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RECOMMENDING ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
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23 August 1945

SUBJECT: Action Requested at Regional Education Officers' Meeting

TO : Regional Education Officers

1. The small number of books and manuscripts approved by Regional Text Book Commissions in the north for 1945-6, in contrast with over a hundred approved by the Minister's Commission for the south, is spite of the fact that most text book publishers are in the north, makes it evident that either there has been inadequate publicity or publishers think that books approved for 1944-5 are ipso facto approved for 1945-6, which is not the case. Regional Education Officers are therefore requested to give immediate notice by press and radio to authors and publishers that books and manuscripts for use in the elementary schools during 1945-6 must be immediately submitted to the Regional Education Officer for the Regional Elementary Text Book Commission's examination. Books must conform to the new, 1945-6, elementary school program. Schools will not be permitted to use books which have not had this approval.

2. The Minister is making it possible for provveditori regionali appointed by him to participate in the next national concorso for provveditori di ruolo, regardless of their civil service grade, whenever the Regional Education Officer enters when they have served as recommenders. Will each Regional Education Officer, therefore, prepare a brief statement regarding every provveditore who had worked under him, in the past or present? If the name is forgotten, indicate the province and approximate date. At the end of the brief statement append one of the following four statements:

- a. Strongly recommended as provveditore di ruolo
- b. Recommended as provveditore di ruolo
- c. Should be considered as possible provveditore di ruolo
- d. Not recommended as provveditore di ruolo

3. It is of utmost importance that school buildings be cleared of parties, partisans, and other civilian groups before we turn over territory to the Italian Government. With military authority we can do this, while the Italian Government, afterwards, is almost helpless in the matter. In Rome, for example, every effort of Major Gregory, a strong letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister, and an even stronger letter from him to the Prefect, brought but meagerest results. Civilians are afraid of their political lives; so are Prefects. Carabinieri won't be hard boiled against politically potent groups or refugees who can head to such groups. One of Brigadier Spjorn's last requests as Vice-President of Allied Commission was that we take action in this matter. Will you, therefore, get the cooperation of your Regional Commissioner and Provincial Commissioners inousting civilian groups from all schools except in obvious cases of extreme need for

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refugees or hospitals, and even then to get them to leave part of the building free for school use if possible.

4. The three matters in this letter should have top priority in these closing weeks. Please report progress on all three.

CARLETON W. WAREHOUT
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education

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18 August 1945

EDUCATION SUB-COMMISSION CONFERENCE

The last Education Sub-Commission Conference was held at the Albergo Flare in Rome on 18 August 1945.

The following Officers were present:

Lt. Col. C.W. WASHBURN	Education Director
Capt. H. ROE	R.E.O. Piemonte Region
Capt. WIGSTAFF	R.E.O. Liguria Region
1st Lt. J.P. SIDONI	C.E.O. Venezia Giulia 13 Corp AMI
Capt. SCOTT	D/R.E.O. Venezia Region
Capt. WEILMAN	E.O. Piemonte Region
Capt. J.V. VELIA	Ed/EC

The session opened at 14.30 hours

Colonel WASHBURN opened the meeting.

1. Opening of Schools

- a) The elementary schools will open throughout Italy on 16 October 1945.
b) The secondary schools will open about 26 October 1945.

2. Text books

The text books Committees may be paid for their services. The Provveditore agli Studi will ask his Intendente di Finanza for a "gettone di presenza" - a regular procedure used to pay commissions. Furthermore, each publisher pays Lire 300 for each manuscript submitted. Of this sum Lire 130 will go to the treasury and Lire 170 is divided among members of the Committee.

A copy of the list of text books approved by the Ministry will be sent to each R.E.O.

R.E.O.s were requested to give immediate publicity by press and radio to the fact that books approved for elementary schools for 1944-5 are not approved for 1945-6, and that authors and publishers desiring approval for books already published or for new manuscripts must submit the same without delay to the R.E.O. for the Regional Commissioner on Elementary School Text Books.

Nearly 40 children's books from the United States are under translation in the Italian language. These books were selected by expert American educators. Major Gregory reported a request for similar books from U.K. Col. Washburne stated that if a first class British Commission could be established to select the books with care, those chosen could be translated into Italian.

3. Provveditori agli Studi

All Provveditori agli Studi appointed by Allied Military Government will be given the opportunity to participate at a "concorso" for "21 ruolo" status as Provveditori.

R.E.O.s will submit a brief descriptive paragraph on each Provveditore with whom they have worked.

4. School Premises

Before Regions pass to Italian Government jurisdiction, each R.E.O. must use all possible military authority to remove from school premises political parties which have established themselves therein. The Italian Government, once the military have left, is powerless.

5. Fronte della Gioventù

Its exact standing is not yet clear. Education Officers are invited to report further findings on the activities of the Fronte della Gioventù.

6. Boy Scouts

Regional Education Officers report progress in the promotion of Boy Scout activities throughout Northern Italy.

7. Paper and School Supplies

There are at present about 800 tons of printing paper for elementary text books available from American sources. Enough Italian paper may be released at a reasonable price to complete the estimated need of 3000 tons.

Erasers, pencils, pens, etc. are now available and will be delivered to all regions. More of these supplies, however, will be sent to Southern Regions where the need is greater.

Colonel Washburne offered his thanks for the fine cooperation and the excellent work done by the entire staff.

The meeting adjourned at 17.00 hours, 13 August, 1945.

JOHN P. SIMONI
1st Lt. C.M.P.
Secretary

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29-30 June 1945

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION, A.C.

THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION'S first conference since the occupation of Northern Italian Regions in April and May was held at the Montecatini Building, Lombardia Region Headquarters on 29 and 30 June 1945.

The following officers were present at the meeting:

Lt. Colonel	CARLETON W. WASHBURN, Director of Education
Major	FRANCIS GREGORY, REO, Venezia Region
Major	ARTHUR VESSELO, REO, Lombardia Region
Captain	SAMUEL V. NOE, REO, Piemonte Region
1st Lt.	JOHN P. SIMONI, REO, Liguria Region
Captain	PAUL L. HEILMAN, Ed. Officer, Piemonte Region
Captain	DEXTER G. TILROE, Ed. Officer, Emilia Region
Captain	STENLEY OPENSHAW, Ed. Officer, Lombardia Region

The Agenda for the meeting included the following topics:

1. Depuration
2. School Buildings: Requisitioning and Repairs
3. Programs for 1945-1946
4. Survey of Italian Education
5. Boy Scouts Movement
6. C.L.N.
7. Payment of "incaricati" and "commissari" for Examinations
8. Retirement of Overage Personnel
9. E.N.I.M.S.
10. University Fees: "esoneri"
11. Transfer of Public School Personnel
12. Transfer of University Personnel
13. G.I.L. Property Control
14. Patronato Scolastico
15. School Lunches
17. General Items

SESSION OF JUNE 29

Lt. Colonel C.W. WASHBURN, Director of Education, opened the session of JUNE 29, 1945, at 1445 hours.

Lt. Colonel WASHBURN asked the REOs to be prepared to turn over Regional Education to the Italian Government by 1 September 1945.

1. Epuration.

Epuration of university personnel will take place under Executive Memorandum No. 76.

Executive Memorandum No. 67 may be used to suspend university professors. The same Memorandum is also executive ~~order~~ for teachers of elementary and secondary school level.

The REOs will ask Provincial Commissioners to validate suspensions made by the C.L.W. Such persons will be suspended officially by A.M.G.

2. School Buildings: Requisitioning and Repairs.

Attention is called to letter-order from HEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, reference AG/680.12/808 D-O, 25 June 1945, Subject: Restoration of Italian Education Facilities. Para. 5 of the order states, "Additional requisitioning or occupancy of educational establishments in this theater is not authorized without prior approval of this headquarters." This order will be distributed to all concerned.

The repair of school buildings will take place gradually. REOs will ask Provveditori agli Studi and Proectors to submit a list of more crucially needed repairs.

3. Programs for 1945-1946.

The new elementary school programs for 1945-1946 may be printed by each Region. For the secondary schools the 1944-1945 programs will be retained. The Ministry of Public Instruction will be asked to print a sufficient number of these to meet the needs of Northern Regions.

Elementary school text books approved by the Regional Commissions for the evaluation of school **1500** should correlate reading material with the new programs.

4. Survey of Italian Education.

Survey of Italian Education statistical forms will be made ready for Northern Regions, and should be completed by early in August. The project initiated by the Education Subcommittee under the direction of Major Vesselo will be finished.

5. Boy Scouts Movement.

The scouting movement in Italy during the past twenty years was briefly presented. During this time the Catholic group continued to function.

At Milan scout leaders are being trained in large groups. The Boy Scout needs are books and information, camping equipment and uniforms.

The leaders of the two organizations, Catholic and non-sectarian, should meet together and discuss their problems trying not to limit but to coordinate local initiative.

Most political parties are organizing their own scout movement. The International Association of Scouts, however, has recognized only the two existing groups. Those organized independently will not have this backing and recognition. It is hoped that this will stimulate the union of these various groups with one or the other of the two associations.

The Education Subcommittee and the EEOs are at the service of the scouting movement.

6. C.L.N.

The Regional C.L.N. committee has control over the local C.L.N. The EEOs should work through the Regional C.L.N. They have cooperated with A.M.G., and much credit should be given to them for what they have accomplished.

7. Payment of "incaricati" and "commissari" for Examinations.

The Minister of Public Instruction, after several conferences with the Finance Minister, states that there is practically no hope for a favorable decree which will order the payment of personnel "incaricati" on a 12 month basis; Therefore, "incaricati" will continue to be paid on the 10 month basis.

RR. Provveditori agli Studi reggenti may be paid the difference in grade while under military occupation. According to Executive Memorandum No.62, para.3, AC, any state official may be paid a salary commensurate with the position which he holds for the duration of the occupation, but a change in grade cannot be made.

The payment of a more adequate allowance to the "commissari" for examinations will be discussed with the Minister of Public Instruction.

8. Retirement of Overage Personnel.

It is advisable that overage personnel be pensioned as soon as possible. A ruling is required. (There was an Italian decree holding overage teachers during the emergency). The Provveditori had the right to keep these teachers on the job. The problem should be referred back to the Provveditori - it is their responsibility.

The meeting adjourned at 1745 hours.

SESSION OF JUNE 30

Lt. Colonel WASHBURN opened the session at 900 hours.

9. E.N.I.M.S.

A "Commissario" has been named for E.N.I.M.S. to coordinate the efforts of private schools. He recommends that the heads of private schools be advised to give the regular "aumenti" to their employees.

For Northern Regions it may be advisable to appoint a Vice-Commissario to represent the E.N.I.M.S..

10. University Fees: "esoneri".

"Esoneri" on examination ^{fees} (DLE 238) have been abolished for the universities in Italian Government Territory.

The same "esoneri" however, have been retained for secondary schools.

The whole question of "aseneri" should be carefully studied by the Italian Ministry.

11. Transfer of Public School Personnel.

Secondary school transfers will take place according to latest circular from Education Subcommittee.

Regulations on elementary school transfers will be issued soon. Provveditori agli Studi should be advised to follow the normal procedure.

The Fascist Republican Government transferred many teachers from one province to another. The situation, however, is not alarming. Provveditori agli Studi should be requested for a list of the "di ruolo" teachers so that needs and proper distribution of qualified personnel may be studied.

12. Transfer of University Personnel.

On the basis of DLE 238, university personnel "di ruolo" can be transferred back to the Faculty of origin when originally transferred without the approval of the ~~President~~ of the Faculty.

Jewish professors have first right for reinstatement in their original seat. The professors "in cattedra" must be taken care of, however, until a place is found for them - they may be retained at the University if there is an opening.

The Decree on transfer of university professors will be applied uniformly throughout Italy. The Education Subcommittee will take action to see that the order is implemented in A.M.G. Territory as soon as possible.

13. G.I.L. Property Control.

A Vice-Commissario for G.I.L. will be appointed to take charge of large G.I.L. National property for Northern Regions.

The RSO of Milan will submit the name of a person for appointment. The Ministry of Public Instruction will name the Vice-Commissario to be under Prof. CANDELORO, National Commissioner for G.I., and A.M.G. will ratify the appointment. The Regional Commissioner will give him authority to function in A.M.G. Territory. (This Vice-Commissario will have jurisdiction only in Lombardia).

No G.I.L. funds should be used in the promotion of the present program. All funds should remain blocked. The Intendente di Finanza is responsabile.

14. Patronato Scolastico.

Circular letter of the Minister of Public Instruction authorizes local organization of Patronato Scolastico. A decree will soon be issued which will establish the Patronato on a National basis.

15. School Lunches.

A new type of school lunch allowance has been approved in a June 25th Circular to Food Officers.

The following rations will be allotted each child per month:

- a) 100 grams of bread
- b) 50 " of rice, pasta, or polenta
- c) 5 " olive oil, butter, or lard
- d) 1½ " salt

This new type of school lunch allowance is approved only for Northern Regions. Emilia will retain the old allotment.

16. General Items.

The "Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro" seems to have been taken over by the Labor Division.

The Minister of Public Instruction should be directed to instruct all personnel that when he plans to send officials north into AMG Territory ~~that~~ they first be authorized officially by Education Subcommittee, and then that the REO be notified of movement.

A report on paper situation in all regions is requested by the Education Subcommittee.

The Officers attending offered thanks to Major VESSELO and to Captain OPENSHAW for their hospitality while guests of Lombardia Region at Milan.

The date for the next conference (probably the last) was set for 17 and 18 August 1945.

The conference adjourned at 11:30 hours, 30 June 1945.

JOHN P. SIMONI

1st LT. C.M.P.

Secretary

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LOMBARDIA REGION
EDUCATION DIVISION
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6 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Education - Conference of Sub Commission.

TO : Administrative Officer Capt. V.B. Hatcher RA.

1. It is proposed to hold the bi-monthly conference of the Education Sub Commission of the Allied Commission in Milan on the ~~28th~~ ^{29th} & ~~29th~~ ^{30th} June 1945.

2. It will be appreciated if you can arrange:

a) accommodation for the undermentioned officers:

1. Lt. Col. C.W. Washburne
2. Major F.F. Gregory
3. Capt. W.E. Pratt
4. Capt. S.V. Noe
5. Capt. P.L. Heilman
6. Lt. J.P. Simoni
7. Major J.W. Murphy) not known for certain
8. Capt. D. Tilroe) if these will be present.

b) a suitable room for conference purposes.

3. It is anticipated that officers will arrive in Milan on the ~~28th~~ ^{29th} and depart on the ~~30th~~ ^{1st July} and it is understood that they will move on orders published in their respective regions. A copy of such orders will be brought by the officers to regularize the provision of the facilities requested above.

4. With the exception of Lt. Col. Washburne it is anticipated that the above named officers will arrive by road transport and will therefore be accompanied by drivers.

3. The assurance that you can indent ahead for the necessary rations is appreciated.

A. A. Veselo
A.A. VESSELO
Major A.E.G.
REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER.

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2-3 March 1945

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION A.C.

THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION held its periodical Conference in Rome on 2 and 3 March, 1945, at the Hotel Flora.

The following officers were present at the meeting:

Major	CARLETON W. WASHBURN, Director of Education
Major	JOSEPH M. MURPHY, REG, Southern Region
Major	F.F. GREGORY, REG, Lazio-Umbria Region
Captain	SAMUEL V. NOE, REG, Toscana Region
1st. Lt.	JOHN P. SIMONI, REG, Marche-Abruzzi Region
Captain	PAUL L. HEILMAN, Ed. Officer Toscana Region
Captain	DEXTER G. TILBOE, Ed. Officer Toscana Region
1st. Lt.	R.W. ORINGTON, Ed. Officer, (attached) Emilia Region
Major	A.A. VESSELAC, i/c of Survey of Italian Ed., Ed. S/C
Major	SIR MAGNUS, i/c of Text books, Education S/C
Captain	J.V. VELLA, Executive Officer, Education S/C

SESSION OF MARCH 2, 1945, OPENED AT 9:00 HOURS.

Major CARLETON W. WASHBURN opened the two day conference by reading the Agenda:

1. Hearing Committees
2. Elementary School Text Books
3. Secondary School Text Books
4. Meeting with Minister of Public Instruction
5. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides
6. "Quaderni"
7. School Supplies
8. G.I. - ex G.I.L.
9. Survey of Italian Education - Status
10. Preparation for Sudden Leaving of Italy
11. Directives for Northern Region
12. Professional Assistants
13. General Items.

Major WASHBURN informed the conference that on March 2nd at 11:00 hours the Minister of Public Instruction would arrive for a brief personal contact with the education officers, and that at 14:00 hours Mr. Fredrick Catty, Boy Scout organizer in Italy had been invited to present a brief sketch of the work so far accomplished in Italian scouting.

1. Hearing Committees.

Major WASHBURN presented the topic for ^{discussion} ~~argument~~. Discussion brought forth the following:

a) The ~~imminent~~ organization of the new Provincial School Epuration Committees under DLL 159 with the President of each Committee appointed by the "Primo Presidente" of the Court of Appeal; one member appointed by the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism; and one member appointed by the Ministry of Public Instruction. (The representative appointed by the Ministry of Public Instruction will, if possible, be the same member who represented the schools on the original Hearing Committees).

b) Provveditori, Presidi, Direttori Didattici, Ispettori, and university personnel may still be suspended by request of Regional Education Officers under Executive Memorandum 67 which will go into operation immediately upon occupation of new provinces.

c) DLL 159 Committees will supersede the Hearing Committees now functioning in A.E.C. territory.

d) Italian ^{school authorities, on recommendation of} epuration authorities may act without our consent in the suspension of school personnel; however, when school personnel has been suspended by name through the recommendation of R.E.O., ~~Italian authorities must ask the Minister of Education Officer for permission to re-instate such personnel.~~

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e) Since General Order 35 will be implemented in all Northern Regions this order will authorize Education Officers to suspend elementary and high school teachers; however, if necessary the Provveditore agli Studi may be authorized to make the necessary suspension of teaching personnel.

f) A.S. Record Cards for personnel suspended will continue to be used.

Captain NOE restated the value of the Hearing (advisory) Committees so far used in Military Government territory by the R.E.O. - The Hearing Committees ¹⁴⁹⁸ have strengthened the hand of the Provveditore agli Studi, and have permitted the immediate re-instatement of many teachers originally suspended.

2. Elementary School Text Books.

Major MAGNUS, who has replaced Captain BEARD in the Education Subcommittee, presented a brief statistical report on the distribution and printing of the new text books.

The late arrival of material has held up the printing of books; therefore, the established quota was not reached. There is adequate material, however, to complete this school year's printing job.

The Education Subcommittee approves the policy of winding up printing by the end of March, since a) the school year is about over, b) after March there will be a very small demand for text books, c) materials will be saved, and d) next year an entirely new State issue of elementary texts will be printed.

Major MAGNUS stated that it may be necessary to hire personnel to supervise the printing job to see that the allotted amount of electrical energy, paper, and time are not used for other printing.

Complete price lists for materials are needed. A sale price for paper blocked in A.M.C. territory should be set as soon as possible.

Major MAGNUS suggested that in order to avoid delay in the printing of the 1945-1946 series of State text books for elementary schools the text be received not later than April and approved for printing not later than May 1945.

3. Secondary School Text Books.

Printing of secondary school text books will be approved by the special commissions which will be set up in all Northern Regions with the "visto" of the Allied Publications Board. Commissions approving books will also state the amount of paper required for book printing.

Paper will be released for secondary school text book printing, and also for "Quaderni".

The Ministry of Press (Ministero della Stampa) will approve the allotting of paper in Italian Government territory.

Captain NOE stated that paper supply should be the responsibility of Economics and Supply Subcommittee. That the Education Subcommittee should not be put into the paper business! The statement received unanimous approval.

4. Meeting with Minister of Public Instruction.

Major WASHBURN introduced to each Education Officer the Minister of Public Instruction, Prof. Arangio Ruiz.

The Minister greeted the group with a word of appreciation for the work done both at Headquarters and out in the Regions. He expressed the desire of having a bird's eye view of the total picture in AMS/AC territory.

Each Regional Education Officer briefly presented the general school situation in his Region. Percentages of attendance, requisitioning of school buildings, efficiency of newly appointed Provveditori agli Studi, school lunches, universities, amount of destruction, transfer of personnel, refugee teachers, etc. were some of the main topics included in the brief verbal report of the R.E.Os. present.

The Minister stated that refugee teachers and professors should return to their "zede" as soon as it is feasibly possible for each of them without imposing undue hardship upon any of them.

The Minister reassured the Subcommission that the Provincial School Epuration Committees established by D.L. 159 would be named within March.

Major WASHBURN asked the Minister if the Provveditore agli Studi had the authority to suspend teachers and professors.

The Minister replied that A.M.G. could give this power to the Provveditori - that he would approve the practice if desirable.

Captain NOE raised the question on the employment security status of Provveditori agli Studi and office personnel appointed by A.M.G., after the territory passes to Italian Government jurisdiction.

The Minister replied that he will take the matter up with the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism to see if the position of Provveditori agli Studi may not be made more secure for the moment until the end of the present school year.

The Minister will renew his efforts in requesting all divisions in the Ministry to communicate to Provveditori agli Studi in A.M.G. territory through the established channels: Ministry/ Education Subcommission/ Regional Education Officers.

The "Consiglio Scolastico Provinciale" (School Administrative Council) does not exist in the present school system - it was an organization of pre-Fascist days, and it should not be recognized yet - according to the Minister.

The Minister stated that there is a standard form of "Pagella" being used, one for the elementary schools and one for the secondary schools.

Minister Arancio Ruiz departed offering his best wishes for success in Northern Regions to Allied Education Subcommission Personnel.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 noon.

5. Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

Major WASHBURN opened the afternoon session at 14:00 hours by introducing to the group Mr. Fredrick Catty, representative of the International Commission of Boy Scouts in England.

Mr. Catty exhibited an interesting collection of recent photographs showing the progress so far made in Italy in reorganizing the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides movement.

Mr. Catty briefly outlined the history of the Boy Scouts movement in Italy: In 1926 the Fascist Party declared the scouting movement illegal. In 1943 Boy Scout troops began to reappear.

The material is good and the field is ripe for a good harvest - stated Mr. Catty, through Scouting the Italian youth must be provided with a youth movement as the one that they need.

Text books and training books have been sent from England and the U.S.A. in a small number and have been placed in a central library at the Boy Scout center in Rome. The Catholic movement has issued a similar training pamphlet.

Mr. Catty believed that Education Officers may encourage:

a) The organization of new Scout troops - help to find meeting premises, etc.

b) Provide National leaders with the needed information in regard to the development of their own movement.

The Girl Guides movement is behind in development to that of the Boy Scouts.

American Boy Scouts are promoting a campaign to raise funds to help the movement on a worldwide basis.

Major WASHBURN asked S.I.C. to report during March on the progress made in their Region in the promotion of Boy and Girl Scouts troops.

6. Quaderni.

Paper for the printing of "quaderni" (exercise books) is available at L. 30.00 per kilogram.

Provveditori agli Studi should ask for bids from various printing establishments in their provinces. Quaderni should not sell for more than L. 10.00 each.

7. School Supplies.

Capt. VIBLA gave a brief report on the amount of school supplies - ink, chalk, pencils, etc. available in Salerno, Bari, and Naples. (The amount actually available is quite limited).

It was suggested that these supplies be distributed through the Provveditori agli Studi.

Most material will be ready by March 15.

8. G.I. (Ex G.I.L.)

The new set up on G.I. activities is the following:

The High Commissioner for "Beni Pubblici" will require that the "Intendente di Finanze" (Civil Finance Officer) take over all G.I.L. property first, and after the inventories have been completed the property will be turned over to Provveditori agli Studi according to original decree issued by the National G.I. Commissioner. (The Ministry of Education seems to be opposed to this procedure).

The Meeting adjourned at 16:00 hours.

SESSION OF MARCH 3, 1945, STARTED AT 9:00 HOURS.

Major WASHBURN opened the session. He asked Major VESCELO to report on the progress so far made in developing the SURVEY OF ITALIAN EDUCATION.

9. Survey of Italian Education.

Major VASSILO brought forth the following points:

a) The statistical research has been an immense job. It will be compiled as accurately as possible considering the constant change in Italian Education development.

b) The statistical data requested of each Provveditore agli Studi in the regions now active, through the Regional Education Officer, should be at Headquarters by April 1.

c) The survey will be completed as soon as possible. (Major WAINWRIGHT suggested that an Italian specialist may be selected to finish the work in case Major VASSILO should be pulled out before completion).

The finished part of Survey should be issued as soon as possible so that the information may be used immediately by the Education Officers.

Education Officers may add their findings after having studied report.

10. Preparation for Sudden Leaving of Region.

Education Officers may be pulled out of their Region on 48 hours notice.

a) Toscana Region: Major DUND will take over.

b) Lazio-Umbria Region: Lazio will be dissolved. Umbria will go over to Marche Region. Files are ready.

c) Marche-Abruzzi Region: - Abruzzi will be dissolved. Marche-Umbria Region will be established. Text book delivery most important job to be completed in Abruzzi-Marche.

Distribution of text books will become the responsibility of Major MAGNUS.

Expropriation of schools will no longer be our responsibility. The distribution and printing of text books will become the complete responsibility of the Italian Government in those areas turned over to Italian jurisdiction; however, these will become liaison problems.

Upon closing of Regional work files will be brought to

the A.C. archives at Rome.

Current material should be marked out and brought to Education Subcommittee.

11. Directives for Northern Regions.

Each Regional Education Officer will mimeograph his own set of directives after consulting with the Regional Commissioner of his Region in regard to specific procedure to follow.

The Education Subcommittee will bring each Regional Education Officer up to date with present education policy.

Regulations on increase in salary and grade of school personnel should be included in directives.

Major WASHBURN stated that in regard to promotion of school personnel it should be made through normal channels - getting promotions approved by the Ministry of Public Instruction, for they have a character of continuity. The Minister will issue the decree which will be approved by the Regional Education Officer.

Leaves of absence and sick leaves may be approved by the Regional Education Officer (Copy of a leave of absence of over 30 days should be sent to Education Subcommittee for file).

12. Professional Assistant.

Major WASHBURN stated that the Professional Assistants which will be appointed by the Regional Education Officers to help them in their work will be "Commandati" by the Minister of Public Instruction to the Education Division - reverting to their regular jobs at the end of their work with the Allied Commission. They will be put on the Allied Military Government's payroll at £. 11,000.00 per month.

A list of names of available and qualified school personnel for the positions of Professional Assistants was prepared. Each R.E.O. and Education Officer suggested the best men with whom they were acquainted.

13. General Items.

Regional Education Officers desire that the Minister of Public Instruction prepare a circular to Provveditori agli Studi asking for the list of school personnel on their payroll, at present working for Allied Commands - and advise on the penalties involved.

It is the desire of the group to know what to do with "di ruolo" teachers of German where the German language has been discontinued. (Capt. NOE suggested that they be given another subject to teach - a suggestion which was unanimously accepted). The statement was made that German should be an elective subject and not a required one.

The Officers attending offered thanks to Major WASHBURN for the pleasant social gathering he prepared for them while attending the conference in Rome.

The date for the next conference was set for April 27-28, 1945.

The Conference adjourned at 1300 hours, March 3, 1945.

John P. Simon
JOHN P. SIMON
1st. Lt. C.M.P.
Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: RVIII/E/3/1/17

Date: 26 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Topics for Discussion at Education Conference.

TO : : Education Subcommittee, Allied Commission

1. This office suggests the following topics for discussion at the Education Conference 2 and 3 March:

a. Preparation for turning over office, if sudden move is made to another Region, such as instructions to Provveditori degli Studi, Rectors of Universities, etc.

b. Concerning statistical reports for survey on Italian Education :

(1) Are reports wanted now for such Provinces as can now give complete returns such as SIENA and GROSSETO Provinces?

(2) Are partial returns desired from such provinces as PISA or LUCCA?

(3) Or is report to be withheld until complete returns can be submitted for all of TOSCANA Region?

c. What should be our policy regarding Consiglio Provinciale Scolastico?

d. Has Minister recommended a standard form for report cards (pagelle scolastiche) ?

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h. Should dispositions be included in the educational directives in regard to legal status of scholastic personnel, such as granting of advances of pensions, granting of leave of absence for health or family reasons, promotion of grade, automatic increases of salary, etc?

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Sam V. Noe
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Capt. Spec. Res.
Regional Education Officer
TOSCANA Region

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION LAZIO UMBRIA
EDUCATION DIVISION
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26 Feb. 1945

TO : Education Subcommittee
SUBJECT : Agenda for Education Subcommittee meeting on
2 -3 March 1945.
FILE : R4/ED/ 3.4.

1. I shall attend the Conference.
2. Civilian Educational specialist - is it good policy to recognize that he has any obligations to the Ministry? As far as Venezia is concerned I want him to be my employee. I foresee many complications if otherwise.
He should certainly be on AMG Payroll.
3. Hearing Committees are all abolished in Region IV by direct action of Col. Bonham-Carter.
It is most essential to clarify the position before new Regions open up.

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Regional Education Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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TEL. 489004-236

TO : Regional Commissioners
Attention Regional Education Officer.

19 February 1945

1. The regular meeting of all Regional and Headquarters officers of the Education Subcommittee will be held at the Hotel Flare in Rome, Friday and Saturday, 2 and 3 March, beginning at 0900 hrs. Friday, 2 March.
2. It is requested that all Education Officers attend.
3. Education Officers are requested to submit promptly items which should be included in the agenda of the meeting.
4. Education Officers are requested to notify the Director as to whether or not they expect to be able to attend.

Carleton H. Washburne

CARLETON H. WASHBURN
Major, AUS
Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS
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ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
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Education Division

14 Jan 45

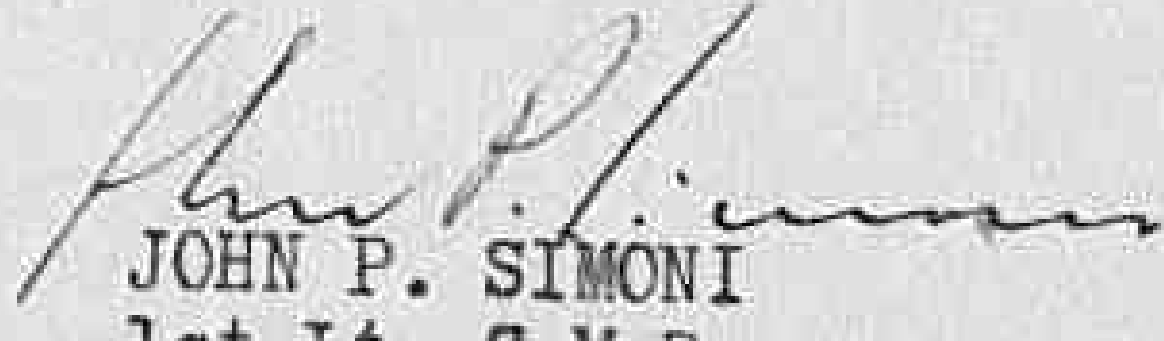
SUBJECT : Report

TO : CARLETON W. WASHBURNE, Major AUS, A/Director
of Education, Education Subcommittee, A.C.,
APO 394.

REF : R5/ED/1.7

1. Enclosed herewith Report of the Meeting of the Education Subcommittee held at Florence 5-6 Jan 45. It undoubtedly will require many corrections.

2. This Education Office changed typist (bad luck!), therefore, the work may not be up to our standards until the new one is trained accordingly. " 't is Italy!" The enclosed report is the first sample of her work.


JOHN P. SIMONI
1st Lt. C.M.P.
Regional Education Officer

P.S. Provveditore FERRI arrived in Aquila last evening. Monday he will be on the job in Pesaro!

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Education Subcommittee
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5-6 January 1945

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION, A.C.

THE EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION'S first conference of 1945 was held in Florence 5 and 6 January, at the Hotel Excelsior.

The following officers were present at the meeting:

Major	CARLETON W. WASHBURN, A/Director of Education
Major	JOSEPH M. MURPHY, REO, Southern Region
Captain	SAMUEL V. NOE, REO, Toscana Region
Captain	WILLIS E. PRATT, REO, Emilia Region
Captain	WAGSTAFF, REO, Sardinia Region
1st. Lt.	JOHN P. SIMONI, REO, Marche-Abruzzi Region
Captain	DEXTER G. TILGRO, Ed. Officer, Toscana Region
1st. Lt.	R.W. CRICHTON, Ed. Officer, Toscana Region
Captain	J.V. VELLA, Executive Officer, Education S/C
Captain	HARRY R. BEARD, i/c of Text-books, Education S/C

The Agenda for the meeting included the following topics:

1. Plans for Northern Regions
2. Civilian Specialists in Education
3. Functioning of Schools in Cold Weather
4. Transfer of Teachers
5. Defascism
6. Increase of Teachers' Salary
7. Refugee Teachers
8. Financing Expenses of Provveditori
9. University Fees and Budgets
10. Text Books
11. Buildings, Requisitioning, Repairs etc.
12. School Supplies
13. General Items.

SESSION OF JANUARY 5

MAJOR C.W. WASHBURN, A/Director of Education, opened the session of JAN. 5, 45.

1. Plans for Northern Region.

Discussion of the topic brought the following decisions:

- a) Regional Education Officers assigned to the regions of Venezia, Lombardia,

Piemonte, and Liguria will submit tentative clear-out plans in regard to the manner in which they plan to operate the Northern Regions.

- b) Personnel required, provveditori needed for large "sedi", list of cities in which branch education offices will be established, etc. will be included in the report.

2. Civilian Specialists in Education.

Shortage of specialized military personnel will require the appointment of one or more civilian specialists in education to assist the REO in each region. The man appointed should be acquainted with the functioning of the Italian education system.

Agreement was unanimous that the military should make provisions for mess- ing and lodging in AMG territory of Italian civilians employed as specialists.

Discussion of the problem of transportation for both Provveditori agli Studi and civilian specialists showed an unsatisfactory situation. Few Prefects have cooperated in finding transport for key school officials.

Captain NOE and Lieutenant SIMONI were assigned to write a report on the selection and appointment of civilian specialists in education.

3. Functioning of Schools in Cold Weather.

Major WASHBURN reported that glass for the schools will not be made available this winter. However, REOs were asked to submit to Education Subcommission complete reports of needs for their region as soon as possible; meanwhile, all available "dead glass" in buildings should be utilized.

Schools may be closed at the discretion of Provveditori agli Studi in those sectors where the extreme cold weather would make functioning impossible. The time lost must be made up by extending school into the summer for the equal number of days lost. The REO will give authority in writing to Provveditori agli Studi to act accordingly.

4. Transfer of Teachers.

The policy to be adopted in the future in regard to transfer of teachers will be that of cutting to a minimum transfers, during the course of the school year.

5. Defacement.

Major WASHBURN reported on the following:

- a) Executive Memorandum 67 will be revised to include the right to suspend inspectors, presidi, and directors of schools.

- b) The Minister of Public Instruction has expressed agreement in regularizing the present Hearing Committees based upon the requirements established by D.L. 159. The same personnel appointed under A.M.G. at the request of the RZO will be retained when possible. At least one magistrate should be on each committee. This action will make the present Hearing Committees the official epuration body of the Italian Government with all the powers given by D.L. 159. General Order No. 35 will not be in conflict with the newly planned procedure.
- c) The Ministry of Public Instruction will recommend the establishment of an Appeal Commission to hear the cases of the 200 suspended Neapolitan teachers.
- d) The High Commissioner for Epuration must have all practices ready by January 29, 1945, on all suspended school personnel from grades 1 to 4 inclusive. RZOs are requested to submit immediately all available data on epurated university personnel.
- e) Discussion on personnel of Learned Societies brought forth the following points:
 - (1) Personnel of Learned Societies is not handled by the Provincial Hearing Committees, but is subject to epuration by a national central committee.
 - (2) Suspended university personnel due for epuration may not be employed by a "learned Society."

6. Increases of Teachers' Salary.

The recent decree on raise of salary for all State employees (teachers included) became effective in Italian Government Territory, but was not implemented for Military Government Territory. Further information on this matter was requested. (Note: this statement later proved incorrect. The decree of 18 November, No. 328, published in Official Gazette No. 86 of 25 November was implemented for Military Government Territory in Gazette No. 93 of 16 December. Subsequently, in Gazette No. 4 of 9 January this was amended to give each Provincial Commissioner the right to determine the date of effect in his province).

7. Refugee Teachers.

The problem of refugee teachers is no longer acute. Travel to Southern Italy has improved. The Sardegna High Commissioner has special transportation available from Naples to the island which can accommodate essential workers.

Pesaro, Fano, and Ancona cities are temporarily closed against return of teachers, for lack of civilian living accommodations - also Lucca and Livorno.

8. Financing Expenses of Provveditori.

The Education Subcommission has discussed the matter of increasing the

expense accounts of Provveditori with the Minister of Public Instruction who is favorable toward this action, but has not yet obtained the consent of the Minister of Treasury.

9. University fees and budgets.

The Ministry of Public Instruction has not yet issued a decree on the increase of University Fees. Increase of fees may be handled on a Regional basis. The best procedure to adopt will be to require students to pay the normal fees. At the end of the school year any increase in fees will be paid before taking final examinations.

Universities will prepare required budgets. The Ministry of Public Instruction may justify larger sums requested over those of previous years.

Deficits will be sent to Ministry for consideration. Supplementary budgets may be submitted.

10. Text Books.

Captain BEARD presented a brief statistical report on the text book situation and progress of printing in Palermo, Naples, Rome, and Florence.

Libraries in Florence did not respond enthusiastically toward the books printed and distributed by the Consorzio Editoriale Libri Testi Elementari - Firenze.

The Consorzio will be urged to get books out quickly.

Major WASHBURN suggested that the confiscation and purging of text books be followed up by each Regional Education Officer.

Books must be officially approved. Upon approval paper and inks for printing will be released.

"Because of electricity shortage in Florence no extra copies of new text books can be printed.

A separate book on Religion may and usually should be added to new series above the third class, rather than combining Religion with some other unrelated subject.

All "Libri dello Stato" will be printed and distributed as soon as possible. Each Provveditore agli Studi must notify book stores of number of books needed in his province. Book stores should also notify the Provveditore as to number of books available.

Major WASHBURN pointed out that the responsibility for book printing and distribution in each Region rests on the Regional Education Officer. Captain BEARD, in charge of text books, is the coordinating officer and will manage the details as far as possible.

Captain NOE suggested that the Regional Education Officer should be the assistant to Captain BEARD rather than Captain BEARD his helper.

The distribution of the text books will be carried out by printers. The meeting adjourned at 1300 hours January 5.

SESSION OF JANUARY 6:

MAJOR WASHBURN opened the Session of Jan 6, 45.

Captain NOE invited Brigadier General EDGAR ENSKINE HUME to meet with the Education Subcommittee in order to clear several points relating to the planning for the Northern Regions. He introduced him to the members of the Subcommittee.

The first question directed to General HUME related to the treatment, food and lodging, of civilian education specialists employed by AMG.

General HUME suggested that authority be obtained for civilian specialists to stay at Officers' Messes, as this would be the only solution. He asked to have a memorandum on the subject and said he would try to be of help.

A memorandum letter to mention practice to various messes should be issued rather than an order.

General HUME stated that Education and Fine Arts officers should be in on the start of operations in newly occupied territory - particularly to check the requisitioning of related buildings.

General HUME approved Captain FRATT's suggestion to issue an order keeping Army from requisitioning buildings of the University of Bologna. (A list of the most important school buildings should be submitted to Army Commanders).

Since 9th and 5th Armies will appoint the Pro Rectors of Universities falling into liberated territory the General wished to have the education Subcommittee submit a confidential list of possible appointments for each position.

General HUME asked for copies of the old and new text books in order to bring out the difference in text book planning comparing the new and the old.

General HUME assured the Education Officers of his interest and cooperation in the work of the Education Division.

11. Buildings.

Regional Education Officers were requested to submit statement as to number of school buildings requisitioned where such requisitioning appeared to be unjustified.

A full report of important cases of requisitioning of schools will be submitted to Education Subcommittee, when the aid of the Commission is required to solve a situation. Full particulars will be needed.

Reports on glass requirements for each Region must be submitted by Regional Education Officers as soon as possible. Total 2 square meters of glass needed and number of communes included in report is the essential information requested.

Major WASHBURN described the tentative plan that provincial committees of engineers and architects be established in order to report on school building repair needs in each province. The responsibility for this survey should be given to Provveditore agli Studi and to "Genio Civile. The information requested is on amount and kind of materials needed. The results will be compared with the amount of materials available locally and what must be imported giving the basis on which to plan a useful report of needs in each Region. The Ministry of Public Works will approve requests.

12. School Supplies.

250 tons of paper have been made available for quaderni. In Italy there is an excess of "news print" which could be used for the printing of quaderni.

Chalk may be imported from Sardegna. REOs, however, report that there is a shortage of chalk.

13. General Items.

In order to keep Provveditori informed on each other's work and experience Major MURPHY suggested that the Minister issue a monthly journal for such interchange, or use such a journal as the Cronaca Scolastica.

Also a bulletin could be mimeographed and issued to all Provveditori by the Education Subcommission.

It was agreed, from the suggestion by Captain PRATT, that important decrees relating to education, published in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale", be translated into English for distribution to Education Officers.

The Education Subcommission offered thanks to Captain NOE, Regional Education Officer, Toscana Region, for his hospitality and efficient planning which made it possible to hold the Subcommission's conference at Florence.

The meeting adjourned at 1300 hours, January 6, 1945.

/s/ John P. Simoni

JOHN P. SIMONI
1st. Lt. C.M.P.
Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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26 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Meeting of Regional Education
Officer, ~~4-5~~ January, 1945
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TO : The Regional Education Officer,

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1. The meeting of the Regional Education Officers will be held in Florence, Friday and Saturday, 5 and 6 January, beginning at 0900, 4 January.
2. Capt. Roe has made reservations for all Education officers at the Hotel Excelsior, Florence, beginning the evening of 3 January.
3. Meetings will probably be held in the Hotel Excelsior, but if not Capt. Roe will be in the lobby of the Hotel at 0915, 4 January, to notify all officers of the exact place.
4. Please notify Capt. Roe, sending copy to me, as to whether or not you will be able to attend.

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

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Headquarters Emilia Region
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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Reference : 100.53

23 December 1944

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Subject : Conference of Education
Sub-Commission

To : Education Sub-Commission, A.C.
(Attention: Major C.W. Washburne)

1. Reference your ED/CD/AC of 20 December 1944.
2. I trust we may know the exact place of the meeting of the Education Subcommission on 4 and 5 of January as soon as possible since arrangements must be made for transport at an early date.
3. For the agenda may I suggest the following topics:
 - a. Procedures for defascistization.
 - b. Printing of Textbooks.
 - c. Availability of Other Instructional Supplies.
 - d. School Heating Problems.

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20 December 1944

SUBJECT : Meeting of REO's.

TO : Regional Education Officer
Toscana Region.

*This letter just
received.
24 Dec.*

1. With our usual slow mail service I have not yet heard definitely from you about accommodations for the meeting of REO's 4 and 5 January.
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3. If the meeting is to be in Florence are you able to arrange accommodations?
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5. May I have an immediate reply?

C. W. Washburne

24 Dec

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

I wrote you the day following the receipt of your letter that arrangements were all O. K. for the meeting here. Col Michie says we have his blessings. The hotel wants to let me know later about the room for the meeting. Tell officers to ask at the clerk's office place of meeting in case I don't get the information in time for you to send it out. (over)

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Reservations for rooms for you
and D. K.

Merry Christmas

John

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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20 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Meeting of Education Subcommittee

TO : Regional Commissioner,

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WILSON S. WASHBURN
Major, USA
A/Director of Education.

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Education Subcommittee
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Education Subcommittee
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Major, 1883
A/Director of Education.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission

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ED/6D/AC

14 December, 1944

SUBJECT : Conference of REO's

TO : Regional Education Officer, Toscana Region.

1. On your invitation it was decided at the last meeting of REO's to have the next meeting in Florence, 4 and 5 January, 1945.
2. Will you make reservations for all officers, or should each try to get his own reservation on arrival? If the latter, is there likely to be any difficulty?

3. The officers who will be invited to attend are as follows :

Lt. De Bellis (Sicily),
Capt. Magstaff (Sardinia),
Major Murphy,
Major Gregory,
1st Lt. Simoni,
Capt. Pratt,
Major Bird,
Capt. Vesselo,
Capt. Beard,
Capt. Vella,
Major Washburne,

In addition to the four officers in Toscana (Captains Nee, Hellman & Tilree and Lt. Chrichton).

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

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Major, AUS
A/Director of Education.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

Report of the Meeting of the Education Subcommittee, A.C.

10-11 November 1944

Rome

1. A meeting of the regional education officers and staff members of the Education Subcommittee was held at Rome on 10-11 November 1944 at which Major C. W. Washburne, A/Director presided. The first session was held at 0900 hours attended by the following officers:

Major C. W. Washburne	A/Director Education Subcommittee
Captain A. A. Vesselo	Education Subcommittee
Captain H. R. Beard	Education Subcommittee
Major Joseph Murphy	Regional Education Officer, Southern Region
Major F. F. Gregory	Regional Education Officer, Lazio-Umbria Region
Lt. John Simoni	Regional Education Officer, Marche-Abruzzi Region
Capt. Sam V. Noe	Regional Education Officer, Toscana Region
Capt. Paul Heilman	Education Officer, Toscana Region
Capt. G. D. Tilroe	Education Officer, Toscana Region
Capt. Willis E. Pratt	Regional Education Officer, Emilia Region

2. Major Washburne opened the meeting by expressing his wish to have the subcommittee serve the needs of the regional officers and requested that suggestions be submitted freely by men in the field.

3. Captain Pratt inquired about the changes in policy which would be necessary with the change from Allied Control Commission to Allied Commission. It was the general consensus that neither our powers nor our responsibilities differed under the new organization. Major Washburne pointed out that, while some territory had been turned over to the Italian government, we were still responsible in such areas for the organization and functioning of schools. Major Gregory commented that the attitude of Italian officials in many cases had changed with the elimination of "control" from the title of the commission.

4. Captain Vesselo spoke briefly about the progress of the survey of Italian education. He found, he said, that much statistical research was necessary in order to verify data which were available. In the past the Italian government had collected few facts about its own school system. Captain Vesselo further reported that the early part of the historical division of the survey had been completed and that the statistical part was well under way. Work was continuing on the study of Italian education from the time Fascists came into power. The possibility of collecting data for the northern provinces similar to that obtained from the southern provinces was considered to be advisable at the appropriate time.

5. Major Washburne reported that a National Commission on Educational Reconstruction had been appointed by the Minister of Education and was now at work. He said that the group was a large one, several members of

which had served previously on commissions organized by the Subcommission. The Commission was studying two plans for the Scuola Media Inferiore, one which included Latin for the Classical schools and one without Latin for the other types of secondary schools. The Minister of Education appeared to favor the idea of two such separate schools rather than a common school for all students.

6. Major Washburne then reviewed the plan for the establishment of teacher-study groups throughout Italy, each group to have not more than twelve members for the purpose of discussing problems which would be submitted. Each group in turn would elect one member to another group of similar size, an estimated four levels being required to include all teachers in Italy. The Minister of Education expressed an interest in this plan and problems for teacher-study are now being developed.

7. Major Washburne also announced the appointment of a Building Plans Committee composed of Italian business men to study the needs for Italian school building reconstruction. It will be the responsibility of this committee to organize a program of emergency repairs to buildings this year and to plan a long-range building program for Italian schools in the future. The first of such plans are to be reported to the Minister of Education in the near future.

8. Major Washburne also reported that work was progressing on the translation of books in the educational field from America, England and Russia. Two books from the United States are partially finished and books from Great Britain have recently arrived. Those from Russia are expected to be submitted in the near future. He asked that officers suggest other books which they feel should be included in a series to acquaint Italians with educational organization and methods in the other Allied nations.

9. It was reported that attempts were now being made to obtain from the United States books and periodicals for use in Italian Universities. Thus far only a few from private sources have been received. However, arrangements are now being made for the shipment of exchange periodicals from both Great Britain and the United States.

10. Major Washburne then reported concerning the progress made in the reorganization of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in Italy. He reported that Mr. Logan, British representative of the International Boy Scouts, had come from Cairo to assist in arrangements for an affiliation of the two groups, the Catholic and the non-Fascist groups, called Association of Young Explorers and Corps of Young Explorers, respectively, with the international organization. Through his efforts a federation of the two groups was evolved, each to have autonomy and each to appoint two members to a federated board which would serve as a link between the local groups and the international organization. Each group was to elect a president of the board in alternate years. The Vatican has approved the plan for the Catholic scout organization. Major Washburne suggested that groups in the provinces should be affiliated with one or the other. Captain Heilman suggested that such a federation on a provincial level would also be desirable in order to prevent local competition. Major Washburne further stated that the organization of Girl Guides was just getting under way, approximately three hundred girls having enrolled in the city of Rome.

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11. Forms for monthly reports of the schools in each province to the Education Subcommittee were distributed as well as forms in Italian to be given to Provveditori agli Studi for the compilation of the necessary data. Other statistical forms prepared for Emilia Region were distributed for possible use by the other Regional Directors.
12. The Acting Director asked that monthly reports from Regional Officers be submitted not later than the fifth day of each month. The report is to be divided into two parts, the first to include general items in such form that it may be embodied as a part of the monthly report of the Education Subcommittee, and the second part to be in more detail for use of Regional Commissioners and others.
13. It was requested that reports on the survey of window glass needs be filed as soon as possible. Next to hospitals, schools have been given first priority but since much of this material must be imported from the United States, requests must be filed immediately.
14. Captain Beard reported on the textbook situation, stating that able representatives of the Ministry were now at work in the regions but that the representative in Rome was inefficient. Captain Noe reported that the first books were now coming from the presses in Florence and asked that Captain Beard come there as soon as possible to attend to matters which needed his personal guidance. Major Murphy reported that almost no books were available in the Southern Region due to the freezing of paper supplies by the other military organizations. Major Washburne called the group's attention to the directive which provided for provincial and regional approval of textbooks for elementary and secondary schools.
15. It was announced that the revised directives were ready for distribution but that some changes might be necessary in the part dealing with defascistization. It was suggested that these directives be substituted for those already distributed in Lazio-Umbria, Marche-Abruzzi and Toscana regions.
16. It was announced that revised programs of study for the elementary schools were now available and others for the secondary schools would be ready for distribution within the next few days.
17. Printing of the lists of approved and disapproved books was now in progress and should be ready for distribution within the near future, the group was informed.
18. There was considerable discussion concerning the problem of transportation of teachers and of materials of instruction. Major Washburne asked Regional officers in the northern regions to notify him when teachers from those regions, now residing in Rome, were needed. Adequate transport for Provveditori was recognized as one of the most important problems. Lt. Simoni stated that in his region the adjutant was notified when transport for teachers was necessary and that he then arranged for them to be taken to their posts by means of AMG trucks which were used for the delivery of food supplies.

19. Of equal importance was the matter of clearing schools of troops, refugees and other groups so that they might be available for school purposes. Capt. Noe called ^{attention} to the letter sent by the former A/Director of the Education Subcommittee which discouraged the opening of schools in Army areas. It was pointed out that sindaci and prefects should be held responsible for ejecting party organizations, refugees and sfollati in their various provinces and communes.

20. In discussing the repairs of buildings and the provision of heating materials, Capt. Noe called attention to the fact that most building materials are now blocked by Army order. Others pointed out the difficulties in having materials transported if and when they could be found.

21. Capt. Pratt inquired about our relationship with Patriot groups and the N.C.L. It was generally agreed that such groups had no legal status and, while *give advice and attention to* we should ~~accept~~ their recommendations and suggestions, we were in no manner bound by commitments which they had made *or obliged to follow their recommendations.*

22. Several regional officers stated that the Minister of Education was dealing directly with school officials in Allied Military Government territory. Major Washburne stated that the Subcommittee would ^{advise} the Minister concerning this matter. *The Minister himself was scrupulous as to channels, but that members of the Ministry sometimes got out of line. He said*

Meeting adjourned 1600 hours 10 November 1944

The meeting reconvened on 11 November 1944 at 0900 hours with the same group present as had attended the first session.

23. Major Washburne read General Order No. 35 dealing with a new defascistization program and the administrative orders which were to accompany it. It was generally agreed that the present system employed by the education division had proved to be both an effective and systematic one and that this order would make such procedures used in the past inoperative. Major Washburne suggested three possible alternatives which we might propose to the administrative section as follows:

- a. That General Order No. 35 would not apply to the Education Division.
- b. That we continue with our present system but have suspensions reviewed by Provincial Commissions.
- c. That General Order No. 35 be modified to fit our own system.

provisions Provincial Major Murphy suggested that we adapt our system to the proposed order and ~~if necessary~~ have it modified so that we and other special divisions might operate under its ~~provisions~~. It was generally agreed that this be done and that we utilize the ~~provisions~~ Provincial Commissions for the duties now performed by our Hearing Commissions. It was further agreed that we ask that a clause be included in the covering letter allowing each special division to continue with its present practice.

24. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Subcommittee on 5 and 6 January 1945 in Florence.

25. Lt. Simoni asked about the use of the F.F.S. and the Public Safety Division in the vetting of personnel. It was agreed that since General Order 35 no longer provided for the examination of ~~schede~~ by these groups and ~~since~~ our present practice did not provide for it, such was no longer ~~necessary~~ except in special cases.

It was further agreed that Hearing Commissions now in operation would continue until Provincial Commissions were appointed to take over their duties.

26. Major Washburne then read the Administrative Instructions Pursuant to General Order No. 35 and the Letter to Regional Commissioners. It was deemed advisable to ask for a change in that part of the instructions which stated that no system was to be used except that provided for under Administrative Order No. 67.

27. Major Murphy and Capt. Noe both expressed concern with the control of paper supplies as it affected the printing of textbooks. Major Murphy explained that in the Southern Region all paper supplies for the printing of textbooks had been blocked. It was explained that AFB is an organization of the A.C. on which was also represented PWB. Major Washburne agreed to bring this matter to the attention of Mr. Edmonds in Rome.

28. Capt. Noe asked for a clarification of the status of the collegio in which two different ministries were interested. Major Washburne stated that the Minister of Education was concerned with the educational aspects of such institutions but that the boarding of students was a responsibility of welfare. Many of these schools concerned the care of children of foreign parents.

29. Capt. Beard announced that forms were prepared to keep up to date the status of the printing of textbooks in each center and asked that all available information be sent to him promptly to include in his weekly reports.

30. Responsibility for the printing and approval of textbooks was defined as follows:

- a. Capt. Beard was responsible for the printing of all elementary school textbooks but he might feel free to call upon the regional education officers in the centers where printing was authorized for assistance.
- b. Authorization of additional elementary school textbooks was a responsibility of the regional education officers. Notice of such authorizations were to be sent to A.C. for approval and for information of the Minister of Education.
- c. For secondary school textbooks, commissions were to recommend those necessary to PWB, the regional education officer to authorize the printing.

31. Major Gregory stated that he had received materials for distribution by the British Army Education Corps. It was agreed that this was not one of our responsibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 1300 hours 11 November 1944

Willis E. Pratt
WILLIS E. PRATT
Capt., A.U.S.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

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SUBJECT : Agenda for conference of Education Officers.

TO : A/Director, Education Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. This office proposes the following topics for the Education Conference scheduled for 10 and 11 November:

2. Text-Books
3. Transportation of Teachers
4. Class for School Buildings
5. Continued pay of teachers who are refugees and are unable to find transportation to their positions
6. Lack of transportation for Provveditor's staff, study, and
7. Use of school buildings to house refugees
8. Lack of housing facilities for teachers.

Sam V. Noy
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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Reference : REX/ED/ 100.53

5 November 1944

Subject : Meeting of Education Subcommittee

To : Education Subcommittee, A.C.
(Attention: Major C. W. Washburne, Director)

1. Ref your letter announcing the meeting of the Education Subcommittee to be held at Rome on 10 and 11 November 1944.
2. The Regional Commissioner has granted permission for me to attend.
3. May I suggest the following items to be included on the agenda:
 - a. Present policies concerning the suspension and dismissal of school personnel.
 - b. Our relationships with the Patriot section and our attitude toward the National Committee of Liberation.
 - c. Implications of the change of Allied Control Commission to the Allied Commission in the Education Subcommittee.
 - d. Present status of elementary and secondary school textbooks and other instructional supplies.
 - e. Plans for making minor repairs to school buildings and for providing fuel for heating plants during winter months.
4. Other items which come to mind for discussion you have doubtless already included.

Willis E. Pratt
Willis E. Pratt, Capt. AUS
Regional Education
Officer

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8 November 1944

Charges for living quarters for teachers.

H.E. the Prefect of Benevento

1. Information has reached this office that teachers going to their posts for the new school year are facing exorbitant charges for living accommodations in many communes, even the smallest.

2. One statement made to this office cited a charge of 1000 lire per month for accommodations. The teacher's salary is 1000 lire per month. Obviously this cannot obtain.

3. Your Excellency has been requested by this office to call to the attention of the sindaco the plight of the teachers and the need for universal cooperation if the education of Italy's children is to proceed. For Your Excellency's this office is most grateful.

4. The attention of Your Excellency is called to the Royal Legal Decree, 15 June 1936, No. 1387, Article 13 (Official Gazette No. 209), converted into law, 19 January 1936, No. 486, Article 1 (Official Gazette No. 68), which "froze" prices of rooms, apartments, houses, etc. This law is still in force and may assist in solving the problem now under consideration.

5. It is requested that this matter be called to the attention of all sindaco under your jurisdiction and that a copy of your letter or order be forwarded to this office.

For the Bene Commission:

JMM/edl.

Copy to Subcom-ission ✓
" " provveditore

JOSEPH E. MURPHY
Major A.C.
Bene Education Officer

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TO: WASHBURN HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N23/07

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Allied Military Government
APO 394

Reference : RIX/ED/100.53

1 November 1944

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Subject : Memorandum

To : Education Subcommittee, A.C.
(Attention: Major C. W. Washburne, A/Director)

1. Ref your ED/3.7/ACC of 27 October 1944, this will acknowledge receipt of Ministerial Directives for the provveditori of Forli and Ravenna Provinces.

2. It would appear to me that these directives must be rewritten before they are issued, first, because the Minister of Education has no right to issue directives in territory under Allied Military Government, and second, because the directive itself calls for a report from the provveditori direct to the Minister of Education.

3. I suspect that these were actually prepared for provinces now under control of the Italian government. If so, they should be issued here over the signature of the Provincial or the Regional Commissioner. Does this not seem to you to be the proper procedure?

4. I am enclosing for your information a copy of my monthly report to the Regional Commissioner.

Willis E. Pratt
Willis E. Pratt
Capt. A. U. S.
Regional Education
Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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30 October 1944

SUBJECT : Education Subcommittee Meeting.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
(Att: Education Officer).

1. There will be a meeting of the Education Subcommittee at the Hotel Flora, Rome, 10 and 11 November, beginning at 0900 hours Friday, 10 November.

2. It is requested that all Education Officers attend this meeting if possible.

3. Education Officers are requested to submit to this Hq. as soon as possible suggestions as to any items they wish to include in the agenda.

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

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

Report of the Meeting of the Education Subcommittee ACC
5-6 August 1944

A meeting of the regional directors of education and staff members of the Education Subcommittee was called at Rome on 5 and 6 August 1944 by Lt. Colonel T. V. SMITH, Director of the Education Subcommittee, Allied Control Commission. The first session was held at 0900 hours attended by the following officers:

Lt. Colonel T. V. SMITH	-Director of Education Subcommittee
Lt. Colonel H. T. ROWELL	-Regional Education Officer, Region IV
Major C. W. WASHBURNE	-D/Reg. Education Officer, Region IV
	D/Director of Education Subcommittee
Major G. R. KOORMAN	-Education Subcommittee
Major J. C. BIRT	-Regional Education Officer, Region V
Captain P. L. HEILMAN	-Regional Education Officer, Region III
Captain G. F. T. WAGSTAFF	-Regional Education Officer, Region VI
Captain S. V. NOE	-Regional Education Officer, Region VIII
Captain W. E. PRATT	-Education Officer, Region IV
Captain A. A. VESSELO	-Education Subcommittee
Captain H. R. BEARD	-Education Subcommittee
Captain F. F. GREGORY	-Education Officer, Region IV
Captain D. G. TILROE	-Education Officer, Region VIII
Lieutenant J. V. VELLA	-Education Subcommittee
2nd Lieut. J. P. SIMONI	-Education Officer, Region IV

1. Colonel SMITH opened the meeting by pointing out changes in our relationships with the ministry resulting from the recent move of this office and the Subcommittee from Salerno to Rome. He explained that here the ministry had at its disposal a large and well-qualified staff, which it was now about to purge of fascism, and thus had the facilities to assume a larger share of the burden in the rehabilitation of the Italian school system. The Minister of Public Instruction, he said, was a man who possessed both statemanship and vision and combined the qualities of a philosopher and a man of action. He recalled the Minister's "Address to Italian Teachers", a copy of which had been sent to all Regional Education Officers. In it the Minister substitutes a psychology of peace and internationalism for one of nationalism and war.

Colonel SMITH then called attention to the recent decree on defascism issued by the Italian Government and approved for Allied Military Government by Brigadier LUSH. He said that in the future we should treat this matter in a manner agreeable to the Minister of Public Instruction, for to him the initiative has passed.

2. Colonel SMITH then related the action of the Italian Association of University Professors in indicting the Education Subcommittee for its appointment of titular professors outside of the provisions of Italian

law in the universities of Sicily. The association wishes to have these positions returned to a competitive status which has existed in the past. Colonel SMITH stated that he felt that the association was correct but wanted suggestions as to ways in which we could rectify our error without "losing face". After some discussion Colonel SMITH suggested that some arrangements should be made with the ministry so that our appointees would receive legal justice. Lieutenant VELLA suggested that these appointees be given an examination after three years to determine their fitness, a procedure now accepted in Italian practice. It was suggested that the High Commissioner would not support us in appointments which were made contrary to Italian civil service law, but that we must safeguard our own course while rectifying it.

3. Captain HEILMAN reported on the situation in Region 3. When the turnover was made from A.M.G. TO A.C.C. he said that he had conferences with each of the provveditori and had explained their new status to them. He described the awkward administrative problem which resulted from part of Naples province being subject to A.C.C. and part to A.M.G. He further stated that the provveditori no longer come to him for purely administrative matters and that his responsibilities were now solely supervisory and advisory.

4. In reporting for Region 8 Captain NOE said that thus far he had acted chiefly in the capacity of a real estate agent, relating the trials and tribulations faced in finding furniture suitable for the office of the Regional Education Officer. He further stated that the Regional offices had been moved from Orvieto to Siena, that a temporary provveditore agli studi had been appointed in Grosseto and that the schools had been closed there since April 1943. The rector of Siena University, Spirito, had resigned under pressure and the head of the faculty appointed temporarily to head the university. He mentioned the activity of the partisans in promoting their own people for public office.

Colonel ROWELL entered the meeting here.

5. Colonel ROWELL then reported for Region 4 stating that he expected to consult General Johnson within a few days concerning the release of school buildings by troops, refugees, and other personnel. However, he admitted that we would need to except schools now being used for hospitals. He told of the problems which were confronted in the reorganization of the University of Rome. Upon his arrival the university was occupied by the 3rd Division and he assisted in closing off rooms and equipment to safeguard valuable materials from damage. Later this division moved and in doing so left the property in satisfactory condition.

Colonel ROWELL further stated that Colonel POLETTI had appointed, on his recommendation, a Committee of Rehabilitation, which had to date suspended twenty-five alleged Fascists and had referred to the Minister of Public Instruction many more cases with appropriate advice.

The Region 4 Director called the attention of Officers to the presence of Sanchez who has come from the Library of Congress in Washington to arrange for the exchange of publications.

Major KOORMAN entered the meeting here.

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6. Major WASHBURN, in reporting further for Region 4, stated that schools in the three southern provinces of the region had been reopened immediately even though the area was badly devastated, and that progress was being made now in reopening schools in 65 of the communes of Rome province.

7. Captain GREGORY reported that provveditori agli Studi had been appointed for the provinces of Viterbo, Rieti and Terni, in all three provinces of which schools functioned little last year. He stated that Terni and Viterbo were badly damaged and that there had been little damage to Rieti. He said some schools had been reopened and others would begin in the near future.

8. Several officers stated that there was some confusion in the orders concerning the payment of school personnel especially suspended persons. It was the opinion of some that only family allowances were permitted and of others than base pay was the only remuneration allowed. No decision was reached at this point, though it was indicated that the new defascism decree settles the matter by prescription.

9. Major BIRT in reporting for Region 5, stated that the provinces of Macerata and Ancona were still under the jurisdiction of the 8th. Army. In Chieti the schools have been closed for a year. In Aquila a new provveditore agli studi has been appointed and here schools have functioned for most of the past year. In Toscana an acting Provveditore has been selected and at Teramo a temporary provveditore, appointed by the partisans, is now in office. A temporary Provveditore agli Studi has been appointed in Ascoli. Major BIRT further stated that vetting had been undertaken and some textbooks distributed. He stated that one section of the region, that of Pescara and the lower parts of Chieti and Aquila, had suffered severe damage. In other parts of the region there had been little damage and few buildings were occupied by troops. He stated that some schools would open in three provinces on September 1st and others on September 15th.

10. Captain WAGSTAFF, in reporting for Region 6, stated there was little further to add to his previous study. In attempting to confirm a report of 72% attendance for the region, investigation showed good attendance in classes 1, 2, and 3 and very poor attendance in classes 4 and 5. He concluded that now, as in normal times, education stops for most children at the age of ten years. The high cost of textbooks, he emphasized, made it impossible for many children, especially in the remote areas, to purchase them. He further explained the serious situation which now existed in the lack of supplies and said that 80% of the schools must close next year if some instructional materials were not made available. He reported that all schools in the Island were open except those in Cagliari.

The Minister of Public Instruction entered here.

11. The Minister of Public Instruction, De Ruggiero Guido, was introduced by Colonel SMITH to the officers present. He expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the Allied officers in helping to rehabilitate the Italian school system. In accord with the recent decree he stated that 51 professors and 25 incaricati professors had been dismissed.

Supplies for the coming year were discussed and the Minister agreed

that he would investigate the situation in Sardinia during his coming visit there.

In discussing the procedures to be followed in defascism the Minister agreed that present practices be continued in accordance with the Italian decree so that there might be continuity of procedure when the Italian Government assumed control. He admitted that there still existed some confusion in the legal status of the program in territory under control of A.M.G.

The Minister expressed a belief that suspended personnel were entitled to base pay only and agreed to obtain a legal ruling in the matter.

He then discussed at some length his plans for the reorganization of the program for the teaching of history, explaining that a re-writing of contemporary history would not suffice but that the whole history of Italy should be revised in such a way as to give to children a hope for the future in a universal instead of a national philosophy.

12. Colonel SMITH announced that the meeting would reconvene for a short session on 6 August 1944 at 1130 hours to discuss the results of the meeting of the heads of Subcommissions earlier in the day.

13. Major WASHBURNE discussed the publication of textbooks for the coming year. He reported that a full-time staff member of the Italian Ministry was at work and would be responsible for all the details of publication. The responsibility of the Regional Education Officers would be confined to the making of necessary arrangements for power and transportation. Major WASHBURNE further stated that paper and supplies had been found for the Rome printing and that books would be ready early in the Fall. For Regions VIII and IX printing will be done at Florence.

In discussing the selection of secondary textbooks, Major WASHBURNE stated that all secondary school books not on the lists for approval or disapproval should be sent to the National Commission at Rome to obtain permission for their use in schools. For the printing of such textbooks, a local commission should be selected to determine those of greatest need if WFB is in control of paper supplies and wishes to have advice as to the books to be allowed. If WFB is not in control of paper supplies no approval for reprinting would be necessary but only for use in the schools.

14. Captain VESSELO reported on the work of the survey of Italian Education. He reported that survey results had been submitted by 19 of the 27 provinces surveyed exclusive of the provinces of Enna, Potenza, Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Campobasso, Benevento and Salerno. He also stated that reports had not been received from the Universities of Cagliari, Messina, Catania and Naples. He urged regional education officers to assist in having these reports filed at the earliest possible time.

The survey will consist of three parts as follows: 1) Historical Background 2) Statistical data for a) Southern Italy and perhaps b) Northern Italy and 3) Suggestions. Colonel SMITH suggested that we consider the study of southern Italy as a finished project and then determine later what disposition to make of the problem of the northern area. It was suggested that the Italian Government ~~study~~ study the whole country at a later date.

15. A statement of Plans and Policies prepared for Region IV was distributed and formed the basis of a discussion of desirable procedures for other regions as well.

It was agreed that vetting procedures would need to await a clarification of our position which Colonel SMITH would obtain from the Legal Department.

Differences in practices now existing in financing the schools would be clarified by a definite policy established by the Finance Subcommittee.

Colonel SMITH stated that higher authority suggested the organization of the Boy Scouts on a national level await the period of rehabilitation, or the coming to Italy of specialized persons for the job.

The meeting adjourned at 1700 hours.

The meeting reconvened at 1130 hours 6 August 1944 to hear a report from Colonel SMITH concerning the meeting of the heads of Subcommissions, with all officers present except Major KOCHMAN and Colonel ROWELL.

1. Colonel SMITH reported on the Conference concerning the new law affecting the defascism decree. Instructions going out to Regional Commission do not take away right to "remove" any official for political or other reasons. Colonel SMITH stated that we might proceed with present practices, until further notice. Concerning finance, the new defascism decree provides, precisely as Education has been practicing, base salary for the suspended and pension rights for the dismissed.

Colonel SMITH suggested that we continue with our present machinery in Regions now operating or which will soon open, subject to amendments by Regional Commissioners. He further stated that the first concern of the new law is with Fascist in high places.

The question of accommodations for civilian drivers was discussed. Colonel SMITH indicated it a matter of general concern and of great difficulty in adjusting.

/s/ Willis E. Pratt
/c/ WILLIS E. PRATT
Captain, A.U.S.
D/Dir. Education Reg. IV

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ADDENDUMGENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DIRECTOR OF
EDUCATION AND THE MINISTER OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Dear Colonel,

As you will remember, in one of our conversations we recognized (given the present state of affairs) the appropriateness of not making definite appointments to the offices of Provveditore agli Studi and University Rector in the Provinces which have been liberated or which in the future will be liberated.

We thus agreed that the Provveditori agli Studi shall be considered "Reggenti" (as acting) and that, similarly, those proposed for the administration and supervision ("disciplina") of Universities shall be regarded as pro-rectors, a provisional title.

We then agreed that the Ministry will designate to the Education Sub-commission appointees suitable to fill such offices. Finally, we concurred that the power to adopt measures of suspension in the case of "presidi", professors and teachers or temporarily to fill teaching positions shall be delegated by me to the provveditori in accord with the local Allied Authorities. These same provveditori will ensure that those measures adopted will be brought to the attention of my Ministry.

The Terms of our agreements being such, I beg you, dear Colonel, to be so kind as to favor me with a reply in the affirmative, so that the procedure regulating these matters may be definitively established.

With every cordiality, believe me,

(Signed: DE RUGGIERO)

Dear Minister,

Your memory of our recent conversation on procedures of official convenience for educational appointments and removals is excellent; and I am grateful to you for the prompt and detailed summary of our accord.

Let me say to you, in turn, that

1. Only in exceptional cases, if any, will we make educational appointments other than as provisional.
2. We welcome and will liberally utilize suggestions from the Ministry as to proper persons for educational appointments.
3. It will be of great convenience for us to treat in regions with Provveditori as empowered to make, in accord with us, such suspensions as appear just and expedient.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed: SMITH)

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Education Sub-Commission

Report of Meeting of Regional Education Officers and Education Sub-Commission

2 - 3 June 1944

A meeting of the regional educational officers and staff members of the Education Sub-Commission was called at Manila on 2 and 3 June 1944, by Lt. Colonel C. V. Blunt, Director Education Sub-Commission, A.C.C. The first session was held at 0900 hours attended by the following officers:

Lt. Colonel C. V. Blunt	Director Education Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Major C. V. Blunt	D/Director Education Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Major C. J. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region IV
Major C. R. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region V
Captain C. V. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region I
Captain C. V. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region III
Captain C. V. Blunt	Education Officer, Region III
Captain C. V. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region II
Captain C. V. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region VII
Captain C. V. Blunt	Education Sub-Commission (1/1 Campobasso Prov)
Captain C. V. Blunt	Education Sub-Commission
Captain C. V. Blunt	Regional Education Officer, Region VI
Captain C. V. Blunt	Education Sub-Commission, Education Officer, Region IV
Captain C. V. Blunt	Education Sub-Commission (Universities)
Captain C. V. Blunt	Education Sub-Commission

Miss Gabriella Iorio Adviser

1. Growing Remarks - Colonel Blunt opened the meeting with a discussion of general policy of the Education Division during the coming months. He suggested that much of our work up to the present time has been of an experimental nature and that it would now be possible for us to approach a crystallization of policy. He emphasized that there are things within our power and things outside our power. The latter which is in the category of wisdom, but since that is today outside our power to control, we must have a policy which requires flexibility of adjustment. He suggested that we would do it by a kind of way of getting perspective on what we should do when we can. The conference has been planned on the Westphalian side, so as to include both - discussion of the larger ideal of Italian ^{policy} and to include our power to make it over, and a canvass of what we actually are doing and how to do it better.

2. Delegation - Major Blunt introduced the subject of Delegation.

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Captain J. J. BARNETT
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 Lieutenant J. J. BARNETT
 Lieutenant J. J. BARNETT
 Miss Gabriella Bonio
 Adviser
 Regional Education Officer, Region VII
 Education Sub-Commission (I/D Campobasso Prov)
 Education Sub-Commission
 Regional Education Officer, Region VI
 Education Sub-Commission, Education Officer,
 Region IV
 Education Sub-Commission (Universities)
 Education Sub-Commission

1. Opening Remarks - Colonel BARNETT opened the meeting with a discussion of general policy of the Education Division during the coming months. He suggested that much of our work up to the present time has been of an experimental nature and that it should now be possible for us to approach a crystallization of policy. He emphasized that there are things within our power and things outside our power. To know which is which is elementary wisdom. But since what is today outside may tomorrow be inside, and vice versa, policy requires flexibility of discussion. To discuss what we would do if we could is a helpful way of getting perspective on what we should do since we can. The conference has been planned, on the ^{Strada} administrative side, so as to include both a discussion of the larger ideal of Italian ^{Strada} and its way within our power to make it over, and a canvass of what we actually are doing and how to do it better.

2. Deinstitutionalization - Major BARNETT introduced the subject of deinstitutionalization. It was generally agreed that this should become a regional rather than a headquarters responsibility. The Sub-Commission, under this plan, would serve as a clearing house for the Ministry of Education. The following procedures were discussed and adopted to implement deinstitutionalization:

(1) In territory under control of Allied Military Government, Strada personnel for all administrative officers will be issued by the regional Education Officer through the provincial commissioner or the provveditore agli Studi.

(2) Strada will be examined according to regional procedures by the C.I.C., P.I.C., or Public Safety Division and dismissed or suspensions carried out by the Regional Commissioner or Chief of the Regional Education Officer.

(3) On a form provided by the Education Sub-Commission, the Education Officer will submit a card for each person dismissed or suspended and will keep the Strada for such persons on file in the regional office.

(4) In territory under control of the Italian government, either the Regional Education Officer or the provveditore agli Studi may request a Strada personnel from any teacher or administrative officer whose employment or retention is under consideration.

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(5) The Regional Education Officer will submit information of all persons recommended for dismissal or suspension on cards provided by the Education Sub-Commission. Accompanying each card will be a file for the individual concerned including details of suspension or dismissal, scheda, etc. This data will be submitted to the Minister of Public Instruction.

(6) The Regional Education Officer will also submit a card for each of those falling within the categories for dismissal, but retained, with accompanying data and supporting data on cards provided by the Education Sub-Commission. These cards, with accompanying materials, will then be forwarded by the Education Sub-Commission to the Minister of Public Instruction.

(7) Notification will sent to the Education Sub-Commission when an appeal has been made by a dismissed or suspended person. If an appeal is sent to the Regional Education Officer he will forward the same to the Education Sub-Commission.

3. Transfer of Teachers - The transfer of teachers and other school employees was then discussed and Colonel SHIFF presented the following proposed program which is to be recommended as amended to the Minister for his concurrence.

(1) Applicant will apply in writing to the Provveditore agli Studi in the province where he is.

(2) Provveditore, if he approves, will endorse the application and forward it as indicated below and will notify his Regional Education Officer to this effect.

(3) Applications originating in Italian Government territory will be channelled from the Provveditore agli Studi to the Ministry of Public Instruction, endorsed by him and passed to the Education Sub-Commission for forwarding to the Regional Education Officer of the region concerned in the transfer. He is then will pass it on to the Provveditore concerned. If the last named approves, approval will be sent through the same channels in reverse to the Provveditore in the province of origin and the transfer will become immediately effective.

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4. Youth Programs - Captain NOI opened the discussion by reporting the work which had been accomplished by the several youth commissions in Region 3, working in conjunction with the Education Sub-Commission. Following the recommendation of the Pre-School Commission, 19 or 20 kindergartens, about one-third of the total number, had been recently opened in Naples. The children are being furnished with lunch consisting of soup and milk each day. Acting upon suggestions made by the Elementary Commission for the formation of Boy Scout Groups, a study was made of the possibility of organizing such a movement in this Region. Captain NOI reported that the Church and Little League interest in such a movement and preferred to lend its support to the Catholic Boy Scouts. Political parties were also making attempts to organize youth groups of their own. It was decided that this group should lend its support to the formation of non-political, non-sectarian organization in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Instruction. Plans are being laid to open three or four summer play-grounds in Naples this summer. Following the recommendation of the Media Commission, Region 3 has inaugurated the formation of clubs and entertainments, hikes, school newspaper, reading rooms, forums and sports in the secondary school. Captain NOI further reported that the Regional Commissioner had abolished the Gai and that all property had been turned over to the Property Control Sub-Commission.

Major MASHEURNE reported that the commission for the reorganization of the Patronato Scolastico had completed a plan for the reorganization of this group with the assistance of similar commissions in other parts and that this program had been presented to the Minister of Public Instruction with a request that he issue a decree creating such an organization. Issuance of the decree is now awaited. Major MASHEURNE also reported that the Minister of Public Instruction has not yet taken action concerning the G.I. and Dopolavoro.

Captain MAGGIATI reported that many political parties in Sardinia were making attempts to organize their own scout groups. The Movimento a li Studi is planning to organize a national scout movement. Summer camps are also planned.

Captain VESILLO reported that scout groups were being formed in Lecce and that an enrollment of 1000 children is expected before the close of the month. He asked that the decree abolishing the Boy Scout be rescinded and that the Decree of December 21, 1916, be re-established. He also requested copies of new Scout manuals and material for the making of emblems.

Captain BENU reported that, acting on the suggestion of the University Commission, three types of club activities for the universities were being planned, sports, artistic and cultural.

5. Dopolavoro - Lieutenant SIMONE reported on the study of the Dopolavoro in Naples which has now been abolished by Colonel OLIVETTI. This study has included the objectives, background, financial status and equipment of the organization. A General Planning Committee of 20 members has been formed including the Minister of Public Instruction, Prefect, Sindaco and representatives of the Church. A coordinating Committee of seven members to implement the suggestions of the General Planning Committee is now at work. Five sub-committees have also been formed for the following activities (1) Spectacles (2) Sports (3) Courses (4) Home Economics and (5) Culture. At the present time plans have been completed for the teaching of languages, shorthand and typing. The policy of this committee is to retain all the good features of the old Dopolavoro and use its equipment and funds. The committee feels that it should be placed under the direction of the Minister of Public Instruction, that education and recreation should receive equal attention, and that teacher training be made a part of its general program.

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7. Minister of Public Instruction - Colonel SAITH introduced Professor Onodori, Minister of Public Instruction, to the Education Officers. The Minister spoke briefly about the history of Italian education and the necessity for returning Italian education to a pre-Fascist status. He bespoke severity for Fascists in high places and leniency for those in positions of less importance. He emphasized the need for many transfers at this time and assured Allied Officers of his desire for their advice. He expressed his appreciation for

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the liberty which the Allies had brought to Italian shores.

In reply to a question raised by Colonel SMITH concerning the status of infascistization, the Minister reported that he had recently appointed school inspectors to investigate the scholastic status of schools and also to help at the problems of the infascistization.

The Minister also pointed out the injustices which sometimes result from the dismissal of school officials on the basis of categories.

In reply to Captain BRIDGMAN's query concerning the administrations of examinations, the Minister stated that it was his intention to examine only materials covered during the school year and that that law providing for failure in no more than two subjects had been abolished.

Captain VIGNELLO requested that regional directors be informed of decrees issued by the Minister. Colonel SMITH announced the appointment of Lieutenant VALLI as liaison officer with the Ministry and expressed his confidence in the improvement of communications.

Captain MEE asked about the attitude of the Minister toward students who have recently struck against the curves about the examinations. The Minister stated that his explanation had been refused publication and that now this statement could not be made without giving the appearance of weakness on his part. He promised, however, to send a copy of this decree to all regional Education Officers.

In reply to a question from Colonel SMITH, the Minister stated that in his dealing with the League he was in general following the Concordat. He also asked the Minister to inform the League what might be done in the future which had not been done by education officers in the past. The Minister only asked that he be kept informed of his movements and of our actions.

Captain BRIDGMAN suggested that we do all possible to release the schools now being used by other than army organizations.

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C. Recommendation not within our power - Colonel SMITH asked for suggestions for the plans which we would propose for providing Italian education if we could. This discussion was introduced by Major KISHIMOTO who proposed a long-term plan for the reorganization of secondary education, to meet the problem of Italian Government.

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Colonel SMITH suggested that the size of circles be reduced and that additional school inspectors be increased because of difficulties in communication at the present time. It was suggested that it might be advantageous to have this as a permanent feature.

7. Reaffirmation of Policy - On recalling the discussion to what is within our power, Colonel SMITH reiterated as our mission (1) To recognize and to facilitate the functioning of schools; (2) To purge them of fascism and to substitute therefore the best books and personnel possible; and (3) To make such suggestions or improvements, as they are considered and feasible.

8. Regional Reports - Captain SMITH reported concerning student studies in Naples. He stated that the Minister feels that they have had adult leadership. The Regional Commissioner has stated that he would support the Minister.

Colonel SMITH asked that Regional Directors be informed of changes made by the Minister in administrative personnel. Colonel SMITH stated that

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this matter would be corrected.

Major MORRIS inquired about the decrees issued by the Minister, stating that any of them at the present time did not have legal status.

11. Text-books and Quizzes - Captain FRATTI reported that practically all text-books had been distributed and that the distribution of quizzes would continue for the next two or three years. He announced the additional printing of 5000 of each of three text-books.

Major WASHBURN advised that the present texts would be official for next year in accordance with an agreement with the Minister.

Major MORRIS asked for a directive setting the prices of text-books. Major WASHBURN suggested that a commission be organized in other regions, similar to that in Region 1, for the review and approval of manuscripts for printing.

Major MORRIS requested a copy of the Directive which gave powers to the AVE. He also asked that some provision be made about the inclusion of material on the King in next year's textbook.

12. Basic English text-books - A discussion of the teaching of English in Universities then took place. Some thought that we should urge AVE to prepare and print a basic English reader including a vocabulary of basic English.

It was also thought advisable to order Scout Books from the United States for the use of the Italian Scout Movement.

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18. Directives - A sustained group effort was made to revise the directives which had been issued to date in the light of our experience and for the sake of future need. Major WASIMUR stated that revised copies would be sent to the Regional Directors in the near future.

19. Minister's Decree - Major MAZZI requested and received an interpretation of the recent decree of the Minister of Public Instruction which had been sent to Regional Directors for issuance in their territories.

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AGENDA FOR MEETING OF REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER 2 and 3 JUNE, 1944

1. If we were to remake Italian education, what would we do? The enclosed outline by Major Koopman suggests his ideas. With them as a point of departure, one session may be devoted to a discussion of ideas any of us have as to the path which, in the back of our minds, Italian educational reconstruction should follow. This session will be a group thinking session not one for planning action or definite recommendations.
2. Within the present framework what can be done for Italian education? Capt. Pratt's work in Avellino province will be the point of departure followed by experience and ideas of others.
3. Youth programs, G.I.L., Patronato Scolastico
 - (a) Naples
 - (b) Foggia
 - (c) Others
4. Adult Education and Recreation - Dopelavoro
5. Recent contacts with the Minister and plans for further cooperation.
6. Reports from Regions calling for action to be "completed work".
7. Procedure for notification to relevant Regions of actions taken by Minister. (e.g. regarding dismissals, replacements, transfers, policy-directives. Action is often taken by the Ministry without provision for reference of any kind to Regional Education Officers).
8. Text books.
 - (a) Spring distribution of elementary books.
 - (b) Summer printing and distribution
 - (c) Secondary school-books A.P.B.
9. English grammars and Scout-Books. (It is suggested that it might be possible to employ a suitable person, under the supervision of ACC, to produce a good grammar. Requests for publication or republication of grammars have been received in this Region, but so far all have been unsatisfactory. The same might be done with Scout-Books).
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Special Orders and Authorizations (Revision so as to suit them explicitly to ACC conditions).
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11. The set of educational directives, standard for all regions, should be looked through (a) for any general revisions; (b) for modifications which should be made for Italian Government territory. If R.E.O.'s will mark up a copy with these points in mind, we can come to a joint decision at the meeting.
12. Relations with APE - Other questions, such as progress in Defascistization, Central Inspectors, and certain other important items mentioned in your ED/6-3/AGC of 16 May 1944, are no doubt already down to be dealt with.
13. Programs
 - (a) New programs for Technical Institutes
 - (b) Revisions for next year
14. Quaderni; school supplies
15. Survey of Italian Education.

Propositions for the organization of the Italian public Education to be validated by a survey.

A. BASIC CHANGES

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2. Add one year to the elementary school.
3. Establish a 4-year common secondary school providing for general education only.
4. Establish a 3-year superior secondary school providing for general and special education.
5. Establish magistero schools (or the function of teacher education) in enough universities so that needs for elementary school and secondary school teachers will be cared for.
6. Provide for local administration.

B. WAYS AND MEANS

Administrative changes

- | | <u>Date</u> |
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| 1. Establish a commission to plan a program for an extended elementary school | New |
| 2. Add a sixth grade to the elementary schools | 1944-5 |
| 3. Ban any enrolment in the Scuola Media Inferiore (in Sicily) or in the Scuola Media Unica | 1944-5 |
| 4. Establish a commission to outline the purpose and organization of the common secondary school, and to plan in detail the program of the first year. | 1944-5 |
| 5. Ban any enrolment in the first year of Istituti Magistrali | 1944-5 |
| 6. Establish a commission to improve teacher education programs in universities and to add training for teachers of the elementary school | 1944-5 |
| 7. Abolish the Avviamento Schools | 1945-6 |
| 8. Establish the common secondary school one year at a time | 1945-6 |
| 9. Establish superior secondary schools using facilities and faculties of magistrale schools, licei and less essential special school- one year at a time | 1945-6 |
| 10. Establish teacher education in additional universities one year at a time | 1945-6 |
| 11. Permit selected students in the last year of Istituti Magistrali to enter Magistero schools of universities | 1945-6 |
| 12. Ban enrolment in licei | 1945-6 |
| 13. Eliminate smaller magistrale schools by the process of combination where more than one exist in the same town. | 1945-6 |
| 14. Eliminate licei and magistrale schools | 1947-8 |

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25th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Conference in Naples.

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

1. Ref. next monthly meeting on June 2nd and 3rd in Naples:
2. It is understood that an official of Allied Publications Board in Bari, Mr. Micocci, is likely to be in Naples on those dates.
3. Would it be in order, please, if I were to invite him to our meetings as an observer?
4. If no answer is received from you I will understand that there is no objection.

*A. Vessel*A. Vessel, Capt. A.E.C.,
Regional Education Officer.

(6) Reports from Regions calling for action to be "completed work"



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23 May 1944

SUBJECT : Meeting of Regional Education Officers

TO : Education Sub-Commission,
H.Q., Allied Control Commission, Naples
(Attention Deputy Director)

1. Ref your ED/3.0/ACC of 11 May 1944, para 3. The following are a few suggestions for the Agenda:

- ⑦ 2. a) Procedure for notification to relevant Regions of actions taken by Minister (e.g. regarding dismissals, replacements, transfers, policy-directives. Action is often taken by the Ministry without provision for reference of any kind to Regional Education Officers).
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Education Subcommittee

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ED/3-10/ACC

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Meeting of Regional Education Officers, Education Subcommittee.
TO : The Administrative Director.

Dear Lord Stansgate,

You were good enough to express interest in attending our next meeting of Regional Education Officers.

This is to inform you and to invite you to any or all our meetings, 15 and 16 April, Naples, 123 Via Roma, 4th Floor, Committee Room:

Saturday 9---12; 2:00---4:00
Sunday 10---12.

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

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Col Smith

Am so sorry to miss this.

You did splendidly yesterday

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Report of the Meeting of the Education Subcommittee A.C.C.

15-16 March, 1944

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A meeting of the regional directors of Education and staff members of the Education Subcommittee was called at Naples on 15 and 16 April, 1944, by Lt. Col. T.V. Smith, Director, Education Subcommittee A.C.C. The first session was held at 09:00 hours attended by the following officers:

Lt. Col. T.V. Smith
Major C.E. Washburne

Major	T.G. Bergin
Major	J.C. Birt
Major	E. Powell Price
Major	G.R. Koopsman
Major	L.R. Denning
Capt.	Sam V. Noe
Capt.	Paul L. Hediman
Capt.	A.A. Vessels
Capt.	F.F. Gregory
Capt.	Willis B. Pratt

Capt.	G.D. Tilroe
Lt.	J.V. Vella
Mic.	George HAVICK

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2. Major Koopman presented a report of the educational affairs in Region I. ~~Since the~~ High Commissioner for the Island has ~~not~~ been appointed, ~~he~~ explained that conditions were unsettled and that little action could be taken. Since at the present time there is no direct line of authority from the local officials to the Minister of Education. In spite of the fact that they lacked authority, the two inspectors working under his direction were reported to be making good progress. All except four of the revised textbooks have been published and the vetting of personnel continues. Since there is no Director of Fine Arts in this region, Major Koopman inquired about the Minister of Popular Culture but was informed that this post in the cabinet had been abandoned. He pointed out the urgent need for the Minister to hold a conference during the current school year or at least before the beginning the next school year.

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3. Captain Vesselo, in reporting for Region II, called attention to the many problems which arose in the vetting and dismissal of Fascists. At this point there ensued considerable discussion concerning dismissals by categories, it being recognized that two different lists of categories were now being used. Capt. Vesselo stated that no vetting of personnel had been carried out in Apulia but that this ~~was~~ not a responsibility of the Regional Education Officer since this territory had never been under the direction of A.I.G.

4. Captain Nee reported that considerable time had been spent in acquiring a knowledge of the present situation which existed in the schools of Region III. During the past month the Province of Salerno, now under A.I.G., was transferred from Region II to Region III. He reported that in each of the four provinces of the region a member of the provincial staff acted as Education Officer except in Naples Province where the Regional Office also served as the Provincial Office.

He further reported that a survey had been made of occupied buildings and that Capt. Failon had been successful in having several of them derelict and returned for school use. Two programs formulated by the Youth Commissions in Naples Province are in the process of implementation. The program for the furnishing of school lunches to school children will be first undertaken in the kindergartens. Plans for the formation of Boy Scout troops are now under consideration.

Captain Nee also emphasized the need for the protection of the equipment found in school buildings. It was suggested that commanding officers of troops units be requested to leave school buildings in the same condition as found when occupied.

5. In reporting for Region IV Major Washburne explained that most of the planning for this region was closely associated with the current activities of the subcommission and as such would be included later with the report for that group.

6. Major Birt reported that all schools in Puglia Province were open and in operations. He ~~raised~~ the question concerning the reinstatement of teachers who had been dismissed. He asked that a directive be prepared concerning the suspension and dismissal of teachers and the procedures to be followed in making appeals. He further reported that vaccination program had been launched in the province with the cooperation of the welfare division. Utilizing the physical education teachers who had been employed in the schools, he said that a physical education and recreation project was under way. Plans were also being laid for the repair of school buildings. He requested that the program of studies for the ~~Media Inferiore School be clarified, and received an interpretation on an ambiguous sentence in the program of the Scuola Media Inferiore.~~

7. Major Price, reporting for Region VI, emphasized the need for text books and quaderni. He reported that most of the school buildings on the Island had been requisitioned for the more than 200,000 Italian troops located there. He said they were asking the troops to restore the property to its original status before their departure. In response to a request made by the church schools for Boy Scout equipment, Major Washburne replied that such a request had already been transmitted to the United States asking troops there to assist. Major Price further reported that, because of the lack of building space, attempts would be made to hold outdoor classes during the spring and summer months.

8. In discussing the work of the universities, Major Bergin reported that the Minister of Finance, through Cuneo, had promised to allocate a sum of 23,000,000 lire for the repair of Naples University.

9. Captain Pratt presented the proposed plan for the Survey of Italian Education suggesting that such a survey include a study of Italian Education before the Occupation, the Impact of the War on Italian Education and the Issues Confronting Italian Education. After considerable discussion it was the general consensus that the preparation of such a survey would be of valuable assistance in supervising Italian education at the present time, in giving an account of our stewardship and in suggesting, through comparative data, ways and means for the improvement of the Italian educational system in the future.

10. Major Washburne discussed the plan proposed by the Subcommission for the re-establishment of the Patronato Scolastico. This plan would provide for this group to assume the welfare functions now a responsibility of the G.I. and the former G.I.I. The sindaco would be responsible for the organization and functioning of the committee. In general, members of the staff approved

the plan.

Meeting adjourned 15/ April/ 4:00 P.M.

The meeting re-convened at 10:00 hours 16/April/1944 with the following officers present: Lt.Col.Smith, Major Washburne, Major Bergin, Major Firt, Major Price, Major Koopman, Captain Nece, Captain Heilman, Captain Vessels, Captain Gregory, Captain Pratt, Captain Gilroe, and Lt. Vella.

11. Colonel Smith asked the staff members if they thought it feasible to ~~disperse with education officers in Regions I and II which are now under the control of the Italian government.~~ He pointed out that the line of authority, theoretically, should be from the school official direct to the ministry. Comments were made that in cases in which this had been attempted requests from the minister were seriously delayed or were never obtained. Practically, it was felt that the services of the Education Officer were needed in order to obtain prompt replies. Col. Smith stated that in his opinion the Minister of Education was about average, as compared to the other ministers, that we are committed in the A.C.C. enterprise to establish a strong central government, and that we should all work toward that end. ~~Education officers were requested to report any irregularities to Col. Smith who would then discuss these matters with the Minister of Education.~~

12. Major Washburne then asked if a shortage of teachers had been reported in any region but received a negative reply. He requested that a report of any shortages be made to him. Since a shortage of English teachers may exist, the Minister of Education was said to be agreeable to a plan for the Provveditore to appoint such teachers even though they may not meet all formal requirements. A request was made for the issuance of a decree by the Minister to allow the payment of such teachers by the Finance Office.

13. A discussion concerning the policies to be pursued in defascistization of teachers then followed. Major Koopman expressed an opinion that we should not be concerned with the operation of vetting but should serve merely in a supervisory capacity. The group considered this to be desirable in principle but difficult because of the lack of personnel in the Public Safety Division to implement it successfully.

It was suggested that the Public Safety Division appoint as a member of its regional ^{group} one officer to be responsible for all vetting of personnel. ~~No definite action toward this was proposed.~~

Capt. Vessels stated that it would result in much chaos and that progress in defascistization would stop. Major Koopman stated that ¹⁴⁴³ the newer, more creative aspects of the program in Italy would come to a standstill.

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14. Captain Pratt reported concerning the sale and distribution of textbooks. Six of the ten revised textbooks have come from the presses and others will follow soon. They are being delivered to libraries in provincial centers and ~~collections made~~ *looked over* by a representative of the publisher. Regional and provincial directors were urged to assist in having the textbooks distributed to other communes in the provinces.

Captain Pratt also reported that quaderni would be ready for distribution within the next two weeks. It was decided to ask the provveditore to make payments through regional directors within one month of delivery and not later than the end of the current school year.

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15. Major Washburne reported that the programs for the Scuola Magistrale are now ready for distribution. Two programs are being prepared for the Istituti Tecnici and will be ready for use in the near future. These will provide for a five year course instead of the present four-year program. Part I of the program will include the course for the first two years and Part II for the upper three years.

Captains Vesselo and Gregory here left the meeting.

16. A staff member raised the question of promoting teachers di ruolo and Col. Smith stated he would confer with Cuomo concerning this matter.

17. Major Koopman suggested that some common action be taken in the matter of appeals. Three lists were stated to exist at the present time: the Sadoglio list, the Subcommission directive and the directive used in Region III. Colonel Smith suggested that no action be taken until the Italian cabinet publishes a new list of categories, *of categories for dismissal* issues its new forthcoming decree.

18. Major Koopman suggested that regional committees be established to advise the minister concerning di ruolo teachers. Such teachers would need to: 1) prove that the concorso had been passed, 2) have an approved Scheda, 3) prove that no Fascist title had enabled him to win the concorso, 4) show the vacancy of a post or chair.

19. Captain Pratt asked the procedures to be followed in promoting School Inspectors. It was suggested that in such cases the Provveditore should petition the Regional Commissioner.

20. Captain Nee asked information concerning the opening of new Church and Private Schools. Major Washburne stated that the directives issued provided for the opening of new church or private schools except in Sicily where a special order prevails.

21. It was suggested that the Minister should establish some commission to replace ECA for the inspection of private schools. (Ente Comunale Assistenza.).

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22. Colonel Smith read a document from the Vatican Secretary addressed to government officials at Washington concerning the attitude of the Education Division toward the Catholic Church in Italy. Col. Smith stated that utmost care had been taken to consider the church in every way in the past. He urged that, in dealing with the Church, strict attention be paid to the Lateran Law in accordance with the general policy of A.C.C. to follow existing Italian statute.

23. For the rehabilitation of buildings and restoration of equipment regional directors were urged to deal directly with the sindacos.

Meeting adjourned at 1300 hours 16/Apr./1940

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SUBJECT : Requisitioned Schools: Regional Officers meetings.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region II. ACC.
Attention Education Officer

1. Your letter ECA/42/N/320 of 14 March received. As pointed out in an earlier letter if you will send exact names and locations of buildings occupied and name of occupying units, in order of priority for derequisitioning, the Executive Commissioner will assist in trying to get buildings or parts of buildings derequisitioned.

2. The meeting of Regional Education Officers on 3 and 4 March was so soon after your visit that the Director did not think you should be called away from your pressing work to attend it.

3. There will be a meeting of all Regional Education Officers, in the office of the Education Subcommittee, Saturday and Sunday 15 and 16 April. It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend. You are welcome to bring your assistants if you so desire.

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

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