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DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY OF G.I.L. ITALIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION
JAN. - JULY 1944

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 REPT:- Property of GIL Italian Youth Organization

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Allied Control Commission
Legal Sub-Commission

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Raul H. H. H.

Ref your letter ACC/4034/1/5 dated 10 Jun 44.

1. The premises of the GIL in SALERNO were occupied by military units about the middle of September 1943, and remained in military occupation until January 1944 when they were handed over as part of the accommodation for the Italian Government.
2. The Town Major states that when he first visited the premises in September 1943, when SALERNO was still in the theatre of active operations, they were, to the best of his knowledge, devoid of furniture and equipment.
3. It is considered very unlikely that any of the units which occupied the building before inventories of contents were called for by the Town Major could have removed furniture on any large scale. It is, however, a fact that looting, including looting of furniture, was done to a considerable extent in the town by civilians in the first few days after its capture.

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Property of G.I.I.

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H. No. 2 District

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Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Near H. Allied Control Commission

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Ref Legal Sub Commission

ACC/4031/5/H dated 10 Jun.

1. This matter is being investigated by this H. (letter
sent field by DSG (letter
backhand))2. As and when opportunity
arises the property of G.I.I.
will be returned to the Italian
authorities.R.D. Foster
Lt. Col.Major-General,
Commander, No. 2 District.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
MILITARY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394.

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10 June 1944.

REFERENCE : AOC/1064/51.

SUBJECT : Property of C.I.L. Italian Youth Organization.

TO : H.Q., No. 1 District. 38
H.Q., No. 2 District. 44
H.Q., No. 3 District.
Allied Garrison Commander, SASSANO.

1. In accordance with the terms of the Italian Decree Law of 2 Aug 43 No. 70, dissolving the National Fascist Party, the assets and activities of the ex-Fascist Association C.I.L. were transferred to the Ministries of War and Education.

2. On 28 January 1944, the Chief Commissioner AOC was informed by Marshal Badoglio that Allied Troops had removed furniture and equipment from the premises of the ex-Gioventu Italiana del Littorio under the erroneous idea that these effects belonged to the suppressed Fascist Party, whereas they had become the property of the Italian State. It is now further pointed out that the Government has great need of this material for its refugee organizations, schools and equipment of public offices, and has appointed a Commissioner in the person of Sig. Vincenzo di Iulio charged with the search for and recovery of this equipment.

3. In reply to a request for more precise information the Italian Government states that the requisitions and unauthorized withdrawals complained of have taken place at Salerno, Salerno, Catania, Potenza, Matera, Bari, Taranto, Lecce, Brindisi and Cagliari.

4. It is requested, therefore, that all possible steps be taken in the area under your command, and particularly in those places indicated in para. 3 above, to recuperate the property of C.I.L. and accordingly notify the competent local Italian authority so that the Government's Commissioner may be duly informed of the position in each locality.

A. R. Thackab
A. R. THACKAB.
Lieutenant-Colonel,
for Chief Legal Officer.

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Copy to : Deputy Chief Commissioner, Rear HQ (with file) —

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394.

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6 June 1944.

REFERENCE : ACC/4017/2/L.

SUBJECT : Interim of the Italian Youth Organisation.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner, Rear H.Q., A.C.C.

1. Reference attached Routing Sheet, there is no longer any trace in the files of this Sub-Commission of any correspondence with H.Q. No. 2 District.

2. To the best of Lt.Col.Thackrah's recollection the complaint at that date chiefly concerned the property of G.I.I. situate in King's Italy and that it was for this reason the matter was referred to No. 2 District.

Gerald R. Upton
GERALD R. UPTON,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

8 June 44

Legal Sub-Commission

*The DCC would like to have
your Sub-com. follow them with no 2 listed on this
Denature.*

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: Patrimony on belongings of the Italian Youth Organization

NO	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1	25 May 44	D.C.C.	Legal Sub-Com.	<p>1. For necessary action.</p> <p>2. Attached is file on above subject. Such file consists of:</p> <p>(1) Letter No. 616/Pres. Cons., PM 151 - 28 gennaio 1944 from Marshal Badoglio.</p> <p>(1a) Translation of No. (1).</p> <p>(2) Draft of reply to (1) made by Major A. R. Thackrah (B); Legal Sub-Commission.</p> <p>(2a) Reply dated 30 Jan 44 to No. (1).</p> <p>(3) Letter N. 4779 of 13 May 44 from Under-secretary of State for the Presidency of Council of Ministers.</p> <p>(3a) Translation of No. (3).</p> <p>(4) Memo 23 May, Densmore to D.C.C.</p> <p>(5) DCC's acknowledgement dated 22 May to No. (3).</p> <p>3. Note inclosure No. (2) and (2a) both of which stated "The question . . . is being brought to the notice of Allied Military Authorities".</p> <p>4. There is no record in the AG's or Secretary General's offices of action mentioned in Incl No. (2). The DCC does not recall any action on his part. It is thought that whatever action had was taken by the Legal Sub-Commission and record may be in their files.</p> <p>5. May this matter have your attention please.</p>

For the Deputy Chief Commissioner:

L. G. Densmore
L. G. DENSMORE
Colonel, S.C.
PA to DCC

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EWS/hjp

22 May 1944

Dear Dr. Morelli:

This is to acknowledge receipt of letter N. 4779 dated 10 May 1944 relative to furniture and other articles of equipment belonging to the ex-S.I.L. (Italian Fascist Youth Association). The matter is being coordinated with action taken by the Commission as a result of Marshal Badoglio's letter of January 28, 1944.

A further reply will be given to you in the near future.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Dr. Renato Morelli
Undersecretary of State for
The Presidency of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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23 May 1944

To: Captain Stone

This matter has been delayed a few days as it took some time to find the old correspondence. Note your letter of January 30th wherein it is stated "The question . . . is being brought to the notice of the Military Authorities concerned". We are unable to find any record of action with the military authorities. It appears that Major Thackrah (E), Legal Sub-Commission, drafted your letter of May 30th. The matter has been discussed with him and he recalls having drafted the original letter and is of the opinion that it was referred to #2 District. However he does not have copy of any correspondence and can not give any information except that he thinks it was referred to #2 District. It would appear that this is a matter for the Legal Sub-Commission to continue it. If you agree, we will buck it to them for necessary action.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE

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Presidency of the Council of Ministers Cabinet

File No 4779

Reply to letter no. s.n.
of 30th January 44

Salerno,
10th May 1944.

To the A.C.C.

Subject; Patrimony on belongings of the
Italian Youth Organization.

In reply to the request of the 30th January last, made by the A.C.C., we wish to point out that it is not easy to indicate where the furniture and other articles of equipment belonging to the ex- G.I.L. (Italian Fascist Youth Association) have been taken to, which were carried off by Allied troops during the period of occupation. We can assure you however, that requisitions, and in some cases unauthorized withdrawals, have been verified at Salerno, Palermo, Catania, Potenza, at Latera and in many other localities already occupied by the Allied forces and even at Bari, Taranto, Lecce, Brindisi and Cagliari.

As His Excellency the President of the Council of Ministers already made clear in his letter no. 616/Pres. Cons. of the 28 January last, the G.I.L. was suppressed by the R.D.L. of 2nd August 1943 no. 704, and its tasks and activities were transferred to the Ministries of War and National Education. But as a result of the considerable size of the patrimony and the complexity of the matter, it has not yet been possible for the two Ministries to accomplish the allotment of its tasks and activities. The Government has therefore recently appointed a Commissioner, in the person of the Lawyer Vincenzo di Palma from Salerno, with the approval given in the letter of the 2nd c.m. of this Administrative Section, with the precise task of searching and recovering all the belongings of the Institution and determining, in agreement with the appointed Ministers the plan of the allotments mentioned.

Past events have brought about the transfer of objects belonging to the now suppressed G.I.L. to the State, which has great need of them in assisting the refugees coming from the zones of operations, the schools for poor children, and among other things, for the furnishing and equipment of public offices.

We would therefore be very grateful to the A.C.C. if it would kindly issue the necessary orders to the competent Allied Military Authorities in regards to the treatment the offices and property of the ex- G.I.L. should receive, not only in the Regions directly controlled by them but also in the Regions which will gradually become liberated. We trust also that the Allied Authorities will fully understand and facilitate the task which the Commissioner, lawyer Di Palma, is about to undertake with the purpose of recovering the furniture and materials belonging to said organisation.

The Undersecretary of State

(317)

19 May

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30 January 1944

To His Excellency Marshal Badoglio -

Dear Marshal Badoglio:-

This will acknowledge Your Excellency's letter
N. 616/Pres. Cons. of 28 January 1944.

The question which you raise as to the erroneous
treatment of the furniture and equipment of the "Gioventu Italiana"
is being brought to the notice of the Allied Military Authorities con-
cerned.

Meanwhile it will assist investigations if your ser-
vices are able to give me indications as to the regions or places where
the removal of furniture and equipment in question has been made.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

ELLERY W. TONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

30 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Ex-Gioventu Italiana del Littorio (G.I.L.).

TO : Marshall Badoglio
Head of Italian Government.

This will In the absence of General Mason MacFarlane I am directed
to acknowledge Your Excellency's letter N. 616/Pres. Cons. of
28 Jan. 1944.

The question which you raise as to the erroneous treatment of the furniture and equipment of the "Gioventu Italiana" is being brought to the notice of the Allied Military Authorities concerned.

Meanwhile it will assist investigations if your services are able to give me indications as to the regions or places where the removal of furniture and equipment in question has been made.

Captain, U.S.A.
Acting Chief of Staff
for Lieut. General Sir Frank Mason
MacFarlane,
Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission.

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CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

No. 616/Pres. Cons.

January 28, 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

It has been brought to my attention that some HQ's of Allied troops have ordered the removing of furniture and equipment from the seats of the ex-Gioventi Italiana del Littorio with the erroneous idea that they belonged to the suppressed Fascist party.

I therefore consider it necessary to point out that said organization, now devoid of any political activity and called "Gioventu Italiana (Italian Youth), has been made dependent on the Ministries for War and National Education, under the provisions of R.D.L. No. 704, August 2, 1943 (which is enclosed).

The property of this organization has been taken over by the State which because of the present contingencies apportions it among the state offices deprived of furniture.

I would be very grateful to you, dear General, if you would authoritatively intervene so that these infractions may cease as they are only reducing the already scarce supply of equipment indispensable for the functioning of the state organs.

I thank you, dear General, for the assuredly favorable news which you will have the kindness to communicate to me.

Cordial greetings.

Badoglio

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