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Education Subcommittee
APO 394

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17 April 1944

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT : Report on Youth Activities

1. Referring to your inquiry 13 April 1944, your interpretation of my memorandum is correct. We are experimenting in A.D.G. territory to see whether we have basis and can find a pattern worthy of recommendation to the wider field. This and other matters are being canvassed this week-and by a conference of all our Regional Education Officers.

2. Church authorities were of course consulted in this as in all our work which in any way touches upon their concern. The Cardinal has a representative on the Executive and Coordinating Committee and one on each of the Subcommittee.

T.V. SMITH
Lt. Col. AUS
Director of Education

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13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Youth Activities

TO : Director, Education Sub-Commission, Rear Hq ACC

1. Referring to your memorandum dated 12 April on above subject, am I to understand from the first sentence of the report that nothing has been done in this field in A.C.C. territory?
2. Does the personnel of the various Sub-Commissions include representatives of the Church and if not, have Church authorities been consulted in this work?



ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 334
Education Subcommittee

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12 April 1944

SUBJECT: Report on Youth Activities.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

FROM : Vice President, Administrative Section.

The Education Sub-Commission has the honor to submit a brief report on its initial efforts to restore on proper foundations certain youth activities in ALC territory. We have approached this matter cautiously and with limited objectives. We have wished to see what initiative there is of the "grass roots" type and what use may be made of it in the educational enterprise. Education Officers of Regions III and IV have pooled their ingenuity under Sub-Commission encouragement to see what may be discovered in Naples worthy of further development in Rome and of eventual recommendation to the Ministry of National Education for the whole of Italy.

The general Commission has been divided into five subcommissions to benefit the youth of various ages. To date these subcommissions have considered the following problems:

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1. The University subcommission has arranged a political forum for university students. It is considering plans for the re-establishment of the university printing house. It is attempting to set up a student mess.
2. The Scuola Media Superiore Subcommission has proposed a plan for the establishment of clubs in the secondary schools and the publication of a school newspaper. The first club has been started with great enthusiasm.
3. The Scuola Media Inferiore Subcommission has developed a plan for inaugurating groups akin to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. A request has been made of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America for help in rebuilding this organization.
4. The Scuola Elementare Subcommission has presented a detailed plan for furnishing lunches to school children. If this plan is not in early operation, it will not be from any lack of enthusiasm and practicality on the part of the youths who have promoted it.
5. The Asili Infantili Subcommission has proposed plans for re-opening of kindergartens and day nurseries for children of working mothers.
6. The coordinating committee of these five subcommissions has

worked out a general plan for student aid (patronato scolastico) equally applicable in all regions.

We have employed a full time civilian secretary, a gifted and enthusiastic Italian teacher, who brings much energy to the direction of this work and radiates enthusiasm. All reports, from that of the Rector of the Naples University to the humblest student, indicate a genuine passion for independence and a fertility of suggestion which together show that here is a well-spring for the kind of self-organization that underlies democratic government.

As a case in point, students below the University level recently gave a concert in a Naples theatre to raise money for their future enterprises. On two days' notice they filled the theatre and gave a creditable performance managed throughout by themselves.

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Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

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11 April 1944

TO: Vice President, Administrative Section, Hq ACC

At the March meeting of Regional Commissioners, Lt. Col. T. V. Smith, in his talk on the work of the Education Sub-Commission, made reference to the work being done in rehabilitating the youth movement as a substitute for the abolished Fascist youth organizations.

I should be grateful if you would ask him to prepare a short report for me on this subject.

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/t/ ELLERY W. STONE
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