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22 August, 1945

SUBJECT : Defascism
Re: Prof. Gaetano Pollice.

TO : Dr. Prof. Gaetano Pollice
734 Fifth Avenue
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

1. Your letter of 14 July has been received and transmitted to the Minister of Public Instruction.

2. The Allied Commission does not interfere with Italian Justice. If the Italian Commission decides unfavorably against him, he will have the right to appeal. Questions of transfer are strictly within the Italian Government.

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Director of Education.

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July 11, 1945

Headquarters Allied Commission
Education Subcommittee
Lt. Col. Charleton W. Washburne (A.U.S.)
Director of Education
APO 394
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

In Re: Prof. Gaetano Pollice
"R. Direttore Distrettuale"
Lanciano (Prov. Chieti)

In acknowledging receipt of your kind letter dated May 23 (a copy of which is herewith enclosed for quick reference) concerning my brother, Prof. Gaetano Pollice, I wish to thank you for your courteous interest in his behalf.

Upon receipt of your letter, I immediately wrote to my brother and reassured him that his case was being clarified (on the base of his detailed documentation and the many evidences furnished by him to the competent authorities, in his own defense from the false accusation made against him) and that therefore there was no reason for too much concern on his part.

In his reply, my brother tells me that, although very much pleased with my letter, he does not understand, as yet, why he was resumed in service only temporarily and why he still runs the risk of being transferred to another Province if he was never a fascist, except for a mere membership forced upon him, as it is well known to the Allied Commission.

My brother's strong view point is that, had he really been a fascist, he would have not remained "Direttore Distrettuale" for twenty solid years without a single advancement or promotion, and in spite of the fact that he holds a Doctor's Degree in Fine Letters and Philosophy.

On the contrary and as a matter of fact, he claims that Fascism had caused and done much harm and obstruction to his scholastic career for the reason that during the Fascist Regime he had been proposed many times for promotion in the Italian School System, but the promotion

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never materialized because he was said and accused of being lukewarm toward the Fascist Party.

I am therefore most confident that the Education Subcommittee of the Allied Commission, (on the base of the aforesaid facts and of the evidences furnished by my brother in his detailed documentation), through your recommendation, will take prompt and proper action on this case, directly or through the proper Italian Authorities of "Il Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione", in Rome, so that my brother, Prof. Gaetano Pollice, may definitely and fully (not only temporarily) be reinstated to his former position of "R. Direttore Didattico" in the town of Lanciano (Prov. of Chieti) without the necessity of a transfer, which would cause so much unnecessary hardship. In fact, a transfer to another province, at this time, besides being unjust, would indeed be disastrous for my brother and his family, due to the terrible situation which presently exists in Italy, especially for housing accommodations, entirely inadequate everywhere.

My brother advises me that according to informations he has been furnished, his case will be acted upon during the later part of July or early part of August; this letter will, therefore, reach you just in time for your recommendation on this case.

I trust to receive a favorable reply to this letter at an early date.

Most sincerely yours,

Adelmo Pollice, M.D.

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23 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Defascism.

TO : Dr. Adelmo Pollice, M.D.
734 5th Avenue
Corraopolis, Ponna.

1. Your letter of 12 February to the Chief Officer of the Allied Commission has been referred to me for reply. It came to my attention just recently.

2. Suspensions of fascists and suspected fascists from positions of school authority were necessarily made swiftly and without full investigation when the Allied Military Government took over each province. It was our policy to risk suspending temporarily some innocent persons rather than risk letting active fascists remain in charge of schools. Injustice was avoided by making the suspensions temporary and providing for a full hearing. Those found innocent receive full restitution of lost pay and resume their positions.

3. In the case of your brother, a preliminary investigation resulted in his being returned to his post on 15 March, pending a final hearing by the provincial commission on epuration. This commission is now hearing all such cases in Chieti province.

4. If, as you believe and as preliminary evidence indicates, your brother was not an active fascist, he has nothing to fear. Mere membership in the Fascist party is not held against anyone, since after 1932 all state employees were compelled to join.

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ADELMO POLLICE, M.D.
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February 12, 1945

Chief Officer of the
Allied Commission
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir,

As an American citizen, who has resided in this Country for the past 20 years and as a professional man, serving a large community in a primarily industrial district and doing my utmost to help win the war with every possible effort here at the "Home Front", I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter in order to bring to your attention an injustice which, I believe, has been done to my brother Prof. Gaetano Pollice, Direttore Didattico in the City of Lanciano (Prov. of Chieti).

In a letter which I have recently received from my brother, he tells me that, following some false accusations of being an ardent fascist in the past, such accusations being based entirely on falsehood, misrepresentations, distortions of facts and local petty jealousies, he was removed from his position and office of "R. Direttore Didattico", on Sept. 7, 1944, and threatened also with a transfer to another Province. Although it is true that I am not acquainted with the pertinent and relative facts, which brought about such a drastic decision against my brother, but knowing my brother at heart and knowing also very well the situation, which prevailed in Italy prior to the Armistice of Sept. 8, 1943, I feel that it is my duty for the sake and triumph of justice that I state to you, Sir, that in Italy, during the Fascist Regime, as you well know, any one holding a government job had no other alternative than to be a fascist, at least on the surface and apparently, or run the risk of being discharged from his post, be persecuted or otherwise punished.

My brother goes on to say, in his letter, that he has fur-

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nished Mr. John Simoni, officer in charge of the Allied Commission for the Province of Chieti, ample evidence and proof of his innocence and of the true and real situation by means of a detailed documentation, but that in spite of all this, he has not received justice and has not been re-instated as yet to his former position of R. Direttore Didattico in the City of Lanciano, Prov. of Chieti.

Due to the removal from his post, which is his only source of income, my brother and his family have suffered ^{unnecessary and} untold hardship.

I am taking this opportunity to express the fact that my brother at heart was never a fascist, nor did he believe in the doctrine of the Fascist organization; it is, therefore, my opinion that he was only the victim of circumstances and of a local situation.

I am most confident that should my brother's case be re-opened and re-viewed, it would be found that he has never been a fascist, but a true Italian Patriot instead.

In the interest of justice and fair play, I feel that the case should be re-opened and re-examined so that my brother may be soon restored to his former position in the Italian School System of the City of Lanciano, Prov. of Chieti.

I trust that proper and prompt action will be taken on this case by the Supreme Authority of the Allied Commission in Rome.

A reply to this letter, at an early date, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly

Adelmo Pollice, M.D.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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24 April, 1945

SUBJECT : Defascism Committees

TO : Regional Education Officer
Marche-Umbria Region.

1. The Commission for Defascism of elementary schools in Macerata, will have as members appointed by the High Commissioner for Sanctions against Fascism, the following:

Baldino Galleotti fu Luigi (regular)
Domenico Foltrami fu Antonio (substitute)

2. The corresponding members for the secondary schools in Macerata are:

Pompilio Bruscantini fu Amerigo (regular)
Gino Bianchini di Pietro (substitute)

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