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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 489081-236

SUBJECT : Recognition of Church
Schools in Sicily.

6 April, 1945

TO : His Excellency, the
Minister of Public Instruction.

Your Excellency:

On 6 November, 1943, Lt.Col. GAYRE, Education Adviser for AMG, wrote to the Archbishop of Mazara del Vallo stating that Church Schools would not be under the Provveditore agli Studi, but that he hoped a joint committee representing the provveditori and the Church authorities could be formed to regulate programs and examinations for Church Schools. This, he stated, would result in giving to Church school certificates the same validity as those of other schools.

The aforesaid letter was an attempt, in the absence of a Ministry of Education and any Italian Government organization to supervise Church schools, to prevent students from losing a year of schooling, and to encourage schools to open.

It was later agreed, between Lt.Col. SMITH, Director of Education, and the Minister of Public Instruction, that Lt.Col. GAYRE's letter should be considered as binding insofar as recognition of work done in 1943-44 was concerned, but that for the school year 1944-45 and thereafter the matter was one for decision by the Minister.

It is the policy of the Education Subcommittee and of the Allied Commission to consider actions taken under Military Government as provisional, not permanent, and to give the Italian Government a free hand in Italian Government Territory to the fullest extent compatible with the war effort. In no sense, therefore, should Lt.Col. GAYRE's letter be considered as in anyway limiting the Italian Government's freedom of action in regard to the present or future control and recognition of Church schools.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Lt.Col., AUS
Director of Education.



ENTE NAZIONALE PER L'INSEGNAMENTO MEDIO E SUPERIORE

Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione

Ispettorato per l'istruzione media non governativa

ROMA

N.

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di Protocollo

Risposta al foglio N.

del

all

Oggetto Scuola Media e ginnasio parrocchiali
in Calatafimi.

S.E. il Vescovo di Mazara del Vallo, che gestisce alcuni istituti di istruzione media della Provincia di Trapani comunica che la scuola media ed il ginnasio di Calatafimi aperti all'inizio dell'anno scolastico 1944-45 erano compresi fra le concessioni fatte da codesto On.le Comando, nel precedente anno scolastico 1943-44, per l'apertura di istituti di istruzione media, col beneficio provvisorio del riconoscimento del valore legale degli studi e degli esami, nel territorio della diocesi di Mazara del Vallo.

Siffatta concessione sarebbe stata poi ratificata verbalmente dal Ministro della Pubblica Istruzione del tempo.

Poichè questo Ministero non possiede alcun

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AL COMANDO ALLEATO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
LA PUBBLICA ISTRUZIONE

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documento scritto comprovante l'accennata concessione per i due Istituti di Calatafimi, si prega codesto On. Comando volerne dare cortese conferma, affinché si possa procedere alla regolarizzazione della condizione giuridica dei detti Istituti e della posizione scolastica degli alunni, almeno per l'anno scolastico 1944-45.

P. IL MINISTRO

A. Mucchi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 470

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26 November 1944

SUBJECT: Passes for Sisters.

TO : Lt. Col. E. Brown
Liaison Officer3 fl
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1. Reference is made to our telephone conversation relative to obtaining passes for six sisters from Rome to Livorno.
2. The counterpart of the Instituto Maestro Pila Venerim, Via Giacomo Belli 31, in Livorno have six sisters in Rome who should be in Livorno to start teaching when the schools open within the next two weeks. The names of the sisters concerned are as follows:

Suor Costanza Felica
" Maria Panai
" Maria Bromini

Suor Alba Pescatore
" Lea Altigieri
" Leonora Alfonsi

3. It is requested that passes be obtained in order that these sisters may proceed from Rome to Livorno as soon as possible.

*Robert A. Martino*ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Col. S. R.
Chief, Requisition Division

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INSTITUTE OF THE B. V. M. - DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES
INSPECTED AND APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
VIA ABRUZZI 11
ROME. (TEL. 41552)

19-11-44

Dear Major Washburne

Thank you very much for the envelopes which I received a day or two ago. I am most grateful to you for the trouble you have taken, and also your very kind attempt to get help for us towards acquiring books. I am also very grateful to the Library Association for their interest and the pains they have taken with this list. It is very difficult to choose among so many attractions especially as, with the exchange as it is, we must content ourselves for the moment with 3 or 4 books, hoping gradually to acquire others. But the immediate practical problem there is how to send the money to pay for them. We have no available correspondents in America, and the transmission of examination fees to England is proving so complicated that I fear it cannot be easy to pay for books in America. Could you add to your kindness by advising us on this point.

173g are glad you have met the Corcos family - these

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I am glad you have met the Corcos family - there is a sense of business integrity there which is, unfortunately

not too common in this country where they possess every virtue except honesty!

Has U.S. 1 come into your province? The little cent out I have had with it suggests some promise. At least they are refusing to be captured by the politicians.

W.H. renewed thanks

Sincerely Yours in X1

Wm. Sanderson I.B.S.V.14

P.S. You may be interested that we have pulled off the arrangements for the Cambridge examination and shall hold it in Dec with 44 candidates

" ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SUBJECT: SCUOLE ECCLESIASTICHE

File No AMGCT 8600/B/ED

6 novembre 1943

To S.Ecc. l'arcivescovo di Mazara del Vallo -

Facendo seguito alla nostra conversazione di ieri, ci pregiamo di confermarvi quanto vi dicemmo allora.

1) Le Scuole Ecclesiastiche non sono sottoposte ai Provveditori. Noi speriamo però che stabilizzate con essi una collaborazione soddisfacente per tutti. (Speriamo pure che, in prelievo di tempo, le Autorità Ecclesiastiche vogliano nominare un direttore che tratti direttamente con noi, come facevamo i Provveditori).

2) In occasione della riapertura delle vostre Scuole, siamo lieti di apprendere che voi siete con noi nel sostenere il principio della libertà di pensiero. Soltanto su questa base, noi possiamo indicare un nuovo mondo e migliore di quello che stiamo ora spazzando via.

3) E' nostra intenzione che i Provveditori collaborino con la più vicina arcidiocesi per la creazione di una Commissione che regoli i programmi, nonché le norme di esami per le Scuole Ecclesiastiche.

Ciò garantirà lo stesso livello educativo nelle scuole ecclesiastiche ed in quelle statali - col risultato che i certificati di studio rilasciati dalle vostre scuole, avranno lo stesso valore di quelli rilasciati dalle altre scuole. E' nostra intenzione che questa Commissione non operi come comitato di vigilanza sugli esami.

Ho l'onore di essere, Eccellenza, in vostro

Rit. G. R. GARE

Gen. Col. A. E. O.

Consigliere per l'Educazione AMGCT."

La Commissione prende benevole atto, della citata nota ed è lieta di sentire che il Col. Gayre, Consigliere per l'Educazione AMGCT ha dato comunicazione della citata nota a S. Ecc. il Ministro della Educazione Nazionale del Governo Italiano.

La seduta è tolta alle ore 12,30.

Il presente verbale è redatto in cinque copie da inviare al Comando Militare Alleato di Palermo, a S. E. Il vescovo di Mazara del Vallo, Al Comando Militare Alleato della Provincia di Trapani, a S. E. il Prefetto di Trapani, Al Provveditore agli Studi di Trapani.

F I R M A T I :

17 Jan. Prof. Vincenzo Figliola

noi, come faranno Provveditori).

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F I R M A T I :

17 Jan. 1945. Prof. Vincenzo Regine

Can. G. V. Augusti

Regine

Augusti

SCUOLE ECCLESIASTICHE

AMGOT 3600/B/ED

S.E. l'Arcivescovo di
Mazara del Vallo

6 Novembre 3

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G.R. GAYRE
Ten. Col., A.E.C.,
Consigliere per l'Educazione,
A.M.G.

ELENCO DELLE SCUOLE PARROCCHIALI ESISTENTI
NELLE DIOCESI DI MAZARA DEL
VALLO

MAZARA DEL VALLO:-

N.16 Classi Elementari

Ginnasio-Liceo Masoile

Ginnasio-Liceo Femminile.

N.7 Classi Elementari

Istituto Magistrale Masoile

Istituto Magistrale Femminile

Ginnasio Masoile

Ginnasio Femminile.

N.5 Classi Elementari

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Ginnasio Masoile

N.20 Classi Elementari

Istituto Magistrale Femminile

ALCAMO :-

CAMPOTABELLO:-

CALATAFIMI:-

CASTELLAMARE:-

CASTELVETTERANO:-

GIBELLINA:-

MARSALE:-

ALGAMO:-
N.7 classi Elementari
Istituto Magistrale Maschile
Istituto Magistrale Femminile
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Istituto Magistrale Femminile
Ginnasio Maschile
1° Classe del Ginnasio Femminile
N.3 Classi Elementari

CAMPOBELLO:-
CALATAFIMI:-
CASTELLAMARE:-
CASTELNUOVO:-
GIBELLINA:-
MARSALA:-
PATTANNA:-
VITA:-

Mazara, 1 Dicembre 1943

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Education Subcommittee

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7 ottobre 1944

A : S.E. Rev. il Cardinale Giuseppe Pizzardo
Prefetto della Sacra Congregazione dei
Seminari e delle Università degli Studi
Roma

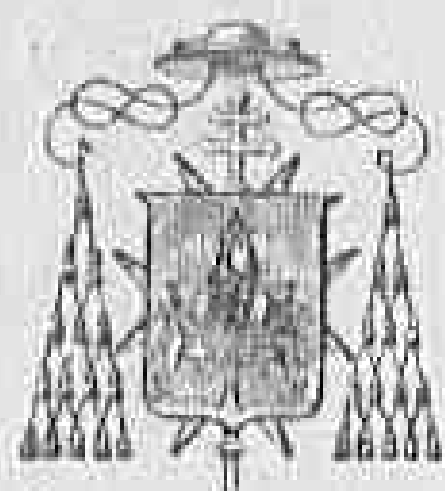
Eminenza Rev.ma

Mi e' pervenuta la Sua cortese del 5 ottobre e La ringra-
zio delle comunicazioni datemi.

Saro' in attesa di un riscontro di S.E. il Cardinale Mar-
macci come Ella accenna nella Sua nota.

Mi e' gradita l'occasione di porgerLe i sensi della mia
piu' alta considerazione.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, A.U.S.
A/Director of Education.



Roma, 5 Ottobre 1944

Ill.mo Signor Ten. Colonnello
Sig. H.T. ROWELL
A/Director of Education
Headquarters Allied Control Commission

ROMA

Ill.mo Sig. Colonnello,

Mi è pervenuta la pregiata Sua lettera in data 23 settembre 1944 con cui la S.V.Ill.ma, nel darmi gentilmente notizia che nelle pubbliche scuole elementari dei territori a nord di Firenze verrà d'ora innanzi abbandonato l'uso obbligatorio dei libri di Stato mi rivolge altresì viva preghiera di nominare un Rappresentante dell'Autorità Ecclesiastica presso cotesta Sottocommissione per l'Educazione, allo scopo di stabilire un testo di insegnamento della Religione per le anzidette scuole.

Anzitutto chieggo scusa di rispondere con tanto ritardo a così cortese comunicazione. Essendo l'adozione dei testi di Religione nelle scuole elementari di competenza della Sacra Congregazione del Concilio, ho dovuto attendere di parlare dell'importante questione con Sua Eminenza il Cardinale Narnaggi, Prefetto

della medesima.

Ora la cosa è nelle sue mani, e spero che fra breve Ella avrà la relativa risposta.

Ringraziandola del Suo interessamento, con sensi di alta stima e ossequio mi confermo

della S.V. Ill.ma

devono per servizio

Edward Lizardo

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7 October 1944

SUBJECT : Pontifical English College of
Via Monserrato.

TO : Major DOLLARD.

The Pontifical English College of via Monserrato, Rome,
was transferred to England in 1940. At present the building is used
as a Hospital. Mons. Carroll, who is in charge of the College says
that the Institute will not be opened this year. As regards to the
coming of Canon Zammit this Subcommittee has no objection.

For the A/Director of Education:

J.V. Vella

J.V. VELLA
Captain
Executive Officer.

✓ TO : Education Sub-Commission (Attn: Capt. VELLA).

1. The request for permission for Canon Zammit to come to Rome has been
dealt with by the Liaison Division in the attached Signal ref. 4412 dated
6 Oct. 44.
2. It is assumed that the matter is now closed and that the Education
Sub-Commission can file these papers in their records.

William A.S. Dollard
WILLIAM A.S. DOLLARD
Major
C.A. Section

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7 October 1944

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ROUTINE

SEP 29

RESTRICTED. CANON LAWRENCE ZAMMIT HOLDER OF THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED AT MALTA UNIVERSITY WISHES TO PROCEED TO ROME IN TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP TO TAKE 9 MONTHS COURSE IN THEOLOGY POSSIBLY COMMENCING OCTOBER AS FULL BOARDER AT THE VENERABLE PONTIFICAL ENGLISH COLLEGE ROME IN VIA CONDOTTARIO. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT INCLUSIVE FEES FOR COURSE AND IF YOU WOULD SAY WHETHER THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO CANON ZAMMIT PROCEEDING TO ROME.

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*Maj. Dollard.
Civil Affairs Section.*

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: GOV MALTA

FROM: HQ ACC

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Reference No. 4412

ROUTINE

Date ~~xxx~~ 6 Oct 44

ORIGIN: Liaison Division
Chief of Staff Office

RESTRICTED PD REFERENCE YOUR GEORGE MIKE ONE FOUR THREE OF TWENTY NINE SEPTEMBER
PD PAREN TO GOV MALTA FROM HQ ACC PAREN CARDINAL TIZZARDO OF THE CONGREGAZIONE DI
SEMINARI STATE THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE VENERABLE PONTIFICAL ENGLISH
COLLEGE WILL REOPEN AT PRESENT OWING TO LACK OF STAFF AND MEANS

7 October 44

*The above signal was given to me today, for information,
by the Liaison Division, after a conversation which I had
with H. Col. Brown.*

*WAS Dollard, Maj
C. A. See*

VESCOVADO
DI
MAZARA DEL VALLO

Mazara del Vallo I Ottobre 1944

Ill.mo Signore

La Soprintendenza ai Monumenti per la Sicilia Occidentale mi ha comunicato di aver trasmesso al Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione la perizia suppletiva relativa ai lavori più urgenti ancora da eseguire nell'Episcopio della mia Diocesi ed il conteggio della maggiore spesa sostenuta per l'esecuzione del primo lotto di lavori.

Mentre la prego di voler finanziare questa lieve maggiore spesa che deve da me ancora esser pagata ai fornitori d'opera, sarei grato se Ella, prendesse in benevolo esame il finanziamento della perizia suppletiva che riguarda, come attesta la stessa Soprintendenza sopra citata, lavori indilazionabili e relativi alla sola salvaguardia e conservazione delle parti di interesse artistico dell'Episcopio, esclusa quindi ogni opera di finimento e ripristino della decorazione.

Distinti ossequi

V. Bello
Vescovo di Mazara del Vallo

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Education Subcommittee

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26 September 1944

SUBJECT : Occupation of Jesi Seminary
by 61 Area.

TO : Administrative Section.

1. Reference is made to the attached signal.
2. As the Jesi Seminary is a religious institution, it is strongly urged that it should not be occupied.

Henry T. Rowell
H.T. ROWELL
Lt. Col. C.M.P.
A/Director of Education

To: ED.

*A strong protest has been handed by Gorg
back to 10th Air Base Production*

*A copy has been requested you will be
informed.*

J. R. Lipp

27 Sep 44.

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*The copy was sent to the SAC in the 28 Sept.
Tampabay*

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26 settembre 1944

AL : Capo del Partito
Democrazia Cristiana.
Cosenza.

In riferimento al telegramma in data 21 corr.
circa le scuole ecclesiastiche in Calabria, si prega la S.V.
voler comunicare direttamente col Ministero della Pubblica
Istruzione essendo la questione di competenza esclusiva di
detto Ministero.

Per il Direttore all'Educazione:

J.V. VELLA
Captain
Executive Officer.

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APO 394
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Rev. Mother Superior,
Sisters of St. Joseph,
Via Cairoli, 43
Rome.

25 September 1944

Dear Sister:-

With reference to your recent visit to this office requesting information on the shipment of packages from the United States to Italy, inquiry has been made at the Army Post Office in Rome.

I regret to say that it is possible to use letter mail only at the present time. I am sure that public notice will be given when parcels post service is resumed. Through the Vatican Secretariate of State, we have learned that the War Relief Services, National Catholic Conference, Empire State Building, New York City, may be able to give you advice and information.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH M. MURPHY
Major, A.C.

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FOR INFORMATION

90/24 Education
Main to E. J. W.
20 SEP 1944

IMMEDIATE

RESTRICTED. UNDERSTAND SEMINARY JETT REQUIRED FOR ACCOMMODATION IN
CYPRIOT BASE DEPOT BY 61 AREA. HAVE SPOKEN ARMY AS CONSIDER NOT JUSTIFIED
BLS TAKE OVER SEMINARY BUT THEY SAY THIS AREA IS AAT ENGLAVE. PLEASE
TAKE UP MATTER DIRECT.

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75 SEP 1944

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RESTRICTED. UNDERSTAND SEMINARY JERE REQUIRED FOR ACCOMMODATION IN
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TAKE UP MATTER DIRECT.

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7 SEP 1944
A. C. S.

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23 September 1944

S. E. Giuseppe, Cardinale Pissardo
Prefetto della S. Congregazione dei Seminari
e della Università degli Studi.

In a recent conference with H. E. De Ruggero, Ministero of Public Instruction, it was decided to abandon the compulsory use of the revised libri di Stato in the elementary public schools from Florence on to the North. They will continue to be printed and sold wherever there is a demand for them but they will have to compete with texts privately produced on the open market. This decision was motivated by the desire to return to the Pre Fascist traditions of liberal education and to develop private initiative and enterprise in the composition and publication of school texts.

The rights of the Church regarding the religious texts was of course discussed in connection with this new plan. As you know, there have been religious sections in the revised libri di Stato which have been in compulsory use up till now and a way must be found so that religious texts will continue to be used when the use of the libri di Stato ceases to be compulsory. In order that this Subcommittee may be informed of the most suitable manner whereby this purpose may be achieved, I beg you to designate a representative with whom I may confer.

I wish to give you at the present time my personal assurance that all the rights of the Church will be safeguarded and its wishes respected in AMG Territory. The Minister of Public Instruction has promised to approach the Church on the same matter; for although the territory in which the new plan will be realized will be at first under our complete jurisdiction, it will pass in time under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and we wish the transition to entail the slightest possible changes.

As I do not intend to implement our plan until the matter of religious texts is settled to the complete satisfaction of the Church, I would greatly appreciate the prompt designation of your representative.

I recall with great pleasure our recent meeting.

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H. T. ROWELL
Lt. Col. C. B. F.
A/Director of Education.

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23 settembre 1944

S.E. Cardinale Giuseppe Pizzardo.
Prefetto della S. Congregazione dei Seminari
e delle Università degli Studi.

In un recente colloquio con S.E. De Ruggiero, il Ministro della Pubblica Istruzione, e' stato deciso di abbandonare l'uso obbligatorio dei libri di Stato nelle scuole pubbliche elementari da Firenze in su. Essi continueranno ad essere stampati e venduti ovunque ve ne sia richiesta, ma avranno la concorrenza di altri testi omessi ad iniziativa privata e che si trovano in libera vendita. Questa decisione e' sorta dal desiderio di tornare alle tradizioni pre-fasciste di educazione liberale e di sviluppare l'iniziativa personale.

I diritti della Chiesa riguardo ai testi religiosi vennero naturalmente discussi in rapporto a questo progetto. Come Ella sapra', nei libri di Stato obbligatori vi erano parti dedicate alla Religione, e bisogna trovare una via perche' i testi religiosi continuino ad essere adoperati quando non vi sara' piu' testo obbligatorio. La prego di nominare un rappresentante in modo che questa Sottocommissione ne sia informata nella maniera piu' idonea per giungere a questo scopo.

Vorrei ivi darle la mia assicurazione personale che tutti i diritti della Chiesa verranno salvaguardati e i Suoi desideri rispettati nel territorio del A.M.G. Il Ministro della Pubblica Istruzione ha promesso di interessarsi presso la Chiesa per la medesima questione; poiche', pur essendo al principio il territorio nel quale il nuovo progetto verra' attuato, sotto la nostra completa giurisdizione, a suo tempo passera' sotto quella del Governo Italiano e noi desideriamo che questa transizione apporti il minor numero di cambiamenti possibili.

Siccome non ha intenzione di attuare il nostro progetto finche' la questione dei testi religiosi non sia sistemata in modo da dare completa soddisfazione alla Chiesa, Le sarei molto grato se Ella volesse designare il Suo rappresentante con cortese sollecitudine.

Ricordo sempre con piacere il nostro recente incontro.

H.T. ROWELL
Lt.Col.CMP
A/Director of Education.

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EDUCAZIONE NAZIONALE
LE 70 D COMANDO ALLEATO ROMA *100*
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TELEGRAMMA

Fatevi correntisti postali...

Pagamenti e riscossioni in tutte le località del Regno. Per correntisti i pagamenti o le riscossioni mediante postaciro sono eseguiti senza limitazioni di somma ed in esenzione da qualsiasi tasse.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

ED/JEM/acc

ED/3.16/acc

13 September 1944

MEMO :

SUBJECT: Appointment with Cardinal Pizzardo.

TO : Lt. Colonel ROWELL,
A/Director of Education.

1. H. E., Joseph Cardinal Pizzardo, Prefect of the Congregation of Studies, Nuovo Concelleria, Piazza San Callisto in Trastevere, will be available at 1000, Thursday, 14 September.

2. The undersigned officer has spoken over the telephone with Msgr. Patrick Carroll Abbing, English-speaking secretary to His Eminence, requesting that a list of the seminaries and universities in the Rome area under the jurisdiction of the Congregation, be provided the Subcommittee, together with their addresses, the names of their rectors, the number of students, faculty and operative personnel. Schools that may be requisitioned for military uses shall also be designated. They had too short notice to ask for the needs of the schools insofar as electricity and fuel are concerned but this maybe expected shortly.

3. V. Rev. Hubert Quinn, O.F.M., Rector of the Collegio Sant' Isidoro, who brought this matter to the attention of the Subcommittee, made a personal call on the Cardinal on 12 September to outline these suggestions. The Cardinal made careful notes on the conversation and it is expected the Subcommittee will be provided with some specific information covering these institutions.

JOSEPH M. MURPHY
Major, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION IV

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ED/2.2/ACC

4 September 1944

SUBJECT : Lights for school

TO : Lt. NESS

1. The Collegio San Giuseppe, Via San Sebastianello 3, is a catholic boarding school for students from out of town. These students are studying for examinations and wish to study at night. Dr. Barbano Ugo, president of the school, asks for electricity during the hours 1800 to 2200.

2. I approve the request as legitimate; not essential, but considerable.

For the Director of Education :

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
D/Director of Education

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

24 July 1944

Ref. ED/2/3/

TO : COMMISSIONER REGION III (Att. Education Officer)

SUBJECT : LOAN FOR DAMAGED CHURCH SCHOOLS.

1. Reference E - 12/42.

2. We note with pleasure your high estimate of the work being done in church schools and your consequent desire to help as much as possible in their rebuilding.

3. This desire is shared by the Education Subcommittee. After consultation, however, with ACC Finance Officers I must regretfully communicate that no aid is possible under the directives now prevailing. Grants or loans would have to come for each type of schools to the sources from which it draws its directives.

4. I dropped in yesterday to say hello, but only for a moment in picking up Lt. Vella's family to return at once. I chatted a moment with your efficient sergeant.

T.V. Smith
Lt. Col. AUS
Director of Education

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

E - 12/42

13 July 1944

SUBJECT : Rebuilding damaged church schools.
TO : Education Subcommittee, ACC.

1. This office has received an appeal from the Mother Superior of the Istituto Sacro Cuore, Naples, for assistance to rebuild a part of the school. They have appealed to the Mother General at Rome for aid but have been told that there are no funds available.

2. It has been my observation during personal visits in this region that the schools conducted by the various Catholic Orders rate high in most particulars and should, therefore, be encouraged, if possible.

3. I have discussed this matter with the former Regional Education Officer of Region One and we are in agreement that this a matter which should be handled on a national scale rather than on a regional basis. Perhaps it would be possible for the Mother General at Rome to arrange for a loan to cover all such cases through the Education Subcommittee.

4. This office would appreciate any information on this subject as to policy or procedure.

PLH/aa

Paul J. Heilman
Paul J. HEILMAN
Capt. C.M.P.

Regional Education Officer



Salerno 27 maggio 1944

MINISTERO DELL'EDUCAZIONE NAZIONALE

IL MINISTRO

Al Signor Col. SMITH

Prot. n.

e per conoscenza:

all'Arcivescovo di MASSARA DEL VALLO
o al R. Provveditore agli Studi di
TRAPANI.

Ho l'onore di comunicarLe il nostro punto di vista in riguardo alla Scuola ecclesiastica di Massara del Vallo.

Limitatamente al periodo dell'anno scolastico 1943-44 le scuole ecclesiastiche della diocesi di Massara del Vallo istituite in base alla lettera del 6 novembre 1943 del Colonnello Goyre sono considerate come scuole parificate e quindi sottoposte ai diritti in materia di promozione, di esami di ammissione, di licenza, di maturità di cui godono le scuole predette. In conseguenza l'ordinanza sugli esami emanata da questo Ministero per le scuole statali, pareggiate e parificate ha valore per le scuole ecclesiastiche della Diocesi di Massara. Pertanto gli esami di promozione si effettueranno per scrutinio con l'intervento di un commissario regio e gli esami di ammissione, di licenza di abilitazione si effettueranno per gli alunni della scuola ecclesiastica a parità di condizione con quelli degli istituti regi, paraggiati e parificati, e cioè gli alunni saranno esaminati da commissioni nominate dal Ministero e saranno composte da professori dell'ordine da cui gli alunni derivano e da quelli dell'ordine a cui gli alunni aspirano. I diplomi saranno egualmente rilasciati dal presidente della Commissione.

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IL MINISTRO

Guarneri

This corrected by Lt. Vella was read to the
Minister, but not otherwise delivered,
27 May 1944

OGGETTO: Ecclesiastici nella Sicilia

A Sua Eccellenza il Ministro dell' Educazione Nazionale

1. La Sua Eccellenza mi ha domandato di commentare su alcune lettere iscritte dal mio predecessore, il Col. Gayre, a S. Ecc.za il arcivescovo di Mazzaro del Vallo, nei giorni del AMG nella Sicilia. Qualunque specifica concessione di autorità sia intesa in quelle lettere, l'autorizzazione non fu data senza rapporto con una aspettazione espletiva e una ovvia realizzazione.
2. L'aspettazione espletiva fu che piena collaborazione dovrebbe essere effettuata tra il arcivescovo e il provveditore agli studi provinciale. Questa aspettazione non è stata concretizzata.
3. La realizzazione fu che il AMG solo rimpiazzava la sovranità italiana. Non avremmo potuto fare di un accomodamento provinciale un sistema nazionale anche se avessimo voluto farlo, ne, potendo, avremmo voluto alzare ad un diritto di autonomia permanente una concessione provvisoria di potere collaborativo.
4. La logica dei avvenimenti ha intanto superato e l'ermentrea e la dialettica. Un governo italiano fondato sopra una ampia base e già sorto e ha preso l'energico possesso della iniziativa educativa la quale allora avevamo nelle nostre nella Sicilia.
5. Questa propizia e giusta eventuale dovrebbe essere coperta da una responsabile libertà colla quale il governo potrà scegliere la sua propria politica educativa soggetto al rispetto per diritti già esistenti. Al nostro parere, qualora il lavoro delle scuole autorizzate nelle sopra-indicate lettere del Col. Gayre sia pienamente riconosciuto per l'anno scolastico 1943-44, e che tutti i diritti degli studenti siano salvaguardati la determinazione di una permanente ~~politica politica~~ politica verso tali scuole potrebbe essere giustamente lasciata come parte del tentativo maggiore di trovare una politica feconda con riferimento all'intera impresa educativa dell'Italia risorgente.
6. Si augura che si possa trovare una politica la quale anche se non riesce soddisfacente per tutti non sarà troppo spiacente a nessuno.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommission

ED/TVE/tar

26 May 1944

ED/2-3/40

SUBJECT: Ecclesiastical Schools.

TO : S. Mons. Arcivescovo di Mexera del Valle.

1. After conference with the Minister of National Education, to whom the initiative in educational matters for Sicily has long since passed, assurance is hereby given of full recognition to students for the work which they successfully complete during this present academic year, 1943-44, in the schools opened by you under the authority of the Allied Military Government.
2. The specific conditions for assuring this recognition are to be determined in collaboration with the Ministry of Education.
3. The future of these schools is a matter for further study and determination by the Ministry of National Education in the light of its developing policy for Italian education in general.

T. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

By Lt. Maj. Ringman for info

This was read ²⁷ Italian to the Minister, but not otherwise delivered, May 1944, as background for his letter, same date, (attached), setting out conditions for accreditation for this year.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394
Education Subcommittee

26 May 1944

ED/2-3/ACC

Schools

SUBJECT: Ecclesiastical in Sicily.

TO : The Minister of National Education.

1. Your Excellency asks me to comment upon certain letters written by my predecessor, Colonel GAYNE, to S. Ecc.za il Vescovo di Mazara del Vallo during the days of Allied Military Government in Sicily. Whatever specific grant of authority was intended in these letters, the authorization was not unrelated to an expressed expectation and an obvious realization.

2. The expressed expectation was that full collaboration would be achieved between the Archbishop and the provincial Provveditore agli Studi. This expectation has not been fulfilled.

3. The realization was that Allied Military Government was only substituting for an Italian sovereignty. We could not have made, if we would, a provincial accommodation into a national policy; and we would not have made, if we could, a temporary grant of collaborative power into a right of permanent autonomy.

4. The logic of events has, meantime, superseded both hermeneutics and dialectics. A broadly based Italian Government has already come into being and is now in energetic possession of educational initiative which at the time of the letters we possessed in Sicily.

5. This early and proper eventuation in the domain of sovereignty should carry with it responsible freedom for the government to determine its own educational policy, subject to due respect for preexisting rights. It is felt that if the work of the schools authorized by Colonel GAYNE's aforementioned letters be fully recognized for the present academic year, 1943-44, with all rights of the students safeguarded, the determination of a permanent policy toward such schools may be properly left as a part of the government's larger effort to find a fruitful policy with reference to the entire educational enterprise of a reviving Italy.

6. It is to be hoped that a policy may be found which if not wholly satisfactory to all parties will not be too unsatisfactory to any.


T. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Sub-commission

ED/293/412

26 May 1944

ED/2-3/400

SUBJECT: Ecclesiastical Schools.

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T. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI DI TRAPANI

TO: Ai Capò degli Istituti e Scuole di ogni ordine e grado della Provincia.

e p/c. Alla Curia Vescovile = Ufficio Scuola Parrocchiale
Mazzara del Vallo.

SUBJECT: Church-Schools of Mazzara del Vallo's diocese.
Validity of studies and examinations.

1. Complying with the wish expressed by the Bishop's Court of Mazzara del Vallo, I send you a copy of the report drawn on 16 February 1944 by the Consultive Commission for the Church-Schools. Col. Gayre, in his letter speaks only of equipollence of certificates of studies. According to the report it could appear, on the contrary, that the equipollence concerns certificates and titles of studies of Church-Schools and that the pupils of such schools may obtain the passage to State-schools.

This Office attaches a great importance to the fact that it is not this the sense which is to be drawn from the text of above said report and of transcribed letter. No Allied Military Government's disposition has been issued either to modify or abrogate the law of 9 May 1942 No 86, also because many of the pupils who frequent Church-Schools are unprovided of the titles of promotion or admission prescribed by dispositions now in force.

This Office believes that either by facts nor by law any equipollence of studies and examinations is to be drawn from the report attached and that while expecting the dispositions requested to the Education Ministry, no renewal must be made to the dispositions now in force.

However during this school-year this office has granted some pupils of Church-schools the passage to the correspondent class of State-schools, conforming with Art. 131 of Royal Decree 4-5-1925 No. 65 on condition that he be provided of the title of promotion, admission and fitness for the frequency of the class to which he was to pass.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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REF : ED/3.5/ACC

12 May 1944

TO : Regional Education Officer, Region V.
Lucena

SUBJECT : Education

1. The suggestion made in para.1 of your FP/7013/1-6 of 6 May/44, referring to work on the farms by school children above 9 years of age has the full approval of this Subcommittee provided that the work is organized in such a way as to have instructional value and as an act of patriotism rather than "forced labour".

2. With regard to para 3 of the same letter I will talk over this with Capt. Tilroe.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major A.U.S.
Deputy Director of Education

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Prot. n. 1361

Trapani 5/4/944

AI CAPI DEGLI ISTITUTI E SCUOLE DI OGNI ORDINE E
GRADO DELLA PROVINCIA

e per conoscenza

ALLA CURIA VESCOVILE - UFFICIO SCUOLA PARROCCHIALE
MAZZARA DEL VALLOOggetto: Scuole parrocchiale della diocesi di Mazzara del Vallo -
Validità degli studi e degli esami.

Aderendo al desiderio espresso dalla Curia Vescovile di Mazzara del Vallo invio alla SS. LL. copia del verbale redatto del 16 febbraio 1944 della Commissione consultiva per la Scuola Parrocchiale.

Poichè dalla lettura del verbale potrebbe sembrare, contrariamente a quanto si asserisce nella parte della lettera del Ten. Col. Gayre che parla dei certificati di studio che siano da considerare equipollenti, i certificati e titoli di studio conseguiti nelle scuole parrocchiali e che gli alunni di tali scuole possano eventualmente ottenere il passaggio alle corrispondenti classi delle scuole statali, questo Ufficio tiene a chiarire che non è questo, invece, il senso che deve trarsi dal contesto del predetto verbale e dalla lettera trascritta.

Nessuna disposizione del Governo Alleato Militare è infatti, venuta a modificare o in abrogazione della legge 9 Maggio, 1942 n. 86 anche perchè molti degli alunni che frequentano le scuole parrocchiali sono sprovvisti dei titoli di promozione o di ammissione prescritti dalle vigenti disposizioni.

Questo Ufficio ritiene che allo stato di fatto e di diritto nessuna equipollenza degli studi e degli esami derivi dal verbale qui allegato e che in attesa delle disposizioni chieste al Ministero della Educazione, nessuna rinnovazione sia da apportare alle disposizioni vigenti.

Tuttavia durante il corrente anno scolastico, questo Ufficio ha consentito che qualche alunno delle Scuole parrocchiali facesse il passaggio alla corrispondente classe delle Scuole Statali in applicazione dell'Art. 131 del R.D. 4-5-1925 N. 65 purchè provvisto del titolo di promozione,

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II. PROVVEDITORE (V. Renda).

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nessuna espropriazione degli studi e degli archivi del verbale
del Consiglio e che in attesa delle disposizioni emanate dal Ministero
della Pubblica Istruzione, nessuna rinvenzione del da apporre alle
studie viventi.

1. La Commissione ha esaminato la relazione della Commissione di studio e ha approvato la proposta di legge.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

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ED/2.3/ACC

1 Aprile 1944

SUBJECT: Educational Policies in Italy -
Education and the Catholic Church

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner (Attention
Lt. Col. Densmore)

1. All documents submitted to AFHQ. MGS, in re this subject are appended hereto, in chronological order.

2. Because of confusion of initiative as between the Executive Commissioner's Office and that of the Education Subcommittee, there is doubt (deepened by non-arrival at AFHQ of documents this Subcommittee thought dispatched) as to whether AFHQ has yet received all that was sent and certainly some doubt as to dates on which sent and order of arrival.

3. The extent of this confusion was not fully appreciated until now and so it is not entirely rewarding to try to read the documents in the light of the References on the Chief Commissioner's letter dated 23 March 1944.

4. What can be said for certain is that attached hereto are the documents prepared by the Education Subcommittee for dispatch to AFHQ.MGS:

- a. Letter here dated 23 February 1944
- b. Letter here dated 15 March 1944
- c. Interchange between the Deputy Director and the Director of Education, dated respectively 29 February and 6 March 1944.
- d. Chief Commissioner's letter date 23 March 1944.
- e. The Report on the Work of the Educational Division Subcommittee as Revised February 1944.
- f. The four Programmi ...


T.V. SMITH
Lt.Col.AUS
Director of Education
A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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30 March, 1944

SUBJ EST: Ecclesiastical Schools

TO : Lt. Col. T.V SMITH

Head Education Sub-Commission HQ. A.C.C.

- 1) Am enclosing Bollettino Ecclesiastico.
- 2) This bulletin makes clear the general position of the Bishop of Mazara. I believe we should be given a policy line by the Italian government at the time of the meeting of regional directors. At least I hope this can be done.
- 3) Have talked this situation over with Major Sherwood.
- 4) Lt. Col. Hancock and I visited Gonzaga Institute to-day.


G.R. KOOPMAN
Major, A.U.S.
Chief, Division
of Education.

23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Educational Policies in Italy

TO : Allied Field Force Headquarters, Military Government
Section, AFHQ 512 (Att. Lt. Col. Henry Parkman, Jr.,
Acting Chief of Section)

1. References:

- a. Letter of 9 March 1944.
- b. Note from Mr. James C. Dunn referred to in a.
with the accompanying papers.
- c. Letter AFHQ. HGS, File HGS: 350, dated 17 March
1944.

2. Report as required was sent 25 February 1944 as
promised by cablecite PARCO 1288 of 24 February 1944.

3. Copy of same report re-dispatched 16 March 1944.
(Copy attached).

4. Supplemental report dispatched 16 March 1944
(Copy attached).

5. These reports are summarized.

- a. That Education Subcommittee has endeavored to pursue a
policy of scrupulous fairness to the Catholic Church and has approved
by eminent Church authorities on the ground, including Cardinal
L. vitrano of Palermo, the Archbishop Ballo of Messina del Valle, Father
Gionzo of the Society of Jesus, and Cardinal Ascalesi of Naples (a
single incident in Sicily which disturbed certain church authorities was
settled to their own satisfaction.)
- b. That this policy was accepted and has been and is being furthered
by British and American officers with identity of viewpoint as touching
the educational rights of the Church in a predominantly Catholic
country, and with common determination to observe these rights defined
by the prevailing treaty and concordat.
- c. That the change of education leadership from Lt. Col. Gayre (B) to
Lt. Col. T.V. Smith (A) has not changed the policy or the direction
of effort accepted by both and furthered by them both in entire accord.
- d. That there is no justification for discrimination between the
policies of American and British education officers and that there
is no ground for apprehension regarding our policy toward the
Church in Italian education under Allied Military Government. I
regard the insinuations that the policy of one of my Subcommittees is
affected by the nationality of its Chief or members with regret and
repentment. All responsible members of the A.C.C. work together
as an Allied Team, That is their task and that is what they strive
to do.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

Lieutenant Colonel, A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ED/2-3/ACC

20 March 1944

SUBJECT: Religion in the Schools.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. The attached correspondence, filed in this office for purposes of record, may be of interest to you in connection with the recent report on Religious Education called for by Washington.

For the Director of Education:

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W. H. SHENWOOD
Major, R.E.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 271/21/CA.

16th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference with Bishop Carroll and Mr. Mohler.

TO : Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. The Chief Commissioner wishes you to read the record of a conversation between Mons. Carroll, Mr. Mohler and Major Koopman, AMB, which took place in Sicily some time last month.
2. Whilst I do not entirely agree with Major Koopman's summing up, I think Mons. Carroll was unwise in the clearly rigid view which he took.

N. S. L. L.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MHL/JC.

Copy to: Education Sub-Commission (with
copy of record referred to in
para. 1 above).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS

APO 394

3 March 1944

SUBJECT : Conference with Bishop Carroll and Mr. Mohler.

TO : Regional Commissioner.

1. In reviewing church-state relations shortly before he left, Lt. Col. Charles Poletti, then RCAO, asked me to put in written form for our files a report on my conference with Bishop Carroll and Mr. Mohler. I am complying with this request with apologies for my tardiness.

2. The Bishop was introduced to me as a representative of the Vatican. Mr. Mohler was introduced as secretary of the American Bishop's Welfare Conference. The latter took no part in the conference apart from the usual friendly interchanges at the beginning.

Since these two functionaries called on me at the behest of the RCAO and at the time when the Head of the Subcommittee was visiting the Region, I arranged to show them every courtesy and to have Lt. Col. Gayre in the conference. After the usual pleasantries Bishop Carroll opened the discussion of church affairs by stating that he believed that AMG was "attempting to set up an anti-fascist government". This puzzled us both but he elucidated by objecting to the appointment of Omodeo as Rettore at Napoli (which appointment was not made by Lt. Col. Gayre) and other liberal sounding activities. The Bishop stated that (a) no non-catholic should be appointed to a public office such as the Napoli post and (b) that there were no educational affairs in which the Church should not be consulted.

Later the matter of replacements of faculty members at University of Palermo was discussed. The Lt. Col. stated that he had removed 12 professors of permanent status. At this point the Bishop interjected "and replaced them with Communists." He also mentioned several names of supposed communists which included two of the best-known socialists in Palermo. One of these persons, Ferretti, had not been appointed by AMG. The Bishop also discussed the matter of programs of study prepared by AMG. He objected to anticlerical influences. We explained our policy of neutrality as evidenced by the fact that we withdrew Part II of the program of the elementary school, because it was susceptible to an anti-clerical interpretation. The Bishop then indicated that we should recognize that for all of us, the next enemy would be Communism.

Personally, I took no part in the first half of the discussion. I interposed an objection at the point when he stated that a non-catholic should not hold public office by pointing out that the preservation of freedom of religion was a mandate to AMG.

The blatant statement about Communism prompted me to state to the Bishop that I was opposing a policy which was to state to the

2. The Bishop was introduced to me as a representative of the Vatican. Mr. Mohler was introduced as secretary of the American Bishop's Welfare Conference. The latter took no part in the conference apart from the usual friendly interchanges at the beginning.

Since these two functionaries called on me at the behest of the RC40 and at the time when the Head of the Subcommission was visiting the Region, I arranged to show them every courtesy and to have Lt. Col. Gayre in the conference. After the usual pleasantries Bishop Carroll opened the discussion of church affairs by stating that he believed that AMG was "attempting to set up an anti-fascist government". This puzzled us both but he elucidated by objecting to the appointment of Omoteo as Rettore at Napoli (which appointment was not made by Lt. Col. Gayre) and other liberal sounding activities. The Bishop stated that (a) no non-catholic should be appointed to a public office such as the Napoli post and (b) that there were no educational affairs in which the Church should not be consulted.

Later the matter of replacements of faculty members at University of Palermo was discussed. The Lt. Col. stated that he had removed 12 professors of permanent status. At this point the Bishop interjected "and replaced them with Communists." He also mentioned several names of supposed communists which included two of the best-known socialists in Palermo. One of these persons, Ferretti, had not been appointed by AMG.

The Bishop also discussed the matter of programs of study prescribed by AMG. He objected to anticlerical influences. We explained our policy of neutrality as evidenced by the fact that we withdrew Part II of the program of the elementary school, because it was susceptible to an ant-clerical interpretation. The Bishop then indicated that we should recognize that for all of us, the next enemy would be Communism.

Personally, I took no part in the first half of the discussion. I interposed an objection at the point when he stated that a non-catholic should not hold public office by pointing out that the preservation of freedom of religion was a mandate to AMG.

The blatant statement about Communism prompted me to state to the Bishop that he was proposing a policy contrary to the achievement of our main objective - a lasting peace. I also pointed out that his accusation of the effect that Lt. Col. Gayre had replaced fascists with communists was entirely contrary to the facts in the case.

My interpretation of the conference is as follows: to the extent that Bishop Carroll was representing his higher authority (a matter open to question) we can conclude that the Church is seeking political power utterly regardless of its effect on world peace. The position taken was the most dangerous threat to our policies that I have encountered in military government since it was entirely contrary in every respect to the principles of democracy.

G.R. COOPMAN,

Major A.P.S.

Chief, Division of Education

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 271/21/CA.

16th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference with Bishop Carroll and Mr. Mohler.

TO : Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. The Chief Commissioner wishes you to read the record of a conversation between Mons. Carroll, Mr. Mohler and Major Koopman, APO, which took place in Sicily some time last month.
2. Whilst I do not entirely agree with Major Koopman's summing up, I think Mons. Carroll was unwise in the clearly rigid view which he took.

/s/

R. S. Dush

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MBH/JC.

Copy to: Education Sub-Commission (with
copy of record referred to in
para. 1 above).

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Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. and M.O. Section
APO 394

ED/3.10/ACC

15 March 1944

SUBJECT: Education and the Catholic Church.

TO : A.F.H.Q. Military Government Section.

1. Reference is made to your letters SGS 350 dated 19th and 21st February 1944.

2. A comprehensive report on the activities of the Educational Division and Sub-Commission from September 1943 to February 1944 is attached. This contains the list of personnel requested. Lt. Colonel T.V. SMITH has now assumed the direction in succession to Lt. Colonel G.H. GAYNE.

3. Copies of Plans of Study for teachers are also attached. These have been fully discussed before publication, with representatives of the Church and are in conformity with their recommendations.

4. Touching the specific points raised in your letter of 19 February:

a. Religious teaching in schools continues unchanged. The only teaching reforms which have been made in material are those involving the elimination of fascism.

b. New text books are in conformity with Catholic principles. It was found unnecessary to change, add to or subtract from any of the religious teaching contained in the old books. Books are being forwarded to you on publication, in accordance with your previous request.

c. Without the aid of a complete survey of the religious principles of teachers, a formidable task which has not been undertaken, the attitude of teachers to the Church or to religion in general cannot be stated with any accuracy. However, the proportion of teachers replaced is small, and therefore the general body of teachers may be assumed to hold the same religious beliefs as they did before the Allied Occupation.

5. The points in your letter of 21st February are answered below:

a. The curricula remain essentially unaltered. The teaching of fascism has been prohibited, and from the text books have been expunged such things as the glorification of fascism and Mussolini, references to Abyssinia and the Empire generally, the glorification of war, and similar items essentially of fascist teaching.

b. No courses have been eliminated in the schools. In the universities the three chairs of Diritto Corporativo, Storia e Dottrina del Fascismo and Cultura Militare have been abolished.

c. No new courses have been instituted in the schools. In the Universities the Faculty of Letters at Messina University, which was abolished in 1924 has been re-instituted, and an Institute of Social Anthropology, attached to the Faculty of Letters has been created at Palermo University.

d. No modification has been ordered or suggested in religious courses.

e. The local educational committees, many of which include priests, have worked closely in all educational matters with the Allied Officials engaged in the work.

6. It would seem that the apparent uneasiness of the Apostolic Delegate and the Holy See are the result of inaccurate information, and it may be apposite to record that the warmest expressions of approval of the work of the educational officers of this organization have frequently been made by such people as Cardinal Levitrano of Palermo, the Archbishop Ballo of Mazara del Valle, who is especially concerned with education in his arch-diocese; Father Gionzo of the Society of Jesus, who is the head of an important school in Palermo, and whose advice was constantly used in the preparation of Plans of Study; and Cardinal Ascalesi of Naples.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD REFER YOU TO MY 2711 /CA OF
For the Chief Commissioners

16th MARCH 1944

M. B. LUSH
Brigadier

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

A : Sua Eccellenza l'Arcivescovo di Acerenza e
Matera.
DA : Sottocommissione per l'Educazione
OGGETTO : Reintegrazione del Signor Cassano.
REF : ED/3.10
DATA : 7 Marzo 1944

1. - Con riferimento alla Sua nota del 25 febbraio 1944 diretta al Capitano A.A. Vesselo si deplora che la Sua richiesta per la reintegrazione nell'ufficio del Sig. Cassano non può essere presa in considerazione.

2. - Il Ministro dell'Educazione Nazionale del Governo Italiano e questa Sottocommissione sono d'accordo sulla giustizia delle ragioni che hanno determinato la destituzione del Cassano e sul fatto che egli non sarà reintegrato.



W.H. SHERWOOD, Major R.E.
Education Subcommittee

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

TO : Deputy, Director Education Subcommittee
FROM : Director, Education Subcommittee A.C.C.
SUBJECT : Religion in the school.
REF : ED/3.10
DATE : March 6. 1944

1.- Acknowledgements are hereby made and thanks recorded for your report (dated 29 February 1944) as to the previous policy of this subcommittee in regard to religion in the Italian schools and as to its method of liquidating administrative incidents.

2.- There can be no just perturbation on the part of this Subcommittee as to the course which concluded the incident in Sicily to which reference is made. Your own attitude and the official action of the subcommittee has been so manifestly correct that the record may well be allowed to speak as it has spoken, the final word; and your precedent is now become our continuing policy.

3.- It is not as though our educational effort had started, could start, de novo with either State or Church. We found a State defeated but a Church triumphant in the schools through a Treaty and Concordat Concluded with that now defeated state. To extirpate the doctrines of the State from the Schools but to respect the privileged position of the Church in the schools was the indication of our double duty. In a situation so ambiguous it is providential that we did not make serious mistakes. It was hardly ours to presume upon matters of the highest international Policy. In this premise we were soldiers, not philosophers; and in this practice administrators, not evaluators. As judgmental success was beyond our power, so error of judgment is outside our deserts. In operation we were not even privileged to remark the narrowing of religious essence to what in all three of our great allied lands (not to mention China as the fourth) would be a

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great majority of our citizens be regarded as doctrinaire rather than sacrosanct and what would in the United States at least would offend both the deepest constitutional credo, that of separation of church and state, and the highest moral credo, that of toleration as between utter equals of all competing theological creeds.

4.- If defence be needed for your, our, course, it could hardly be defence against censure from responsible Catholic sources; for, to repeat we have accorded maximum deference to all but the maximum monopoly accorded Catholicism by fascism. (We even went beyond the Lateran Treaty and the Concordat in the matter of permitting the opening new church schools in Sicily). Our right flank is thus secure from attack by the Right. It has the momentary safety of surrender to the Catholic-Fascist Pact and Concordat of 1929. It is our left flank which is in dialectical peril, and all the more so because our Center was fixed by historic accident rather than by original judgment. If, however, the Italian people were present to will into being a spiritual force pressing upon education from as far to our British-American left as the present spiritual pressure is to our Right, let our defence be ready, and be indeed the same demurrer of correctness as now; that in Italy we were soldiers obeying orders, leaving politics to statesmen and religion to God.

T.V.SMITH
Lt.Col. A.U.S.
Director of Education

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Sub-commission

TO : Director Education Subcommission A.C.C.
FROM : Deputy Director
SUBJECT : Religion in the Schools.
REF : ED/
DATE : 29 February 1944

*file
with correspondence
about Church
activities*

1.- Queries coming to you from Washington and the Vatican indicate a misapprehension as to fact and a misunderstanding as to the policy and attitude of the Education Subcommission in regard to religious education in the schools. Since the origin of the distorted rumors was, in all probability, an episode in Sicily with which I was directly concerned, and which took place when you were not there, I am presenting herein a full statement of the facts of the case.

2.- When I came to Sicily early in October, 1943, Lt. Col. Gayre, then Adviser in Education for A.C.C., asked me to take charge of the preparation of courses of study and instructions to teachers (known here as "programs") for the elementary and secondary schools, and the examination and revision of the text books.

We agreed that this work should be done by competent Italians under our supervision, that it should be confined largely to the elimination of fascism and anti-Allied propaganda, and that no changes would be made in regard to religious instruction.

3.- A Commission in Palermo had already been appointed by Lt. Col. Poletti on Col. Gayre's recommendation to advise on educational matters. Lt. Col. Gayre made some slight additions to this commission and we used it as a commission for the preparation of the new "Programs" for all occupied Italy. The Provveditore agli Studi in Palermo was chairman, the Cardinal had one or two representatives on the commission; the Chief Inspector of Elementary Schools was a member; the other members were, for the most part, professors of the various secondary school subjects. This Commission was asked to go through last years "programs" and to revise them so as to eliminate fascism and propaganda against the Allies. It was also suggested that they might make

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some improvements. The Commission met frequently and produced the series of programs which we have published and distributed to teachers throughout occupied Italy.

4.- The Commission was so predominantly composed of people in the field of secondary education that a special subcommittee was organized to work on the elementary program. This was headed by the Chief Inspector of Elementary Schools, and included two elementary school directors and a class room teacher, all selected by him. This subcommittee prepared the basic elementary school program which has been published and distributed.

5.- From the beginning, however, it was evident that on neither the Commission as a whole nor the elementary subcommittee was there anyone familiar with modern psychology and pedagogy. It seemed undesirable not to give to teachers, particularly in the elementary school, an opportunity to move forward a little in the direction of a democratic and modern type of education; yet the Commission's programs were rigid, over-academic and compulsory and would prevent any teacher or school from using modern psychology in his work.

It was, therefore, decided, while the Commission was still at work, to try to add some element of democratic and scientific thinking to the Commission.

The one man in Palermo who was expert in this field was Dr. Gino Feretti, the Professor of Pedagogy and Psychology in the University of Palermo. He was a man of such eminent scholarship that, despite his anti-fascism, he had been kept in his post through the fascist regime.

With the consent of the chairman of the Commission he was retained as a consultant.

6.- Feretti's ideas clashed so violently with those of other members of the Commission that it proved impractical to have him continue to meet with them. It was therefore suggested that he write a supplementary pamphlet on "Advice for modernizing the Elementary School". The minutes of the commission show that this proposal was heartily endorsed.

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7.- Feretti, being notoriously anticlerical, was instructed to write nothing about religion in his pamphlet, but to deal exclusively with the pedagogy and psychology of a modern school program.

8.- Feretti's pamphlet was published separately, as planned, but distributed to Provveditori throughout Sicily for redistribution to all elementary teachers with the basic programs prepared by the Commission and Subcommittee.

9.- A representative of the Cardinal, on reading Feretti's pamphlet felt that it was anti-religious in tone; that when Feretti spoke of the knowledge of science as doing away with superstition it was a covert attack on the Church; and so on. He and his associates made a violent protest to Lt.Col.Gayre against the pamphlet being distributed under our auspices.

10.- In the Program for the lower secondary schools the word "facoltativa" (elective) was printed after the caption "Religion". This was because, according to the Lateran Pact and common practice, any student could absent himself from religious instruction on request of his parents.

The Cardinal's representative, however, feared that "facoltativa" might be interpreted as meaning that it was elective on the part of the school as to whether Religion should be offered at all. He was much perturbed.

11.- General Mc Sherry had sent me up to the peninsula to take the first steps toward opening schools in all occupied territory, shortly before these protests were made. Lt.Col.Gayre, therefore, asked the Cardinal's representatives to wait till my return for a decision on what to do and meanwhile agreed to stop further distribution of the programs concerned in Sicily and to stop the printing of them in other regions. He immediately carried out his agreement. I assume, however, that it was in the interim between that conference and my return a few days later that protests went to Washington and the Vatican.

12.- On my return we held two conference with the Cardinal's representatives. The decision, in which they fully concurred, was as follows:

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- a) Feretti's pamphlet would be withdrawn from circulation insofar as undistributed copies remained in the hands of Provveditori agli Studi. All agreed that a demand on each teacher to give back the copy he might have would give undue emphasis to the pamphlet.

The pamphlet would not be published in other regions.

- b) A notice would be sent to all Provveditori agli Studi calling their attention to the fact that the Lateran Pact must be complied with and religious education offered in all schools.

- c) Printings of the program for the lower secondary schools in other regions would avoid the use of the word "facoltativa" in relation to religious instruction.

These agreements were promptly put into effect.

13.- The whole matter closed amicably, with agreement on everyone's part, and the incident was considered closed.

14.- In Naples a new Commission was formed to write a pamphlet on "Advice for Modernizing the Elementary School". On this we were careful to invite the Cardinal's Secretary to sit. He himself wrote the part on religious education, which was given the first place in the program; and he passed on every detail of the remaining parts. He expressed warm appreciation of our cooperation. The new pamphlet has just now been published in this region and sent to other regions for reprinting and distribution.

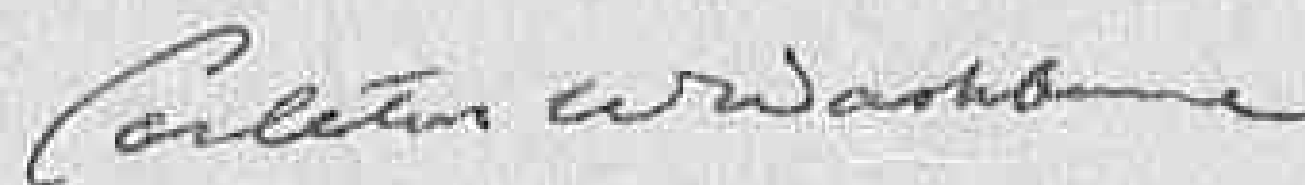
15.- An examination of all programs will show that religious education, in accordance with the provisions of the Lateran Pact and the courses worked out by the Catholic Church, has been included, from the beginning, in the programs of all schools.

16.- The religious education in the text books has not been changed at all. The new series reprints this part of the old series exactly as it was last year. Unfortunately it has been impossible to reproduce many of the illustrations, lack of original photographs and plates and other prime materials having necessitated the elimination of half-tones from all parts of the books. But the typed material remains intact.

17.- It has been the policy of the Education Subcommittee from the beginning to keep hands off on all matters of religious education, to maintain the status quo ante, and to work as harmoniously and cooperatively as possible with the Church.

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Except for the momentary episode described herein, our relations with Church officials have been entirely friendly and cordial. Even in this episode, personal relations were friendly and cooperative on both sides.



CARLETON W. WASHBURN
Major AUS
Deputy Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

A : Sua Eccellenza l'Arcivescovo di Reggio Calabria
Reggio
DA : Sottocommissione per l'Educazione
OGGETTO : Seminari Cattolici
DATA : 24 febbraio 1944

1. In riferimento alla corrispondenza scambiata tra Vostra Eccellenza ed il Provveditore agli Studi di Reggio Calabria intorno ai libri di testo per l'istruzione laica, sono molto spiacevole che Ella dovette essere interpellata attraverso questo Funzionario il quale non ha naturalmente, nessun controllo sui suoi Seminari.
2. Son sicuro che l'Eccellenza Vostra non desideri affatto di vedere che gli insegnamenti fascisti siano continuati nei Seminari che sono sotto il suo diretto controllo ed è anche desiderio di questa Sottocommissione offrirle tutti gli aiuti possibili per eliminare simili insegnamenti nei libri di testo.
3. Piani di studio e nuovi libri di testo sono stati preparati per le scuole laiche da questa Sottocommissione che ha avuto la fortuna di poter consultare alte autorità ecclesiastiche quali Sua Eminenza il Cardinale Lavitrano, Sua Eccellenza l'Arcivescovo di Mazara del Vallo ed altri.
4. Alcuni libri di testo sono stati già pubblicati ma, in attesa che la serie completa sia terminata si è stabilito di usare i libri vecchi con opportuni tagli ed omissioni. Accludo una copia delle istruzioni che sono state mandate a questo riguardo alle scuole laiche, nel caso possano esserle di qualche aiuto.
5. Sarò molto lieto di darle in qualsiasi momento, tutte le informazioni e gli aiuti di cui potrà, eventualmente, aver bisogno, nella speranza che l'Eccellenza Vostra possa essere inclusa nel numero dei molti Dignitari della Chiesa con cui questo Ufficio ha stabilito amichevoli relazioni.

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W.H.SHERWOOD Major
for Educational Adviser

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C.E.M.G. Section
APO 394

to : A.F.M.Q. - Military Government Section
from : R.C.E.M.G. Section
subject : Education and the Catholic Church
date : 23 February 1944

1. Reference your MSA 350 dated 19 February 1944.

2. (a) Religious teaching in schools continues without change, the only teaching reforms which have been made in material are those involving the elimination of the teaching of fascism.

(b) New text-books are in conformity with Catholic principles. Books will be forwarded to you as published in accordance with your previous request.

(c) Without the aid of a complete survey of the religious opinions of teachers, a formidable task which has not been undertaken, the attitude of teachers to the Church or to religion in general cannot be stated with any accuracy. However, the proportion of teachers replaced is small, and therefore the general body of teachers may be assumed to hold the same religious beliefs as they did before the Allied occupation.

3. Copies of Plans of Study for the use of teachers are enclosed. All of these have been discussed with representatives of the Church before publication and are in conformity with their suggestions.

4. A copy of the report of this Sub-commission covering the period September to February is also enclosed. This will give a general picture of Educational Activities, and contains a list of personnel. Lieut. Colonel T.V. Smith has now replaced Lt. Colonel G.R. Cayre.

By Command of MAJOR - GENERAL MACFARLANE

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
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Military Government Section

Education Sub-Com

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21 February 1944

MGS: 350

SUBJECT: Education

TO : HQ ACC

1. Reference is made to this Section letter of 19 February calling for a report for Washington following inquiries raised with the State Department by the Apostolic Delegate.

2. In addition to the cable which formed the background for the above letter, a further cable has now been received from General Hildring on the general subject of the Educational system in Sicily and Southern Italy. This cable states that the State Department now request a comprehensive report on the developments in the educational field under AMG in Sicily and Southern Italy since our occupation of these areas.

The cable states that in addition to any general information and the specific data already requested (which was summarized in this Section letter of 19 Feb.) the State Department is particularly interested in knowing:

- a) To what extent it has been necessary to ^{revise} ~~raise~~ the curricula in order to eliminate Fascist teachings and characteristics.
- b) What courses it has been necessary to eliminate altogether.
- c) What course, if any, have been introduced.
- d) What modification, if any, has occurred in religious courses.
- e) To what extent the advice of the local educational committee has been followed in establishing new curricula for the schools.

3. It is emphasised that all the above requested information is to relate to the elementary, secondary and higher educational institutions. It is further stated that changes in such personnel from time to time should also be furnished as they occur.

4. In the light of the above, will you please prepare the comprehensive report now called for and indicate by cable when it can be expected to be ready.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

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T. B. JACKMAN

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PROVINCE OF TRAPANI

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21 February 1944.

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SUBJECT: Parochial Schools.
TO : Chief of Education Division, Sicily Region
HQ., A.C.C.
THRU : Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region Hq.,
A.C.C., AFO 394.

The Bishop of Mazara last week sent his representative to the Provveditore Agli Studi of Trapani for a conference regarding a letter he produced from Lt. Col. Gates, A.K.G., dated 6 November 1943. A copy of the minutes of their conference is herewith attached for your consideration.

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Floyd E. Thomas
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Lt. Col., Inf.,
Provincial Commissioner,
A. C. C., - Trapani.

SUBJECT: PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

TO : Chief of Education Division, Sicily Region
Hq., A.C.C.

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AL COMANDO MILITARE ALLEGATO

S. C. A. O.

TRAPANI

OGGETTO :Verbale Commissione di Consultazione Scuole
Parrocchiali -

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Si prega di volerne prendere atto o far
conoscere le eventuali osservazioni.

IL PROVVEDITORE AGLI STUDI

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PROVVEDITORATO AGLI STUDI DI TRAPANI

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Oggi, 16 febbraio 1944 alle ore 11 nell'Ufficio del R. Provveditorato agli Studi di Trapani, si è riunita la Commissione per le Scuole Parrocchiali della Diocesi di Mazara del Vallo, secondo gli ordini del Governo Militare Alleato comunicati in data 20 ottobre 1943 prot.n. 8879.

Sono presenti il Rev. Can. Prof. Vincenzo Regina e Can. Dott. G. Battista Criscuolo delegati del Vescovo di Mazara del Vallo e gli Ill. mi Sigg. Preside Dott. Andrea Genna per le Scuole Medie e l'Ispettore Scolastico Prof. Piazza Antonino per le Scuole elementari.

La Commissione ha preso in esame le disposizioni emanate dal Governo Militare Alleato circa le vacanze scolastiche e le norme di scrutinio ed esami per l'anno scolastico 1943/44, e si è accordata nell'adottare ~~normali~~ disposizioni per le Scuole Parrocchiali, come per le Scuole di Stato.

Si è data lettura della nota del Governo Militare Alleato del 6 novembre 1943 prot. N. 8600 B/ED, con la quale si precisa la natura giuridica delle Scuole Parrocchiali e la legalità pubblica dei certificati di studio da essa rilasciati.

La nota è del seguente tenore:

Per V. Regina
G. B. Criscuolo
A. Piazza

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File No 88002 8600/B/AD
6 novembre 1943

To E. M. L'arcivescovo di Palermo dal Vallo -

Facendo seguito alla nostra conversazione di ieri, ci presentiamo di conferarvi quanto vi diciamo allora.

1) La Scuola Scolastica che non sono sottoposte al Provveditorato, si speriamo però che stabilizzata con una collaborazione soddisfacente per tutti, (speriamo pure che, in predugno di tempo, la autorità locale siastiche vogliano nominare un direttore che tratti direttamente con noi, come fatto a Provveditorato).

2) La occasione della riapertura della vostra scuola, siamo lieti di apprendere che voi siete con noi nel mantenere il principio della libertà di pensiero. Soltanto su questa base, noi possiamo andare un nuovo mondo e migliorare di quello che stiamo ora sperando via.

3) A nostra intenzione che i Provveditori col aborino con la più vicina eredità per la creazione di una Commissione che raccolga i problemi, nonché le norme di esami per le Scuole Scolastiche.

Udò garantirà lo stesso livello educativo a la scuola scolastica che ed in quelle statali e col risultato che i certificati di studio rilasciati dalle vostre scuole, avranno lo stesso valore di quelli rilasciati dalle altre scuole. E' nostra intenzione che questa Commissione non operi come comitato di vigilanza sugli esami.

Ho piacere di sapere, Roccella, il vostro

Titolo G. R. G. R.

Gen. Col. A. S. C.

Quando si fare per l'educazione nostra

La Commissione prende benvenuto atto, della citata nota ed è lieta di sentire che il Col. Geyre, Consigliere per l'educazione nostra ha dato comunicazione della stessa nota a S. M. C. il Ministro della Giustizia Nazionale del Governo Italiano.

La seduta è tolta alle ore 12,30.

Il presente verbale è redatto in cinque copie da inviare al Comandante Militare Alenteo di Palermo, e S. M. C. il Vescovo di Palermo del Vallo. Al Comandante Militare Alenteo della Provincia di Trapani, A. S. il Prefetto di Trapani, al Provveditorato della Scuola di Trapani.

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San. Prof. Vincenzo Pagano

violenze vogliono nominare un Direttore che tratti direttamente con Noi, come se lo è Provveduto ora).

2) In occasione della riapertura delle vostre Scuole, siamo lieti di apprendere che Voi siete con noi nel sostenere il principio della libertà di pensiero. Dobbiamo su questa base, Noi possiamo condurre un nuovo modo e migliore di quello che stiamo ora sperando via.

3) La nostra intenzione che i Provveditori col abito con la più vicina efficacia per la creazione di una correlazione tra regole e prassi, nonché la norme di esami per le Scuole Elementari.

Ciò garantirà lo stesso livello educativo a tutte le scuole elementari: una ed in quelle statali - col risultato che i certificati di studio rilasciati dalle vostre scuole, avranno lo stesso valore di quelli rilasciati dalle altre scuole. La nostra intenzione che questa Commissione non operi come condimento di vigilanza sugli esami.

Al Onore di essere, Signorissimo, il vostro

Fidato G. B. GALEA

Gen. Col. A. M. C.

Chiediamo per l'approvazione accetto

La Commissione prende benevole atto della offerta fatta ed è lieta di accettare che il Col. Geyre, Consigliere per l'Induzione Amato ha dato comunicazione della offerta fatta a S. M. C. il Ministro della Istruzione Regionale del Governo Italiano.

La seduta è tolta alle ore 12,10.

Il presente verbale è redatto in cinque copie da inviare al Comandante Militare Alleanza di Palermo, a S. M. C. il Vescovo di Marsa del Vallo, Al Comandante Militare Alleanza della Provincia di Trapani, a S. M. C. il Prefetto di Trapani, Al Provveditore alla Giustizia di Trapani.

F I R M E :

Gen. Prof. Vincenzo Regna

Com. G. B. Crispino

Gen. Geyre

Gen. Geyre

Mazara del Vallo February 19. 1944

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

PALERMO

The undersigned, as ^{the} representative of the families of the pupils of the Liceo-Ginnasio- Femminile and the Elementary Schools of the Parish School established in Mazara, in accordance to the wish of the Allied Military Government, under the auspices of H.E. the Bishop, pay homage to the principles of liberty inspiring this order in full accordance with the wish and the right of every family to choose for them own children that kind of school they prefer having legally the same value as regards programs and certificates as the State Schools. They moreover thank you for these benefits which are the very high postulate of those sound liberties you are promoting in behalf of our beloved Sicily.

All parents and all families join with us, who, on the ruins of the war intend to build up under the auspices of A/M. Committee the new order of culture and civilization corresponding to sacrifices we have suffered.

As a result of the legal guarantees you have offered and assured to our Parish Schools will come to them educational efficiency and great liberty with the benefit of free development in ^{the} field of teaching.

Accept our homage and assure us not to deprive us of your high support, so that in a form of friendly and legal competency State Schools and Parish Schools might give to to this beloved Island of ours, a larger breath of culture and of liberty and a future worth of our glorious traditions
With gratitude and respect.

Education Sub. Com.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS: 350

19 February 1944

SUBJECT: Education.

TO : HQ A.C.C.

1. A cable has been received from General Hildring in Washington stating that the State Department has been approached by the Apostolic Delegate to the United States for information pertaining to Italian Schools.

2. Specific information is requested on the following points:

- a. Is religious teaching in schools conforming with the terms of the Lateran Treaty of 1929.
- b. Are newly adopted text books in conformity with Catholic principles.
- c. Are present teachers hostile to the Catholic Church or religion in general.

3. General Hildring requests as complete a report as possible on the above points and that a list of members of Education Sub-Commission be appended.

4. Will you please prepare a short report as soon as possible and send it here in order that a cable in reply may be sent off followed by your report by air.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

T. E. Jackman
T. E. JACKMAN
Major

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SCUOLA PARROCCHIALE
MAZARA

Liceo - Ginnasio Femminile
e Corsi di Istruzione Primaria

IL DIRETTORE DEGLI STUDI

Mazara del Valle, 19 febbraio 1944 -

Comando Militare Alleato

PALERMO.

I sottoscritti, in rappresentanza delle famiglie cui appartengono le alunne del Liceo-Ginnasio Femminile e dei Corsi Elementari della "Scuola Parrocchiale" felicemente istituita a Mazara per volere del Comando Alleato e sotto gli auspici dell'Ecc. Vescovo, rendono omaggio ai criteri di libertà che ispirano il provvedimento, in coincidenza col desiderio e il diritto di ogni famiglia, di scegliere per i propri figli una scuola che meglio piaccia e che giuridicamente eguagli la scuola di Stato nella identità dei programmi e nel rilascio di titoli o certificati, equipollenti a quelli rilasciati dalla scuola di Stato; Vi rendono grazie per tali provvidenze, postulato nobilissimo di quelle sane libertà che promuovete in beneficio della nostra amata Sicilia. Con noi è la massa cosciente dei genitori e delle famiglie che sulle rovine della guerra intendono rialzare e realizzare il nuovo ordine di cultura e di civiltà che corrisponda ai sacrifici sofferti, sotto gli auspici del Comando Alleato.

Con le garanzie giuridiche che Voi avete offerto ed assicurato alle nostre "scuole parrocchiali" verrà ad esse efficienza educativa e largo respiro di consensi e di libertà, con eguale beneficio per le nostre scuole e per quelle dello Stato, entrambe in eguale piano cospiranti al libero sviluppo dell'insegnamento.

Gradite l'omaggio e confortateci del Vostro appoggio, sempre più e sempre meglio, perchè in leale e legale concorrenza le scuole di Stato e le scuole Parrocchiali assicurino alla Isola nostra, nel più largo respiro di cultura e di libertà, un avvenire degno delle gloriose nostre tradizioni.

Con riconoscenza e rispetto:

Curriciano Stefano
Bonsignore Vito
Lorenzo Litta
Pietra Inguasciotta
Patti Giuseppe
Pillaro Francesco
Vito Quinci
Ferro Salvo
Tina Ignazio
Di. W. Frances
Barone Angelo

M. P. De Luca
Baccaro Sergio
Russo Giuseppe
Serra Matteo
P. Lotta
Giardinia Vito
Bartolomeo
Eusebio
La Bianca Antonino
M. L. L. L. L.
La Ragusa Antonio
M. L. L. L. L.



La melia Vito

[Signature]



Mazara del Vallo, February 18, 1944

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

P A L E R M O

From the note of the itinerant Committee, you ordered to be formed among the representatives of H.E. the Bishop and those of the R. Provveditore for "State Schools", our Mazara Schools hear with pleasure what you have decided about the legal value of equality conferred to Parish Schools "in comparison with State Schools and we thank you very much for it. The Committee, at the same time, points out that with this, while on one hand, it will be sanctioned the principle that the certificates issued by our Schools have the value as those issued by State Schools, on the other binds us to keep the rate of our teachings as high as that of State Schools.

Hoping that from such orders and aims the development of culture as a liberal teaching may follow, in the name of these Parish - Schools we pay homage to the Allied Military Command.

With respect and gratitude.

THE PREFECT OF STUDIES
Can. Dr. : G.B. Criscuoli

SCUOLA PARROCCHIALE
MAZARA

Liceo - Ginnasio Femminile
e Corsi di Istruzione Primaria

IL PREFETTO DEGLI STUDI

MAZARA DEL VALLO, 11 18 febbraio 1944

COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO

P A L E R M O

Dal comunicato della Commissione paritetica da Voi ve-
luta fra i rappresentanti dell'Ecc. il Vescovo per la "Scue-
la Parrocchiale" e i rappresentanti del Provveditore per la
"Scuola di Stato", le nostre scuole di Mazara apprendono con
gaudio quanto a Voi è piaciuto di decidere sul giuridico va-
lore di egualità attribuito alle "Scuole Parrocchiali" in con-
fronto con la Scuola di Stato, e ne rendono a Voi grazie vivis-
sime, rilevando che mentre viene ad essere sancito il princi-
pio per cui i certificati delle nostre scuole avranno lo stes-
so valore di quelli rilasciato dalle scuole di Stato, viene a
noi l'impegno di corrispondere alle provvide Vostre premure,
nella volontà di tenere il nostro insegnamento al livello ne-
cessario delle Scuole di Stato.

Auspiciando da tali provvedimenti ed intenti il desiderato
sviluppo della cultura nel quadro della libertà di insegna-
mento, a nome di queste scuole Parrocchiali, ne rendo omaggio
al Comando Alleato.

Con rispetto e con riconoscenza

IL PREFETTO DEGLI STUDI

(Can. Dott. G. B. Cricuoli)



G. B. Cricuoli
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommission

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TO : Major Bergin, Education Liaison Officer, ACC, Salerno

FROM : Education Subcommission

SUBJECT: Church Schools

REF : ED/3.8

DATE : 16 February 1944

1. I am convinced that we should take up with Signor Cuomo the whole question of church education. The schools and colleges fall into 3 categories:

- I. Seminaries, etc. - These are completely independent of the State and are not a subject of discussion.
- II. Parificato Church Schools - These remain as they are - and are not subject to discussion.
- III. New free Church Schools - and here is the problem.

2. When the invasion took place the church authorities state that both General Alexander and Lord Rennell stated they could open Church Schools. The Cardinal Archbishop of Palermo, Levitramo, is insistent on this point. I think there is little doubt that such permission was granted, as it is hardly likely that either General was aware that free church schools had not existed in Italy before.

3. My policy has therefore been to permit the continuance of these Church Schools, and all I have done is to try and regularize the position by stating that in every province or archdiocese, whichever is the more convenient unit, the Provveditore agli Studi and the Bishop should set up a joint commission of 2 from either party. The purpose of this commission was merely to regulate the subjects and the general standards of education and it was not given complete control (so far as the Provveditore's representatives are concerned) of the schools. They remain free church schools without state support. But the standard must be regulated so that the children can receive such certificates as are necessary in Italy to pass from school to school and school to University.

4. I believe any other policy will be unwise. First, we would place the GOC in an extremely awkward position. Secondly any attitude which could be interpreted as either antagonistic to religion or denying religious freedom would be serious. In this matter I have had in mind the serious dimensions of Roman Catholic elements in U.S.A., where I presume they are about 30% of the whole. Furthermore, although the Catholic body is quite small in England, great sympathy would be felt for the Church by the English and other Churches or elements of them. As a consequence it has not been my policy to arouse such a general conflict.

5. Personally I feel that Signor Cuomo would be equally unwise to precipitate so serious an issue by attempting to abolish these schools. In reality he cannot do so without consulting the Control Commission first as they have been set up by Allied Military Government.

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6. Therefore I should be inclined to suggest that Signor Cuomo should either agree to accept such schools as have been set up (several such are in Mazara delVallo diocese) and regularize their relations on the basis of their acknowledged independence under AMG conditions, or else before any precipitate action is taken he should set up a commission to make to a decision. This ought to consist of in equal parts, the Ministry of Education, the church and this office. I suggest 2 of each.

7. I think that all the grave aspects of the case should be pressed upon Cuomo since what he does here will be likely to have a very adverse interpretation in England and America unless he is extremely careful.

8. Personally I regret that such a difficult problem has been left by me unsolved owing to my departure in the next few days. *But, of course, I was not in the first place of my creation in any case.*

9. I am attaching a document presented to me by the Diocese of Mazara as the basis of their contentions in this matter. Article 5 of this is virtually a statement of the Commission which already exists and which I set up as a means of regularizing the situation which I found already existing before my arrival.



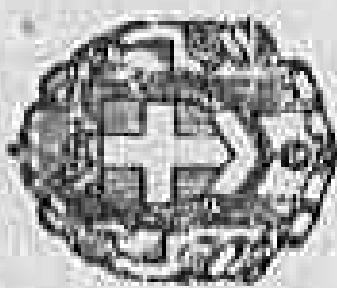
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G.R. GARDNER
Lt. Col. A.E.C.
Educational Adviser

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Nothing done. and nothing to be done. We have covered enough of our own not to leave the Italian government free as touching a matter of policy beyond the limits of the "long terms". (Gals taken by us are, of course, not to be undone.)

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4/2 R. Provveditorato agli Studi di Trapani



Oggi, 16 febbraio 1944 alle ore 11 nell'Ufficio del R. Provveditorato agli Studi di Trapani, si è riunita la Commissione per le Scuole Parrocchiali della Diocesi di Mazara del Vallo, secondo gli ordini del Governo Militare Alleato, comunicati in data 20 ottobre 1943 prot. n. 8879.

Sono presenti i Rev.^{mi} Can. Prof. Vincenzo Regina e Can. Dott. G. Battista Criscuoli delegati del Vescovo di Mazara del Vallo e gli Ill.^{mi} Sigg. Preside Dott. Andrea Genna per le Scuole Medie e l'Ispettore Scolastico Prof. Piazza Antonino per le Scuole elementari.

La Commissione ha preso in esame le disposizioni emanate dal Governo Militare Alleato circa le vacanze scolastiche e le norme di scrutini ed esami per l'anno scolastico 1943/44, e si è accordata nell'adottare *regionali* disposizioni per le Scuole Parrocchiali, come per le Scuole di Stato.

Si è data lettura della nota del Governo Militare Alleato del 6 novembre 1943 prot. N. 6600 B/ED, con la quale si precisa la natura giuridica delle Scuole Parrocchiali e la legalità pubblica dei certificati di studio da essa rilasciati.

La nota è del seguente tenore:

Can. Regina
G. B. Criscuoli

St. Regina
G. B. Criscuoli

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Si è data lettura della nota del Governo Militare Alleato del 6 novembre 1943 prot. N. 8600 B/ED, con la quale si precisa la natura giuridica delle Scuole Parrocchiali e la legalità pubblica dei certificati di studio da essa rilasciati.

La nota è del seguente tenore:

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R. PROVVEDIMENTO ORATO AGLI STUDI DI TRAPANI

In pursuance of the orders imparted by the Allied Military Government with a note of October 20th 1943, Ref: N° 8879, to day February 16th 1944 at eleven o' clock a.m., met the Commission for the Parish Schools of the Diocese of Mazara del Vallo.

R. Can.Prof. Vincenzo Regina, R.Can. G.Battista Criscuoli, delegates of the Bishop of Mazara del Vallo, Dr. Andrea Genna, Head of the Scuole Medie prof. Piazza Antonino Elementary School Inspector attended.

The Commission examined the orders imparted by the Allied Military Government about the scholastic vacations the regulations for ^{final} school-reports, and the examinations during the scholastic year 1943/44 and agreed in adopting for Parish Schools the same orders imparted for State Schools.

The Commission read the note sent by the Allied Military Government on November 6th 1943 Ref. 8600 B/ED in which it is fixed the legal character of Parish Schools and the public legality of the certificates issued by them.

The letter runs as follows.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2.

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ECA/42/N/280

15 February 1944

SUBJECT : - Church Seminaries

TO : - Director, Education Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Control Commission, Naples.

1. Referring further to my ECA/42/N/280 of 31 Jan 44 :
2. A communication was received in this office yesterday indicating that the Archbishop of Reggio declines to admit the validity of the regulations issued to him from this H.Q. (over Lt.Col. McCaffrey's signature) on 18 Dec last, in reference to Church Seminaries.
3. These regulations covered syllabuses and text-books used in Seminaries, but for non-religious subjects only.
4. It appears the S.C.A.O., Reggio, made the mistake (not envisaged by this office) of sending the instructions to the Archbishop via the Provveditore.
5. I enclose copies of the correspondence received yesterday in this office from Reggio, and of my replies.
6. It will be seen that the Archbishop of Reggio refuses, by implication, to take any action in the matter of text-books.
7. As is pointed out in the attached letter to our H.Q. at Reggio, no other ecclesiastical authority in the Region has raised objections to our conditions.
8. In this context, may I quote a passage from my report (ECA/42/53) of 9 Dec 43, section 3 (a) (iii) : -

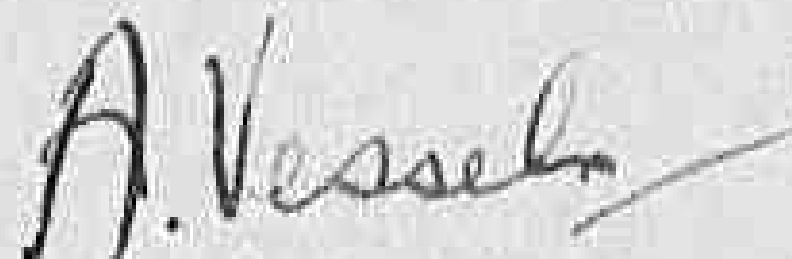
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There is a feeling at Crotone that the church in some parts is politically suspect. The Archbishop at Cosenza is said to be reliable, but reports say that the Bishop at Catanzaro is unreliable, and Churchmen in Reggio are said to be directly supporting Fascist movements (I cannot vouch for any of this)."

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9. It will be seen that O i/c Education at Reggio reads into the Archbishop's words a refusal to admit of any secular interference with any type of Church-controlled education. I do not think this is an accurate interpretation. I read the words as referring only to specific ecclesiastical training.

10. I am taking no further action in this matter until I hear from you.



A. VESSELO, Capt. A.E.C.
Regional Commissioner for Education
REGION 2.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2.

ECA/42/N/280

13 Febbraio 1944

OGGETTO : Seminari Cattolici.

All'Eccellenza l'Arcivescovo di Reggio Calabria.

Ho ricevuto dal Capitano Harrison una copia della lettera che Lei ha mandata il 18 gennaio al Provveditore sull'oggetto dei Seminari.

Inutile dire che non abbiamo voluto far niente contro il Concordato, e devo quindi spiegare il caso esattamente.

Visitando un Seminario a Potenza nel mese di Dicembre scorso trovai che si usavano libri di testo Fascisti nella parte laica dell'istruzione. I libri contenevano anche ritratti e lodi di Mussolini.

Era soltanto per questa causa che abbiamo deciso di raccomandare i cambiamenti indicati nella lettera ECA/42/70 di data 18 Dic.43 e poi modificati nella lettera ECA/42/E/280 in data 23 Gennaio 44. Devo aggiungere che facendo così volevamo evitare la possibilità che nemici della Chiesa dicessero con malevolenza pubblicamente che la Chiesa usava sempre i libri e i metodi fascisti.

I nostri rapporti con la Chiesa sono sempre stati ottimi. In una lettera del mese scorso al Capitano Harrison sullo stesso oggetto dei Seminari io scrissi: "La prego assicurare l'Arcivescovo che la sua cooperazione benevola in queste questioni ci aiuterà molto."

Naturalmente non userò nessuna pressione in queste cose. Lei mi permetterà però di mandare una copia della Sua lettera allo Stato Maggiore Alleato a Napoli per informazione.

Con i migliori ossequi.

A. Vesceio

A. VESSEIO, Capt. A.E.C.
Commissario Regionale per l'Educazione
REGIONE N.2

SECRET
HEADQUARTERS
Allied Control Commission
REGION 2.

HQA/42/N/280

13 February 1944

SUBJECT : Church Seminaries

TO : P.C., Reggio
(for attention, C 1/c Education)

1. Refee your HGH/ICM/2014 of 9 Feb:
2. The matter is agreed to be a delicate one, and your suspension of action in the circumstances is approved.
3. It is *probable* that the Archbishop's intransigence was accentuated by his receiving the instructions from the Provveditore, who of course represents the Italian State and not Allied Military Government. In any future communication with the Archbishop he should be dealt with direct?
4. No other ecclesiastical authority in the Region has raised objections to our conditions.
5. For your own information, no action was originally contemplated by this H.Q. in the matter of Church Seminaries until a chance visit to a Seminary in Potenza revealed that Fascist text-books, complete with portraits of Mussolini, remained in full use. The explanation given for this was (a) that they were last year's text-books (b) that the Seminaries had previously been forced to use them by the State.
6. Point 5 (b) above is difficult to reconcile with your Archbishop's statement that the State has never been allowed to interfere in any way with the running of the Seminaries.
7. A full account of the matter is being forwarded to higher authority.
8. Meanwhile you are asked to take no action beyond the forwarding of one copy of the enclosed letter to the Archbishop.
By order of the R.C.

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A. VERSELO, Capt. A.E.C.
Regional Commissioner for Education
REGION 2.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee

AL : Reverendissimo Monsignore
Salvatore De Gaetano
Arcivescovado di Palermo

DA : Sottocommissione per l'Educazione

DATA : 13 febbraio 1944.

Rev.mo Monsignore

In risposta alla sua del 31 dicembre scorso son lieto d'informarla che autorizzo senz'altro la riapertura del Seminario.

Per quanto riguarda la questione delle spese per le riparazioni del Seminario stesso, ho fatto i passi necessari presso la Sottocommissione di Finanza del Governo Alleato, ma mi s'informa che Ella dovrà sottomettere ogni Sua richiesta di carattere finanziario alle Autorità del competente Ministero italiano, il quale le trasmetterà al Governo Alleato. Come vede, Monsignore, e' stata cambiata la procedura. Ella però faccia presente nella Sua richiesta che la riapertura del Seminario e' stata ^{approvata} ~~autorizzata~~ da me per motivi d'insegnamento.

Con ossequi

G.R. GAYRE
Lt. Col. A.E.C.
Educational Advisor

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RED 200

Church Education

12 February 1944

SUBJECT: From- public Education.

TO : Lt. Col. G.R. GAYRE, Head, Education Subcommittee
Hq; ACC

1. I have just been through the matter of church relations again; once with R.C.A.O. and Cpt. Newfelt privately and again with R.C.A.O., deputy, Monsignor DE Leo and Fr. Gliozzi.
2. Everything seems to be harmonious.
3. Am giving Lt. Col. POLETTI a memo on the conference with Monsignor Carroll and Mr. Mehler at this request.
4. The problems in Agrigento province have all been settled harmoniously.
5. The S.C.A.O of Trapani has ordered the public school open at Campobello and says it will stay open. He has, however, given the Archbishop space in the public buildings of Castelvetro. I expect an eruption over this affair.
6. The differing conditions in the two provinces is due to the policies of the two archbishops concerned.

G.R. Koopman
G.R. KOOPMAN

Major, AUS

Chief Education of
Division.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

Ref: HGH/1011/2014

SUBJECT : Education

TO : R.C.A.O., Region 2 , Matera.

Church Seminaries.

I. With reference to the above, copy of a letter written by Arcivescovo of Reggio to the Provveditore is attached. This letter is in reply to a letter from the Provveditore communicating to him the terms of ECA/42/70 regarding the opening of Seminaries.

It is apparent that the Arcivescovo declines in principle to admit of any secular interference whatsoever with church seminaries, colleges, and schools, resting on Art. 39 of the Concordat between Italy and the Holy See which establishes the absolute sovereignty of the church over all such educational institutions.

It would seem that the Concordat still remains in force, although there is a new secular authority in the shape of AMG, as that authority has never repudiated the Concordat.

2. The two seminaries here in Reggio, the Seminario Regionale Pontificio, and the Seminario Arcivescovile, are now open, but the Arcivescovo has only complied with the provisions of ECA/42/70 to the extent of furnishing a list of the teachers (all of whom are priests), and in giving the assurance contained in the last para. of his letter.

3. No further action has been taken by this HQ. in view of the extreme delicacy of the matter affecting as it does the relations between AMG and the Holy See, and of the fact that it is essentially a matter of higher policy on which a ruling is required.

Reggio,
9 Feb. 44.

Offr. i/c Education.
For SCAO, Reggio Province

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Ill.mo Signor

Provveditore agli Studi

REGGIO CALABRIA

Ho ricevuto la Sua pre⁹ma del 12 c.m. N°102 relativa alla riapertura dei Seminari ed all'insegnamento che in essi viene impartito.

Non posso fare a meno di rilevare che la comunicazione in essa contenuta mi ha non poco sorpreso. Giacchè il Concordato stipulato fra la Santa Sede e l'Italia stabilisce che "le Università, i Seminari maggiori e minori, sia diocesani sia interdiocesani, sia regionali, le accademie, i collegi e gli altri istituti cattolici per la formazione e la cultura degli ecclesiastici continueranno a dipendere unicamente dalla S.Sede senza alcuna ingerenza delle autorità scolastiche del Regno" (art.39).

Devo, pertanto, pensare che le Autorità Alleate nel prendere la decisione che Ella mi comunica non abbiano tenuta presente la norma concordataria di cui sopra - e la cosa è del tutto spiegabile - anche perchè la lesione da parte loro del Concordato in uno dei suoi articoli più importanti nel quale è implicito, come presupposto giuridico, un principio di diritto pubblico ecclesiastico relativamente alla sovranità della Chiesa ed alla sua indipendenza nella disciplina del Clero e dei Seminari, non troverebbe, non dico una giustificazione, ma una qualsiasi plausibile spiegazione.

E', inoltre, da rilevare che i programmi di studio per tutti i Seminari sono stati direttamente fissati e imposti dalla S.Sede. Pertanto, nel caso che si ritenesse necessaria una modifica dei medesimi, bisognerebbe rivolgersi alla stessa Autorità dalla quale furono emanati; nè ciò riuscirebbe impossibile agli Alleati, dal momento che hanno una rappresentanza diplomatica presso il Vaticano.

Devo, per altro, rilevare che nei suddetti programmi non figurano nè l'economia, nè la cultura militare, nè quella fascista; ed è superfluo notare che qualsiasi materia militare esula dai medesimi.

Con i migliori ossequi.

L'Arcivescovo
Sd. (Antonio Lanza)

Col. Gayre
file
Church Schools 1246
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION 2.

31 January 1944

ECA/42/N/280

SUBJECT : - Church SeminariesTO : - H.Q., Allied Control Commission, Naples
(For attention of Lt.Col.GAYRE, A.E.C., Educational Adviser)

Refor your letter of 21 Jan 44 on above subject :

I. For your information, the following is a description of what has been done to date in Region 2 with regard to Church Seminaries.

- a) No special steps were taken until mid-December, when I visited a Church-Seminary in Potenza with the SCAO, and found that Fascist text-books were being used without attempt at expurgation.
- b) I therefore circularized all SCAOs, and requested them to inform me how many Seminaries were open in their Provinces, and what authority was claimed for their opening; also to issue to all Seminaries detailed instructions regarding syllabuses and text-books for all non-religious subjects so as to bring them into line with State Schools. I emphasised that no details were required of specifically religious instruction.
- c) The requests in b) have been carried out. I now have a list of all Seminaries in the Region, with details of each, and the relevant instructions have been issued to all and have been or are being carried out.
- d) I have treated the matter as diplomatically as possible, and I have no reason whatever to believe that there have been any unfavourable reactions from the Church. It seemed to me, however, essential that all teaching-establishments should be brought into line at least over the question of Fascist text-books.

A. Veselo
A. VESSELO, Capt. A.E.C.
ACTING DIRECTOR of EDUCATION
REGION 2.

DECRETO LEGGE per le
"SCUOLE DELLA CHIESA"

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- 6) Sarà assegnato dallo Stato alle Scuole della Chiesa un congruo contributo finanziario.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Rear Detachment)
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

18 January 1944

AMG 8879/ED

SUBJECT : Establishment of Commission, Trapani

TO : Director of Education
Region I.

1. Will you please remind the Provveditore agli Studi of Trapani of the terms of the order given by the Educational Adviser relative to the establishment of a commission for the Church schools.

2. The Commission is to consist of four members: two to be nominated by the Archbishop of Mazara de Valle and two by the Provveditore. The Provveditore is not to be a member of this Commission.

For the Educational Adviser:

W.H.SHERWOOD
Major R.E.

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REGION 2.

ECA/42/N/280

10 January 1944

SUBJECT : - Church Education.

TO : - R.O.A.O., Region III
(For attention of Regional Director of Education).

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from the Educational Adviser on the relationship ^{between} Church Schools and Provveditori.

2. To the best of my knowledge all Church Schools in Region II are "parificate". On the other hand there exist Church Seminaries (for the training of Priests) which appear to be in quite a different category, and in regard to them it might be desirable to have a discussion with the Church on ways and means, on the lines indicated in the Educational Adviser's letter.

3. I understand that you have a Cardinal in Region III, with whom the matter might be discussed. Would you care to take the matter up with him? There is no Cardinal in Region II, and I feel it would be unwise to tackle such a matter on any lower level. *Would you be good enough to let me know the results?*

4. It may be that it will be decided that Church Seminaries are on quite a different footing from Church Schools, but it might be well to discuss the matter formally before arriving at a decision.

By order of the Regent
A. Vesello
A. VESSELO, Capt., A.E.C.,
Acting Director of Education
REGION 2.

✓ Copy to Head Quarters, Allied Military Government, Naples
(For attention of Educational Adviser)

ARCIVESCOVADO DI PALERMO

31 dicembre 1943

Oggetto: Danni bellici nel Palazzo Arcivescovile, reparto Seminario

Allegati: Lettera Uff. Monumenti

Conto preventivo

Signor Colonnello Gayre

Consigliere per l'Educazione

Palermo,

Pregato di esaminare la possibilità di riparare i danni bellici, l'A.M.G. riconobbe doversi usare al Palazzo Arcivescovile di Palermo un trattamento particolare, sia perchè è un palazzo di altissimo pregio monumentale, sia perchè è sede del governo dell'Archidiocesi e del Primate di Sicilia e contiene tutti gli Uffici Diocesani e il Tribunale regionale Siculo. Deliberò infatti l'assegnazione di lire italiane 1.200.000 sulle 1.600.000 previste per le riparazioni urgenti dei danni causati dalle bombe aeree. (nota del 30/10/1943 Uff. Monumento dell'A.M.G. OTHQ).

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Ora, Signor Colonnello, è tempo di sciogliere questa riserva dell'Uff. Monumenti. Quale Direttore dell'Ufficio Amministrativo Diocesano vi prego caldamente di riconoscere la necessità della riapertura del Seminario e, di conseguenza, la necessità urgente di portare a compimento le riparazioni sospese e del finanziamento da parte dell'A. M. G.

A tal fine vi prego di considerare:

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5°- L'A. M. G. ha assegnato le somme necessarie per la riparazione del Seminario di Noto (Siracusa) danneggiato dalle bombe aeree;

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Resto in attesa, Signor Colonnello, del vostro favorevole intervento e mi metto a vostra disposizione per ogni possibile chiarimento, e intanto vi prego di gradire i miei distinti ossequi.

Mons. Salvatore De Gaetano

S. De Gaetano

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*To get agreement with
Italian Govt.*

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TO : His Excellency the Archbishop of Mazara del Vallo.
FROM : Allied Military Government
SUBJECT : Church Schools.
REF : No AMGOT 8600/B/ED
DATE : November 6. 1943

With reference to our previous conversation, we have the honour to confirm what we said.

- 1.- Church Schools are not under the control of the Provveditori. Nevertheless we hope that you might satisfactorily collaborate with them. (We hope also that later on Church Authorities will appoint a Director who may come in contact with us as the Provveditori used to do).
- 2.- Now that our schools have been re-opened, we are glad to see that you hold the same opinion as us about freedom of thought. It is only on that base that we may build up a new world better than that we are now sweeping away.
- 3.- It is our intention that the Provveditori might collaborate with the nearest Archdiocese in order to form a commission apt to regulate the programs and the regulations for the examinations in Church Schools.

All this will establish the same educational level in Church Schools as well as in State Schools. With the result that the certificates issued by our schools will have the same value as those of other schools. It is our intention that this Commission might not act as a vigilance Committee on the examinations.

I have the honour to be, Your Excellency, Yours

G.R.GAYRE

Lt.Col. A.E.C.

Educational Adviser

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The Commission, in acknowledging the above mentioned letter, is glad to hear that Lt.Col.Gayre Educational Adviser of the Allied Military Government has communicated the above letter to His E. ^{the} Minister of Education of the Italian Government.

The meeting ended at 12.30

This report was issued in five copies to be send to the Allied Military Command in Palermo, to H.E. the Bishop of Mazara del Vallo, to the Allied Military Command of Trapani Province, to ~~the~~ H.E. the Prefetto of Trapani and the Provveditore of Trapani.

