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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/26/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

11 September 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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Lombardia } with copies for RCs
Piemonte }
Venezio }

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3. Cassellario Giudiziale Centrale.

On 20 August 1945, Mr. Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, visited the Cassellario Giudiziale Centrale in Rome. Major Temple has reported the conditions there to be chaotic and the system employed archaic. The alphabetical index, which provides a ready means of ascertaining the name of an individual convicted and the nature of his crime, has not been kept up since 1930, so that information from judicial records of convictions for the last 15 years must be drawn from boxes, files and bundles of documents tied up in paper and string. The Cassellario Giudiziale of several Provinces have suffered damage as a result of the war and since electoral lists of such Provinces must therefore be checked centrally in Rome, and several hundreds of thousands of names are involved, it is evident that the inefficient functioning of the Cassellario Giudiziale Centrale may ultimately affect the date on which elections can be held. Major Temple has prepared a Memorandum for the Chief Commissioner and the latter is to be taken up with Sig. PAPPI at an early date.

4. Extensions of the Time Limit

The following extensions of the time limit set for the preparation of electoral lists have been granted in AMG Territory:

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<u>REGION</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF COMMUNES</u>	<u>PERIOD OF EXTENSION</u>
LIGURIA	Imperia	21	30 days
PIEMONTE	Alessandria	11	20 "
	Asti	4	12 "
	Cuneo	13	10 "
	Novara	1	30 "
VENEZIA	Padua	10	30 "
	Verona	1	30 "
LOMBARDIA	Pavia	1	10 "

TOTAL		67 Communes	

Advice has been received that no further extensions are required in Liguria and Piemonte Regions; the final position in Venezia and Lombardia Regions is not yet known.

5. National Consultative Assembly ("Consulta")

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8. Confirmation of Sindaci in office

It has come to the notice of the Local Government Sub Commission that the appointments of many Sindaci have not yet been officially confirmed by RCS.

The immediate confirmation in office of all Sindaci is urged since the validity of the whole electoral process may be questioned unless the local officials participating in the procedure have been properly installed in office.

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2. Fortnightly Progress Reports on the Preparation of electoral lists.

The Sub Commission had hoped to provide in this Sitrep a "Fortnightly Summary on the Progress of Electoral Lists in all provinces" but it is unable to do so as yet since Trofekt's Reports are not being regularly received in the Headquarters and, in the case of many provinces, are not being received at all.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/26/LG

Tel: 473190

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

7 August 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

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Lombardia }
Piemonte }
Venezia }

with copies for RCs

1. Preparation of electoral lists. During the period 25 July to 5 August the following quantities of material required for the preparation of electoral lists were moved to Regional Headquarters:

To Emilia	413 parcels		12½ tons	 on 25 July 1945
Liguria	234	"	7	" " " "
Venezia	577	"	17½	" " " "
Piemonte	482	"	14½	" " " "
Lombardia	734	"	22	" " " 3 Aug.

Regional Commissioners were requested to distribute these forms to Provinces as soon as possible and Provincial Commissioners were called upon to assist Prefects to effect delivery to communes without delay.

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 formation 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.

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4. Directives: Some PCs have been translating into Italian, for the benefit of their Prefects, some of the Directives issued by this Sub-Commission on the preparation of electoral lists, particularly Executive Memorandum No. 5. Normally, PCs need not trouble to do this with directives issued by this Sub-Commission. When it is necessary for the Prefect to be informed of the Directives this Sub-Commission customarily sends an Italian translation itself. Executive Memorandum No. 5, in particular, is a very brief summary of decrees, circulars and instructions which the Prefects have already had in full from the Ministry of the Interior; and it was intended only for the use of PCs and their officers.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Ralph 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/27/26/LG

Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

31 July 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section

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Liguria } with copies for PCs
Lombardia }
Piemonte }
Venezie }

1. Preparation of Electoral Lists - Extension of Time Limits

The question of the Extension of time limits for the preparation of electoral lists has been discussed with the Ministry and the following points agreed:

- (a) maximum extension of time limits granted will be 30 days:
- (b) time limits should be granted only to those Communes in which population records have been destroyed:
- (c) Prefects should make their applications for extensions of the time limit to Provincial Commissioners and not direct to the Ministry.

2. Local Government Surveys

On 27 July 1945 Captain W. I. Cunningham returned from a tour of the provinces of Imperia, Savona, Vercelli and Novara. Captain Cunningham stated that local government in these provinces was functioning satisfactorily, as were the organizations for the preparation of electoral lists.

Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, is at present surveying Venezia Giulia and Major C. G. R. Williams left on 30 July 1945 to visit three provinces in Venezia and two in Lombardia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 476190

24 July 1945

AC/27/26/LG

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

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Lombardia } with copies for RCs
Piemonte }
Venezia }

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section

1. Liaison Officers for the Supervision of the Preparation of Electoral Lists.

RCs have been asked to consider the question of leaving in their territory, after AME ceases, Liaison Officers for the supervision of the preparation of electoral lists. They have been asked to submit their recommendations to the Executive Commissioner.

2. Electoral Lists - 21-year olds. A further directive on the preparation of electoral lists (AC/45/1/LG) dated 16 July has been distributed to RCs and ECs. It concerns the franchise which will give the right to vote to those persons who attain their majority (21 years old) by 31 December 1945.

3. Formation of the National Consultative Assembly. On 31 July 1945 a Directive on "The Formation of the National Consultative Assembly" was distributed to RCs and ECs. This directive concerns representation of the Northern Regions in the Assembly. For which purpose a Decree has been passed by the Council of Ministers and will be published and implemented shortly. RCs and ECs are asked to facilitate communications between local organs of the six political parties and the Italian Government through Allied Military channels, but only if and when such assistance is requested by any of the parties. AME will, of course, not intervene in any other way with the formation of the National Consultative Assembly. (DIRECTIVE AC/1/27/LG of 21 July 1945).

4. Oath of Sindaci, etc. The question of the form of oath which should now be taken by Sindaci, assessori and Deputati Provinciali has arisen as a result of the reluctance displayed by the Sindaco of Genova to take the oath in the 1915 form, which is in breach of loyalty to the King. This 300-Commission has discussed the matter with the Ministry of the Interior and it has been decided that upon the correct interpretation of Article 3 of RDE of April 1944, No. 111, Sindaci and other local government office-holders are not required to take the oath prescribed

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5. Local Government Surveys. On 20 July 1945 Captain W. J. Cunningham visited the Region to advise on local government organization for the preparation of electoral lists. Major Ralph R. Temple, Deputy Director, returned on 23 July from Lombardia Region where he visited the provinces of Varese, Como, Sondrio, Bergamo, Brancia and Cremona. Major Temple stated that local government in these provinces is functioning satisfactorily. Organizations for the preparation of electoral lists are, in most instances, well in hand, although one or two Deputazioni Provinciali and Giunta Provinciali Administrative as well as all Electoral Commissions have yet to be formed. Major Temple urged that Sindaco and Giunta Comunale, most of whom have been appointed, be confirmed in office by Prefects and all on bloc immediately; individual changes could always be effected later.

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6. Secretariat Communi. In connection with the compilation of electoral lists an interesting scheme to overcome the shortage of trained and experienced Communal Secretaries is being used by the Prefect of Brescia. He has divided the province into 10 "zones" and has placed one of his most competent communal secretaries in charge of each "zone". These officials not only take care of their own communes but also advise and supervise communal secretaries of communes within their respective "zones". These prefectural officials take their tours, contact is made directly with each of the key communal secretaries who report on administrative, programs, etc. This plan is recommended for consideration and possible use in all provinces.

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Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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Tel: 478190

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : ED Emilia }
Liguria }
Lombardia } with copies for PCs
Piemonte }
Venezie }

1. It is the intention of this Sub-Commission to send you and your PCs each week an account of points of interest arising in this Headquarters and in the field. This relates to Local Government matters only: not Patriots or Line Clearance.
2. These reports will be brief and factual.
3. They will include a brief note on all Local Government S/C directives. This will be of some value for ready reference and will ensure that all such directives and instructions are brought to your attention.
4. Weekly reports for 10 July and 17 July respectively are attached for your information.

Encl. as in (4) above.

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/27/25/LG

Tel: 478190

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. A letter dated 7 July and signed by the CC has been addressed to Signore PARRI, 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 H. E. BONOLLI's Government.

2. On 8 July 1945, a letter was addressed by the CC to Signore PARRI 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.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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(Signed) Ralph R. Temple
RALPH R. TEMPLE, Major.
Deputy Director, Local Govt. S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 478190

17 July 1945

AC/27/25/LG

SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

- ✓ 1. Condition 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 Advisers and the Prefect of Bolzano.
- ✓ 2. Giunta Comunale. RS Venezia referred to this HQ on the question of continuing in office Giunta which, as constituted by the CNL, 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. (X)
- ✓ 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 Savona 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 (C/45/A/LG).
- ✓ 6. Preparation of Electoral Lists--LG Zones in Southern Italy. A directive has been distributed (AC/45/A/LG of 12 July) to LG 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 CCAC which will legalize the work already completed. (X)
- ✓ 7. Local Government Surveys. Major G.G.R. Williams returned from his tour of 7 provinces in Venetia Region on 13 July and Captain W. I. Cunningham completed a survey of 5 provinces in Liguria Region on 15 July. Major R. R. Temple, the Deputy Director, is at present away on a tour of 5 provinces of Lombardia Region.

(Signed) R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS, Colonel
Director, Local Government S/C

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