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SICILY, DEREGISTRATION
FEB. 1944 - FEB. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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Tel. 489061-236

SUBJECT : Equipment of Naval Training School,
Siracusa.

7 February 1945

TO : Minister of Public Instruction.

1. About 1 December you communicated to us that while the Naval Training School at Siracusa had been derequisitioned, its shop equipment remained in Allied possession.

2. This Headquarters has had an investigation made, and has received the attached report.

3. Since no inventory was made at the time of either the requisitioning or derequisitioning of the building, and since so many different units occupied it, it is impossible to try to trace the equipment without more precise information.

4. If Your Excellency will have the authorities list with precision the equipment that is missing, an effort will be made to obtain information regarding it. It must be admitted, however, that not much hope can be held out under the circumstances for locating and restoring the missing items. This is much regretted.

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

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IC/PAS/gds

2 February 1945

FILE : HEC/286.8

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning Naval Training School Equipment

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission - APO 394
Attention: V.P., Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference is made to your letter RE/7A/412/43 regarding the above subject, dated 4 December 1944.
2. An investigation has been made by the Provincial Commissioner, Eastern Sicily, of the equipment reported to be missing from the Syracuse Naval Training School. The building was requisitioned on 14 July 1943, derequisitioned on 14 September 1944, and was taken over by the R. Capitaneria del Porto, Syracuse. It appears that no inventory of the equipment was made when the school was requisitioned and that no check was made when the premises were vacated.
3. Since no further record of the equipment is available in Sicily, it may be necessary to make inquiry of the organizations which previously occupied the building. Previous Town Majors of the Syracuse area have left no written record of these units, which have all left Sicily. However, inquiry among personnel stationed for a long time in Syracuse reveals that the premises were first used by the Fort Base, thereafter by HQ 55 Area, and in particular by an Anti-Tank Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, and were thereafter occupied by the following, in order: HQ 70 Garrison, HQ 71 Garrison and Det. B. 56 Area (last occupant).

R. Carr
for K. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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2 February 1945

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for M. CARR
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Regional Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

ED/7A/4.2/AC

4 December 1944

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning Naval Training
School equipment.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region.

1. A communication from the Minister of Public Instruction calls our attention to the fact that while the lower technical school for naval training in Siracusa, has been freed from requisition as to buildings, all its shop equipment remains in the possession of the Allied Authorities.

2. Will you please have an investigation made to determine whether the continued possession of this shop equipment is essential to the war effort; and, if not, whether immediate steps can be taken toward restoring it to school use.

3. Please let me know the results of your investigation and any action taken pursuant thereto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V.P., CA Section
Dep. C.O.S.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

ED/TB/L.2/AC

4 December 1944

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning Naval Training Schools.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. The Minister of Public Instruction has requested our help in clearing the following lower technical schools for naval training from Allied Occupation:

- (a) Brindisi - almost totally requisitioned, including equipment.
- (b) Mola di Bari - totally requisitioned, including equipment and shops.
- (c) Molfetta (Bari Province) - totally occupied.
- (d) Barletta (Bari Province) - partially occupied, including part of furnishing and material.
- (e) Manfredonia (Foggia Province) - all of building and part of equipment requisitioned.

2. Will you ask the appropriate Provincial Commissioners to investigate:

- (a) Whether all of these occupations and requisitions are essential to the war effort;
- (b) Whether certain of the schools and their equipment could be made partially available for school use;
- (c) Whether any of the schools, with equipment, could be completely cleared.

3. Please let me know the results of the investigation and any action taken pursuant thereto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V.P., CA Section
Dep. C.o.S.

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: HQ AC FOR EDUCATION SC

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 60/02

FROM: AC SICILIA REGION

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: REO 334

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 01

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE REO 334

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Information in your telegram 5670 is incorrect. No schools in SIRACUSE are proposed for requisition for German POW Camps according to information from 70 Sub Area.

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para 200. Request you review situation re accommodation in SITTAKA. Essential

provides in buildings for minimum 5000 and more if possible.

para 200. Italian schools will not be taken for this purpose.

para 200. The ACC 5470 30 not not to DISCLOSE return

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para three. 1) ACS 5570 2) not not to discuss info

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17 Oct. 44

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HQ ACC FOR EDUCATION

ACC SICILIA REGION (CARR)

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CITE: REG 313

1 TWO NOVEMBER 1944

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17 OCT. 1944

To Ed J/C

Please obtain views of Agric.
and inform us of action
proposed.

WAS Dollard, Major
C.A. Sec

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FROM: ACC SICILIA REGION (CARR)
TO: HQ ACC FOR EDUCATION

HEADQUARTERS
-319
8 OCT 1961
A.C.C.

11/10/68 Education
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002 GCM GR --- BT
MY THREE ONE EIGHT OF SIX OCTOBER WAS SENT WITHOUT MY CONCURRENCE PD
NO RECORD THAT BUILDING WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY MOOPMAN
FOR SCHOOL OR THY/// THAT AGRICULTURAL NEEDS WERE CONSIDERED
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ESTIMATES ARE BEING PREPARED
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TO: 032423A LND AM TKS
FROM: NR 282423A SSC AR

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Bob:

Can you throw any light
on this?

Carleton

8 Oct. 44

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HQ ACC FOR EDUCATION

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ACC SICILIA REGION (CARR)

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NONE

OUT 072055A

CITE: REG-319

By 318 of 6 October was sent without my concurrence. No record that building was definitely requisitioned by ROOFMAN for school or that Agricultural needs were considered at time such proposal may have been made. Have discussed with High Commissioner and agreed following line. If other suitable temporary accommodation cannot be found school might occupy Agricultural Building without making any structural alterations until such time as original school is reconstructed for which plans and estimates are being produced.



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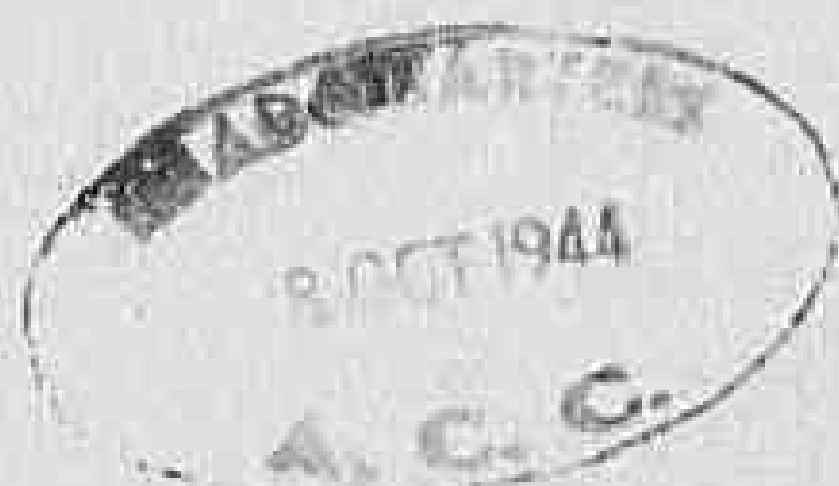
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TO: HQ ACC FOR EDUCATION
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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 672055A OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: RMO-319

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Majr J. J. J.

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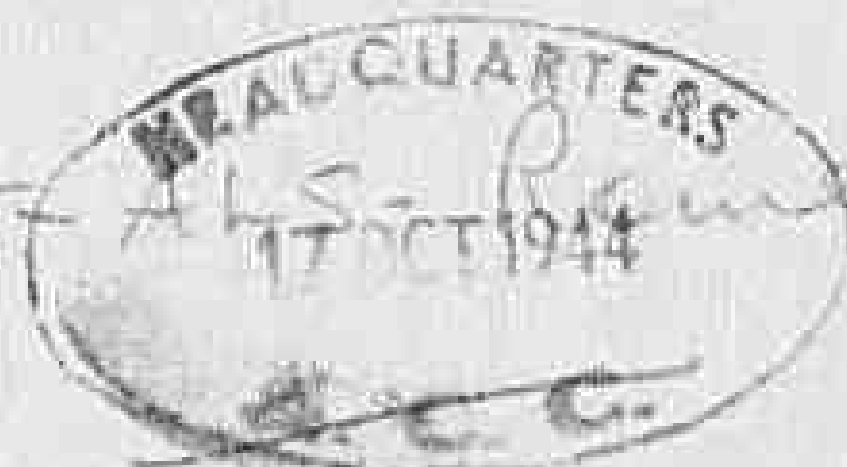
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"AIRGRAM"Education

RESTRICTED PD CABLE ONE FIVE SEPTEMBER FOUR FOUR MINISTER AGRICULTURE ORDERS
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 TO LICEO TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO PUPILS PD PLEASE INTERVENE TO MINISTER EDUCATION
 AND AGRICULTURE TO REVOKE MINISTERIAL ORDER TO PREFECT

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T. MAY for L R K B

FROM: ACC SICILIA REGION (CARR) REO-318 - 061330A

TO: HQ ACC FOR EDUCATION GR 14

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: HQ ACC FOR EDUCATION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 29/17
FROM: ACC SICILIA REGION (CAHR) CLASSIFICATION:
REFERENCE No: NONE PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: OCT 6/NET OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: HEO 318

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Memorandum on Liceo Garibaldi, Palermo

Major Koopman reports, 9 Oct. 1944:

It was agreed that the Liceo Garibaldi, Palermo, a large & important school whose building was destroyed, should move into the Ente Colonizatione off the Via Libertà, Palermo, when troops moved out. High Commissioner was asked to requisition Ente building for this purpose, and agreed. Later, politicians got him to waver. Barbatti and Albergiani backed by Koopman, then got agreement (verbal?) of High Commissioner. But 1 Sept. '44, Capt. Pils said he needed bldg for agriculture. Koopman objected & continued to recommend for school use.

7 Oct. '44 R.C. Smith, called that he & High Commissioner had agreed that if other suitable temporary accommodation cannot be found, school might occupy Agricultural Bldg. (Ente Colonizatione) without making structural changes alterations until original school is reconstructed, for which plans & estimates are being produced. (This cable cancelled cable of 6 Oct. stating that on 15 Sept. Minister of Agriculture ordered prefect Palermo to requisition building requirements by Koopman for Liceo Garibaldi. "Urgent that building remains to Liceo 2000 pupils. Please inform" & Minister Education and Agriculture revoke ministerial order & prefect.)

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C. W. D. L. L.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Education Subcommittee

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17 October 1944

SUBJECT : Scholastic Buildings.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Sicily Region.

1. Reference is made to the cable of October 7th.
2. This Subcommittee is grateful to you for the new arrangements regarding the occupation of the Agriculture Buildings for school purposes if other temporary suitable accommodations cannot be found.

For the A/Director of Education:

J.V. VELLA
Captain
Executive Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
APO 394
Tel. 269

ED/3.10/ACC

1 Sept 44

TO : Administrative Section.

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Schools.

1. This is the date agreed upon to refresh AAI of the high priority in derequisitioning represented by the main buildings of the University of Catania. If the University, which has waited a year for them, is to have use of its buildings in October, the derequisitioning must be prompt.

2. The Rome school E. Pistelli should be available in October, though two weeks more of grace may be allowed the Italian Ministry of Marine in this school.

3. Files on each case are attached in order.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

To Educ.

29 JUL 1944

Ref/19/172/CA

28 July 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodations.

TO : R.C. Region I

1. I send you a copy of a letter from CAO, AAI on the subject of military accommodation in Palermo and the letter from this Headquarters which it replies.

2. Will you please now take up with the Area Commander in Sicily that the premises are vacated by 1st Sept. so that I can inform the Education Sub-Commission who are anxious to make arrangements for the new term.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Admin. Section

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Subject:- Accommodation - Schools and Universities.

HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

2030/31/22.

24 July 44.

No. 9 District.

1. ACC are very anxious that all Schools and Universities should revert to their normal use as soon as possible. It is reported that several buildings of the University at CATANIA are still occupied by troops.
2. The buildings of this University which are particularly desired as soon as possible are:-
 - (a) The Palazzo, which normally housed the library, secretariat, Rector's offices and the Schools of Law, appears to be used by the British YMCA, with the exception of the library and secretariat.
 - (b) The Botanical Gardens are reported to be used by Welfare Services, 56 Area, and are being used at the present time as a billet for only 12 ORs.
3. Please arrange for this matter to be examined with a view to alternative accommodation being found for troops occupying these buildings.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- ACC (Regional Control and Military Government Section)-
Reference 19/193/CA dated 22 July, 44.

Tel: 282

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 19/133/CA

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: De-requisitioning of University of CATANIA.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Although a year has passed since the commencement of the Sicilian invasion, the University of CATANIA, the first Italian University to re-open under Allied auspices, is still seriously hampered in its activities by the occupancy of its premises by our troops.
2. (a) The Palazzo which normally housed the library, secretariat, Rector's offices, and the schools of law and of letters, is used by the British YMCA, with the sole exceptions of the library and secretariat (the former is without chairs).
(b) The Botanical Gardens and their buildings are now in the hands of the Army Welfare Services, 56 Area. On latest inspection, the building of the Botanical Gardens much needed for scientific work, was used as a billet for twelve soldiers.
3. Now that the Allied garrison in Sicily has been much reduced it is probably possible, although perhaps inconvenient, to find alternative accommodation for these two welfare organisations. While hesitating to disturb the amenities of Allied troops the resuscitation of education is a responsibility of this Commission and I therefore would ask that the University be de-requisitioned as soon as possible, in any case before 1st September so that it may be made ready for the new term.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Acting Chief Commissioner,

MSL/JG.

Copy to: Admin Sec.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EDUCATION SUB-COMMISSION

10 July, 1944

TO : Col. A.H. Hancock, R.C. Region I.
ACC, APO 394.

SUBJECT : Dorequisitioning of Catania University.

1. While in Region I recently I visited Catania University as you know both the Minister of Public Instruction and our higher authorities are exercised about the matter.

2. I found that the Palazzo normally housed the library, Secretariat, Rector's Offices, and schools of law and letters. At present only the library and Secretariat are available and the library is without chairs. The remainder of the building is used by the Y.M.C.A. (British). The Botanical gardens and its building is in the hands of the Army Welfare Services 56 Area. When I was there 12 soldiers were using the building as a billet. However, a truck was being unloaded and I found that they proposed to set up a welfare library and lounges.

3. The situation is a disgrace to Allied Arms and should be corrected. The town has many over-lapping services and if that were not so other buildings should be used for welfare purposes. In short, my estimate is that there is no excuse for any use of the University at this stage of our occupation. Certainly all Commands should be interested in encouraging the best in the Italian Culture.

4. I reported the situation to Lt.Col. Giles of our local Command. He called Brigadier Cripps hoping to forestall the re-occupation of the Botanical gardens. The Brigadier would not act whereupon we concluded that we could only take it to District 3 or higher for solution.

5. Since it has already been referred to ACC HQ. by Region I, I am giving a copy of this to Lt.Col. T.V. Smith, Director of Education, with the recommendation that he take action through liaison channels.

6. Am ^{sorry} to have missed seeing you while in Region I. You will find my written report to you in your files. I stand ready to take any action here that you indicate.

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8 February 1944

SUBJECT: Non-Educational Occupancy of Schools and
other Buildings of Cultural Importance.

TO : Colonel Sears, I.B.S.

1. The occupancy of university and school buildings by the armed forces was inevitable and necessary in the earlier phases of our occupation of this island. However, since 1 December 1943 when universities and schools were reopened, military occupancy of some of these buildings has handicapped the Italian educational program. The head of your Real Estate Division has agreed in principle but, like my Divisions, has been unable to make much progress because of the lack of a definitive directive.
2. The Allied Cause would be furthered if you would issue a directive to the effect that where possible all such buildings should be vacated as soon as practicable.
3. The military control of the Teatro Massimo is a special case. Its functions should be gradually transferred to civilian responsibility under the general supervision of our Division of Education which represents the appropriate Italian Ministry.
4. Will you please let me know what can be done to solve this problem. I shall be glad to have appropriate officers review this situation with you in detail if you would like additional information.

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