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ITALY, FASCIST LITERATURE ON SALE IN SHOPS
OCT. 1943 - JAN. 1944

ARMED FORCES OF ITALY
CENTRAL REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

15/12/43

OFFICIAL COPY:
NO. 60:

Having been brought to the attention of the Allied Military Government that a "Giornale Scolastico" published by "la Libreria dello Stato," Rome, is being sold and used by school children although it has Fascist propaganda on many pages;

In view of Proclamation 2, Article II, Paragraph 28, and Proclamation 3, Article V, Paragraph 3;

And since these Proclamations make the circulation of such literature punishable under Military Law;

In virtue of power conferred on me, I, CHARLES POWELL, Lt. Colonel, Regional Civil Affairs Officer

C R D & R

1. That Prefects issue orders to all bookstores, confiscating said "Giornale" and ensuring that they be deposited with the nearest Siracusa.
2. That Prefects notify all kindred to receive and store said "Giornale" with confiscated text books and to hold them subject to orders of the Provveditore agli Studi of the Province.
3. That Provveditore agli Studi order all teachers to collect all such "Giornale" in the possession of children and to store them with confiscated text books pending further orders.

DIST. METHOD:

3 Prefects (2) One for Provveditore agli Studi
REGIONAL Director of Education - 3
and 10, Educational Advisor - 5
Copies - 35

CHARLES POWELL
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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GOV. LINO VITTORELLI
MINISTERO REGIONALE E FINANZA
Della Sicilia

15/1/66.

GOV. LINO VITTORELLI:

No. 50:

Considero che il "Diario Scolastico" pubblicato dal "Giornale della Scuola" di Roma, è stato venduto, comprato, ed usato da ragazzi di scuola benché molte delle sue pagine contenevano propaganda fascista;

In vista del Paragrafo 10 dell'articolo II del Proclama 1 e Paragrafo 3 dell'articolo V del Proclama 7 e

Considerato che in base a questi Proclami la circolazione di tale letteratura è punibile dalla legge illecita, in virtù del potere conferitomi, io, GIUSEPPE VITTORELLI, Tenente Colonnello, Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili della Sicilia

ORDINO

1. Che i prefetti diramino ordini a tutte le librerie per la confisca di detti "Diari" purché vengano consegnati presso il Sindaco più vicino;

2. Che i prefetti arrestano tutti i Sindaci di ritirare e conservare da detti "Diari" con i libri di testo confiscati e trattenerli in attesa di ordini del Provveditore agli Studi della Provincia.

3. Che i Provveditori agli Studi diano ordini a tutti gli insegnanti di raccogliere tali "Diari" in possesso dei ragazzi e conservarli insieme ai libri di testo confiscati fino ad ulteriori disposizioni.

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GIUSEPPE VITTORELLI

Tenente Colonnello

Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili

La vita del Paragrafo 58 dell'articolo II del Proclama 2 e
Paragrafo 3 dell'articolo 7 del Proclama 7 e

Con iderato che in base a questi Proclami la circolazione di
tale letteratura è punibile dalla legge di fatto, in virtù del
notei conferitimi, io, Col. V. M. I., tenente Colonnello, Uffici
ciale Capo degli Affari Civili della Sicilia

ORDINE

1. Che i prefetti diramino ordini a tutte le librerie per
la confisca di detti "Diari" perché venano depositati
presso il Sindaco più vicino;
2. Che i Prefetti avvertano tutti i Sindaci di ritirare e
conservare detti "Diari" con i libri di testo confisca-
ti e trattenerli in attesa di ordini del Provveditore
agli Uffici della Trovaccia.
3. Che i Provveditori agli Studi diano ordini a tutti gli
insegnanti di raccogliere tali "Diari" in possesso dei
ragazzi e conservarli insieme ai libri di testo con-
fiscati fino ad ulteriori disposizioni.

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CH. T. M. M. I.
tenente Colonnello
Ufficiale Capo degli Affari Civili
della Sicilia.

DI ATTEZIONE

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Prefetto 2 (per Provveditore agli Studi)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Rear Detachment)
APO 394
Education Sub-Commission

ED/WHB/tjr

AMG 8600/E/ED

13 Gennaio 1944

SUBJECT: Libri fascisti.

TO: Signora Dott. DARET
Direttrice Biblioteca Nazionale
Palazzo Mazzarino
Via Medina 361.

Vi prego di darci assicurazione che i libri
fascisti di codesta Biblioteca non saranno dati in lettura
al pubblico.

Per ordine del Consigliere di Educazione


W. H. SHERWOOD
Major, RM.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 334
Education Sub-Commission

AM/050/tjr

AM 0500/2/43

17 December 1943

SUBJECT: Fascist propaganda in School notebook.

TO: W.C.A.C., Region II.
(Per Attention Director of Education)

1. The attached copy of an Order issued by W.C.A.C., Region I is forwarded for information.

2. If this notebook is circulating in your Region, steps should be taken to withdraw it.

By Order of the Commanding Officer:

W. H. L. LUCAS
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1st Col., 43C
Educational Advisor.

Incl.
Official O 3-40, Region I.
Copies for information to:
R. AMG, 1st Army Group
W.C.A.C., Region III
W.C.A.C., Region IV.

School Texts.

ASCT/8600/10/50.

His Eminence,
The Cardinal Archbishop of Palermo.

15 Oct. 3.

1. I had a visit yesterday from Doctor Pietro Marcatajo, your representative. He has no doubt given you a report of our conversation. As a result of that talk I am willing to have included on the Text Revision Commission a prominent educationalist whom you may care to name. As I explained to Dr. Marcatajo, it would be essential that he should be a member of the committee as an educationalist and not as an ex officio Church representative, since we are trying to keep the whole question above party interests.

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W. H. GAYE
W. H. GAYE,
Major, A.E.F.
Educational Adviser.

Text Books

8600/31/ED

G. E. O.

15 October 3

After prolonged investigation it has been decided that certain of the text books in use in elementary schools may still be left in circulation if certain pages are removed. This will be cheaper than printing new books (even if we can get the paper). As very few of these books can be purchased from the booksellers, it will be necessary to buy them back from the children.

Therefore, it is suggested that we purchase back at half price (i.e. an average price of about 3 lire) all clean copies up to 10,000. The Provveditorato agli Studi in each province will be responsible for cutting out the necessary pages and re-distributing them back to the schools. A notice to this effect can all be inserted in the press.

Has this plan your approval?

U-61. G. R. GAYRE,
~~Major~~ A.E.C.,
Educational Adviser.

SUBJECT:- Fascist literature on Sale in Shops.

TO: C.C.A.O.
C.S.O.

AMGOT/8600/E/Ed.
AMGOT H.Q. SICILY.
7. Oct. 43.

I have carried out an investigation of this question. In the booksellers a high proportion of the books are not merely Fascist, but anti-British and anti-American War propaganda.

If we order these books to be called in we are hardly likely to get anything more than a few of them, since they represent a large part of the stock in trade of the booksellers.

Therefore, it seems to me that we can only get these books out of circulation by either paying or giving some sort of credits for them. The current price of books is 30% above the list prices. I suggest that the booksellers should be ordered to hand them in, receiving a credit (or money) for all we receive at this current price.

The books so obtained can be pulped.

Do you agree to this method?

Disagree. Why pay for a purely stop-gap measure when we can't get them all in anyway.

C.S.O.

G. R. GIBBS.
Major, A.E.C.
Educational Adviser

I feel that anything that we can do as the lines suggested must be incomplete in so far as the books in circulation can now be secured. Future sales must, I think, be left to the people themselves.

2. Drop this matter?

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