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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Department of Academies and Libraries

File No 3992

SUBJECT : Academies and Educational Institutes - Epuration of members.

TO : The Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section
R O M A

We have been informed that the Allied Regional Commissioner for Veneto has ordered the position of the members of Academies and Educational Institutes to be examined by special commissions, one for each institute, consisting of members of the same institutes, whose decisions would then be referred to the Central Commission for Epuration in Rome.

We think it desirable to inform the Allied Commission that a legislative decree is shortly to be published, a copy of which is enclosed, providing rules for the epuration of the members of Academies and Educational Institutes, which will come into effect in all territory under the Italian Government and eventually in the AMG controlled districts when they pass under Italian Government. *check 2-2-44 76.*

Therefore, it would be preferable to carry out the epuration of the members of the institutes in question uniformly throughout the whole country, and as soon as it becomes possible, even in the districts still under AMG control.

Would, you, therefore, kindly look into the matter and see whether it would not be desirable to inform the Allied Regional Commissioner for Veneto and other local authorities of North Italy, of the Measures being adopted, and instruct them to postpone epuration of the person in question until the said measures can be brought into effect in those districts. *(for info)*

THE MINISTER

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DLL 359 of 31 MAY 1945

Epuration of the members of academies and cultural institutes.

Art. 1

The members of legally recognised academies institutes and associations of science, letters and arts are hereby subject to epuration.

The Minister of Public Education, after consulting a commission of Academy members appointed by his decree on the nomination of the president or commissioner of the body which it is required to epurate, shall lay down, by final and uncontrollable decision, which members are to be removed, either for having become members of the body without the necessary qualifications, or for having conducted themselves during the period of fascism inconsistently with the prestige of the academy, taking into special consideration the membership of academies or institutes created by fascism or which followed its principles.

Art. 2

The commission contemplated in the preceding article shall a time limit of ninety days from the date of the decree instituting it, in which to present the list of names of persons to be removed from office of Public Education.

Art. 3

The provisions of the present DL shall not apply to the R. Accademia of secondary schools (Licei).

We order that the present decree, bearing the State seal, be inserted in the Official Collection of the laws and decrees concerned to observe it and see that it is observed as law of the state.

Issued at Rome, 31 May 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommittee
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SUBJECT : Defascism of Fascist
Ministry of Education.

23 May, 1945

TO : Regional Education Officer,
Venetia Region.

1. A man purporting to be your commissario for the liquidation of the Fascist Ministry of Education called in my office in regard to what is to be done about the two hundred or so employees of that ex-government. He stated that most of them were di ruolo provveditori agli studi, presidi, and professors.

2. The solution, I believe, is for you to proceed in accordance with G.O.35. If a provincial committee for school personnel has not been set up in the province (there is provision for such committees in G.O.35) get the Provincial Commissioner to set it up. Those suspended by this committee will receive the treatment of all suspended personnel. Those acquitted should be put at the disposition of the Minister in Rome until the beginning of the next academic year (1945-6), and then returned to their posts.

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