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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
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28 February 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Education Officer - month of FebruaryTO : Education Subcommittee
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1. The first of the month the REO visited Hq. where a where a number of questions were settled. At that time, the acquaintance of the new member of the Education S/c, Major Magnus, was made and with him and Captain Beard the textbook situation was discussed. The undersigned left with these officers a memorandum which, it is hoped, will expedite publication work in Naples.
2. Textbooks. Several meetings of many hours duration were held with Prof. Albin. Warehouse 678 was visited and all materials inspected. Complete reports and recommendations were forwarded to Hq. Major Magnus visited Naples en route to and from the south, met with Prof. Albin and visited the Warehouse. It is believed that a more thorough understanding of the situation now obtains for all.
Prof. Albin reported the printing and distribution of more than 70,000 books bringing the total to 238,636 of the 300,000 in the scheduled printing.
All the necessary materials are now in Naples and it is hoped the printing will be completed early in April.
A bulletin on the progress of publication was sent to all Provveditori in this region.
Much advice and assistance was given to Prof. Pietro Visconti who is trying to organize his office as the government's representative on printing. Paper expected from the Commerce S/c has not yet been received. It was agreed that this would be used for printing the secondary school and university texts approved by the University and the Allied Commission.
3. Statistical Reports. The report for Naples Province on the special forms, is forwarded as of this date. Both the Provveditorato and the University officials raised questions as to procedures and interpretations which were

forwarded to Hq. In the absence of an early reply, an effort was made to reach the proper decision.

4. Eputation. Of the 141 employees of the elementary and secondary schools dismissed for the usual military reasons, 92 have been re-instated. There are still 49 awaiting further consideration.
5. School lunches. Requests for food for school lunches have been distressingly few. This office processed a request for the 47,751 elementary school children of Naples Commune but the Sindaco refused to sign because he could not guarantee the kitchens. As reported earlier, there are only 20 in the elementary schools of this Commune.

Lecco has processed a request for food for 48,548 asili and elementary school children and Benevento for 12,924.

This office is ~~in~~ positive that this food is not yet being served. It is hoped that all difficulties may be dissipated in the next few weeks.

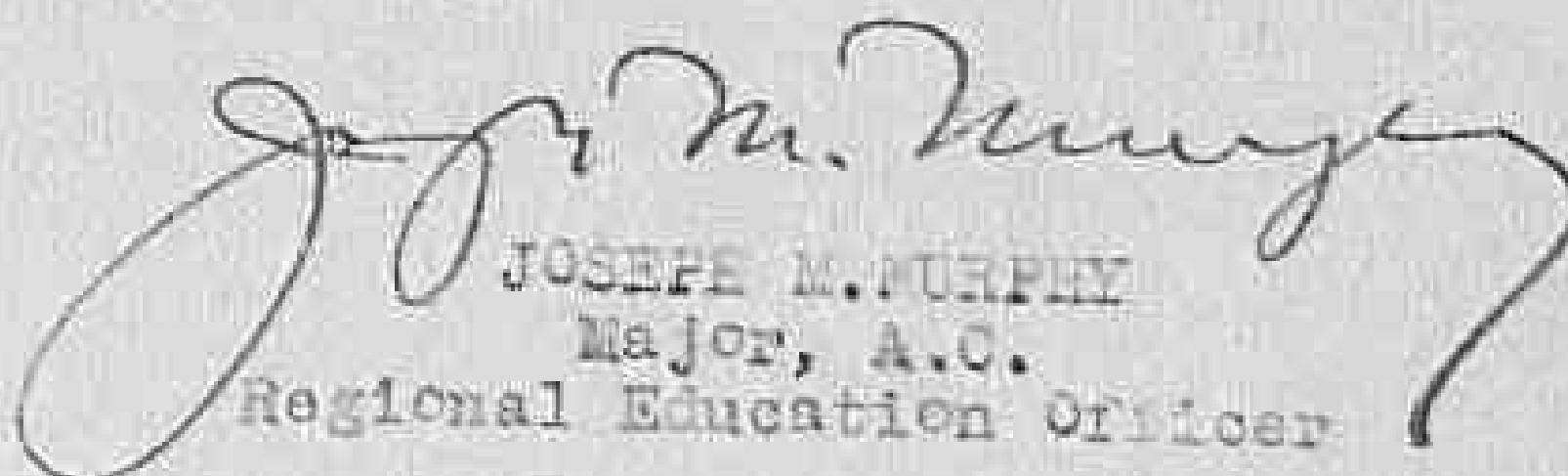
Several communes added qualifying sentences to the requests which made it necessary to disapprove them. The original Food and Education S/c's directives made it impossible to permit of variations.

The food allowance was out during the month approximately one half. As such changes may occur from time to time, all requests were processed on the basis of numbers of applicants and the kind of food they desired. Not all communes wanted soup but all did make requests for vegetables.

6. The motorboat of the Zoological Station has been de-requisitioned and returned by the Captain of the Port who has been using it for a year.
7. Boy Scout work still thrives with Sunday hikes increasing in popularity. However, there seems to be little or no connection with Scout Hq. in Rome which continues to disturb the local leaders.
8. Patronato Scolastico. Before the war, Naples Province had 130 organizations of the Patronato Scolastico. Eighty have been now restored. The society in Pozzuoli has raised the sum of one million lire by contributions and its renovated premises will be inaugurated on 1 March.
9. Schools of Naples Commune were handed back to Italian hands on 6 February with mingled comments from the Neapolitans.

10. Orders have been received to close this office on 28 February. All correspondence has been attended to and all files prepared for forwarding to Hq. Every request has been given full attention and all except some of minor consequence have been met successfully.

For the Regional Commissioner:


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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
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31 January 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Education Officer - month of January.TO : Education Subcommittee,
Hq. A.C. Apo 394, U.S.A.

1. During the month the REO attended the conference of Education Officers in Florence on 5-6 January, and made stops at Hq. in Rome on the way north and on the return south. From personal contact with the other officers, notes taken at the meetings, and reports and minutes of the Conference, many questions were answered and information received on which subsequent action has been taken.
2. This officer was re-assigned on 30 December 1944, from the Naples Zone to Southern Region on orders of Brigadier John K. Dunlop, Regional Commissioner. Office space is still retained in the Prefettura. Where, formerly, direct communication was only with the provinces of Naples, Avellino and Benevento, now it is with all Southern Region, through the Zone Commissioners.
3. Statistical Reports. These reports were not sent to the Provveditore of this Region, through the Education Officer. The only one with which he has a personal acquaintance is the form he brought to Naples from the Rome Conference, 10-11 November 1944, and handed to the Naples Provveditore. This was copied in part by the Provveditorato and information prepared other than in the form desired by the Education Subcommittee. It was returned for strict conformity with the original request and is now in a state of revision.
A letter was sent to all Provveditori through the Z.C.'s reminding them of their negligence. Avellino reported never having received the forms and this has been reported to Hq. with the suggestion that the whole business be checked.

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As this office has no copy of the letters or instructions issued in connection with the original distribution of the forms, and as all S.R., excepting Naples Commune, is Italian territory, it will forward whatever may come to hand. For Naples Commune, this office will see that a report is filed.

4. Contacts with the field. Because of the lack of a specifically assigned car, the inadvisability of long journeys in machines of doubtful endurance, and a small and, consequently, restricted, motor pool, this officer seldom gets beyond the limits of the Commune of Naples or has a chance for much activity beyond the office. By use of mail and telephone, all the work of the office is accomplished. Fortunately, there have been few demands outside Naples Commune and none of an emergency nature. Through the kindness of other officers and by taking advantage of every favorable opportunity, it has been possible to visit a number of schools in the city. The school people, and others with whom it is necessary to talk, have been kind enough to call in person or to telephone the office as needs arose.
5. Changes in School Personnel. There have been no changes in school personnel brought to the attention of this office. A complaint of too little devotion to duty and too much outside activity on the part of one Provveditorato was brought to the attention of the R.C. by a S.C. The "proper transfer" to the Naples Provveditorato of the suspended fascist Padua of Cagliari was called to the attention of Hq. by this office and verbal assurance received that other arrangements would be made. It is understood that confirmation of Prof. Scaglione in the office he has filled so ably, endorsed by this office, was brought to the attention of the Minister of Public Instruction by Education Subcommittee.
6. Epuration. The progress for epuration is being watched closely in the Province of Naples, particularly in the elementary field where about 200 teachers and inspectors are awaiting some action. It is the occasion of considerable inquiry by those interested in the parties concerned. It was not considered advisable to follow the suggestion made at the Florence

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conference to outline a procedure for the guidance of the Minister. Published reports seemed to indicate an established procedure.

7. Fascism. Every report of fascism among teachers is checked to make sure that full information or scheda personale of the persons concerned is on file.

8. Illegal Elementary textbooks. The use of elementary textbooks other than the prescribed state text has been reported in three places in Naples Province. Prompt action was taken by the Provveditore in notifying the school inspectors. This office brought the matter to the attention of the Public Safety Officers of the Zone. One book's title closely resembles that of a text disapproved by the A.C. some months ago and the author's name is quite similar, that may be merely coincidental.

9. Textbooks:

a. Elementary. The reports of the receipts of material for the elementary texts and of printing progress have been the subject of lengthy and factual reports to Hq. by Prof. Adriano Albin, the Minister's representative for such work. At the Florence conference, this officer learned for the first time that he was responsible for this work in Naples. Since then, he has endeavored to sift out of the mass of correspondence diverse opinions, and cross-currents of personal visitations, private telephone conversations and other communications, just where the project stands. Actually, the job of supervising the printing of nearly a million books and distributing them throughout Southern Italy, not to mention attention to Sardinia's orders, is a full-time assignment for more than one person with adequate means of transportation. Already, so much time is being devoted to this that it causes serious inroads on what had been the most pressing local problem - freeing the schools. Some consideration has to be given to the general duties of the office and to the lack of man-power, woman-power and transportation. The local agency, through which trucks are hired, has a variable number at its disposal. A check on one day revealed only 20 to meet the needs of the civilians of the largest city in southern Italy.

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There is an agreement between Prof. Albin and the U.T.C. that whenever it has a truck free, even for an hour, it goes to the warehouse to collect paper to the publishers.

Distribution of the printed product is not, and cannot, be arranged on a definite schedule. Between road, rail, and air, it will be accomplished as rapidly as possible.

It is believed the job will be completed in due time. It cannot be hurried beyond the present rate. People cannot be urged to action beyond the limit of their capacities or facilities. Shortcuts have not been successful where military personnel and paper-work are involved. This will work out its own salvation.

b. Secondary and University. The shift of responsibility from A.C. to Italian authority became effective on or about 1 January. Prof. Pietro Visconti took charge and opened an office in the Prefettura. The A.F.B. turned over all its records and this office forwarded all richieste and correspondence pertaining to secondary and university texts. Every possible assistance has been given to Prof. Visconti. This office followed instructions, had preferred lists prepared by Prof. De Ierna, chairman of the Minister's secondary textbook commission and by Dr. Omodeo, Rector of the University, and chairman of that Commission, and forwarded these to Prof. Visconti. A survey of the publishing houses was completed by Dr. Morano, chairman of the Consorzio of Publishers and this is now being prepared for Prof. Visconti. Prof. Visconti has received no instructions from his superiors, and simply waits for specific authority - as well as paper.

There has been no legitimate publication of secondary or university texts in the Naples area to the best of the knowledge of this office.

10. The investigation of the Zoological Station was completed and the report forwarded to the Minister of Public Instruction. Then only remains the freeing of the boat so that normal work may proceed. It is hoped this will be accomplished shortly.

11. The investigation of the Oriental Institute has been completed with the visit of Capt. J.V. Vella from N.Y. This is being prepared for transmittal to the Ministry.

12. The Royal Academy of Fine Arts report was prepared and sent to the Minister of Public Instruction. 4820

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13. A scouting trip to the R. Observatory on Mt. Vesuvius was organized by this office for members of the Federation. Several Officers, led by Brigadier Dunlop, accompanied the 50 boys - 25 from each of the two groups - and their leaders. Dr. Joseph Imbo', Director of the Observatory, extended the courtesies of his establishment, and the Circumvesuviana and Thomas Cook Railroads provided transportation. P.W.B. Hq., sent a photographer and reporter to cover the event which was carried out most successfully.

It is interesting to note that it has stimulated other "hikes" in which the two groups have happily cooperated. This was the primary aim of the excursion and it seems to have caught hold.

14. On 24 January, the R.C. devoted an evening to the educational leaders of Naples. Eight of the nine heads of schools and institutions of higher learning were present for this social occasion.
15. On 20 January, the R.C., accompanied by the Z.C. and the REO, paid an official visit to the University of Naples. The Rector and his immediate staff outlined to the R.C. the specific de-requisitioning requirements. They were requested to arrange them in a priority order and to present them through the Z.C. This was done at a later date.
16. An appeal to the proper authority for the Istituto di Botanica of the R. Università di Bari, resulted in the designation of specific space for its work and its confirmation by the responsible officers.
17. Closing of Schools. The Provveditore of Naples closed the schools on 22 January until 28 February upon receipt of direct authorization by telegram from the Minister of Public Instruction. Lack of glass, windows, doors was the major cause. Student disorders protesting the condition of the buildings had some bearing on his decision. His action was approved by all presidi of secondary schools, with one exception, at a meeting convened shortly after the closing date.

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The Provveditore is endeavoring to use the time to improve conditions in the schools and he has been assured by the Sindaco of Naples Comune and the Preside of Naples Province, that they will lend their active cooperation to his plans.

The Prefect of Benevento notified the Z.C. that as a result of student disorders, based on the weather and condition of the schools, the Provveditore closed the schools from 22 January to 5 February.

This office sent copies of the Minister's telegram to all Z.C.'s for their information and suggested they include the dates of the closing of the schools in their monthly reports. This information has not been received to date.

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18. School lunches. The letters to Prefects on this subject together with the request forms for food, were not sent out by Region Hq. when received from Hq. pending certain inquiries as to procedure. Now, all have received them and letters have been received from Naples and Catanzaro Provinces and Taranto Zone to the effect that the sindaci have been notified of the plan. Requests from eight communes in Benevento Province have been received.

In Naples, the asili group had arranged a modified diet and a slightly different procedure from that of the directive. They had ordered through the E.C.A. with the advice and consent of the Sindaco, 2000 adult rations. This includes pasta, oil, salt and soup and is preferred to that proposed for school lunches by the Ed. and Food S/c. They have requested this be continued and that 1200 Kg. of dried vegetables be allotted to them each month.

As only 20 kitchens can be found in the Elementary schools of Naples, the vacation period is being used to make arrangements for lunches. This seems to be the preferred plan of both the Chief Inspector of Elementary schools and the Administrative Council of the Patronato Scolastico.

19. Patronato Scolastico. The Administrative Council met with the RCO on 16 January. Demands were made for pasta, oil, fuel kitchens and utensils, all of which were beyond the means of this office to supply. It was suggested that the parents be enlisted to construct places for preparing and serving the food to carry out the real meaning of the organization. Requests were made for paper for school report books. This is being taken up with Prof. Albin.

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20. This officer has been made a member of a committee on juvenile delinquency and is making an effort to find a site for housing these unrestrained children.
21. All circulars, letters and documents received in this office for transmittal to or from Hq. have been forwarded as directed.
22. The request for information on buildings believed to be improperly used or used to less than capacity by occupying units presents insuperable difficulties. Unless personal observation and inspection can be made it is difficult to make more than a rough guess. When reports have reached this office of such types of occupancy, a letter has been sent to the officer in command of the area suggesting a justification of use. This has been of material assistance and has helped in a number of cases. To date only one report has been received through a Z.C. and that merely reported the number of requisitioned buildings as compared to the total. As this is not what is desired, other efforts will be made.
23. On 27 January, this office forwarded to the R.C. the suggestion that the schools of Naples be returned to Italian hands at an early date.

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EDUCATION OFFICE REPORT - MONTH ENDING 20 DECEMBER 1944

The major problem in education in this Zone continues to be occupancy and condition of school buildings. Progress is being made, slowly, but regularly, in the de-requisitioning of buildings occupied by the Allies in the Province of Naples. The number of transfers is small when compared to the number of school buildings in Naples Comune alone, for example, but as there has been no report of release of any buildings from Italian civilian occupancy, the Allied record is a source of some satisfaction.

There has been no change of occupancy reported from Avellino or Benevento. In the latter, the Provveditore has adapted his schools and sessions to the conditions he has to face. The result is that schools function reasonably well and those desiring or required to attend, do so.

In Naples, certain re-adjustments, in cases of joint occupancy, have alleviated troublesome conditions. The willingness of Allied authorities to entertain such suggestions or to inaugurate them is a contrast to the usual adamant state of the local gentry. There have been notable exceptions, however.

The attempts of the Regional Commissioner and his Executive Officer to obtain some modification of the procedure for securing grants of food for school lunches, were not productive of the desired results. This office secured a list of the 26 functioning kindergartens in Naples Comune with an enrolment of 4072 children, as a starter, and has secured the signatures of the Sindaco and Prefect to the request. This has been handed to the food officer for appropriate action.

The Prefects of Naples, Benevento and Avellino have been informed of the necessary steps and reports are now awaited. This office re-wrote the request for food form to throw the responsibility for the food on the Sindaco. As matters stood originally, an education officer, who had no way of ascertaining the facts, was asked to certify to the accuracy of these food requests.

It should be pointed out that 10,000 children - asili and nidi - are now being given food by this Zone. This list was given to the Zone Food Officer by the Regional Welfare Officer. It has been checked against the list secured from the Naples school official to remove the chance of duplication. None was found. The list was found to include private schools and institutions.

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It was reported to this office by the chairman or the local representative of the Education Subcommission that during the week of 11-16 December, approximately 165,000 elementary textbooks were put on sale in Naples. As this field is not a local responsibility, the reports of the chairman are taken as they are rendered. It is believed that while a good many were placed on sale, the number is not as great as has been estimated. It is believed all were absorbed by the local market. The presses are turning on paper imported from the United States or borrowed from Italian sources and it is believed that the work will continue until the job is completed. Through the kindness of Capt. Stuart of A.P.B. 1200 kilos of black ink were borrowed from his stock for this printing.

No secondary school or university texts have been printed. This office was given "carte blanche", with certain specific directions, to settle the matter. The chairmen of the secondary textbook commission, the university commission and the consorzio of publisher were called in and set to work on listing priorities, books in stock, etc.

On or about 15 December, this office learned through Capt. Stuart that all Allied Publications Board activities had been handed over to Italian authority. On 19 December, Capt. Stuart brought to this office Prof. Pietro Visconti, Head of the Naples Printing Office, to whom the records and responsibilities have been transferred. Prof. Visconti's office will be in the Prefettura and on and after 1 January 1946, all matters pertaining to authorization for and publication of books will be referred to him. Thus ends a stalemate and an A.C. responsibility.

On 8-9 December, the Zone acted as a host at a meeting of representatives of the Rome headquarters of scouting and the local scouters. This was done to give the Allied Commission officials some idea of what was going on in this field and to reduce to concrete acts and terms much of the vague generalities floating about. The report of this meeting will be submitted shortly.

On 17 December, the Zone and Assistant Zone Commissioner and the Education Officer, attended a scout rally at Castellammare. Through Lt. V.A.J. Gifford, RMC, a scout leaders course is being organized as an Italian Scout Federation project.

Several requests from the Minister of Public Instruction have been received and acted upon, among them being the partial

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release of the Royal Observatory of Capodimonte, the release of the Royal Observatory on Vesuvius, a full report on the activities of the Italo-Slavic Society, the release from an internment camp of Prof. Giuseppe Barletta, formerly a Provveditore in Sicily, a report on the work and activities of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, and the inauguration of investigations into the Zoological Station and the Oriental Institute.

Numerous requests for freeing buildings have been received including a blanket request from Dr. Adolpho Omodeo, Rector of the University. All are investigated and action appropriate to the circumstances is taken.

Full and pleasant cooperation has been received from all sources in carrying out the Zone Education Office's duties and responsibilities.

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HEADQUARTERS
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PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1944.

Reportable period 21st Aug. - 20th Sept. 1944

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1. Staff.

"A" Maj. Hulme MC., relieved of duty with Southern Region as per orders Hq., AGC.

"B" Capt. Sampson Sn.C. attached on T.D. Status and assigned temporarily to province of Benevento, with the mission of aiding in the Typhoid campaign.

2. Water Supplies

Bacteriological examinations, Naples and Salerno cities show questionable potency in 10 to 25% of samples. Many of the water systems are old and have received damage due to bombs. These facts coupled with persistent presence of Typhoid, indicate that the water is frequently not potable, and this office has insisted that all water, be either boiled or chlorinated. This condition is prevalent to some degree throughout the Southern Region.

3. Prevailing Diseases.

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"B" Typhoid. This disease has continued to exist in all provinces in a degree, termed "seasonal" by the Italian Authorities, but which nevertheless is abnormal and unwarranted. Naples province reported 171 cases and Benevento approximately 200, for the period. Evidence of decline in incidence in Benevento is present. The peak is definitely over, and with the S.M.C. Officer from ACC on the ground, many sanitary reforms are in operation. The British S.A. Hospital and British School of Hygiene at Benevento, were of much aid in bringing the Benevento epidemic under control.

The laboratory examination of feces found on the streets of Benevento, showed the presence of the typhoid organisms. This no doubt has been a major

factor in the development of the epidemic, as flies, food and filth were all present, and the public to a large extent, lacked all appreciation of the danger.

As an aid in getting information to the people concerning this subject, the Archbishop of Benevento was requested, by the Health Committee, to have the following notice read at each mass, for one month.

" For several weeks cases of typhoid fever have been occurring in Benevento. This is largely due to the fact that many men, women and children do not use latrines. Unless you stop the dirty habit of defecating in the streets, gardens and fields-typhoid fever will continue. Flies carry the infection from these faeces to your food. Already there have been many deaths from typhoid, there will be many more if you do not use latrines. Tell your children they must not defecate in the open and set a good example by not doing it yourselves.

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4. Sanitation

Reports from various Hygiene conferences indicated that the Rail Road Stations in the larger communes were still unsanitary, but showed much improvement over previous month. This lack of sanitation has been due to stranded refugees, continually arriving, and no adequate transportation being available where adequate latrine facilities have been installed, lack of sanitation still permitted because the latrines were not policed 24 hours a day, and often derelict buildings adjoining the stations were used for latrine purposes.

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Chief complaint has been lack of sufficient Ambulances. The Italian Red Cross have provided what service they could give, but it has been wholly inadequate, necessitating contagious diseases remaining in unisolated conditions for prolonged periods. With the advent of Fall, more ambulances are imperative. As a substitute for Ambulances, this office has recommended to the Medico Provinciale that they call immediately upon their Prefects, acquaint them with the condition, and urgently request that private cars be requisitioned and converted to Ambulance transport.

To make available cars not used in an essential manner, this office,

Recently assigned Major Thompson to screen and classify the transport circulating on behalf of the Medical Service.

In the past the Doctor apparently applied for a permit and no attempt was made to verify the applicant's statements on the need for a vehicle. With result that over 600 cars were licensed, some belonging to practitioners deceased, retired, or moved away and no doubt some of vehicles were engaged in illicit trading and other fraudulent enterprises. I understand that cars nominally owned by members of the medical profession were turned over entirely to other parties for the sole purpose of transacting illegal business.

The Public Health Service was starved for transport facilities and it was evident that the position had become scandalous and disreputable.

Accordingly the "Ordine dei Medici" was asked to prepare a list of doctor who required transport for professional purposes and this list was supplemented by Municipal Authorities and Allied sources. Priority was given to Health Officers staffing of hospitals and transport of Medical Supplies. The principle of car sharing was encouraged and full use made of public transport.

This scrutiny revealed many cases of the misuse of cars which as far as possible has been adjusted and rectified.

Coupled with vigilance on the part of the Quosstore it is hoped to establish a satisfactory scheme for the maintenance of transport to cater for the needs of the people of Naples.

7. Malaria

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8. Welfare Personnel

"A" No change in personnel since August report.

The Regional Welfare Officer Mrs. Biffani in charge of institutions and Mr. Saulino interpreter and executive assistant Mario Giovinetti driver.

"B" General Information

The setting up of the proposed institution at Agorola has been delayed because final approval had to be obtained from the Italian Ministry of Interior at Rome. The Regional Welfare

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Office hopes to have this institution in operation before cold weather comes. The heating of this Agerola building presents serious problems because it is located on a mountain top overlooking the sea where the cold winds strike it. The Regional Welfare Officer is searching for salvage stoves. If none is found he may have to resort to using large oil drums-filled partly with sand with properly placed draught holes cut in and smoke pipe attached.

The approach of cold weather naturally increases the responsibility of any welfare organization. Many orphanages have been damaged since the extreme cold weather of last winter and so far sufficient materials have not been available to make any appreciable repair. The scarcity of glass for windows and also the scarcity of electricity for lighting makes the problem of providing suitable quarters for the school children another pressing problem. Since the withdrawal of the Refugee Education and other Sub-Commissions much of the work formerly carried by them now falls upon the welfare branch. The Regional Welfare Officer has been called in by the Regional Commissioner and asked to cooperate with the Italian education leaders in every way possible. It is quite serious that not more than 25,000 children in a city of the size of Naples will be able to attend school this winter. Having children in school greatly helps in solving the health and delinquency problems. September 12 - 13 - 14

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When our offices were to be moved from the Prefettura to the Provincia building the Public Health & Welfare Officer insisted on a proper store room for the use of P.H. & W. Sub-Commission. The Regional Welfare Officer with the approval of the P.H. & W. will seek additional salvage tires and tubes; class x shelter halves - class x blankets (if available) and any other salvage material which will be useful from a Health or Welfare standpoint and have it always available in this store.

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The first three trucks arrived at the Station Centrale at 0830 on 9 September 1944.

These trucks were to be furnished by 57 Area Captain C. Attanasio, the Italian Provincial Refugee Officer had prepared complete plan for the movement of refugees from both the Cerinziello and the Piccolo Cottolengo, the two refugee camps. The second and third days the trucks did not arrive until noon. This late start naturally all delayed the return of the trucks to their bases. Then there was a period of five days when no trucks were furnished. The Regional Welfare Officer in

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effort to carry out I.E.B/R/84 and the subsequent instructions issued by the Regional Commissioner on 16 September and designated R/1027 continued to ask for trucks and to move from the two Refugee Camps those refugees who had been longest in residence there. This program continued until over 1000 refugees were moved. The Zone Commissioner by verbal order on 23 Sept. to Regional Welfare Officer stopped the movement of refugees.

Since that time the two trucks previously provided have continued to move between sixty and seventy refugees under the guidance of the Italian Officials. The Regional Welfare Officer will continue to work with and to advise the Italian Refugee Officers in their effort to return these people to their homes. I.E.B/23 issued 22 September, 1944 by Col. L. E. Hulls Director of Refugee Branch authorizes the providing of rations and feeding of refugees. The Regional Welfare Officer will help the Italian Officials to carry forward this feeding plan.

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