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Public Safety Division

3 December 43

SUBJECT: Public Health Sub-Commission discussion conference - 8 Via
Bari, 1630 hours, 30 Nov. 1943.

TO : Colonel Henry.

Public Safety sub-commission was represented at this conference which was presided over by Lt. Colonel Williams; in attendance were allied officers from the various interested sub-divisions.

The subject offered for discussion was "Proposed Child Welfare Program". Timely and appropriate suggestions were discussed pro and con as to:

- (1) Development of play areas.
- (2) Establishment of hot lunches.
- (3) Free medical services.
- (4) Opening of schools.
- (5) Children's clothing - particularly shoes and stockings.
- (6) Delinquency.
- (7) Mentally handicapped children.

I suggested that play grounds be opened to children especially from 3 PM to 6 PM and policed, this being the logical time of the day that delinquency develops from the "Police" view. Pedestrian traffic safety to be stressed through the police agency which deals with traffic, i.e. lectures, films, practical application, i.e. school child patrol or similar program. Lastly, truancy to be handled by such a representative as a "visiting teacher" instead of by uniformed police officer. We were advised that 75% of the elementary schools on the island would open on December 1, 1943.

Meeting adjourned at 1600 hours. Place, date, and time of next meeting to be announced.

James P. Kelly
P.O. PHILLI,
1st. Lt.,
Special Police.

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27 November 1943

SUBJECT: - Child Welfare

TO : - Chief of Staff - A.M.G. HQ.
Attention Col. Spofford.

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Notwithstanding the many obvious evils of the Fascist regime certain progress were carried on particularly in relation to children which were both socially sound and had great popular appeal. With the abolition of the Fascist party and also through the exigencies of war these childrens programs have largely ceased to exist. In view of the shortage of grain, the difficulties in opening the schools, the rising child delinquency rates and the large numbers of unoccupied children roaming the streets, it is requested that a conference be called under your chairmanship with representatives from the Public Health and Welfare Sub-Commission, Education Sub-Commission, Public Safety Sub-Commission, Finance and Public Relations, to discuss ways of immediately assisting the Italian Government to put in motion some or all of the following activities:

1. The development of simple play areas (open air or if available indoor areas) to be operated by Italian officials and supervised by Italian personnel. This work was formerly done under the supervision of the G.I.L.
2. The development of a hot lunch program for children using playground, school and parish house and other facilities particularly in the more depressed areas. (Italian and Allied Red Cross to help in this) Both the G.I.L. and G.N.M.I. were involved in this in the past.
3. An extension of the free medical services including the opening of more Communal and Provincial free clinics. Formerly under direction of the G.N.M.I.
4. An extension of the free medical services for crippled and handicapped children, also formerly under the function of G.N.M.I. and the G.I.L.
5. The prompt opening of schools (it is realized this is already under consideration) and the enforcement of the compulsory education laws.
6. The obtaining and or manufacture of childrens clothing, particularly shoes and stockings.
7. The promoting of childrens entertainments, music and other cultural activities for children a former G.I.L. and Dopelavere function.

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8. The organization and extension of the work with child delinquents through the newly created Provincial child welfare departments. This program should include the establishment of an institution for the care of delinquent children sentenced by the courts. The institution of more adequate facilities for the probation and parole of children and the use of pre-sentence special investigation by the courts.
9. The development of a program for the care of mentally handicapped children for which no facilities now exist in Region I.
10. Such other practical programs as may be suggested to the committee.

It is suggested the proposed program be presented to the Italian people as a unified whole and widely advertised through the press and the radio. It will be well to present it with some fanfare and ceremony.

The financing of these children's activities would require only moderate expenditure of money and any money spent in this way will be amply repaid. The results achieved by those who have worked in the children's field in the United States and Great Britain have demonstrated the great political and public relations value of having children take home and discuss around the family table their small pleasures and new found knowledge.

By command of Brigadier General McMINN

G.B. Parkinson
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G.B. PARKINSON, Brigadier
 Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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