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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
MAR. - MAY 1944

Public Health Sec.

To see H A
please

McC. Ballance

27 May, 1944. Capt.

To: 1 ~~Capt. Savage~~
2 ~~Mr. Justice~~ ~~Sop~~
3 ~~Mr. Justice~~ ~~C. W. S.~~

Return to Capt. Ballance
Capt.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 44 for action/information

- ☒ C.P.S.
- D.C.P.S.
- Police
- Prisons
- Fire & C.D.
- ☒ Regn. & Licensing
- ☒ Adm. Officer Wm.

Remarks:

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..... File pending
..... information
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..... RF

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Subject: Conchit to Animals.
 To: C. P. S.

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23 March 1944

1. The Director, Interior Sub. Commission, spoke to the Italian Minister of the Interior with regard to this matter on the direct instructions of the Chief Commr.
2. Interior Syc will furnish this Syc with a note concerning the interview. When this is to hand, the file might be referred to Public Health Syc (Veterinarian), for information.
 ↳ This matter is of interest to them.

W.C. Ballance Capt. 1080

for J.A. Taylor Major.

P.S. Director, Int. S.C. discussed this with the Min. of Int. on 15 Mar at request of V-P. Admin. Sec. As soon as it was subsequently informed, the Min. indicated that the subject was dealt with by existing law. He was asked if necessary steps would be taken to apply that law and he agreed to do so. H. for Dir. Int. S.C.
 20/5/44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

21 March 1944

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Lord STANSFATE

While I appreciate the point of view of Mr. Butcher, I find it difficult to justify in my own mind any more in the direction suggested at the present time. Horses are undernourished; so are the people. Transportation is at a premium. If humane considerations dictate the destruction of horses, a heavier burden will fall upon the people.

In view of the generally sad state with respect to human beings, it seems to me incongruous formally to make representations to the Italian Government about animals, however much we feel for them. Unless directed by you to the contrary, I should like to let the matter rest with the acknowledgement already made to Mr. Butcher.



PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

PGK/hgd

I agree with as at X. I understand Col Spicer
has spoken to Reginald Reale.
S.

22.3.44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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19 March 1944.

ACC/14405/1/PS

SUBJECT: Cruelty to Animals

TO : C.P.S.

1. The Italian equivalent of the British Royal Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is the Ente Centrale per la Protezione degli Animali. The Ente is state controlled with an head office in Rome, but the state provides only 45% of the Ente's required revenue.
2. The work of the Ente is carried out in the provinces by the Sezione Provinciale Protezione degli Animali, Inspectors being employed to enforce the provisions of the Italian law relating to the ill-treatment of animals.
3. The work of the Ente has been allowed to lapse owing to the lack of funds and direction.
4. The general condition of most of the animals used for transport purposes is very poor and positive cruelty is all too evident. A strict enforcement of the law would probably disrupt many essential services, but the present deplorable position should be capable of improvement.
5. It seems desirable that the Ente referred to should be re-established and that parallel action should taken in both occupied and unoccupied territories.
6. The Italian State Veterinarian suggests that a letter be sent by this Headquarters to the Italian Minister of the Interior drawing attention to this matter. Such a letter will strengthen the Veterinarian's position when discussing financial matters concerning the Ente with the Italian Minister of Finance. Meanwhile, a preliminary note might be sent (through Public Health) to Regional Public Health and Public Safety officers. If this action is agreed to, draft letters will be prepared.

W.O. Ballance Capt.
for J. L. TAYLOR,
Major.

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J. A. TAYLOR,
Major.

Capt. Wallace:-

When you have a
chance, look into the epis-
tles, former or present, of
what might correspond to
our Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals. & let
me know.

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Sir/
note
attached
W.C. Barrance
Capt.

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The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stanagate,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

14 March 44.

Dear Mrs. Butcher,

General MacFarlane has forwarded to me your letter to him of the 9th March. I deplore as much as you do, the condition of animals in this country and their treatment.

The problem is not easy. First, Italian public opinion is quite indifferent; second, Italian law is by British standards quite inadequate, and last, we have not the staff to do all that we can wish even for the people many of whom are diseased, undernourished and insufficiently clad.

I fear that while we will do our best that that will be nothing like what we would wish.

I am however asking the appropriate Sub Commissions to see that the law, such as it is, is enforced.

(Sgd) S.H.

Mr. B.W. Butcher,
Hq. South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C.M.F.

Interior SC. 1
Public Health SC (to file)

You will note the VP's remarks. Please take any reasonable opportunity which presents itself to get matters improved.

Adm Sec.
14 Mar 44
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S.H. WHITE, Major,
SC II

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Mr. B.W. BUTCHER,
H.Q., South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross, C.M.F.
9th. March, 1944. 13

To. General Mason Macfarlane,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

Sir,

Since I have been in Italy, I have noticed, especially in the Naples district, where I was stationed for a short period, the terrible condition of the Italian horses. Generally they are in very poor condition, mostly suffering from malnutrition, and it is quite common to see these horses worked acutely lame, covered in some form of skin disease, and with bad harness sores. The Italian drivers do use bits or snaffles apparently, but a kind of curb chain, at the back of the lower jaw, so when this is pulled and some have metal pieces for extra leverage, bad sores occur and injure the jaw. In spite of all this, most of the drivers still urge their lifeless beasts along by means of whips or sticks. The Italian Police do not seem to take any notice at all, and our own Military Authorities do not appear to have any power to intervene. I know how difficult all this is, as I am working myself on human and refugee problems, to give much time to the animal side in this country. I have heard both Officers and Men comment rather bitterly about the condition of these horses, and may I ask please, as one who has spent a lifetime with horses, if anything can be done to improve the conditions under which these horses are compelled to work.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

G.W. R. 108

Field Representative, B.R.C.

→ *Send him full
Please do what is
possible. hms*

PENAL CODE OF THE KINGDOM OF ITALY.

ARTICLE 727.

(Ill-treatment of Animals.)

Whoever uses cruelty to animals or, without necessity, subjects them to excessive labour or to torture, or employs them in work for which they are insuitable owing to illness or age, shall be punished with a fine from 100 to 3,000 lire.

Any person, who, even though solely for scientific or education purposes, in a public place or a place open or exposed to the public, subjects living animals to experiments of such a nature as to arouse disgust, shall be liable to the same punishment.

The penalty, shall be increased if the animals are employed in games or public shows entailing torture or cruelty.

In the case contemplated in the first paragraph of the present Article, if the guilty person is a driver of animals, conviction shall entail suspension from the exercise of his calling, when the person is a habitual or professional contravener.

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