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Subject: Monthly report, Education, Region 5

To : Educational Sub-Commission ACCORDING to Region 5

From : Education Division Region 5

Date : 29/5/44

1) Educational program in Casachese Province progressing favorably. 64 schools of 134 communes have been opened and are functioning. 59 other communes will open as soon as P.S.I. completes Vetting. Plans have been made to open Media and Superiore schools Sept. I. Physical education has been started.

2) All schools are functioning normally in Reggio Province. The school survey is being completed. The examination program for students who desire to enter Bari University has been developed by the Provveditorato in cooperation with the President of Bari University.

3) Visits have been made to Casachese, Grotti, Pescara and Teramo Provinces. Discussions have been held with the P.C. in these provinces as plans made for the appointment of Provveditori in each. Schools in all of these Provinces were either closed for several past months or were closed recently for summer vacation. This gives time for reorganizing school programs before Sept. I

4) Sent as soon as possible 12 copies of English and Italian directives for opening schools also other information and instruction.

5) Have established temporary in Grotti. Suggest you send all mail to this office.

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1) Educational program in Campobasso Province progressing favorably. 54 schools of 134 communes have been opened and are functioning. 59 other communes will open as soon as P.S.S. completes Vetting. Plans have been made to open Media and Superiore schools Sept. I Physical education has been started.

2) All schools are functioning normally in Foggia Province. The school survey is being completed. The examination program for students who desire to enter Bari University has been developed by the provveditori in cooperation with the President of Bari University.

3) Visits have been made to Campobasso, Chieti, Pescara and Teramo Provinces. Discussions have been held with the P.C. in these Provinces and plans made for the appointment of Provveditori in each.

Schools in all of these Provinces were either closed for several past months or were closed recently for summer vacation. This gives time for reorganizing school programs before Sept. I

4) Send as soon as possible 12 copies of English and Italian directives for opening schools also other information and instruction.

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3 March 1945

SUBJECT : EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, Abruzzi-Marche
Region, AMG/AC.

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

REF : R5/ED/1.12

INTRODUCTION

During the month of February the Education Division of Abruzzi-Marche conducted two inspection tours of the Provveditorati in the Region.

In the early part of February Dott. Pietro MEZZETTI, Civilian Education Specialist, inspected the Provveditorati of Ancona, Ascoli, Macerata, and Pesaro submitting to the Regional Education Officer a brief report on the functioning of each.

Major CARLETON W. WASHBURN, Director of Education Subcommittee, Allied Commission, accompanied by the Regional Education Officer and the Civilian Education Specialist visited schools and Provveditorati in all provinces in Abruzzi-Marche, except Teramo, where the Provveditore has been on a month's leave of absence.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Major CARLETON W. WASHBURN, Director of Education Subcommittee made a tour of Abruzzi-Marche Region with the Regional Education Officer and the Civilian Education Specialist Feb. 20 to 24, 1945.

Provveditorati and many types of schools were visited.

A few interesting incidents are herein related:

a) A visit to several technical and industrial schools revealed that they had a below average attendance - equipped to handle many more students than were actually enrolled. Outstanding was the fact that exercises showed static and rather antiquated methods of procedure.

b) At the newly established "Educatore Provinciale" of Ascoli we found that a number of Fascist text books, intact with pictures of "il Duce" were still being used.

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c) At the "R. Scuola di Magistero Professionale per la Donna" of L'Aquila a teacher gave us one of the best Fascist salutes ever given both upon entering and leaving the class room.

d) At the University of Camerino we set through a large portion of the oral examinations in Botany which were in session to a large number of first year Botany students. Seriousness of effort and some excellent preparation on the part of students were evident. Also an atmosphere of real interest existed on the part of professors participating.

e) At the Fine Arts School of Urbino and the Fine Arts School of Macerata the usefulness of both schools was demonstrated through the practical projects created by the students attending.

f) In a small rural school of Macerata Province we found the teacher using the new text books with about one to every two or three students. The attendance was good.

The visit of Major WASHBURN was planned to have as its main objective the purpose of coordinating the work of the Education Subcommittee with that of the Regional Education Division and the Provveditore agli Studi.

The main topics discussed with each Provveditore were:

- a) Program for text book distribution to each province.
- b) Paper requirements for printing of sufficient "quaderni" for present needs.
- c) "Gioventu' Italiana" activities -- future status in relation to Italian education.
- d) Development of "Boy and Girl Scout" activities through the two newly established Italian scout associations.
- e) Requisitioning and opening of schools.
- f) Essential materials needed to keep schools functioning, such as books etc. which were either taken by the Germans or by others, or destroyed in the war process.
- g) School Lunches Program -- more emphasis on the part which the public school must play in order to make the program of wider scope.

UNIVERSITIES

The attached statistical report shows the general situation of the three universities in Marche Region: Camerino, Macerata, and Urbino universities.

Each university inaugurated the 1944-45 academic year in February.

- a) University of Camerino: 8th Army troops occupied the University of Camerino during part of January and until February 18, 1945.

The school has started its academic year with a considerable enrollment increase.

A "Sezione Straordinaria" of examinations (Feb. 15-28) was held for the benefit of students not able to take the fall examinations.

b) University of Macerata: The University of Macerata is still occupied by 8th Army troops. The university is holding classes at the "Pinacoteca Comunale" (Communal library).

Some of the more essential text books have been moved from the university library to the "Pinacoteca" for normal functioning of the school.

c) University of Urbino: The University of Urbino is not occupied by troops.

It is now functioning; however, its attendance is limited to students of Urbino only, since travel to Urbino is rather difficult.

"Esami di concorso" for the school of "Magistero" will begin in the early part of March, since of the 350 openings only 113 applications were received.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Regional Supply Office has furnished the following data on the number of children receiving school lunches in the eight provinces of Abruzzi-Marche Region:

<u>CHILDREN RECEIVING DAILY MEAL</u>			
ANCONA	6917	MACERATA	2286
AQUILA	13510	PESARO	5025
ASCOLI	1916	PESCARA	1537
CHIEFI	9000	TERAMO	3800

Total number of children receiving meal: 43,991.

For report on the same item by Provveditori agli Studi see statistical data.

TEACHER SALARIES

The economic situation of the teaching personnel is at the lowest ebb possible.

A teacher "supplente" (replacement) receives L. 1475 per month; a teacher "di ruolo" receives L. 1700 per month. The above figures are self explanatory - it is evident that many teachers cannot live of honest labor alone and that their enthusiasm for the profession cannot be at its best!

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REQUISITIONING

The release of school buildings throughout region on the part of military authorities, both Allied and Italian, has not changed since the last month's report.

In Macerata, Ancona, Pesaro, and Fano the greatest majority of schools are occupied by Allied troops. In Ascoli and Teramo a large number of schools are occupied by Italian troops.

In Pescara, the Provveditore agli Studi has been able to get the release of more premises and reports that on March 1st all schools will be functioning regularly.

Wherever schools are requisitioned Provveditori have opened schools in improvised quarters. The Provveditori of Ancona, Macerata, and Pesaro have been very successful in finding temporary premises, and recently also the Provveditore of Pescara.

EPURATION

School epuration proceedings in this Region are about completed. The Hearing Committees (advisory to the R.E.O.) have helped immensely toward the defascistization of the Italian schools. However, in order to give to the work done its full value it is necessary that the Committees provided by DLL 159 be named as soon as possible.

The Provincial Commissioner of Pesaro Province reports that action on further epuration of teaching personnel cannot be carried out because lacking the necessary legal tools (General Order No. 35 and DLL 159) which permit the suspension of state employees.

The Ministry of Public Instruction dismissed the Provveditore agli Studi of L'Aquila without first consulting with the Education Subcommission and the Regional Education Officer. (It had been agreed in writing by the Minister that he would consult with the Education Subcommission before taking dismissal steps against any Provveditore agli Studi appointed by the Education Division).

Provveditore agli Studi of L'Aquila, Prof. Cleto CROSTA, is alleged to have been "Ante Marcia" - a qualification which he received because he was a member of the "combattenti" (World War I veterans) - but actually inscribed in the party as of 1923, and to have held various positions in Fascist school associations.

Item of interest: Dismissal of said Provveditore was instigated by the National Committee of Liberation and by the "Associazione Partigiani d'Italia". The latter in its denouncement letter suggested that Prof. CROSTA be dismissed for the above reasons and that in his place be named the ex Provveditore agli Studi of L'Aquila, Avvocato Guido MESTICA. Guido MESTICA is the author of several volumes on Fascism. The most important and most descriptive are: 1) "Incontro con la Cultura", 2) "Diario Eroico", and 3) "La Cultura Fascista". He was also a member of the Federal Fascist Council, and "Fiduciario of the Istituto di Cultura Fascista" !!

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Upon request from the R.E.O. the dismissal was temporarily canceled, giving both the Provveditore and the R.E.O. the opportunity to submit a statement in regard to the existing situation. The Ministry of Public Instruction has now submitted the epuration practice to this office and has agreed that the action of dismissal previously taken was not in accord with existing policy.

TEXT BOOKS

Wholesale distribution of text books will take place during the first two weeks of March.

Provveditori have submitted the following requests for books:

ANCONA	14000	volumes
AQUILA	14270	"
ASCOLI	28500	"
CHIETI	10450	"
MACERATA	17200	"
PESARO	12500	"
PESCARA	8000	"
TERAMO	NONE (Provided by the "librerie")	

Total	104,920	volumes
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QUADERNI

Provveditori agli Studi have submitted the following requests for "quaderni" (Exercise books):

ANCONA	40000
AQUILA	No request
ASCOLI	70000
CHIETI	No request
MACERATA	150000
PESARO	No request
PESCARA	150000
TERAMO	No request

Total	410,000	quaderni
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TRANSPORTATION

Provveditori agli Studi in Italian Government territory although they may have a car at their disposal cannot make full use of it because the budget allotment

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for this purpose by the Ministry of Public Instruction has been sufficient only for one or two short trips.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The Statistical Report for the month is complete. It includes the school situation of all provinces in region.

It has been attentively compiled. Its accuracy is quite reliable since this is the fourth such report requested by each Provveditore agli Studi giving time for collection of data even from the remotest zones of each province.

Pesaro Province is now functioning almost to normality. All elementary schools wherever possible are open. Secondary schools opened February 15 in localities where the Provveditore was able to locate needed premises. The statistical report from Pesaro has shown continuous progress in the opening of schools, however, it is incomplete particularly as it relates to attendance and number of teachers on the job. This will affect somewhat the total picture rendered in the statistical data attached.

CONCLUSION

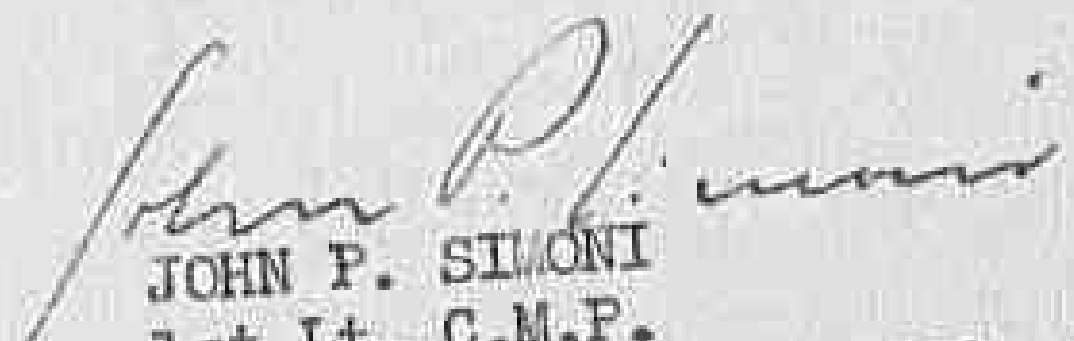
The best school situation yet noticed in Region may be reported for this month and the next. All elementary and secondary schools, where at all possible, are functioning in both cities and rural districts through Abruzzi-Marche.

The distribution to all schools of the new text books during the first part of March will eliminate the use of purged and not purged Fascist text books which are still in circulation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Epuration Committees described in DLL 159 be named immediately for each province where the Epuration Decree has been implemented.

That General Order No.35 be implemented for Pesaro Province.


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31 January 1945

SUBJECT : EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY, Abruzzi-Marche
Region, AMG/AC.

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

REF : R5/ED/1.12

INTRODUCTION

During the first week of January 1945 the Regional Education Officer attended the periodical Education Subcommittee Meeting which was held at Florence.

In January the Regional Education Officer made two complete tours of the Abruzzi-Marche Region checking the functioning of Provveditorati and of schools. On both tours he was accompanied by the Regional Civilian Education Specialist.

An unusually heavy snow precipitation throughout the Region hampered communications and caused the closing of many schools. In the provinces of l'Aquila, Ascoli, Chieti, and Pescara the Provveditori closed schools for periods ranging from a few days to several weeks.

PESARO PROVINCE

The new Provveditore agli Studi for Pesaro Province, Prof. ARMANDO FERRI, imported for the job from Littoria Province, (17 Jan. 1945), was introduced to his new task of reopening the Pesaro schools. The R.E.O. and the Civilian Education Specialist spent several days with him visiting the important school centers of the Province.

During the first ten days on the job Provveditore FERRI 4

accomplished the following:

Item of Interest: a) Named a committee to study the school situation in Pesaro city. The committee, composed of the Prefect, Sindaco, and three parents achieved immediately its paramount objective - that of finding premises for both elementary and secondary schools in Pesaro city. (See chart No.1)

b) Moved the offices of the Provveditorato from Fermignano to Pesaro city.

c) Completed the "graduatoria" of "supplenti" teachers. (Ex-Provveditore DONINI began the "graduatoria", and opened a large number of elementary schools throughout the Province - he resigned for health reasons).

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The attached statistical report, on chart No.3, shows that more communes in Region have taken advantage of the school lunches during the month of January.

The figures submitted by the Provveditori agli Studi, however, do not correspond with those submitted by the Regional Supply Office. The following figures were taken from the most recent reports of the Supply Section:

SCHOOL CHILDREN RECEIVING DAILY MEAL

ANCONA	4401	MACERATA	1135
AQUILA	13510	PESARO	1448
ASCOLI	11220	PESCARA	1891
CHIETI	3527	TERAMO	3800

TOTAL..... 40,932 CHILDREN

The above totals represent advanced requests of communes, whereas, the Provveditori have submitted the number of children which are actually receiving the lunches - information which may also not be up to date.

The Provveditori of Region report 50 communes being served with a total of 3706 children receiving school lunches.

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GLASS FOR SCHOOLS

The glass survey to determine the amount of glass needed to replace broken windows of school buildings has been completed in seven (1) of the eight provinces of Abruzzi-Marche Region.

The glass requirements are as follows:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
ANCONA	m ² 6831.17
AQUILA	" 6120.23
ASCOLI	" 5224.10
CHIETI	" 5366.63
MACERATA	" 1756.01
PESCARA	" 4182.49
TERAMO	" 2623.40
<u>Total needs</u>	m ² 32104.03

(1) PESARO Province not yet has reported.

TEXT BOOKS

Elementary School text books have arrived and are on sale at important "librerie" of most provinces in Region.

Item of Interest: The Provveditore agli Studi of Macerata (on the job!) denounced two "librerie" for selling the new text books at 20 lire above established price. The Questura confiscated over 300 volumes. Meanwhile, a request by the R.E.O. released the confiscated books to the Provveditorato for immediate sale.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

School personnel throughout Region is commenting most favorably the new school programs. Particularly well prepared are considered those for the elementary schools.

REQUISITIONING OF SCHOOLS

The situation created in Macerata and Ancona during the month of December 1944 by the Army requisitioning all schools has not eased.

This criminal act was not attributed (with certainty) to student action, yet at a moment when glass is not available, particularly for schools, poor student leadership caused the incident.

CIVILIAN EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Dott. PIETRO MEZZETTI has toured the Region with the R.E.O. to carry out his principal task of coordinating the work of Provveditori in A.M.G. territory. He has been of invaluable help in solving many problems having the experience, good judgment, and thorough knowledge of school laws and procedures.

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

Provveditori agli Studi have submitted the most accurate data yet received by this office on the school situation of the entire Region. (Charts No.2 and 3).

In the Statistical Report all eight provinces in Region are included.

Pesaro province will submit more complete data as more schools open; however, no figures were given on present status of secondary schools as to enrollment and number of teachers on the job, since they are not yet functioning.

All data given in this report has been compiled with calculating machine for accuracy!

CONCLUSION

Schools are open and functioning according to physical possibilities and efficiency of school personnel available.

In many provinces children are attending classes sporadically for lack of proper winter clothing.

Presidi, professors, teachers speak of the deficiencies of the Italian Education System. They are eager

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to learn of the progress made by other countries in this field. The demand for imported literature on the subject is great.

Item of Interest: In mud and snow a young elementary school teacher hiked from Fano to Fermignano (approximately 35 Km) to ask the Provveditore for a teaching position - her qualifications were good and was placed accordingly. (The R.E.O. gave her transportation back to Fano). There are people in Italy who still want to work!

Since many zones have been completely isolated from Provincial headquarters, because of heavy snows, it is difficult to have "last minute" accurate information on the total situation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Civilian Education Specialist be given the responsibility of carrying on the Regional Education Division's work when Allied personnel is withdrawn for service in Northern Regions.

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PATRONATO SCOLASTICO

In Ascoli and in Pescara the Provveditori have re-organized the "Patronato Scolastico".

In both these provinces the "Patronato" is supporting the promotion of the school lunches project. In Ascoli it has taken an individual interest in the acquisition and distribution of "quaderni". (The Provveditore of Pescara reports that he has organized the "Patronato", but has not yet received instructions from the Ministry of Public Instruction).

BOY SCOUTS

The first Boy Scouts troop in Region has been established at Macerata. The Provveditore was elected president of the organization committee.

STUDENT STRIKES

At Chieti secondary school students held several demonstrations requesting the Provveditore agli Studi to close schools during the cold weather. The Provveditore with the assistance of the Prefect and the "Questura" stood fast. (Chieti schools all have glass and some of them are heated; therefore, they were not closed. The Provveditore, however, when the real need arose closed several schools according to Ministerial directive, but he did not heed to student pressure).

Item of Interest: On January 8th through 12th students of Teramo secondary schools went on strike asking that schools be closed during the cold weather. Since the Teramo schools all have glass and are partially heated the Provveditore in conference with the Prefect and professors agreed that it was not sufficiently cold to warrant the closing of all schools. The Provveditore notified the students of the action taken. The students refused to accept and kept up their demonstration. On January 11th at 19.30 two infernal machines exploded causing considerable damage to two schools:

a) The Convitto-Liceo, breaking almost all windows and damaging fixtures.

b) The Istituto Magistrale, breaking part of its glass and also window fixtures.

CHART NO.1PREMISES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS - PESARO CITY

SCHOOLS	TEMPORARY PREMISES	CLASS- ROOMS	NECESSARY REPAIRS
R. Liceo Ginnasio	R. Conservatorio (musica)	10	Glass
R. Ist. Magistrale	R. Conservatorio (musica)		"
R. Ist. Tecnico - Sez. Ragioneria	R. Conservatorio (musica)		"
R. Ist. Tecnico - Sez. Geometri per il disegno	Scuola d'Arte	1	Glass
R. Scuola Media Del Monte	Palazzo del Monte	6	Glass, doors, minor repairs
R. Scuola Media V. Palestro	Maestre Pie Venerini	4	Glass and minor repairs
R. Scuola Tecnica e R. Scuola Avviamento	In its own bldg.	6	Glass, doors, minor repairs
R. Scuola Artistico Industriale	In its own bldg.	15	Glass and minor repairs
Scuola Perticari	Palazzo Mazzucati Porto	3 3	Minor repairs
R. Istituto Agrario	In its own bldg.	3	Minor repairs

ooo Temporarily to alternate with elementary schools.

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31 December 1944

SUBJECT : EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER, ABRUZZI-MARCHE
REGION, AMG/AC.

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

REF : R5/ED/1.12

INTRODUCTION

During the month of December the Regional Education Officer made three tours of Abruzzi-Marche Region. Dott. Pietro Mezzetti, Regional Civilian Specialist in Education, accompanied by the Regional Education Officer on one tour was introduced to the problems facing the schools in both Italian Government and Allied Military Government territory.

The Provveditore agli Studi of Teramo Province was replaced with Professor Mario FERRARA former Provveditore agli Studi of Campobasso as per request of R.E.O. Provveditore FERRARA has taken a good hold of the difficult administrative situation which had developed in this Province after the appointment of an inefficient school official.

The need for glass and fuel for schools is wide-spread throughout the Region. However, schools will not close. They will function during the winter months closing only in those localities where heating is impossible and where no other premises are available.

DEFASCISM

The A.M.G. Hearing Committees for suspended school personnel were dissolved in the Provinces of l'Aquila, Chieti, Pescara, and Teramo effective 7 December 1944.

The above action left approximately one-hundred suspended school employees' cases pending, awaiting decision by Italian Government Epuration Committees to be established as per DLL 159.

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PURGING OF SCHOOL LIBRARIES

During this month a new drive got under way in the confiscation and purging of textbooks and of other Fascist literature in school libraries. Provveditori agli Studi report that the renewed effort has had some success.

REQUISITIONING

In the cities of Macerata and Ancona all schools but one in each city, including the offices of the Provveditorato, have been requisitioned by 8th Army units.

In Macerata city the Provveditore agli Studi through the cooperation of Presidi, Sindaco, and Prefect was able to reopen all schools on a full schedule - he utilized convents, orphanages, churches, and religious institutions for temporary school premises.

The Provveditore of Ancona was less fortunate. The Liceo Ginnasio, Istituto Magistrale, and Istituto Tecnico Nautico of Ancona were forced to close. In this city schools are functioning at reduced schedule and in two shifts.

All schools are requisitioned at Pesaro, Fano, and Camerino - (The University of Camerino was not occupied).

The University of Macerata, recently occupied by Allied troops, has found a way to carry on its work. Classes will begin as scheduled on January 10, 1945 (The Universities of Camerino and Urbino will also open on the same date).

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The School Lunches Project is not moving along satisfactorily. Poorer Communes find it difficult to finance the project.

The American Red Cross has cooperated in developing community interest in planning for the serving of school lunches - particularly in the Province of Chieti.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The new School Programs sent to the Regional Education Officer by the Education Subcommission have been distributed according to the attached chart.

PESARO PROVINCE

The Provveditore agli Studi was requested to move the offices of the Provveditorato from Fermignano to Pesaro city by 8 January 1944, in order to be in closer contact with all Provincial Headquarters.

Approximately 50 per cent of the Asili and Elementary schools are open.

All Secondary schools are closed. Examinations will be held from January 4 - 10, 1945, and schools will open 15 February 1945.

To date 67 teachers have been suspended for political reasons in this province.

Lt. Col. Nichols former Provincial Commissioner for Ancona-Pesaro Provinces asked Major G.R. Koopman to investigate activities at the University of Urbino. Major Koopman has submitted a brief report of his findings to the R.E.O.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Provveditore agli Studi of Chieti Province has experimented with the idea of raising funds for school reconstruction purposes. He originated and started the "Giornata della Scuola" in the two communes of Castelfrentano and Fossacessio - in the former £10,000 were collected and in the latter £24,000. The success achieved in these two communes has encouraged the Provveditore to promote the project throughout the Province. The "Giornata della Scuola" will begin January 15 and will end March 31, 1945.

In Ascoli Piceno the American Red Cross representative and the R.E.O. promoted the reorganization of a newly established "Educatore Provinciale" housing about 180 poor children attending schools at Ascoli. Conferences were held with the Prefect, Provveditore, and other city officials - it was decided upon an organization managed by a community-wide committee, rather than a private "ente", composed of representatives from school, provincial administration, and E.C.A. (Ente Comunale Assistenza).

The University of Urbino is offering language courses (English and Slavic languages) to adults at evening classes and an Italian course for Allied troops.

Students of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale of l'Aquila went on strike several times this month asking that their Preside, who has been justly suspended for political reasons, be permitted to direct the School for the year 1944-1945. The same students several months ago petitioned for the suspension of the same Preside!

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

The attached statistical report of December is more complete and accurate than that submitted for the month of November.

All eight provinces of Abruzzi-Marche Region are represented.

The lack of data on present status of Secondary school personnel and students in Pesaro Province will slightly affect the totals under "Present Enrollment" and "Number of teachers now teaching."

The total number of "Schede Personali" submitted by teachers in Pesaro Province will be affected also by the procedure adopted by LT. Col. Nichols, P.C. of Pesaro (without consulting with R.E.O.) in requiring that all teachers submit a "scheda".

CONCLUSION

The great amount of snow which has fallen in the Region during the last week of 1944 will affect school functioning greatly. The month of January will tell!

Schools have closed for Christmas holidays and will reopen on 7 January 1945.

Generally the school situation is promising. The Provveditori are at their job carrying on their tasks in earnest - often faced by most difficult barriers.

RECOMMENDATION

The Italian Government must be urged to establish Epuration Committees as per DLL 159 as soon as possible to decide the cases of suspended school personnel in Provinces recently passed to Italian Government jurisdiction.

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6 December 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Report (November).TO : CARLETON W. WASHBURNE, Major AUS, A/Director of
Education, Education Subcommittee, A.C., APO 394.

REF : R5/ED/1.12.

1. Here is my Monthly Report which I am sending to you by special messenger.
2. The delayed statistical reports from provinces held up the machinery for several days - I trust it will reach you in time.
3. The reliability of this first statistical report is questionable. The one for December will carry more accurate data, for Provveditori have requested specific information from Direttori Didattici etc.

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SUBJECT : EDUCATION MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION, AMG/AC.

TO : CARLETON W. KASHBURN, Major, A/Director of Education, Education Subcommission, A.C. APO 994.

REF : R5/ED/I.12.

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REQUISITIONING OF SCHOOLS

In both Marche and Abruzzi many schools have been requisitioned recently by 8th Army units.

In most centers requisitioning has not been promiscuous.

In Macerata, however, all schools including the Provveditorato agli Studi, with the exception of the "Scuola d'Arte" to which the Provveditorato moved were requisitioned.

The University of Macerata was completely occupied by 8th Army. Unless other premises are found for the school's administration offices the University will be forced to remain closed for the duration of the occupation.

8th Army agreed that the library halls of the University where many valuable books are stacked will not be used as dormitories, that is the University officials so desire they will be given ample time to move the books to a safer storage place.

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<u>PESCARA</u>	18	136	4142,76
<u>MACERATA</u>	?	328	1722,77
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Many communes throughout the Region reply that they lack the facilities for preparing and serving of the lunches. They are also not very enthusiastic over the taste of this type of dehydrated food, lacking, furthermore, salt and olive

oil or other fats to improve the taste!

PESARO PROVINCE

The first news from Pesaro Province on the progress made by the Provveditore agli Studi in the reopening of schools is encouraging. (Statistical data is not yet available).

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The universities submitted a very incomplete report-- mostly due to the lack of "di ruolo" professors "in sede".

CONCLUSION

During the month of November the schools of the Region functioned at top efficiency in direct ratio to the many limitations facing the administrative force and the

teachers in the field.

The deficiencies existing in the Italian school system on teacher selection have been enhanced by the thousands of "supplenti" who request that they be given a position without possessing the necessary qualifications, and use all the "pull" that they can muster in order to be assigned a "sede". Hundreds of teachers who are not fit to teach are employed for varied reasons without the proper qualifications for teaching.

Political parties are beginning to take an interest in the public schools.

A marked interest has been shown particularly by the Communist Party through its "Alto Commissario Provinciale Aggiunto per l'Epurazione". (The "Alto Commissario" in each of the following provinces is a member of the Communist Party: Ancona, Aquila, Ascoli, Chieti, Macerata, Pescara, and Teramo).

In the four provinces recently passed to Italian Government the "Alto Commissario" has contacted with marked emphasis the Provveditori agli Studi. The "Alto Commissario" of Chieti has begun to suspend public school teachers. The "Alto Commissario" of Ascoli and Macerata have tried to put pressure on the Provveditore agli Studi. All in all there are definite trends of political infiltration into a rather susceptible and easy target - the Italian public school!

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Monthly Statistical Report, Education Division Abruzzi-Marche Region, Month of November 1944 No. of 8 Provinces in Region Eight.

1. Opening of Schools - Cumulative to date				Avviamento		Media Inf.		Higher Sec.	
Asili		Elementary							
Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open
433	310	5935	4795	100	85	48	45	81	69
Normal Enrolment	New Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	New Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	New Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	New Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	New Enrolled
30711	21769	249455	209806	11849	9040	12397	10803	16827	11179
No. di ruolo Teachers	No. Teaching	No. di ruolo	No. Teaching	No. di ruolo	No. teaching	No. di ruolo	No. Teaching	No. di ruolo	No. Teaching
350	458	6329	5915	157	438	286	583	459	837

2. School plant - Cumulative to date			Avviamento		Media Inf.		Higher Sec.	
	Elementary							
	Bldgs	Glass rooms	Bldgs	Rooms	Bldgs	Rooms	Bldgs	Rooms
Normal No.	2293	6307	93	536	58	505	76	842
Functioning now	1790	4483	77	405	54	351	102	610
Occupied-Allies	58	364	10	65	7	80	9	181
Occupied-Italian Military	4	32	-	-	2	13	-	-
Occupied CC.RR.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupied-Sforlati	77	206	-	-	1	9	2	13
Occupied-Civilians	13	46	-	-	1	14	-	-
Await disinfection	285	1122	5	26	5	35	5	29
Await Minor Repairs	226	875	16	87	9	59	11	82
Badly Damaged	207	787	4	62	7	115	7	74
Destroyed	175	483	6	48	2	23	-	-
Not functioning for other reasons	12	36	4	14	-	-	-	-
Condition Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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on Eight.

Cumulative to date Elementary		Avviamento		Media Inf.		Higher Sec.		Universities	
Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open	Total No.	No. Open
5935	4795	100	85	48	45	81	69	3	1
Normal Enrolment	Now Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	Now Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	Now Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	Now Enrolled	Normal Enrolment	Now Enrolled
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4	32	-	-	2	13	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
77	206	-	-	1	9	2	13	-	-
13	46	-	-	1	14	-	-	1	17
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12	36	4	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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3. Personnel - Cumulative to date	Total No.	Schede Rowl.	Confirmed	* Suspended	Appealed	Susp. Sust.
Provveditori	7	7	0	7	-	-
Provveditorato	67	57	58	5	9	1
Inspectors	13	11	8	4	4	-
Presidi	98	90	47	33	32	13
Directors	68	63	42	9	7	7
El Teachers	5915	307	1349	282	237	87
Avv. Teachers	438	24	9	25	28	8
Medin Teachers	583	5	22	9	9	3
Higher Teachers	837	54	40	73	60	24
University Rectors	3	3	Pro-Rettori 2	1	-	-
University Professors	-	-	INCOMPLETE -		-	-

4. Elementary text book distribution - Cumulative to date

	II10	II10	IIIRag 7	IIISuss. -	IVRag 7	IVArith. 10	IVDist. 10
No. Delivered to region							
No. communes in Region							
No. to which books are available							

5. Quaderni - No. of Communes in which available 137

6. School lunches

No. of communes in which they are being served - cumulative to date _____
 No. of children receiving school lunches - cumulative to date _____

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	90	47	33	32	13	9
	63	42	9	7	7	-
	307	1349	282	237	87	37
	24	9	25	28	8	2
	5	22	9	9	3	2
	54	40	73	60	24	15
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October 31, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

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

REF : R5/ED/I.12

1. Here is my Monthly Report which I trust will arrive in time for you to use.
2. It may appear somewhat long for a Regional Report, however, I planned it so that it may be used for each Province also.
3. Work is interesting and challenging as usual. Transportation is giving me some trouble from time to time, but nothing out of the ordinary.

Sincerely,

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TO : CARLTON W. WACHSBERG, Major AMB, A/Director of Education, Education Administration, A.G., AFO 394.

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The "Provveditori agli Studi" selected to head-up each provincial school system in the Region are cooperating to the utmost with the military authorities.

Transportation has been a vital asset to the Education Officer permitting him to reach frequently all "Provveditori" in the Region.

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B. GENERAL

A Provincial Hearing Committee advisory to the Regional Education Officer has been established in all provinces in the Region, except Pesaro, where vetting of school personnel will get under way November 1. The Committee is called the "Commissione Consultiva di Epurazione Scuole."

The School Lunches project planned in cooperation with the Regional Supply Officer has been placed before each Provincial Commissioner, Prefect, and "Provveditore agli Studi" of each Province in the Region for immediate action. The actual feeding will begin within the month of November.

A survey on the amount of flat glass needed for broken windows of all schools of Region got under way in each province during the month of October. Reports from several provinces will be available the first part of November.

The following data is now available from each province showing the number of school officials and teachers suspended according to instructions given in Educational Directive No. 2 - Appendix "A".

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b) AQUILA	40
c) ASCOLI PICENO	147
d) CHIETI	55
e) MACERATA	117
f) PESARO	incomplete
g) PESCARA	37
h) TERAMO	26

The Provincial Hearing Committee of each province has reported on the following number of cases:

a) ANCONA	12
b) AQUILA	3
c) ASCOLI-PICENO	41
d) CHIETI	21
e) MACERATA	5
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C. ANCONA PROVINCE

In Ancona Province the elementary schools and the "scuole medie" opened on October 1, 1944. In Ancona City the "scuole medie" opened on Oct. 5, and the elementary schools on October 13, 1944.

All elementary and secondary schools are open except those in the following localities:

- a. Five rural centers at FABRIANO where schools are closed for prophylactic measures.
- b. At JESI the schools are only partially functioning. (JESI is an important 8th Army Base).

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The members of the hearing Committee are:

- a. President, EMMEGGILDO CATALINI, Attorney
- b. Member, VINCENZO AQUA, Attorney
- c. Member, RENZO ALFIERI, Professor

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D. AQUILA PROVINCE

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- a. President, RUCCI GUIDO, Justice
- b. Member, PIETRO GIULIANI, Attorney
- c. Member, GATTANO D'INZILLO, Colonel

Examinations of "Ammissione, promozione, and idoneità" for the "scuole medie" were held September 18-20, 1944. Examinations of "abilitazione magistrale and tecnica" of "maturità classiche and scientifiche" were given October 10 - 25, 1944.

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"Provveditore" CILIO CROSTA has demonstrated to be an efficient administrator. He has done an excellent job of putting the Aquila schools in running order.

N. ASCOLI PICENO PROVINCE

In Ascoli-Piceno Province the elementary schools and the "scuole medie" opened on September 25, 1944.

Schools have not opened in the following localities: PERMO and MONTECRANIO where schools are requisitioned. At PERMO, however, they will be released on November 3, when classes will begin immediately.

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N. CHIETI PROVINCE

In Chieti Province the elementary schools opened on October 2, 1944.

The "scuole medie" will open November 8, 1944. At LANCIANO and ORSOLA they will open on November 20, 1944 - the buildings are now under repairs.

All schools are closed in the following localities: 2471
TRANCANTILLA A MARE, ORSOLA A MARE, TOLLO, CALLEDINACI, GIULIANO TRATINO, GARANTA, PELIGNA, and MIGLIANICO. The "Provveditore" is doing his best to find available space

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The "scuole medie" will open November 6, 1944. At LANCIANO and ORTONA they will open on November 20, 1944 - the buildings are now under repairs.

All schools are closed in the following localities: 2471
TRANCAVILLA A MARE, ORTONA A MARE, TOLLO, CASLETTUCCIA, GIULIANO TETATINO, PARATEA, PELIGNA, and MIGLIANICO. The "Provveditore" is doing his best to find available space where classes can be held in these communities.

Secondo session of examinations for the "scuole medie" started October 10 ending October 21, 1944.

The members of the Hearing Committee are:

- a. President, RAFFAEL GASPARRI, President Deputations
- b. Member, ENZO LUCCHINI, Attorney
- c. Member, MARIO COVICH, Preside

"Provveditore" GIUSEPPE RUSSO has demonstrated ability, energy, and common sense in his new job. Although young (30 years of age) he is administering the schools of Chieti Province with experienced hand showing marked leadership. He has gained the confidence of the community.

C. MACERATA PROVINCE

In Macerata Province the elementary schools and the "scuole medie" opened on October 16, 1944.

Schools are partially functioning (or are closed) in the following localities:

- a. In MACERATA CITY all schools are functioning at reduced schedule, for all available space has been requisitioned for 8th Army rest camps.
- b. Schools are occupied or destroyed in CIVITANOVA MARCHE, PORTO RECANATI, SAN CESARIO, MONTECASSIANO, RECANATI, POLLICELLA, POMEREA PICTA, TULLIANO, CORRIDONIA, MONTEFANO, and GUADU. A part time schedule is functioning in some localities.

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- a. President, VINCENZO RICCATI, Justice
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a. In MACERATA CITY all schools are functioning at reduced schedule, for all available space has been requisitioned for 6th Army rest camps.

b. Schools are occupied or destroyed in CIVITANOVA MARCONI, PONNO RICAMATI, SAN GELUSIO, MONTICASSIANO, FICANAGO, PELLEZZA, FORMAZZA PICCOLA, ROVERETO, GORRISONIA, MONTEFALCONE, and GALLI. A part time schedule is functioning in some localities.

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H. PESARO PROVINCE.

Prof. GINO DONINI, Preside Liceo Classico di Pesaro was appointed "Provveditore agli Studi" for Pesaro Province on October 24, 1944.

Prof. Domenico Lombrasse, "Provveditore", was suspended for political reasons.

In Pesaro Province all schools are closed. Schools will open gradually as premises are found and open up in each

locality. The major part of 8th Army is located in this province. The tentative date for the reopening of schools is December 1, 1944.

The Provveditore has started the job of vetting the schools' personnel, confiscation and purging of text books, and reopening the schools as soon as possible.

The Provveditorato is located at Sant'Angelo in Vado. At present the "Provveditorato" is at TERMINIANO where the Provveditorato will be established. The "Provveditorato" is temporarily isolated from his office staff, for all roads to Sant'Angelo in Vado are closed. He is working without an office staff or records!

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In Pescara Province the elementary schools and the "scuole medie" opened on October 15, 1944.

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The first session of the examinations of "maturità, abilitazione, and idoneità" for the "scuole medie" started September 15, 1944. The second session will begin November 15, 1944.

The members of the Hearing Committee are:

- a. President, GIUSEPPE D'ECCELESIA, Justice
- b. Member, MICHELE CRIMI, Ispettore Scolastico
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The office of the Provveditorato is functioning under difficulties for lack of suitable office space and office furniture.

J. TERAMO PROVINCE

In Teramo Province the elementary schools and the "scuole medie" opened on September 15, 1944.

All elementary and secondary schools are open except in the following localities: GIULIANOVA, SPINACIA, SALINELLO, A. MUNIZIANI, COMUNE OF GIULIANOVA, STAZIONE DI BELLANTE where bomb damage has destroyed all available school premises.

Examinations of "maturita", abilitazione, licenza and idoneita for the "scuole medie" took place September 1 - 15, 1944.

The members of the Hearing Committee are:

- a. President, EROLD BRACCONE, Justice
- b. Member, MARIO DE CICCIO, Attorney
- c. Member, EMMANO ANELLI, Preside.

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In ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION there are three Universities:

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- 2) A. UNIVERSITA' DI MACERATA, located at Macerata, Provincia di Macerata.
- 3) UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI URBINO, located at Urbino, Provincia di Pesaro.

A.C.C. Executive Memorandum No 76, 2 September 1944, is the directive used in dealing with the reopening of the universities.

The "Rettore" of each University was suspended and 2468 a "Pro Rettore" was appointed for each school.

The members of the Hearing Committee are:

- a. President, ERICQI DIACONTI, Justice
- b. Member, MARIO DE CICCO, Attorney
- c. Member, SAMUELE ANELLI, Preside.

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B. UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI CAMERINO

Prof. GELMISTINO BARELLI, Rettore of the Università degli Studi di Camerino was appointed Pro Rettore October 13, 1944.

The following Epuration Committee was immediately named for the purging of the University staff:

- a. SORDANI EZIO, Sindaco di Camerino
- b. APOLLONI ENRICO, Attorney
- c. Don RILLI NICOLA, Priest, President of Communal Welfare Committee for Patriots of Camerino.

The University of Camerino is without funds for the school year 1944-45; the Pro Rettore has submitted requested budget to the Provincial Commissioner for the Finance Officer. (The University is an "Università Libera" therefore, only partially financed by the State).

Great part of the staff of the University is "in sede". Examinations started in October and will continue through the month of November. A "sezione straordinaria" of examinations for the students of Camerino only will be held in Jan., Feb., and March.

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- a. FERDINANDO IONI, Ex Sindaco of Macerata
- b. FERDINANDO CIAPPI, President Committee of Liberation
- c. FRAVUTSCO SCUTERINI, Vice President "Deputazione Provinciale" of Macerata.

The examinations of "Profitto" will begin on November 6, 1944, in those subjects for which there are professors "in sede". In all other subjects examinations will start November 15, 1944.

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- a. FERDINANDO LORI, Ex Sindaco of Macerata
- b. FERDINANDO GIANNI, President Committee of Liberation
- c. FRANCESCO SCERRINI, Vice President "Deputazione Provinciale" of Macerata.

The examinations of "Proffitto" will begin on November 3, 1944, in those subjects for which there are professors "in sede". In all other subjects examinations will start November 15, 1944.

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- a. FRANCA GIUSEPPE, Pro Rettore
- b. FIANELLI GIOVANNI, Sindaco di Urbino
- c. RUFONDI PAMELA, Superintendente di Monumenti, Urbino
- d. CANUCCI AURELIO, Surgeon
- e. CANIS ALFONSO, Procuratore del Re, Tribunale Urbino.

The Education Committee has so far reported its findings and opinions on 47 members of the staff. It has suggested the suspension of three professors, two office employees, and minor punishment for other two professors.

All buildings are in excellent condition. The University is in good financial standing.

Examinations of "Profitto" will be held from November 9 until December 2, 1944. Examinations of "Laurea" will begin November 15 for the "Magistero". For the schools of Jurisprudence and Pharmacy they will start December 2, 1944.

Most of the University faculty is now "in sede".

The Ex Rettore is Professor Canzio Ricci, Rettore, since 1924, now at "riposo".

III. CONCLUSION

The Regional Education Officer contacts weekly each "Provveditore agli Studi" in the Region. Difficulties are gradually ironed out so that all schools may reopen and function as normally as possible for the school year 1944-1945.

The job of defascistization of personnel is not yet completed. The Hearing Committees are functioning in earnest and within the month of November the task may be considered finished. Their work is often hampered or delayed by local political pressure, or lack of information on the part of Prefects and other officials as to the responsibilities of the Hearing Committees.

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The schools of the Region particularly in smaller centers and in the Provinces of Ancona and Pesaro are in dire need of glass for windows. It is hoped that shortly after the completion of the survey glass can be made available.

Refugee teachers are gradually returning to their permanent homes. Public Safety Officers have cooperated in providing teaching personnel with special permits to return to their "sede". This movement of teachers has by no means ceased, however.

There is a marked need for text books, quaderni, and other school supplies. "Provveditori" are awaiting eagerly copies of the new Schools Programs.

The three universities will soon begin the new school year with an epurated faculty and a new "Rettore". Each school is expecting a larger enrollment for the school year 1944-45.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Ministry of Public Instruction be asked to substitute immediately the "Provveditore agli Studi" of Teramo Province.
2. That a circular be prepared for all Prefects, "Alti Commissariati Aggiunti per l'Educazione" and ~~to~~ "Provveditori agli Studi" outlining the chain of responsibility and procedure in the epuration of school personnel.

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TO : Carleton W. Washburne, Major AUS, Deputy Education Officer, Education Subcommittee, A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Education Monthly report (September), Region 5.

Date : 30 September 1944 -

A. A.M.G. Education Personnel

1. Major Charles J. Birt, Regional Education Officer, Marche-Abruzzi Region, was reassigned for duty. He left Sept. 26, 1944.
2. 2nd Lieutenant John P. Simoni was appointed Regional Education Officer as of Sept. 29, 1944.

B. General Information

3. In all provinces of Marche-Abruzzi Region (Aquila, Ancona, Ascoli, Chieti, Macerata, Pescara, and Teramo) the "Provveditorato" is functioning and schools are reopening.
4. The "Provveditore agli Studi" of Pescara, Luigi Polacchi, was dismissed Sept. 13, 1944, (appointed 4 August 44), according to Educational Directive No. 2, Appendix A, Par. 1-t. He had been a very active propagandist for the "Istituto di Cultura Fascista".
5. Colangelo Silvio, Ex-Provveditore of Ancona, was appointed "Provveditore agli Studi" for Pescara Sept. 13, but before he took office a report showed that he was "Sciarpia Littorio"; therefore, he was suspended immediately.
6. During the absence of a "Provveditore" for the Province of Pescara the responsibility for the reopening of schools was given to the 1st Secretary of the "Provveditorato".
7. Attempts were made to locate a capable and politically acceptable individual qualified for the position of "Provveditore agli Studi" for Pescara Province, but having exhausted all local possibilities the Education Subcommittee was called upon to furnish a "Provveditore".
8. Neither the Education Subcommittee or the Ministry of Public Instructions had available immediately a suitable person for the position as "Provveditore agli Studi" for Pescara Province. The Education Officer is considering se-

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veral candidates one of which may successfully fill the vacancy.

9. In Chieti Province the difficulty over the appointment of the Provincial Hearing Committee with the Prefect and the "Comitato di Liberazione" was settled. The "Provveditore" named the Committee.

10. The vetting of teaching personnel is about completed in all provinces. The Provincial Hearing Committee is now functioning in the Provinces of Ascoli, Chieti, Pescara, and Teramo.

11. The elementary and secondary schools have opened in the following provinces:

a: Teramo Province - Opened Sept. 16, 1944.

b: Ascoli Province - Opened Sept. 25, 1944.

12. Text-books and school programs are needed for all provinces in Marche-Abruzzi Region. The "Provveditori" will encourage all personnel to use imagination until books etc. are available.

13. Eighth Army Rear asked Education Officer to begin work in Pesaro Province. Work will begin the coming week.

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A.D. PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
CAMPOBASSO

1 June 1944

Ref : 24/1-5

Subject : Monthly report - Education Officer - AUG

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To : P.C., Campobasso Province

Regional Education Officer, Region V

Education Sub-Commission, AOC

Liaison Officer, AUG 8th Army

1. Work in connection with the opening of elementary schools in the area of Campobasso Province jointly controlled by Region V and 8th Army was started about the 1st of May. Since that time the schools in 64 of the 134 communes of the province have been opened and are functioning, and those in 59 other communes have been authorized to open, pending final report on vetting by the F.S.S., as of June 1st, 1944 and for the months of June and July. The schools in 11 communes, namely: S. Angelo del Pesco, Pescopennetaro, Castel del Giudice, Gura cotta, S. Pietro Avellana, Nienere Sammitico, Montenero Valpocochara, Pizzone, Castel S. Vincenzo, Rocchetta a Volturno, and Filignano are not opened for military reasons as of the date of this report.

2. The schools of media and superiore grade, in accordance with 8th Army and Province suggestion are making plans for their opening on September 1st, 1944. The Provveditore has in mind a school session with a winter vacation from December 15th to February 15th to allow for transport difficulties during the snowy months. A single exception to this plan has been made in the case of the Corso Avvinamento Tecnico at Agnone, where an experiment is to be made commencing June 5th, 1944 in the operation of technical school including the practical work of making and repairing seats and benches for the community where practically none are available for school use due to destruction by German troops.

3. By agreement with the Provveditore the circoli (districts) in the province have been reorganized for the purpose of better communication and supervision by the redrawing of communal lines and the addition of one new circle in Campobasso Town as authorized by the Ministry under Italian Law. Directors have been appointed for all but 3 circoli, of which 1 is awaiting vetting and the others are awaiting reopening, temporarily filled by attachment to other circoli.

4. Asili infantili (schools for children 3-6 years of age) have been authorized to reopen after teacher vetting and open 2462 application when they were in existence prior to hostilities.

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ed in the province and 1 readmitted.

6. Suspended personnel are not paid, but 1/3 of the stipend is granted to needy families under the provisions of Italian law.
7. Instructions have been issued to the Provveditore and Directors to whom he has delegated the power to nominate supplenti, to use refugee teachers in the localities where they are available rather than requesting the return of teachers from other provinces.
8. In a number of cases school personnel have been authorized to accept employment by AMG and detached from school duties for the balance of this year, particularly where their services were their services were not required in view of closed schools.
9. Texts and quaderni which have been made available by ACO headquarters are in the procession of distribution. Ink, chalk, pencils and other necessary school materials are exceeding difficult to obtain and sources of these materials in other areas must be found. Arrangements are in the process of completion for the printing of courses of study for the region for the year 1944-45.
10. A committee of secure and responsible citizens has been selected and is ready to function in connection with recommendations as to re-admission of suspended teachers who have made an appeal.
11. A plan for hot soup, including some meat and vegetables, for small children has been formulated with the collaboration of the civilian supply officers and will begin to function within the next week.
12. A plan for make-up examinations has been formulated and is operating in the media and superiore center of Campobasso, Boiano and Isernia. Promotion examinations will be held during the summer months, and examinations for university entrance where travel to the university centers is required have been postponed until the summer at the suggestion of army authorities. Students desiring to take such examinations have been instructed to register with the sindaco and their names will be forwarded to the universities at a later date for such examinations.
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8. In a number of cases school personnel have been authorized to accept employment by AVO and detached from school duties for the balance of this year, particularly where their services were their services were not required in view of closed schools.

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13. An investigation has been made into the possible use of the worthwhile activities carried on by "Doppio lavoro" in prewar times, and some interesting material has been developed. Suggestion for the amendment of the proposed reorganization of "Doppio lavoro", including a broader financial base, and the division of its activities to include a separation of activities designed for those people who were not brought up under Fascism from those of the younger group trained by Fascism, the latter to be more carefully supervised.

14. Former physical education instructors under the G.I.I. who have been vetted were transferred to the teaching staff. A program of physical education and adult recreation is in process of planning for the province.

15. Many of the conditions which would be required for operation at home are impossible to obtain at the present time, but C.A.O.'s and army officials generally have been most helpful in obtaining school-rooms, in arranging for estimates of necessary repairs, and in getting sindaco to realize the responsibilities which devolve upon them under Italian law in connection with provisions and maintenance of school buildings.

Freda. P. P. P.
Cap.

DIXIE G. TILLOT

Captain, Inf.

Actg. Education Officer
Campobasso Province.

TO : CHARLTON W. WASHBURN, Major AUS, Deputy Education Officer,
Education Subcommittee, A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Education monthly report, (August), Region 5.

Date : 31 August 1944 -

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In Region 5 the "Provveditorato" is now functioning and is working toward the re-opening of all public schools not later than Oct. 1, in the following provinces: Aquila, Ancona, Ascoli-Piceno, Chieti, Macerata, Pescara and Teramo.

2. The following are the "Provveditori agli Studi" (Regenti) for each province:

a) AQUILA	Cleto Crosta (Ex-Provveditore of Foggia)
b) ANCONA	Rocco Fedele (Preside Liceo Scientifico, Ancona)
c) ASCOLI	Pietro Mezzetti (Inspector General, Ministry of Ed.)
d) CHIETI	Giuseppe Russo (1st Secretary-Prov., Chieti)
e) MACERATA	Giuseppe Borgiani (Provveditore, Macerata)
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2. The following are the "Provveditori agli Studi" (Regenti) for each province:

a) AQUILA	Cleto Crosta (Ex-Provveditore of Foggia)
b) ANCONA	Rocco Fedele (Preside Liceo Scientifico, Ancona)
c) ASCOLI	Pietro Mezzetti (Inspector General, Ministry of Ed.)
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b) ASCOLI-PICENO	101
c) MACERATA	127
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e) PESCARA	16
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g) CHIETI	incomplete

A.C.C. record cards will be forwarded on all suspended personnel and duplicate lists kept by the Regional Education Officer and "Provveditore".

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2. Since the "Scheda Personale" form has been found incomplete and inadequate for the vetting of school personnel the following information was requested be added to the "Scheda" by each person vetted :

- a) Record of books written.
- b) Written or compiled articles or books, etc., on Fascism or against the Allies.
- c) Present membership in political parties.
- d) Statement giving date of oath or membership to the Fascist Republican Government.

3. In the provinces of Teramo, Ascoli, and Macerata an unusual number of "presidi" and other school officials were found to have taken the oath of allegiance to the Fascist Republican Government. Under the Italian law decree published in "Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 41", Suspension is required of all teachers taking this oath. If applied it would mean suspension of entire teaching body in some of these provinces. There is definite evidence the oath was taken under duress.

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1. The decree on the transfer of physical education instructors (GIL) to the regular school program has been issued by the Prefect of each province in this Region. The "Provveditori" are now occupied in the vetting and classification of these instructors.

2. Hearing Commissions for suspended personnel have been established and are ready to function in the provinces of Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata, Ancona, Aquila and Pescara. These Commissions were appointed before the defascistization decree of July 29, 1944, was issued by the Italian Government. This decree was called to our attention, August 28.

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Since a Hearing Commission was not yet set up at Chieti, the Prefect of Chieti has decided to await clarification on Brig. Lush's statement before he takes action.

3. Examination session will begin on Sept. 1 in the Provinces of Chieti, Teramo and Ascoli-Piceno with classes opening on Sept. 18. In the provinces of Pescara, Aquila, Macerata and Ancona examination will start on Sept. 15, and classes will open on Oct. 2, 1944.

4. Co-operation has been offered by the American Red Cross Regional Director and Field Personnel in the planning and carrying out of immunization and school lunch programs. As soon as the major job of re-opening the schools is finished the above tasks will be next on our organization schedule.

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- a) The withdrawal from the Istituto Magistrale of its recognized standing status. Continuing until such time as conditions are corrected.
- b) Annulment of all final examinations given the years 1942-43, 1943-44.
- c) Authorization to the "Provveditore" to establish a special session for the years 1942-43, 1943-44 for all students.
4. 2nd Lieutenant John P. Simoni was assigned to Region 5 as Education Officer, assistant to Major Charles J. Birt, Regional Education Officer. He is carrying out his assignments in a most satisfactory manner.

VII. RECOMMENDATION

1. This Office recommends that a Regional Education Inspector be appointed in this Region for the following reasons :
 - a) To supervise the work of each "Provveditore agli Studi".
 - b) To assure the execution of Educational Directives.
 - c) To assure co-ordination of effort and policy between provinces in the Region and prepare for time Italian Government will assume responsibility.
2. For this position is recommended the appointment of Dr. Mezzetti Pietro - Grade 5, now "Provveditore agli Studi" for Ascoli and previously General Inspector for the Ministry of Education - a man capable to handle the difficult task of bringing unity into Regional Education work.

VIII. CONCLUSION

1. The main tasks of defascistization, purging of Fascist literature and text books, and the preparation of school buildings for the opening of all schools by October 2 is well underway in every province now open in Region 5.
2. The Provincial Commissioners through out the Region have co-operated fully and have given their efficient assistance toward the fulfillment of our objectives. Lacking Provincial Education Officers they have encouraged their staff to work with us in every way possible. Even in localities where military necessity is paramount the Provincial Commissioners have realized the importance of the task assigned the Education Officers in Second Phases operations and have facilitated immensely their work within Army area.

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ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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1. Foggia Province. During the first half of the month Foggia Province was under Region 4. The Provincial Education Officer, Major Charles J. Birt, operating under general instructions from this office, was very active and effective. On 10 February he toured the province with the Provveditore agli Studi, inspecting schools, conferring with school officials, and discussing school building problems with each C.A.S. He arranged for the Sindaco to attend a conference with him and each local school director in regard to repair of buildings or the finding of substitute locations. By 21 February about 14,353 elementary school children out of 30,000 were provided for in one way or another, and the balance, it was anticipated, would be in school by 1 March.

In opening elementary schools Major Birt resorted to many expedients. He used motion picture theaters, Church sacristies, monasteries, Club-halls, houses of teachers, stores, even unused street cars. He took vigorous action toward getting buildings requisitioned by troops, and when this was impossible, got permission and trucks to move school equipment to substitute locations.

He made a detailed survey of the total situation, the personnel needs, etc., and took action toward meeting each problem. He took steps toward early opening of secondary schools.

In general, he followed through on all the Region 4 directives for opening schools, and showed remarkable initiative and executive ability in implementing them.

As a consequence, when it came time to arrange to turn Foggia Province over to Region 5, the Region 4 Education Officer conferred with the A.C., Region 5, recommending strongly that Major Birt be made Regional Education Officer for Region 5.

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The R.O. Region 5 issued an order on 21 February putting this into effect.

2. **Programs.** The "programs", or courses of study and instructions to teachers, for elementary, lower secondary, and those of the four types of upper secondary schools were printed for Region 4 during February and are ready for immediate distribution to teachers in each province as it is taken over.
3. **Text-books.** The publishing of a series of non-fascist elementary school text-books has been a joint enterprise of all regions concerned and the AOE-AMS Education Subcommission. It has been a very large undertaking involving: a) the preparation of manuscripts by a committee of Italians under AMS supervision; b) the locating and transporting of prime materials - paper, ink, glue, binding thread, zinc, matting paper, etc.; c) the printing and binding of about 200,000 books; d) the distribution of these books.

In Sicily we are at stage (d) for three of the ten books of the series, at stage (c) for the rest. In Naples we are at stage (c). We are printing in Naples books to be used in part of Region 2, all of Regions 3, 5 and 6, and parts of Regions 4 and 5. Plans for reprinting in Rome are being made from type in Naples so that if we find prime materials and a press in Rome printing can proceed immediately for Rome city and province and provinces north and east, including the northern part of Region 5 and, ultimately, Region 8.

To play safe on prime materials requisitions for paper, ink, etc. for Rome are being prepared and forwarded.

The contributions of Region 4 to this common enterprise have been two, to date: a) Region 4 has given the services of its Education Officer - and recently his deputy, Capt. Willis Pratt - to head up and coordinate the entire undertaking; b) Region 4 has contributed a much needed truck and driver to handle the movement of paper, etc.

As of 29 February all books were either partly or completely set in type, and a considerable supply of paper, etc. was in the hands of three printers. It is anticipated that during the month of March an initial printing of all or nearly all books will be completed.

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