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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4009/L.

WEB/pa.
17 Sept 45.

SUBJECT : Photographs taken in Allied Military Courts.
TO : Senior Civil Affairs Officer (Attn: S.L.O.)
VENEZIA GIULIA Region.

1. Reference your 13c/AMG/LD/133 of 7 Sept 1945
the attached directive was issued by personal direction of
SAC and is still in force.

2. However the Executive Commissioner has ruled
that, for purposes of record, "a photograph can be taken
of a 'sham' case in the court-room".

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Advisor.

Incl.: 1 Directive.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

Date 7 September 1945

LEGAL DIVISION

FILE REF.: 13c/AMG/LDI/133

SUBJECT: Photographs taken in Allied Military Courts.

TO: Chief Legal Adviser, H.Q., Allied Commission.

1. An officer of this H.Q., who is compiling a pictorial record of the work of A.M.G. in this territory for distribution to all officers here, is desirous of taking photographs of an Allied Military Court in session.
2. Is there any objection on your part to the taking of these photographs in view of the fact that the completed record is for distribution only among A.M.G. personnel?

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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Louis L. Cox
Louis L. COX
Major, A U S
Chief Legal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/20/1/CA

31 May 1944

SUBJECT : Publicity and Propaganda.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.
SCAO's, MG 5th and oth armies.

1. The taking of photographs, moving or still, of any proceedings of an Allied Military Court or of any service personnel engaged in any capacity in such proceedings or the taking of a sound recording of any such proceedings will not be permitted.

2. R.C.'s and SCAOs will please bring the above to the notice of all officers serving in their respective regions, and particularly to those liable to serve as President of any General or Superior Military Court, who will be held responsible for seeing that the above direction is complied with in their courts.

3. An addition to the Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts will be published in due course.

(sgd) M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: R.C.'s Regions VIII and IX.
Public Relations Officer
Admin Section (for Legal Sub-Commission)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 594

LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AO/4009/L.

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13 September 1945.

SUBJECT : Publicity - Work of Italian Legal Branch in Northern Italy.

TO : Public Relations Branch, Hq AC (TRU: CA Sec).

1. Reference Executive Commissioner's letter 9250/110/EC undated.
2. When it appeared in April that a breakthrough into the Po Valley was almost certain, the legal branch had to prepare for two eventualities: first, a province by province occupation and second a complete collapse. Within less than a month the second was a reality. Regional legal organizations which had been gathering at various points moved forward and began functioning promptly.
3. Many difficulties were encountered, the two most serious being the possession of arms and crimes committed by persons cloaked in the disguise of partisans and the wholesale counterfeiting rings.
4. The AMG Courts with fairness and justice dealt with these crimes meting out punishments which have proved to be a great deterrent.
5. Proclamations and General Orders had to be drawn involving policies which reflected equal justice to all groups.
6. The work of AMG Courts decreased as cases were turned over to Italian Courts for trial and some regions report there is no further need of AMG Courts as long as Italian Courts properly handle cases involving Allied interests.

W. E. BETHENS,
Colonel,

Chief Legal Advisor

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APD 394

LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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GGH/pa.
8 Sept 45.

AC/4009/L.

SUBJECT : Publicity - Work of Italian Legal Branch
in Northern Italy.

TO : Public Relations Branch, Hq. AC (through CA Sec).

1. Reference Executive Commissioner's letter 9258/110/EO undated.

2. An officer was dispatched to IV Corps (Lombardia) on 25 April 1945 with the mission of establishing Extraordinary Courts of Assize in each provincial capital. This was rendered necessary by the fact that mass executions of alleged fascists were already taking place behind the disorganized German lines and that partisans were setting up their own People's Courts, which if they somewhat delayed the proceedings, generally obtained the same results.

3. This officer took with him a number of Italian decrees which carried the implementation which rendered them operative in AMG territory. In fifteen days in spite of considerable material difficulties Courts of Assize were set up in sixteen provinces and were functioning in the very tense atmosphere then prevailing. It can be said that the speedy establishment of these courts saved the lives of a great number of people haphazardly arrested by partisans and thronging the gaols and barracks of Northern Italy.

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4. At one time the number of arrests by partisans exceeded 50000; only a small proportion of them were executed without judgement after their arrest. Incidents such as those which occurred at Schio and Ferrara were the exception rather than the rule.

G. G. HANNAFORD,
Lt. Colonel,
Officer i/c Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMAND
APO 324
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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Ref: 3/1.2/CA

7 Sep 45

SUBJECT : Press Releases

TO : All CA Sub-Comms.

Reference 9258/110/IC undated

The statements referred to will be submitted through this Section and should reach this Office on 10 Sep.

[Signature]
S.H. WILK Lt Col,
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9258/110/EC.

Subject: Press Release on AC Accomplishments.

To: Distribution below.

1. It is considered that our withdrawal from the North provides an excellent opportunity to obtain wide publicity in the Italian and Allied press on the achievements of AMG in the last few months.

2. I am therefore writing to ask you to prepare very brief statements setting out the facts and not attempting in any way to write a report. These statements should not be longer than two foolscap pages, single-sided and double-spaced, and should be addressed to the Public Relations Branch of this HQ. The Public Relations Branch will rewrite and consolidate the statements for a Press Release.

3. The period to be covered is from 1st May 45 up to the present day. The AC/AMG Review fully covers events prior to 1st May 45.

For Chief Commissioner:

W. G. Miller
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMYED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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26 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Activities of Legal Sub-Commission.

TO : Public Relations Officer.

Attached hereto is the requested report summarizing the principal activities of this Sub-Commission during the period 1 November 1944 to 1 May 1945.

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Incl.

W. E. BARNES,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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During the period 1 November 44 to 1 May 45, 26,686 cases were tried in Allied Military Courts. This total is broken down as follows:

Summary Court cases	24,988
Superior Court cases	1,576
General Court cases	122

The total in General Courts includes 38 espionage cases.

The exact figures on the number of cases affecting Allied interests which were tried in Italian Courts are not available. However, during the aforementioned period in Southern Region alone 8,892 such cases were tried in Italian Courts under the supervision of AMG legal officers.

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The following General Orders were prepared:

- G.O. 28 - establishment of Labor Offices
- G.O. 29A - requiring the declaration of certain essential commodities and the fixing of prices therefor
- G.O. 35 - defascism of administration in AMG territory
- G.O. 37 - providing for the anticipatory payment of certain pensions
- G.O. 38 - to raise the price of bread in accordance with the price fixed in Italian Government Territory by the Italian Government
- G.O. 39 & 39A - Italian frontier control
- G.O. 40 - fixing corn rates and agricultural rules
- G.O. 41 - establishing wage rates and price levels in the north
- G.O. 42 - fixing transportation rates
- G.O. 43 - for control of civilians in their relations with surrendered German troops. //

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G.O. 44 . for control of currency printing notes

To prevent the spread of inflation in the northern territory it was necessary to suspend for the north the operation of a number of Italian Government economic decrees which had been brought into operation by AMG in the territory previously occupied. A special AMG order was accordingly published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale suspending the operation of these laws until further notice. General Orders 40, 41 and 42 were issued to fill the void created by the suspension of these decrees.

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In cooperation with the Italian Government the following decrees were prepared or studied:

1. marriage of members of the U.S. Armed Forces in Italy;
2. women's suffrage under Italian law;
3. defascism;
4. emergency housing;
5. reorganization of the legal profession
6. rationing laws;
7. war damage to privately owned railways;
8. harboring Allied deserters;
9. establishment of Military Tribunals for northern Italy;
10. restoration of rights to patents, trade marks and designs;
11. modification of laws dealing with sanctions against Fascism;
12. establishment of Special Courts of Assize, consisting of one professional judge and lay members, to mete out rapid justice to collaborators and leading fascists;
13. constituting CIP as the body for the control and distribution of petroleum products.
14. abrogating limitations on the freedom of listening to radio broadcasts.

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Some of the main problems upon which the S/C was asked to advise during this period are as follows:

1. function of the Constituent Assembly
2. jurisdiction of AMG Courts over members of Yugoslav missions
3. UNRRA agreement with Italian Government
4. increase in rates for public utility services
5. obligation of the Italian Government under the terms of surrender to pay operating expenses of CIP in connection with the distribution of petroleum products
6. nomination by the Tribunale of Naples of a Commissioner Extraordinary under the Epuration laws for newspaper interests under PWB control
7. epuration proceedings against the Italian industrialist Massimo DEL FANTE
8. violation by owners of requisitioned freighters of terms of charter party and permits issued by Allied authorities
9. handling and disposition of claims asserted against INT
10. subject of Military Zones
11. applicable provisions of Italian law pertaining to railroad strikes
12. jurisdiction of the Epuration Commission over Italian judges serving in Colonies administered by British Military Authorities
13. alleged violation of rationing laws by members of the Bank of Italy
14. conflicts between receivers of Public and Private Companies appointed by AMG, the Italian judicial authorities and 61 Prefects
15. proper preparation and presentation of espionage trials in AMG Courts
16. property rights acquired by civilians in abandoned WD Vehicles
17. prostitution and the Italian Criminal Procedure with respect thereto.

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In discussions and work with the Italian Ministries, the personnel problems of the Italian Courts figured prominently and methods were developed for remedying the shortage; arrangements were made to have retired judges recalled, new personnel recruited and judges whose regular seats of office were in enemy held territory assigned to vacant posts. A decree of amnesty was prepared in respect of offences committed by patriots during the German occupation. Measures were discussed for a more effective repression of prostitution.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 062.2

11 April 1945

SUBJECT: Photography in AMG Courts.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference AC/4009/L of 5 April investigations made showed that the particular photograph to which you refer was issued on 14 October 1944 by PWB Pictorial after having been approved by the military censor. It was later published in the 1st April issue of the Stars & Stripes to illustrate a news story.

2. It has been confirmed that orders pursuant to SACMED's ruling of 24 October were in fact issued by PWB to its photographers.

3. OWI/MOI are apparently in some doubt as to the practice to be adopted with regard to photography in Italian Courts in AMG areas. Your views on this are requested.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
LT. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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6. Since the receipt by this office on 22 Nov 44 of AC/4001/11/L dated 15 Nov 44 a number of photographers from P.W.B., Stars and Stripes, and other public relations units have asked to take pictures in the courtroom, but in accordance with directive such permission was firmly refused by this office; none have been taken since 12 Oct 44.

7. A check of the P.W.B. files in Rome will verify the date mentioned in paragraph 1. In addition it is pointed out that one of the officers appearing in the photo departed this Headquarters on or about 15 Oct 44.

Robert M. Woodward
ROBERT M. WOODWARD,
Major, AUS.,
Provincial Legal Officer

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4th Ind.

From : Hq, Livorno Province, Allied Military Government, 16 April 45.

To : HQ., TOSCANA Region.

1. Forwarded.

2. Investigation made; in accordance with 3rd Ind. it has been ascertained that picture was taken on 12 Oct 44, prior to issuance and receipt of prohibitory directive AC/4001/11/L dated 15 Nov 44, which was received at this Hq on 21 Nov 44, and by the Legal Office on 22 Nov 44.

Leicester J. Hensley
LEICESTER J. HENSLEY,
Colonel, C.E.,
Provincial Commissioner.

RVIII/19A/53
HQ. TOSCANA REGION, A.M.G.
TO : HQ. AC.

5TH IND.

20 April 1945.

TTG/cb.

1. Reference AC/4009/L, HQ AC, dated 15 Apr 45.
2. Attention is invited to preceding indorsements.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D. M. Findlay
D. M. FINDLAY,
Junior Comdr, A.T.S.
Acting Adjutant.

Liv/FLO/1869.

2nd Ind.

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From : Hq, Livorno Province, Allied Military Government, 14 April 45.

To : P.L.O. - Livorno Province.

1. Reference basic letter and 1st Ind request reply by indorsement.

Lester J. Hensley
LESTER J. HENSLEY,
Colonel, C.E.,
Provincial Commissioner.

3rd Ind.

From : P.L.O. - Livorno Province, 16 April 45.

To : P.C. - LIVORNO Province.

1. The picture referred to in basic letter was taken by photographers of the P.W.B. on Columbus Day, 12 Oct 44 at approximately 1200 hours.

2. The P.W.B. photographers came from Rome on the express invitation of the then Provincial Commissioner, Lt. Col. J.F. LABOON. A considerable number of pictures were taken in Livorno which the P.C. deemed to be of interest for his personal file. The P.W.B. photographer was his personal friend and a resident of his home city.

3. It was not intended at that time or at any time since, that the picture would be published, no request to publish same was made, nor was permission to do so granted by the undersigned or anyone connected with this office. No names were given to the photographers.

4. The article referred to dated 1 April 45 in Stars and Stripes, which accompanied the photo, had no connection with the picture at all; the author of the article did not advise the court that an article was to be written and no picture or permission to publish one was given.

5. The undersigned does not understand how this picture came to be published by the Stars and Stripes after a lapse of six months nor how same was obtained from P.W.B.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

5 April 45

SUBJECT : Photography in Allied Military Courts
TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region

- 1 On page 4 of the Stars and Stripes of Sunday 1st April there appears an article "In Court with the AMG" with a photograph of an Allied Military Court.
- 2 On the personal direction of the Supreme Allied Commander orders have been issued that in Allied Military Courts no photograph moving or still of any proceedings or of service personnel engaged in any capacity in such courts will be permitted - see AC/4001/11/L of 15 Nov 44.
- 3 It is therefore requested that you investigate when the photograph was taken. If, as appears most probable, it was taken after the issue of the above orders, will you please further investigate how it came about that the personal directions of the Supreme Allied Commander have been disobeyed, and take any necessary disciplinary action.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

G.R. Upton Brig,
VP CA Section, HQ AC.

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1st Ind.

Headquarters, TOSCANA Region, Allied Military Government

TO : IC, LIVORNO.



1. Basic communication is forwarded for investigation and report, please.
2. Copies of the letter referred to in para 2, i.e. AC/4001/11/L, dated 15 Nov 44, were circulated to all P.L.O.'s, by the R.L.O., on 20 Nov 44.

By ORDER of Colonel KIRKWOOD:

G. L. PINDRY, 137-46
Junior Comdr, A.S.S.,
Acting Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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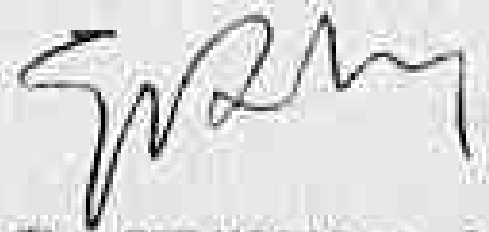
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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:


G.R. URJOHN Brig,
VP CA Section, Hq AC.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AG/4009/L.

/rlp.
5 April 1945.

SUBJECT : Photography in AMG Courts.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

1. At SACMED's Political Committee Meeting on 24 Oct 1944, SACMED ruled that "ACC in conjunction with PWB arrange that in future no cameras were allowed in Italian Courts."

2. There was already in existence at the time a rule forbidding the photographing of any proceedings in an AMG Court or of any service personnel engaged in any capacity in such proceedings.

3. Instructions were accordingly issued by this Commission on 15 Nov 1944 forbidding the taking of photographs of any proceedings in any courts, Italian or AMG.

4. It was assumed that PWB had issued similar instructions to all cameramen under their control.

5. Nevertheless, the issue of "Stars and Stripes" for 1 April 1945 contained a photograph of AMG Court proceedings. The photograph does not state when it was taken, but from internal evidence it appears to have been taken since November 1944.

6. So far as the AMG officers are concerned, the matter is being investigated through the Regional Commissioner. It would, however, be appreciated if you would raise the question with PWB to ensure future compliance with the instructions issued by SACMED and this Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
G. R. UPJOHN, Brig
VP CA Sec, Hq AC

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and there were the rabbits and ... " He flinches helplessly, his hands crushing the air.

"We will never do it again," swears Arturo and laps into silence, stunned by the sound of his voice.

"How long have you been in jail?" asks the judge. "Seven days," they answer. "Has it been worth it to lose a week's work—and the rabbits?" he demands. They raise their heads and smile dejectedly. "No." The lieutenant smiles. "I find you guilty and sentence you to seven days in jail, already served. Well give you a permit back to Cesura." "Gracia, tenente," they chortle and press forward to shake his hand. "What's next?" says the lieutenant.

YOU NEED only look at Anna Martini once to decide why she is appearing in court. The charge is read: picked up loitering on a street corner, no travel permit, although she comes from Rome, and no job. "Why did you come here?" demands the judge. Anna looks coy. "For the same reason the other girls come, *signor tenente*," she giggles. The courtroom giggles with her. The lieutenant looks disgusted.

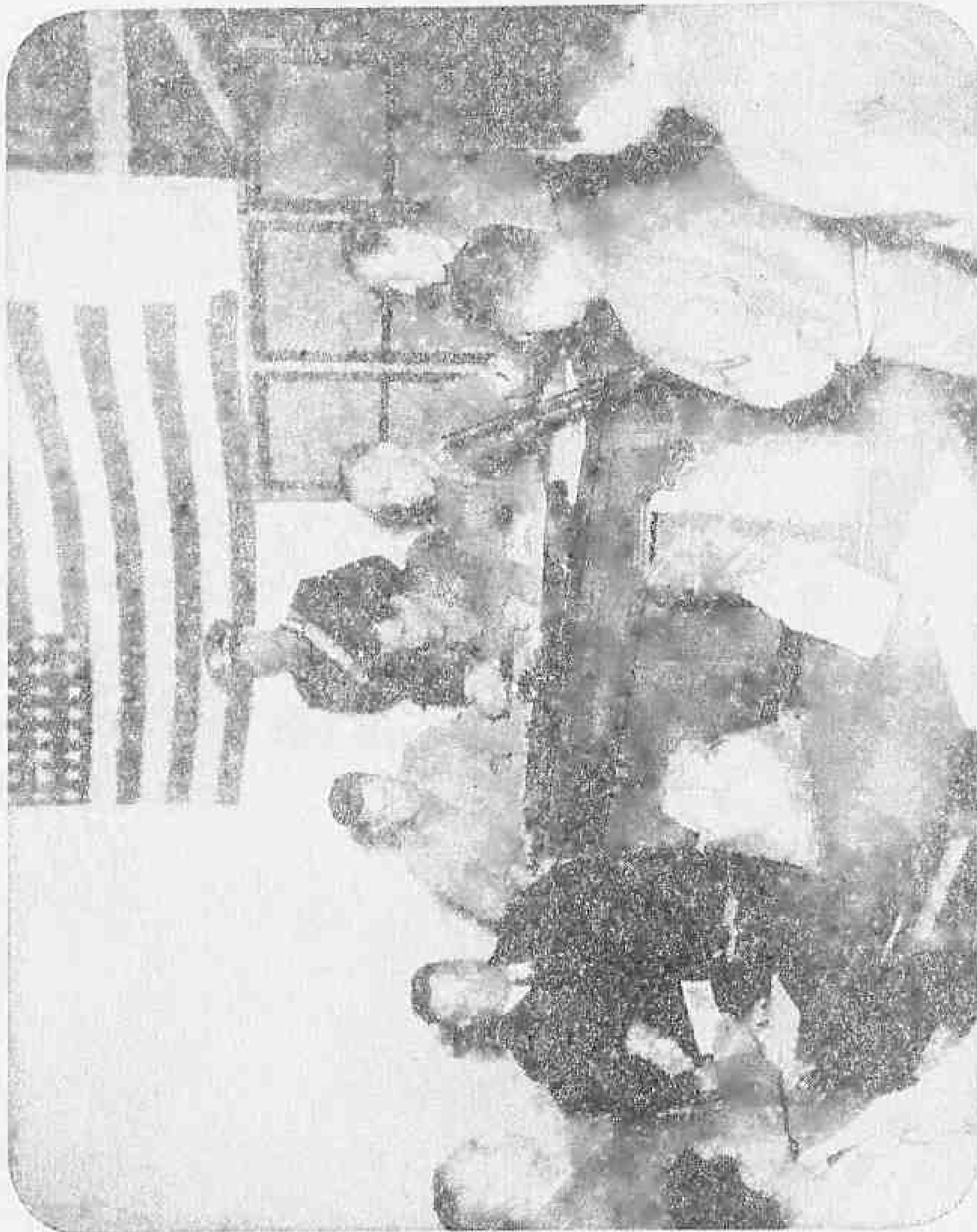
"That's getting old now," he explains to a visitor. "One day I had about 30 girls, all with phoney excuses, and the last one told said, 'Why do you judge?' I came for the same reason the other girls come. I was so glad to hear someone telling the truth. I let her go. Now they all use that line." He turned again to the girl. "I find you guilty and seven days in jail. When you get out, you will go back to Rome and never come north of there again."

Unfazed by either the fine or the jail sentence, the girl blinged at the case. "But there is someone here who will be responsible for me," she insists. "A member of the carabinieri!"

"Tell her," the judge says wearily. "I don't care if it's the mayor." Anna curls, then erupts. "Signor giudice," she says and walks to her seat where she immediately begins to sing—long distance—with an American corporal standing on the far side of the room.

A MARIO Emilio, is about 35. He hasn't shaved for several days and the stubble is grating. He looks when it hasn't shined out, is unruly and his eyes are slightly wandering.

"You are charged with traveling from Volterra to Cesura without a permit," says the judge. "Did you know you had to have a permit?" "No," says



An Allied Military Court for Italian civilians—"On some days just like Gilbert and Sullivan."

In Court With The AMG

By Sgt. BILL McLEWAIN

Staff Writer

IN REGION: one of the chief forms of amusement for civilians is to draw in an afternoon of the Allied Military Government summary court. Every body comes—men, women, young peo-

Anything Can Happen When Italian Culprits Line Up Before The Allied Bar Of Justice

ple; but the girls will have to appear later.

Meanwhile, Antonio Bertolini, an Italian, and his family, are sitting in the courtroom, waiting for one of the judges. An American soldier gave it to her, she says in exchange for rum. She knows she shouldn't have it, she explains, although it would have been fine for her little son's bed, and that is why

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By Sgt. BILE McELWAIN

Staff Writer

LEGHORN
IN LEGHORN, one of the chief forms of amusement for civilians is to drop in on hearings of the Allied Military Government summary court. Everybody comes—men, women, young people, old people. Usually the spectators far outnumber the prisoners. They come for a number of reasons: sometimes they know or are related to the defendants, sometimes they are seeking the queer thrill that comes from being an eavesdropper on other people's troubles.

The offenders who are brought before the court are seldom criminals in the accepted sense of the word. They are the sly or the luckless or the opportunists who have run afoul of some minor aspect of Allied military law. Summary court is a kind of military police court, and like a police court, it mixes law with informality. All the cases are similar, yet each attains individuality by the reaction of those accused.

THE COURTROOM is long and high-ceilinged. At one end, on a raised platform, sits the judge, a keen-eyed American lieutenant who used to be a criminal lawyer in New York. Directly in front of him is a table covered with papers and documents pertaining to the cases. Just below that, on the floor level, is another table where evidence is placed. An Italian girl who acts as an interpreter sits at the lieutenant's right and intones her translations in a disinterested voice. The accused civilians stand before the evidence table, and behind them is still another table where sit the lawyers, three or four men and one woman. Behind them the prisoners sit on wooden chairs awaiting their turn and to their left stands the audience, although on days when there aren't too many, there are chairs for them, too.

In and out among the tables wander red-braided carabinieri, most of whom need shaves. Usually, the carabinieri look unhappy and rather embarrassed, more so than the prisoners. Only when the judge calls on them for something do they show animation, as when the judge looks up from his papers, eyes the murmuring spectators and the restless prisoners, and screams, "silenzio!" Grabbing their cue, the carabinieri hiss, "Sshh! Sshh!" and glare at the whisperers. The court is about to begin.

Anything Can Happen When Italian Culprits Line Up Before The Allied Bar Of Justice

LEANTINA Pratesi and Maria Nannetti are women in their early thirties. Neither is pretty. The judge eyes them coldly. "Pratesi is charged," he begins, and the interpreter tonelessly repeats in Italian. "with altering an AMG permit and Nannetti is charged with traveling on an altered permit and not having one. Guilty or not guilty?" Their lawyer, a white-haired man who has practiced law in New York and in Chicago, chimes in, "I plead Nannetti guilty. Pratesi is not guilty. She gave false information about that permit but she did not alter it."

The permit is produced. Part of the top had been torn off and Leantina had sworn that it had contained the name of Maria; it had been torn, she explained in a fight with some soldiers. "Whether it was torn that way, we don't know," insists the judge. "The permit is torn and she says the other name is that of Nannetti. We have a copy of the duplicate of the permit—only it happens to be upstairs in my office—which shows the name of Pratesi's husband where the original permit is torn."

The lawyer shrugs his shoulders. Signora Pratesi puckers up her red face and begins to sniffle. Maria looks blank. "Tell you what, Mr. Loro," the judge addresses the lawyer, "we'll hold this up until this afternoon when we have that duplicate." The effect of the statement is diverse: Mr. Loro smiles vaguely. Signora Pratesi breaks into tears. Maria still looks blank. Long after they have gone back to their seats, Leantina's gurgling sobs echo in the courtroom, and draw annoyed glances from the carabinieri.

OF THE four Mario Caldi is the most perplexed. He is here because his wife has been found with three GI blankets, two of them dyed. She had bought them from two other women and bald-headed Mario knew nothing about it until the police summoned him, or his wife, to court. The judge is brief and friendly with Mario. Not

guilty, but his wife will have to appear later.

Meanwhile, Andrea Bersaglio, small, thirtyish and poorly dressed, is telling how she got one of the blankets. An American soldier gave it to her, she says in exchange for eggs. She knew she shouldn't have it, she explains, although it would have been fine for her little son's bed, and that is why she sold it. Andrea is fined 2,500 lire and given a 10-day suspended jail sentence.

Tina Croceana isn't so fortunate. Tina is a young girl, big and arrogant. She bought the blankets, she explains, from a pushcart in Via Garibaldi. The lieutenant snorts. "Ask her why she's lying," he tells the interpreter. "Via Garibaldi is the center of the black market and you don't buy things on pushcarts. People come up to you and offer to bring you what you want." But Tina sticks to her story. She bought the blankets because they were dyed and would make nice coats and she didn't know what they were.

"What's this?" demands the judge as he bounces out of his chair and holds up the opened blanket. Against the blue dye a gold "U. S." stands out sharply. "But I didn't open it," says Tina. "You mean you wanted to make a coat and didn't even try to see if the material was good?" queries the lieutenant. "Well," Tina wavers, "I just opened it a little, not all the way."

There is a little more of this and then the judge cuts her short. "For having in your possession military material and particularly for lying, I fine you 5,000 lire and sentence you to ten days in jail." Before Tina can say anything, he turns to Mario Caldi's son who was found with 50 packs of American cigarettes. He pleads guilty and the cigarettes cost him 3,000 lire and a 30-day suspended jail term.

BOTH Arturo Bernardini, a little old man with a moth-eaten mustache, and his younger and more volatile companion, Enrico Manfredi, are pretty bewildered. They also are badly frightened. They are charged with driving a truck from Cecina toward Grosseto with an expired permit. They admit it.

"We were going to Grosseto to load coal," Enrico explains, his eyes wide and his hands trembling. "Also, we had some rabbits in the truck, dead rabbits, which were going to spoil if we did not sell them. We tried to get a permit but the captain was not there and we could not wait another day

will be responsible for me," she insists, "a member of the carabinieri."

"Tell her," the judge says wearily. "I don't care if it's the mayor." Anna gulps, then curtsies. "Buon giorno, tenente," she says and walks to her seat where she immediately begins to flirt—long distance—with an American corporal standing on the far side of the room.

A MEDIO, Emilio, is about 50. He hasn't shaved for several days and the stubble is grizzled. His hair, where it hasn't thinned out, is unruly and his eyes are slightly wandering.

"You are charged with traveling from Volterra to Cecina without a permit," says the judge. "Didn't you know you had to have a permit?" "No," says Emilio. "Didn't you read the proclamations and bulletins in the Volterra square?" "No," says Emilio. "Why not?" "Because I didn't see them," says Emilio.

The judge looks baffled.

"OK," he says, "we'll skip that. Why did you go to Cecina?" "To get wine," says Emilio. "Why without a permit?" "Because my friends had it," says Emilio. "And where were your friends?" "In Volterra," says Emilio. "In Volterra?" the lieutenant echoes. "Why in Volterra?" "They are in a hospital there," says Emilio. The lieutenant wipes his forehead. "In a hospital there?" "Yes," says Emilio. "I'm sick in this hospital." "You're sick in the hospital but you go to Cecina for wine?" "Yes," says Emilio. "To bring wine back to the hospital."

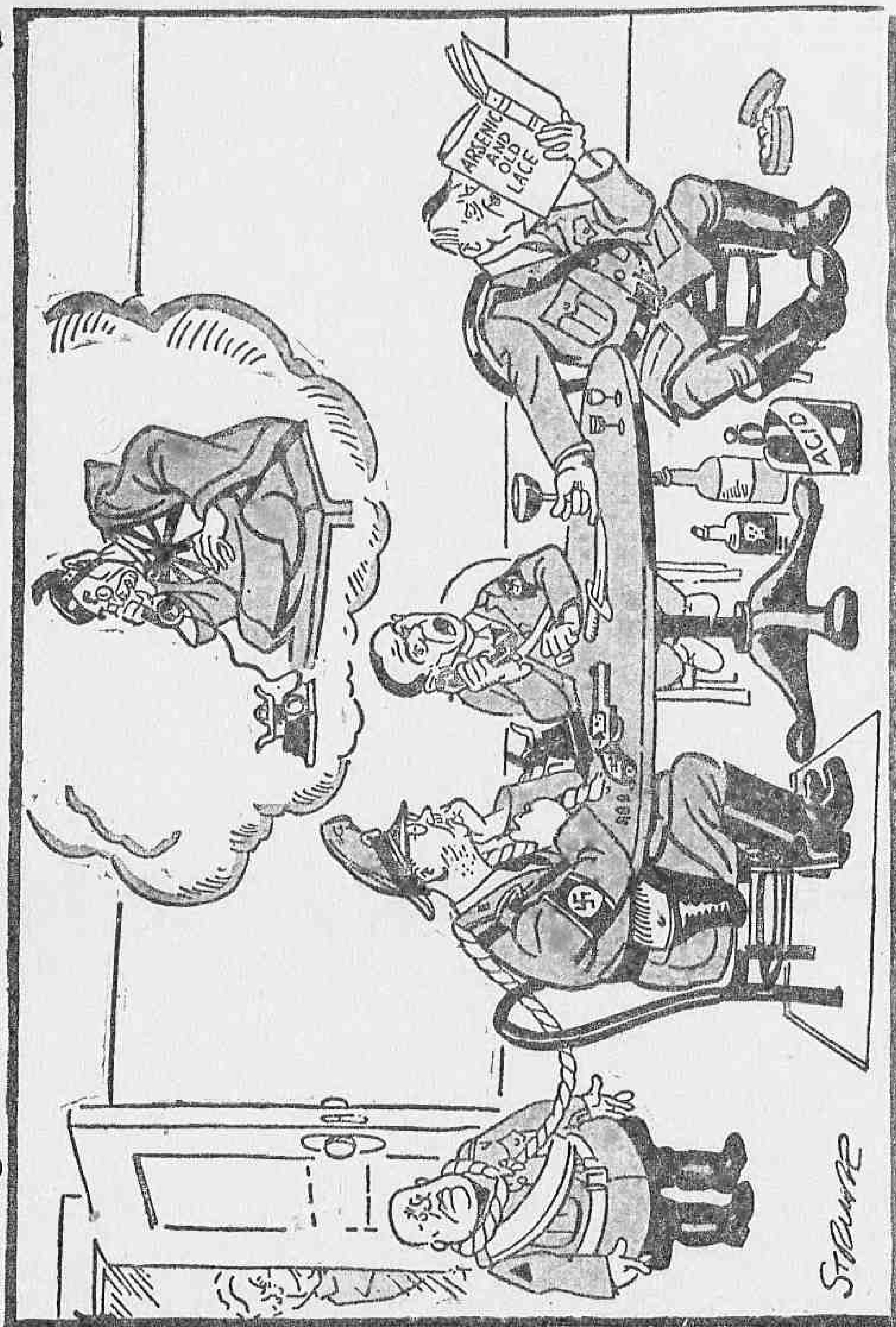
The lieutenant by now is completely confused.

"Your friends, are they sick, too?" "No," says Emilio. "they work in the hospital." "And they have a permit to travel and send you out without one?" "Yes," says Emilio. He is sure of himself now. The lieutenant no longer is. "Look," he says, with burning sarcasm, "ask him if that hospital is a hospital for crazy people." "Yes," says Emilio proudly. "I have been there five years."

The crowd, which has been humming with the strain of keeping Emilio's and their secret, bursts into laughter. A lawyer leans over and explains to the judge. "The hospital there is the biggest asylum in Italy." The lieutenant scratches his nose thoughtfully. "Some days it's like Gilbert and Sullivan," he says. "All right, Emilio, we'll give you a permit to go back to Volterra. You can go now."

"But signor tenente, I don't want to go to Volterra," Emilio replies. "I want to go home to Sardinia. I feel fine." The crowd chuckles again. "I'm glad you feel fine," grunts the lieutenant. "I sure don't. Court adjourned for a five-minute recess."

Emilio is led away and the judge stands up and stretches. "Just like Gilbert and Sullivan," he repeats and shakes his head.



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For The Nazi Leaders, There Is
Only Death In Action Or Suicide

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The Fuehrer has declared, dozens of times that he will never surrender. But he must know that Germany is beaten, that his Third Reich is lost, whether he surrenders or not. "I do not think that there will be a negotiated unconditional surrender but an imposed one," General Dwight D. Eisenhower put it only last week. "We shall have to take over the country by marching in from west and east, and then surrender will have taken place." When that happens, when the Allied Armies, already in the heart of Germany, simply take over the country, what will happen to those who still keep shouting that they will never surrender?

THE NAZI chieftains are nothing if not realists. They know they are doomed. They realize that they will not be permitted, after their final defeat, to live out their lives in dignity and comfort, as did Napoleon in St. Helena or Wilhelm II at Doorn. For them there must be fierce, fanatical determination to postpone the day of judgment as long as possible—no matter what the consequences for their Fatherland.

There is not much time left to them. The area in which they still enjoy relative safety (if we disregard the ubiquitous danger of air raids) becomes smaller and smaller. Wherever they may feel secure today, the Anglo-American or Russian armies are likely to catch up with them tomorrow. Did it not seem a reasonable idea to shift certain governmental offices from endangered Berlin to Nuremberg? But Nuremberg today is almost as much in danger as was Berlin two weeks ago. For how many weeks or days will they be safe at Berchtesgaden?

IF PERSISTENT reports can be credited at all, from all corners of the collapsing Third Reich desperate party officials are today rushing to the temporary shelter of Hitler's supposedly unbreakable mountain fortress, Joachim von Ribbentrop has a castle near Salzburg, not far away, where the panicky Nazi elite can find temporary refuge. According to recent reports, Heinrich Himmler's new personal headquarters, too, is at Salzburg, while his Gestapo office has moved to Innsbruck. A short time before, one of those always well-informed Swedish travelers reported that Himmler had picked the ancient German city of Weimar as his residence, but that the Allies had found out his whereabouts and promptly bombarded the complex of villas and office buildings occupied by the chief of the Gestapo. Herr Himmler, it is said, has since joined Frau Himmler in the Austrian Alps. Another visitor to the Salzburg area is Frau Hermann Goering.

As for Goering himself, he is said to spend most of his time at Karinhall—a sumptuous estate near Berlin, named after the Reich Marshal's first wife. Once the most powerful man in the Reich, next to Hitler, Goering has of late more or less dropped out of the picture. People who have recently returned from Germany describe him as a veritable wreck, mentally as well as physically—worrying all day long over the possibility that he may be deprived of the collection of jewels, paintings and other treasures he stole from a looted continent. They say his mind is slightly deranged. It seems likely that Goering may have relapsed into his old habit of taking narcotics.

The Reich Marshal, who collected estates as he did medals and works of art, has just lost one of his finest possessions—Rominten Forest in East Prussia, a large, lavish affair of 235 square miles, recently captured by the

Russians. He still has several other castles and country houses left, however—including one at Berchtesgaden. It could be that Hermann, decorations, brocade robes, antique swords and all, is already on his way to this last refuge of the supermen.

ALFRED Rosenberg, author of the Nazi gospel, *The Myth of the Twentieth Century*, and official party theoretician, and Dr. Goebbels, supreme boss of the Berlin district and Minister for Propaganda and Enlightenment, are still apparently holding out in the Reich capital—the former contributing regularly his ponderous editorials to Hitler's own newspaper, *Der Voelkische Beobachter*; the latter, making speeches, broadcasting, yelling and raving. He is telling whoppers today such as no man has told before. His swan song will doubtless be an unequalled masterpiece of distortion and trickery.

But how much longer will those two be able to carry on their activities in Berlin? The Russians are coming and the Americans are not far away. Without doubt there are already two cozy *Berghof* apartments prepared for Herren Goebbels and Rosenberg.

THERE will be more of them trekking to the mountain retreat. Mussolini may come soon from northern Italy where the days of his shadow regime are numbered. The wretched Pierre Laval may show up with his senile boss, Marshal Henri Petain. All the quines will probably arrive in due time—Quisling himself of Norway, Degrelle of Belgium, Mussert of The Netherlands, and all the gentlemen from the Balkans. This nightmarish gathering of failures and traitors promise quite a party.

What conversations are going on in this desperate group? What are they thinking about? What fears and sus-

picious do they conceal from each other? What plans are they making? Neutral reports speak of powerful, especially built planes kept ready for any emergency at the Berchtesgaden secret airport. But there is no place for them to go. There is no escape. All frontiers are closed. All the countries of the world have now committed themselves not to admit any Nazi fugitives. There were frequent stories about Hitler agents rushing to Argentina with the double purpose of creating a stage plant for German capital and of preparing the terrain for the eventual arrival of their bosses. But that South American nation has at long last declared war against Germany and Japan.

THERE only remains Japan. According to a recent report from Moscow, "Tokyo expects Hitler, Himmler, and Mussolini to arrive there at almost any moment." But the two-fold question remains, first, whether the Nazi leaders would like to go to Japan and, second, whether they would be welcome to the Japanese. Both questions must be answered in the negative. The Germans and the Japanese have never trusted each other. To Hitler, champion of racial doctrines, it would be an almost unbearable humiliation to be at the mercy of his Asiatic ally.

Some may try to change their identities and their appearances and go underground, either within the Reich or abroad. But even the most skilful plastic surgeon may not prove able to make such notorious characters as Hitler, Goebbels, Goering, and Mussolini unrecognizable.

UNLESS they choose to hide like ordinary criminals, there is only one thing these stranded adventurers can do—to shoot it out in Berchtesgaden and the surrounding area, and to die there in action or commit suicide.

There is only one question they can read in each other's eyes: "How many days? How many weeks? When will they catch up with us?" And when Hitler hurls his old, desperate formula—"I will not surrender!"—the only answer must be a hollow echo from the Alps . . . "This is the end . . . the end."

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONS
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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AF/4009/L.

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12 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Photographs in G-5 Courts.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

Reference your letter G-5: 862.2 dated 14 April 1945. This Commission on Instructions from SACRED has issued the enclosed Directive which is still effective.

For the Chief Commission:

W. E. REBERTS,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

1/16A/CA

24 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Pictures for AC/AMG Activities

TO: All Sub-Commissions, CA Section.

1. The attached letter from Public Relations Branch is forwarded for your information. It is requested that you forward to this Section the recommendations and the information requested in para 4 thereof.
2. Returns are to be made by 1800 hours, 26 Mar 45, to this Section.

NA
R. R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

Distribution:

Public Health Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Patriots Branch
Displaced Persons & Repat. S/C
Local Government Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission
Education Sub-Commission
Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission

Copy to : Public Relations Branch.

24 MAR 1945

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Pictures for AC/AMG Activities

TO: Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Communications Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal & IPOW Sub-Commission

1. The Public Relations Branch is anxious to get pictures of AC/AMG activities to send to various publications in Great Britain and the United States and to accompany stories which will be prepared by this branch for newspapers or magazines, including technical and professional publications.
2. Each Sub-Commission is invited to suggest picture possibilities as regards activities with which it is concerned. This may be an activity which was put out of operation by war damage but which will be rehabilitated in the near future. Or, it may be of work being done on some activity which has just gone into operation.
3. One of the things we are looking for is "before and after" pictures. A picture taken now of work in progress coupled with another picture taken three or five months hence of the same activity in operation makes possible an interesting story which might well warrant attention.
4. To this end it is suggested that each sub-commission compile a list of activities which are believed to warrant pictures. The list should indicate the nature of the operation, its current status, its location, and when would be the best time to photograph it.
5. Your cooperation will be appreciated and will greatly facilitate our job of representing AC/AMG activities accurately. We may have some difficulty in arranging to take pictures of all the subjects suggested, but will do our best.

(Signed) G. STEWART BROWN, Director.
Public Relations Branch.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. R5c/PRB

20 February 1945

SUBJECT: Interviews with Italian Journalists

TO : Distribution 'A'

1. As various responsibilities are handed over to the Italian Government, the Italian press tends to get more and more information from Italian sources, and such information may not always coincide with the views of the Allied Commission. Unless the Allied Commission is willing to extend to Italian press correspondents as much patience, explanation, and information as they obtain from other sources, the Allied Commission is bound to be ignored or misrepresented by the Italian press. It is therefore felt that responsible AC officers should now make it a part of their business to interview Italian journalists when this is requested by PRO. Such interviews will no doubt occasion some misunderstandings and possibly misinterpretations, but these must be regarded as offset by the increased goodwill and understanding which should result from a better knowledge of AC subcommissions and their work by the Italian press. With a view to avoiding difficulties as far as possible, the following procedure is laid down.

2. Journalists will first approach the Public Relations Branch for permission to obtain an interview, and will submit to the PRO a list of the questions they propose to ask.

3. Subjects to be discussed will be carefully screened by the Public Relations Branch and will be kept within the strict purview of the relevant subcommission. In their interviews officers will be careful to confine themselves to factual statements as to what has been done and what is being done, but will not deal with future policy.

4. Articles written by journalists on the basis of the interviews granted will be submitted to the officer interviewed and to the PRO for review before publication.

5. Public relations representative who will be regularly assigned to the task of arranging interviews of Italian journalists with subcommissions and of ensuring that the written articles are submitted for review in accordance with paragraph 4 above, will be Mrs. DOLETTA OXILIA, Italian civilian. The location is Room 22, 3rd floor, tel. ext. 591.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

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AG/4009/15/L

6 December 1944. /mt.

SUBJECT : Wire Cutting.

TO : PRO.

1. Complaints are again pouring in from the forward areas of the frequency of wire cutting offences.
2. Hq No. 1 District request a publicity campaign.
3. There are no particular cases available at the moment, but details are being requested.

Copy to: AG/4009/1.

W. E. BURNES,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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ALLIED COMMISSION

LPO 394

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF

WED/AM.
15 Nov 44.

SUBJECT : Publicity and Propaganda-Judicial Proceedings.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Sicily, Southern, Lazio-Umbria, Abruze-Molise, Sardegna, Toscana, Emilia, Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Veneto, Regions.
SCAOs 5th and 6th Armies.

The following orders are issued by the personal direction of the Supreme Allied Commander and will go into force forthwith.

1 Allied Military Courts.

- (a) No camera or other photographic apparatus may be taken into any Court (except as an exhibit in a case) and no photograph moving or still or sound recording of any proceedings in such Court or of any service personnel engaged in any capacity in such Courts will be permitted.
- (b) The foregoing applies to Allied Military Courts in both Military and Italian Government territory.

2 Italian Courts.

- (a) No camera or other photographic apparatus may be taken into any Court (except as an exhibit in a case) in Military Government territory and no photograph moving or still or sound recording of any such proceedings in such Court will be permitted.
- (b) The Minister of Justice has been requested to issue similar orders in respect of Italian Courts in Italian Government territory and copies of his orders will be circulated to Regional Commissioners when received.
- (c) The Supreme Allied Commander has directed the issue of similar orders to all Allied command.

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3 AGs and SCAGs will bring the above to the notice of:

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- (b) all Procuratori Generali and Procuratori del Regno in Military Government territory within their respective regions.

Directive 20/1/74 dated 31 May 14 (not issued to Regions Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Venetia) is amended by these instructions.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF THE ALLIED ARMY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/hjp

A/CO 9256

6 November 1944

MEMO TO: Chief of Staff, Hq AC.

1. At SACMED's Political Committee Meeting on October 24th, SACMED ruled that the filming of trials was derogatory to the dignity of the Italian courts and directed that ACC, in conjunction with FWB, arrange that in future no cameras were allowed in Italian courts."

2. I assume that FWB at AFHQ have issued the necessary instructions as to Allied cameramen but I believe that the A/CC should write to the Prime Minister and that the DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, should write to the Minister of Justice, advising them of the prohibition against Allied cameramen taking photographs in Italian courts and suggesting that they will find it desirable to do likewise in courts under their jurisdiction.

3. Orders should be issued by the Chief of Staff prohibiting all cameramen in courts under AMG territory by direction of SACMED.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commander
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: DCOS, Civil Affairs Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

TC/4009/L.

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9 November 1944.

SUBJECT : Press Comments and Criticisms.

TO : VP, G.Sec.

1. I have considered the memorandum undated from the Director, Public Safety S/C reference ACC/14601/20/RS and I have been advised by Dr. Chidmenti on the legal problems arising therefrom.

2. It is considered that no action can be taken in respect of the article in "Avanti". It is possible that the article might be construed to be in violation of the last paragraph of Article 595 of the Penal Code and to amount to defamation; but it is to be observed that the article is cleverly written and it is unlikely that a conviction would be obtained.

3. It is considered that the article in "L'Unita" constitutes a manifest infringement of Article 266 of the Penal Code by "instigating soldiers to violate the duties of military discipline", etc. It is felt that in an impartial court a conviction should be obtained and adequate sentence imposed. I do not feel in a position to advise as to the prospects of obtaining an impartial hearing in a case of this nature which is so obviously loaded with political implications. From a purely legal point of view, the prosecution of "L'Unita" should succeed.

W. E. HERRON,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

Copy to Public Safety S/C (ACC/14601/20/RS).

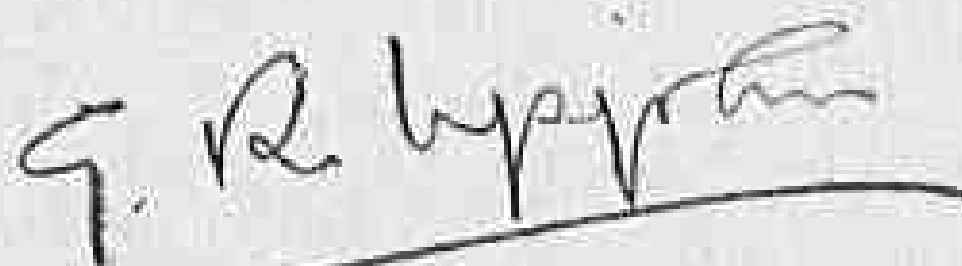
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MEMORANDUM

Ref:- AGO/14501/20/PS ✓ 8 Nov '44.
 SUBJECT:- Press Comments & Criticism - Police Agencies.
 TO:- Legal Sub-Commission.

1. I refer you to the memorandum addressed to me by the Director of Public Safety Sub-Commission, contained in file AGO/14501/20/PS.
2. I have read the attached translations of General Orlando's orders of the 31st July, and 31st August '44 with care, and they seem to me to be quite excellent and extremely proper. I have also read a translation of the article in the 'Unità' by Vito Spino which seems to me to be a shameful commentary on Orlando's orders; it is precisely this type of unfair commentary on the forces of law and order which we are trying to stop.
3. Before deciding, however, whether to advise the Italian Government to prosecute the author of the article in 'Unità', or the author of the article in 'Avanti', or alternatively taking other and less official steps, it would be useful to have the opinion of the Chief Legal Adviser on the prospects of success in prosecutions against the authors of those articles, and to know in what articles of the Penal Code it would be necessary to proceed.
4. I should be glad to have your opinion on these points as soon as possible.



G. R. UPJOHN, Brig.
 VP CA Sec.
 D.C.C.S.

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Copy to Public Safety S/C.

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Subject : Press Comments and Criticisms.

To : Deputy C.L.A.A.

1. - The two editorials have been thoroughly examined.

(a) The article in 'Avanti', although most incorrect and very prejudicial to the forces of law and order - indeed, ~~to the~~ prejudicial to the very idea of law and order - , does not, in my opinion, constitute a ~~crime~~ ^{on the ground} an offense.

Only ~~from the point of view~~ ^{on the ground} of defamation (art. 595 P.C., with reference to the last paragraph thereof) ^{could} the author of that article ~~could~~ be prosecuted; but I have great doubt that he would be convicted, because, from this point of view, the article is very clearly written.

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2. - Re : prospects of success in prosecutions.

The Italian Courts - like many other public institutions and private individuals - are at present ^{it is} ~~in a state of~~ ^{under a} great moral coercion.

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I, therefore, dare say that every individual ~~that~~ ^{with} they convict an accused who is one of the loudspeakers of the (Italian) Communist Party, especially if one considers that the judicial controversy involves at the same time ~~an~~ ^a political issue: Epuration is not yet over; and, besides, one does not know if in future years a new epuration law will not be issued.

3. — If I may so do, I would not advise to asking (or advising) the Labour Government to prosecute the authors of the two articles in question. This step would inevitably amount to a political ~~move~~ step. If so, why not ask the Labour Government, in which both the Communist and the Socialist Party participate, to stop the bad practice of seeing at one and the same time in the Cabinet and in the opposition? Responsibility for the

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 ones in question — goes far beyond the persons of their authors: it is
 the responsibility of the Government.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB/R11

7 October 1944

SUBJECT : POLICY - ITALIAN FILM INDUSTRY, RADIO, PRESS
TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

In view of the trend of our discussion yesterday and the conclusions arrived at, with which I personally do not agree although they will clearly save me much work and trouble, I would like to refer you to the following points.

Para 3, point 3, of the Moscow declaration on Italy, November 1, 1943 :

"All Institutions and Organisations created by the Fascist Regime should be suppressed".

Order of the Day of the Badoglio Cabinet, 29 November, 1943 :

"The Council of Ministers orders the following provisions:

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3. To review all the agreements or concessions injurious to the rights of the State, public and parastatal entities, due to political intermeddling".

Colonel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN

Major

Public Relations Director.

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Copy to: Political Sub-Commission : Mr. Caccia - Mr. Schott
✓ Legal Sub-Commission : Colonel Wilmer.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

RHW/ap

18 July 44

Tel. No. 679
ACC/4009/L

SUBJECT : Hasslinger-Tangeri case.

TO : Regional Legal Officer (thru RC) Region III

1. Reference your letter GAB/me of 15/7/44 and enclosure.

2. The course suggested by HQ., P.B.S. is agreed, provided that the evidence of the witness concerned is given in the presence both of the accused and his counsel and is made subject to the ordinary right of cross-examination.

R. H. WILMER,
COL. CAC, 43
Acting Legal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

15 July 1944.

Subject: Hasslinger-Tangari case.

To : C.L.O., Legal Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Reference is made to the recent telephone conversation between Colonel Wilmer and Major Bamlet when the ruling was given that the accused in the above case could not be tried unless the principal witness was present to give evidence in the presence of the accused .

2. Herewith is sent a letter, dated 14 July 44, reference BPGBI, which has been received from Headquarters, PBS. May a ruling be given whether the procedure suggested by PBS may be adopted ?

3. It will be remembered that the accused have never known the principal witness by his proper name.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G.A. Bamlet
G.A. BAMLET
Major, G.L.,
Acting Reg. Legal Officer,

GAB/mo

Encl-

1. ltr d/d 14 July 44 from HQ, PBS.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
A.P.O. 782

BPGBI

14 July 1944

Subject: HASSLINGER-TANGARI Case.

To : Acting Regional Legal Officer, Region III, A.C.C.

1. Hq. AAI has instructed this office to inquire whether you would agree that the name of the French agent connected with the above named case be disclosed to the Court only and NOT to the accused, providing that his evidence will be given in the presence of the accused.

2. It is requested that this office be advised as to whether or not the procedure outlined above can be agreed to.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

James M. Arnold
JAMES M. ARNOLD
Major, F.A.
Deputy G-2

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

REF: 2201/78/B

5 July 1944

SUBJECT : First Amassi trial at Matera.

TO : C.L.O., Legal Subcommittee ACC, Salerno.

1. An article recently appeared in the Union Jack, and it is believed in the Italian press also, impliedly expressing satisfaction with the results of the first case tried for breach of the Amassi Decree of April 1943.
2. It was inserted without the approval of the Legal Staff, by whom the sentence of 6 months and a fine of 3,000 lire is considered entirely unsatisfactory and no cause for publicity. The Procuratore del Re is being informed accordingly.

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D.E.S. Cousins
D.E.S. COUSINS Lt. Col.
R.L.C.,
REGION 2

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Legal Sub-Commission
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AGC/R/26/L

4 July 44

Subject: Weekly "IL NOTARO"

To : Capt. J. MALONEY
PWB (News Division)
52 Via Veneto, Rome.

1. This weekly, like many similar publications, in peace time deals with matters of official interest to a class of professional and does not seem to have any political bias, one way or the other.

2. Criticism of existing legislation, either Italian or AMG, if strictly objective and non political should, I believe, be encouraged.

3. It does not appear that the Editors of the paper concerned have any other intention.

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C.G. HANFORD
Lt. Colonel
Officer i/c Italian Branch
for Chief Legal Officer.

Encs: 1 Application
3 Letters
2 Copies "Il Notaro"

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
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REFERENCE : AOC/4009/L.
SUBJECT : Publicity and Propaganda.
TO : Public Relations Officer.

4 July 44

1. Enclosed is a letter from the RLO Region 5 concerning a wire cutting case. In accordance with para 3 of the letter from this Sub-Commission to RLOs this should have been sent to you direct.

RICHARD H. WILLER,
Colonel C.A.C.,
Acting Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to : RLO Region 5.

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TO C.L.O. REAR H.Q.A.C.C.
 FROM H.Q. REGION 5, A.M.G.
 SUBJECT Signal Line Theft.
 REF R5/511/2.
 DATE 30th June 1944.

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1. Referring to your letter of 4 June 1944 ACC/4009/L:-

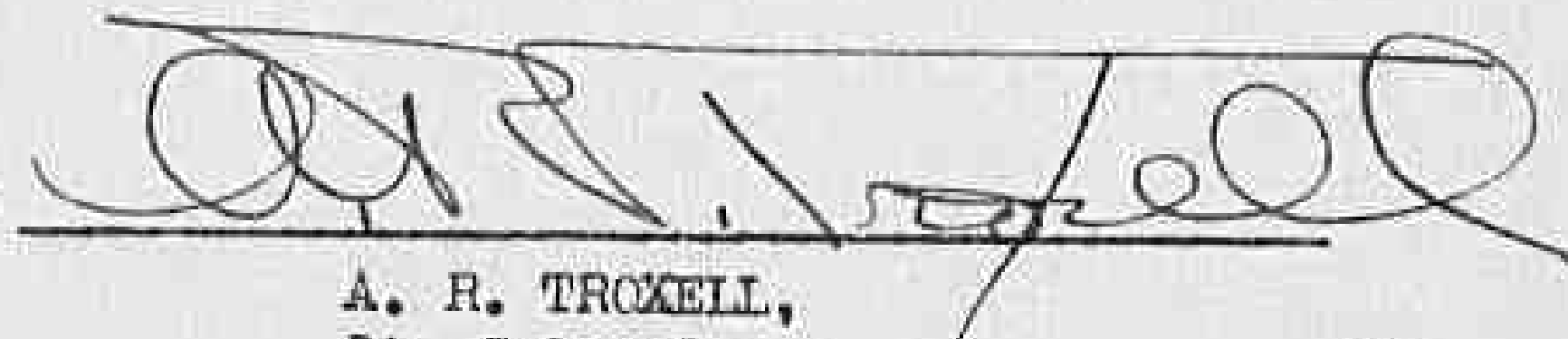
On 26th June 1944 ZENTENA Antonio, 41 years of age, farmer and SAMPOGNA Carlo, 23 years of age, farmer were convicted by a Superior A.M.G. Court at CAMPOBAS- SO town under Proclamation 2, Article I, Section 30 and each sentenced to 3 years imprisonment.

2. These two men were found by a Polish patrol on the top of a telegraph pole. On seeing the patrol they jumped down and started to run. They were halted only after a number of rounds had been fired at them. Two lines had been cut and were hanging from 1 pole, and two lengths of wire were found on the ground. Both men admitted cutting the wire which was in use by the Polish Forces. They stated they did not know that the line was in use and they wanted the wire for use as clothes lines. Polish Security stated there was no indication of deliberate sabotage.

For the Regional Commissioner:

W. E. BEHRENS,
 Colonel,
 R.L.O.

by



A. R. TROXELL,
 Lt. Colonel,
 D.R.L.O.

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*See On letter of 4 June 44 and
 for this to be sent direct to PRO Naples
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

✓ (4)
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Ref/319/44/CA.

24 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines.

TO : Admin Section (2) - For Public Safety
and Legal Sub-Comm.
Public Relations Officer.

1. I attach copy of a letter received this
day from Hq. A.A.I., reference AAI/1465/2/WH(6)
of 22 May 1944.

2. Would you please let me have your
comments as early as possible.

COMMISSION	
Chief Counsel	
ITV/RAC.	

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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To: LEGAL



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ACC/1009/L

SUBJECT: Sabotage and Theft of Signal Lines

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner

4th June 1944

1. Reference your letter 319/44/CA of 24 May 1944 enclosing copy letter AAI/1465/2/CSI(b) of 22 May 1944 from Hq AAI.

2. Instructions were issued by this sub-commission on 20 March 1944 to all DIOs and SIOs concerning publicity for cases in Allied Military Courts.

3. Attached is a copy of a further letter which has now been sent stressing the importance of publicity for convictions in cases of damage to signal lines.

C. R. HAYDEN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Encl. Copy Directive
ACC/1009/L of 4 June 44.

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4 APR 1964

SUBJECT: 1. Propaganda and Propaganda.

2. Regional Legal Offices (RLOs): Regional Communications, Regions III, IV and V.
Federal Legal Offices (FLOs): 50th and 6th Divisions.

1. Reference by letter 100/1002/L of 20 March 1964. (7)

2. A special request has been made to us to ensure that the conclusions in cases of damage to signal lines through sabotage or theft.

3. Will you please send particulars of any such cases to Public Relations Office, 100, Regent? Will you also discuss with Regional Communications or 60th the availability of local publicity to suitable cases and inform me?

WVY

WALTER E. HAYES,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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Admin-Section
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/20/1/CA

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Publicity and Propaganda.

TO : R.C's Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII.
SCAO's, AMG 5th and 8th Armies.

1. The taking of photographs, moving or still, of any proceedings of an Allied Military Court or of any service personnel engaged in any capacity in such proceedings or the taking of a sound recording of any such proceedings will not be permitted.

2. R.C's and SCAOs will please bring the above to the notice of all officers serving in their respective regions, and particularly to those liable to serve as President of any General or Superior Military Court, who will be held responsible for seeing that the above direction is complied with in their courts.

3. An addition to the Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts will be published in due course.

COMMISSION	✓
Chief Counsel	✓
Admin Section	✓
Copy to:	
R.C's Regions VIII and IX.	
Public Relations Officer	
Admin Section (for Legal Sub-Commission)	

Col Campbell
To prepare
additionNote already made
in Feb 44M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Cancelled see 42A

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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ACC/14609/Ps

27 May 44

SUBJECT : Theft of Signal Lines.

TO : RC & MG Section.

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The Legal and Public Safety Sub-Commissions have considered your letter reference number 319/44 CA of 24 May 44 and are in agreement with the policy of deterrent punishments and publicity.

[Signature]
R.R. CRIPPS,
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Admin Section.

Copy to: Legal Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT:- Sabotage and theft of Signal
Lines.

✓ 11507/6
HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/1465/2/GSI(b)

(26)

22 May 44.

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

1. We continue to receive frequent reports of damage to signal lines through sabotage or theft - mainly the latter.

2. Apart from the inconvenience and the waste of time, labour and material involved, the interruption of our line communications may have serious operational consequences.

3. A certain proportion of the offenders are caught, brought to trial and convicted, and it is considered that maximum publicity should be given to such convictions when the sentences imposed are such as to act as an effective deterrent.

4. It is requested that Regional and Provincial Commissioners and SCAO's be instructed to ensure that such publicity is effected in appropriate cases.

Brigadier,
P.C.S.(I)

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Copy to: X Branch.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUBCOMMISSION
APO 394

/rhp.
25 May 1944

AOC/1009/1.

SUBJECT : Publicity and Propaganda.
TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. I attach a copy of "YANK" of 26 May 44 with reference to the pictures of an Allied Military Court which appear on pages 3 and 4.

2. To prevent such a thing happening again, I suggest that a directive on the point be issued by AG & JC Section and I attach a draft.

3. It is, perhaps, pertinent to point out that a directive on publicity in relation to Allied Military Courts was issued by this sub-commission on 20 March 44 in which it was expressly stated that cinematograph or sound recordings of actual court proceedings would not be permitted, but in view of these photos in "YANK", I think a wider directive is required.

GERALD R. UPJOHN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: RMO.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
RE & MG SECTION
APO 394

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May 1944.

SUBJECT : Publicity and Propaganda.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI
and VII;
SCAOs, AMG, 5th and 8th Army.

1. The taking of photographs, moving or still, of any proceedings of an Allied Military Court or of any service personnel engaged in any capacity in such proceedings or the taking of a sound recording of any such proceedings will not be permitted.

2. RCs and SCAOs will please bring the above to the notice of all officers serving in their respective regions, and particularly to those liable to serve as President of any General or Superior Military Court, who will be held responsible for seeing that the above direction is complied with in their courts.

3. An addition to the Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts will be published in due course.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : Region VIII
Public Relations Officer.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB 8

19 May 1944

Subject : Photographs.

To : Colonel G.R. Upjohn, Chief Legal Officer

You vetoed photographs in courts.

P.R.B., always obedient, abstained. But what do we make
of p.p. 2, 3, 4 ?

Our photographic department demands some explanation -
or permission to compete.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,

Public Relations Director

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 REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
 APO 394

GCU/pn

3 MAY 1944

REFERENCE : ACC/4007/2

SUBJECT : Propaganda Aids for Crime Control .

TO : Chief, Publications Section,
Psychological Warfare Branch .

1. Your letter of 22 April 1944 is acknowledged .
2. The samples enclosed by you were considered at a meeting of Regional Legal Officers on Monday. It was suggested and unanimously agreed that it was desirable that some signature or statement should be put at the bottom showing the posters in question are official. For instance the words "By Order - A.M.G." or some such phrase might be used.
3. In this connection it was pointed out that in a number of cases leaflets which are scattered by aeroplane and other methods containing Allied propaganda could also be improved if the name of the authority issuing distribution was appended so as to prove that the posters or leaflets are official.
4. I attach hereto a short statement of the Fortunate case.
5. I enclose one copy of the Italy Gazette number 1 containing details of the A.M.G. Proclamations and Orders. For offences see Proclamation 2 .

GERALD M. URSCH,
 Colonel,
 Chief Legal Officer. 26

Copy to : Public Relations Officer .

FORTUNATO Bonaventura & FRANCHINO Domenico - both of VIA MICHELE VERNIERE No. 17, SALERNO were civilian employees of a British Army Post Office.

They were both charged and found guilty by an Allied General Military Court on 25 April of stealing letters despatched by and to members of the Allied Forces (Penal Code Art. 315) and of destroying and suppressing correspondence (Penal Code Art. 619).

They were both sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 9.

9 May 1944.

Subject: Organization of PR Branch. (12)

1. The following should be substituted for the existing paras 2 and 3 in PRB 9 dated 3 April.
2. The present establishment of the Public Relations Branch is:-

Public Relations Director - Major Lionel Fielden (B)
 Deputy Director of Public Relations - Major Theodore L. Bullock (Cdn)
 Deputy Director of Public Relations - Major Thomas G. Bergin (A)
 Public Relations Officers - Captain John P. Leacacos (A)
 Captain C. Howard Owen (B)
 Lieut Gene F. Caprio (A)

3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 25, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 54209 and Vapor (10050) Extension 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples on 53807, Major Bullock on 52547, Major Bergin on 15505, Captain Leacacos on 16441 and Lieut Caprio on 52584.

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Lionel Fielden

LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Distribution as for PRB 9 dated 3 April.

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Pls to be signed
by authority (20)

ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Publications Section
Unit No. 3
APO 512 U.S. Army

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Propaganda Aids for Crime Control

TO : Chief Legal Officer, ACC, Legal Subcommittee, APO 394

1. Reference is made to letter 31 March, 1944, to PRO, ACC, from the Chief Legal Officer, a copy of which was sent to this office.

2. Samples of five posters prepared by this Section are enclosed herewith. Numbers FWB P 9-10-11 have been widely posted throughout Naples City; in the Port Area distribution was made through American Military Police. Number FWB P 12, just issued will be used chiefly in the forward area by the FWB Combat Teams. Number FWB P 13 has been posted generally; a second edition of this poster may be prepared shortly.

3. It is proposed to issue a poster similar to FWB P 12 in connection with the recent conviction in Salerno of Bonaventura Fortunato and Domenico Franchini for stealing from the British Army Post Office. It is requested that such details of this case as appear in posters already issued be sent to this office for the purpose of preparing this poster.

4. If desired this office will prepare posters of another type in connection with problems designated as (3), (4), and (5) in the letter to which reference is made above. For this purpose it will be necessary to have full details of ACC or AMG Proclamations and orders covering the indicated offenses. Proposed copy will be submitted for verification through the PRO, ACC before distribution is made.

5. Comment is invited.

COPY TO: PRO, ACC
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GEORGE F. HAVELL
Capt. 3-P, A.U.S.

Acting Chief
Publications Section (Italy)

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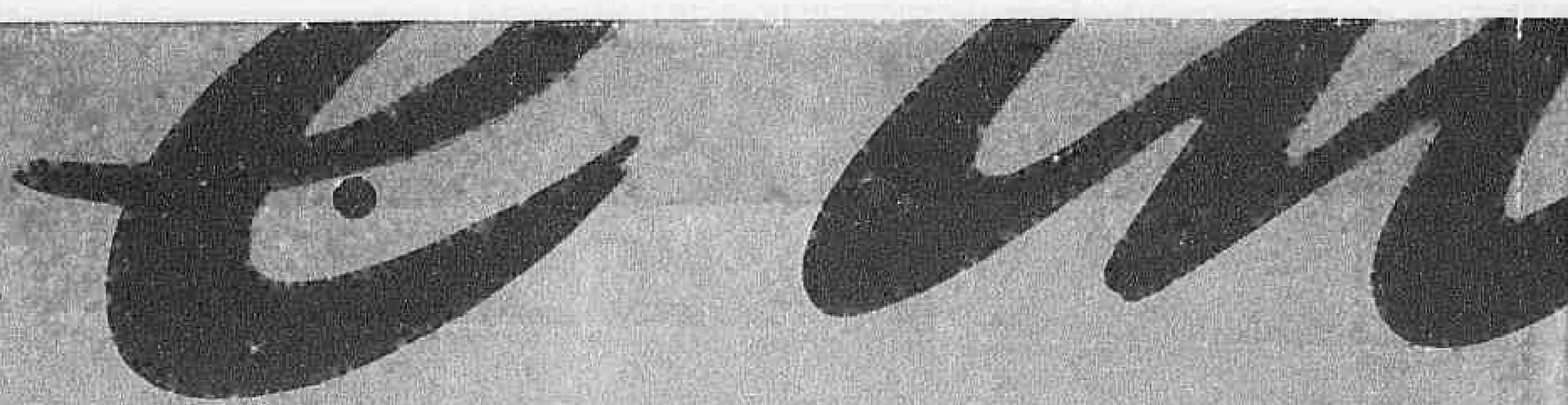
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di violazione dell'Ordinanza No. 8 dell'A. M. C.
conferma il Decreto Legge del 22 aprile 19
commercio di generi razionati sul Mercato No

DE MATTIA BRUNO

Via delle Puglie 23, Purgato

è comparso il 28 marzo u. s. dinanzi alla Co
Militare No. 1 dell'A. M. G. (Tribunale di C
Napoli), che lo ha condannato a 3 anni di

PUTATO

dell'Ordinanza No. 8 dell'A. M. G., Sez. I, che
Decreto Legge del 22 aprile 1943 e vieta il
generi razionati sul Mercato Nero,

DE MATTIA BRUNO

delle Puglie 23, Purgatorio

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28 marzo u. s. dinanzi alla Corte Superiore
dell'A. M. G. (Tribunale di Castelcapuano,
o ha condannato a 3 anni di carcere.

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Imputato di violazione dell'Ordinanza No. 2 dell'
stabilisce le pene per la distruzione dei mezzi di

PATIERNO FRANCESCO
S. Giovanni a Teduccio

dopo un processo durato dieci giorni, è stato ricon
Generale Militare di Napoli di avere distrutto
alleati, avendo tagliato i fili telefonici usati per la
al transito dei treni ospedale e di rifornimento. E

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ILI TELEFONICI

za No. 2 dell' A. M. G., art. 1, sez. XIII, che
e dei mezzi di comunicazione alleati

O FRANCESCO
anni a Teduccio

ni, è stato riconosciuto colpevole dalla Corte
vere distrutto vitali mezzi di comunicazione
ici usati per la trasmissione di notizie relative
rifornimento. E' stato perciò condannato a

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: C.L.O. REAR H.Q. A.C.C.
FROM : H.Q. REGION V A.M.G.
SUBJECT : Publicity Material.
REF : R5/511/10.
DATE : 27 April 1944.

1. Referring to ACC/4009/L the following information is taken from the letter of P.L.O. Campobasso Province.
2. "On 12th April I tried at GUGLIONESI one PASSERI Riccardo (incidentally stated to be the Marchesa Passeri). He had come up from Bari and was charged on 3 charges of attempting to bribe British soldiers in order to obtain the use of military transport for black market grain which he wished to transport to Southern Italy, BITONTO, to be precise, and three black market charges. He was convicted on all charges except one Black Market one, and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment and a fine of 150.000 lire, with a further years's imprisonment in default of payment. He was an organizer of black market operations, and 3 of his associates were charged with him.
On 11th I tried at TEROLI one GITTO Francesco. He pleaded guilty to one black market charge (illegal purchase of grain) and was found guilty of further charges of attempted bribery of an allied soldier in order to obtain use of W.D. transport for black market use and of unauthorized possession of arms. He was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment and a fine of 50.000 lire or 12 months imprisonment in default."
3. This for your information.

For Regional Commissioner

W. E. BEHRENS
Lt. Col.
RLO

by

A. R. Troxell
A. R. TROXELL
Major FA
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Chief Counsel
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REGION II

PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

B-72. There is nothing worthy of note to report with respect to Press and Public Relations except that little or no Allied propaganda has been distributed in the Region, and several of the Provincial Commissioners are of the opinion that some could be used to good advantage, particularly moving picture films.

G.H. McCaffrey
G.H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/4104/7/L

21 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Licensing of Publications.TO : HQ & AD Sec.

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

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS,
Lt. Colonel,
for VP Adm Sec.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL DIVISION
APO 394, U.S. Army *fl*

JWC/mo

17 April 1944

Subject: Publicity concerning A.M.G. Courts.

To : C.L.O. Legal Sub-commission, A.C.C.

There is forwarded herewith, for your information, a marked copy of *La Ricostruzione* of 8 April 1944 published at Bari .

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Lt.Col., J.A.G.D.,
Reg.Legal Officer.

15 April 1944

Press item concerning a conviction.

Regional Legal Officer.

There is attached hereto a newspaper which contains a story of a conviction in AMG Courts. The item is self-explanatory, and is passed on to your office for whatever value, if any, it may have.

John K. Weber
JOHN K. WEBER,
Colonel, Infantry
P.L.O., Naples Province

An Unfortunate Sentence

Captain Paolo Vitello has been sentenced to two years imprisonment by the Summary Court of St. Maria Capua Vetere for being in unauthorized possession of two pistols.

This sentence has unfortunately been confirmed by the Superior Court of Salerno. The result of the trial was due to unfavorable circumstances and also to the fact that the defence was handled by an incapable lawyer.

This case is of grave import; the Italian offices was not able to defend himself; he was still on duty and far away from the place where the pistols were kept at the time the proclamation ordering consignment of weapons was published. This proclamation was not sufficiently publicised during the first months of allied occupation: proof of this is the fact that A. M. G.O.T. itself had to re-issue a peremptory order last January.

Since this man, of undoubted pro-allied sympathies and precedents, is innocent and is a citizen of good social position and exemplary character we beg the honourable A. C. C. to reconsider this case in furtherance of the interests of justice.

LA RICOSTRUZIONE — Sabato 8 aprile 1944

Pag. 3

Il primo atto della tragedia

(L'Anschluss)

Eravamo ai primi del 1934, nei primi mesi del nazismo al potere in Germania, in una situazione politica simile a quella che portò il trionfo di Mussolini in Italia. Ero tornato fresco da Londra dove l'Ambasciatore Grandi mi aveva fatto sapere che il libro sulla Germania aveva avuto molta eco in Italia, e che d'altra parte avrei potuto tornare tranquillo in Italia.

In Germania, dove l'anno prima lo avevo risieduto per un semestre, conoscendo anche il nuovo dittatore, anche prima che il Maresciallo Hingelburg lo installasse a Berlino, avevo avuto netta la sensazione di alcuni fatti, che a me parvero i primi verso la tragedia di Europa. La gioventù Hitleriana era presa dal fanatismo politico della rivendica: a Monaco di Baviera, nella sfarzosa Cassa Bruna, e nelle diverse sedi del Partito i giovani di Hitler si battevano a duello come gente di combattimento e moralità, abitudine con le armi, che il trattato di Versailles si diceva loro avesse voluto strappare in perpetuo dalle mani delle generazioni tedesche. Per le strade grandi scritte e cartelli col Deutschland erwache! Germania svegliati. I vasi locali chinati delle città più particolarmente naziste, come Monaco, Essen, Berlino, Königsberg, la gioventù tedesca a migliaia esercitavasi alle armi con bastoni o in locali chiusi, non potendo farlo con fucili e alla luce del sole. Ma lo spirito di guerra era lì con essi, in quelle colonne compatte che salivano ogni mattina di buon'ora per le vie cittadine, con aspetto sperbo e marziale, quasi a riprova che le armi vengono quando lo spirito è disposto a impugnarle.

Giovani tra i giovani, misti ad essi in una delle belle "case dello studente", o in uno dei ristoranti del partito nazista, aveva fatto osservazioni simili alle mie nel periodo che incombeva. Eppure la mia voce fu soffocata in Italia, come di chi dicesse troppo e con troppa brutalità; ciò nonostante il giornale ufficiale, "Le Tempe", e il "Matin" registravano il mio volume come "il primo grido di allarme di un italiano". Gli che io volevo nell'assassinio di Dollfus e nel colpo che preparò la riunione dell'Anstria alla Germania, uno sviluppo logico e naturale dello spirito del nazismo. Non mi pareva di dire cose straordinarie, che l'Austria è il primo anello della catena con cui Hitler vuol fare schiava l'Europa. Come me molti avevano pensato in Germania, riportando nei rispettivi paesi, insieme ai rispettivi netti ed obiettivi su quelle che era la reale preparazione dello spirito tedesco.

Tanto più obiettivi noi fummo, in quanto eravamo andati in Germania per studiarne la lingua e arricchirci del suo pensiero, pieni di ammirazione come eravamo per tante belle qualità di cui la provvidenza ha dotato quel popolo. Ma il nostro amore di patria ci fece superare il tormentoso contrasto fra l'amministrazione del grande e il timore e la visione della dominazione futura. Noi tutti non volevamo tornare alla Germania, e anch'io — come ha detto Benvenuto Croce — non ho da pentirmi dei miei sentimenti che mi nutrivano del tempo che mi ho trascorso. Io non ero un "deutschfresser", o un mangiatore di tedeschi, come poi si chiamavano i nazisti; ero solo un italiano, e forse ancora prima di questo, una persona del mondo che sentiva in-

NOSTALGIA DI ROMA

Se in questa Pasqua di resurrezione risorgessimo a Roma e ci sentissimo immersi in quell'aria, confornati da quei palazzi, allietati dalle fontane e dai pini, sarebbe certo una bella Pasqua. E rivedremmo i nostri familiari e sentiremmo le loro voci consuete e care. Ci parrebbe di essere «Manelue» che, uscito dalla porta di casa, rientra dalla finestra dopo il lungo viaggio col cuore colmo di affetti per quell'angolo di mondo, quell'angolo per cui egli si era messo in cammino: per la gioia di ritrovarlo.

Ma solo a figurarsi una tale idillica resurrezione ci par di essere egoisti e gretti: ci pare quasi di dimenticare i milioni e milioni di ramagli che da anni, nelle strade e nei campi lontani, anelano il ritorno e la casa. Noi non ci illudiamo e sappiamo che quel giorno del ritorno sarà pagato a caro prezzo, un prezzo che già si va pagando ora per ora; e il sangue dei fratelli lo va santificando. Pensiamo che in qualche modo Roma aveva bisogno di questo lavacro per destarsi dal sonno ipnotico di tanti anni di pesante seraggio e che Essa

che lo isolavano praticamente, costringendolo ad atti di disperazione. Fu il momento critico della volontà di Mussolini, se rompere e attaccare la Germania, con le divisioni che il generale Piani gli aveva disposto presso il Brennero, o se anch'egli inghiottire, come egli e tutti i maggiori responsabili di Europa avevano fatto sin'ora verso il nazismo ribelle.

quando ci apparirà dalle strade dell'Agro ci sembrerà più bella con i segni della guerra e della riscossa, più nobile dopo il martirio.

Noi attendiamo e siamo pronti alle prove con animo coraggioso. Ma non sembrerà debolezza, oggi, un nostro più intenso pensiero per la città lontana, avvolta nel suono delle campane pasquali, chiusa nel suo dolore, oppressa dall'incubo dei giorni avvenire: rivediamo i colli allietati dalla primavera, i palazzi custodi del silenzio dei secoli, le strade modeste e nobili, le vaste ville come oasi incantate e ci sembra assurdo e mostruoso pensare che uomini possano avere il coraggio di posare freddamente le mine sotto le fondamenta sacre e di preparare con calcolo la distruzione scientifica di ciò che è insostituibile. Insostituibile non solo per noi che portiamo nel sangue la Città ma per tutti gli uomini, per essi stessi che oggi sono incoscienti, per i figli che verranno. Inutile è, però, attendere il Bene dallo Spirito del Male: l'assurdo, il mostruoso avverrà e il nome degli uccellati rimarrà in perpetua obominazione.

stico, intanto da Hitler disarmò Mussolini, non importa se ciò avvenne col definitivo sacrificio della indipendenza e della sovranità politica italiana.

Da qui i fatti e gli atti della tragedia umana si svolsero con la logica del destino. Venne la fine di SCHUSSCHNIGG il suo cessare di Dollfus, pari a lui per intelligenza e per carattere di eroe, non a lui per intelligenza.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
LEGAL DIVISION
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

Legal Sub. Comm.
Rear. Hq.
S-1641
14
15 April 1944.
208/CA/69.

SUBJECT : Public Relations.
TO : C.L.O., ACC. HQ.

1. Enclosed copy letter from H.Q., A.A.I.
to the Executive Commissioner, is forwarded for your
information.

Henry L. Blum, Capt JAGD
H.M. DICKIE, W/Cdr., R.A.F.,
S.L.O., AMG 5 Army.

HEADQUARTERS
17 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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Subject:- Publicity.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

CONFIDENTIAL

AAI/1458/G(Ib)

14 Apr 44.

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

Reference your PRB 16 dated 11 Apr 44 and telephone conversation Brig. LUSH - Lt.Col. GIBSON.

1. We are anxious that the following principles should be adopted with regard to the publicity of enemy espionage and sabotage cases and trials.

(a) There should only be publicity in cases where the agents are executed, and even then not necessarily in all such cases.

(b) They should be released for publicity in batches, and not individually as they occur.

(c) The information released must be carefully selected by G.S.I.(b) to ensure that it is not of value to the enemy.

2. We therefore wish to control from this HQ the release and publicity of such cases, and we have arranged with P.W.B. this HQ, that, at the appropriate time, we shall give them the "story", and they will arrange through P.W.B., NAPLES, for due publicity to be given, both by radio and the local press. We would at the same time give the story to our P.R.O. for use by War Correspondents if they wish.

3. We appreciate that P.R.O., A.C.C. is also interested, and we will co-ordinate with him before handing the material to P.W.B.; in addition, of course, he could make such use of this material as he thinks fit as soon as it is released.

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(signed) W.D. GIESON, Lt.Col.
for Brigadier,
E.G.S.(I).

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Copy to:- Senior Legal Officer,
A.M.G., Fifth Army.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB 9.

3 April 1944.

Subject: Public Relations Branch.

1. The reorganization of Public Relations Branch as a part of HQ ACC and the consequent abolition of Regional Public Relations Officers involve the following arrangements:
2. The present establishment of the Public Relations Branch is as follows:
 - Director of Public Relations - Major Lionel Fielden (B)
 - Deputy Director of Public Relations - Major Theodore L. Bullock (Can)
 - Public Relations Officers - Captain John P. Leacocks (A)
 - Lieut Gene F. Caprio (A)

Changes or additions in Public Relations personnel will be announced when they occur.

3. Location of the Public Relations Branch is Room 25, First Floor, Provincia Building, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Naples. Telephone numbers during office hours are Naples 54209 and Vapor (10060) 172. After office hours Major Fielden may be reached in Naples at 55607, Major Bullock at 52547 and Captain Leacocks at 16441.

4. The Public Relations Branch is responsible for ensuring as far as possible that an accurate and comprehensive picture of the work of the ACC and ACC is supplied to the world press and radio, either through accredited correspondents, or by direct release of news. This necessarily entails, on the one hand, a measure of control over all news issued, and, on the other, the cooperation of all personnel in keeping PR Branch fully informed. PR Branch has of course the responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news, but its success must derive largely from the readiness of Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SC40s, C40s and Heads of Sub-Commissions to communicate to PR all developments in their areas or spheres of activities which may add usefully to the general picture of the work of the ACC.

5. To illustrate this point, a memorandum issued by the Head of the Legal Sub-Commission is attached. Instructions to the work of PR Branch

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6. Administrative Memorandum No 12 dated 12 March 1944 contains general guidance for press interviews. It follows from this that, except in special cases, interviews to Press correspondents are not to be associated with the name of an officer, and are for "background information" only. Correspondents accredited by PR Branch can however be trusted not to divulge information given "off the record" and such information may sometimes be essential in order to give adequate background.

7. No interviews to Press Correspondents will be given by members of Headquarters staff of Naples or Salerno without first clearing with PR Branch. In Regions the procedure followed will be, as far as possible, to have correspondents accredited by PR Branch and to warn Regions in advance of their visits.

/ Occasions

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Occasions may arise, however, when correspondents visit Regions without having been to HQ, or when correspondents not generally accredited to AGC (e.g. war correspondents in operational areas) desire to obtain information of AGC or AMG activities. In such cases information should not be withheld by any ref-tape considerations: Regional and Provincial Commissioners, SACs and CAOs must, however, ensure that the correspondent holds proper credentials, and they are asked in all such cases to inform PR Branch briefly but immediately of the interview and information given. This ensures (a) that the source of information is known (b) that the correspondent's release can be properly checked if censorship questions arise and (c) that no one correspondent is favoured to the exclusion of others.

8. Since it is highly desirable to change the somewhat critical picture of AGC which has characterized some parts of the Allied Press, it follows that all possible courtesy and consideration should be extended to correspondents. PR Branch will, as far as is within its power, arrange for the transport of correspondents from HQ to Regions, but the responsibility for billeting and transport in Regional areas will necessarily fall on Regional staffs, who are asked to give their fullest cooperation in this connection.

9. A special situation exists as regards news intended for publication or broadcasting by the organs of Psychological Warfare Branch (PWB) in Italy. PWB personnel are authorized to seek information of Allied Control Commission or military government activities for publication in their controlled Italian organs without the necessity of constant reference to the Public Relations Branch. It is suggested that Regional Commissioners in Regions where PWB newspapers are operating maintain liaison with them. In the event of a major difference of opinion concerning the handling of any news that may affect the operations of the Allied Control Commission in any area, PR Branch should be consulted.

10. It is intended that members of the PR Branch shall visit Regions as frequently as possible in order to keep themselves fully acquainted with Regional problems and developments, and to carry out as far as possible the wishes of Regional Commissioners and their staffs in regard to publicity. Members of the PR Branch will also attend Regional Conferences whenever possible. It is emphasized in this connection that Regional Commissioners should unhesitatingly call on the services of PR Branch for advice or information they may require on

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11. The control of newspapers, newsprint, applications for, or withdrawals of, publishing licenses, and all correlated matters in the Italian theatre of operations, fall under the Central and Regional Allied Publications Boards (The Central Board meets fortnightly on Mondays in Naples; the Regional Boards meet weekly on Mondays in Naples, Palermo, Cagliari, Bari and Cosenza). All questions concerning newspapers and other publications in Italy will normally be referred to these Boards. The Director of Public Relations is a member of the Central Board; urgent enquiries or complaints may therefore be channelled through PR Branch if required and requests for ACC action by the ACB will normally be made through PR Branch.

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12. It will be generally agreed that it is essential to maintain the confidence, as well as the interest, of the Allied Nations in the work of the ACC, whose example is bound to be of great value in future operations of a similar kind. PR Branch will use every endeavour to ensure that the news issued and the record kept, are comprehensive, accurate, and well presented. In this endeavour it invites the cooperation of all concerned.

Lionel Fielden
 LIONEL FIELDEN,
 Major,

Director of Public Relations.

Distribution:

Chief Commissioner
 Deputy Chief Commissioner
 Executive Commissioner
 Deputy Executive Commissioner
 Vice President, Administrative Section
 Vice President, Economic Section
 Regional Commissioners
 SCACs
 Heads of Sub-Commissions
 Heads of Independent Sub-Commissions

For information: Mr George W. Edman, FWB, Naples (5)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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5.4.44

Ref. ACC/4009/L

SUBJECT : Publicity and Propaganda

TO : Public Relations Officer, HQ. ACC.

Reference telephone conversation of 3 April 1944
(Major Fielden - Major Wright) herewith as requested 50 copies
of this Sub-Commission's letter ACC/4009/L dated 20 March 1944
concerning the above.

W
✓ A. C. WRIGHT,
Major,
for Chief Legal Officer.

✓ 104009
HEADQUARTERS
AMG 5TH ARMY
LEGAL DIVISION
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

6 April 1944
208/CA/69

Subject : Publicity.

To : Public Relations Officer,
ACC, Naples.

1. With reference to the communication of the C.L.O. of 20 March (ACC/4009/L), para. 4 (b) thereof, there are numerous espionage and sabotage cases which have been tried in 5 Army area. However, to safeguard security interests and achieve uniformity in publicity, G.S.I.b. of AAI HQ (who also arrange for publicity through PWB) has requested that you communicate with them on the subject.

H.M. DICKIE, S/Ldr, R.A.F.,
S.L.O., A.M.G. 5th Army.

Copy to :
✓ Chief Legal Officer,
HQ, ACC.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394.

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ACC/4009/L

21 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Propaganda.

TO : PRO, ACC.

1. Referring to Col. Ferren's (of PWB) visit to Col. Upjohn the other day I have written a letter to Regional Legal Officers which I hope will start the ball rolling.

2. Present problems over which PWB could give us great assistance with propaganda include the following:

(1) Black Market in Naples.

(2) Wire cutting in forward areas.

(3) Wrongful possession of NAAFI & PX stores, rations and even army equipment, especially blankets, everywhere. The bartering of these goods and equipment for eggs or laundry services, etc. is prohibited.

(4) Foggia province has special regulations which have to be complied with before entry is permitted and this could very usefully be publicised in the surrounding provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Benevento and Campobasso.

(5) Travel without permits in forward areas.

3. I shall be in Naples on Friday and Saturday and would be happy to discuss the matter further with you and Col. Ferren if you will let me know (Fatima 60) as soon as possible.

4. I enclose copy of this letter for Col. Ferren's use.


G. R. UPJOHN, Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 294

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ACG/4009/L

20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Publicity and Propaganda.

TO : SLOs (thru RC) Regions 3, 4, 5.
SLOs (thru SCAG) Gen & 6th Armies.

1. The Legal Subcommittee is anxious to arrange for a systematic supply of information to the Public Relations Officer to form a basis on which the PRO can launch a campaign of deterrent publicity against black market activities through the newspapers and PWB. For this purpose the PRO asked for the following returns from all Regional legal divisions:

(a) Weekly summaries of the number of cases tried for black market violations, the number of convictions and the length of the average sentence and amount of goods confiscated;

(b) Particulars of outstanding cases of big violators whose crimes are more sensational and whose capture and subsequent conviction reflects credit on the law enforcement machinery of the Allied Control Commission.

2. While I am anxious to give all possible assistance to the PRO on this important matter, it is not my wish to add to the work of legal divisions by calling for additional returns, but I ask you to treat this matter as important and to make from time to time such returns as may be possible without placing an undue strain on your existing facilities and staff. If you cannot make the returns under (a) please at any rate do so under (b).

3. Please send the returns direct to Major L. Fielden, Public Relations Officer, ACG, Naples, as from the week ending 1 April 1944, who will arrange for their dissemination in Allied and Italian newspapers and through PWB.

4. Apart from the special class of black market cases, any trials of interest and importance, with particulars containing the name of the accused, exact description of the facts, verdict and sentence should from time to time be communicated to Major Fielden for publication in the most suitable manner. Please bear in mind the following principles:

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(b) While there is no objection to publicising a forthcoming trial, it is on the whole better to concentrate on trials which have been held. In this connection publicity should not be withheld until the case has been reviewed. If, for instance, a death sentence is imposed, this might be reported first at the conclusion of the trial and secondly when the accused is executed.

5. P.W.E. has at its disposal a mobile loudspeaking unit in addition of course to broadcast facilities and they are anxious to arrange for propaganda to combat crime and disorder in various parts of Italy. Will PROs and SLOs Army please transmit to the PRO particulars of any special crime problems with which they are faced in any particular area (e.g. Black Market in Naples, wire cutting in army areas, breach of permit regulations in Foggia) so that P.W.E. can arrange for suitable propaganda to combat the most prevalent crimes in particular localities. The P.W.E. will then arrange with P.V.B. for appropriate propaganda in the particular locality.

6. Generally, in publicity matters, RLOs & SLOs Army will deal direct with the P.R.O., but on no account will cinematograph or sound recordings of actual court proceedings be permitted.

G. R. Urjoen

G. R. URJOEN
Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to: RLO (thru RC) Regions 1, 2, 6 (to note para 5)
2 Copies PRO (1 for Col. Terren PWB)
Your PWB 16 dated 18 March is acknowledged.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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4009
15B 16.

18 March 1944.

Subject: Publicity of Black Market Sentences as Deterrents.

To: Chief Legal Officer.

1. Thank you for your note of 16 March. The position concerning photographic publicity of trials is entirely clear.

2. The Public Relations Branch, however, is keenly interested in giving the widest publicity possible, through the medium of PWB, to sentences meted out to black market violators, on the premise that such publicity has a definite value as a deterrent to possible violators. And, of course, the stiffer the sentence the better.

3. In order to launch such a campaign of deterrent publicity, it will be necessary to have a systematic flow of information to this office concerning legal steps taken to punish the criminals. Therefore, we would appreciate action by your staff on two points:

a. That the Legal Sub-Commission instruct regional legal divisions to forward to the Public Relations Branch:

- (1) Weekly summaries of the number of cases tried for black market violations, the number of convictions and the length of the average sentence and amount of goods confiscated;
- (2) Particulars of outstanding cases of big violators whose crimes are more sensational and whose capture and subsequent conviction reflects credit on the law enforcement machinery of the Allied Control Commission.

b. That the Legal Sub-Commission send us periodically but regularly such available information of an overall nature as might be successfully publicized to show a measure of total success in our black market drive.

[Signature]
Major

for LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

Copy for file 4009

THAT HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Sub-Commission
APO 394

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16 March 1944

ACC/4009/1

SUBJECT : Allied Military Court Trials .
TO : Public Relations Officer .

1. It does not appear that the position of this Sub-Commission on the question of publicity of Allied Military Court trials is clear to you .

2. This Sub-Commission does not permit the photography or recording by mechanical means the proceedings in such trials, but it does regard as most helpful its publicity in local papers of the results of such trials, particularly where the offense is of the type that every effort is being made to stop such as black market, theft or wrongful possession of property of Allied Military Forces etc ...

GERALD R. UNYCKE
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer .

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION.
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION.
APO 394.

19th February, 1944.

REFERENCE : AOC/1009/1.
SUBJECT : Cinematographs.
TO : Public Relations Officer, A.C.C.

1. I am sorry to see Q-ops-operative but this sub-commission is greatly opposed to allowing publicity by means of photographs or cinematographs of Court proceedings.

2. Such a practice is entirely contrary to English ideas and to the practice in 90% of American Courts and would it is felt create a most undesirable and dangerous precedent.

CHAS R. BRIDGEMAN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMFrom: PRO, ACC.SUBJECT: US Army Photographers

FILE No. _____

16 Feb 194 4TO: Colonel Upjohn, Legal Sub-
Commission

I have two tame US Army photographers (still and movie) under my direction. I want to keep them busy and I want pictures. It strikes me that perhaps it might be interesting to take some shots of court proceedings - in particular, black market cases, if any. Would you agree?

Laufelder
MICHAEL FIELDER,
Major,
Public Relations Officer,
ACC.

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