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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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6 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Expiration of School Teachers

TO : AMG 8 Army

Reference your letter of 14 Dec 44.

- 1 It is considered undesirable to introduce a fourth method of removing fascists. There are already in being Exec Memo 67 - GO 35 and DLL 159; to add a fourth method is not only disorganising but tends to be oppressive. You will appreciate that a teacher may first have to pass the mesh of EM 67, then GO 35, then DLL 159, then possible the appeal tribunal.
- 2 It is however proposed to amend EM 67 so as to increase the classes of teachers to whom it will apply. This it is hoped will very largely meet your objections. If inspectors and Heads are screened, they should be able to see that their subordinates do not preach fascist doctrine. Further all teachers know that DL 159 is coming and that it behoves them to be discreet. Particulars of the amendments will be sent to you as soon as they are settled.
- 3 Scheds can be sent to persons newly included in EM 67 to enable you to decide whether or not they should be suspended.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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20 DEC. 1944

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HQ EIGHTH ARMY
REAR

14 December 1944

Subject: Reopening of Schools in Eighth Army Territory. 20 DEC. 1944

To : HQ, A.C. (3 copies) —

I. Preparations are being made for the reopening of schools in 8th Army Area up to and in rear of Corps rear boundaries.

2. The publication of General Order No. 35 in Army Area is considered undesirable, at least for the time being. Consequently, difficulty is being experienced in finding a satisfactory system of defascistizing school officials and teachers.

3. Under A.C. Executive Memo No. 67, which holds good until the publication of General Order No. 35, the only provincial school official who may be suspended is the Provincial Superintendent of Schools. Hence, in many cases, schools would be reopened under the direction of Fascist School officials.

4. It appears therefore that, until General Order No. 35 is published, no adequate machinery exists, as far as schools are concerned, for carrying out that purging of Fascist factors which is the declared aim of the Allied Government.

5. It is submitted that, since schools are to be opened at a period when it is still undesirable to publish General Order No. 35, special regulations are required for the defascistization of school staffs.

6. The views of A.C. are requested on the following proposal for 8 Army territory:

- (a) That Schede Personali be filed for all school officials and teachers.
- (b) That suspension of school officials and teachers whose records give evidence of strong Fascist sympathies be carried out by the Provincial Commissioner.
- (c) That such suspended persons have recourse to a Hearing before the Commission which will be set up upon publication of General Order No. 35.
- (d) That the Duration Commissions eventually to be set up under DUL 159 act as a final court of appeal for such suspended persons.

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4. It appears therefore that, since schools are concerned, for carrying out that purging of fascist ideas which is the declared aim of the Allied Government.

5. It is submitted that, since schools are to be opened at a period when it is still undesirable to publish General Order No. 35, special regulations are required for the defascistisation of school staffs.

6. The views of A.O. are requested on the following proposal for 8 Army territory:

- (a) That Schede Personnel be filed for all school officials and teachers.
- (b) That suspension of school officials and teachers whose records give evidence of strong fascist sympathies be carried out by the Provincial Commissioner.
- (c) That such suspended persons have recourse to a Hearing before the Commission which will be set up upon publication of General Order No. 35.
- (d) That the Expiration Commissions eventually to be set up under DM 159 act as a final court of appeal for such suspended persons.

7. It will be appreciated that there is no desire nor intention of carrying out wholesale suspensions.

8. The reasons for the desire of 8th Army to reopen schools will be readily understood.

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for Group Captain LTCOL
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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5 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Defascism of Educational Personnel

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section.

1. Pursuant to our conference of this morning, the Education Subcommittee recommends strongly that Provincial Commissioners, on recommendation of Education Officers, be permitted to continue to suspend, in Military Government Territory, school administrative and supervisory officials who have active Fascist records (List B of Executive Memorandum 67), through amending List A of said Memorandum by the addition to Category 3. of

Inspectors of Elementary Schools,
Directors of Elementary Schools,
Heads of Secondary Schools (Presidi).

2. It has been our consistent policy, since the beginning in Sicily, to see that, in addition to the Provveditore agli Studi in each province, the above named officials are free from records of active Fascism before the schools under them are opened. This policy has met the approval, as far as I am aware, of every provincial and regional commissioner and all other Allied officers concerned, and that of the Ministry of Public Instruction. Its continuation is the result of the mature thought and experience of all the specialist education officers.

3. Until now we have assumed that Para. 6 of Executive Memorandum 67 was sufficiently broad to allow us to continue to carry out our policy, and we have done so and are doing so in all M.G. Territory. It being now stated that Para. 6 is not to be so interpreted, an amendment to E.M. 67, as indicated in Para. 1 above, becomes urgently necessary.

4. A failure to amend E.M. 67 as indicated, combined with an order to cease to suspend the above named categories of school officials, would result in

- a) a serious delay in the opening of the schools, or
- b) a violation of our mission to open schools on a non-Fascist basis:

- a) If school heads are to be vetted exclusively under General Order 35 before schools are opened, there will be the following delays :

X days for decision of RC and action by AC to make the order effective in the Region.
 7 days for posting the order.
 18 days for lodging the schedule
 Y days for examining the schedule
 10 days for filing objection to suspension
 Z days for considering the objection

Total 35 + X+Y+Z days - and Y and Z are likely to be sizable.

Therefore, even if GO 35 is implemented in the region, there would be a delay of two months or more (to be conservative) before schools could open free of Fascist direction.

- b) If school heads are not vetted before schools are opened, there will be the following serious results in the case of, roughly, 20% of the schools:
- i) Teachers will be outraged at having to serve under a man known to be an active Fascist;
 - ii) Students will be equally outraged and may, as they did in Florence, strike and demonstrate;
 - iii) Parents will be outraged by being obliged to send their children to a school under such direction;
 - iv) The Allies will be discredited for their inconsistency in declaring it to be their policy to eliminate Fascism while forcing children to attend schools directed by notorious Fascists;
 - v) The Education Subcommittee will have been forced to violate its primary mission of opening schools on a non-Fascist basis.

The above would be a direct reversal of policy, in the face of successful experience, just when we are entering the regions of Italy where feeling is highest and Fascism most rife.

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The procedures now in successful use, ^{which} would be regularized by the amendment to E.O. 67 recommended in para.1, are entirely practical, and swift. The Education Officer, on entering a province, selects and vets the Provveditore - often with the consent of the SCAG, while still under V or VIII Army. The Provveditore is required immediately to get 'giallo' from the

inspectors, directors, and school heads. The Education Officer personally examines the 'schede' and recommends suspensions for all persons in List B. These are immediately replaced (by the Provveditore) by acting hands, and the schools are opened. We have succeeded in opening schools under this system, in some cases within two weeks of the cessation of actual combat. Practically always we have been able to open schools as soon as we could find locations.

6. The number of Presidi, Directors, and Inspectors involved can be seen from the following Table for Emilia and Toscana.

Emilia Region			
Provinces	Presidi	Inspectors	Directors
Bologna	36	5	31
Ferrara	21	3	15
Forlì	44	2	19
Modena	32	3	25
Parma	27	2	19
Piacenza	17	2	14
Reggio Emilia	22	3	17
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Toscana Region			
Apuania	12	2	8
Arezzo	26	1	13
Firenze	41	4	48
Grosseto	19	1	8
Livorno	21	2	15
Lucca	24	2	14
Pisa	25	3	14
Pistoia	15	1	8
Siena	20	1	10
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7. Immediate amendment of E.M.67 is requested.

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