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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
EDUCATION DIVISION
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SUBJECT: Education - Weekly Report.

TO : Regional Commissioner.

✓ COPY TO: HQ. Allied Commission (Att. Education S/C).

I. HQ. Organization

1. The office is now functioning fairly efficiently with a Civilian Staff. There is need for a professional assistant to deal with the many routine matters arising on various subjects in connection with the school system. Efforts are being made to find a suitable person for the post.

2. The car allotted to the Division has been a source of some trouble, chiefly as a result of a "dud" battery.

II. Universities and Higher Institutions

1. The approval of the R. S. O. has been received in connection with the nominations for Committees of Epuration for (a) the Brera Academy and (b) the Polytechnic. Instructions have been given for the immediate formation of these Committees.

2. Schede Personali and Curricula Vitae of the nominees for the C. of E. for the R. University Milan have been forwarded for approval by the R.S.O.

III. Schools

1. The problem of finding Provveditori agli Studi is now almost solved. Varese, Sondrio and Mantova which have been a source of trouble recently are still without appointed Provveditori agli Studi Reggenti, but in each case it is thought that the right man has been found. It is hoped to have the appointments made within the next few days.

2. Sondrio, Pavia, Mantova, Cremona and Varese have all been visited during the week. At Sondrio the questions of the suspension of the old Provveditore and the finding of a new one were discussed with the Provincial Commissioner and the Prefect, and a solution has been reached.

3. Information on the subject of Heads and Directors of Schools is coming in gradually. Not quite all the required information for our statistics is yet to hand.

4. Problems in connection with ex G.I.L./O.N.B. have arisen, but it is anticipated that this will present no difficulty if Provincial Commissioners and Provveditori agli Studi follow the lines indicated in the Administrative Instructions and special circulars sent out from this Headquarters.

IV.

General

1. As a result of the conference of Heads of Universities and Higher Institutions held last week, at which conference Lt. Col. Washburne was present, certain problems were raised for consideration by the Education Sub Commission with the Ministry of Public Instruction. In some cases a method of procedure was determined. An indication of policy is awaited in connection with other problems.

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I. Universities and Higher Institutions

1. Heads

Mgr. Olgiati was officially recognized as Pro-Rector, Catholic University, on 22nd June, and is now functioning as such. Padre Gemelli's functions remain in abeyance until he has been examined by the Epuration Commission, as was agreed with the Holy See.

2. Commission of Epuration

All University Commissions of Epuration have been appointed and are operating. The last to be appointed was that of the Catholic University, appointed on the 26th June. Some preliminary reports have been received and it is hoped that final reports will be received within a few days.

II. Schools

1. Provveditori

Under the authority given by Executive Memorandum 62, the salary paid to the Provveditori Reggenti will now be the starting salary of a Provveditore di ruolo.

2. Teachers

A somewhat serious position has arisen with regard to salaries. These are totally inadequate and endeavours are being made to improve conditions. A small strike took place, but the announcement of certain increases has quietened the

situation temporarily.

III.

Scouts

1. Both the national organizations, the G.N.I. (lay) and A.S.C.I. (catholic) are operating in northern Italy and the representatives are in close contact with this office. They are being given such assistance as is possible.

for *Admiral* *Cap* *KA*
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SUBJECT: Weekly Report.

TO : Regional Commissioner.
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I. H.Q. Organization.

1. The military clerk is now lost to us permanently. The partitions have been partially erected but are still awaiting paint and varnish and handles for some doors. A car has been allotted, but remains to date in an imperfect state of repair and does not yet function.

II. Universities and Higher Institutes.

1. Pro-Rectors, Pro-Directors and Commissari of *Universities* Higher Institutes are all now functioning and formal appointments have already in most cases been made.
2. A University Committee of Epuration has been appointed for Pavia. Recommendations are also to hand for the Politecnico, the Academy of Fine Arts and the Conservatory of Music and are expected shortly for the University of Milan and the Bocconi University. The work of Epuration should be under way very soon.
3. Examinations are due to take place between June the 15th and July the 1st.
4. The proposed reorganization of the Catholic University has been officially accepted by the Vatican and awaits our final approval. The case of the Rector is still under consideration.

III.

Schools.

1. Detailed regulations for the holding of examinations have been transmitted to all Provinces. Examinations will be taking place between the beginning and the end of June.
2. The Provveditore agli Studi of Como has been approved and a new Provveditore agli Studi for Pavia has been found and will be appointed within a day or two. The case of Varese is still open but will be settled, it is hoped, over the week end.
3. At Mantova the Provveditore disappeared without informing anyone and it will be necessary to find a new man for the post. A temporary man is functioning for the time being. In all other cases appointments should be made in the near future.
4. Despite the small troubles concerning Provveditori agli Studi, the school system in all Provinces functions continuously.
5. Full sets of directives have been issued to all Provinces and routine matters are being dealt with by circulars as they arise.
6. Pavia, Varese, Como, Bergamo, have all been visited during the week and Sondrio is being visited to-day. Mantova will be visited during next week and the matter of the Provveditore dealt with.
7. Schede Personali of Heads of Schools and Lists of Suspensions have been arriving at this Headquarters and are being dealt with.

IV.

Visit of Head of Education Sub Commission.

1. Lt.Col. Washburne arrived by air on Tuesday. Several important points have been discussed and solutions reached. Other points will be discussed by him with the Minister, including the ~~refor~~ ^{suppression} ~~mation~~ of the Fascist Faculty of Political Sciences at Pavia, ~~into a faculty of Economics and Commerce~~. A conference of the Heads of Higher Institutes was held at 20.30 to 21.30 on Friday evening.

with Lt.Col. Washburne in the chair.

2. 4 Col. Washburne was taken to see the Regional Commissioner by the Regional Education Officer on Wednesday afternoon.



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Major A.E.C.

Regional Education Officer.

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To : Regional Commissioner

Copy to HQ. Allied Commission (Att. Education S/C)

1. HQ. Organization

1. Partitions are being fitted and a small civilian staff is operating. The military clerk has been admitted to Hospital with malaria. Divisional transport has been promised but has not yet eventuated.

2. Appointments and Approvals

1. The following recommendations by the C.L.N. have been vetted by the Security Section, approved by the R.E.O. and submitted to the Regional Commissioner for the appointments to be made through the Proper Channels.

Higher Institutions

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| a) ROTONDI MARIO | Pro Rector University of Milano |
| b) FRACCARO PLINIO | Pro Rector University of Pavia |
| c) GRECO PAOLO | Pro Director Università Libera "Bocconi" |
| d) WITTEGENS FERNANDA | Pro Direttrice R.Accademia Belle Arti |
2. The following appointment has been made by the P.C. on the approval of the R.E.O.

Provveditore agli Studi

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| a) BASSO ANTONIO | Provveditore, Milano |
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3. Higher Institutions

1. A meeting of Heads of Higher Institutions took place on Monday 21 May.
2. The following subjects were discussed at the meeting :
 - a) Epuration and the Reconstitution of the Institutions on a democratic basis
 - b) Examinations
 - c) New Sessions
 - d) Restoration of rights to professors dismissed by the Fascists.
3. Some of the matters were arranged immediately, others referred to Higher Authority.

4. University of Pavia

- a) The Provincial C.L.N. objected to one of the three names

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suggested for the Epuration Committee. The objection was not upheld by the Regional C.L.N. and has been finally withdrawn, (if not with too good a grace) by the Provincial C.L.N.

5. Catholic University in Milan

1. A revised curriculum, proposed by the University, has been forwarded, through this Office, to Allied Commission HQ. and a copy has also gone to the Vatican. The proposed reconstitution follows closely the suggestions made by the R.E.O.
2. Furthermore the University Authorities are prepared to follow A.M.G. scheme for epuration. No steps in this connection will, however, be taken until it has been decided by the Vatican, whether or not the present Rector will stay in office. The Rector paid a visit to Coll. Poletti, Regional Commissioner on 25 May.

4. Milan

The Reggente Provveditore of Milan has been working literally day and night to complete the lists of names for suspensions. 60/230 Heads of Schools were recommended for suspensions. These recommendations have been ratified.

The Schools opened on Thursday 24th May. They will remain open until the 21st June. Programmes for examinations have been completed and examinations will take place ~~before that date~~.

commencing 25th June.

for A.A. VESCELO
Major A.E.C.
R.E.O.

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30 May, 1945

Subject: Policies
To : Education Subcommittee, AC
(Attention Capt. Vella) *(If not there, attention Miss Rombo)*

1. In conferences here several questions have arisen which affect general policy and concerning which I should like the advice of the Minister. Since some of them require immediate answers, I shall appreciate it if you will make an appointment with the Minister at the earliest practical time, get such answers as he can give at once and ask that the remaining answers be made available within a day or two. Send the answers, as you get them, to Maj. Vesselo, by airplane - Maj. Birch tells me that they can be delivered here the same day they are sent if they get to him by 8:30 a.m. You may want to take Miss Rombo with you to the Minister in regard to the questions that affect elementary and secondary schools; Here are the questions:

a. A university professor di ruolo was dismissed because of race. Another professor di ruolo was given his place. Our proclamation and the Italian decrees require the immediate reintegration of the Jewish professor. The university has only one place, but two men. Who stays and who goes and who pays the man who goes and where does he go? Or does the university keep both despite having only one cattedra? From what date should the Jewish professor be ^{paid?}

b; A university professor di ruolo or a teacher di ruolo of the provveditorato is dismissed for allegedly "political reasons". He applies for reintegration. Who decides that the dismissal was really political and that he is entitled to be returned to his post? If it is decided that he should be returned to the ruolo, do the answers to a apply equally?

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c. The Fascist Republican Government raised school fees. Shall we let them stand as raised, or reduce them immediately to the fees in Regions further south? (In regard to university fees, which were raised varying amounts, from 25% to considerably over 100%, we have ordered that the Fascist Republican scale remain in force for this academic year, through the October examinations, and then that the flat 100% increase of Regions to the south will apply here for 1945-6.)

d. Students registered in the Faculty of Political Science

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with qualifications lower than those necessary for registration in the faculties of law or letters. Many of these are nearing the completion of their courses and will not be eligible for the administrative jobs for which they have been preparing for three or more years without a laurea. The faculty of political science is being abolished; What is to become of the students? Two solutions are proposed: 1) they might be admitted to the faculty of letters or law despite their lack of the necessary titoli: or 2) a faculty of economy and commerce can be organized in place of the faculty of political science and the students transferred thereto. The LATTER SEEMS PREFERABLE. BUT TO carry it out would we not have to get the consent of the Consiglio Superiore, since it would be a permanent change? And could such consent be got rapidly?

e. Students who have prepared for examinations in political science plan to take them now. Shall we 1) abolish all such examinations, thereby making the students' lose a year's work; or 2) give the examinations in those subjects which do not have any fascist taint and where given by non-fascist professors? The latter is the recommendation of the pro-rector of Pavia, who is inclined to stretch the non-fascist courses a bit and include in the examinations "storia delle dottrine politiche", etc; His criterion is rather the attitude of the professor who gave the course than the title of the course itself.

2: We printed a lot of the pamphlets showing what secondary school books were to be confiscated or expurgated; These were sent to the regions in accordance with a schedule prepared by Vesselo - Miss Rombo had charge of it. If there are any left over, please send one-fifth of the ones on hand to Maj. Vesselo (by regular courier - this is not a rush matter).

3: I got here in two hours flat yesterday. Have been working with Vesselo ever since; Things are getting into shape. He has a nice suite of four offices, meagerly furnished, and is building up a civilian staff. There are just the ordinary problems inherent in the early phases of work with inadequate personnel and transport, but on the whole everything is progressing reasonably well. I'm going to Torino tomorrow (Thursday) and returning here for the night, then probably the same for Genoa Friday. Leave for Treviso as per schedule Saturday morning: Affectionate greetings to Miss Rombo, Mrs. DeBosis, etc., and best wishes to you.

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