted for approval of ACC a long list of proposed transfers and appointments of Prefects. They are being screened. Attention was brought to the necessity of filling vacancies in the Prefectures of the various provinces as soon as possible. The matters of the continued suspension of the proceedings of the Provincial Defascistization Committee in Catania and the arrest and release of Sivilaco Russo of Laureana di Borrello in Region VII are being examined by the Ministry.
2. At the request of the Regional Commissioner of Rome Region, preliminary conversations have begun with the Italian Government concerning the future organization and administration of the City of Rome.
3. The name of a person for the position of Secretary General to the High Commissioner of Sardinia has been submitted for ACC approval. Steps have been taken to screen the proposed person.
4. Proposed prefects for the Province of Florence were interviewed by the Director.
5. Steps have been taken to have many proposed functionaries in Prefectures screened to be ready to be sent forward when requested.
6. The Prefect for Terni has been cleared and is standing by awaiting a call to be sent forward.
7. Executive Memorandum No. 39 dealing with the organization and administration of Italian local government has been revised and has been submitted to the Executive Commissioner for approval and issue. It follows the pattern envisaged in Royal Decree No. 111.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ACC/27/16/Int

17 July 1944

SUBJECT: News Letter

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period seven days ending 16 July 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

R. G. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission
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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. There has been considerable contact with the Ministry since arriving in Rome. The Director had a long interview with Bonomi as Minister of Interior and discussed several matters of importance to the Italian Administration. The Director expressed his concern at the delay in completing various appointments on the Giunta Consultiva of Sicily and Sardinia and other posts for which approval had, in certain cases, been given some time ago. The Minister intimated that the Sicilian difficulties may necessitate the appointment of a new High Commissioner and that appointments to the Administration might be held up pending his installation. The Minister had not yet been able to deal with Sardinia but undertook to do so speedily. He agreed to the removal of Ottaviano, the Prefect of Sassari for his Fascist record.
2. Further meetings have taken place with the under-secretary, Chief of Cabinet and other officials. Various suggestions were made to them to help in their administration difficulties including the many vacancies that exist in Vice-Prefects position. This has resulted in over-worked Prefects and the system suffers. The Ministry have been urged to make promotions of their best subordinates.
3. The Sub-Commission have been concerned in arrangements for establishing Communal Committees to deal with the classification and re-employment of patriots.
4. A Prefect for the Province of MACERATA has been requested. He has been agreed with the Italian Government and screened. He will be sent on 14438

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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AOC/27/16/Int

13 July 1944

SUBJECT: News Letter

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period of seven days ending 9 July, 1944, for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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A. C. B. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

VML/jgt

INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. Prefects and (in certain cases, teams of officials have been sent to Grosseto, Viterbo, Aquila and Rieti.
2. AMG 5th Army have asked that tentative arrangements be made for teams of officials for the Provinces of Siena, Livorno, Pisa, Lucca, Pistoia, and Apuania. Teams have been partially formed in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior. In connection with these arrangements the Ministry have frequently referred to their short supply of senior officials. The position has been improved since the liberation of Rome but careful screening is always essential.
3. Approval has been given to the appointment of new Prefects for Bari - Dr. Battisti - and Siracusa - Dr. Sacchetti. As to the latter, however, it is possible that a fresh name will be submitted. In fact, a number of appointments to Prefectures in Sicily and elsewhere, agreed with the previous Government are being reviewed by the present Ministry. In all these cases the Sub-Commission is pressing for a speedy and a final decision.
4. The point has been raised that the legal permissible number of members of the Deputazioni Provinciale and Giunta Comunale is insufficient to secure adequate local representation. This is primarily a matter for the Italian Government

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(under R.D.L. 111). Their attention has been drawn to the point and their views invited.

5. Vacancies in the offices of Vice-Prefect Inspector in Avellino, Salerno and Reggio have been brought to the notice of the Ministry. The shortage of suitable officials of or for the rank of Vice-prefect is however, more acute than in the case of Prefects. It is possible that the advent of the Government to Rome may ease the situation.

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AGC/27/16/Int

11 July 1944

SUBJECT: News Letter

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

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AGB/jgt

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

INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

1. The attention of the Minister of Interior has been drawn to the vacancies that exist in the office of Vice-Prefect Inspector in Avellino and Salerno.

2. The Italian Government's nomination for the Prefecture of Siracusa - Dott. SACCHETTI - has been examined and approved. The appointment of a Prefect for Caltanissetta is to be considered by the Council of Ministers (Italian Government) and a decision is expected shortly.

3. The Minister of Interior has been informed that difficulty is being experienced in securing proper representation upon Giunte Comunali that are now being formed owing to the small numbers of these bodies. His Excellency has been asked to state his views as to the principles to be observed and the procedure to be followed in appointing the members of the Giunte.

The Minister has also been asked as to whether the size of the Giunte Comunali ought not to be increased.

4. A Staff Officer has been in Rome in connection with the dispatch of various Italian officials for provinces of Grosseto, Viterbo, Aquila, and Rieti.

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5. The nominee - Dott. BATTIATI, Francesco - submitted by the Minister of Interior to be Prefect of Bari has been approved, and the Italian Government has been requested to ensure that the new Prefect take over from the present holder, without lapse of time.

6. AME 5th Army have asked that tentative arrangements be made for teams of Italian officials for the Provinces of Siena, Livorno, Pisa, Lucca, Pistoia, and Apuania. The Italian Government has been approached and teams partially formed.

7. The Sub-Commission moved from Rear to Advanced Headquarters on 9th July, 1944.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

ACC/27/16/Int.

2 July 1944

SUBJECT: NEWS LETTER

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub Commission for period for seven days ending 2 July 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

R. C. B. Spicer, Colonel.

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

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"NEWS LETTER" for period of seven days ending 2 July 1944.

1. A Staff Officer of this Sub Commission conducted an Italian Local Government Official to Grosseto Province to be installed as Commissario Prefettorio.
2. The Executive Officer visited Region III on 27, 28 and 29, and 30 June, 1944 and had interviews with Regional Commissioner of Region III, the P. C.'s and the Prefects of the Provinces of Naples, Avellino, Benevento and Salerno on the present position of Local Government. Reports have been completed and copies are being forwarded to the RC with observations on matters affecting the respective Provinces.
A healthy state of affairs was revealed in all Provinces except Salerno (part of Royal Italy) where progress was very slow.
3. A Staff Officer has gone to Rome to expedite the "Screening" of certain Italian Administrative Officials there, who are urgently required in newly liberated areas, and to make arrangements for their being sent to the Posts required to be filled.
4. Reports on Local Government Reorganization have been received from Regions and remedial measures are being taken where necessary.
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5. The question of the composition of the Deputazioni Provinciali has been discussed with a Representative of the Italian Government who has agreed that the number of the Deputazioni under Art. of the RM of 4 April 1944 No III should be six "membri effettivi" and two "supplementi". He has also agreed that the Presidente is in addition to the "Deputati" making a total of seven. It has been represented that the size of the Deputazione should be enlarged and the Italian Government's proposals on this point have been requested.

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25th June, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period for seven days ending 25th June, 1944, for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

*R. R. Temple
Capt.*

for
R. G. B. SPIGNER,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News Letter" for period seven days ending 25 June 1944.

1. A conference was held between the Director of Interior Sub-Commission and Dr. Bonomi, the Prime Minister and the Minister of Interior, at which the previous minister Dr. Aldo Moro was also present. Various matters of importance affecting administration were discussed with Sig. Bonomi who was thoroughly cooperative.
2. Following the return from some of the Minister of Interior's party, a list of a limited number of proposed Prefects for forward areas has been compiled for circulation.
3. The Director returned from Region VI where he had been attending the Regional Commissioners' Conference. Information collected which affected other Sub-Commissions has been passed on.
4. Arising out of a communication received from the Chief of Staff, and 5th Army, which shows that all the senior Italian Officials are absent from GROSSETO, steps are being taken to nominate a team similar to that which was called for in the case of LIVORNO.
5. At the request of G.4, the Italian Government has been asked whether it is prepared to accept responsibility for claims for payment by the owners in consideration of the Allied Control Commission handling over requisitioned cars to

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6. A staff officer has visited Campobasso and Foggia Provinces in connection with Local Government arrangements which are being developed in accordance with the D.L.
7. Steps are being taken to fill the office of Prefect for Grosseto and Bari.
8. The question of partisans and their position in relation to officers of the Allied Military Government on their entry into newly liberated areas has been taken up with the Minister of Interior with the view of having the authority of Allied Officers and particularly AG/AG officials accepted without question.
9. A commissario has been selected for the Cassino-Roccamare Area, and arrangements have been made to conduct him personally to his new station.
10. Arrangements have been made to have a career Prefect who is now living in Rome screened and sent to Viterbo.

DEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

18th June, 1944.

REF: 7/16/44.

RE: News Letter.

2) Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period for seven days ending 18th June, 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

for
R.C.D. WILKES,
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

RWT/paw.

INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION

"News Letter" for period seven days ending 18th June, 1944.

1. The Director has proceeded to Region VI to attend the Regional Commissioner's Conference.

2. Correspondence is still taking place with the Minister of Interior in connection with the re-formation of the Giunta Consultiva for Sicily.

3. An application was received from Region II for the postponement of the transfer of the Communes Lomano, Palascio, S. Giovanni and Dardi from the Province of Matera to the Province of Potenza owing to the inconvenience it may cause while grain harvesting is in operation. The Minister of Interior has stated that the transfer will be effected when the harvesting has been completed.

4. A request has been received from the 93rd A.S. Army to be prepared to furnish Prefects for the Provinces of Rieti, Terzi and Aquila and Viterbo. Steps are being taken to comply with the request.

5. Executive Memorandum No. 12 dated 12 June, 44 has been issued whereby when an appointment to fill the office of Prefect is to be made by Allied Military Government, such appointment will in future be made under the title of "Prefetto Reggente", and not under the title of "Prefetto".

6. Owing to the shortage of transport at this Headquarters, difficulty has been experienced in having Italian Officials transported to the forward areas. This has now been remedied by Headquarters, Naples, placing transport at the disposal of the Sub-Commission for the conduct of officials to their HQs of forward areas.

7. A "Bagioniere" was sent to Pescara at the request of the 2nd A.S. 7433

8. In order to expedite the compilation of a list of proposed Prefects for forward areas, permission was granted to high Italian Officials in the Ministry of Interior to go to Rome for that purpose. The group departed from Salerno June 16th.

9. The Minister of Interior has telegraphed all Prefects not to suspend meetings of Provincial De-fascistization Committees while waiting for issuance of further orders.

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ADD/ 7/16/INT.

18th June, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

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

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7. A "Fagioniere" was sent to Frosinone at the request of the P.C.
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AOO/27/16/INT.

11th June, 1944.

SUBJECT: News letter.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News letter" of this Sub-Commission for period of 7 days ending 11th June, 1944 for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

R. R. Temple, Capt.

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

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News letter" for period seven days ending 11th June 44

1. Staff Officer of Interior Sub-Commission has personally conducted a team of Italian Officials for the Province of Littoria to Provincial Headquarters.
2. Several Key Italian Officials have also been conducted to the Province of Frosinone by the same officer.
3. A "Pool" of proposed Sindacci has been formed for possible use in the forward areas.
4. A team of Key Italian Officials has been formed for possible use in Rome Province; although preliminary reports indicate that they may not be necessary.

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CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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4th June, 194.

SUBJECT: News letter.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

E.g. "News letter" of this Sub-Commission for period of 7 days
and 2 days for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

J. Cunningham Thanks Capt
R.C. B. B. B.
Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

CONF/DET.

INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News letter" for period seven days ending 4th June 1944.

1. A team of key Italian Officials has been found for administering water and direction, the Province of LITIGIA and arrangements have been made for them to go forward.
2. A similar team are being found for the provinces of Prosinone and Rome.
3. A pool of Prefects is being formed to be available for forward areas on short notice.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
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ASD/27/16/ETC.

28th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: News letter.

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News letter" of this Sub-Commission for period of 7 days ending 28th May for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

W. A. SPYER
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News Letter" for period seven days ending 28th May

1. The Executive Officer's tour of SAMI and BRUNINI Provinces has been completed. A report on conditions found is being prepared for RO's attention.
2. Reports from all sources continue to indicate that de-fascistization is still proceeding very slowly.
3. The Vice-President has approved the agreement reached with the Italian Government as to a number of Prefectural and Vice-Prefectural appointments in Italian Government Territory.
4. Proposals by the Italian Government for facilitating official appointments in provinces newly liberated for the enemy have been fully discussed and worked out and detailed recommendations submitted to the Vice-President.
5. At the urgent request of Region IV and in agreement with all concerned a nominee for the Prefecture of LITTORIA has been approved and arrangements made for him to go forward at the shortest notice.
6. The tentative arrangements as to ROSE referred to in the previous "News letter" have been worked out as far as the present stage allows.
7. A growing number of interviews and conferences with the Minister of the Interior and his officials have taken place and relations continue to be harmonious.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ADJ/27/16/INT.

21st May, 1944.

SUBJECT: News Letter.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News Letter" of this Sub-Commission for period of 7 days ending 21st May for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

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

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INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News Letter" for period seven days ending 21st May

1. Contact with the Minister of Interior and his staff has grown considerably closer and working arrangements in connection with routine and more important matters have been harmonious.
2. Representations have been made by the Italian Government regarding certain Prefectural and Vice-Prefectural appointments affecting Regions 1, 2, 6 and 7. Regions are being consulted before any decisions are reached.
3. Tentative arrangements are being made at the request of General Hume and MC & MI Section for the formation by the Italian Government of a team of administrative officials for Rome.
4. A Staff-Officer is touring Brindisi and Bari Provinces of Apulia.
5. The reconstruction of the Santa Consolida for Sicily is under review by the Italian Government.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO. 394.

ACC/27/16/INT.

14th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: News letter.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

Below "News letter" of this Sub-Commission for period of 14 days ending 14th May for incorporation in Administrative Section Summary.

for R.G.B. SPIDER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

WVHL/pep.

INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News Letter" for period 14 days ending 14th May

1. Royal Decree regarding local government has been published which continues in effect the arrangements for local administration made in Regions I and II before the transfer. Its terms will also be applied where practicable in M territory. Minister of Interior has issued circular letter to Prefects urging careful selection of persons who "must represent the will of the people".
2. The third Local Government Course ended successfully on 9th May. The next Course will probably begin on 5th June.
3. The Minister of Interior has agreed to the removal of LI VOTI, the Prefect of Bari against whom strong protests had been made by the RO on the grounds of his Fascist background and anti-Allied tendencies. He will be replaced by LUBIERO, late Minister of Agriculture.
4. A Staff Officer has toured MATERA and POTENZA Provinces. The matters dealt with have been taken up with RO.
5. Numerous contacts with the Minister who is thoroughly cooperative.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/27/16/Int

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: News letter

TO : Vice president, Administrative section

1. Below "news letters" of this Sub-Commission for period of 14 days ending 30 April for incorporation in Administrative Section summary.

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H. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub Commission

INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

"News letters" for period 14 days ending 30 April

1. Director and staff officers toured respectively, 3th Army Area, Gerdania, and parts of Region II. Constructive reports received. Aquila and remaining provinces of Intere and Potenza to be covered later. All tours confirm necessity when dealing with forward area problems to bear in mind entirely different conditions which prevail there.
2. Reports from all sources indicate de-fascistization proceeding slowly if at all, vide prefect of Bari still in office.
3. New Minister of Interior, Alcide called. Appears to be very sincere. Matters discussed included pool of sindaco to replace inefficient mayors of forward communes; also refugees, where Government urged to attend to problem and ensure more humane treatment.
4. Difficult position caused by Italian government press announcement of composition of Giunta Consultiva for Sicily without prior consultation with ACC in breach of agreement between ACC and Badoglio for proposed senior appointments to be submitted through channels. Minister undertook to prevent recurrence and to investigate position of Sicilian Giunta.
5. Considerable work of preparation for 3rd Course on local government administration.
6. Still a marked lack of information from regions as to conditions, development, and activities of local government.

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- ① ~~for~~ Apr. 22 Discussion with D. Apostolakis
re Report of Campobasso (see memo. 61 File 40)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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22 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Discussions with Italian Government.

TO : All Admin Sub Comms.

- 1 In order that Admin Section can keep Regions informed of what matters are under discussion with the Italian Government and of the progress made in such discussions, all Admin Sub Comms will submit so as to reach Admin Section by 1000 hrs every Sunday commencing 30 Apr 44, a short précis of the result of any discussions that they may have had with the Italian Government during the preceding week.

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[Signature]
S.L. WHITE, Major,
for C50 Admin.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT: Commaazione Liberazione

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. It was reported to me yesterday by the Minister of Interior's Liaison Officer that Signor Reale was perturbed on account of the activities of the Commaazione Liberazione in Campobasso.

2. He did not want to make an official report of this as he was fully aware that he had no jurisdiction whatever in Campobasso but he wished it brought to my notice because he had been recently asked to nominate a Prefect for this town, and therefore he felt he was justified in bringing this to notice.

3. He stated that he was informed that the members of this Giunta were terrorizing the people who were supporters of the Badoglio Government.

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R. G. B. RIGER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-commission

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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9 March 1944

Unofficial

TO: Heads of Public Safety, Legal, Interior and Education
Sub-Commissions.

1. In order to watch the general trend of affairs I am trying to collect brief notes of significant events as they come to the attention of subcommissions. Such notes are quite independent of official minutes though they might bear a reference to the whereabouts of the relevant. This material should be D.O. and come direct to me. *file*

2. I append from recollections a list of matters I should consider relevant.

- a. Sabotage of militia in Carabinieri.
- b. Strike called for March 4.
- c. Public meeting in Naples March 12.
- d. Strength of minority vote against Onofrio, Naples University.
- e. Italian trials of deserters to the allies.
- f. Petition to be organised against Churchill's speech.
- g. Attempts of Reale to remove Imburo.
- h. New boundaries for Potenza Province.
- i. Growth of hammer & sickle signs at Potenza.
- j. Exclusion of non-monarchists from the Army.
- k. Sincerity of Zanussi Commission.

3. For any help you can render on these lines I should be grateful.

Adit. S.O.

1. Please bring to my
notice

2. This file should be secret
- such reports to V.P. to go confidentially
in envelope - with copy in this file. P. March
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STANSKARE,
Vice President,
Administrative Section.

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