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21 August, 1945

SECRET
12 August-19 August

1. A meeting of Regional and Headquarters Education Officers was held in Rome 17-18 August. The various problems of winding up the educational work in the Regions were fully discussed.
2. The Minister of Public Instruction has requested 10,000 copies of the history of A.C. to distribute to universities and libraries.
3. A commission of Italian educational specialists, appointed by the Minister of Public Instruction, has prepared a new program for the training of elementary school teachers, geared to the outstandingly excellent new program for the elementary schools themselves. As in the case of the elementary school program, the commission has submitted the manuscript to the Education Subcommission for criticism and suggestions. While a number of such suggestions are being given, the program as it stands represents a marked and important step forward in the all-important field of training teachers for the great mass of Italian children.
4. The Minister has agreed to make special provision for Provveditori agli Studi, appointed temporarily by the State, to participate in national civil service examinations for permanent posts, taking into consideration the recommendations of Regional Education Officers.
5. The Minister has accepted an invitation to accompany the Director of Education and participate, as Italy's representative, in an International conference, on educational reconstruction and aid to child victims of the war, in Zurich in the middle of September.

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14 August, 1945

SITREP
5 August - 12 August

1. The Director of Education spent the week on a mission in Switzerland. He brought back sample text books in the German language for elementary and lower secondary schools, with permission, generously granted, to reprint them free of charge, for the German-speaking communes in Bolzano province.
2. He also secured publications of the International Bureau of Education in Geneva to assist commissions of the Minister of Public Instruction in Italy engaged in reorganizing school courses of study.
3. Contact was made with the European Student Relief Fund in Geneva and preliminary arrangements were discussed for help to Italian Universities.



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7 August, 1945

SIXTH
21 July - 7 August

1. As it is the intention of the Italian Government, in accordance with AC policy, to open schools in Bolzano in the mother tongue of children from German-speaking families and as suitable text-books in German are not available in Italy, the Director of Education has left for Switzerland on the 2nd of August to select text-books and arrange for rights to reprint them in Italy.

2. Because of the earnest cooperation from RAAC three schools requisitioned by the Allies have been derequisitioned and given back to the Italian school authorities during the month of July.

For the Director of Education:

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1 August, 1945

SIXTH

22 - 29 July.

1. The Italian Federation of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides was finally consummated by the signing of a constitution by the heads of the (Catholic) Associazione Guide Italiane and the non-confessional Unione Nazionale Giovani Esploratrici Italiane, in the office of the Education Subcommittee on 27 July.
2. Word comes from Inns, Austria, that 150 cases of physics laboratory equipment, shipped from Milan, have been found in a school there. The school claims they were a legitimate purchase, but A.M.G. suspects they were looted from Italian universities and technical institutes. All such institutions in Italy have been notified and requested to send a precise identifying description of materials they believe might have been taken from them and included in the shipment.
3. One of the early acts of A.M.G. in Sicily was to establish a faculty of anthropology in the University of Palermo in place of the Fascist Faculty of Political Science with its Nazi race doctrines. Unfortunately the admission to this faculty was less restricted than that to most others; so students with little interest in anthropology swarmed into this department. The Superior Council on Education and the Minister of Public Instruction have requested the approval of the Education Subcommittee to substitute a graduate department of anthropology and abolish the undergraduate faculty, making suitable provision for the students who have already been enrolled in the present faculty. The Education Subcommittee has given its approval.



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24 July, 1945

SITREP
16 - 25 July.

1. The Italo-American unions of New York have sent a 4,600 new dresses (manufacturer's samples) and an equal number of stockings for distribution. EDSI has decided that the clothes are so good that they should be distributed to teachers in the large cities. Accordingly, every public school teacher in Rome, from kindergarten through university, is receiving a new dress (selected by lot) and a new pair of stockings. Next, the private school teachers will have the same treatment. Then Naples teachers will be taken care of. Other clothing, usually not new, collected all over the United States, will be distributed to the teachers of smaller communities, where new city clothes would be too elegant for appropriateness.
2. The British Boy Scouts have offered to pay all expenses for twelve youth leaders from Italy - six from the Catholic Boy Scouts and six from the non-confessional Boy Scouts, to come to England for a training course for Scout Leaders.
3. Captain I.W. SCOTT (B), has been added to the Education Subcommittee and assigned to Venetia Region as Education Officer to assist Major GEMORY in the ten provinces of the Region.

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17 July 1945

SITREP
9-16 July 1945

1. The long, detailed study of the Italian educational system, prepared over a period of more than a year by Major Vesselo of the Education Subcommittee and used as background material for all Education Officers, has now been presented to the Minister of Public Instruction. Statistical tables to accompany the report are still in preparation. It is the only comprehensive account in existence of Italian Education from its beginnings through the Fascist "reforms". It brings the story right down to the present. The report consists of 193 foolscap pages of single space typewriting. The Minister has expressed great appreciation for this scholarly work and is considering its publication.
2. The House of Commons library requested a set of the great 35-volume Encyclopedi Italiana. The Minister of Public Instruction decided to make this a gift from the Italian Government and formally presented it to Mr. Hopkinson of the Political Section, A. C. on 16 July.
3. One very large school, and part of another school in Rome have been released from requisition.
4. "Newsweek" has offered free subscription to this weekly news review to all third and fourth year students of English in Italian universities. The Minister of Public Instruction has accepted the offer with appreciation.

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10 July, 1945

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1 - 8 July.

There was a meeting of all Education Officers in Milan on 28-29 June, in which many technical problems were discussed.

Following the meeting the Director of the Education Subcommittee drove to Bologna and spent two days with the EEO, Captain PRATT, visiting the University of Bologna and some schools, conferring with University and school officials, and talking at length with Captain PRATT.

The balance of the week was spent making an intensive study of the educational situation in Venezia Giulia, a full report on which is being submitted to the VP, CA Section and SCAO, Venezia Giulia.

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3 July, 1945

SITREP

26 June - 2 July.

1. The estimated number of text books to be printed for the school year 1945-6, for the whole of Italy, is as follows:

Elementary Text Books	10,000,000
Secondary Text Books	4,000,000
University Books	1,000,000

Arrangements have been made to provide enough paper for this program. To this effect a series of discussions took place between representatives of FWB, Commerce Subcommittee and this office in order to have released part of the paper which has been requisitioned by FWB in the North.

2. The main difficulty in this drive for printing text books is represented by the cost of paper obtained locally. Efforts have been made by the Commerce Subcommittee to keep it as low as possible. It is hoped to obtain a reasonable average low price by releasing for sale at a higher price the paper which has come from the United States and which costs 20 lire a kilo and thus subsidizing the cost of the paper obtained from local sources.
3. More paper and school supplies have just arrived from the United States: 160 tons of printing paper and 2 tons of erasers besides other minor school items.
4. Committees have been appointed in each region dealing with the approval of text books for next year and a circular which lays down the procedure to be followed for printing text books has been sent to all Editors.
5. From Lombardia come reports of teachers strikes, caused by discontent with the system and rate of pay.

The teachers resumed their work after being promised that full consideration would be given to their case. A memorandum has been submitted to the Minister of Public Instruction for his consideration. It is however the desire of this office to avoid piece-meal increases and it is recommended that the situation of wages in the North should form the subject of a general discussion between the authorities concerned.

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26 June, 1945

SITREP
18-25 June.

1. The schools of Apuania have now been reorganized, and a provveditore agli studi named. Their year having been badly interrupted by the war, they will have summer session from June through August. Many school buildings have been almost totally destroyed at Massa, Avenza, Aulla, Ferdinando, Lucciana, and Villa Franca; in the province as a whole 20% to 30% of all schools are destroyed. The Academy of Fine Arts at Carrara is holding a summer session.
2. The reorganization of the University of Bologna has been completed and Prof. Edoardo Volterra has been elected rector by a close vote of the defascized staff. The University of Modena was formally opened 18 June, Col BOWMAN, R C, delivering an address.
3. Schools are functioning in Modena province. The Technical Industrial Institute is holding summer sessions, June through August. Evening courses are being given in three communes.
4. Work with the Minister of Public Instruction was practically at a standstill during the week as the incumbent Minister did not know whether or not he was to remain in office. His appointment in the new government will obviate serious inconveniences and loss of time.

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20 June, 1945

SITREP

1. In the turn-over of provinces in Toscana to the Italian Government, the communes of Livorno and Colli Salvetti, and Pisa were kept under Military Government. But by arrangement between the Minister of Public Instruction and the Education Subcommittee, with the approval of the Civil Affairs Section, educational matters in these communes, including schools and universities, were put directly under the Minister of Public Instruction as has previously been done in Naples. The same arrangement was made for Ancona.
2. The most urgent requirements of educational institution and libraries for scientific and technical books and periodicals have now been tabulated. The list of those required from the United States has been given to the United States Information Service which is attempting to secure as many as possible from the American Library Association stock-pile, and the balance through OWI. The list of those required from the British Empire is being given to the British Council which will attempt to secure as many as possible. Publications from Switzerland, Holland, and Russia are being requested by direct correspondence from the Education Subcommittee.
3. The Minister of Public Instruction has approved the action of Regional Education Officers in the north in the validation of OWI decrees suspending from the June examination university students who enrolled in Fascist Republican military and service organizations, and in making special provisions for students whose partisan activities interfered with their university work.
4. Reports from northern Regions indicate that school and university examinations are being given, most important school parts have now been satisfactorily filled, and general organization is proceeding satisfactorily.
5. The greatest need in the Education Subcommittee is for junior officers to assist Regional Education Officers whose large territories and responsibilities make a second-in-command an essential in each Region.

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13 June 1945

SITREP
A - 11 June.

1. The visit of Lady Baden Powell and Mrs. Leigh White of the World Association of Girl Guides gave great stimulus to the movement in Italy. There were many meetings with Guide and Scout leaders in Rome and Florence. On Sunday, 10 June, there was a gathering of both Catholic and Non-denominational Girl Guides and Boy Scouts in honor of Lady Baden Powell in the pine grove at the Villa Doria in Rome, attended by 2000 guides, scouts, and leaders. The most concrete result of the visit was a decision by the Catholic Girl Guides and the Non-denominational Girl Scouts to form a federation patterned after the federation of Catholic and Non-denominational Boy Scouts.

2. The ways of thinking of Italian officialdom are sometimes hard to fathom and a bit amusing. The latest instance is the following: The Ministry of Public Instruction informed the Education Sub-Commission that a man who had been appointed by A.M.G. as a provincial superintendent of schools had since been found to have a bad fascist record, to be incompetent, and to have had notorious relations with a secretary. Would the Education Sub-Commission consent to having him removed from his present office - and appoint as president of a teacher-training school?

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5 June, 1945

SECRET
26 May - 4 June.

The Director of the Education Subcommittee spent the week visiting all Northern Regions. Everything is progressing on the whole satisfactorily. Schools are reopening for spring examinations and in some cases for summer sessions. Provveditori have been appointed in most provinces. School heads and inspectors are being given preliminary education under Executive Memorandum 67, and provincial committees for supervising school personnel under GO 35 are getting under way. Pro-rectors or directors have been named for most of the universities, higher institutions of learning, and musical and other cultural organizations, and education is proceeding under Executive Memorandum 76. University examinations are being given or about to be given. The general situation is well in hand, despite some snags, in all five Regions.

Lady Baden-Powell, International head of Girl Guides, and Mrs. Leigh-White, head of British Girl Guides, have arrived in Rome to stimulate and help the organization of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in Italy.

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29 May, 1945

SITREP
21-28 May.

1. A conference of the Directors of the Education Subcommittee and the USIS with former Minister of Public Instruction De Ruggiero resulted in two concrete plans - one for developing a central systematic catalogue of the highly important but scattered and badly catalogued libraries of Rome so that Rome may become an international center for historical and archaeological research, it having Europe's best source material in this field; the other for furnishing free room, board and tuition at the University of Rome to selected students from American and other foreign universities which will offer similar facilities to an equal number of advanced Italian students. Later the plans were discussed with the present Minister, Arancio Ruiz, who was in full accord. First steps toward realization of the plan are being taken.
2. The American Library Association reports having succeeded in getting a number of the most urgently needed publications requested by the National Library in Naples, and the first small consignment of these has reached the Education Subcommittee and been sent to the National Library.
3. Italian text books in engineering, etc., desired for use in Italian schools in North Africa have, with much difficulty, been procured in Rome for the Mediterranean command at their request and a first shipment has been made.
4. Reports from Northern Regions indicate that the opening of schools and universities on a non-fascist basis is proceeding rapidly and, on the whole, smoothly.
5. A large requisition for school supplies and text books paper and printing supplies from the United States is being held up while the Minister of Public Instruction tries to get the Minister of the Treasury to release the necessary American credits to pay for them.
6. Mr. André de Blonay, from the International Student's Relief Fund in Switzerland, has been in Rome during the past two weeks on invitation of the Italian Government, and working in collaboration with the Education Subcommittee. He has set up committees for student relief, arranged for immediate availability of funds, and made provisions for tuberculosis tests and the sending of a group of tubercular students to summer camps in Switzerland.

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21 May, 1945

SITREP
13 - 20 May

1. The number of non-fascist elementary school text books printed and distributed has now reached the two million mark. Printing in Liberated Italy has come to a close but is beginning in the five northern Regions, mainly from new manuscripts available there.
2. Emilia reports that schools are running or about to open in all provinces except Ferrara and Modena. In Ferrara opening will be difficult for some time; Modena will operate summer sessions. Provveditori have been appointed in all provinces. Pro-rectors have been appointed in all four Universities (Bologna, Ferrara, Parma, Modena) and Epuration Commissions are at work on the staffs.
3. Venezia reports that Provveditori were found functioning in all provinces visited, appointed by CLN. As many candidates meet the approval of Provincial Commissioners, their appointment is being sustained by the Regional Education Officer. Opening of the University of Padova delayed by temporary absence of Rector, Prof. Marchesi. Verona is little damaged but most schools are occupied by refugees or 5th Army. In general, schooling was fairly normal during the year so they will probably be reopened only for final examinations. Rovigo City and Mestre (Venezia) are possible exceptions. In Vicenza, schools closed 20 April, and will probably be reopened and run into the summer.
4. A cable from London states that Lady Baden-Powell, International head of Girl Guides and widow of the founder of Boy Scouts, accompanied by Mrs. Leigh White, head of British Girl Guides, are on their way to Italy to help the Scout and Guide Movement here.
5. The Minister of Public Instruction has appointed a committee to advise the United States Information Service on type of articles desired in the USIS Education Bulletin, published for free distribution to Italian schools.

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15 May, 1945

SITREP
7 - 14 May.

In Perugia a representative of the Minister of Public Instruction, the Rector of the University, the Director of the Education Subcommittee and a representative of AFHQ conferred as to means of giving the University to the British Army for a post-hostilities school and yet allowing it to function for its Italian students. Mutual consideration and some ingenuity resulted in a tentative plan which apparently meets essential needs of both British and Italians.

Report from Emilia: Pro-Rectors appointed for all four universities. Provveditori appointed in all eight provinces. Most schools reopened 13 May. 30,000 text books being printed on local paper to carry schools through summer session. CLN and school officials energetic, active and cooperative.

Report from Liguria (Genoa city and province): Schools had all closed 23 April. CLN had appointed temporary provveditore and pro-rector; offered full cooperation with AMG Education Officer. Of 122 schools in Genoa city 45 are occupied by Allies or Partisans, 52 are unusable because of damage - but only 11 of these are destroyed or nearly destroyed. Cooperative plan worked out between Regional Education Officer and 92nd Division Special Service Officer for protection, defascism, and use of opera, symphony orchestra, etc.

Report from Piemonte: CLN had been very active, had set up a Regional education office and superintendent, and reopened schools. Cooperating well with Regional Education Officer. 34 school buildings destroyed in Torino; so schools run on double shifts in remaining buildings. Apparently suitable non-fascist text books found already printed, possibly in sufficient quantity for immediate needs. Four colleges of the University of Torino destroyed, all others damaged. Pro-Rector (Einaudi) named by CLN and recommended by Minister of Public Instruction not present because appointed a governor of Bank of Italy in Rome; vice-rector temporarily in charge.

Report from Venezia: Conditions better than expected as regards damage, previous functioning of schools, and initiative in getting things started. Venice: 4 schools badly damaged, 4 requisitioned. Higher Institute of Economy and Commerce not damaged or requisitioned but Rector arrested by CLN. Suburb of Mestre most damaged but schooling can recommence at once. Rovigo Province: City little damaged and work in secondary schools can begin soon. Many elementary schools, especially along Po, and in Adria, Massa and Badia, destroyed or badly damaged, and there has been little schooling. Temporary provveditori appointed by CLN doing well. Treviso: Temporary provveditori appointed by CLN and ordered by them to open schools 14 May. Two thirds of elementary schools in city destroyed;

remainder can function with slight repairs. Industrial and normal schools destroyed, commercial and girls' school in good condition. Schools have not functioned since 7 April. Padova: Schools can function at once - spirits high and all eager to get going. CLN appointed provveditore who is good and will probably be retained. In city, 8 schools occupied by Allies, 10 by civil authorities, 22 by refugees, 5 destroyed or damaged; in province 4 occupied by Allies, 30 by refugees, 72 damaged but usable. Four university buildings badly damaged - engineering, pathology, chemistry, and letters - but all instruments saved. Former rector tentatively retained. Attendance has been very low - students hid from Germans.

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7 May, 1945

SITREP
30 APRIL - 7 May.

1. School children in America, through the Junior Red Cross, have made up 20000 gift boxes for needy children in Italy. Each box contains pencils, pencil sharpener, erasers, pens and penholder, modeling clay, toilet soap, tooth brush and paste, comb, buttons, needles and thread, handkerchief, marbles, etc. The Minister of Public Instruction has been requested to plan method of distribution, using as far as possible, the Italian Junior Red Cross.

2. First reports on schools in the newly liberated part of Italy come from Emilia. Capt. PRATT, Regional Education Officer, states that in Bologna a new provveditore agli studi has been appointed, screening of key personnel begun, and directives and programs of study distributed. Schools have been ordered to reopen on or before 15 May. Many school buildings are occupied by refugees, hospitals, etc., preliminary figures indicating that over a third of the class rooms are so occupied. Only two buildings of the University of Bologna were requisitioned and one of these is already released. The University operated more or less normally until a month ago; it will therefore be possible to complete the academic year by continuing the session into the summer.

3. Capt. PRATT reports that the University of Bologna was one of the most fascist in Italy. Its Rector was executed with Mussolini, and two of its professors have also been executed by Partizans. The new Rector has not yet been appointed, but a Prof. Battaglia, selected by the CLN, has been asked to act temporarily.

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2 May 1945

SITREP 22-29 April

1. The Minister of Public Instruction was asked to issue a decree which would permit payment, in Military Government Territory, of salaries in accordance with the position to which persons were appointed by AMG, even when their civil service grades called for lower salaries. The purpose, it was explained, is to enable AMG officers to get the services of the best available personnel for key positions; if the best person available has a civil service grade below that customary for the position to which he is temporarily appointed and therefore gets no increase in salary with his new and heavy responsibilities it is often difficult to get him to serve. The Minister was favorable to such action as a temporary measure and agreed to discuss it with the Minister of Treasury.

2. The Minister agreed to send for interviews a group of potential provveditori agli studi for use, if necessary, in the north. From the number of these who have come to the Education Subcommittee in response to this request, one feels that there will be no lack of persons willing to go north, although most of them want to specify the province in which they are willing to serve.

3. Another 70 tons of text book paper have arrived from the United States. Instead of using it for further printings this spring it is being saved for a summer printing of next year's books.

4. 120 tons of American paper not used for elementary text books has been consigned to secondary school text books in accordance with a plan developed by a commission appointed by the Minister of Public Instruction.

5. Preliminary contact has been made between the Education Subcommittee and the newly arrived representatives of British Information and Education services, Messrs. Bottrall, Hazelton, and Graham. It is hoped to work out cooperative plans with them similar to those worked out with Messrs. Linen and Hodge of USIS, whereby there will be division of labor and mutual help between the Education Subcommittee and these Foreign Office Services.

6. The stalemate regarding use of ex-GIL properties for youth activities appears to be satisfactorily broken, and such properties, in Military Government Territory, will, as soon as inventoried, be made available for the use of the Provveditore agli Studi in each province for the welfare, culture, and recreation of youth.

7. A Boy Scout Rally of 2300 boys was held just outside of Rome on 22 April, and a rally of 320 Girl Guides was held at the Villa Doria Pamphili in Rome on 29 April. Mr. Catty of the Communications Subcommittee, who handles Scout activities for the Education Subcommittee, spent two days in Florence coordinating, stimulating, and helping the Scout and Guide leaders there in their rapidly expanding work.

8. All Education Officers from Toscana and Marche-Umbria, one from Headquarters Education Subcommittee, and the former Lazio-Umbria Education Officer, left for posts in the Northern Regions, well armed with newly-revised directives, non-fascist school programs, and all other necessary paraphernalia. Immediately before departure those available met in the Education Subcommittee offices for last minute planning.

9. A meeting was held on 27 April of the provveditore agli studi whom it is planned to send north to act as civilian professional assistants to Regional Education Officers. Their duties and responsibilities were outlined and discussed.

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25 April, 1945

SITREP
(15-22 April).

The Minister of Public Instruction accompanied the Director of the Education Subcommittee on a visit to schools in Siena Province and to the University of Siena.

During the last part of the week the Minister went to Perugia to open the art exhibition, and to visit the University of Perugia.

The Director of the Education Subcommittee cleared and completed plans for Northwest Italy with G-5 IV Corps in Lucca and with Regional Commissioners of the three Regions in Chianciano and Rome.

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16 April, 1945

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SITEP -- 9-16 April.

The first educational operation committees under DIL 159 have been named in Aquila and Chieti provinces. The Minister is being urged to follow through with similar commissions for all provinces under AMG.

A conference was held on 9 April with the Vice President, CA Section, the Minister of Public Instruction and the heads of Education and WFIAA Subcommittees to discuss means of fostering cultural interchange between Italy and the Allies. The Minister said that, as was well known, a number of steps had been taken. He is appointing committees to work on details of interchange of professors and students.

A Congress of Students of the University of Rome has requested the Education Subcommittee to get information regarding student organizations and university administration in leading universities in Britain and United States to put it in touch with such organizations. Letters have been sent accordingly.

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10 April, 1945

BIRMINGHAM - 2-9 April.

At the request of the Minister Subcommittees and Regional Commissioners have been circularized to see whether any of their personnel or other Allied officers would be willing to give lectures on specified topics to scholars at the Universities of Rome and Florence, as an immediate form of cultural interchange. Similar lectures by Italian scholars for Allied personnel are contemplated.

The Minister is working out plans to facilitate interchange of students and professors between the Allied nations and Italy for next year.

Pressure from the Prime Minister has eased the situation on number of schools in Rome occupied by refugees, etc. Now only 41 are wholly occupied and 28 partly occupied by Italian bodies (against 64 and 16 on 25 January). On the other hand, occupancy by Allied forces has risen to 15 wholly occupied and 8 partly (from 12 and 6 respectively on 25 January). An additional 16 schools are wholly unavailable and 57 partly so, because necessary repairs have not been made. Altogether 73 elementary schools and 72 secondary are wholly functioning, and 108 elementary and 17 secondary schools are functioning in parts of their buildings.

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been circulated to see whether any of their personnel or other Allied officers would be willing to give lectures on specified topics to scholars at the Universities of Rome and Florence, as an immediate form of cultural interchange. Similar lectures by Italian scholars for Allied personnel are contemplated.

The Minister is working out plans to facilitate interchange of students and professors between the Allied nations and Italy for next year.

Pressure from the Prime Minister has eased the situation on number of schools in Rome occupied by refugees, etc. Now only 42 are wholly occupied and 28 partly occupied by Italian bodies (against 64 and 16 on 25 January). On the other hand, occupancy by Allied forces has risen to 15 wholly occupied and 5 partly (from 12 and 6 respectively on 25 January). An additional 18 schools are wholly unavailable and 37 partly so, because necessary repairs have not been made. Altogether 73 elementary schools and 72 secondary are wholly functioning, and 108 elementary and 17 secondary schools are functioning in parts of their buildings.

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SECRET
26 March - 1 April, 1945.

The Minister of Public Instruction has been asked to compile a list of necessary scientific, laboratory, and shop supplies for universities and technical institutions so that these may be ordered for the coming academic year. It has been suggested to him that part of the unearmarked \$ 10,000,000 of dollar credits held for the Italian Government in the United States be allocated for the purchase of such items.

The urgent requests of students, professors, and school heads in technical institutes that graduates be admitted to the engineering, agricultural and other technical faculties of the universities of Italy have been brought to the Minister's attention. He has promised to have a commission investigate the matter.

The jurisdictional dispute regarding the handling of Fascist youth properties (CIL) has been, apparently, satisfactorily resolved for Military Government Territory, by agreement between the Finance and Education Subcommissions that such property will, in accordance with the Italian decree, be administered by the provveditore agli studi for the education, recreation, and welfare of youth; and that contradictory orders from the Italian Commissario del Benio Fascista will not be issued or followed in Military Government Territory. This solution is in accordance with the wishes of the Minister of Public Instruction.

The University of New York has offered fellowships to graduate Italian students in the field of Fine Arts. The Minister of Public Instruction is much pleased and will help select the students. The Education Subcommittee has written for further particulars as to the number and amount of the fellowships. Meanwhile the Minister of Public Instruction is exploring the possibility of offering fellowships to British and American students.

A very satisfactory working agreement has been arranged between the United States Information Service (USIS) and the Education Subcommittee regarding their relative functions in fostering cultural relations with the United States and receipt by Italy of cultural materials from the United States. The Education Subcommittee will be responsible for recommendations as to Italian needs and desires, and dealings with the Minister of Public Instruction, the USIS will be responsible for procurement and arrangements in the United States.

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27 March, 1945

SITREP
19-26 March - 1945.

1. The Director of the Education Subcommittee spent the week visiting all liberated provinces of Toscana with the REO and Perugia with both the REO of Lazio-Umbria and the REO of Marche-Umbria. Schools and universities were all found to be running, on the whole satisfactorily. The new text books were in evidence in all elementary schools visited. University rectors seemed cheerful about the general situation, as did most provveditori. Minor problems were met, and often solved on the spot.

2. The school supplies from the United States, which were previously reported as having arrived in limited quantity, are now distributed in the provinces.

3. A school in Livorno, in temporary quarters, was a nice example of initiative. The provveditori had scrounged odd and variegated pieces of glass which the teachers had mounted. Some classes were being held out doors under the trees. The children had filled a bomb crater and planted a young tree in it with the following inscription:

"Here fell a bomb.
The pupils filled the hole.
In it is placed a plant.
Where there was an instrument
of death, there arises the sign
of life.
Promise and augury of Freedom from Fear".

4. "Popular Universities" - evening lecture courses, concerts and study classes, free to all - are springing up all over Toscana and Umbria, and being attended with enthusiasm.

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20 March, 1945

SITREP -- week 14-20 March.

1. Under the auspices of Education Subcommittee O.W.I. is planning to publish a few pamphlets in Italian, for distribution among University and secondary school students. The Minister of Public Instruction has given his blessing to this initiative.
2. According to the latest census of students in liberated Italy there are 150,000 university students and 130,000 secondary school students. These figures show a steady increase.
3. The Minister of Public Instruction has been informed by this office that a number of scholars in the United States are collecting funds to promote cultural interchanges with Italy. Courses in different subjects will be arranged both in the United States and Italy and will be given by American and Italian professors. He promised to submit the names of the best known Italian scholars and to suggest which subjects would be most likely to appeal to Italian University students.
4. A Ministerial Commission for the approval of secondary school books is now functioning in Rome replacing similar commissions set up in Naples, Palermo, and Florence in the early days of AMG.
5. The Education Subcommittee drew the attention of the Minister of Public Instruction to the most pressing problem of repairing school buildings. The Minister is working out a plan to that effect and will submit it to the Minister of Public Works.
6. The first allotment of school supplies, ^{namely} ~~namely~~ pen points, pen-holders, pencils, erasers made available to this office by AFHQ is ready for distribution.

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6 March 1945SITREP -- 27 Feb--5 Mar 45

1. The Education Subcommittee had a two day meeting of all officers 2-3 March. Among items discussed were the following:

- a) New provincial defascism committees under D.L. 159
- b) Plans for distribution text books and supplies
- c) Gathering of statistics on the schools
- d) Preparations for leaving present regions suddenly
- e) Plans for northern regions.

2. The Minister of Public Instruction attended one session, thanked officers for the work they were doing, asked many questions and answered as many more.

3. Mr. F.R. Catty, Boy Scout Representative, attended another session, gave all education officers a comprehensive view of the present status of scouting in Italy, and worked out plans for closer liaison in the regions between scout organizers and education officers.

4. The Director of Education and Minister of Public Instruction had meetings on 28 February and 5 March. Among the more important discussions reached were the following:

- a) The Minister will have requisitions prepared at once for the supplies needed for 1945-6, (1) for schools and school offices; (2) for technical schools; (3) for scientific laboratories.
- b) The Minister approved the plan of allowing provincial school superintendents to receive and sell text books, and agreed to set up method of controlling accounts.
- c) A commission is being organized to approve manuscripts for next year's text books.
- d) The Minister agreed to the plan of the Regional Education Officers to take five or six of the ablest provveditori north with them to act as assistants to the Regional Education Officers and coordinators of the work of the provveditori in the Northern Regions while under AMG. The Minister will find replacements for these men, who have been designated by name.

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27 February, 1945

SECRET
Week 19-20 February.

The Director of Education with the Regional Education Officer of Abruzzi-Marche visited schools, school officials and Universities in all provinces of Abruzzi-Marche, and in Forlì and Rione. Spot checks disclosed one boarding school blithely using the fascist elementary text books unexpurgated, while a roadside rural school was using the purified new books. Plans were worked out with provincial school superintendents to send books and paper directly to them, letting them sell to book stores or, especially in small communes, direct to children to hasten wide-spread distribution.

Captain BRATT, in addition to running education for Emilia Region from a hospital bed, had organized Sunday evening Ball sessions for GI's, and was editing a newspaper for the Emilia team. One of the contributions is worth quoting in part:

Song of the Sit-Rep

Sing a song of "sit-reps"
About your petty crises
Any one expects to hear
-Every week three times-

Report on everything, old chap-
(Except about your Monday knap).
"Have you built a bridge today?
Have you consorted any hay?
Tried a spy, or spied a tire?
Put in heap or put out fire?
Plastered walls with new polemics?
Stopt or started epidemics?

Opened school or comfort station?
Report upon the situation.

But whenever our reports seem slow,
There's one thing that you oughta know,
Emilia Men are brave and bold,
And also full of pop
But sometimes, if the truth be told,
THERE AIN'T NO SIT TO REP

(Anonymous)

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20 February, 1945

SITREP - 12-19 February.

Work of the Education Subcommittee during the week consisted of development of matters already reported, projects still too incipient to report, and technical matters not of general interest. No Sitrep therefore.

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13 February, 1945

SITREP
for week of 5-12 February, 1945.

1. The schools and higher educational institutions of Naples were formally turned over to the full control of the Minister of Public Instruction on 6 February.
2. In response to a request from the Italian Commission on the Reorganization of Engineering Education, catalogues and bulletins of the leading engineering schools in Great Britain and the United States have been obtained and are being used.
3. Formal provisional recognition has been given by the Boy Scouts International Bureau in London to the Federation of Boy Scouts in Italy, and to each of its two component parts - the Catholic Boy Scouts Association and the non-sectarian National Corps of Boy Scouts. The three presidents (including the present and past Ministers of Public Instruction), representatives of the organizations, a South African and an American "Rover" scout, and Mr. F.C. CATTY, representing the International Bureau, attended a meeting in the Education Subcommittee offices when recognition was given, on 12 February.
4. Further school supplies - ink, pens, eraser, etc. - have been received from Theater stocks. Paper and ink for school text books is pouring in.

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6 February, 1945

S I T R E P

Week of January 28 - February 3, 1945.

The desire for power over all fascist assets on the part of the Commissario per Beni Fascisti has resulted in his blocking, for the moment, the action of the Commissario for GIL, the former Fascist Youth Organization, who, by presidential decree was given the authority to administer this property for the welfare of youth. In Grosseto the two conflicting powers met head-on with apposite orders to the Intendenza di Finanza. Efforts are being made to get clarification, in favor, it is hoped, of the use for youth of properties accumulated for them.

The Minister of Public Instruction has approved a new program for elementary schools for next year, prepared by a commission appointed by his predecessor. This program is remarkably forward-looking, and insofar as it is implemented will make the elementary schools of Italy among the most modern, practical, and pedagogically sound in the world. A commission to approve new text books, to be written in accordance with this program, is about to be appointed. The paper and printing supplies for these new books -- to be printed for 1945-6 -- are being requisitioned from the United States by the Education Subcommittee.

An article in the Rome press, noted by the Vice President for Civil Affairs, protested the plan for requisitioning another school by an Italian agency. Investigation by Major GREGORY, Regional Education Officer, revealed that the building was an unfurnished, very dirty, unused private school. He made arrangements for it to be requisitioned by the Allied Forces in exchange for a much needed public school, which can thereby be released from Allied requisition.

The balance of the University of Perugia was about to be requisitioned by an Allied Unit, thereby necessitating the cessation of all instruction there. On the basis of Major GREGORY's report of the situation the Vice President, CA Section, got AFHQ on the case and successfully averted the catastrophe.

One hundred thousand of the new elementary school text books are being shipped to Rimini and Forlì, where schools are being opened by Captain W.E. PRATT just far enough behind the VIII Army front to be out of danger.

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30 January 1945

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Weekly Report - Conference with
the Minister of Public Instruction.

Meeting with Minister of Public Instruction, week of 21 Jan. 1945.

1. The Minister has been asked for names of persons in liberated Italy who could be drawn upon for important educational posts in the North if needed.
2. The Minister, at our request, has prepared an order protecting civil service and seniority rights of all professors and other school personnel employed by Allied entities.
3. He has asked for particulars on all such persons so that he can regularize their positions. The new order includes employees of such bodies as Red Cross and IWB as well as AC.
4. Other matters discussed were all of a technical nature.

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23 January 1945

Conference with Minister of Public Instruction.

The Minister was requested to broaden the decree protecting the position and seniority rights of teachers and professors employed by Allied Commission. The present decree protects those employed by the Education Subcommittee, but the new one will protect all employed by Allied units, including other Sub-commissions, Red Cross, P.W.B., etc.

The Minister was told that the Education Subcommittee and the American Ambassador would be glad to further the request of the National Research Council to send a representative to the United States to study recent research on nuclear physics, cosmic rays, etc., if the Minister would officially request it.

The Minister was informed that 1600 reams of writing paper and 1750 gross of chalk were immediately available from British supplies if he would provide for collecting them from supply depots in Naples and Bari and distributing them to school offices.

The Minister was asked to work out a plan for allotting imported book paper for the printing of secondary school text books, and selecting the books to be printed. He was told that about 200 tons of paper from the United States were now available for this purpose.

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News flash: The Girl Scouts of America have just informed the Education Subcommittee that they have appropriated \$ 1000 to help the Girl Guides in Italy, and that they recommend that part of this be used to publish Italian editions of Girl Scout Manuals.

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16 January 1943

Conference with the Minister
of Public Instruction.

The revised material on Czechoslovakia in accordance with the Czech Consul's request was prepared and disseminated to all Provveditori agli Studi.

There was further discussion on the organization of provincial committees of architects and engineers to plan school repairs and reconstruction.

It was agreed to allow provincial school heads in both parts of liberated Italy to close schools in severe weather make up the time by prolonging the session into the summer, wherever the lack of glass and fuel made this necessary.

Further progress was made toward making D.L. 179 function in each province for the spuration of school personnel and hearing appeals from suspension.

Some progress was made toward getting the "Patronato Scolastico" decree for needy school children out of the maze of Ministers.

It was suggested that the Minister publish a monthly journal for the interchange of experiences of school officials in improvising means for conducting schools under present difficult conditions. The Minister seemed pleased with the idea.

A dinner and evening with the Minister provided an opportunity to discuss long-range plans and policies. The Minister rightly desired to begin with a firm establishment of the elementary schools which are the only schools attended by about 90% of the children of Italy.

Other matters discussed were of a technical nature.

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10 January 1945

Weekly Report - Conferences with
the Minister of Public Instruction.

A diverting international incident developed when the representative of the Czecho-Slovak Government discovered that in one of the de-contaminated elementary school text books the geography of Czechoslovakia (six lines) describes the state of "Slovakia" as established in 1939. A vigorous protest was made demanding that the original Czechoslovakia be described instead. We are, accordingly, changing type in mid-printing and sending the revised paragraph (prepared at the Ministry) to all provveditori who have received the books already printed asking them to have teachers of the fifth grade classes substitute the new material.

The Minister has agreed to distribute the new school supplies, requisitioned from the United States, to schools in Italian Territory and arrange for payment.

He is considering, apparently favorably, the excellent new program for elementary schools prepared by a Commission appointed by his predecessor. The program is for next year, but should be published immediately so that authors and publishers can begin the preparation of new text books.

Other matters regarding changes in school programs were discussed. The Minister, rightly, wants to proceed slowly, but feels that basic changes need to be made.

A joint conference was held with the Minister of Public Instruction, representatives of the Minister of Public Works, and the corresponding Subcommittee heads to consider the repair and reconstruction of school buildings throughout Italy. It was tentatively agreed that a small committee of architects and engineers be set up in each province to study needs and plans and to list material requirements, approval of plans to come from the Minister of Public Works and actual work to be done by the communes. It was also decided that it would be wise to have a special Italian Government appropriation for this work.

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2 January 1944

Weekly Report - Conferences with
the Minister of Public Instruction.

The following matters were discussed with the Minister of Public Instruction during the week of 24 December:

1. Request for Minister's recommendation of a provveditore agli Studi for Pesaro or transfer and replacement of one in Littoria.
2. The new program, for next year, for the elementary schools. A commission appointed by the former minister had prepared an excellent program and the Minister was advised to have it adopted and published as soon as possible so that the writing of new text books for next year could be begun promptly.
3. It was suggested that similar commissions be appointed to prepare new programs for the various types of secondary schools.
4. The Minister's attention was called to the fact that absence of glass would make it impossible to conduct schools in many places during January and February. It was recommended that provincial authorities be authorized to close schools in severe weather extending the term into the summer. The Minister agreed to issue an order to this effect, which would also be issued by Regional Education Officers in Military Government Territory.
5. The need for increasing the budgets of provincial school officials was agreed upon in principle.
6. The Minister and the A/Director of Education met with the Minister of Finance and secured a low price on Italian paper in Florence, owned by the Italian Government, and being used for the Florence printing of elementary school text books. This makes it possible to publish the books in Florence at the same average price as in Rome and south.

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27 December 1944

Weekly Report on Conferences
with the Minister of Public Instruction.

The Minister agrees as to the urgency of setting up provincial Sub-commissions of the Ministerial Expiration Commission under DLL 159 to consider all cases of suspended or suspected school personnel. He desires to use, as far as practicable, members of the former "Hearing Committees" set up by Regional Education Officers in each province for similar purposes, with such changes as are necessary to conform with DLL 159. His Central Expiration Commission he is dividing into two sections - one for titular University Professors, deans, and rectors; the other for lower-rank Professors and administrative personnel, thereby hoping to double the speed (?) of expiration.

He has begun to bring pressure to bear on the Rome authorities toward getting school buildings freed from refugees and political parties and repaired.

He desires the continued help of the Education Subcommittee in certain projects begun by his predecessor - particularly the translation and publication in Italy of books on British and American education, and the attempt to get funds for rehabilitating libraries and laboratories.

The Minister feels that the whole educational system of Italy needs to be "reformed" and that the examination system needs to be tightened.

Many other matters, mostly of a technical nature, were discussed.

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19 December 1944 . .

Weekly Report on Conferences with the
Minister of Public Instruction.

The new Minister of public instruction Arangio Ruiz, called on the Education Subcommittee on 15 December. It was agreed to continue the policy of two conferences a week.

The Minister's attention was called to the need for action in regard to issuing the decree for the Patronato Scolastico (aid for needy school children). The need for setting up provincial subsections of the Education Commission under D.L. 199 was discussed. His attention was called to the fact that school personnel have been receiving salary personnel from us, from the Ministry and from the High Commissioner, and a means of avoiding this duplication was worked out.

Out-of-channels communications between the Ministry and school officials in MI territory were brought to his attention. It was suggested that in instructions and orders from him to be applied, with our approval, in MI territory, necessary differences in procedure as between MI and IC territory be handled by an attached correction sheet.

The serious situation in regard to the ineffectiveness of making school buildings in Rome available for school use was gone into in some detail.

The new Minister appears to be going at his job with vigor, earnestness, and good will. He seems cooperative and friendly.

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12 December, 1944

Weekly Report - Minister

Due to the Cabinet crisis, no matters of policy were taken up with the retiring Minister of Public Instruction last week. Many administrative details were, however, cleared with his staff.

An unfortunate announcement was published by a staff member of the Ministry transferring scores of teachers to and from Military Government Territory, without consultation with the Education Subcommittee or the Regional Education Officers involved. The Minister expressed real regret and published a countermanding order, while we tried to straighten out the muddle by getting Regional approval for as many of the transfers as possible. The entangling is still in process, but is progressing with a good cooperative spirit on all parts.

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28 November 1944

Conference with Minister of Public Instruction
week of 18 November, 1944.

Conferences with the Minister dealt with various technical questions
and with subjects already reported. Nothing new of general interest.

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21 November 1944

Conferences with the Minister of Public Instruction
- week of 12 November 1944 -

Instead of the usual conferences last week, I took the Minister with me to Siena, Florence, Lucca, and Pisa. We, and Captain NOE, Regional Education Officer for Toscana, visited the three universities, conferred with rectors, professors, and groups of students, and had talks with the provveditori agli studi of all four provinces.

There is little of general interest to report about these conferences. They were helpful to us in giving a third dimension to the reports we had received from Captain NOE. And Captain NOE states that they were helpful to him and the Italian educational authorities in clearing up many questions of a technical nature.

One concrete result was the fostering of a plan for conducting the University of Pisa engineering courses on the premises of the University of Florence - students and facilities are at present lacking in Pisa, and are relatively abundant in Florence, where the University has no engineering faculty.

During the trip the Minister and I had much opportunity to discuss all phases of Italian education.

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13 November 1944

Conference with the Minister of Public Instruction
- week of 5 November 1944 -

1. A preliminary start was made, in consultation with the Minister, for a committee of engineers and industrialists to survey the condition of damaged and destroyed school buildings and to make detailed practical plans (a) for emergency repairs, and (b) for long-range rebuilding.
2. It was agreed that an order would be issued in both Italian Government and Military Government territory forbidding the making of the study of German compulsory in any school.
3. A variety of technical and administrative matters were discussed, including (a) the giving permission to an American Catholic Mission to take over private schools in Rome; (b) confirmation of the fact that Lt. Colonel SMITH'S solution of the protested appointment of 39 professors in Sicily was adequate answer to a renewed protest; (c) the confirmation of the Vice-Provveditore agli Studi in Naples; (d) need for pressure from the Finance Subcommittee on the Minister of Treasury to act on the student-aid decree (Patronato Scolastico); (e) out-of-channel communications of the Subsecretary of Public Instruction; (f) need for replacing a weak provveditore agli studi in Teramo; (g) possible desirability of regularizing a fourth year in private three-year lower secondary schools; (h) possible use of the Colonia Libica di Caprarola to house waifs, instead of putting them with criminal elements in the reform school in Rome.

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7 November 1944

Conferences with Minister of Public Instruction
- week of 29 October, 1944 -

Aside from half a dozen technical matters (status of printing of elementary school text books, information on higher technical institutions for northern regions, radio addresses to teachers, occupancy of school buildings, etc.) the main topic discussed was the organization of advisory groups of teachers to help with the reconstruction of Italian Education.

The Minister appointed a representative and approved the other representatives to a provisional committee which will work out plans for organizing teachers all over Italy in small groups of not more than a dozen members each (to facilitate free discussion). Each such group will receive a series of bulletins. In each bulletin one problem confronting Italian education will be discussed, the various alternative solutions suggested and the arguments for each solution and the pertinent facts given. Each group, after thorough discussion will vote on the various alternatives. Through a hierarchy of group of representatives, these grass-roots decisions will be collected, discussed, and passed on up, with recommendations, to the Minister's National Commission on Educational Reconstruction, as advice. The problems to be presented may originate at the top (Minister, Commission, or highest group of representatives) or at the bottom (individual teacher groups), or at any intermediate point.

If this plan can be made to work it will (a) stimulate educational thinking of a high order among teachers everywhere; (b) give the minister and his commission direct contact with the thought and experience of the teachers in the field; and (c) democratize the whole educational system of Italy. The potentials are vast; but so far it is only the germ of an idea. The Minister, however, the Chairman of his National Commission (Monsignor Barbieri), and the members of the provisional committee are starting with high enthusiasm.

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31 October 1944

Conference with Minister of Public Instruction
- week of 22 October 1944 -

The conferences with the Minister of Public Instruction last week dealt mostly with technical matters - action by the Epuration Committee on Professor Castellani; suggestion of a possible pro-rector for University of Bologna; dismissal of provveditore in Catania; status of provveditori appointed in AMG territory; price of elementary school text books; etc.

Of more general interest was the Minister's statement that the Fascist Minister of Education, Bottai, had, in 1938, appointed 225 professors to the Academy of Fine Arts and Academy of Music for political reasons. All these appointments will be invalidated, an investigation will be made as to the number of professors actually needed, and there will be a public "concorso" (a civil service examination) to select the best candidates, the 225 having an equal right to compete, subject to regular epuration standards.

A similar situation exists, to be handled in a similar manner, for Central Inspectors of Schools (i.e., national inspectors) and Provveditori agli Studi (i.e., provincial school superintendents).

The Minister's attention was called to the fact that general Fascist literature is being openly displayed and sold in the book stores of Rome and he agreed to take the matter up with the Minister of Interior.

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24 October 1944

Conferences with Minister of Public Instruction
week of 15-22 October.

There were two conferences and an informal discussion at Sunday dinner.
The salient points were:

1. Higher Education

- (a) University of Rome. Election of a Rector, to replace the incumbent Pro-Rector, had to wait until the professors doing the electing were properly purified. This is about done and the election will take place in about three weeks.
- (b) Prof. Castellani. He is a very well known specialist in tropical Medicine. The Regional Commissioner of Rome Region removed him shortly after Rome was liberated, on grounds of fascism, and there's been hornet's nest ever since. Even the American Medical Association (I am told) urged an American general here to plead his cause. The Education Subcommittee has held that the Minister's Committee on Puration must be the sole arbiter; has stated that it would not oppose his reinstatement if the Puration Committee recommended it; and has confined its activities to speeding a decision. The Minister promises a decision this week.
- (c) University Professors to the North. Arrangements are being made to let professors from the Universities of Siena, Florence, and Pisa, now in Rome, trickle back to their posts as needs arise.
- (d) National Research Council. The need for scientific journal is acute. Letters have gone from this Subcommittee to the United States, with specific requests, and exploring means for having such things paid for.

2. Elementary and Secondary Education.

- (a) The Minister asked us to get note books to Sardinia, and arranged with us for a distribution in Naples. Being done.
- (b) The opening of schools in Rome was much discussed. Secondary schools held their examinations recently, and will open, when available, the first week in November. Elementary schools should be open now, and about seventeen (or one out of ten) are. Others are (1) occupied by our troops; (2) occupied by Italian troops; (3) occupied by refugees; (4) occupied by lice - no disinfectants available; (5) damaged. There is much activity toward removing these various obstacles and getting schools open. While Rome is focal, the same problems are being combatted all over Italy.
- (c) Lack of electricity, and PW 830 interrupted the printing of elementary

text books - but intermittent progress is being made.

3. Boy Scouts.

Progress is being made toward the recognition and loose federation of the Catholic Boy Scouts and the non-sectarian Boy Scouts, of which the Minister of Public Instruction is president.

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16 October 1944

Conferences with Minister.

The discussions with De Ruggiero, Minister of Public Instruction, last week centered largely on youth organizations. A commissario for GIL has been appointed and a Royal Decree, to be implemented for AMG territory will be issued shortly. Under this the commissario will send out orders whereby all GIL property will come under the custody of Provveditori for use by schools and youth groups.

The Patronato Scolastico, pre-fascist organization for aid to needy school children, is being revived in modern dress and a decree establishing it is almost ready.

The Minister has accepted the presidency of the non-confessional Italian Boy Scouts (Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani). This is not to be confused with the Catholic Boy Scouts (Associazione Giovani Esploratori Italiani), which is, at present, the larger, more powerful group. A representative of the International Boy Scout organization (Mr. Logan) has come up from Africa and is working with both groups, hoping to effect a federation of the two for contacts with the outer world, while leaving each autonomy in Italy.

Other matters discussed included school lunches, desired in both IG and MG territory and so far only allowed in Lazio-Umbria and Marche-Abruzzi; the need for note books and school supplies, especially in Sardinia; the publishing of the revised school program in both IG and MG regions; and defascism.

In the last connection, the Minister, in common with the Civil Affairs Section ACC, says that the fact that a teacher was "antemarcia" etc.; is not to be considered as making suspension compulsory -- discretion remains with the Education Officer and Provincial Commissioner in the light of the general fascist record of the individual.

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In response/a question coming from a Region, the Minister stated that of three types of membership in the Fascist Militia, membership in the "Servizio Permanente" is unequivocal evidence of Fascism, membership "Nei ruoli" may or may not be, depending on the activities of the individual, while membership in "Fascio GIL" is not in itself evidence of Fascism.



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CONFERENCES WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
WEEK OF 1 OCTOBER.

1. Only one conference was held with the Minister personally during the week (7 October), although there were several with officials of the Ministry.

2. The subjects treated in the conference with the Minister himself were the following:

- a) Publishing of Italian translations of books on education in the U.S., U.K., and U.S.S.R.
- b) Decree for disposition of GIL property
- c) Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in Italy
- d) Payment of teachers whose villages are so completely destroyed as to make it impossible to live there.

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26 September 1944

SUBJECT : Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Administrative Section.

1. In a conference with the Minister of Public Instruction it was decided that the compulsory use of the revised State text books would be abandoned in elementary schools north of Regions IV and V. Conditions now permit a return to the Prefascist system of free enterprise in the production of texts and it was felt this return would be desirable both economically and academically. The State texts will continue to be produced but will compete on the open market with those privately produced. Local Committees will pass upon the manuscripts of new books to insure that they satisfy the proper academic standards.

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WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

WEEK ENDING 27 AUGUST 1944

The Minister of Public Instruction and the Director of the Education Subcommission have finished an agreed new policy as touching Universities and Academies: so that (1) Allied Education Officers in both Army and Region will become advance agents for the Ministry, thus assuring the completest continuity of policy; and so that (2) higher educational operations will be decentralized from Headquarters to Field.....

This agreement is now in the hands of the Executive Commissioner with the recommendation that it be issued as an official Directive. Meantime, the Ministry has furnished us a list from which Acting Rectors of Universities to the North are to be taken.....The Minister has also agreed that we in his territory and we in ours will entrust to the Provveditori agli Studi the conservation and use of old GIL properties pending the active assumption of responsibility by the newly appointed Commissario therefor.....

The four national committees on educational epuration are now appointed -- Ministerial, University, Secondary, and Elementary -- and are beginning their tasks.....The Minister, who is also red-headed, is impatient at the pace set by lawyers and justices who head these epuration commissions; but let Ministers learn, as ACC officials know, that they also serve who only sit and negotiate.....Time marches on, and so does Education.....

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MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE
WITH THE MINISTER ON THE 27th OF JULY 1944

- 1) Agreement was reached regarding permanence of Provveditory already appointed on permanent basis and future provisional appointment, signed copy of agreement filed herewith.
- 2) Agreement reached verbally for transfer of Ferri Armando from Viterbo to Littoria as Provveditore of schools subject to confirmation by PG's.
- 3) Verbal agreement reached to reinstate Marzullo Antonio as Provveditore in Viterbo subject to approval of PG's.
- 4) The Minister was requested to submit suggestions for Provveditori of Terni immediately.
- 5) The Minister was warned that the report on Cineteca prepared by Laurenti for him probably contained false or inaccurate information. It was suggested that he consult professor Beccaria- Via Angelo Brunetti 8 - for the other side of the Picture.
- 6) The Minister expressed definite desire to continue school lunch program as long as A.C.C. food supply could be made available.

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MEMORANDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Conferences with Minister of Public InstructionWeek Ending 22 July 44

This has been a week of much activity and of several conferences with the Minister. Some of the more important subjects discussed are:

Commissions for (1) selecting the new books to be recommended for publication, (2) determining old books to be banned, (3) other publications than books in the educational and cultural field.

Reorganization of the Academy of Italy.

Liquidation of GIL properties, reallocation of its desirable functions, and reemployment of its acceptable personnel.

Correction of political and racial injustices done by fascism in fields educational.

New Commissioner for Encyclopaedia Italiana.

New Commissioner for Royal Italian Geographic Society.

Reconstitution of Patronato Scholastico.

Publication of Elementary Textbooks and Programs.

Initiative to the Minister antecedent to transfer of Rome Region to Italian Government.

Defascistization of the Ministry itself.

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CONFERENCES WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
ROME, ITALY 1 JUNE 44

Apart from routine matters of collaborative administration, conferences with the Ministry of Public Instruction, at Rome and in Salerno, have this week resulted in the following agreements:

1. On Acting Rector and Committee of Defascistization for the University of Rome.
2. On procedures for transfer of teachers under Italian and under Allied initiative.
3. On making uniform with educational officials suspended by Ministry the subsistence allowances for those suspended or dismissed by Allied Control Commission.
4. On procedure for Ministry's assuming responsibility for the text book program as soon as possible.

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CONFERENCES WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION WEEK ENDING 24 JUNE 1944

1. Major discussions have centered around the problem of school examinations: how to reconcile the principle of high standards set by Minister Gaxio with the new Minister's assessment of the practical difficulties confronting students and officials this term. A compromise decree will be promptly issued reaffirming devotion to high standards and to the technique of written examinations but confining such examinations this year to those graduating from Liceo and to the subject of Italian.
2. Other subjects discussed were, of course, defascistization; the rectorship of Rome University; personnel for provveditori; and textbooks; paper therefor, responsibility for printing and distributing them, and references therein to King and monarchy.

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18 June 1944

SUBJECT: Conferences with Minister of Public Instruction, Week of 12-17
June 1944.

TO : Administrative Section.

1. Due to change in the Ministry of Public Instruction and to the subsequent Cabinet ambiguity, no definitive business has been transacted with the Ministry. A courtesy call was paid upon the Minister-select. He is a mild-mannered person of culture who speaks fair English and is well disposed toward collaboration. Arrangements are completed for both Onodco and the Minister-select De Ruggiero to accompany Lieutenant VELLA, Education Liaison Officer to Rome this week-end. Continuity is thus to be established between the office of the Minister at Rome and his office at Salerno, and a first-hand report will thus be furnished to the Education Subcommittee of the situation awaiting it.

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CONFERENCES WITH MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION
WEEK OF MAY 21--27

1. Director gave Minister brief report of trip through Calabria and Sicily, requested Minister to save time on his forthcoming trip to Sicily for informal education conferences at Palermo with Education Officer and a group of free educational spirits on policy in general, and transmitted certain requests from Palermo University.
2. Minister agreed to rescind for Sicily his order establishing a later date for closing Sicilian schools than we had ordered. Our date stands for Sicily this year. The Minister made clear, however, that he was not moved to this action by student demonstrations. He forewarned of further student turmoil over his insistence upon high standards and requested Allies to be forearmed with patience. He felt no lack of confidence in handling any student situation that may arise.
3. Minister reinforced his imperative need for cars or tires to be used in both educational inspection and operation. The need was fully conceded but attention called again to Allied difficulties and patience requested pending the resolution, if any, of over-all efforts to relieve the transportation problems of officials through-out our co-belligerent enterprise.
4. Minister reasserted his intention to make uniform expeditiously the defascistization measures educationally, especially in Apulia; but recited again the difficulties of transportation for inspectors and investigators. Director promised him as free a hand as is compatible with Allied policy in furthering and concluding the operation program as rapidly as possible.
5. Preparatory to the Minister's conference with Archbishop of Masara del Vallo, Director outlined a problem of church schools arising in Sicily; counselled full justice to commitments already made; but desired not to inhibit future general governmental policy for education by any previous Allied provincial arrangements. Minister promised full consideration for Church claims, respect for our previous commitments, with full liberty of general action unembarrassed by provincial commitments.
6. Director agreed to accede to Minister's request for retention of Provveditore Costanza of Catanzaro despite agreement with previous Minister to dismiss him because of his lack of formal requirements for the post. (The Minister thought such action would help to allay a misimpression that he is "a priest-eating" man, and so expedite future general policy.)
7. Director agreed to need of liaison officer with the Minister and took under advisement what Education Officer can best be spared for the service.

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16 May 1944

SUBJECT: Conference with Minister.
TO : Regional Education Officers.

1. On 12 May I had a two hour conference with the Minister of Education, followed on 16 May by informal conversation with him driving to Salerno and a two hour conference with Catalde (his chief of cabinet) and Albegiani (his adviser on elementary and secondary education). From these conferences the following emerged:

2. Defascitization: The Chief of Cabinet will immediately prepare three lists, comprising all educational personnel in non-occupied Italy who have been recommended for suspension or dismissal, viz:

- (a) List of those whose suspension will go into immediate effect.
- (b) List of those who, instead of being suspended, will be transferred to other posts.
- (c) List of those for whom evidence submitted is considered inadequate for action and concerning whom further documentation of charges is requested.

It is hoped that this will clarify the whole situation and answer problems raised by regional Education Officers.

3. Suspension and Payment: In general the plan is that all persons suspended will lose, until final judgment is passed, the pay for active service, but will receive family allowances. A directive on this will be prepared by the Chief of Cabinet and, if it is satisfactory to us, will be a basis for our policy in occupied Italy. The national commission on defascitization will consider all cases of suspension in non-occupied Italy and render final judgment in due course.

4. Central Inspectors: The Minister plans to appoint a corps of central inspectors for both elementary and secondary schools and to send them into each province, (a) to see about necessary removals and replacements, and (b) to check up on educational matters. The Minister will gladly send these inspectors into Regions 3, 4, and 5 if so desired by the Education Officers of these regions, with the understanding that they will act purely in a consultative capacity and have no authority over provveditori, etc.

5. Ministry of Popular Culture: This Ministry has been abolished. A decree will soon be issued assigning its various functions as follows:

- (a) Press-foreign and domestic - to Ministry of Interior.
- (b) Tourism and Radio - to Ministry of Communication.
- (c) Theater, Cinema, Propaganda - to Ministry of Education.

(When the decree is issued, therefore, the property and powers of the Ente Teatrale will go to the Ministry of Education).

6. Ruolo to Idonei: KOOPMAN'S recommendation that persons who had passed concorsi except for Fascist points be given ruolo if a position were available and a local commission gave approval, was presented to the Chief of Cabinet and Albegiani. They are giving the matter consideration, but see difficulties because young people would get in ahead of older ones who are in the north at present.

7. Sixth year in Elementary School: KOOPMAN'S strong recommendation that a sixth year be added to the elementary school was presented, with reasons. It was felt that this was premature and should be considered next year by a national commission along with all basic changes.

8. Changes in Magistrale program:

(a) KOOPMAN'S suggestion that the Magistrale school be abolished and teachers be given training in the Magistero was also considered premature and a matter for a subsequent national commission.

(b) The possibility of adding a fifth year to the Istituto Magistrale, to provide practical pedagogy and apprenticeship, was considered less radical and it was agreed to set up a small commission to study this as a possibility for next year.

Note: KOOPMAN to the contrary notwithstanding, I think this second proposal could be made into a stepping stone toward his much better one.

9. Parification fees: The need for a decision on these was recognized and action promised. Albegiani proposes that fees formerly going to ENM be collected by Ministry of Education and that it be responsible for inspection and parification.

10. Obbligo Scolastico: The need for a new, stronger compulsory attendance law was again stressed. Study promised.

11. Council of Discipline and Scholastic Council: These still hang fire. Prompt action promised.

12. Patronato Scolastico: The new proposed statute will be immediately studied and a decree in the very near future is promised.

13. Price of Newsprint - Summer printing: The fact that newsprint for summer printing of elementary text books will be 17.5 lire per kilo instead of 6 lire was brought to the Minister's attention. He will take up with the Minister of Finance the question of absorbing the difference in cost, or adding to the price of the text books.

14. Survey: The plan of the survey of Italian schools was approved. The Ministry will instruct provveditori in non-occupied Italy to fill out the forms.

15. Text book commissions: It was decided that there should be three commissions for the present to examine the need for new printings of secondary school text books, decide on suitability of new manuscripts and old books, investigate availability of books in the same field, and assign priorities; one commission to be the present one in Palermo, one the newly appointed one in Naples, and one to be appointed in Bari. These commissions will advise Regional Education Officers who will advise the Subcommission which will make recommendations.

tion to APB for printing in the three above named centers. The Deputy Director of Education is to prepare a directive for these commissions in consultation with the Ministry.

16. Messina plan: KOCHMAN'S sketch of a long-range program for schools in Messina was presented to the Minister for study. He gave no indication of catching fire with the idea, but promised consideration of it.

17. Transfer of LANZONI Antonio: GREGORY'S request that Lanzoni be transferred to a media school because of the condition of his eyes was presented and action promised.

18. Report of Activities of Subcommittee: A brief verbal report was given to the Minister regarding the following points:

- (a) New Commission on Adult Education and Recreation.
- (b) Preliminary committee on vocational education.
- (c) Need for commissions of Ministry to study teacher training and vocational education.

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MEMORANDUM ON CONFERENCE WITH
MINISTER OF EDUCATION - 7 MARCH 1944

Present: Lt.Col.Smith, Major Bergin, Major Washburne,
Minister Cuomo, assistant to the Minister.

- 1) The Minister was in accord with the general plan for ecclesiastic councils and councils of discipline as proposed by Major Koopman. He will study the Sicily decrees and submit a definite recommendation.
- 2) In the matter of a concorso for inspectors and directors he proposes to set up a commission to recommend, on the basis of credentials submitted persons to be incaricati in these positions. He is opposed to granting ruolo status until most or all of Italy is liberated, so as to be sure ruolo posts go to the best fitted persons.
- 3) He will immediately set up a commission for examining textbooks, and the approval or disapproval of books will hereafter be centralized in this commission, which will be advisory for A.S.G. territory and authoritative in A.C.G. territory. A complete list of books approved or disapproved to date by regions of Education Subcommission is to be sent by the latter to him.
- 4) He was dubious as to the feasibility of a subsidy for textbooks, but will consult the finance minister and give a decision later.
- 5) He approves the idea of central inspectors, but believes they should be employed as incaricati until the rest of Italy is liberated and we know how many of the former central inspectors are available. He will probably confirm the appointments already made in Sicily. He will be glad to make appointments, incaricati, in Regions 2 and 6. Regions 1, 4, and 5 are free to appoint central inspectors, incaricati, notifying him as to who is appointed.
- 6) He will issue a decree validating the examinations held in Sicily 6 March.

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- 7) He approves the school closing dates for Regions 1 and 2 (24 June and 14 July respectively) and the general principle of making closing dates late in proportion to the lateness of opening schools. He will set a closing date for Sardinia.
- 8) He will take under consideration the steps necessary to have type for text-books held in Sicily and to have the books reprinted and distributed in the fall there and elsewhere.
- 9) He will consider in detail the set of decrees issued in each region entitled "Special orders and authorizations for opening and functioning of schools" and will either confirm them for Regions 1, 2 and 6, or suggest some modifications.
- 10) He will take under advisement the inclusion of expenses for rehabilitation of the Istituto Frebaliano in his general budget.
- 11) He will see that the bills for printing programs for Regions 4 and 5 are paid.
- 12) He is strongly in favor of the full interchange of decrees and orders issued by Regions and the Education Commission and those issued by his office.
- 13) He will consider the request of the Provveditore of Messina for change of classification from grade 6 to grade 5 probably will not grant it.
- 14) He will likewise consider the request of Toscano in Messina for ruolo status. If the previously issued decree giving the Provveditore the right to act on such requests is confirmed the Minister will not need to act on this individual case.
- 15) He is opposed to a general decree giving Provveditori the right to pass on credentials of schools which were paraficate last summer ~~the~~ the names of which were not,

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because of war conditions, sent to Provveditori.
He thinks each should be handled on its own merits.
The one case in point (Santriani, in Portici, Region 3)
may be approved by the Regional Education Offices, the
Minister to be informed as to the action taken.

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