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19 Febbraio 1946

Egregio Prof.Graisi,

Giacche' io parto in questi giorni per l'Inghilterra, La prego di voler indirizzare al Cap.J.V.Vella, Sottocommissione degli Interni (Local Government S/C) Commissione Alleata,Roma, la sua risposta alla lettera da me inviatale a suo tempo,nei riguardi della Sig.na Gobbo Peretta.

Distinti saluti.

A.A.VESSELO
Major, A.F.C.
Education S/C

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29 gennaio 1946

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AL : Provveditore agli Studi
di Milano - Prof. Craio.

Centilissimo Professore,

mi sono pervenute notizie circa la Sig.re Gobbo che, debbo dirle, mi hanno causato non poco dispiacere. Ella sa che qualcuno aveva avanzato dei dubbi circa la integrita' di essa per il periodo che rimase all'Educazione del Comando Alleato di Milano.

Ella sa pero' anche come io avessi interessato il Capo della Sottocommissione Alleata all'Educazione a Roma perche' chiarisse con le Autorita' del Ministero questo punto oscuro. L'incidente veniva chiarito e nessuno pote' in alcun modo avvalorare semplici chiacchiere sul conto della Sig.ra Gobbo. Tanto che il Col. Washburne, per quel senso di deconza umana verso una persona ingiustamente calunniata, scrisse alla Sig.ra una lettera chiarendo tutto l'accaduto. Io stesso credevo che ormai la questione fosse chiusa senonche' mi giunge notizia che la Signora e' stata allontanata dal Provveditorato. Il provvedimento non puo' che essere interpretato nel senso che la Signora e' punita perche' ha mancato. Questa e' la opinione di tutti coloro che hanno conosciuto la Signora, ed anche sia.

Il Comando Alleato e' stato sempre alieno dal cercare di migliorare la posizione di coloro che hanno collaborato con esso unicamente perche' hanno collaborato; pero' Ella convenire' con me che l'aver collaborato non puo' costituire un punto di demerito per essi. Se il Ministero e' stato soddisfatto ed ha ritenute infondate le voci sulla Signora, non vedo come si possa prendere delle decisioni al suo riguardo che non solo menomano la dignita' della persona stessa, ma le danno la sensazione di aver demeritato.

Le sarro' molto grato se vorra' riesaminare la questione e riferire a questo Comando quali sono stati i motivi per cui la Signora Gobbo e' stata allontanata dal Provveditorato.

Mi e' gradita l'occasione per porgerLe i sensi della mia stima.

A. A. VERRILLO
Major, A.F.C.

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LOMBARDIA REGION
Education Division
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Tel. 12841
Ext. 2032

24 November 1945

7K/3/10

ED/1-03

SUBJECT : Accusations against Signora Gobbo

TO : Allied Commission HQ.
(Att: Education Sub-Commission - Lt.Col.Washburne)

1. Ref. telephone-conversation of this morning (Miss Romeo, Lt.Col. Washburne - Major Vessel) concerning certain charges which have been made against Signora Gobbo :

2. Immediately after this conversation I made a rapid investigation and attempted to convey to you the results by telephone, but was unable to get through and therefore I am writing this letter instead.

3. My investigation, though brief and inevitably somewhat hurried, leads me to believe that the accusations are totally unfounded.

4. Neither at the Provveditorato nor at the CLN was I able to find a breath of confirmation and it appears exceedingly unlikely that even the ex-Provveditore Rabbo, who is still sore at having been unable to have his way over the transfers of teachers, has made any charges against Signora Gobbo, though he is known to be unfriendly to her.

5. The position therefore is that some person or persons unknown has evidently made the charges in question direct to the Ministry without any notification either to this office, or to the Provveditorato of Milan, or to the CLN, or, as far as I am aware, to anybody else in Lombardy ... persons - anyone with any real charges

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6. I have gone further than this : I have faced Signora Gobbo with the accusations : she denies them completely,

and her reaction in general did not seem to me to be that of a guilty person. Human judgment is fallible, and I do not claim that my views are unassailable, but it is my firm belief that the charges in question must have been made by some disgruntled teacher who has failed to obtain a transfer from the Signora Gobbo.

7. I have known for some time that Signora Gobbo has had enemies in the teaching world, though she also has many friends; and I am in fact quite certain that investigations would show that there have been resentments and jealousies concerning all the members of my staff, purely and simply because they are in a position of a certain eminence and obvious Anti-Sellies.

8. I can however say with the greatest of emphasis that I have not the faintest reason for being anything but warmly grateful to the whole of my staff for the enthusiastic assistance that they have given to me; and I would be extremely distressed to feel that the aid they have given to A.M.G. should damage them in any way because of any rumours that might be spread about them by ill-intentioned people, of whom, unfortunately, there are far too many in Italy.

9. In regard to the Signora Gobbo I ask that you be kind enough to trace the charges down to their source and present them with chapter and verse and the name of the accuser to Prof. Spinoi, Provveditore Reggente of Milano, so that he may get the Signora Gobbo to answer them.

10. I attach a declaration of the Signora Gobbo to the effect that the charges made are false.

11. I attach a further declaration of Signora Gobbo, concerning the letter which she sent to Miss Rombo. When I spoke to her about this letter, she replied immediately without forethought on the same lines as the explanation which she gives in her declaration. It also appears that the letter passed, open, through my hands. Signora Gobbo gave me it to carry with me down to Rome but states that, when I changed my plans and did not go personally, I forwarded it simply through the post instead. Though I do

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7. I have known for some time that Signora Gobbo has had quarrels in the school world, though she also has many friends; and I am in fact quite certain that investigations would show that there have been resentments and jealousies concerning all the members of my staff, simply and solely because they are in a position of a certain eminence and envious ill-will arises.

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12. In view of the charges, and even though I have no grounds whatever for accepting it, I have felt that the situation is delicate enough for me to remove the name of the signora Gobbo from the two Allison-personnel I was to have left here. I ask that this be not taken in any sense as an acceptance of the unspecified charges against her. I do it only because the matter is for the moment subjudice.

13. I would very greatly appreciate it if you would kindly treat the whole thing as a matter of the greatest urgency and do what you can to clear it up as quickly as possible. If necessary signora Gobbo is willing to come to Rome to defend herself. I am personally satisfied that an investigation will prove the signora Gobbo to be completely innocent of any malpractices.

A.A. Vesselo
Major A.S.C.
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Mi è stato contestato in ufficio che ci sono a Roma persone che hanno detto ch'io ho preso del danaro nell'ufficio da persone che per questo sarebbero state da me favorite -

Poichè l'accusa è falsa sotto ogni aspetto io desidero espressamente che mi venga dichiarato chi ha mosso l'accusa: desidero essere messa a confronto con le persone che mi accusano per poter a mia volta sporgere accusa di diffamazione. Io sono pronta a sostenere qualunque confronto con qualunque persona - per dimostrare la verità di quanto affermo e la furberia della mia linea di

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In fede Anna Gobbo

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Nello scorso mese di luglio alcuni rappresentanti di un consorzio di ditte milanesi - Olap - Safar ecc. - si presentarono agli uffici Educazione per chiedere di essere aiutati all'approvvigionamento delle loro aziende che provvedevano alle mense collettive per gli operai ed alle refezioni per i figli degli operai - Desideravano effettuare trasporti di merce da Bari a Milano. Risposi che l'ufficio educazione non era competente in merito e li indirizzai all'ufficio Trasporti - Mi chiesero di presentarli a quell'ufficio - cosa che io feci con molta cortesia

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Genova - di mentre che il Ministero non
avesse concesso dei mezzi di trasporto,
trattandosi di merce devoluta a beneficio
pubblica, per opere d'assistenza - Prega
ta di vedere se mi fosse stato possibile
intercedere presso il Ministero - io
che non conosco nessuno al Ministero,
pregai la Gentile Signorina Rombo
di vedere se le era possibile interessar
si della cosa - dicendo le che tutte
le spese che avesse potuto incontrare
le sarebbero state rifuse dagli in-
teressati e che - se la cosa era fatti-
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che anche lei non conosceva nessuno
al Ministero - della qual cosa diedi
comunicazione ai richiedenti -
Di questo gli interessati potrebbero essere chiamati
a testimoniare -
In fede
Anna Gobbo

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Education Division
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24 November 1945

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Dear Carleton,

I had hoped to come and see you in Rome soon after getting out of hospital, but as I shall only be out on Monday and have to report for my leave on Wednesday, I unfortunately shall not be able to. I don't think I can ask them to put off my leave! As I told you on the telephone yesterday, I expect to be back round about 20 Dec. (perhaps a day or two earlier) and I shall come as directly as possible to Rome.

I think you will find that things here are fairly straight. We have had some very knotty problems to deal with, and not all the knots are completely untied (some will not be, I am afraid, for years), but most of the problems that are left are long-term ones, which only patience and goodwill and hard work by the Italians over a long period can solve.

Before leaving, there is one thing I should like to say. The charges made at the Ministry against Signora Gobo have naturally distressed me, particularly as I firmly believe them to be totally unfounded. I have had the impression for some time (though only indirectly) that certain of the members of my staff have been creating enemies for themselves, but I know at the same time that they have cooperated loyally and enthusiastically in the work of A.M.G., putting in plenty of hard work at all times, -and I am convinced that the enmities have been created on account of this loyal cooperation. Their hard work has put them too much in the limelight, and they have not been sufficiently adept at the good old Italian game of the "doppio giuoco". Had they sold office-secrets, had they indulged in whispering-campaigns against A.M.G., had they learned cunningly to play with all sides, they could probably [illegible] with those who are now their

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This affects particularly Si nora Doble and Dr. Marchetti, Prof. Alberici, who is elderly and less energetic (and also senior in grade, which makes a certain difference) has been less of a target, though he has also worked very satisfactorily. But the other two, I know, have their enemies.

These enemies are not of the type that make direct charge. They are of the peculiarly Italian type, so very frequently met with, particularly in the present troubled times, who make insinuations, spread rumours, and write anonymous letters. The least I feel that I personally can do is not to lend ear in any way to these tactics, and to ask that you urge the Ministry, if you will be so kind, to ignore absolutely and completely any but the most specific charges - of which I am confident they now are well or can arise.

The Ministry, which is too far away from the scene to have first-hand information, is a large and variegated organization, where rumours have an excellent opportunity to spread. For these reasons, the judgments of the Ministry on personal cases we have have by no means been consistently faultless (Vogliano and De Francesco are cases in point : in the case of Vogliano they have allowed a suspected person, and a very dubious character, to put pressure on them; and in the case of De Francesco they have veered from one side to the other and do not seem quite to know where they stand). All I ask them to do in the matter of my assistants is to take into account my views on the persons in question as a counterweight to the whispers that have been spread against them by their enemies.

May I add, by the way, that Signora Doble was sent to me originally by the Provveditorato of Milan and Dr. Marchetti by the U.N.R.R., to whom he had been specially detached by the University.

The whole thing leaves, unhappily, a somewhat sour taste in the mouth. But I hope that by these partisan words I can do a little good.

Please excuse this long-winded effusion : I

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The whole thing leaves, unhappily, a somewhat sour taste in the mouth. But I hope that by these parting words I can do a little good.

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Please excuse this long-winded effusion : I had not meant to write more than a few words, but found myself carried away.

Thank you for all your help. I look forward to seeing you again in three or four weeks' time.

Yours very sincerely,

Arthur Vassalli

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Tel. 12641
Ext. 2032

AK. 3.10

23 August 1945

ED/4-12

SUBJECT : Epuration, R. Università di Pavia

TO : Allied Commission HQ.
(Att. Education Sub-Commission - Capt. Vella)

1. Further to my ED/4-12 of 10 July 1945 regarding (among others) epuration of Prof. Vercesi, of R. Università di Pavia :

2. Attached are some photographs which may be valuable as documentary evidence in the case of Prof.Vercesi.

For the Regional Commissioner :

A.A. VESSELO
Major A.E.C.
Regional Education Officer

Forwarded to the ministry

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDY REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

7K.3.10.

Ref/ S/II69 August 20th, 1945.

SUBJECT:- Politecnico di Milano

TO:- Regional Education Officer
(Attn. Maj. VESSELO)

1. In accordance to the clarifications submitted to this R.S.O. and to Regional Commissioner by the Commissione d'Epurazione of the Politecnico, the following persons should not be suspended:

a) Maria FRERI
b) Valentina JOTTI
c) Roberto BELLOCCHIO

A.E. HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

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Tel. 12541
Ext. 2032

18 August 1945

ED/4-31

SUBJECT : Epuration of R. Politecnico, Milano

TO : Allied Commission HQ.
(Att. Education Sub-Commission - Lt. Col. Carleton W. Washburne)

1. Herewith copies of official suspension-orders (in English and Italian) for personnel of R. Politecnico, Milano, suspended by Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region, on the basis of recommendations made by the Commission of Epuration of the Polytechnic. Herewith also full documentation of evidence, etc., both for persons suspended and for those not suspended, for you to deal with according to the dispositions of Ex. Memo 76.

2. It is necessary to add that the final decisions arrived at were only reached after considerable discussion, as the following persons were originally named by the Commission for retention :

LO PRESTI Michele
TESTORI Giannino
CAVALLOTTI Francesco
GALLESE Guido

3. The Regional Security Officer pointed out that in all these cases the accusations were so specific and comprehensive that it was impossible to exonerate the persons accused by any plea alleging that they had not been guilty of "faziosità". Indeed, the accumulation of known facts in the case of Testori is so heavy that it is impossible to see how any Epuration-Commission with any sense of responsibility could possibly claim that he should not

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be suspended.

4. The Regional Security Officer also recommended the suspension of :

FRERI Maria
JOTTI Valentina
BELLOCCHIO Roberto

but on hearing the further views of the Commission agreed not to press the point in these cases, for FRERI because the charges were difficult to substantiate, for JOTTI because she had already been dismissed, for BELLOCCHIO because it was considered that in his case there were extenuating circumstances.

5. Finally the Commission of Epuration, after discussions with the Regional Security Officer, the Regional Education Officer and the Regional Commissioner in person, agreed to revise its recommendations in the four cases named in para 2 above, and put them forward for suspension.

6. In order to cover its change of viewpoint, the Commission, on p. 3 of its introductory "Relazione", makes a statement about certain questions which it put to A.M.G., and which A.M.G. answered, concerning procedure to be followed. The views of A.M.G., in this statement, are not described with absolute accuracy : in relation to the question concerning "faziosità" and "malcostume", it would be more accurate to say that the A.M.G. answer was to the effect that in certain cases, when e.g. there is an accumulation of "cariche" etc., the presumption of active and malignant Fascism is so strong that no generic denial of "faziosità" etc. can be considered acceptable, particularly in a preliminary judgment such as the present.

7. Copies of the letters to this office in which the Regional Security Officer states his views are enclosed with the accompanying documents.

For the Regional Commissioner :

A.A. VESSELO
Major A.E.C.
Regional Education Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
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ED/JVV/ams

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4 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Epuration of "La Scala".

TO : Regional Education Officer,
Lombardia Region.

1. It is hereby acknowledged receipt of documents pertaining subject attached to the note of October 1, 1945.

2. They have been forwarded to the Ministry of Public Instruction.

For the Director of Education:

J.V. VELLA
Captain
Executive Officer.

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Tel. 12641
Ext. 2032

1 October 1945

ED/4-70

SUBJECT: Epuration of "La Scala".

TO : Allied Commission Headquarters.
(Att.: Education Subcommission).

1. Herewith documents relating to epuration of "La Scala" Theatre.

2. The two documents attached to this letter are:

a) a letter regarding the non-employment of certain artistic personnel formerly in the service of the Theatre;

b) an Administrative Order of this HQ. suspending certain employee-personnel of the Theatre.

3. The above distinction is on the basis of a ruling by the Regional Legal Officer, establishing a separation between non-contract and contract-personnel.

4. Of the other documents, the topmost batch are:

a) the verbale of 12 Sept. 1945 presented by the Epuration Commission;

b) the R.S.O.'s comment on the verbale;

c) the reply of the Commission (23 Sept.) to the above comment;

d) the R.S.O.'s comment on the reply.

5. Two particular cases arise out of the correspondence referred to in para 4 above, of OLDANI and OSCIURCOVA. In the case of OLDANI, it has been decided that the evidence is too general for epuration, but since there is no doubt that he is a man who

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is thoroughly disliked by all and sundry for various reasons of character and method, it is probable that other measures may be taken. In the case of OSCIURCOVA, the matter is still under consideration: meantime no steps have been taken.

6. The remaining documents are schede, evidence, esposti, etc., to be dealt with as required by ex Memo n. 76.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. A. VESSELO
Major A.E.C.
REGIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER

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QUARTIERE GENERALE
GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
REGIONE:LOMBARDIA
DIVISIONE:EDUCAZIONE
APO 394

Tel. 12641
Int. 2012

29 Settembre, 1945

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OGGETTO: Sospensioni.

AL : Commissario Straordinario dell'Ente Autonomo del Teatro della Scala.
(Copia al: R.L.O.
R. Labour Officer
Camera del Lavoro).

I. In accordo a quanto proposto dalla Commissione di Epurazione di codesto Teatro, ed in osservanza delle norme di cui alla circolare n.6 di questo Governo Militare Alleato, che riproduce le disposizioni fondamentali dell'Ex. Memo n.76, si dispone che le sotto notate persone, già facenti parte di codesto Ente, non debbano essere più riassunte in servizio, in ragione del loro passato politico, salvo nuovo ordine della Commissione Ministeriale d'Epurazione, (presso il Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione) :

BOREA Mario
DE PAULIS Antonuccio
POLENGHI Ernesto
FARIETTI Gino
LUPPOLI Mario
MARNI Sergio
TONSOLI Achille
GRAZIANI Federigo.

Per il Commissario Regionale :

A.A. VESSELO
Maggiore A.E.C.
Ufficiale Regionale per l'Educazione

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No.43

WHEREAS on account of their Fascist backgrounds it is necessary to suspend from their positions the undermentioned personnel of "La Scala" Milan

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in pursuance of Executive Memorandum No. 76 of the Allied Commission that the following persons are suspended from their positions with "La Scala" with effect from the date of this Order :-

ARTUSI Primo
CONCIATO Aldo
PARRAVICINI Giuseppe.

Dated 20 SET.1945

A.N. HANCOCK Col
Colonel
Allied Military Government

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Col Washburne File 7K/3.1 —

In view of the imminence of the transfer to Italian Government administration, we consider it unwise to lay down procedures for private schools. It is somewhat surprising that Exec memo 67 should be used though it seems the only way for the so called "worst cases". [illegible] Palmer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

Ref.S/1445

September 26th, 1945

Subject: Epuration of the Scala

To : Regional Education Officer
(Attn. Maj. VESSELO)

1. Ref. our S/1369 dated 14th September 1945 and the attached letter from the Commission of Epuration of "La Scala".

2. As for VALDINOCI Tomaso and FRERI Assunto we agree with the decision taken by the Commission in view of their anti-fascist activities during the clandestine period.

3. As for OSCIURCOVA Olga and GRAZIANI Federico we confirm that they should be suspended for the reasons specified in our a/m letter.(S/1369).

4. For your attention and action.

A.E.HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

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LOMBARDIA REGION
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Tel. 12641
Ext. 2032

23 August 1945

ED/5-00

SUBJECT : Epuration of Private Schools

TO : Allied Commission HQ.
(Att. Education Sub-Commission)

1. The question of epuration of Private Schools in this Region has arisen recently.

2. It has been decided to undertake epuration of the worst cases by the application of Ex. Memo nº 67, whenever necessary.

3. It is however felt desirable, if possible, to set in motion also some general procedure, on the analogy of G.O. 35. The Regional Legal Office, after several discussions and consultation with Rome by telephone, has ruled that neither G.O. 35 nor G.O. 45 can properly be held applicable to Private Schools. It would therefore be much appreciated if you could go into the matter further at A.C.HQ. and lay down a specific procedure for this Office to follow.

For the Regional Commissioner :

A.A. VESSELO
Major A.E.C.
Regional Education Officer

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Education Subcommission
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12 September, 1945

SUBJECT : Prof. Annoni Ambrogio.

TO : Regional Education Officer
Lombardia Region Hq.

Attached please find letter from the Minister of Public Instruction pertaining subject .

This office agrees with the Minister's suggestion that we should ratify the appointment already made as regards Prof. Annoni since he was included in the "terna" as the result of the competition which took place in 1942 and furthermore since he was called by the Faculty of Architecture of the Politecnico of Milan, which is exactly the normal Italian procedure.

For the Director of Education:

J.V.VELLA
Captain
Executive Officer,

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Direzione Generale Istruzione Superiore

Div. I

Prot. 7951

Roma 25 Agosto, 1945

OGGETTO : Prof. Annoni Ambrogio
Nomina.

ALLA Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per l'educazione - Via Veneto - ROMA -

Ai sensi dell'art. 1 del D.L.L. 5 ottobre 1944, n.249 il decreto in data 25 ottobre 1944, n.1025 con il quale lo pseudo governo repubblicano ha provveduto a modificare il riparto dei posti di professore di ruolo della Facolta' d'ingegneria e di Architettura del R.Politecnico di Milano e' privo di efficacia giuridica.

Conseguentemente e' nullo anche il decreto con il quale e' stata disposta la nomina del Prof. Annoni a straordinario di Caratteri stilistici e costruttivi dei monumenti, presso la predetta Facolta', con decorrenza dal 29 ottobre 1944.

Tuttavia questo Ministero, avuto riguardo al fatto che il Prof. Annoni Ambrogio e' riuscito vincitore del concorso regolarmente bandito nel 1942 per la R.Universita' di Napoli e che la Facolta' di Architettura del R.Politecnico di Milano ne ha fatto regolare proposta di nomina entro il biennio di validita' della terna, non avrebbe nulla da opporre, sempre che non vi ostino altre ragioni, qualora codesta Commissione, avvalendosi dei suoi poteri, convalidasse i provvedimenti di cui sopra.

Cio' risolverebbe la questione, (che diversamente non potrebbe essere in alcun altro modo appianata) perche' questo Ministero, allorquando la provincia di Milano sara' restituita all'amministrazione del Governo Italiano, non si troverebbe piu' di fronte a provvedimenti emanati da un governo illeggittimo, i cui atti sono privi di afficacia giuridica, ai sensi del citato art. 1 del D.L.L. 5 ottobre 1944, n.249.

Si gradira' conoscere le determinazioni che saranno adottate al riguardo da codesta Commissione.

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IL MINISTRO
F.to Arangio Ruiz

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6 September, 1945

SUBJECT : Ferrari Emilio.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region
(Att: Education Officer).

Herewith please find a letter from the Ministry of Public Instruction concerning Sig. Emilio Ferrari, owners of the "Collegio Civico" of Cremona, "Collegio Civico" of Salo' (Brescia) and Collegio "Ognissanti" of Codogno (Milano).

Sig. Emilio Ferrari is accused of having made profits from, and having been an ardent propagandist in, his schools.

Will you please investigate the case.

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CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Director of Education.

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO
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ORDINE AMMINISTRATIVO No. 29

VISTA la necessità di sospendare dalle sue funzioni il sottonotato personale tecnico e di servizio del R. Politecnico di Milano, a causa del suo passato fascista.

CON IL PRESENTE E' ORDINATO, a sensi del Memorandum Esecutivo No. 75 della Commissione Alleata, quanto segue :-

1. COLOMBO Bruno — RIOLFI Beniamino
GUAITA Emilio — ANDRONIO Emilio
TERRANEO Mario

con il presente Ordine s'intendono sospesi dalle loro funzioni presso il R. Politecnico di Milano.

2. Questo Ordine di sospensione entra in vigore con il giorno 31 luglio 1945.

Data 18 AGO. 1945

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Charles Poletti
POLETTI
Colonnello
Governo Militare Alleato.

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LOMBARDIA REGION

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 28

WHEREAS on account of their Fascist backgrounds it is necessary to suspend from their offices the under-mentioned teaching personnel of the R. Politecnico, Milano,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in pursuance of Executive Memorandum No. 76 of the Allied Commission as follows :-

1. DO PRESTI Michele, Prof. ordinario delle Facoltà di Ingegneria,

GORZANI Ettore; Prof. incaricato presso la Facoltà di Architettura,

MARIANI Francesco, Prof. incaricato presso la Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CAMUS Renato, Aiuto di ruolo presso la Facoltà di Architettura,

MONTI Giovanni, Assistente di ruolo presso il corso di perfezionamento in Industrie del gas,

GILARDI Alfredo, Assistente Straordinario nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CAVALLOTTI Francesco, Assistente incaricato nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

GRESCINI Giovanni, Assistente incaricato nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CUCCHETTI Giuseppe, Assistente incaricato nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

GALLESE Guido, Assistente incaricato presso il corso di perfezionamento in Industrie Tessili,

TESTORI Gianpino, Assistente incaricato presso la Facoltà

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COZZANI Ettore; Prof. incaricato presso la Facoltà di Architettura,

MARIANI Francesco, Prof. incaricato presso la Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CAMUS Renato, Aiuto di ruolo presso la Facoltà di Architettura,

MONTI Giovanni, Assistente di ruolo presso il corso di perfezionamento in Industrie del gas,

GILARDI Alfredo, Assistente Straordinario nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CAVALLOTTI Francesco, Assistente incaricato nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CRESCINI Giovanni, Assistente incaricato nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

CUCCHETTI Giuseppe, Assistente incaricato nella Facoltà di Ingegneria,

GALLESE Guido, Assistente incaricato presso il corso di perfezionamento in Industrie Tessili,

TESTORI Giannino, Assistente incaricato presso la Facoltà di Ingegneria,

are hereby suspended from their offices in the R. Politecnico , Milano.

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2. This Order of suspension shall take effect from the 31st July 1945.

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Allied Military Government

Dated 18 AGO. 1945

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Tel. 12641
Ext. 2052

16 August 1945

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SUBJECT : Suspensions of personnel of the R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milano

TO : Allied Commission HQ.
(Att. Education Sub-Commission)

1. Herewith copy of Regional order (in Italian and English) for suspension of personnel of the R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milano, as made on basis of recommendation by the relevant Commission of Epuration of the R. Accademia di Brera.

2. Herewith also full documentation of evidence placed before the above Commission*, with record of Commission's findings, forwarded to you to be dealt with according to Ex. Memo nº 76 of Allied Commission.

For the Regional Commissioner :

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A.A. VESSELO
Major A.E.C.
Regional Education Officer

* including also documentation regarding persons not suspended, except for Prof. Mario Marini, for whom a judgment is still awaited.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 27

WHEREAS it is necessary to suspend from their offices the under-mentioned teaching and administrative personnel of the R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan, and of its attached bodies, on account of their Fascist backgrounds

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in pursuance of Executive Memorandum No. 76 of the Allied Commission as follows :-

1. Prof. GHIRINGHELLI Virginio	R. Accademia
Prof. MESSINA Francesco	R. Accademia
Prof. RAIMONDI Aldo	R. Accademia
Prof. BERTUCCI Giacomo	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. MOROZZI Dante	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. OLTREMONTI Ernesta	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. POLI Cesare	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. VAGGA Mario	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. VIANELLO Carlo	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. GRESCINI Giovanni	Scuola degli Artefici
Custode BIGGI Carlo	Personale subalterno

are hereby suspended from their offices in the R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan, and its attached bodies respectively.

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2. This order of suspension shall take effect from the 31st July 1945.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel

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WHEREAS it is necessary to suspend from their offices the under-mentioned teaching and administrative personnel of the R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan, and of its attached bodies, on account of their Fascist backgrounds

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED in pursuance of Executive Memorandum No. 76 of the Allied Commission as follows :-

1. Prof. GHIRINGHELLI Virginio	R. Accademia
Prof. MESSINA Francesco	R. Accademia
Prof. RAIMONDI Aldo	R. Accademia
Prof. BARTUCCI Giacomo	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. MOROSSI Dante	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. OLTREMONTI Ernesta	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. POLI Cesare	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. VACCA Mario	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. VIANELLO Carlo	R. Liceo Artistico
Prof. GRESCINI Giovanni	Scuola degli Artefici
Custode BIGGI Carlo	Personale subalterno

are hereby suspended from their offices in the R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milan, and its attached bodies respectively.

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2. This order of suspension shall take effect from the 31st July 1945.

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CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Allied Military Government

dated 13 AGO. 1945

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18 Agosto 1945

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OGGETTO : Richiesta giudizi finali Commissione di Epurazione

ALLA : Dr. Fernanda Wittgens, Pro-Direttrice R. Accademia di Belle Arti di Brera, Milano

1. Prego la S.V. di voler, con cortese urgenza, trasmettere a questo ufficio i giudizi finali della Commissione di Epurazione relativi al Prof. Marino Marini e al Custode Jannantuoni Antonio.

2. Per quanto concerne gli insegnanti immuni da provvedimenti epurativi, essi possono continuare nelle funzioni attualmente esplicate; così dicasi per i Proff. Franzi Tullia e Marchini Vitaliano, proposti per la censura.

3. In data odierna trasmetto a Roma tutti i documenti riguardanti l'epurazione di codesta Accademia.

Per il Commissario Regionale :

A.A. VESSELO
Maggiore A.E.C.
Ufficiale regionale per l'Educazione

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

Ref/ S/1022 August 2nd, 1945

SUBJECT : Epuration - Politecnico di Milano

TO : Regional Education Officer
(Attn. Maj. Vesselo)

1. Reference is made to the decisions taken by the Commissione d'Epurazione del Politecnico di Milano.

2. As far as I am concerned, the a/m Commission appears to be unaware of its proper duties. According , in fact, to the General Order n. 35 and to the n. 159 Decree of the Lieutenant of the Realm of 29-6-1944, the "deplorazione" proposed for some members of the Politecnico has no legal basis, the only duty of the Commission being to propose suspensions or approvals to the Commissione di Epurazione Centrale e Ministeriale.

3. In the opinion of this R.S.O. the following persons, proposed for "deplorazione" should be suspended forthwith :

a) LOTRESTI Michele
The final report submitted by the Commissione di Epurazione, shows that he was an ardent fascist and although he was 58 years old, and therefore not obliged, swore allegiance to the Repubblica Sociale Italiana as a Reserve Officer.

b) FERRI Maria
A signed statement denounces her as a very ardent fascist who spread fascist and pro-nazi propaganda in the University even after 8-9-1943.

c) TESTORI Giannino
Antemarcia, Squadrista, Marcia su Roma, Sciarpa Littorio, Vice-Secretary of the Fascist Youth, member of Direttorio,

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Vice-Secretary and Secretary of G.U.F. of Milan, Inspector of the Fascio of Milan.

d) CAVALLOTTI Francesco
Squadrista, Marcia su Roma, officer of the Milizia from 1926 to 1937.

e) GALLESE Guido
Sciarpa Littorio, Segretario Politico, Captain of the Militia.

4. I do not approve the "deplorazione" proposed in respect of MASSARANI Eugenio because he was only a member of the Militia "fuori quadro" and did not take any active part in the Fascist Party.

5. I do not approve the "deplorazione" proposed in respect of PALANTI Giancarlo because, although he showed fascist feelings prior to the fall of Fascism, he took a very active part in the Resistance Movement.

6. I approve the suspension of the below named persons:

a) COZZANI Ettore
b) MARTANI Francesco
c) CAMUS Renato
d) MONTI Giovanni
e) GILARDI Alfredo
f) CRESCINI Giovanni
g) CUCCHETTI Giuseppe

7. With reference to the decision taken by the 2nd. Sottocommissione d'Epurazione, Sezione Personale Amministrativo, I suggest that JOTTI Valentina, proposed for "deplorazione", should be suspended forthwith because she was inscribed in P.F.R.

8. With reference to the decisions taken by the 3rd. Sottocommissione di Epurazione, Personale Tecnico e subalterno I approve the suspension of the below named persons :

a) COLOMBO Bruno
b) RIOLFI Beniamino
c) GUAITA Emilio
d) ANIRONIO Emilio
e) TERRANEO Mario

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9. BELLOCCHIO Roberto should be also suspended forth with because he was Ante-Marcia and Marcia su Roma.

A.E.. HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer

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Tel.A89081-236

SUBJECT : Catholic University.

20 June, 1945

TO : Regional Education Officer,
Lombardia Region.

1. Enclosed please find confirmation from the Vatican that Father Gemelli is to be examined and judged by the committee on epuration for the Catholic University.

2. Signed original of this confirmation is on file in the Education Subcommission.

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE
Lt.Col., A.U.S.
Director of Education.

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SACRA CONGREGATIO DE SEMINARIIS
ET DE STUDIORUM UNIVERSITATIBUS

Roma, 18 Giugno 1945

Num. Protoc. 442/45/A

Egregio Signor Colonnello,

rispondo alla Sua del 14 corr. per confermare che, secondo l'accordo cui si pervenne nell'Adunanza tenuta nella Segreteria di Stato di Sua Santità il giorno 12, anche il Padre Gemelli, Rettore dell'Università Cattolica di Milano, non sarà esente dall'esame e dal giudizio del Comitato di Epurazione dell'Università medesima. Perciò con le parole del penultimo capoverso della nostra lettera: "se sarà in grado di riassumerle", si intendeva dire implicitamente: "se non sarà epurato".

Con ossequio.

(f.to) G. Card. Pizzardo

All'Ill.mo Signore
Sig. Colonnello Prof. C.W. Washburne
Direttore dell'Educazione, C.A.
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Education Division
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Tel. 12407
Ext. 2032

6 June, 1945

ED/3-03

SUBJECT: Education - pamphlet " Defascistizzazione dei libri di testo".

TO : Allied Commission Headquarters,
Att: Education Sub Commission.

I. Ref. your ED/6c/3.0/AC dated 1 June 1945.

2. 1600 copies of pamphlet "Defascistizzazione dei libri di testo" have been received.

For the Regional Commissioner:

for A.A. VESSELO
Major A.E.C.
Regional Education Officer.

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