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ELECTORAL LISTS & CORRESPONDENCE
SEPT. 1945 - FEB. 1946

AC/45/15/A/LG

PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS

CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

RE PROGRESS REPORTS IN AMGT TERRITORY

To	Date
C.A.H.O.	21/12/1945

1472 RE PROGRESS REPORTS IN AMGT TERRITORY

Geo	Date	
G.A.S.	21/2/1945	

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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM SEPT 45.
FEB 46
-CATALOGUE-

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imminent, further action is futile.
The reports after Dec. 31 will go
directly to the Ministry from the Pres.
sects. We have arranged to receive
copies thereof.

RL Temple, Mayor
Dir. L.G.S/C

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

FILE NO. _____

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SUBJECT:

TO : *Exclusion.*

Proposed Regional Conference:
 I have spoken to Lord Galt SC. with regard to addressing
 the meeting about the duties of liaison officers with in connection
 with the preparation of electoral lists. Major Sample says that
 they will have no duties. There is of course no logical reason why
 the ACO at any nation should have greater responsibility than the
 ACO Bari. After the handover the responsibility will be either
 one or entirely Italian. As regards information in both
 Army and AC twelfth divisions is placed entirely on the
 Prefectural reports and this will not be affected by the handover.

It would however like two other points mentioned - they
 are set out in the att? side. memo. with copies for distribution
 to the RCO after the meeting.

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DEC 1945

AS: Bottleneck is the ~~Capt Hare~~ - his prepared concept for this ^{office} approval. Once this approval is given ^{down} up, the final list will not take long to ~~take up~~.
RCs pressing for vigorous action.

3. Think by Ex. C. BS to continue action.

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4. Spoke local government S/C. They advise no further action. P.A.

BS. 14/10.

WRC

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CAS - Unfortunately the matter was misconstrued at the RCs' meeting. The reports referred to in para. 1 of my memo and in the attached mimeographed circular deal merely with the prefect's narrative as to progress - a setting forth of the position every 2 weeks. We have not been receiving those reports on time. However with the turnover of territory

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14 Dec.

Director

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1. Barbara Sampson (of Ex Comm's Office) came to see me this afternoon about p. 6. She's been told to take any nec. action in this coming out of the Nelson meeting & asked our advice. So I asked what had happened.
 2. On point 1 - Prefect's fortuitously report - she says this was read in full & that RCs replied that nearly all the "elucidation" had been compiled but that the Casellari were the bottle neck. I pointed out that this answer was entirely irrelevant. We were not asking why better progress had not been made but why the Prefect's reports did not come in regularly. She could add no more however.
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 4. Barbara S. suggested a letter from their office to RCs telling them what the point really was. & said we had already written & signalled time & time again. In view of the imminent handover I saw no point in a letter.
 5. As to point 2 - sending Inspector General - Barbara S. feels we this was not even mentioned.
 6. I told her that no further action on either point need be taken & she could record me on her file as saying so. *Agreed*

Agreed - see my note 15 Dec

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The translations of newspaper articles on 12, 14, 14A may be of interest to you. They indicate the effect of our work. I like the frankness of the new minister.

NR Ted
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R. Temple, Major
Div. Logistics

20 Dec.

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Allied Commission
Office of Chief Liaison Officer
Venezia

Villa Taverna
Preganziol
Near Treviso

1 Feb. 46

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
Attn: Local Government Sub Commission

SUBJECT : Electoral Inspective Service.

FILE NO : CLO/V/LG/39

1. Ref your letter of 26 January, I was very glad to meet, this morning, Dott. Bompiani and to hear his report.
2. I gather that he is well satisfied with the position in the Province of Treviso. He will go forward to Udine on Monday next, we can provide transport, and he will visit Belluno after Udine.
3. Dott. Bompiani will keep us closely in touch with his movements. Anything that can be done to assist his important work, I shall gladly do.


Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer

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RALPH R. TEMPLER
Major,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

RET/en.

26 January 1946.

SUBJECT : Electoral Inspective Service.

TO : Lt. Col. Bright,
P.O. Udine

1. This will introduce Inspector General, Dott. Paolo BORTIANI, who has been entrusted by the Ministry for the Interior with the task of inspecting and supervising the activities of the Italian officials in connection with the preparation for the elections in the Communes of the province of Udine as well as in Belluno and Treviso.

2. The assignment of Dott. Bortiani to this work has received the full approval of the Allied Commission, and you are respectfully asked to give him every assistance to facilitate the carrying out of his important duties.

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RALPH R. T. MILES
Major,
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Local Government Sub Commission

RMT:am.

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(Translation)

From : Ministry of the Interior
Direzione Gen. Am. Civile
Electoral Service

Rome, 23 January 1946

File : 15600/D 8391

SUBJECT : Electoral Inspective Service

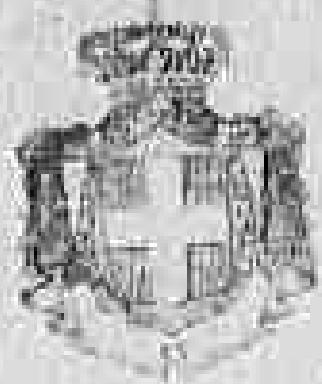
TO : Local Govt. S/C

- 1) Reference is made to your letter dated 17 december 1945, N. 40/45/15/10.
- 2) Inspector General Dott. Paolo Pompiani has been entrusted with the task of controlling the trend of the operations in connection with the elections in the communes of the province of Udine in addition to those of the provinces of Belluno and Treviso.
- 3) As already informed by letter 3 december 1945, n. 15600/D, said official, before starting on his mission, will call on you to receive any instructions and facilities which may be granted to him to make his task easier.

FOR THE MINISTER

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENER. AMMIN. CIVILE
Servizio Elettorale

Roma, 23 gennaio

1946

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE GOVERNO LOCALE
R O M A

Divisione *Sec.*
Det. V. 15600/D Allegati vari
8391

Risposta al Foglio del
Qu. *Sec.*

OGGETTO Servizio elettorale ispettivo -

- 1) Si fa riferimento alla lettera di codesta On/le Commissione, in data 17 dicembre scorso, n°AC/45/15/A/LG.-
- 2) L'Ispettore Generale Dottor Paolo Bompiani è stato incaricato di controllare l'andamento delle operazioni elettorali nei comuni della provincia di Udine oltrechè in quelli delle provincie di Belluno e Treviso.-
- 3) Come già comunicato con la lettera del 3 dicembre scorso, numero 15600/D, detto funzionario, prima d'iniziare la missione, si presenterà a codesta On/le Commissione per eventuali istruzioni e per quelle agevolazioni che potranno essergli concesse allo scopo di facilitarne il compito.-

PEL MINISTRO

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Excerpt from the newspaper "L'UNITA'" of 18 December 1945 -

AN INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER ROMITA

Work is going on for the preparation of the next elections.

We have deemed useful to ask comrade Romita, Minister of the Interior, some news as to the stage of preparation arrived at in the work concerning the administrative and political elections. Here is a summary of our conversation:

- Is the Government determined to hold the administrative elections prior to the political ones?

As things are at present the Government cannot but confirm its determination to have the administrative elections precede the political ones.

- To what extent will it be possible to do this and at when?

They will be held in the Communes having obtained the definitive approval of the lists and provided for the furnishing of the seats, and in the other Communes as soon as such pre-requisites are accomplished. The time for holding such elections: February and March. Their resumption: not before the end of May, having regard to the date fixed for the elections of the Costituente and of the necessity for obvious reasons that the political elections should not coincide with the administrative one.

- When does the Government think will the electoral law and the other formalities for holding the elections be ready?

Whereas the passing of the law is subject to the advice of the Commission of the Consulta - and the Government hopes this time the necessity of working fast will be understood - it is anticipated that the law could be published by the end of this year or at the beginning of next January and that prerequisites of the polling (notices to convene the electoral meetings, distribution of electoral certificates, etc.) may be completed within the third decade of January and the second of February.

- Will the provincial elections be held in conjunction with the communal ones?

The provincial election will presumably be disconnected from the communal ones and held after the political elections.

- Does the Government keep to his pledge to hold the political elections within the month of April?

Except for possible difficulties of a technical order, as for instance in the case of Communes whose lists in spite of the adoption of every possible measure have not yet been approved, the Government believes to be able to confirm the convocation of the electoral meetings for the end of April or the first decade of May.

- When will the electoral law be ready and when the necessary formalities be ready too?

All depends from the trend of the works of the Plenary Assembly of the Consulta, whose discussions may be completed within the 20th of January. In such a case the necessary formalities for the mechanics of polling may be completed not later than 31st March.

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- Does the Government retain the amendments that the preceding Government had foreseen in connection with the law project for the political elections?

Nothing definitive can be established by the Government, since every actual determination is subordinated to the advice of the Consulta.

- What is the position with the electoral lists: are they the same both for the administrative and the political elections?

The lists are the same for any popular consultation. The latest data concerning the compilation and approval of the lists have been recently communicated to the press and through it divulged to the public.

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(Continuation excerpt newspaper "L'UNITA'" of 18 December 1945)

- Which are the actual provisions the Government intends to take in order to insure a speedy completion of the electoral lists?

All those deemed more suitable to expedite the works having regard to present difficulties and compliance with the necessary guarantees pre-arranged to protect individual rights. To this purpose the necessary guarantee service will be intensified, Prefects will be solicited to take action, the searches in the Casellari will be speeded up and the administrative procedure for the compilation of the lists will be still more simplified.

EXCERPT from the newspaper "L'AVANTI" of 19 December 1945

WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO ELECT SINDACI AND COMUNAL COUNCILLORS ?

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Speaking of the new administrative electoral law which will be discussed today at the Consulta by the "Commissione Affari politici e amministrativi", comrade Romita told us:

I will support the draft law proposed by the Council of Ministers with the amendments of practical and technical character leaving the fundamental nature of the law unchanged, but which have been studied for the purpose of expediting the compilation of the electoral lists, their approval and the preparation of certificates, etc.

- Could you tell us how we stand with the preparation of the lists?

Unfortunately we are much in arrears. Only 775 out of 7300 communes have their male and female electoral lists approved. In other 123 communes only the male lists have been approved, while in other 341 only the lists of female electors. And among the 775 communes whose lists both of male and female electors are approved, the communes in question are mostly small. Only 5 are chief towns of provinces like: Avellino, Cosenza, Caserta, Salerno, Ragusa.

- When do you think will the first election be held?

It is impossible to answer this question, said Minister Romita, but with a great degree of approximation. We are in the stage of gathering results and, in view of the measures taken and being taken, elections may start within January and during the first or second Sunday of March polling may take place in about a quarter of the communes. Of course subject to the overcoming of the remaining difficulties and above all if the approval of the laws will occur in December or at the beginning of January.

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-Could also such requirement delay the administrative elections?

I do not believe it, said Comrade Romita. The most important thing is that all Communes should work more and more industriously to prepare the electoral lists in order to proceed as soon as possible to their publication.

INTERVISTA CON IL MINISTRO ROMITA

Si lavora per la preparazione dei prossimi comizi elettorali

Abbiamo ritenuto utile chiedere al compagno Romita, Ministro degli Interni, alcune notizie circa lo stadio di preparazione cui siamo arrivati per il lavoro concernente le elezioni amministrative e politiche, ed ecco la nostra conversazione:

— Il Governo è deciso a indire le elezioni amministrative prima di quelle politiche?

— Allo stato attuale il Governo non può che confermare la propria determinazione di far precedere le elezioni amministrative a quelle politiche.

— In quale misura sarà possibile farle ed in quale tempo?

— Saranno fatte nei comuni che avranno conseguito l'approvazione definitiva delle liste e provveduto all'arredamento dei seggi e negli

altri e meno a meno che verranno realizzati dati presupposti. Tempo delle convocazioni — febbraio e marzo. Loro ripresa: non prima della fine del maggio; tenuto conto della data fissata per le elezioni della Costituente e della necessità, per quelle regioni che non condividano le consultazioni politiche ed amministrative.

— In quale periodo di tempo il Governo crede sia pronta la legge e siano pronte le altre formalità per indire le elezioni?

— Premesso che il perfezionamento della legge è condizionato al potere della Commissione della Consulta — ed il Governo pensa che questa volta comprenderà la necessità di far presto — si prevede che la legge potrà essere pubblicata alla fine dell'anno in corso od al primi del prossimo.

— La legge elettorale sarà pronta e che le premesse della votazione (manifesti per la controparte dei comizi, distribuzione certificati elettorali, ecc.) potranno esaurirsi tra la terza decade di gennaio e la seconda di febbraio.

— Le elezioni provinciali si faranno condizionatamente a quelle comunali?

— Le elezioni provinciali saranno presumibilmente spaziate, da quelle comunali e indette dopo i comizi politici.

— Il Governo mantiene l'intenzione di indire le elezioni politiche entro aprile?

— Salvo circostanze difficili, di ordine tecnico, come, ad esempio, nel caso di comuni nei quali, nonostante l'indizione di comizi, non si sia ancora formata la lista non formata, il Governo si tiene di poter confermare per la fine di aprile o alla prima decade di maggio la convocazione dei comizi politici.

La legge elettorale, quando sarà pronta, quando saranno pronte le necessarie formalità.

— Tutto dipende dall'andamento dei lavori dell'Assemblea plenaria della Consulta. In cui discussioni potrebbero anche esaurirsi entro il 30 gennaio. In tal caso le formalità necessarie per il perfezionamento della votazione potrebbero essere adempiute non oltre il 31 marzo.

— Il Governo mantiene le modalità che il precedente Governo aveva previsto al progetto di legge per le elezioni politiche?

— Nulla di definitivo può essere stabilito dal Governo, essendo ormai consacrata l'istituzione subordinata

— Tutti questi che saranno rifatti più idonei ad accelerare i lavori compatibilmente con le difficoltà contingenti e l'osservanza delle necessarie quarantaglie predisposte a tutela dei diritti individuali. A tal fine viene intensificato il servizio legislativo, almeno in quanto al servizio dei seggiari e pulzato alle ricerche dei seggiari e semplificata ancor più la procedura amministrativa per la compilazione delle liste.

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della necessaria quantificazione predisposta a tutela dei diritti individuali. A tal fine viene identificato il servizio rispetto al quale la

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Quando potremo eleggere sindaci e consiglieri comunali?

Forse - dichiara il Ministro Romita - nella prima domenica di marzo, in un quarto dei comuni SE....

Siamo riuniti a discutere, su proposta del compagno Romita, del nostro inteso di Ministro degli Interni per dieci mesi, quali informazioni dirette sulle elezioni amministrative.

Accennando alla discussione della nuova legge elettorale amministrativa che si discute oggi alla Camera, in seno alla Commissione Affari politici e amministrativi, il compagno Romita ci ha detto:

«Sottoporro al disegno di legge proposto dal Consiglio dei Ministri con delle modifiche di carattere pratico e tecnico che non variano il carattere fondamentale della legge, ma che sono state studiate allo scopo di accelerare la formazione delle liste elettorali, l'approvazione di esse e la preparazione dei cartelli, ecc.

«Perché direi a che punto siamo con la preparazione delle liste?

«Purtroppo siamo molto in ritardo. Soltanto in 775 comuni su 7380 circa, hanno già le liste elettorali maschili e femminili approvate. In altri 123 comuni sono state approvate soltanto le liste maschili e in altri 341 comuni soltanto quelle femminili. E fra i 775 comuni in cui sono state approvate le liste sia maschili sia femminili — in genere si tratta di piccoli comuni — soltanto 5 sono i capoluoghi di provincia: Avellino, Cosenza, Caserta, Salerno, Ragusa.

«Per quanto precedi le prime elezioni?

«Non è possibile — ha detto il Ministro Romita — rispondere a questa domanda se non con molta approssimazione. Siamo nella fase di raccolta dei risulti e, data i provvedimenti presi e quelli in corso, forse entro gennaio potranno essere indette le elezioni e nella prima o seconda domenica di marzo si potrà votare all'incirca in un quarto dei comuni. Naturalmente

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«Poco. Essa è stata raccomandata dagli Alleati, ma pone problemi molto complessi. Soprattutto quello della carta che deve essere di un unico tipo per le schede di tutta Italia; deve essere leggera, sottile ma resistente e non trasparente. Occorre tener presente che per i grandi comuni di 80 consiglieri, il formato delle schede dovrà essere, salvo modifiche di cui si parla, di 70 per 50 e per i piccoli comuni di 35 per 50. E di questa carta spetterà appositamente fabbricata se ne vorrà per lo meno 3500 quintali.

«Anche questa necessità porta ritardando le elezioni amministrative? — Non credo — ci dice il compagno Romita facendoci chiaramente capire quanto desideri tornare al suo lavoro — La cosa più importante è che in tutti i comuni si lavori sempre più alacremente per preparare le liste elettorali onde procedere il più sollecitamente possibile alla loro pubblicazione.

Il Congresso Socialista di Bari

BARI, 18. — Alla presenza del compagno Camillo, vice segretario del Partito Socialista Italiano, si è aperto oggi il Congresso provinciale Socialista Nazionale, presieduto dal compagno Napolitano. L'ordine del giorno è stato approvato all'unanimità.

Dopo la relazione sull'attività della Federazione del Socialismo, il compagno Napolitano ha portato il tema della Direzione Centrale del Partito che ha pronunciato un discorso nel quale ha rilevato che l'attuale linea politica del Partito Socialista è l'ideale comune alla politica tradizionale del socialismo, ha sottolineato la necessità che la linea politica si realizzi in termini democratici, legali, per far comprendere che si opera anche ai tempi medi che si agisce per un più alto.

Quando potremo eleggere sindaci e consiglieri comunali?

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BARI, 12. - Alla presenza del segretario Carlo Rosselli, vice segretario del Partito Socialista Italiano, si è aperto oggi il Congresso provinciale Socialista. Ha parlato per primo il Consigliere Nazionale Lavinio, il quale ha affermato che l'altro che dall'uscita con il Partito Socialista è uscito rafforzato.

Dopo la relazione sull'attività della Federazione del Segretario, Rosselli, Carlo, ha parlato il suo delegato alla Direzione Centrale del Partito, ed ha pronunciato un discorso nel quale, ritenuto che l'attuale linea politica del Partito Socialista è idealmente congrua alla politica tradizionale del socialismo, ha sostenuto la necessità che la linea politica si svolga in termini democratici, legali, per far comprendere che la politica non è solo difendere i propri interessi ma anche quelli degli altri, e la libertà di iniziativa.

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18/12/45

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Head of the Electoral Service, Ministry of the Interior.

To Director, Major Temple.

Re: Project of Administrative Electoral Law

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ALLA CONSULTA

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EXCERPT from the Newspaper "L'UNITA'" of 20 December 1945

CONCLUSIONE DI UN VIVACE DIBATTITO ALLA CONSULTA

La legge elettorale amministrativa viene esaminata subito in sede di Commissione

Ordini del giorno ritirati - Un emendamento proposto da Grieco Riunione della Commissione per la Finanza e per il Tesoro

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Translation of passages underlined in red:

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Hanno quindi preso la parola i consultori Manes (democratico del lavoro) e Boeri (azionista) i quali hanno sostenuto la necessità che la discussione avvenga in seduta plenaria, presentando a questo scopo un ordine del giorno.

Prendeva allora la parola il compagno Grieco il quale proponeva un emendamento all'ordine del giorno nel senso che una eventuale presentazione all'Assemblea Plenaria non dovrebbe in alcun modo ritardare la data delle elezioni. All'emendamento Grieco si associavano i democratici cristiani Fuschini e Cingolani.

Dopo Grieco prendeva la parola il Ministro Romita il quale rilevava la necessità che la legge elettorale venisse approvata entro il 10 gennaio e portava alcuni argomenti a sostegno della sua tesi.

In seguito all'intervento di Romita la Commissione soprasseva alla votazione dell'ord. g. Manes-Boeri e approvava la seguente proposta presentata da Grieco, Cingolani e Boeri:

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SUBJECT: Note of interview - Ministry of the Interior

DATE : 15 December 1945 - 10.00 hrs.

PRESENT: Dr. Giuseppe ROMITA, Minister of the Interior
 Dr. Giuseppe SPATARO, Under Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior
 Dr. CATENACCI, Chief of the Cabinet
 Major R.R. Temple, Director, Local Government S/C.
 Mr. Arrigo Nice, interpreter.

1. I told Dr. ROMITA that I was paying this visit as a courtesy call and that I wished him all success in his new office.
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12. (Dr. Catenacci later in the hall explained that was perfectly obvious to me, i.e. that there was a division of opinion on the subject of career and non-career Prefects between the new Minister who is a Socialist and the Under Secretary who is a Christian-Democrat.

Apparently Dr. Catenacci and Dr. Spataro hoped that I might tip the balance in favour of a career Prefect by indicating that this was officially the desire of the Allied Commission.

I carefully refrained from taking any stand on this point).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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AG/45/15/A/AG

Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: Electoral operations - Inspections

17 December 1945

TO : Ministry of the Interior - Direction-General Civil Administration
Electoral Service

1. Reference is made to your letter of 3 December 1945 File No. 15600/D.
2. This Sub Commission is pleased to inform you that the Allied Commission approves your proposals as contained in the aforementioned letter and offers its close cooperation.
3. The Local Government Sub Commission awaits notification as to the names of the officials to be entrusted with the inspectional duties mentioned.

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DATE: Date of interview - Ministry of the Interior

DATE : 13 December 1945 - 11.30 hrs.

PRESENT: Mr. GASTALDI, Chief of the Cabinet, Ministry of the Interior
 Dr. STANO, Head of the Electoral Service, Ministry of the Interior
 Major R.R. Temple, Director, Local Government S/O.
 Mr. Arrigo Nicos, Interpreter.

1. I mentioned to Mr. GASTALDI that we had received the letter from Director-General VILLORENTI of the Electoral Service, in which the latter proposed to organize an inspection service to follow more closely the progress of electoral operations and assisting local Government officials in their tasks.
2. I told him that in fact I had been thinking along the same lines and as a matter of fact had asked that the matter be raised at the meeting of regional commissioners at Milan.
3. I had intended to take the matter up with the Italian Government as soon as I was informed of the reaction of the regional commissioners to my suggestion.
4. As soon as I received this information I promised Mr. GASTALDI to take it up with the Italian Government officially.

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SUBJECT: Date of interview - Ministry of the Interior

DATE: 15 December 1945 - 11.30 hrs

PERSONS: Dott. C. DEBARDI - Chief of the Cabinet, Ministry of the Interior
 Dott. DEBARDI - Head of the Electoral Service, Ministry of the Interior
 Major E. L. Temple - Director Local Government A.G.
 Mr. A. Nies, interpreter.

1. Mr. DEBARDI explained to us that he had prepared his report for the President of the Council of Ministers following our conference on the 17th November which had been suggested in the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister of the 8th November. The Government crisis however had prevented its transmission to the Office of the Presidency, and that consequently the letter from the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner dealing with the electoral law was not ready to be despatched.

2. He agreed however that there was nothing to prevent an immediate response from the Italian Government dealing with the Constituent Assembly Law, inasmuch as there had been complete agreement with that Ministry on all points raised by the Allied Commission concerning that law, and in fact the Ministry for the Constituent had included the agreed changes in their draft to be presented to the Consulta.

3. Dr. DEBARDI showed us 2 sample ballots which he had prepared for consideration by the President of the Council, one based on the majority system in use in Germany under 1933, the other based on the proportionate representation list system used in Germany under 1933. Both followed the suggestion which I made at the interview on the 17th November. Dr. DEBARDI said that they would be submitted for consideration at a conference which he expected would now place as soon as the President read his report.

4. Dr. DEBARDI said that the semi-weekly report indicating the situation with regard to progress in compilation of electoral registers would be sent to us in a few days.

5. He stated that the situation according to the latest returns is as follows:-

2505 male lists and 5233 female lists compiled, making a total of 6138 lists approved are 598 male and 1116 female lists, making a total of 2014 (there are 14120 lists involved in Italy)

6. Dr. DEBARDI expressed the opinion that the Law themselves had to be discussed by the Consulta and then passed by the Council of Ministers, and he hoped that the local elections might take place before the end of February. He hoped that by then the lists would be ready in most of Central and Southern Italy.

7. He did not expect the Local Elections' Law to be enacted before the end of January.

Major E. L. Temple
 Director
 Local Government Sub-Commission

Rome, 3 December 1945

From : Ministry of the Interior
Dir. Gen. Am. Civile
Electoral Service

File N.15600/D

To : Local Govt S/C ,AC

SUBJECT : Electoral Operations - Inspections

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- 3) Should your Sub Commission have no objections on the matter, said officials could be sent also in the territories under the jurisdiction of the Allied Authorities being charged with the task, in accordance with similar measures to be taken for central and southern Italy, to inspect and supervise from time to time a certain group of provinces. In this way the whole national territory would be divided in various sectors, each one of them entrusted to an official holding a rank not lower than VII, with the appreciable double advantage of maintaining the necessary uniformity of directives and to avoid a fractioning of responsibility.
- 4) The names of the officials would be communicated beforehand to your Commission to which we shall transmit for opportune information, copy of the reports on the single inspections carried out as well as some remarks as to deficiencies or other inconveniences.
- 5) Needless to say that the officials entrusted therewith, before starting on their mission, would call on your Commission to receive any instructions you may deem to impart and possibly a letter of introduction to the proper regional and provincial commissioner in order to make their task easier, having regard to the existing difficulties.

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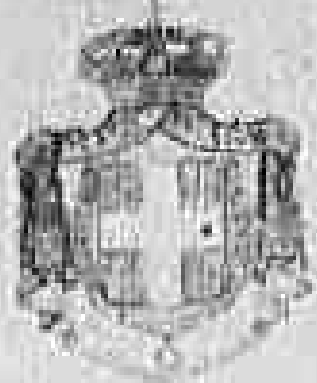
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Ministero dell'Interno
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ALL L'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Governo Locale
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Risposta al Foglio del
Qu. *Sec.*

OGGETTO Operazioni elettorali - Ispezioni.-

- 1) L'approssimarsi delle consultazioni popolari pone in primo piano la funzione ispettiva che permette di seguire, con maggiore immediatezza, lo svolgimento delle operazioni elettorali nelle singole provincie.-
- 2) A tal fine questo Ministero è venuto nella determinazione di organizzare un apposito servizio, affidandolo a funzionari in possesso delle necessarie attitudini e sufficientemente edotti della materia, i quali dovranno fiancheggiare l'opera di vigilanza e coordinamento degli uffici elettorali delle Prefetture, stimolare opportunamente l'attività dei sindaci e dei segretari comunali, ovviare ad eventuali lacune od irregolarità e dare i suggerimenti più idonei ad assicurare la maggiore precisione e speditezza dei singoli adempimenti, specie nella fase preliminare alla convocazione dei comizi.-
- 3) Qualora codesta On/le Commissione nulla abbia in contrario, detti funzionari potrebbero essere inviati anche nei territori sottoposti alla giurisdizione dell'Autorità Alleata, con l'incarico, analogamente a quanto sarà disposto per l'Italia centro-meridionale, d'ispezionare e vigilare saltuariamente un determinato gruppo di provincie. In tal modo l'intero territorio nazionale sarebbe ripartito in vari settori, ciascuno dei quali verrebbe affidato ad un funzionario, di grado non inferiore al VII°, con l'apprezzabile, duplice vantaggio di mantenere la necessaria uniformità di direttive ed evitare frazionamenti di responsabilità.-
- 4) I nominativi dei funzionari sarebbero preventivamente comunicati a codesta On/le Commissione cui sarebbe altresì trasmessa, per doverosa conoscenza, copia delle relazioni sulle singole ispezioni effettuate nonché qualsiasi segnalazione di deficienze od altri inconvenienti.-

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- 5) Va da sé che i funzionari incaricati, prima d'iniziare la missione, si presenterebbero a codesta On/le Commissione per le istruzioni che ritenesse d'impartire e per l'eventuale rilascio di una lettera di presentazione presso i competenti commissari, regionali e provinciali, onde sia agevolato il loro compito, tenuto conto delle contingenti difficoltà.-

Si rimane in attesa di conoscere le determinazioni di codesta On/le Commissione in proposito.-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/45/15/4/LG

Tel : Int.620 .

SUBJECT : Matters to be raised at RCs meeting -
11 December 1945.

5 December 1945

TO : CA Section

I would appreciate very much if the following matters were raised at the forthcoming Regional Commissioner's meeting :

1. Prefects fortnightly reports of preparation of electoral lists.

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Copies of this circular are appended hereto and it is respectfully requested that it be read to the RCs here assembled by the Executive Commissioner, after which copies should be handed personally to each RC.

We have responsibility while the territory is under AMG control and we should carry it out.

2. Surveys by Inspectors General of the Ministry of the Interior.

Because of the shortage of personnel of this Sub Commission, it is impossible for any of the officers to make their usual periodic inspectional tours to check on progress of the preparation of election registers. The shortage of personnel in the provinces, some of which have only one officer, also gives rise to difficulties in checking on progress. Recently, a list of whole Commune containing almost 15,000 names had to be returned because it was improperly prepared.

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I have a suggestion to make which might be discussed at this meeting: -
The Italian Government has on its staff officials of prefect rank who are assigned as Inspectors General. Some of these officials have been used by this Sub Commission to make specific investigations in territory under AMG control reporting to both the Italian Government and to this Sub Commission. In each case the approval of the RC has been sought and obtained. I believe that the RCs would find it to their advantage if Inspectors General were permitted to make surveys tours to the provinces in their Region in order to check on progress and work in the preparation of the electoral registers. They would

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be instructed to report first to RC and then to PCs before contacting Italian officials. The scope of their investigations would be limited.

RCs and PCs would have to make arrangements for transportation and perhaps billeting facilities to permit these high officials to move around with the least difficulty. Reports of their investigation will be made to the Ministry of the Interior as well as to this Sub Commission and the pertinent information transmitted to the RCs and PCs for any necessary action. If the Inspectors General went beyond the scope of their mission and abused this privilege, their visits would of course be stopped immediately.

Before I raise this matter with the Italian Government, I would appreciate receiving the reaction of our RCs to this suggestion.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/45/15/A/LG

Ref : 473706

23 October 1945

SUBJECT : Preparation of electoral lists -- Prefects
Fortnightly Reports.

PC	:	ROs	LIGURIA	} With copies for PCs
			LOMBARDIA	
			PIEMONTE	
			VENETIE	

1. Ministry of the Interior circular No. 1330Z of 5 October 1945 is sent herewith for delivery to the Prefect. An English translation is also enclosed for the use of the PC. It is desired to take the opportunity to draw attention to one or two points of procedure in submitting to this HQ copies of the Prefects' fortnightly reports on progress of the preparation of electoral lists.

2. It is requested that PCs cause reports to be accompanied by a copy of the English translation which they no doubt invariably make for their own use. Some PCs have made this a practice but not others. If the practice is always followed, it will result in a great saving of time in the handling at this HQ of reports from 30 provinces.

3. It has been noticed that in certain reports, Prefects refer to matters which are within the competence of AMG. For instance, one Prefect alleged as one of his difficulties in supervising preparation of the electoral lists the fact that the Vice Prefect Inspector could not get petrol, which of course is a matter which only the PC could handle. The comments of PCs on any such matters and indeed on the reports in general will be appreciated.

4. In some cases, reports are being received in this HQ at a late considerably later than the period to which they refer -- sometimes as much as 5 or 6 weeks late. Would PCs please make a special point of having their Prefects submit reports to them the day after the end of the period to which they relate and of transmitting them with translation as soon as they can to Regional HQ.

5. Some Regional HQs invariably send in the reports from all their Provinces together, whereas others send them in one by one as they arrive. It would be appreciated if all Regions would take the responsibility of getting in the reports from all their provinces and sending them together to this HQ.

6. The additional information required by the Ministry's circular sent herewith is extensive and will add considerably to the length of the Prefects' reports, but it is considered to be essential information required by the Italian Government and necessary for a factual picture of the progress being made in Military Government Territory. This Sub Commission agrees with the Minister's criticisms of the vagueness of and in some cases contradictions in some Prefects' reports with previous ones submitted.

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THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Direction General of Civil Administration
Electoral Service

Rome, 5th October 1945

CIRCULAR

File : 1330 Z

SUBJECT : Fortnightly Reports - State of electoral operations.

TO : ALL PREFECTS OF PROVINCES ADMINISTERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
ALL PREFECTS OF PROVINCES UNDER ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
for information : HIGH COMMISSIONERS FOR SICILY AND SARDINIA

This Ministry wishes to have accurate information about the state of electoral proceedings, while the fortnightly reports from the Prefectures are often very vague and sometimes details given in one report are in contrast with those given in the next one. Therefore, will you please, with your first report after receiving this circular, send this office a full list of the communes of your Province with the answer to the following questions for every different commune.

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(the communes who have applied circular n. 13705/15600 L. of the 11th July are not to be considered);
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(including the communes who applied article 3 of D.L. 12 April 1945, n. 204)
- 3) - Has the male general list been approved?
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- 5) - Have the sectional lists been compiled?
- 6) - Have the sectional lists been approved?
- 7) - Has the male additional list been compiled?
(electors born in 1924)
- 8) - Has the female additional list been compiled?
(women born in 1924)
- 9) - Has the male additional list been approved?
- 10) - Has the female additional list been approved?
- 11) - Have the sectional additional lists been compiled?
- 12) - Have the sectional additional lists been approved?
- 13) - Give the definite number of sections formed.
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This report must be brought up to date with all the subsequent fortnightly reports.

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We also beg to draw your attention to the necessity that this report be made as soon as possible and that instructions of this circular be fully complied with in making the usual fortnightly reports.

FOR THE MINISTER
Vicedomini

FROM : Ministry of the Interior
Dir. Gen. Amm. Civile
Electoral Service

Subject : Proceeding of the work for the compilation of Electoral Lists during the first fortnight of November.

NOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

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It is then necessary not to overlook another circumstance and that is that not a few communes found themselves in the threefold necessity:

- a) to repeat, as regards the casellari of the North, the compilation of the electoral extracts, already forwarded to the Casellario Centrale prior to the liberation of the entire national territory;
- b) promote the investigation foreseen by art. 4 of DM mentioned above as regards people born in 1924, for whom it had generally been necessary to compile additional lists;
- c) to forward to the Casellario Centrale the extracts of citizens born in Venezia Giulia and in the territories of Fiume and Zara.

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Taking into account the special circumstances mentioned above and the exigency that the preliminary setting-up of the electoral machinery should be complete as soon as possible in the communes of Southern Italy and in the Islands in view of the approaching convocation of the administrative elections, this General Direction has requested and obtained that the inspective service in the single provinces be intensified through Ministry's officials, of rank not inferior to grade VII, holding the necessary requirements and sufficiently instructed in the numerous directives governing the electoral matters.

For this purpose the General Directions of the Ministry have been urged to promptly nominate officials willing to perform inspective service aiming not only to quickly remove deficiencies and gaps on the spot, but also to expedite as far as possible the process of the various operation and thus place the Ministry in a position to be able to follow closely the activities of the Prefects and of the Communal administrations.

Always with regard to such exigencies, and as a result of advices reaching the Ministry of Transportation, the opportunity has been pointed out to your Cabinet, Mr. President, of immediately providing for the purchase of an adequate number of Fiat motorvehicles with tires on pertaining formerly to the German Army, now being repaired at the O.M. factories of Brescia and set aside to be assigned for the use of governmental offices or other Public Bodies. These vehicles, the cost of which varies from 30,000 to 100,000 lire according to the importance of the effected reparations, will be supplied besides to the Central Electoral Office, to the Prefectures which so far inspite of requisitioning were not able to avail themselves of motorcar. This aside from the fact that very often a requisitioned car could not be used owing to lack of tires or other essential parts.

With regard to the regions of Northern Italy, in particular, this Office deems its duty to insist on the necessity of completing as soon as possible the draft decree already being elaborated, governing the position of the "altoatesini" and those people of the provinces of Trento, Udene and Belluno who opted, as far as citizenship and the right of voting is concerned.

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Owing to the political exigency that a substantial category of citizens should not be excluded from the forthcoming elections, this office has elaborated a legislative draft which is being submitted to your pre-examination, Mister President, and there are brought about some amendments and additions to the provisions in force for the first compilation of the electoral lists, still further simplifying the administrative procedure and cutting into half the terms established by article 9 and 15 of MD 24 October 1944.

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Requests of cancellation and confirmation of effected cancellation, in the event this is done by the proper office, must be effected by telegram not later than 15 January 1946.

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The draft under examination is making up for arbitrary omission, in the lists, of citizens holding the legal requirements, and would render possible both the registration of the refugees and of the displaced persons as well as of the immigrants in the lists of the communes of destination, and the cancellation of such person from the lists of the communes from which they are coming, especially if the lists became definitive and the term of 15 days from the publication in accordance with art. 15 of DM often mentioned has elapsed.

Satisfactory is also the work for the compilation of the sectional lists, which are being published and forwarded to the Electoral Commission as soon as the casellari giudiziari return all the extracts of the "elenchi" relating to men and women.

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The "Provveditorato Generale dello Stato" (General Supply Office of the State) has given assurances that within the 20th of this month delivery will be effected of 20,000 small boxes required for the electoral seats stamps of the communes of central and southern Italy, and that within the 20th of December next, the supplying firm will complete delivery also for the provinces in the North, while the system of the partial deliveries as soon as the single consignments will be completed will remain unchanged.

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The "Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato" has already been charged by this Office to take care of the supply of certificates of registration in the lists for the administrative elections, at the rate of 28,000,000 normal certificates and 5,000,000 duplicates, while the Royal Mint will supply the aluminum stamps for the sealing of the parcels containing the little boxes of stamps, and the pincers for the engraving of the seals.

With reference to the provisions contained in the draft decree for the political electoral law for the Constituent Assembly, the Provveditorato Generale dello Stato and the Istituto Poligrafico have been requested to provide respectively to the supply of 40,000,000 pencils for voting and for the paper necessary for the printing of 40,000,000 ballot papers as well as 28,000,000 electoral certificates and 5,000,000 duplicates.

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OGGETTO : Andamento delle operazioni elettorali durante la
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In adesione al desiderio manifestato da codesta On. Com-
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Si unisce il prospetto contenente i dati numerici relativi
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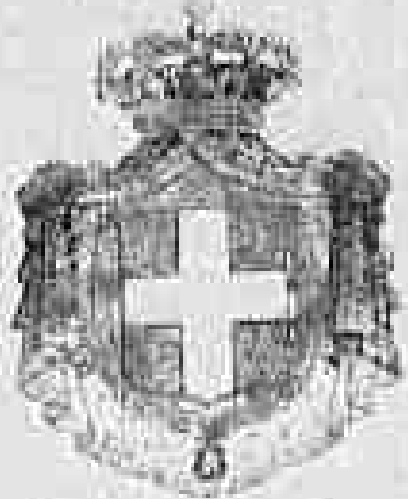
APPUNTO PER IL SIG. PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI,
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I dati pervenuti dai Prefetti, fino a tutto il giorno 15 del corrente mese, sulla formazione delle liste elettorali rivelano un ulteriore miglioramento della situazione generale, specie nell'Italia meridionale ed insulare. Come già segnalato nella precedente relazione, assai progredite sono le operazioni in provincia di Cosenza, dove su 153 comuni risultano definitivamente approvate 150 liste femminili e 144 liste maschili, comprese quelle del capoluogo.

Dal confronto delle cifre esposte nell'accluso prospetto con quelle relative alla seconda quindicina di ottobre si rileva che l'approvazione delle liste maschili e femminili segna un progresso, rispettivamente, di 114 e 120 unità.

A seguito di sensibili differenze riscontrate tra il numero delle liste inviate dai comuni alle Commissioni elettorali ed il numero delle liste finora perfezionate a termini dell'art. 15 del decreto ministeriale 24 ottobre 1944, sono stati telegraficamente interessati i Prefetti perchè rappresentino ai presidenti delle commissioni in parola la necessità che, nei limiti del possibile, vengano intensificate ed accelerate le operazioni di revisione delle liste la cui documentazione penale sia



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completa. In proposito è da tener presente che sulla continuità del lavoro delle commissioni elettorali si ripercuotono, con riflessi negativi, alcune circostanze, come, ad esempio, la vacanza di molte sedi di pretura, il servizio a scavalco cui non pochi magistrati sono costretti, la malattia o l'assenza per ragioni di congedo dei titolari di talune circoscrizioni giudiziarie, la mancanza di facili e frequenti comunicazioni, e così via.

Quest'Ufficio non ha mancato di richiamare, di volta in volta, l'attenzione del Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia che, malgrado l'attuale insufficienza del personale, si è cooperato con ogni impegno per ovviare, nel miglior modo, alle deficienze lamentate.

Altra discordanza viene riscontrata tra le assicurazioni fornite dal Casellario centrale circa l'avvenuto smaltimento del lavoro arretrato concernente i comuni del mezzogiorno e delle isole e le segnalazioni che tuttora pervengono dai prefetti delle provincie meridionali in conseguenza della mancata restituzione della totalità degli estratti. Per quanto non sia da scartare a priori l'ipotesi di disguidi postali, il Ministero sta indagando allo scopo di accertare eventuali omissioni od irregolarità e prendere le necessarie misure dopo che siano state chiarite le cause della rilevata discordanza.

Gioverà peraltro considerare che, nonostante la speciale procedura instaurata dal decreto legislativo 7 settembre 1945, n°643 per l'accertamento dei precedenti penali delle donne nate in circondari i cui casellari sono impossibilitati a funzionare per effetto delle vicende belliche, molti comuni hanno dovuto ritrasmettere gli estratti al casellario centrale, dato che gli organi di polizia competenti non erano in grado di effettuare alcuna ricerca a causa dell'avvenuta distruzione del carteggio di ufficio.

Occorre, poi, non trascurare un'altra circostanza, e cioè che non



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pechi comuni sono venuti a trovarsi nella triplice necessità :

a) di ripetere, per i casellari del Nord, la compilazione degli estratti elettorali, già inviati al casellario centrale prima della liberazione dell'intero territorio nazionale ;

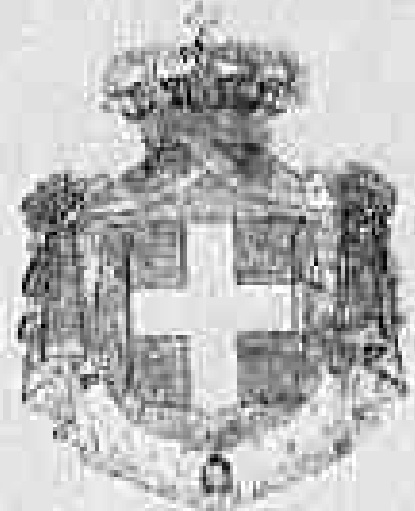
b) promuovere l'istruttoria prevista dall'art. 4 del decreto ministeriale sopracitato nei riguardi dei nati nel 1924, per i quali è occorso generalmente redigere liste suppletive ;

c) rimettere al casellario centrale gli estratti dei cittadini nati nella Venezia Giulia e nei territori di Fiume e Zara.

Tenuto conto delle particolari circostanze suindicate e dell'emigrazione che siano realizzate al più presto, nei comuni del mezzogiorno e delle isole, le premesse del meccanismo elettorale in vista della non lontana convocazione dei comizi amministrativi, questa Direzione Generale ha chiesto, ed ottenuto, che sia intensificato il servizio ispettivo nelle singole provincie, per mezzo di funzionari del Ministero, di grado non inferiore al VII°, in possesso dei necessari requisiti e sufficientemente edotti delle numerose e minute istruzioni che disciplinano la materia elettorale.

A tal fine sono state interessate le Direzioni Generali del Ministero perchè designino sollecitamente i funzionari disposti a disimpegnare il servizio ispettivo che tende non solo a rimuovere prontamente in loco lacune e deficienze, ^{ad} ma affrettare, per quanto possibile, lo svolgimento delle varie operazioni e mettere il Ministero in condizioni di seguire più da vicino l'attività dei prefetti e delle amministrazioni comunali.

Sempre in relazione a siffatte esigenze, ed a seguito di segnalazione pervenuta dal Ministero dei Trasporti, si è prospettata al Suo Gabinetto, Signer Presidente, l'opportunità che sia immediatamente provveduto all'acquisto di un congruo numero di autovetture Fiat ²⁷⁰⁰gommate. 00

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provenienti dall'esercito tedesco, in corso di riparazione presso gli stabilimenti O.M. di Brescia e destinate ad essere cedute in uso ad uffici governativi o ad altri enti pubblici. Di tali automezzi, il cui costo oscilla dalle 30.000 alle 100.000 lire a seconda dell'entità delle riparazioni eseguite, sarebbero provviste, oltre l'Ufficio centrale elettorale, le Prefetture cui non è riuscito finora, nonostante il ricorso a provvedimenti di requisizione, conseguire la disponibilità di una autovettura. Senza contare che spesso l'automezzo requisito non ha potuto essere utilizzato per mancanza di gomme o di altre parti essenziali.

Per ciò che riguarda specificamente le regioni dell'Alta Italia, l'Ufficio scrivente stima doverose insistere sulla necessità che sia perfezionato, nel più breve tempo, lo schema di decreto legislativo, già in elaborazione, col quale si disciplina la posizione degli altoatesini e degli optanti delle provincie di Trento, Udine e Belluno, ai fini della cittadinanza e del conseguente esercizio del diritto di voto.

Dai Prefetti delle provincie settentrionali sono pervenuti, negli scorsi giorni, numerosi quesiti in seguito al desiderio manifestato da molti connazionali, residenti all'estero, di prendere parte alla consultazione popolare per la formazione dell'Assemblea Costituente. Si tratta, nella maggior parte dei casi, di cittadini più non compresi nel registro di popolazione dei comuni di origine e per i quali il difetto dell'iscrizione anagrafica e della residenza costituirebbe ostacolo non superabile all'esercizio del suffragio.

Attesa l'esigenza politica di non escludere dalla prossima convocazione dei comizi una cospicua categoria di cittadini, l'ufficio ha elaborato uno schema di provvedimento legislativo che viene sottoposto al Suo preventivo esame, Signor Presidente, e col quale si apportano alcune modificazioni ed aggiunte alle norme in vigore per la prima compilazione delle liste elettorali, semplificandosi ancor più la procedura

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amministrativa e riducendosi alla metà i termini stabiliti dagli articoli 9 e 15 del decreto ministeriale 24 ottobre 1944.

Tenute poi conto del continuo deflusso dei profughi e degli sfollati verso i rispettivi comuni di residenza e della graduale ripresa delle correnti migratorie interne, lo schema dispone :

a) che siano iscritti, di ufficio o su domanda, nelle liste elettorali di detti comuni, previa cancellazione dalle liste del comune di temporanea dimora, i profughi e gli sfollati già rientrati e che rientrino prima della fine dell'anno in corso :

b) che la facoltà prevista dall'art.1 del decreto legislativo 12 aprile 1945, n°201, possa essere esercitata fino a tutto il 31 dicembre 1945 : data, questa, stabilita altresì per gli emigrati all'estero, che possono ottenere l'iscrizione nelle liste soltanto in seguito a domanda.

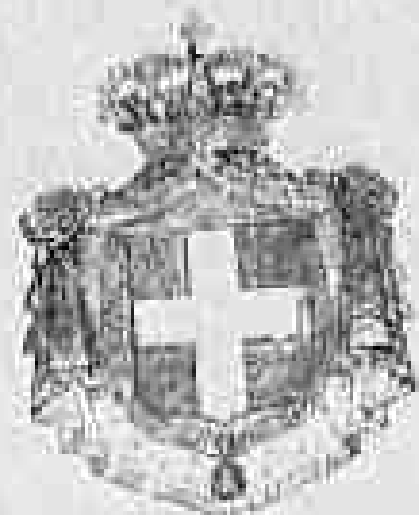
Le richieste di cancellazione e le conferma di avvenuta cancellazione, nel caso in cui si proceda di ufficio, debbono essere fatte telegraficamente non oltre il 15 gennaio 1946.

Con lo schema in esame verrebbero ad essere sanate arbitrarie omissioni, nelle liste, di cittadini in possesso dei requisiti di legge e sarebbe resa possibile tanto l'iscrizione dei profughi e degli sfollati, come degli immigrati, nelle liste dei comuni di destinazione, quanto la cancellazione di dette persone dalle liste dei comuni di provenienza, specie se queste siano divenute già definitive, e sia già trascorso il termine di quindici giorni dalla pubblicazione ai sensi dell'art.15 del decreto ministeriale più volte citato.

Soddisfacente è anche il lavoro per la compilazione delle liste sezionali, che vengono pubblicate ed inviate alla commissione elettorale a mano a mano che i casellari giudiziari restituiscano tutti gli estratti degli elenchi maschili e femminili.

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Le Commissioni provinciali per le sanzioni a carico di fascisti politicamente pericolosi sono ormai dappertutto costituite; senonchè il loro efficace funzionamento incontra qualche remora nella mancata somministrazione dei fondi per l'acquisto di stampati, oggetti di cancelleria ed altro, non avendo finora il Ministero del Tesoro adottato alcuna determinazione in merito all'assegnazione di due milioni richiesta dal Guardasigilli nelle scorse agosto e ripetutamente sollecitata. Quest'Ufficio è resentemente intervenuto per prospettare al predetto Ministero l'esigenza di una pronta risoluzione, in quanto il protrarsi dell'attuale stato di cose potrebbe riuscire di grave pregiudizio alla definitiva approvazione delle liste.

Allo stesso Dicastero è stato fatto presente altresì il malcontento determinatosi in seno alle commissioni elettorali, per il fatto che il decreto legislativo 31 agosto 1945, n° 572, mentre ha aumentato a L. 250.- la misura del gettone di presenza per i componenti delle commissioni in genere, estranei alle pubbliche amministrazioni, ha lasciato immutata in L. 50.- quella spettante ai componenti dipendenti dalle Stesime o da altri enti pubblici. Si è nella circostanza suggerito che, ove non appaia opportuna l'emanazione di un provvedimento di carattere generale, sia presa in attenta considerazione la possibilità di rimuovere la disparità di trattamento nei confronti dei componenti delle commissioni elettorali, allo scopo di incoraggiare e sostenere nella loro dura fatica, e nei successivi compiti, non meno onerosi, magistrati ed altri funzionari, sui quali viene in definitiva a riversarsi, oltrechè l'effettivo lavoro, la responsabilità connessa ai compiti specifici dei predetti consessi.

Circa la designazione dei presidenti dei saggi elettorali, questa Direzione Generale ha già manifestato al Ministero di Grazia e Giustizia, che ne aveva fatto richiesta, i propri orientamenti sui criteri informativi delle istruzioni che dovranno disciplinare la tenuta, presso



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ciascuna Corte di Appello, dell'elenco delle persone idonee ad assolvere il compito di cui trattasi. Detti orientamenti contemplan non soltanto le modalità per la compilazione dell'elenco, ma anche un complesso sistema di garanzia che assicurino all'elenco stesse ampia pubblicità e lo preservino da pericoli di sottrazione, dispersione ed altro.

Circa l'arredamento dei seggi, qualche difficoltà è sorta in taluni comuni che non riescono ad approvvigionarsi del materiale necessario per l'aumento delle cabine. Il Ministero ha insistito sulla stretta osservanza delle disposizioni, già diramate, che informano l'attrezzatura delle sezioni elettorali a criteri della più oculata economia ed alla utilizzazione di qualsiasi mezzo di fortuna, mentre ha consentito, su proposta di qualche Prefetto, che il numero delle cabine fosse portato a tre, anziché a quattro, nelle sezioni che comprendono un numero di elettori inferiore a settecento.

Ove si eccettui il Comune di Roma, non sono state finora segnalate difficoltà in ordine al reperimento dei locali per la convocazione degli elettori. Si ha motivo di ritenere che le ulteriori ricerche nella Capitale daranno un risultato positivo, grazie anche alle istruzioni ed all'interessamento del Ministero.

Il Provveditorato Generale dello Stato ha fornito assicurazione che entro il 20 di questo mese sarà effettuata la consegna delle 20.000 cassettoni occorrenti per i timbri dei seggi elettorali dei comuni dell'Italia centro-meridionale, e che entro il 20 dicembre p.v. la ditta incaricata completerà la consegna anche per le provincie del Nord, fermo restando il sistema delle consegne parziali a misura che saranno ultimate le singole partite.

L'Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato ha già avuto incarico, da questo Ufficio, di provvedere alla fornitura dei certificati d'iscrizione

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nelle liste per le elezioni amministrative, in ragione di 28.000.000 di certificati normali e di 5.000.000 di duplicati, mentre la R. Zecca fornirà i bollini di alluminio per la conveniente sigillatura dei plichi contenenti le cassettoni dei timbri e le tenaglie per la pressatura dei bollini stessi.

In relazione alle norme contenute nello schema di legge elettorale politica per l'Assemblea Costituente, sono stati inoltre interessati il Provveditorato Generale dello Stato e l'Istituto Poligrafico ai fini della fornitura rispettivamente delle matite (400.000) per la votazione e della carta occorrente per la stampa di 40.000.000 di schede nonché di 28.000.000 di certificati elettorali e 5.000.000 di duplicati.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Roma, 20 Novembre 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/45/15/A/LG

Rel: 478706

SUBJECT: Preparation of electoral lists—Prefects' fortnightly progress reports.

20 November 1945

TO : The Minister of the Interior (*Servizio Elettorale*)

1. The receipt of the Ministry's letter 15600.2/7443 dated 10 November is acknowledged.
2. The inconvenience caused to the Ministry by the irregular transmission of the Prefects' fortnightly reports from Northern Italy is fully appreciated. This irregularity hampers this Sub Commission in its work as much as the Ministry.
3. From the beginning, this Sub Commission has, through the Regional and Provincial Commissioners and by visits of its own officers, impressed upon the Italian officials responsible for drawing up and transmitting these reports the importance of the prompt discharge of this duty. The failure of the Prefects to deliver their reports regularly is thus a matter upon which this office has already taken action.


RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
Direction General of
Civil Administration
ELECTORAL SERVICE.

To: Allied Commission
Local Govt. Sub-Commission

10 Nov. 45

Ref.: 15600.2
7483

Subject : Fortnightly Reports.

1. This Ministry is not in the position to watch the proceeding of electoral operations in the Communes of Northern Italy with a full knowledge of how the work is carried out because the fortnightly reports from the Prefects do not come in at regular intervals and in time. It often happens, in fact, that old dated reports are received with a considerable delay, after the more recent ones what makes it impossible for this office to eliminate possible difficulties, answer queries, and so forth, with the necessary promptness.
2. We should be particularly ^Agrateful to your Hon Commission if, nothing withstanding, you kindly give the necessary instructions to the dependant authorities, so that the service will proceed with the desired rapidity, and also give us some news on this subject.

For the Minister
Vicedomini.

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Direz. Gen. Amm. no. Civile
Servizio elettorale

Divisione _____
Rel. N.° 15600.2 7488

Allegati _____

OGGETTO : Relazioni quindicinali dei Prefetti
sulle operazioni elettorali -

Roma,

10 Novembre

17 NOV 1945

All. l'On. COMMISSIONE ALENATA
Sottocommissione Governo Locale
ROMA

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. _____

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- 1) Questo Ministero non è in grado di seguire con sufficiente conoscenza l'andamento delle operazioni elettorali nei comuni dell'Italia Settentrionale perché le relazioni quindicinali dei prefetti non giungono con regolare frequenza e tempestività. Accade, infatti, spesso che le relazioni di data più remota si eseguano, con notevole intervallo, e quelle più recenti, il che pone praticamente l'Ufficio scrivente nella impossibilità di evinere, con la necessaria prontezza, ed eventuali lacune od irregolarità, risolvere quesiti, eliminare dubbi, e così via.
- 2) Affinché il servizio proceda con la desiderata speditezza, si sarà particolarmente attenti a cedere On. Commissione se, nulla ostando, vorrà diramare alle autorità dipendenti le opportune istruzioni e favorire qualche notizia in proposito.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

Ref: AC/45/156/10

Tel: 478190

20 Sept 45

Subject: Fortnightly Progress Reports -
Preparation of Electoral Lists

TO: The Ministry of the Interior

1. The following is a list of Fortnightly Progress Reports already sent to your Ministry through this Headquarters:

a) VENETIAN REGION

VERONA	Report dated 28 July 45	Our letter AC/45/18/10 dated 31 August 1945
BELLUNO	" " 30 July 45	
VENEZIA	" " 23 " "	Our letter AC/45/18/10 dated 13 September 1945
"	" " 14 Aug. 45	
PADUA	" " 9 July 45	
"	" " 24 " "	
"	" " 30 " "	
"	" " 1 Sept 45	

b) LIGURIA REGION

LA SPEZIA	Report dated 5 Aug 45	Our letter AC/45/18/10 dated 4 September 1945
GENOVA	" " 3 " "	
GENOVA	" " 20 " "	Our letter AC/45/18/10 dated 31 August 1945
SAVONA	" " 1 Aug 45	
"	" " 13 " "	Our letter AC/45/18/10 dated 13 September 1945
"	" " 30 " "	
LA SPEZIA	" " 24 " "	Our letter AC/45/18/10 dated 13 September 1945
GENOVA	" " 4 Sept 45	
IMPERIA	" " 6 Aug 45	
"	" " 29 " "	

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/c) LOMBARDIA REGION

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c) LOMBARDIA REGION

BRESCIA	Report dated 20 July 45	Our letter AG/1/11/4/16 dated 1 August 1945
VARESE	" " 15 July 45	Our letter AG/1/11/8/16 dated 1 August 1945
MANOVA	" " 7 July 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 27 August 1945
"	" " 14 " "	
MILANO	" " 30 July 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 27 August 1945
VARESE	" " 31 July 45	
BESOLANO	" " 31 July 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 25 August 1945
"	" " 1 Aug. 45	
MANOVA	" " 20 July 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 27 August 1945
"	" " 27 " "	
BRESCIA	" " 16 Aug. 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 27 August 1945
BESOLANO	" " 15 Aug. 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 31 August 1945
MILANO	" " 29 Aug. 45	Our letter AG/45/16/16 dated 13 September 1945

d) PIEMONTE REGION

Reports for period:

ALL PROVINCES	15 - 31 July 1945	Our letter AG/1/10/16 dated 18 August 1945 Our letter AG/45/17/16 dated 25 August 1945
ALL PROVINCES	1 - 15 Aug. 1945	Our letter AG/1/10/16 dated 29 August 1945
ALL PROVINCES	15 - 31 Aug. 1945	Our letter AG/45/17/16 dated 14 September 1945 Our letter AG/1/10/16 dated 13 September 1945

FOR THE DIRECTOR:


 RALPH R. TEMPLE
 Major
 Deputy Director
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: A78190

Ref: AG/43/13/A/10

SUBJECT: Preparation of Electoral Lists:
Fortnightly Progress Reports

TO: The Ministry of the Interior

1. The following table indicates those provinces from which certain Progress Reports have not been received by this Headquarters, thus: "X".

<u>VERMILION REGION</u>	<u>15 JULY</u>	<u>21 JULY</u>	<u>25 AUG</u>	<u>31 AUG</u>
TRIESTE	X	X	X	X
BULGARIA	X	X	X	X
BRITAIN			X	X
VIETNAM			X	X
FIJIAN	X	X	X	X
THAILAND	X	X	X	X
VIETNAM				X

2. If any of these Progress Reports have been received by the Ministry, any copies please be forwarded to this Headquarters at an early date.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

[Signature]
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Major
Deputy Director
Local Government Sub-Commission

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