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Memo

TO VP-CA Section.

Mr. Logan has requested that you might look at and comment on report on scouting activity in the Mediterranean area. (15a)

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I believe you may also be interested in the report re the recent raids on Nat. Warehouses in British Brig. Brooks CSR part, & the balance of Kat report. See snapshots. (16a) (17a)

10. ET 17a. & 16a sent by V.P. R. R. Hopps Lt.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Education Subcommission
APO 394

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5 January, 1946

SUBJECT : Officer status of Belgian civilians.

TO : Officer concerned.

1. The Misses Luiselln and Luciana Draconle, sent by Lady Baden-Powell of the World Association of Girl Guides in London to train Guide leaders in Italy, are temporarily attached to the Education Subcommission of the Allied Commission.

2. For billeting and messing purposes they may be considered as having officer status as first lieutenants.

3. They are traveling on official AC travel orders.

4. Any help given to them will be much appreciated.

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EDUCATION SUB-COMM. A.C.

CARLYNCH E. W SEBURNE
Lt. Col. A.U.S.
Director of Education.

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Lt.Col. Washburne,
Education Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

19th November 1945

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Dear Colonel Washburne,

I was only able to write off to you a quick letter before leaving for Geneva, but I did my best to put the Desmaeles visit "en train", and I trust the cable which was sent to you from the Bureau after I left gave you a clear indication of what was required. At the Brussels end the matter is being handled by Madame de Groote, 154, Avenue Louise, Brussels, the International Commissioner of the Girl Guides de Belgique.

I do not think at this stage that we here can go further. The matter must be handled between Brussels and Rome.

Fortunately Madame de Groote was in London for a short visit so that I was able to go over matters in greater detail than I had been able to do with Mlle. de Herrenschwand.

I saw the latter when I was in Switzerland. She was terribly distressed over the difficulties with the others, but I honestly believe that she did her best in a new and intricate situation. I know what I went through in getting Lady Baden-Powell's permits and priorities straight in Marseilles - three days before we were due in Italy I was rushing about between the American and the British authorities, each insisting that it was the other's

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concern in spite of all the trouble I had taken beforehand both in London and Paris. And but for the initiative of the R.A.F. Command I do not believe we should ever have got to Rome at all!!

However, all that is now over and I hear on all sides that the visit of the two Swiss Guiders was the greatest success.

I should like to see ourselves enabled and authorised to do more of this kind of work even in Austria and Germany but the restrictions are frightful!

We had a very good session in Geneva. We had delegates from nine different countries including Czechoslovakia, Holland, U.S.A. and Brazil. The last mentioned is working with UNRRA in Vienna with Colonel Paxton and Mr. Kennedy, and came with their authority. She had some very good suggestions to make regarding the possibilities for work under our aegis concerning D.P.s. I am also in touch with the UNRRA people here.

You may remember we had a talk with UNRRA representatives when in Rome, and I wrote a letter to Mr. Keeny but we never heard another word.

We have also had Miss Rusk over - a splendid young woman with a fine grasp of international outlook and policy, and I wish you could have met her.

Let us know if there is anything more we can do, and thanking you always for your interest.

By the way I was most interested to hear Kenneth Lindsay quoting you the other day in a lecture on the re-education of Germany!

Yours very sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White

ARETHUSA LEIGH-WHITE,
Director; The World Bureau.

P.S. By the way, it was not until we reached Geneva that we heard of the Zurich Conference. I cannot think how it escaped us or why we received no intimation of its taking place. We should have asked to have an "Observer" present had we known. I have been attending the later session of the United Nations Educational and Cultural Organisation meetings. I cannot tell you how great an impression Mr. McClean made on everyone. He, M. Buisson and the Chinese delegate were the outstanding personalities of that very distinguished gathering.

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ALW/ET

30th November 1945.

Lt.-Col Carleton, Washburne
Director of Education,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Education Subcommission,
APO 394.

Dear Colonel Washburne,

The Belgian girls were I believe all heated and spurred ready to start for Rome on November 27th: it seemed too good to be true and up till then everything seemed to be working out according to plan.

But the day before they were due to start it seems the British Military Mission suddenly asked for a final word "go" from the "War Office or equivalent" and so the telephone and cable wires feverishly buzzed for the ensuing 48 hours between Brussels, London Cologne and back again!

No one wanted to stop their departure but there appeared to be a contest between two departments here in London and the Rhine Command as to which was to say the word! The choice fell finally on the Rhine Command. Having got that nicely settled as I thought the Rhine Command then rang up the War Office and told them the British Military Mission in Brussels had said they knew nothing of the matter!!! Thank goodness the War Office was firm and replied as they did not know they were to find out and moreover they were to find the girls and pack them off to Rome without delay!

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I hope they did so. That is how the matter stands at the moment. If they did not, I imagine I shall hear all about it from Brussels and Rome and I will again enter the lists!

But joking apart we had done, as far as we knew, all we had been expected to do but it is difficult for civilians to know without being told beforehand, what are the ramifications of the military authorities.

I hope too that the Misses Desmaele will be really helpful for our and your purpose. I think I told you that although very capable girls they are not in the same category as the two Swiss girls who were specially chosen as being the best qualified type of trainer.

I enclose a letter for Miss Desmaeles which I shall be grateful if you will hand to her.

I am not quite sure how the financial position will work out. I know they have relations in Italy with whom they wish to spend some of their time. But they may want some cash to meet payments in connection with their work for us. Anyway we shall have the £20 odd here in addition to what you have of the original £50.

Hoping all will go well,

Yours very sincerely,

Arethusa Leigh-White,
Director, The World Bureau.

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30th November 1945.

Mlle Desmaele,
c/o Lt.-Col [illegible]bourne,
APO 394 A.P.O.

Dear Mlle Desmaele.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am that you should have had so much worry and anxiety just at the last. I did my best to push things through as quickly as possible and I must say the War Office were most sympathetic and only too anxious to help. The only trouble was that they did not seem to think that the department you recommended was the right one and of course I could not go against them in this.

Also it was very thoughtless of the people in Brussels not to have let us know sooner; as far as we knew here the matter had been cleared at the start and we did not realise that any further authority was needed.

But if you get this letter in Rome which I hope you will, then all the trouble will be over. I cannot say how delighted we are that this has come off so son. I did not think it would have been possible in so short a time.

I do hope you will both have a very happy and interesting time working for the Guides in Italy. I expect Mme de Groote told you what I told her; that you may find difficulties and even more feelings between some of the leaders of the two organisations but I know, working for the World Association

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you are, you will do your best to smooth away any trouble that you come across and show a sympathetic interest in what both organisations are doing, and in their efforts to work together. You will find some delightful personalities among them.

If you are in doubt upon any matter you will consult Colonel Ashbourne who you will find the kindest and most understanding of colleagues. We just don't know what we should have done without his help and good advice throughout.

With every good wish to you both and much success. Please give our greetings to all the Guides you meet.

Yours very sincerely,

Olethus Leigh-White

Olethus Leigh-White,
Director, World Bureau.

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ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Boy Scouts.
Copy of report

TO : Major Washburne.
Education Sub Commn.

FILE No. .....

1 March 1945.

For your file.

F R Catty.

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Educ^n Subcomm^n.

CONFIDENTIAL;

To Col . J. S. Wilson. Director, Boy Scouts International Bureau
38 Buckingham Palace Road. London.

From. Mr F.R. Catty, Allied Commission, C.M.F.

Date . 26th February 1945.

Report 12.

Subject. Progress of Scouting in Italy since last report, dated 12th February 1945.

Your letter of 9th February reached me today. Thank you for the encouragement contained. The position of English Scouting in regard to material assistance at the present time will be understood here. If you can encourage the Boy Scouts of America to respond to Major Washburne's appeal for their help, the team here can continue to try to supply the other kinds of help which the Italians tell me they need and appreciate just as much. I hope to see Major Boyle personally within a fortnight and give him your message.

Latest information here.

1; Italian Scouting inside Rome.

There has been a reconstruction of the central Committee of the Corpo Nazionale; DE RUUGIERO is still President but Corcos has dropped out of the Committtee and has been replaced as Vice-President by Sig Ercole GRAZIADEI. The Committtee courteously came to tell me about this. There had obviously been a serious difference between CORCOS and a majority , but nothing like a split in the Association, and I tried as far as possible to avaoid hearing the story.

Since the reconstruction Corpo has seemed more optimistic and more vigorous. Graziadei, whom I don't know well yet , is a lawyer and is acquainted with a number of politicians, including BONOMI himself. I think this will do them good, provided he does not tie them up with any particular party. But he's an old Scout and I think too wise for that. He4s coming to dinner with me next week so maybe I can make sure of that, if needful, being impressed.

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Corpo had in the last fortnight put forward two ideas which seemed to me good

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ideas which seemed to me good .....

1; A weekly magazine similar to "The Scout". They would contribute a " technical section", control the whole, and share in the profits. Allied Commission will try to help them over paper provided Eductaion Sub Commission sees and approves the contents

2; Italian scouts whose fathers have been killed in the war to undertake regular "visits of honour" to the graves in Italy of Allied soldiers and the families in England and America to be informed that this is being done. I think this which is an idea they are very anxious to carry out could be arranged in time with the co-operation of the proper Allied Authority and might be welcome to some people in England or America. Would you let me know what you think ?

ASCI. The Sea Scouts Troop - first time we have seen it - turned out very smart at the Rally. Its knotting was quite good and I thought one might try to induce the naval officers attached here to go and have a look at them at work.

Wolf Cubs have not been at all strong in proportion to Scouts yet. There were two or three packs at the Rally, but there doesn't seem to be any special training course or organization yet. There are men who definitely care most about cubbing and I think the best thing will be to get them down to discussion with Santucci , the Rome Commissioner and try to persuade him to let them branch off abit more.

2. Italian Scouting outside Rome .

Both my regular sources of information (Regional Education Officers and Allied Rovers writing or visiting) produce a steady stream of information. We now know that there are Troops in Florence, Pisa, Ancona, Siena, Perugia, Rome, Naples, Caserta, Benevento, Salerno, Foggia, Bari, Taranto, Brindisi, and Sicily and Troops forming in other places.

Total Troops in liberated Italy is around 125 and total Scouts will be between 3000 and 4000. Rome totals are Troops 72, Scouts over 2000.

3; Publicity.

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Rome Rally was covered by PWB film , photo, and press sections and they seem to have done a lot on it. Their press report was based on what I gave them and by working it out beforehand and giving it to them in writing I tried to

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ensure that they should say the right things and the important things. The Italian press is now beginning to take an interest.

4; Rome Rally. Special report attached.

5. Training courses. The rally was, for ASCI; a test half way through a Scouters' course to see whether Troops were profiting. On the whole we thought yes, but firelighting and camping in general still very weak.

From March 2nd Allied Crew running a weekly invitation meeting for Italian Scouters. Will be organized as a Crew meeting on exactly the same lines of active training as our own Crew meetings. Jim and I will act as RSLs first few times but turn over to an Italian as soon as possible.

Beginning April , Crew will run a standing camp with similar invitations week-ends (probably P/Ls)/

6; Library. Two thirds of the books are now out all the time and we could have done with several more copies of all the more important books. If the ppportaunity ever comes along , we'd be grateful for any more basic books in either English or French.

7; Correspondence. Washburne has a reply from Boy Scouts of Amereica saying willing to help but not enough known in America of state of Scouting in Italy. He at once sent them a memo which I wrote for him which should settle that trouble and from subsequent letters it looks as if they were going to be able to produce some material help.

8. Rover Crew is increasing very rapidly in numbers and in attendance of visitors (Rovers from all over Italy who happen to be by). R.S.L. and Mate see to it that we get down to solid practical Test Work on our Crew night and it does us no end of good. We are now running three nights a week officially, but there is nearly always someone there.

We have now two men to form the nucleus of a team in Florence. Several present members of this Crew are booked eventually for "stations North of Florence " and know just what they have to do when they get there. So do the Italians, who say that Upper Italy will produce some of the best men and boys. You will probably be able to bear that out from the earlier days.

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ROME Rally

(Summary report. Details later)

1; Rally was held as per attched programme in fine weather. Site consisted of a large wood for the Troop Troop Camps and a grass-covered arena for the Camp Fire.

2; Number of Troops actually taking part was 60. Total number of Scouts present was over 1900. This exceeded the estimates and does not include the Allied Service Rover Crew nor a French Troop who were present.

3. Allied Rover Crew camped on the site and so did Mazza and some of the Italian Rovers. Crew's intention was to be on the spot to help with organization which we thought might, after 17 years be a bit unskilled. Actually we all (British , U.S., South African , and French Scouters present, who have seen a number o f Rallies, agreed that the planning was very good and the Troops worked very satisfactorily to plan. For this the skill and tact of Mazza and his influence with the Scouters and boys is very largely responsible. We had vey little to do but the presence of a Allied Camp as a centre of interest and a means of pointing out some practical hints was useful and worth while.

4. The Italian Troops present were from the Rome area only . Nearly all came on foot and some from as far as nine Kilometres . A Sea Scout Troops and several Packs were there.

5. At the Camp fire in the afternoon your message in Italian was read by President of ASCI. The fire was lit, at the request of the Italians by an Allied Rover.

6. Feature was race between Commissioners of Catholic and non-Catholic Associations followed by them walking round the arena in pairs one of each; Both greeted with enthusiasm. As demonstration of unity alone Rally was a great success. Both flags flying together, national flag over all.

7 No official visitors , but Prince Doria present and very pleased. Detailed report follows.

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R A L L Y

OF THE B O Y S C O U T S OF I T A L Y
(Federazione Esploratori Italiani)

to be held, by kind permission of Prince Doria Pamphili,

on

S U N D A Y , February 25th

in the grounds of the VILLA DORIA PAMPHILI

The purpose of this Rally, which is the first to be held in this city since the Scout Movement was prohibited by order of the Fascist Government 17 years ago, is.....

1. To enable the boys of the 60 Troops of Scouts and Wolf Cubs already existing in this area to get to know one another and to realize the growing strength of their revived Movement.
2. To transmit to the Boy Scouts of this city and of ITALY the message received from the International Bureau (the Central Body of World Scouting), which has accorded provisional recognition to the revived Italian Movement and welcomes it back into the Brotherhood of Scouts.

The Troops present will be from the Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani and from the Associazione Scoutistica Cattolica Italiana, and the Allied Service Rover Crew (members of the Forces) will also take part.

The present estimate of the number of Scouts likely to be present is between 500 and 1000.

The outline of the programme (taken from the instructions drafted by the A.S.C.I.) is as follows:

09,00 to 10,00	Troops will arrive and report to the Rally Committee. They will be assigned a post in the part of the grounds permitted for the Rally. No fires permitted. Bounds will be indicated.
10,30	Troops will be inspected at their posts.
11,00 to 12,30	Displays by individual Troops of Scout Training Games (Competitive. Each Troop 5 minutes)
12,30	Lunch. Provided by the Troops themselves.
14,30 to 16,30	Jamboree (Gathering for Songs and Items provided by individual Troops).
	Message from the International Bureau.
	Final Rally and National Songs.

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To Major Washburne. Education Sub-Commission.

From Mr Catty

13th February. 1945.

Subject. Allied Scouting , Rome.

For your file, first issue of Rome Rover Scout Crew magazine, which has appeared to join company with its baby -

"The Bugler " (Algiers Crew),
"The Tin Whistle " (Foggia Crew)
" The Adriatic Rover " (Brindisi Crew)
" The Ancona Rover " and
" The Naples Rover "

all of which arrive regularly and are filed here.

For your information -
Extended programme of Rome Crew, now that they have a place of their own, now is, weekly .....

Tuesday 19, 30 to - Crew meeting (members only)

* Friday ~~Ø0Ø~~ 19,30 to 21,00 Combined meeting with Italian Scoutmasters and Commissioners.

Sunday 19, 30 to - Open meeting for anyone in Allied Forces or Allied Commission interested in Scouting. Supporters welcome even if not Scouts.

Would you give the last-named to anyone you think should know about it.

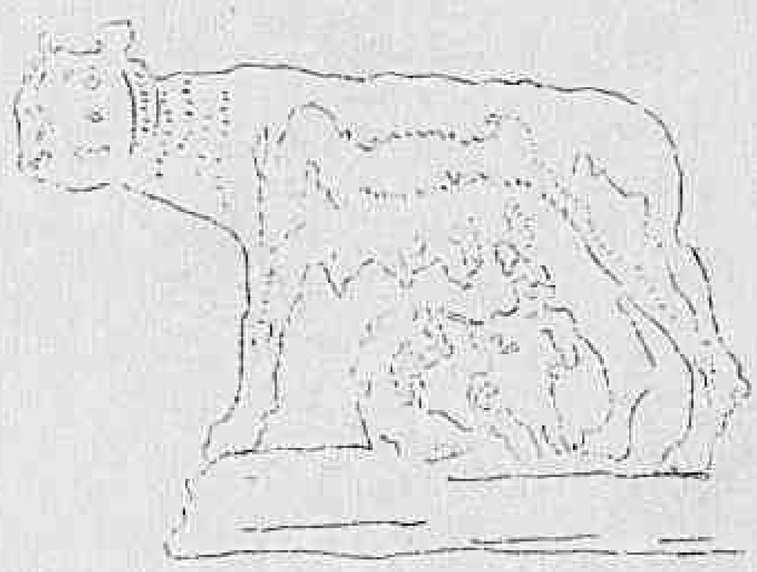
All meetings at 22 Via Boncompagni.

*(commencing March 2nd.)

F.R.C.

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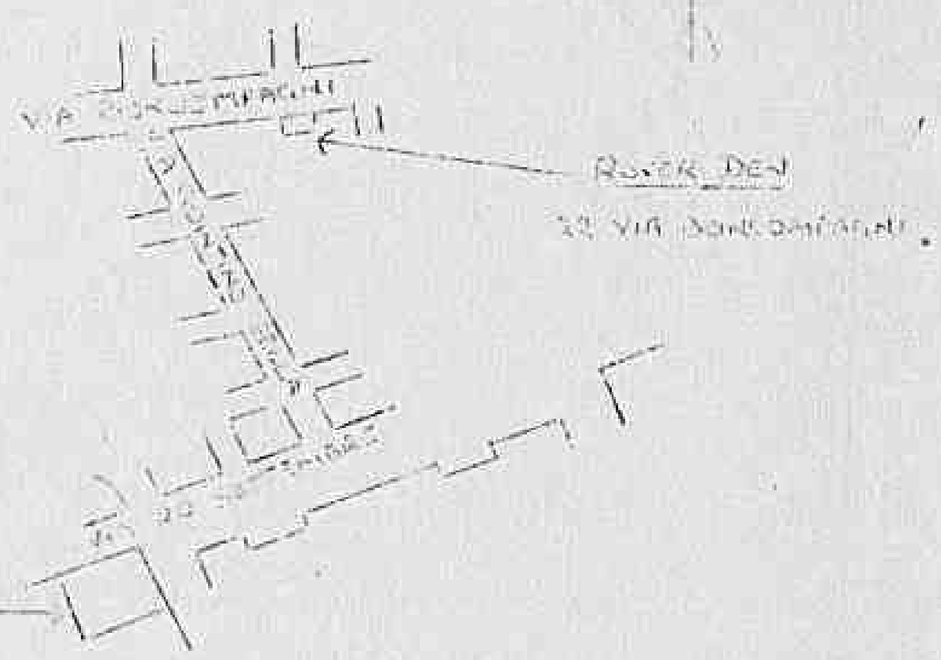
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HOW TO FIND US



CREW MEETINGS EVERY TUESDAY AT 1930

R.S.I.a ADDRESS : 115088V W.O.2 A.C.D. SMITH,

c/o The Springbok Club,

R O M E.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE BOY SCOUTS DOWN UNDER

Vol. 1 No. 1

FEBRUARY 1945

THE N.S.I. TRICIA....

As this is our first effort at writing a report of our visit of Scouting activities since joining the Navy, and also the first time that this area is published, I find it a very difficult one, as I can't know just what N.S.I.'s require. However I will try my best to give them a very slight glimpse of what has been done on this visit to help a rather lengthy story. At the best roughly two hundred and fifty miles of visiting. However, by the time we finished the whole trip we had travelled over a thousand miles, which was quite a lot. Both Lt. Cdr. Jones and myself were able to obtain this trip by virtue of our being Scoutmasters.

The area, Sydney and its suburbs, has a lot of Scouting with an Irish tradition. We visited a total of [illegible] each. Two troops were actually taken out on the sea, which we have had some difficulty in [illegible] to us in our troops [illegible].

There is to be a rally at Randwick on the 24th of this month and the crew has been on the job of [illegible] the arrangements.

We have now started a Sunday [illegible] to look forward to having very early [illegible] We are also looking forward to the day when we will be able to have a new method area, but this belongs to another issue.

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N.S.I.

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SCOUTING IN ITALY

F.H. Ottley

(Notes prepared for Allied Scouts in Italy with the approval of the Education Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, now of the Assistant International Commissioner).

From about 1912 to 1926 there was a flourishing Scout Movement in Italy, consisting of two separate parts....

ASSOCIAZIONE CATTOLICA SCOUTISTICA ITALIANA, and
CORPO NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI (the non-confessional branch of the Movement).

Both these were recognized separately by the International Bureau, representing the Scouts of the World, as separate organizations and Members. Both had troops running in various parts of Italy and each had a National Headquarters.

In 1926 the Fascists issued a decree dissolving both illegal and their headquarters and property were taken over by the Fascist Youth Organizations (Balilla). In other words, the Fascists thought they had smashed the both.

But they had not. Both continued as "underground" movements for the 16 years that intervened before we drove out the Fascists and the Germans. The story of this survival is one of the most dramatic in the history of Scouting. We shall not try to give it to you in full, but it is well worth the present "Across the Line".

In liberated Italy both organizations are ready to life again as fast as men and boys can do it. All over Italy there is a nucleus of men who were Scouts or Scouters thirteen years ago. These are the men who will lead the Italian movement, and they were on their feet six months before the Germans cleared out. They had risked their lives to "be prepared" from the Germans and Fascists.

The organizations have already embarked on Headquarters again.

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By a splendid piece of goodwill our after long negotiations assisted by the Assistant International Commissioner, they have just received Federation, which they never achieved in their early period, and have applied for recognition of both the Association and of their Federation (F.I.S.) by the Scout International Bureau.

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WHERE YOU AID IN.....

The Editor

Shall we run a competition? This question has been asked time in our Crew bulletin - and now, after considerable delay of contributors and wasting of valuable ink by the Editor, here is the result.

After attending a couple of Sunday evening talks they might come and help the Rover Guild Secretary with this Crew by telling us what you want. Are we only grateful you are so fond of all the good things which some of the "regulars" are putting in, and in which we all enjoy.

For that we have our own Rover Den we must have a full-scale publicity drive, so that all visiting Scouts will be able to find us. A visitor from the Ancoats Crew, in Race or Love, tells us that he spent a week looking for us. In his town you can't walk a few yards without seeing notices about the Rover Crew. We may not want to decorate the Eternal City quite to that extent, but let us see that there is a notice in every Rover's Club and Rover Camp, as well as a permanent notice in the R.S.A.G. "What's on this week" sheet.

While you are reading this, the Editor will be working on next month's "MOANING". We would like a contribution from you if possible from every member. Please let us, or the R.S.A., have your contribution not later than Tuesday, 6th March.

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Phil Darnell

SCRIBE'S REPORT

The crew, which was started by Alan Smith (South African) held its first real meeting on the 17th October 44 with an attendance of 10, including Mr. W.K.C. Inger, Assistant International Commissioner.

Owing to the amount of uncertainty as to who would be able to attend regularly, the election of officers was held over for a while, but Ron Stanton volunteered to act as scribe until then. Several weeks later the officers were elected as follows:-

Alan Smith	R.S.D.
Jim Cotter (U.S.A.)	Rover Mate
Phil Darnell	Scribe
Bob Garner	Treasurer

At that same meeting, we had as visitors, three French Rovers, who, although they were unable to understand much of the talk, seemed to enjoy themselves.

During December and part of January, we devoted part of our meetings to a series of short talks on various phases of a Troop meeting, the idea being to work out the Model Troop Meeting. This idea proved quite successful and gave us many new ideas for future use.

At our last meeting, before going to press, we received the good news that we were now the proud owners of a Rover Den. We are given to understand that it is a room in a convent, which has been requisitioned by the Military, and that most is rather well furnished, : it doesn't look as though we'll be able to do exactly as we please with it, but nevertheless, we are very grateful to the authorities for providing us with a place of our own.

Up to date, we have had 25 visitors and regular members at our meetings and a list of their names follows.

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VISITORS ARRIVED ++++++ Up to 30 Feb 45

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Ray Hicks
John G. Parkin
Alan G.B. Sidi
W. Robinson
A. Wallaby (Aus)
Ian Jones
David L. Shirley
Bob Crane
W.A.C. Logan
Geoff Wilson
Phil Darvall
Jim Spicer
A... Findlay
Jim Setter

R.H. Williams
L.P. Whicker
Pierre Chorey
Pierre Burroughs
Doug Reynolds
Eddie Spencer
Cecil Lloyd Lyon
Ron G. Ricoll
F.O. (Barg) Martin
S. Scully
Sgt. Thompson
Tex Pilkington
J.L. Grant
J. Whitehill
Len Pearson
Stan Mitson
J. Morgan
M. Dieringer
P.E. Gibby
Laurie Darby
Pat Greenhill
Stan. Grimsley
Jack Simcock

R.S. 116. R.S.A. (St Louis)
Lt. Kingsbury U.S.A. Corps
S.A. 4th London Scots
Capt Jones, South Africa
R.S. Rhodesia and Nyasaland
A.S.A. 1st Edinburgh
1st Lord Tweedsmuir
S. . 17th Duke, 4th Gordon Highs
1st Duchess Tweedsmuir
Lt. Col. Lubbock, 21 A.A. Bde, 2nd Army
S.A. 1st Battalion
R.S. 9th North Midland
S.A. 2nd Bivi...
17th Company
45th & 47th Battalion, U.S.A.
1st Duke of Wellington's
Lt. Randall Hill (Can. Army Staff)
Staff
2nd Tolworth, 1st Surrey
Visitor (U.S.)
Holyhead
South Africa
Sgt. Glass, 1st Division
1st Draw (Aus. Army)
L.S.A. 2/Appointments
Scotter - South Africa
Salisbury, South Rhodesia
Hinckley, Bde
...t. 2nd Canada
S.A. 12th Battalion
London
Geneva, Ohio, U.S.A.
3Brn Battalion, London
68th North London
155th North London
2/15th Reinforcement, 1st Royal
1st Hillbury ... Surrey, Inter

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Miss Eildon

On the occasion of the Thirty-fifth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (Feb 8th), our sincere greetings and wishes go out to all of our American brothers.

Everyone knows of the Good Turn of the Unknown British Scout which was responsible for the start of the Scouting Movement in the States. It was in 1909 that William D. Boyce was so impressed when he was in London, by the act of a boy going out of his way to render first aid to a stranger, that he influenced all possible information be took back with him.

On February 8th, 1910 Mr. Boyce and others interested in boys and citizenship, formally incorporated the Boy Scouts of America, and day has been since observed each year as the birthday of U.S. Scouting.

It was the privilege and honour of our only American member (Mr. Coster) to participate in a recording made by President Truman of the United States on "Scout Day". He was able to tell his fellow Scouts a bit of the history of Scouting and he got in a word or two about our work here.

Regarding the Italian situation as the broadcast was made, Harold, who has a country of possibly "across the seas" and related a few incidents about underground Scouting in Italy.

The letters are systematically opened and closed by some Italian Scouts working in their own very capable manner.

Again, we extend a hearty "Welcome" to the U.S.A.

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VISIT TO VILLA DORIA

On the afternoon of Sunday, 28th January, a recce was made over the proposed training site at the Villa Doria, just behind St. Peter's, by four members of the crew, Pussy, Saithie, Big Jim and myself. We started off from the Y.M.C.A. at 1400 hrs. and Saithie leading the way with the aid of a map of Rome, we passed through some of the back alleys of Rome and eventually reached the Tiber. The site stands on the hill just down the river from St. Peter's, and we had to climb about 99 steps as a short cut. Saithie challenged Jim for a race to the top, but Jim did not think much of the idea. We had a view of Rome from the hill top but it was limited as the sky was overcast, and the clouds were low. We reached the gates of the Villa by 1500 hrs. and we were admitted by the porter. The grounds are extensive and perfect for outdoor Scouting, with plenty of scope for Wide Games, etc. There is a section of the drive suitable for the March Past of the Rome Scouts at the Rally, and there is a background of St. Peter's part of the town, and the hills in the distance. The site we agreed on to be best for the Training Camp is on the gentle slopes forming a valley, with trees scattered here and there, and a fountain nearby, which, when cleaned out will make a natural shower bath. It is in the form of an arch with the 'fleur-de-lys' on top, which looks at first glance like the Tower Bridge. While Pussy was engaged with the gardener, Saithie, Jim and I passed the time "Throwing the Javelin". Saithie armed a bamboo pole about eight feet long, which unfortunately had a bend in it, with the result that it did not always go in the required direction. Pussy felt a bit nervous of us at our behaviour, until he picked up a fir cone, stuck his cap under his arm, and started off at a run down the drive, looking for a partner for a Rugby game. We kept this passing up for a bit, and we did enjoy it. We finished our afternoon with a cup of tea at the Catholic Club. We had a very enjoyable afternoon and we gained a lot from our outing.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF SCOUT'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

(Reprinted from The Scouter - Jan 45)

We all hope that the bells of victory will ring this year, 1945 that even greater opportunities for friendship and goodwill will then arise for the brotherhood of Scouts throughout the world. May good fortune attend all our efforts.

PERCY EVERETT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Boy Scouts. Report 11. FILE No. .....

TO : Major Washburne. Education 12 Feb 1945
Sub-Commission

From Mr Cully.

For your file

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CONFIDENTIAL:

To Col L.S .Wilson, Director, International Bureau, Boy Scouts
38 Buckingham Palace Road. London
From Mr F/R/Catty, H.Q; Allied Commission . C.M.F.
Date. 12th February 1945.

Report 11.

Subject : Progress of Scouting in Italy since last report dated 2 February 1945.

1; Recognition. Your letter containing official provisional recognition and your message for the rally (now fixed for 25th February) arrived 8th February. I ventured to suggest to Education Sub-Commission that the Italians might prefer a little ceremony for the handing over of the letters and this was considered a good idea. So today in Major Washburne's room at the Allied Commission we assembled the original signatoried of the Federation , and in their presence were able to hand over the letters ~~in the presence of~~ to the present Minister of Education. Two members of the Allied Rover Crew who have done a lot for Italian Scouting, A.G.B Smith (SOuth Africa) and Jim Cotter (U.S.A.) also came along. We were introduced to the Minister, who seems really convinced, thanks to the interest of Education Sub-Commission ,of what Scouting can do for the future of Italy, and was pleased with the event and with some photographs of Italian Scouts in action which the Allied Rover Crew has collected from various places in Italy.

You are quite right in thinking that the p resent Minister will carry on De Ruggiero's interest in Scouting. They were both present, and it was evident that, though of different parties, they were personal friends, and of the same mind about this matter. 6943

2; Plans for the Rally. These are taking shape (draft of English translation of plan made by Italians attached)

During the last week there were some nasty moments when a slight lack of tact by the Catholic Association threatened to lose us the presence of the other lot. But they have been brought to a compromise by which there

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will be separate programmes for the morning and a joint one for the afternoon. I fear we shall be beset for some time to come by this tendency to give and to take offence, but as regards the rally itself I think that the presence of the Allied Service Rover Crew will solve the delicate problem of judging the events (they will make it competitive) and oil the works generally. The Crew will turn out in full strength and is now proposing to set up a camp for that week-end to act as a sort of practical demonstration. The two Rome Commissioners estimate the attendance much higher than 1000, but a lot will depend on the weather.

During this week we shall notify the News Film people; the Radio people and the newpapers (Italian and Allied. They have asked to be told of anything of the kind and it is largely to give them a chance that I originally put forward the idea of a rally here. The Italian leaders are (wisely, I think) insisting on NO public visitors this first time. They say that it may be a rather confused affair, and it would not surprise me if that were so.

3. Italian Scouting in this city. The ASCI Commissioner for the city spent some time with us in the Rover Den last Sunday evening. We now know for certain that there are 60 Troops belonging to his Association in the city and about the same number in the rest of the country. The Corpo Nazionale Leaders, who usually drop in on Saturday evenings, report that they have 12 in this city and an uncertain number (probably not more) outside. That makes a total of about 150 Troops (say 4000 Scouts and Wolf Cubs) as a safe estimate of the national strength at the moment, that is afteer a year's work and before this year's open season begins to draw in numbers or the publicity now ruuning tp have an effect. In view of the difficulty of finding equipment and uniform thay would be follish, it seems to me to worry too much about numbers. Mazza, with whom I have got into the habit of spending part of Sunday mornings, (he's an excellent companion) told me that there is now a Troops of Sea Scouts and we are going to have a look at it next Sunday. With their coast- line the Italians ought at least to have the possibility of doing well in this line. I've too many friends in the Royal Navy to say more than that!

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4. Italian Scouting Outside this city.

Report from Regional Education Officer Sicily, for January says Movement well organized there and regional Scout Commissioner planning new drive.

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From same source - first Troop formed in Macerata area. (I put these in as examples of how Allied Commission assists at a time when inter-communication for Italian leaders is very difficult.). At the Crew Headquarters we now have a map shewing the spread of the movement up to date. This often tells the Italians what they do not know themselves here.

5. Publicity. "Voice of America" broadcast in America 8th Feb. carried a recording made here at Radio Roma on Scouting in Italy . It was 5 or 6 minutes long and included songs by the 39th Troop and Cotter and Morandi speaking.

6. Training Courses known to be running

Rome. ASCI (for Scouters) . Allied Rover Crew is supplementing with weekly practical demonstrations.

Naples. Gifford is doing something similar.

Florence. Course now running for Patrol Leaders.

7. Books received. "Jamboree, 1944; 4th quarter" received today is very valuable indeed. The Italians for the most part hardly realize yet how large and how close is the family they are in. This is just what they want. I think I can get ## a summary made of the news in it from 13 nations and can circulate a translation which will be read with great interest.

Copies of "Policy, Organization, and Rules" are badly wanted (we have two). The Italians are working on the Rules for both Associations now and keep asking for more information about (a) our rules (b) how they work out in practice. This is where the Allied Rover Crew with its wide range of personal experience is able to help. The Italians have some difficulties of their own to contend with. For instance they tell me that while in Sicily a peasant boy may have all the responsiblities of an adult at 13, the secondary schoolboy in Milano will not be essentially different from ours.

They are particularly interested in the idea of a "group" which is new to them and want to know exactly how for example the authority of a GSM works out as against that of the SM. Its no use telling them we dont measure by rules. They are rule-minded. All I can do is to implore them to have as few as possible, but I fear they

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suspect me of levity.

8; The Service Rover Crew. Numbers increasing rapidly now that a centre is available all the time. There are probably anything up to 50 men more or less permanently stationed here who could and should be members in addition to those who come in when on leave. Regular meeting are now twice a week and a third evening (for Italian guests) weekly begins 25th. By 1st March we shall be running every night. Journal (inevitably " Bon Compagni ") has arrived to join with "The Bugler" (Algiers Crew), its baby brother " The Tin Whistle " (Foggia Crew), "The Naples Rover" ~~and~~ "The Ancona Rover" and "The Adriatic Rover" as a means of contact between Crews.

I don't think I could exaggerate the encouragement which continual contact with this Crew here and the news that comes in from five others gives to anybody working for Italian Scouting here. You don't have to ask these men to go and visit a troop which needs looking up or to reinforce some particular aspect of Italian Scouting or training. The have usually found the need and gone to it before you can tell them. And their work is solid.

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19th December, 1944.

Dear Major Washburne,

I have now been able to go more fully into the reports enclosed with your memorandum ED/CWW/cz of 21st November, 1944. In consequence I have much pleasure in forwarding to you 5 copies of my reply to the request made for the provisional recognition of the two revived Italian Scout Associations and of the Federation formed between them. I shall be most grateful if you could transmit copies to Mr. Logan for whose letter of November 23rd I am also most grateful, and to the representatives of the two Associations and of the Federation.

Since this particular request has been made, I notice that Signor De Ruggiero has been displaced as Minister of Education. I take it, however, that as a Liberal Minister has succeeded him no difficulties will

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be raised in connection with the re-forming of the two Scout Associations and their Federation together.

Finally, I should like again to thank you on behalf of the International Committee for all the services that you have rendered, which have greatly helped to bring about the present happy result.

Yours very sincerely

Major Carleton W. Washburne, A.U.S.,
A/Director of Education,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O.394.

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THE Y SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ITALY

(Memo by Mr. F.R. Catty, Allied Commission, February 1945).

A. History up the end of 1944.

1. Scouting was introduced into Italy about 1912, i.e. within five years of its ~~beginning~~ in England, by Italians who met Baden Powell and his associates and who visited the first Troops in England and remained in contact with them.

2. "Scouting for Boys" and other manuals were translated into Italian in this period.

3. There were two separate associations:
Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana, and Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani.
Both were recognized by the International Bureau and sent contingents to the eraly International Jamborees.

4. Troops of both Associations existed all over Italy.

5. In 1928 the Fascist Government issued a decree declaring both Associations illegal, confiscated their premises and equipment, and prohibited their meeting.

6. But the suppression was not altogether successful. Textbooks - flags - song-books and traditions were nevertheless preserved through 16 years.

7. In 1943, as soon as Italy began to be liberated, Troops of both Associations began to re-appear, the leading spirits being men who had been Scoutmasters or Scout in the former period.

8. The revival began in Sicily and everywhere followed the Allied advance, men in the Allied Forces who in their spare time discovered Italian Troops of Scouts being formed lending such advice and encouragement as they could in many different places.

9. By the summer of 1944 there were Italian Troops of Scouts in many towns and villages and central committees in Rome.

10. Encouraged by Allied Commission, and by the British Assistant International Commissioner (Rev. V.K.C. LOGAN) who visited many places, the leaders of the two separate Associations came together to work out a scheme of Federation, which resulted in agreement. 6937

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12. In February 1945 a letter of provisional recognition was received from the International Bureau and was handed to the Minister of Education, as President of the F.E.I. at a meeting on February 12th in the Education Subcommission of Allied Commission in the presence of leaders of both Associations and of Service Revers of the U.S.A. and South Africa.

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B. Present State of the . .vement in Italy.

There are at the date of writing known to be Troops of Scouts in Rome (72 Troops), Naples (17), Florence (15), Ancona, Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Palermo, Salerno, Caserta, Sorrento, Benevento, Siena, and Pisa, besides smaller outlying places. In a number of places they are working with British Service Rover Crews and with individual British or American Rovers in the Services.

The number of Italian Scouts and Clubs in Rome can be reliably estimated as 1800. In the whole of liberated Italy as about 4,000.

Training courses for Scoutmasters are being held in Rome, Florence, and Naples. In Florence the first course began within six weeks of liberation.

Both Associations have a national committee in Rome, and are in touch as far as circumstances permit with the outlying groups. In keeping this contact both the Education Subcommission of Allied Commission through its regional officers and the network of British Service Rover Crews which report to one another and to Rome Crew are of assistance to the Italians.

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A Rally of both Associations was held at Naples on January 14th with the encouragement of Allied Commission and a similar rally has been organized for Rome on February 25th. There was one in Florence before Christmas.

C. Needs and prospects.

The assets are.....
A keen, though very small body of men in both Associations who belonged to the former movement, who have worked hard and spent their time and money unsparingly to get things going again and are devoted to restoring a big and healthy Movement such as they knew before in the quickest possible time. There is need to work fast, for other movements are sure to compete for the boys.

A Youth which, now that the pernicious Fascist Youth Organization has been swept away, calls for something to supplement School activities and is taking to Scouting as fast as Troops can be organized.

What is holding them back is
Lack of equipment,
Lack of uniform (price and shortage of both in Italy are desperate)
Lack of experienced Scouters (all the old scouts are necessarily over 28). [redacted] 6936
They need more text-books and more guidance in organizing Troops and training Scouters.
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Many things may be needful to secure the future of Italy, but the establishment of a healthy Youth Movement alongside the national system of democratic education is surely one of them and one which can receive enormous encouragement moral and material from England and America.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

To . Col L.S Wilson, Director, Boy Scouts' International Bureau
38 Buckingham Palace Road, London

From. Mr F.R. Catty Allied Commission, C.M.F.

Date 2 February 1945

Report 10 .

Subject : Progress of Scouting in Italy since last report, dated 20th January 1945.

1; Books etc received and in use.
Received through Major Washburne :
Manual of Guides de France (one copy)
Girl Guides (the official handbook) (one copy)

Most of the books sent out by IHQ are now on loan to the central committees of the ASCI and the CNGEI. The latter has now set up a group of Scouters who know English to make translations or extracts and arrange publication. They have asked me to attend this Committee, and I think it might be wise to keep an eye on what they propose to publish.

The ASCI unfortunately insists that SALANI, of Florence, is the only publishing house for them. This involves a certain delay under present conditions, but they say there is no firm here to which they care to entrust what they want to publish. This is awkward, but I do not see how we can force them, as we are not bearing any of the cost or financial responsibility, having no funds to do it with. I have however suggested to ASCI that they let me have one of their manuals which they want to print so that I can test out the possibilities of getting it done here on a commercial basis.

2. Scout Centre. The most important development of the last ten days is that through the interest of Allied Commission (Education Sub- Commission) a room has been placed at the disposal of the Service Rover Crew here (which has hitherto only been able to meet once a week in a room borrowed from the YMCA). The new Den, which is plenty large and well furnished, and is in the centre of the City, will not only enable the Crew to meet more often but can also enable us to have Italian Scouters in sometimes , which

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was not permitted at the YMCA, can house the library of books and magazines now accumulating, and is, we believe, capable of developing in time into something like a live centre of Scouting here, with many activities.

The addres is

VIA BONCOMPAGNI 22.

By the middle of February we hope to have it open every evening with notices to that effect in all Allied Centres.

3; Publicity.

(a) Film. The short documentary of Italian Scouting is still being studied by PWB. Their film unit will be invited to the Rally (see below)

(b) Radio. PWE, Rome Radio (Miss Maxwell and a technical expert came to see me on Jan 31st with a project of their own for a series of broadcasts to Italian Youth into which they want to introduce Scouting ideas. I have put them into direct touch with the ASCI and Corpo leaders and they will work out their plan keeping in touch with me.

(c) American Radio has asked PWB for an item on Scouting in Italy to be included in a broadcast on Feb 8th from and for America on the American Scout Anniversary. Time may be too short to do much, but I put them onto Cotter, the American member of the Crew who would be the best person to make the actual recording here.

(d). Rome Rally now fixed for Feb 25th. Both Associations have promised to turn out as strong as possible. Crew and I went and had a look at proposed site (Villa Doria) last Sunday and found it satisfactory

4. Training Courses. Corpo Nazionale Course now completed; The notes are being made upinto a manual for the time being. Members of the Service Rover Crew here are assisting the ASCI training course with demonstrations of Knotting, Pioneering, Games etc. These will probably now be transferred to the new Den.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

To: Mrs; Leigh-White, Director, World Bureau,
World Association of Girl Guides,
9 Palace Street, Westminster.

From: Mr; F.R.Catty, Allied Commission, C.M.F.

25 Jan 45.

SUBJECT:- PROGRESS REPORT OF GIRL GUIDES OF ITALY AS FAR AS IS KNOWN TO DATE.

1; A number of letters having been recently transmitted from you through Major Washburne or myself to the President and the International Commissioner of the (Catholic) Guides in Rome, I thought it might be helpful if I were to invite representatives of the Central Committee here to come and see me in my office at the Allied Commission. I know from experience that several of them know English very well and read your letters perfectly, but that they have some difficulty in composing their replies in English. So on a previous occasion they came and told me what they wanted to say and we wrote it together.

As a result Signorina di Carpegna, Signorina di Cossilla and another member of their Committee came in to see me on the 23 rd, and we discussed :

i. The intimation that reached Major Washburne the previous day that the Girl Scouts of America had made an appropriation of a thousand dollars to assist the Guide Movement in Italy and had suggested that part of it should be used for translating and publishing Guide literature.

They were very pleased indeed with the news. One can hardly exaggerate the good which an act of this kind does in present conditions here, irrespective of the actual amount involved.

Having previously consulted Major Washburne, I suggested to them that in allocating this money we ought to take account of the fact that there may come into existance a Non-denominational Association corresponding to the Corpo Nazionale of Scouts. No Companies of such an Association yet exist as far as we know, all existing ones belonging to the Catholic Association. But Signorina di Carpegna took my point and proposed setting aside half. I do not think we need be as formal as that, but you may like to know of their (under the circumstances) generous attitude and that I will keep in touch with Signorina Corcos (the potential organizer of the Non-denominational Guides) so that if these latter do emerge into activity they will not be overlooked in any assistance moral or material which may pass through Allied Commission.

2. The status of the Catholic Association of Guides in regard to recognition by the World Association.

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We had before us their draft Statute as submitted to you at the end of last year, and the Constitution and Bye-Laws which you had sent them.

They asked me, in view of these, how I thought their Association would stand with you in regard to recognition. I said that I could only speak as an impartial person comparing the two documents, but on the face of it, it seemed to me that doubt, if any, would arise on three points, namely:-

i. Could they be accepted with the words "the Church" included with "God and our Country" in the first part of their Promise ? (The Catholic Scouts do not include "the Church".) In other respects their Law and Promise seemed to me to be equivalent to the modern.

I suggested that they should find out how the French and Belgian Catholic Guides take the Promise.

ii. Were they sufficiently widespread to be called a "National" Association ?

iii. Was there not a possibility (which need not necessarily impede their recognition but should be clearly understood) that there might later arise a non-denominational Association, leading to a Federation similar to that of the Scouts.

I suggested to them (and they agreed) that it was not wise to try to ignore these doubts. It was essential that they should be openly recognised and known to you, then they could expect you to tell them frankly and quickly how they stand.

So what we decided was that:

a. They send you all the latest facts about their numbers, extent and intentions. (I sketched out the headings.)
b. They send a letter (as requested in yours to Major Washburne of 2 nd January) welcoming a visit by a representative of the Bureau.
c. They ask you to tell them as quickly as possible how they stand with regard to recognition.

This they will be within a few days - transmitting it through me.

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Rev. V.K.C.Logan

c/o HQ.Allied Commission
C.M.F.

November 23, 1944

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The attached documents were composed by the Italians themselves and signed at a historic meeting this morning. They insisted that

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we signed as witnesses. Signor De Ruggiero is the present Minister of Education and therefore first President of FEI. All communications from the outside world should, therefore, be addressed to him c/o Major Washburne, and not to either Association, that is if you can "recognise" the thing.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by all those mentioned in this letter, especially Major Washburne and Catty (who is writing weekly letters to Bincham).

With many very kind regards

Yours Sincerely.

Assistant International Commissioner
(British)

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(Copy)

21 November 1944

To : Col. J.S.Wilson, OBE
Director,
Scouts International Bureau,
25 Buckingham Palace Road, London. SW 1

It is the most earnest and sincere requestof the all the signatories below, that Colonel J.S.Wilson, Director of the Scouts International Bureau in London, give provisional recognition to the reborn Scout Associations of "Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani" and "Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana" and also of their federation, known as "Federazione Esploratori Italiani" and set forth fully in the attached document.

Sd/- Adriano Corcos

Sd/- Riccardo Morandi

Luigi Pirotte

Mario Mazza

Oswaldo Monoss

Arturo Pilloni

Guido Ruggiero

Approved

V.K.C.Logan

F.R.Catty

Catleton W.Washburne,Major (A.U.S)
A/Director of Education, A.C.

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Col. Washburne
For information

Consignment of Books from IHQ, London.
posted 25 April - Received 21 May.

Gilcraft's Second Class Book
" " Tenderfoot "
" " First Class "

Policy Organization and Rules.
Working the Patrol System Reynolds
Senior Scouts
Wolf Cub Tests
Wolf Cub Handbook.

Charts 10. 5. 4. 3. 2. 1. 20. 12. 11.

Distribution made in Italy

H.Q. Corpo Nazionale G.E.I. (1 copy of each)
H.Q. Associazione Scautistica Cattolica (1 copy of each)
Italian Guide H.Q. (as far as appropriate)

Rest to Rover Crew and Allied Rovers working with Italian Scouts in the Provinces, as far as possible.

F.R. Catty,
H.Q. Allied Commission
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Thank you for letting me see this.

Mazza himself came to see me yesterday.

I told him that nobody can do anything about this. "Habent sua fata libelli":

As regards my future I'm quite prepared, if he admits he's been a fool (which he does) to work with him. I told him that in his place I would offer to resign my official titles in the F.E.I and A.S.C.I. but carry on the work. But I don't think he will resign.

I shall treat him exactly as before.

F R Catty.
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SUBJECT: Boy Scouts. Memo 20/2/45. FILE No. .....

TO : Major Washburne Education Sub-Commission. 194

From Mr Cally.

Attached are two copies of the memo which I wrote originally at the request of the British Embassy for the British Council, who are interested.

I thought if you approve, it might do for the Boy Scouts of America. Copy for your file. Another spare copy here, if required 6926

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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ITALY

(Memo submitted by Mr F.R.Catty, Allied Commission)
February 1945

A.History up to the end of 1944.

1; Scouting was introduced into Italy about 1912 , i,e within five years of its beginning in England, by Italians who met Baden Powell and his associates and who visited the first Troops in England and remained in contact with them.

2. "Scouting for Boys " and other manuals were translated into Italian in this period .

3. There were two separate associations , Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana, and Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani. Both were recognized by the International Bureau and sent contingents to the early International Jamborees.

4. Troops of both Associations existed all over Italy.

5. In 1928 the Fascist Government issued a decree declaring both Associations illegal, confiscated their premises and equipment, and prohibited their meeting.

6. But the suppression was not altogether succesful. Text - books, flags, song-books and traditions were nevertheless preserved through 16 years.

7. In 1943, as soon as Italy began to be liberated, Troops of both Associations began to re-appear, the leading spirits being men who had been Scoutmasters or Scouts in the former period.

8. The revival began in Sicily and everywhere followed the Allied advance, men in the Allied Forces who in their spare time discovered Italian Troops of Scouts forming lending such advice and encouragement as they could in many different places.

9. By the summer of 1944 there were Italian Troops of Scouts in many towns and villages and central committees in Rome.

10. Encouraged by Allied Commission, and by the British Assistant International Commissioner (Rev V.K.C. LOGAN) who visited many places, the leaders of the two separate Associations came together to work out a scheme of Federation, which resulted in agreement.

11. In November 1944 a Federation was signed by which the two Associations, while keeping their character and organizations, agreed to work together as one national

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body (Federazione Esploratori Italiani) and a joint Committee was set up. A letter was sent at the same time to the International Bureau asking for recognition of the revived Italian Movement.

12. In February 1945 a letter of provisional regognition was received from the International Bureau and was handed to the Minister of Education , as President of the F.E.I. at a meeting on Feb.12th in the Education Sub Commission of Allied Commission in the presence of leaders of both Associations and of Service Rovers of the U.S.A and South Africa.

B; Present state of the Movement in Italy.

There are at the date of writing known to be Troops of Scouts in Rome (72 Troops), Naples (17), Florence (15), Ancona, Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Palermo, Salerno, Foggia, Caserta, Sorrento, Benevento, Siena, and Pisa, besides smaller outlying places. In a number of places they are working with British Service Rover Crews and with individual British or American Rovers in the Services.

The number of Italian Scouts and Cubs in Rome can be reliably estimated as 1800. In the whole of liberated Italy as about 4,000.

Training courses for Scoutmasters are being held in Rome, Florence, and Naples. In Florence the first course began within six weeks of liberation.

Both Associations ~~are~~ have a national committee in Rome, and are in touch as far as circumstances permit with the outlying groups. In keeping this contact both the Education Sub Commission of Allied Commission through its regional officers and the network of British Service Rover Crews which report to oneanother and to Rome Crew are of assistance to the Italians.

Several copies of all the principal textbooks from IHQ, British, and of the American Handbook have been received by by Allied Commission and a library of them established at the the headquarters of the Rome Allied Rover Crew, whence they are borrowed by the Italians for compiling their own manuals. The Catholic Scouts Association has already issued a reprint of "Scouting for Boys" in Italian and a Manual of its own.

A Rally of both Associations was held at Naples on January 14th with the encouragement of Allied Commission

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and a simialar rally has been organized for Rome on Feb 25th. There was one in Florence before Christmas.

C; Needs and prospects.

The assets are ....

A keen, though very small,body of men in both Associations who belonged to the former movement, who have worked hard and spent their time and money unsparingly to get things going again and are devoted to restoring a big and healthy Movement such as they knew before in the quickest possible time. There is need to work fast, for other movements are sure to compete for the boys,

A Youth which, now that the pernicious Fascist Youth Organization has been swept away,calls for something to supplement School activities and is taking to Scouting as fast as Troops can be organized. It is a case of the " house swept and garnished ". There are six political parties -:and the Streets .

What is holding them back is

Lack of equipment,

Lack of uniform (price and shortage of both in Italy are desperate)

Lack of experienced Scouters (all the old scouts are necessarily over 28).

They need more text-bocks and more guidance in organizing Troops and training Scouters.

Every book, every uniform (second-hand if need be) every article of camping equipment received from abroad, every message of encouragement and every visit from a British or American Scout is worth while.

Many things may be needful to secure the future of Italy, but the establishment of a healthy Youth Movement alongside the national system of democratic education is surely one of them and one which can receive enormous encouragement moral and material from England and America.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Girl Guides: Report

FILE No. .....

8 Feb 1945

TO : Major Washburne.
Education Sub Commn.

From: Mr Cally.

Attached, for your file. Original being sent via British Embassy.

I hope this will give you the picture you want.

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TO: Mrs Leigh-White, Director, World Bureau. Association of Girl Guides. 9 Palace Street. Westminster.

FROM: Mr F.R.Catty. Allied Commission. ITALY? CMF.

7th February 1945

Subject: Latest facts as to Guide Movement in ITALY.

1. Associazioni Guide Italiane.

Following are the details (referred to in my letter of 25th Jan.) with which the Central Committee promised to supply me. Not so soon as we had hoped; but I was able to go and see their International Commissioner today and received them from her.

A. Companies in existence: in Rome; of Guides,7; of Rangers 7. In Bari one Company of each. In Florence there are Guides, but they do not know the details here (I have asked for them from an American Rover-Scout there who writes to me). Their Captains are called "Comandanti" and their Lieutenants "Assistenti". The Rangers are really training-groups for "Assistenti".

B. Organization. For the Rome area there is a Commissaria (Raffaela BERARDI, Via Savoia 41)

The Association has a Secretary (Augusta di COSSILA Via Montana 6)

C. Normal activities at present. Company meetings once a week, and "outings" once a month.

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D. Training. There has been no actual Guider's course but see above. No publications at all in Italian yet exist, but there is a Manual and a Statuto (i.e. Policy Organization and Rules) based on study of the books sent from England and America now ready to rpint. If they can't arrange printing themselves will see whether Allied Commission can help.

They badly want to see the equivalent of British Scouts P.O.R. I don't think there was one among the books sent out.

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E. Publicity. They desire to go very cautiously. The only notice yet published in the Italian press was a note in the "Osservatore Romano" about the Pope's approval of their formation .

F. Uniforms and equipment. They are very badly off indeed. Cost here is exceedingly high and to purchase here uhiforms or equipment would not be best use of funds which might be sent.

Would you consider possibility of encouraging Girl Scouts of America to send spare uniforms? Same suggestion is being made to the Boy Scouts of "merica.

Above information relates entirely to Catholic Association of Guides. I have a copy of the letter of approval given by the Vatican which I will forward as soon as translated.

2. National (non-denominational) Guides.

This still only exists as a group of potential Guiders. Two of thme came to see me and indicate their plans on Feb. 4th.

Their present intention is not to try to found a separate Association, but to establish, if the Guide Italiane will consent to it, a Company within that Association which shall be an "open" or "non-denominational" Company.

I don't know whether the A.G.I. will consent to this, but the proposers said they would make the approach and let me know the result.

They borrowed several of the handbooks in English sent out to AO recently to study.

3. The A.G.I. who have submitted their draft statute and applied to you for recognition would I think very much appreciate it if you could give them a provisional idea of how they stand with you at this stage.

Their International Commr. (Signorina Giuliana di CARPEGNA, whose address is Largo dei Fiorentini 1, Rome) reads and speaks English perfectly.

A letter from their President saying they would very much welcome a representative of the Bureau is on the way to you.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Rome Rally. Boy Scouts. FILE No.

TO : Major Washburne. 7 Feb 45.
Education Sub-Commission.

From : Mr Cully.

Attached is copy for your file of message which Col. WILSON has sent me at my suggestion for his Rally (the date is now 25th.).

I am having it translated, but I do not propose to give it to the Italians until the Rally. It seems to give official recognition.

I have heard from Prince Doria that Pa approves date & plan & I spoke to Count Santucci for the ASCI last night. Corpo Rso

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C-O N F I D E N T I A L

1st February 1945

Dear Catty,

I have just received your Reports 8 and 9 about which I will write to you later.

I want however, to try and send you the following message for the Rally that is being planned to take place on February 18th. Here it is:-

"I am very glad to have the opportunity of sending a greeting to the Italian Scouts on behalf of the Boy Scout International Committee and Bureau. It is a great pleasure to all of us who met Italian Scouts and Scouters previously, to realise that both old and new friends are meeting together again in Italy. The two former Scout Associations and the new Federation have been welcomed back into the world wide Brotherhood of Scouts. I send you all every good wish for Good Scouting now and in the future".

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F.R.Catty Esq;,
Allied Commission,(Communications Sub-Commission)
ITALY.

J.S.Wilson
Hon. Director
Boy Scouts International
Bureau.

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(Copy of Letter to Prince Doria)

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Allied Commission
Via Veneto
Tel 489081 Int 519 or 249

29th January 1945

From : Mr F.R Catty. Acting (British) Liaison Scouter for Italy.

Dear Prince Doria,

I think you may like to know that it is probable that the Italian Scouts here and the Allied Rovers who are working with them will be glad to avail themselves of your permission to use the grounds of the Villa Doria one Sunday in February to hold a Rally of as many of them as can be assembled.

You may have seen in the papers that on 14th January in Naples the Italian Scouts there with the support of the Allied Authorities held a Rally at the Observatory on Mt Vesuvius (of which I am enclosing two photographs). This was very helpful from two points of view : getting the two branches of the Movement (Catholic Association and Corpo Nazionale) together, and also enabling the public by means of photographs and press reports both inside Italy and outside to realize the re-birth of the Movement here and its possibilities for good.

I have been (in my capacity as a sort of informal adviser and friend) for some time past suggesting to the leaders here in Rome that a similar Rally here is one of the things that would help most. They believe, and I think rightly that too public a display of youth in uniform would not be desirable until more people understand better the difference from the Balilla, and so the permission to assemble at the Villa Doria would be very opportune. I have spoken to the leaders of both Associations and they think that Sunday7Feb 25th would be a suitable date.

It is difficult to estimate numbers, but if they are able to assemble a good proortion of each existing Troop in Rome the present estimate is about 250 boys.

The British and American Service Rover Crew (members of the Forces) has offered to co-operate and as a number of them have some experience in handling such meetings their help would be an advantage as well as adding to the value of the meeting.

Together with some of these Allied Rovers I made a visit yezterday to the Villa Doria and had a talk with Sig Capriotti , who was very helpful and promised to do all he can ~~for us~~

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can to help us " on the understanding that the Principe approves

Before speaking to the sections of P.W.B who are interested in this Rally because they want to take photographs and also to make a short film for inclusion in the news-reels for Cinemas in Italy, I thought it would be best to let you know exactly what is proposed and ask for your permission to carry on with the plans.

This being the first attempt, I do not think it is intended to try to interest the Italian or Allied Authorities officially. But if you approve of the plan and we put it into effect I am sure you will look in if you can and see how it goes. I would particularly like on this or some other occasion to be able to present to you some of the splendid men here in the Allied Forces who spend much of their spare time going round visiting and encouraging Troops all over this city and have done a lot already to help to put Italian Scouting on its feet again.

Would you send me a message as to whether you approve the date and general plan ?

Yours sincerely

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To Major Washburne. Education Sub-Commission.
From Mr Catty.
25th January 1945.

Subject. Allied Rover Scout Crew. Rome.

This crew has asked me (and asked me to ask you) whether between us we can by any means find it a room in which it can establish a headquarters (it meets at present in the YMCA once a week by permission, but does not have a room of its own).

This crew as you know is carrying a lot of the clerical work involved in what I do for AC in regard to the Italian movement and therefore is deserving of AC's support if at all possible. The sort of room that a Rover crew can adapt to its uses (and prefers) is anything from a garage to an attic.

Would you put it to AC as an S.O.S. on the bare chance that there is something in this or some other building under AC control which could be adapted to this use. I think we owe it to these boys at least to have a shot. I am perfectly prepared to go and see the right person, but it needs your support as head of a Sub-Commission to give it weight.

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To: Major WASHBURNE. Education Sub Commission.
From: Mr CATTY.
Date: 16th January 1945

Subject: Rrinting of Boy Scout Manuals.

A. I've got to the root of this matter at last when MAZZA camt to see me abat it on Monday.

It appears that the belief we had that MAZZA had done or could do something was completely mistaken. They have no arrangements, even for " Scouting for Boys".

B. He now wants A.C.
(a) to arrange a visit to Florence for him
(b) to " unblock " paper for Ditta Editrice SALAMI.

C. Personally I think we've wasted enough time already and that the only way we shall get these books printed; which is urgently wanted, is to do it ourselves.

D. Would you let me know as soon as possible whether, if MAZZA' gives us " Scouting for Boys " in Italian we can do the rest.

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Decs. personally - ocally
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CONDITION OF THE
CORPO NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI

(one half of the Federation of Italian Boy Scouts formed in November 1944)

Substance of a long memorandum submitted by CNGEI to the Education Sub-Commission of A.C. 8th January 1945, and comments by Mr F.R Catty ;

A. Condition of the CNGEI.

1: For some two months past the Central Committee of the CNGEI has been submitting to A.C a series of memoranda stating its difficulties about and asking for assistance in finding quarters for a Central Office, and for Troops, procuring uniforms and equipment, printing manuals and a journal, and paying a Secretary. This latest memo presents all these together and represents the situation asnow critica for the existence of CNGEI unless these things can be provide

2. In addition its leadres have in private conversation with me thrown out the hint that a political party unnamed would be glad to "buy" their movement. To this I have always replied that the little drama (not uncommon) which begins " Marry me, or I blow out my brains" rarely ends either in a happy marriage or in a suicide ; and that we4ll have no silly threats, thank you.

3. All the same, these are honest men and eager Scouts. Their resources really are lacking to an extent to which people accustomed to see a Scout movement in other countries where conditions are very different can hardly imagine. They are lacking also by comparison with the resources of all sorts available to their colleagues here of the Catholic branch of the Movement. And these man have in the last six months given liberally of their spare time and private money and they are genuinely at their limit in this respect and very discouraged.

4; Further, if CNGEI did now drop out, that would be the end of the Federation . Scouting in Italy would be repre- - sented only by the Catholic Association, a situation which I do not believe would be welcome to the wiser among the leaderd of the Catholic Movement itself.

For this reason I have been trying for some weeks past to get a personal knowledge of what really is the state of CNGEI , so as to try to assess its real minimum needs, by attending its central committee and traing course,

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visiting and going out for the day with Troops, talking to the Training Commissioner in his house.

I doubt whether it is fair for one outsider who could only do this in a sketchy way to attempt an estimate. But some impartial person has to try, so I will.

The facts seem to be as follows :

Corpo Nazionale has in Rome 12 Troops running, and in the rest of liberated Italy about 40 more.

It has a central committtee meeting once a week in a borrowed room. It has no funds but the pockets of its founders.

It considers that it has at present to try .....

(a) To keep the troops in Rome going and to correspond with those outside

(b) To arrange courses and produce training manuals and bulletins

(c) To tell the Italian public about its objects

(d) To help individual Troops to find quarters, uniforms, and equipment.

(e) To keep records of all this.

This is the work, attempted by five or six men; all being professional men with small incomes, which they say is now breaking down.

The individual Scoutmasters I've talked to are not so " browned off ". They have the immediate stimulus of the young round them and they are quite happy leading troops in odd scraps of uniform, cooking in any cans obtainable, and pitching the oldest and oddest of tents.

That seems to be the situation.

B. Following is what the Central Committee at this moment claims to be essential that it should be given from outside in order to carry on .....

1. MONEY. For the expenses of Central Office. They say their deficit on first six months working is fifty thousand lire (£ 125). What this really means is that that is what they have spent out of their own pockets. Their main want thay say is one paid permanent whole time official.

2. Help in printing instructional books and a magazine.

3. Uniforms (or material for same) and equipment.

4. Premises for Troops, and men to run them.

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C. Now, the most difficult thing - I must try to state fairly what I think is justified in this and essential and what unjustified under present circumstances.

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Money. I think the Central Committee does need some money. But I thnk they should be told firmly but kindly that as long as they are asking for funds from outside their own organization the expenses of paid secretary and rent of office shoud NOT be incurred by them .

Paper and printing. I think they are entitled to ask help in these if they will first produce the manuscript of what they want to print and circulate and will accept the advice of whoever provides the help.

Uniforms and equipment. Without being fussy but on practica experience I will say that some uniform and a certain basic equipment are genuine essentials. Also that, having regard to economic conditions in Italy now, I do NOT see how parents can in most cases provide uniform or subscribe for purchase o equipment.

Premise and men. Normally I would say " go out and find them. We had to"ℨ. But we must remember that Allied Authority here is popularly regarded as in control of everything and that men here are not used to taking private initiative.

Therfore the demand for A.C. support for Corpo initiative seems to me reasonable, but they must shew some initiative.

D; This being what I think is and is not justified in their demands, it remains to ask FROM WHOM is the help to come.

Money. (a) Is it possible or desirable for Corpo to recive any grant from Italian Ministry of Education ? If impossible, we should tell them so at once. If possible, I think it must be on ONE STRICT CONDITION;namely that the gran be given openly to FEI, that is to Italian Scouting generally ACSI might well play up by resigning its share.

We owe it to CNGEI to tell them yes or no on this.

(b) From British or American H.Q. I believe tha ON THE ABOVE CONDITIONS this could not be objected to and that we should try it and get a dfeinite answer yes or no.

Paper and printing . As I understand it, A.C can do something here, and we should tell CNGEI to produce their manuscript as the first step.

Uniform and equipment. I do not believe that anyone in Italy or in England can do a thing about this. The Boy Scouts of America might have the material but shipment is another matter. I think we should find out for certain and then tell CNGEI the plain facts.

Premise and men . I believe Education Sub- Commission is already doing all it can about this through the Schools. If this is so, all we can do is to say so.

E. Suggest we tell CNGEI the substance of paras C and D a and request them to carry on. If they still demand what we say we think unreasonable, we've done all we can.

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To Major WASHBURNE. Education Sub-Commission

From Mr. Catty. Annex, Fl 2, Room 82

also letter to Trans.

Date 27th Nov. 1944

Subject.. Girl Guides of Italy. Letters to International H.Q.

1. The International Commissioner of the Catholic Guides had left with me the attached three letter (which as a matter of fact I wrote for her) in reply to letters received from England, with the petition that A.C. be kind enough to assist in the transmission of them.

2. The three addresses are, as nearly as I know them

1. Lady Baden Powell. C/o Girl Guide International Headquarters Buckingham Palace Road. London

2. Mrs Leigh White. International Headquarters, Girl Guides Ditto

3. (Mrs Kerr) The International ~~Headquarters~~/ Commissioner Imperial Headquarters, Girl Guides, Ditto.

3. Would you be so kind as to see them on their way through A.C.channels. Embassy is not yet a very good channel, but I hope to interest His Excellency personally before long.

Yours

F R Catty.

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Rev. ..K.C.Logan
c/o HQ Allied Commission
C.M.F.

November 23, 1944

Dear Colonel Wilson,

Attached are two documents which I think are self-explanatory. Would you be kind enough to address any reply to or care of Major Washburne AUS - Education Subcommission - Allied Commission, CMF - in case I am on tour.

The history behind this unique document cannot be written down as it would take too long.

Briefly I divide Italian post-Fascist Scouting into four periods so far :-

Period I. - Clandestine struggle of isolated Troops to carry on somehow under great danger and difficulty.

Period II.- Gradual emergence into the light of day, nobly assisted where possible by Colonel Smith, AUS, and Major Douglas Gordon.

Period III.- Period of growth and disagreements due to lack of experience + This is where Major Washburne came into things, also the Catty, Cotter, Howard team on the practical side. The result of all this is attached.

Period IV.- Just beginning - joint growth - seeking practical experience in running Troops and Training Courses. This is when I very largely step back and leave the visiting of Troops and Courses to Messrs. Catty, Cotter, and Howard, who are expert at that side of things (complementary to my gifts in fact, which lie more in the conference room than in the camp).

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In passing, the Guide Movement seems to be following similar lines successfully under Catty's gentle leadership. We tried to find Miss Beryle Maunsell at the YMCA to include her in the team but failed.

Catty is trying to arrange a permanent Sunday evening "at home" (with library) for Italian Scouters and Guiders in our own hotel.

The attached documents were composed by the Italians themselves and signed at a historic meeting this morning. They insisted that we signed as witnesses. Signor De Ruggiero is the present Minister of Education and therefore first President of FGI. All communications from the outside world should,

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therefore, be addressed to him c/o Major Washburne, and not to either Association, that is if you can "recognise" the thing.

I cannot speak too highly of the work done by all those mentioned in this letter, especially Major Washburne and Catty (who is writing weekly letters to Bincham)

With many very kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/- V.K.C.Logan

Assistant International Commissioner
(British)

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Dr Lewis 6.12 A O.

Note for Major Hasbrouck

These are my notes for International Commissioners I have two copies one of which I could give to Logan or to you, whichever you prefer

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To The International Commissioner, Boy Scouts' Assn.
25 Buckingham Palace Road . London

From. Mr. F.R.Catty, Allied Control Commission, ITALY
(Communications Sub- Commission.)

3rd Nov. 1944.

Dear I.C.

I should like to continue, if I may, from the informal letter which I sent you 15th Oct about what seemed to me interesting in the contacts I had then made with Scouting here.

LOGAN will be back here in the next few days and will be able to continue the story as regards the very vital link between the Catholic and non-Catholic bodies , which I think it is no exaggeration to say depend as much upon the skill with which he brought them togther as upon their present goodwill, which at present promises that they will achieve some form of national unity. Since he left here , I do not think there has been any positive step forward in their negotiations, the situation being that the Catholics are waiting for the views of the Church, now that the proposed Federation has been shewn to the Pope. With Major Washburne I visited Dr. Merandi, one of the Commisioners of the non-Catholic Corpo, on Wednesday. There was a very interesting discussion on Education in Italy generally, and the main point about Merandi and his associates for us is that they represent men capable of leadership in the Movement who are non-Catholics in a country where a large proportion of the leading men are for obvious reasons Catholics. I shall be seeing Dr MAZZA of the A.G.E.I. on Sunday and we may then hear how he is progressing in his task of commending his own proposals of a basis for Federation to the Church authorities.

I have also spent an evening with HOWARD, who I know is in touch with you, and have been to see Staff Sgt COTTER, who belonged to the North African Services Scouts Group, and who here is working with an Anglo- American Services Rover Group which I understand is helping MAZZA by joining in his courses for Scouters. At the moment they are putting over ideas about instructional games.

The Group which has adopted me as a member (the 28th) is, however, what I think I can most usefully write about. I have spent part of 7 evenings with this group and its neighbour the 39th, and they now let me wander in and out instead of blowing a whistle and all standing up and putting on a rehearsed show (which was the curse of the first two weeks). Both these groups are in a definitely richer part of the town corresponding roughly to KENSINGTON, and as the only difference between them is that one is a Secondary School group (28th) and the other a parish group and these distinctions mean exactly what they would in London under similar circumstances, what I can say of the 28th can be taken to go for both, with that difference. Both of course are Catholic groups of the A.G.E.I.

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Strength. Cubs about 20 (they are called Lupetti). Scouts 7 patrols of 8 or 9 boys. Rovers exist, but as they are usually acting as A.S.Ms they don't stand out distinctly and I have not yet seen or heard of a Crew meeting as such. I think we shall find that, the Movement in ITALY having been cut off these 16 years, they will not yet have grasped what the Crew can be in a Group, and that is just one of the things they mean when they say that where we can most help them is in telling them what has been learned in recent years. Thats just an idea of mine and I don't know yet how much there is in it.

Their premises are rather more than adequate, being one very large room and a separate room for Cub Lair. They have made very good use of the space, having patrol dens all round and a central space. As three walls had to be made of each den, there was plenty of scope for originality and they certainly took it with both hands. They've done very well in getting these dens so originally made and well covered with just what one expects to find of patrol treasures in the short time of four months since they came into the open. As a show its as good as anything I ever saw in London. But one must, I think, beware, because this sort of thing is right up the Italian street, and if they had failed to produce brilliant wall-sketches and original construction in th-eir dens and gadgets they just wouldn't have been Italians!

That brings me to the first point I've yet felt moved to make on the critical side, and I'm making it deliberately on acquaintance with only two groups because I believe we shall find it will run right through Italian scouting and we've got to realize it. It is just this, that I've attended five or six meetings of this group and they've all been of one of two kinds, either a prepared and staged programme (what we used to call " A commissioner's joy ") or a complete free-and -easy with nobody doing owt whatsoever. To be really nasty, I've never yet seen anybody teaching anybody anything or learning anything in those beautiful patrol corners, and I suspect (though I hope I'm wrong) that it does not happen that way. There is a Court of Honour and I've seen it meet, and , to my great joy, been ejected from trying to participate. One must remember also that this is about the equivalent of 1909 here, and be thankful that so much has survived.

In camp-fire singing and sketches (including some which you would recognize in any language) these blokes excel. That again is absolutely up their street and I will cheerfully put 100 lire on their being the most popular turn at the next World Jamboree.

I attended one District rally, the main item being the enrolment en masse of several groups. I am afraid this is inevitable at the moment, principally because A.G.E.I troops will have it done in church as a ceremony immediately following and continuous with the Mass. As a Protestant pushed into the front at this show I felt very much like a fish on a plate, but, unfamiliar as it all was, I could grasp how

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essential it was for this particular lot to do it that way, at anyrate for the present. They just would not understand any other relation between religion and scouting, and we've got to realize that. As a matter of interest, the Promise was "administered" by a Scouter and the boy then passed on to the priest to have his badge pinned on, the whole ceremony being done immediately in front of the High Altar and immmediately after the Mass. In the A.G.EI I don't not think it is ever done in any other way.

Patrols from this Group are already going to Hospitals to entertain sick children (without respect to denomination !) and I'm urging them on in this. They have not yet got the idea of Hospital Groups learning Scouting , I think, but that will come. They have also pointed out to me that they are not a representative troop, inasmuch as they belong to a well-off area, and have offered to take me to a "poor troop" with which they are in contact. That sounded to me like business and will happen next week.

Camps were being held up to a week ago, but they have now gone over to "days out". Their tents are very poor stuff and provisioning very difficult. I'm helping them out there in a way I dare not disclose ! but I gather that, for these chaps, the Vatican pulls out a spot of rations now and then, so I'm inclined to see how the other lot goes on now. The usual arrangement is that the outlying parroccho (in English "the vicar in the suburbs") who knows the city padre, does his stuff in the usual valuable ways in finding camp-sites and pacifying the local peasant into complaisance if not enthusiasm !

I'm hoping you'll find this chatter useful. Its the way the information comes to me, and I'll carry on that way for the time being. Perhaps later you can indicate anything that you think would be helpful to you to know.

Best wishes

F R Cattley

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To: Major WASHBURNE, Education Sub-Commn.
From : Catty

27 Oct 44

Scouts.

1. HOWARD came to see me 25th (Address: Hon. H. Howard. P.W.B. Tel ~~RIVIERA~~/ 489171 Ext 151.)
He is in touch with an individual group. You will know him since SICILY. His line is helping with groups, but he'd help in any way, as wanted. He may be going back to ENGLAND November, which it seemed to me would be a good chance to give them a lot of information. He asked especially why little publicity up to now and I explained what I thought was in your mind about holding back on that.

2. Went to see COTTER last night. (Address : Master Sergt James Cotter Jnr, R.A.A.C. Tel 66277. and Orient Hotel, Piazza Poli,) He also is in touch with groups, and with MAZZA. He and other Service Rovers, forming the beginning of a crew, are demonstrating games etc as part of one of MAZZAS courses. He thinks he'd be stronger on this than on committees and maybe he's right, but I think he should join, if we could get him in any important meeting if only to present an Allied balance.

Both these are Catholics. All the five groups with which we are in personal contact between the three of us happen to be A.G.E.I but both HOWARD and COTTER want to meet Corpo on the same terms as they now are with A.G.E.I.

3. I have,to shew you , two different versions of the Scout promise printed by same A.G.E.I group. One reads "Osservare la legge degli Esploratori", the other " Osservare la legge dell'ASSOCIAZIONE". Latter is more recent. Comment given me in 28th Rparto was that as Law of Association is Scout Law, why worry?
But I doubt if Corpo would see it just like that. Will endeavour to find out which version actually used in ceremony. It just shews how easily trouble might start.

Guides.

1. Rovers, individually, speak with marked lack of enthusiasm of Guide development. This may not mean much, as MAZZA has obviously exerted himself to encourage Guides, but I think the sooner we can get the mutual support publicly known the better. 6904
2. In redding the Guide Statute, I noticed, as Logan did that it did not seem so liberal. Promise reads "servire DIO, LA CHIESA, e PATRIA , whereas Scout promise reads "DIO e la PATRIA". Pending observations from IHQ , do you think we might try to steer them into a course more parallel with the Scouts? The fact that Mazza is helping them and the fact that they now want recognition per la prima volta might be our best cards. What do you think. ?

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FROM: MR CATTY

Annex. Floor 2. Room 82. Tel. Ext. 510

TO: Major WASHBURNE.

DATE: 26 Oct 1944

Copy of

Attached is a note which I wrote, with Logan's approval, to Dr Mazza last night - which you may like to have in the records

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Albergo Flora
23 Ottobre 1944

Mon cher ami,

Il serait inutil de chercher à cacher que nous avons, tous, éprouvés un certain chagrin en reconnaissant ce soir qu' il-y- aura besoin encore de quelques jours, ou même de plus, pour réalizer l' accord définitif sur cette Fédération que nous avons pris pour notre bût.

Mais, pour moi, je ne peux pas douter ni votre sagesse ni votre connaissance de l' approche qui peut être le plus effectif dans cette question de gagner l'appui des autorités catoliques.

En attendant, je me rends compte de la situation d' aujourdhui - et il me paraît que :

Nous avons gagné ce qui suit .....

1. Vous vous êtes mis en rapport (et en rapport vraiment amical) avec vos fréres du C.N.G.E.I.

L'existence même de ce rapport met hors de possibilité pour le moment tout désaccord ouvert qui pourrait détruire, à ce moment critique, tout ce que nous voulons créer

2. Nous avons entendu, et meme nous avons lu, l'expression de votre part des idées les plus liberales dans une question qui ne peut qu'être toujours délicate - je veux dire dans la question confessionelle.

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3. Vous vous êtes charges, vous même, de présenter cette solution aux autorités réligieuses , comme offrante, pour l'Église elle-même, le moyen le plus désirable, et

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le plus effectif de répondre aux besoins de la jeunesse catolique.

De l'autre part, il est bien possible qu'il existe parmi certains autres de nos frères - je ne dis pas une méfiance - je dis une certaine incrédulité, qui est bien naturelle et que nous devons combattre. On ne peut pas, je crois, se convaincre toute de suite qu'une intitution si puissante, si bien fondée et établie que l'Église Catolique puisse accepter que ses enfants se joignent loyalement et sincérement à une fédération qui laisse a chacun groupement la liberté confessionelle.

Il reste à nous de prouver qu'il est vraiment possible.

Cependant, je crois qu'il est bien important de maintenir les liaisons déjà établis entre l' A.G.E.I et le C.N.G.E.I., et que celà se fera sans difficulté par des discussions ensemble sur un plan pratique et par l'échange de visites et d'instructeurs. Pour tout celà, si nous pouvons prêter aucune assistance - nous amis-étrangers -vous pouvez compter sur moi.

Veuillez agréer, mon frère, l'expression de ma plus vive amitié

Votre

F.R.L.

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Prof. M.MAZZA
Viale Medaglie d'Oro 203.

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9F/3.2.0 Major Washburne

Some further Notes For Col. Wilson.

OCTOBER, 23 1944

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4) that CNGEI have really already, at any rate, not disagreed with it in principle —at least they had not , after the dinner.

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Master Sergeant is the same as our Warrant Officer Class I). I believe him to be an excellent type and think his help would be most useful.

Assistant International Commissioner
And
Commissioner for Scouts in H.M.Forces

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Myr Washburn

Some Further Notes for Col. Wilson.

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arrived at the Hotel to dine with myself and Major Washburne. During dinner they both outlined most enthusiastically a new scheme for a complete fusion between CNGEI and AGEI. Major Washburne and I were ultimately so impressed with the sincerity of these proposals that after dinner we took them up to Major Washburne's bedroom and put pen and paper before

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them so they could draw up their proposal. While they were doing this, Mr. Catty and Signor Morandi arrived and joind us. After about an hour they finished writing and we proceeded to discuss the proposal. Words completely fail me in trying to describe the sincerity, enthusiasm and friendliness of the meeting. Major Washburne, Mr. Catty and myself ultimately felt that although there appeared to be complete understanding between the two Associations at the top level, yet they would have very great difficulty in taking so big a step all at once with their followers. This they agreed. And so it was decided by them to insert a clause in the previously prepared articles of federation to the effect that the primary aim of Federation would be to work for complete fusion.

It is our opinion that the sentiments of cooperation, most logically expressed by all the Italians present, are probably unique in the history of this country. The meeting finished at about midnight with a request from all the Italians present that I should take the articles of Federation to His Holiness the Pope at my audience today. As they left the room, we noticed that they addressed each other with "tu"(what the French call 'tutoyer'), signifying more intimacy of spirit.

Major Washburne most urgently desires the official assistance of Mr. F.R.Catty as his Scout Adviser, after I have left Rome. In view of this I am asking Mr. Catty to take Major Gordon's place in this connection, without prejudice to your eventually appointing some one else, if you wish to.

Major Gordon is leaving Italy for good, and should you desire Major Washburne is fully prepared to write to you a personl letter, asking for Mr. Catty's official help.

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At midday I was very graciously received by His Holiness the Pope. I thanked him for his very great personal interest in the Scout Movement, and then told him of the proposed Scout Federation and also of the start made with Girl Guides He said that in a day or two when he had studied with great interest the copy of the proposals, he would send his views about that. He then said that all work with Scouts and Guides had his blessing.

It is my impression that he is genuinely interested in the two movements insofar as any one can be in his position, with so many responsibilities and interests.

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Major Washburne

OCTOBER, 17, 1944.

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The joint meeting between CNGEI and AGEI.

At 9.15 hours at the entrance to the ACC I met Dr.Pirotta and Signors Corcos and Morandi. They were beaming with joy and said they were waiting for Prof.Mazza's party so as to come up altogether as a united party. The expressed great happiness over the results of their joint informal meeting last night.

At 9.30 they all arrived, Prof. Mazza also being very pleased.

The following persons then formed the meeting:-

Major Washburne - Chariman
Miss Rombo - Secretary
Mr. Logan - Asst. International Commissioner
Prof. Mazza and
four commissioners for AGEI
H.E. the Minister for Education and Secretary.
Signors Corcos and Morandi for CNGEI
Dr. Pirotta.

First Signor Morandi outlined the proposed federation - a copy that was used as a basis for discussion is attached to this report and a full and correct copy will be sent later.

Then Prof. Mazza expressed his complete agreement.

Then a general but very friendly discussion on various Scout topics took place, which included, meeting their immediate necessities for Scout work.

All this will be embodies in a letter to Major Washburne, who in turn will consult Col. Wilson to see if any help is forthcoming from Scout countries unscathed by war and also whether any "cast-off" or "misfit" uniform can be obtained from army sources. The absolute "crying need" is for Scout literature in French, English or Italian.

Everyone then present representing Italian Scouting expressed a desire to sign the agreement of Federation and to carry it out in letter and spirit.

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The meeting then broke up, with the strongest spirit of good will and cooperation permeating everywhere.

Personal Note.

It must be realised that words on paper are totally inadequate to convey a real account of the meeting. Such a friendly meeting in America or England would be common, but in Italy means a real effort at putting aside personal opinions and likes and dislikes and is very

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considerable achievement on the part of all those Italians who took part.

Just before they departed, I made the following short speech (Miss Rombo, kindly acting as interpreter). Copy attached.

Conclusion.

My main work in Italy is, I think, now completed. I shall continue in Rome till Monday next, looking at Scout Troops and generally encouraging everything. I am asking Major Washburne, Prof. Mazza and Dr. Pirotta to dinner on Friday.

I have also asked for an audience with His Holiness the Pope as an act of courtesy and to ask him if he has any message for the Scouts of the world, and to thank him for his very close personal interest in the Movement.

I shall proceed to the business of Service Rover Crews - full reports of which will be sent to Mr. Bincham.

I cannot close without a word of great gratitude to many willing helpers both at APHQ and HQ,ACC, and not least to Major Washburne and the ACC Education Subcommission staff both at HQ. and at Region IV. Without such help given, so willingly, I could not have done anything at all.

J. H. C. Rose

Assistant International Commissioner

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STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

FROM : The Assistant International Commissioner,
The Boy Scouts Association (Br).

TO : Col. C.S. Wilson, O.B.E.
Director, The Scouts International Bureau.

SUBJECT : Italian Scouting.

REF. : Report No. 2

DATE : Oct. 13, 1944.

OCTOBER 8, 1944.

While I was in Major Washburne's office arranging for the speedy transmission of the preliminary report, I met Dr. Pirotta of CNGEI, who had called to collect your letter tohim.

With the aid of an interpreter, we had a few friendly words together, from which I gathered that my presence was most welcome and that they were in no way offended with anything Major Gordon might or might not have said or done in error.

A further meeting for fuller conversation has been arranged.

I attach a list of present officials of CNGEI for your information.

Later in the day, I met a man who may be extremely useful to you later on —particulars are as follows :-
Name : F.R. Catty
Communications Section, ACC.
He is a senior official of the Foreign Office, who travels with his own secretary. He will be here for some months and may later go to Germany. His scout history is :-

SM	37th	Southwark	1925-27
GSM	33rd	Southwark	1927-39
SM	1st	Bletchley	1940-41

Mr Cathy will NOT be coming officially. But is useful unofficially. [illegible]

He and I worked together in adjacent Troops, (in 1925-26 when I was SM of the 9th Southwark) for some little time

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he lived in the Pembroke College Mission where I was, and I got to know him well. He is an Oxford man. He is still as keen as ever on Scouting and knows all the diplomatic people, so that I was glad to renew his acquaintance after 20 years. It had, he said, been his intention to write to the International Commissioner about the situation in the country. I have urged him not to refrain from this course because of meeting me, as I feel a quite independent view of things here may be of the utmost value to you and IHQ.

Arrangements are being made for me to meet Prof. Mazza of AGEI this week.

OCTOBER 19, 1944.

A meeting was held of representatives of CNGEI as follows :-

In the chair - Major Washburne
Present - The Minister of Education, and his Secretary, Dr. Pirotta, and two Scout Commissioners.
Mr. Logan.
Miss Rombo, Secretary to Major Washburne.

First let me say that the meeting was cordial and constructive.

The position at the present moment was outlined in general conversation, out of which the following points emerged :-

1. they do realise the vital value of Federation or union and had put forward a proposal (copy and translation attached) but AGEI had not agreed to it, asit stood.

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2. they had had some meetings with AGEI, which began cordially but later became less friendly.

3. they did not like the change of title from AGEC to AGEI because :-

a) to change a title so that it was nearly the same

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to an already copyright one, w[illegible] illegal under Italian Civil Law.

b) they feared that while having the non-sectarian title AGEI, might act in a sectarian manner, thus causing great confusion.

4. they desired me to put forward any suggestion which I did (copy in Italian and translation attached).

5. they were only too ready to meet AGEI again to discuss new proposals if AGEI would meet them.

6. I then stressed the point, that I was only present as a friend of Scouts, that what was done was for them to defide, but that whether or not what was done, was recognised, was for the International Bureau of Scout nations to decide. I also stressed that the maximum good, could only be done to their unfortunate youth, if they were federated in some way on a broad basis and with a broad and elastic policy capable of growth and improvement.

The impression created in my mind was that the "Federation" as put forward by CNGEI was far too rigid to be accepted by AGEI at this stage of negotiations, hence my proposing something much [illegible], so that a start could be made and the "door not slammed" on future negotiations.

I have yet to put my plan before Prof. Mazza of AGEI, whom I am to meet tonight.

I am slowly trying to emphasise that the things that they can agree on and do together are much greater and more important than the points on which they disagree.

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OCTOBER 11, 1944.

Last night I had a long conversation with Professor Mazza of AGEI, in Major Washburne's office. Prof. Mazza arrived alone; he also speaks French and so after a few words of welcome Major Washburne left us to carry on by ourselves, in French. My French is not brilliant and I have not spoken it for six years, but we managed to exchange ideas without any seriousmistakes.

First of all may I say that I am most impressed with Prof. Mazza as a man : he has a burning and genial personality that sticks right out of him. He is bynature automatically (and I believe sincerely) friendly,at least that is my opinion.

He told me of his Scout history more or less as detailed by Major Gordon in his letter to IHQ. I understood too that he had been to Gilwell, and became an Italian camp chief. He knew Mr. Hubert Markin, apparently quite well. He then explained to me,from his angle, the facts about CNGEI. He said he was most anxious for some sort of union bywhich AGEI could carry out the 4th Scout Law to CNGEI, but rather hinted that "fusion" would not be possible, now that both Association had grown considerably.

So far I had said nothing, except commonplace and polite remarks; but at this stage, I offered him an Italian translation of my suggestion for an FIGE. (See attached copy). He read it through with growing joy and then said he was in "complete accord", but would CNGEI agree to it? So I explained that the first thing was to reopen the joint meetings again (previously broken off) and discuss it. This he said he would gladly do, and could I arrange such a meeting?

A joint meeting has, therefore, been arranged through Major Washburne for Tuesday October 17th at 9-30 A.M. Prof. Mazza then said he had twice sent letters to Col. Wilson, but to his surprise he had had no reply. I then explained the difficulties of communications etc : actually what happened to the letters is this :-

The first one was given to Major Gordon, who quotes it verbatim in his first report, page 6, of 4th July 1944 (of which you have a copy), explaining that field security regulations forbid him to pass the letter on, as a letter,

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but allow him to quote it in a report.

The second one Prof. Mazza begged an unknown young officer to send off to England—I don't doubt, the young officer accepted it, out of politeness, but failed to do anything about it, because of regulations, or it may have been confiscated.

The present situation is that both Prof. Mazza and Dr. Pirotta are going to write to Col. Wilson, after next Tuesday's meeting and the letters will be sent officially through Major Washburne, and myself. I have every belief that they will both write asking for recognition by the Bureau, for themselves and FIGE.

The following opinions and notes are entirely my own :-

(1) I think that the original proposal by CNGEI for FIGE contained this snag:-

It involved the appointment of about six executive commissioners : at this stage, I am quite sure that they would never have agreed on the men for so many appointments; they don't know each other well enough yet. My simple formula may serve to tide over a period of suspicion and doubt, so that through doing some things together they may learn to respect one another's work. Later they can elaborate the federation on their own lines.

(2) One thing that will make everything difficult in this country for years to come, is that communications, except those restored and used by the United Nations, are virtually non-existent. Almost <u>every</u> bridge is down, and the <u>only</u> ones working are temporary military bridges, liable to beremoved as the Army goes forward.

AGEI have better communications than CNGEI, because they can work through the official channels of the Church (Vatican, diplomatic bag etc.,), whereas CNGEI have to work as a private concern with no powerful organization to help them,i.e; until the Minister for Education became Vice-President. This will make a big difference

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AGEI believe they have 24,000 scouts. CNGEI have no idea what they have at the moment, but they are in touch with some 3,000 scouts.

At the morning meeting the Minister, as President of CNGEI, wanted to broadcast a scout message over the radio, but Major Washburne wisely delayed this, so that if the Federation comes into being, any broadcast message can be for both Associations.

(3) I (and I think Major Washburne too) believe this to be the only solution at the moment:- A Federation of two open Associations. In 20 years time one may have absorbed the other without "bloodshed", through having worked together. I know it is an anachronism —in fact a typically English compromise, but surely better than a feud and rivalry, right at the start of the new history of Italy. Now that CNGEI have, on Major Gordon's suggestion, rectified the difference inthe promise by the reintroduction of the word "God", AGEI are obviously more drawn towards making friends with them and working with them.

I close this report with every optimistic hope for a friendly federation. My next report will be sent after the meeting next week. In the meantime I am hoping to visit several Scout Troops of both AGEI and CNGEI of which an account will also be given.

(4) In accordance with an Instruction from Mr. Bincham in an AMLC (last paragraph) of April 12,1944, I am sending a brief resumé of events to the Rev. Father Smith (copy attached). I have also sent him a copy of my "Federation Formula", but not of any of the confidential reports and other documents sent to you.

(5) It is my intention, next week, to invite to a friendly dinner, Major Washburne, Prof. Mazza,

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and Dr. Pirotta. I think this may do much to cement together anything they agree to at the meeting.

Assistant International Commissioner.

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Major Gordon arrived in Rome and we have met together, had a full discussion. He tells me that he sent on Col. Wilson's reply to Prof. Mazza through the correct security channels and had an acknowledgement from the secretary. Why Prof. Mazza has not recurred it, he will endeavour to find it.

At 3.0 P.M. Signors Corcos and Morandi, Vice-Presidents of CNGEI called at my office and I and Major Gordon talked things over with them. They are quite anxious to federate but suggest that AGEI should assume some title less confusing. This is to be talked over with Prof. Mazza.

They also wish me to inform Col. Wilson most strongly that they do not wish Capt. Carli Ratti (Kenya) to be recognised as a part of CNGEI as he is suffering from mental instability. It is not possible to give details on paper, but they have asked Major Gordon to call on Col. Wilson on his return to U.K. and to explain to him as a doctor, why it is undesirable for Capt. Ratti to be associated with the Movement.

Many other points were discussed fully and are to be brought up at Tuesday's joint meeting.

Major Gordon the, presentedthem with a personal subscription of 10,000 lire, a thing he also did to Prof. Mazza. I cannot speak too warmly of Major Gordon's helpful assistance at this meeting.

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F.I.G.E. (Federazione Italiana Giovani Esploratori)

SCHEMA DELLO STATUTO DELLA FEDERAZIONE
GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI

Art.1 = Viene costituita la FEDERAZIONE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI allo scopo di dare unità d'indirizzo al movimento scautistico italiano così come é nella fraternità che é base fondamentale della legge scout e nei confronti degli Statuti Internazionali adottati.

Art.2 = Le due Associazioni che oggi decidono la costituzione di tale Federazione riconoscono ad altre che eventualmente potessero sorgere la facoltà di appartenenrvi, qualora come le presenti non ritenessero più logico l'incorporazione in una delle due oggi funzionanti, che hanno rispettivamente carattere APERTO per il C.N.G.E.I. e CHIUSO per l'A.G.E.I.

Art.3 = Le associazioni componenti la federazione mantengono oltre che il proprio carattere ai fini della religione, anche la propria autonomia organizzativa e funzionale sulla base dei rispettivi Statuti impegnandosi però ad accettare le disposizioni emanate dalla Federazione che sono state deliberate in seno di Consiglio FEDERALE.

Art.4 = La FEDERAZIONE riconferma l'assoluta estraneità del movimento SCOUT da ogni e qualsiasi partito politico ed impegna ogni Associata a tale scopo con l'ONORE DI ESPLORATORE per mezzo dei suoi legali rappresentanti delegati al Consiglio Federale.

Art.5 = La F.I.G.E. (Giov.Esplor.Ital.Federati) per assicurare unità d'indirizzo (Art.1) riunisce i seguenti organi DIRETTIVI
CAPO SCOUT
CONSIGLIO FEDERALE
COMMISSARIATO FEDERALE
e disimpegna determinati servizi comuni con l'accordo ed i fondi di ogni associazione partecipante, quali:
STAMPA E PROPAGANDA
EQUIPAGGIAMENTO UGUALE PER TUTTI
ASSISTENZA RELIGIOSA
ASSISTENZA SANITARIA
CAPO RAPPRESENTANTE INTERNAZIONALE

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Art.6 = Il Capo Scout é il capo morale per tutti gli Esploratori Italiani ed é eletto ogni anno dal CONSIGLIO FEDERALE e può essere rieletto per non più di tre volte consecutive.

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Art.7 = Il CONSIGLIO FEDERALE é costituito da un numero pari di membri eletti nelle forme che più saranno ritenute opportune in seno ad ogni Associazione Federata, ma non potrà mai superarsi il numero di dieci rappresentanti per ciascuna associata, e resta in carica un biennio.

Art.8 = Il COMMISSARIATO FEDERALE é composto dal Capo SCOUT di ogni associata e da un Vice Capo Scout, ossia di due membri per Associata, ad esso spetta il compito di sottoporre al Capo SCOUT le direttive ed i programmi da svolgere mensilmente nel campo dei servizi comuni. Fanno parte del COMMISSARIATO FEDERALE senza diritto a voto Cappellani e Ministri religiosi dei diversi culti, singoli, rappresentanti.

Art.9 = Le parti cotraenti s'impegnano ad evitare reciprocamente il danno di una propaganda contraria allo spirito della fratellanza Scout evitando antagonismi e fazioni praticando ove possibile campi comuni feste ed escursioni comuni tenendo sempre alto il nome d'Italia.

Art.10= STAMPA E PROPAGANDA = La F.I.G.E.curerà la stampa del Manuale Internazionale come pure quello particolare di ogni associata, e nella diffusione della idea Scout eviterà sempre di rilevare le differenze caratteristiche di ciascuna associata e specialmente quanto si riferisce a quelle di carattere religioso.

Art.11= EQUIPAGGIAMENTO = L'uniforme degli Esploratori deve essere la stessa per tutti gli Italiani, unica differenza per ogni associata risiederà su un distintivo a losanga da portarsi sull'omero destro che sarà diverso per ogni associata e riportante sotto forma di emblema la caratteristica della propria associazione.
Il cappello caratteristico degli Esploratori sarà quello uguale di paratadi feltro mentre nelle esercitazioni sarà usato il basco di tipo canadese con coccarda tricolore e giglio.

Art.12= ASSISTENZA RELIGIOSA = In seno al Commissariato Federale ci sarà il Capo di ogni Religione praticata dalle associate, detto Capo viene nominato dalle competenti Autorità Religiose, con prevalenza d'indirizzo su quelle persone che possono esplicare tale mansione con carattere giovanile e di comprensione del Movimento. Detto Capo si regolerà come crederà meglio opportuno per farsi coadiuvare presso i reparti sempre a richiesta degli stessi.

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Art.13 = SERVIZIO SANITARIO = Con l'intento di dare una vera assistenza sanitaria con una sorveglianza continua dei giovani, per la prevenzione e cura delle malattie che maggiormente affliggono questa umanità, la F.I.G.E. oltre a ricorrere alle normali organizzazioni ospedaliere con cure a tariffa ridotta, si appoggerà a quelle organizzazioni o ne creerà delle nuove con i fondi che all'uopo potrà raccogliere.

Art.14 = CAPO DELLA RAPPRESENTANZA INTERNAZIONE = Viene nominato come per il CAPO SCOUT ogni anno nell'intento di far rappresentare sempre ai consigli internazionali anche le associate a carattere chiuso per difendere da se stesse i problemi che le riguardano.

Art.15 = FINANZA = Ciascuna Associata avrà la propria, potrà formarsene una in comune qualora il Consiglio Federale lo riterrà opportuno ed esso stesso stabilirà le norme per la costituzione e la relativa amministrazione.

Art.16 = STAMPA = La F.I.G.E. darà corso ad una pubblicazione periodica italiana di grande formato tipo BOYS LIFE con la collaborazione tecnica di ogni associata e la guida del Capo Scout. Ogni associata disporrà di un minimo di abbonamenti e parteciperà nella stessa misura alla formazione del capitale e delle spese occorrenti per questa pubblicazione. Questa avrà carattere scautistico, divertente istruttiva, tecnica, ma eviterà ogni forma di propaganda come all'Art.IO.

Art.17 = PRESIDENZA = E' formata da due Vice Presidenti nominati ciascuno per ogni associata e da un Presidente eletto dal Consiglio Federale tra quelli in carica, dei Vice Presidenti.

Art.18 = BORSE DI STUDIO = A cura della F.I.G.E. verranno messe in palio ogni anno 20 Borse di studio per i migliori Scout che avranno raggiunta la migliore votazione nell'anno scolastico, borse che avranno valore di un campeggio all'estero interamente spesati con i fondi raccolti dalle associate.

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F.I.G.S.

(FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA GIOVANI ESPLORATORI)

Schema dello Statuto

Art. 1. There is constituted the Federation of Young Italian Scouts with a view to giving a unitedaim to the Italian Scout Movement just accorling to brotherhoodwhich is the fundamental basis of the Scout law, and according to International Statutes adopted.

Art. 2. The two Associations, which today decide the constituion of the above mentioned Federation, recognise the right of future scout organisations to adhere to it in case they decide not to belong to any one of the present two organisations of which one C.N.G.E.I has the characteristics of 'open door' and A.G.S.I has 'closed door'.

Art. 3. The Associations constituting the Federation continue to maintain, besides their religious aim, their organisational and functional autonomy on the basis of their respective statutes, but bind themselves to accept the provisions issued by the Federation as a result of the deliberation of the Federal Council.

Art. 4. The Federation emphasises the absolute separation of the Scout Movement from any political party and binds every member to observe this rule with the HONOUR OF THE SCOUT by means of its legal representatives in the Federal Council.

Art. 5. The FIGE in order to guarantee the aim of unity (Art.1) establishes the following directing organs :-

Chief Scout
Federal Council
Federal Commissariat

and absolves itselffrom all responsibility regarding certain common services and the funds of every participating association, 6882 example,

Press and Propaganda,
Equal Equipment For All,
Religious Assistance,
Medical Aid, and
Chief International Representative.

Art. 6. The Chief Scout is the titular head of all Italian Scouts and is elected every year by the Federal Council. He may be re-elected for not more than three times consecutively.

Art. 7. The Federal Council is constituted by equal number of members elected,from every federating Association,according to the method held necessary for the time being, but in no case

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A Suggestion from Mr.V.K.C.Lo[illegible]n, Assistant International Commissioner for the Boy Scouts Association (British).

First of all I want to emphasise that I am only here in order to be helpful to all who desire to be scouts, and not in any way, in a position of authority to dictate, or interfere, therefore this and anything else I may say are only suggestions.

Both CNGEI and AGEI (formerly AGEC) are in my opinion only out to do the best they can for the youth of Italy, in the sameway that they did before the Fascist regime. They are both to be congratulated warmly on the great progress they have made, since the liberation of Italy, under enormous difficulties. It is quite amazing and very good. It is only natural that under post-war conditions, each should have sprung up independently, and worked on their own lines at first without knowledge of each other.

I feel that both AGEI and CNGEI, now that they have discovered each other's work, are anxious to unite in some way, to the greater benefit of Italian youth, but each feels that they have suffered, and fought for certain principles, which they do not wish to lose by such union, and that therefore there is considerable doubt on how to work together.

I understand that AGEI have put forward a scheme for "fusion" and I have seen a scheme put forward by CNGEI for "federation". My own feeling is that something very elastic and loose, capable of improvement by experience, is all that is needed at this moment, just a beginning in fact.

With this end in view, I very humbly beg to put forward the following suggestion for consideration by AGEI and CNGEI : 6881

1. that each body retains entirely its independent organisation and administration, and that they are kindred organisations. In fact they remain and work as they are now but :-

2. that each body elects to a council an agreed number

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of members.

3. that this council be called :-"Federazione Italiana Giovani Esploratori" or FIGE for short.

4. that the said council elects its chairman from one organisation and its secretary from the other.

5. that the function of the council is to deal with joint scout affairs, and external Scout Affairs only, and that therefore it does not need to appoint permanent chief scouts and commissioners, but only needs to delegate one of its members for specific work.

6. that as a figure head to FIGE, a non-political leader of the State be invited to be Patron of FIGE by the council.

I feel that if a start could be made on these lines, that as time passes, so much experience will be gained on working together by both organisations, that later they will be able to improve on this idea very much.

I feel that it is vitally important to make a start because :-

> the basis of any genuine Scout Movement is in the law and promise as laid down in "Scouting for Boys" by Lord Baden-Powell.
>
> The fourth Scout Law says :-
> " A scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other scout, no matter to what country, class or creed, the other belongs".

And I feel that it is most important that any country ~~should~~ should show to the world that this is so in ACTUAL FACT, between different Troops and Associations of B-P Scouts within that country. 6880

If it does not exist within a country, how then can it exist between that country and other countries. As I feel that this is the spirit in which AGEI and CNGEI desire to run things, only differing on the method, I therefore humbly put forward this plan for the beginnings of a "Federation", which if allowed to gorw tomaturity, can be of only the highest and greatest benefit to the Youth of

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Italy, so sorely in need of help from all of us.

Federation of Italian Boy Scouts

Chairman of Council from one Association

Council of FIGE

Secretary of Council from other Association

AGEI as now constituted

CNGEI as now constituted

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Some Thoughts Concerning Italian Scouting, Which Are Worth Consideration at Any Rate.

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1. A united Italian Scout front is better than two or more Scout fronts, which only ultimately confuse the boy, the public and the world of Scout nations. A united front also enhances the prestige with which a country is regarded.

2. A united front is not always achieved by absorption, nor is amalgamation always necessary.

3. The united front of the United Nations does not mean that any one of the nations has been absorbed by or amalgamated with any of the other nations.

It means that whilst retaining their own individuality and peculiar qualities, they have contributed of their best to a common cause.

All genuine Scout workers are united in their desire to do good to the boy, although they may not be in agreement as to the exact methods of running a Troop or District, but they are united in their common cause.

Membership of the International Bureau of Scouts does notmean absorption or even amalgamation by any one Scout Association of another, but it does mean a commonwealth of Scout Associations all with a common aim and each working it, out the best way for their own country, place, or group of people.

4. Membership of a "Federation of Italian Boy Scouts" (or Italian Scout Bureau) could be worked on the same principles by even more than two organisations.

5. It is worth remembering that thepoints of agreement and the things that can be carried out together are the things to concentrate on, and often are considerably more in number than things not agreed upon. 6878

6. All genuine scout workers are agreed upon the Scout Promise and the Scout laws and they are using these, but with the methods best suited to their people, to turn their boys into good citizens.

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Alcune considerazioni degne di rilievo relative al movimento scautisti
co in Italia.

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1. Un fronte unico scautistico italiano é indubbiamente miglio
re di due o più fronti i quali confonderebbero il giovane esploratore,
il pubblico e tutto il mondo della nazione scautistica. Un fronte uni-
co da prestigio al paese.

2. Un fronte unico non sempre si ottiene mediante assorbimen_
to: ne é sempre necessaria la fusione.

3. Il fronte unico delle Nazioni Unite non significa che qual-
che nazione sia stata assorbita o fusa da qualche altro paese. Signi-
fica invece che mentre essa conserva la sua individualità e le quali-
tà caratteristiche, contribuisce per una migliore causa comune.

Tutti coloro che lavorano per il movimento scautistico sono
uniti nel desiderio di fare del bene al giovane per quanto essi non
abbiano gli stessi metodi per organizzare una truppe o un distretto
ma sono uniti nella causa comune. Gli associati dell'Ufficio Interna-
zionale scautistico non sono stati formati per assorbimento o anche
per la fusione da parte di qualsiasi associazione scautistica, ma
significa una unione di associazioni scautistiche tutte aventi uno
scopo comune e ciascuna che collabora per lo stesso scopo, per il
proprio paese e per il gruppo di persone.

4. Gli associati (della federazione dei giovani esploratori
italiani) (o ufficio italiano scautistico) dovrebbero lavorare seguen_
do gli stessi principi di almeno due organizzazioni.

5. E' degno di nota che i principi accettati e le cose che
devono essere esplicite in pieno accordo sono quelle su cui bisogna
concentrarsi e spesso sono più numerosi di quelli pattuiti.

6. Tutti i collaboratori del movimento scautistico sono d'ac_
cordo sui programmi futuri degli Scouts e li applicheranno le leggi
con metodi più adatti al loro popolo per fare [illegible] degli esploratori
buoni cittadini.

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Copy of letter from Rev F. Vincent Smith
Oct 12 1944.

PERSONAL - NOT OFFICIAL

Dear Smith,

In accordance with what I said in my hurried letter, before leaving, I am trying to keep you up to date with my "doings".

I arrived here last Friday and have had many interviews. I find that owing to lack of communications, the old "Corpo Nazionale G.E.I." had revived itself fairly strongly—too big in fact for any idea of fusion or absorption at this stage of things.

I have had long talks with Fr. Pirotta of C.N.G.E.I and Prof. Mazza of A.G.E.I. Professor Mazza and I exchanged views direct in French and I may say I like him awfully. I think he's first class.

Briefly the result of all this talk was, that I put up the attached piece of paper to both of them. It was joyously welcomed by Prof. Mazza, and will, I think, be welcomed by Fr. Pirotta. Prof. Mazza is very anxious for a federation of some sort.

As it seems, that circumstances of war (there are no civilian communications to speak of) prevented His Holiness's gesture of one open Association from taking effect, I think that this federation isthe next best thing.

- together, at the worst, no harm can be done; at the best, a Christian influence can only do good, and later they may have a 'fusion' quite spontaneously.
- separately, at the worst, suspicion, jealousy and rivalry; at the best, good work amongst a certain number of children 6846 each organisation. It also is a bad thing for the future of Italy.

There is a lot to be undone in the minds of people so long enslaved by Fascism and the resultant suspicion of your neighbour and I feel now convinced that one must go very slowly at first with compromises and anachronisms —ultimately they may get the point of view, we in England are used to, of working

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together for a common cause, whilst being not entirely in agreement about things. I hope to meet Gordon at the Weekend here.

The above address is good for another ten days, and I should be glad of a line from you, if you have time.

Very kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Rec. Boy Scout

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Major Workbourne

for information

Confidential - urgent.

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Fole Boy Scouts

My purely personal reaction to this document is that CNGET have either by design or accident put a "fast one" over AGET, which AGET have taken in a very charitable way.

Prof. Mazza & Dr Pirotta are meeting tonight informally

I hope the "cat is not among the chickens" by this premature & unwise publication.

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I am trying to buy a copy of the tapes concerned.

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12 October, 1944.

Memorandum submitted to the Rev. W.K.C.Logan, International Commissioner for the Boy Scouts.

The following is offered in a personal and friendly manner by an old Scout, loyal to the purposes of Scouting, to a fellow Scout in the sole interest of furthering the Scouting Program in a land where it can and will be a great element of reconstruction. While it is friendly, it frankly recognizes at the outset a difference of attitude between the AGE (Associazione di Giovani Esploratori) and the CNGEI (Corpo Nazionale di Giovani Esploratori Italiani).

While the AGE, in these first months of rebirth, have concentrated on the formation of properly instructed Scout Masters and the founding of troops with a view toward establishing Scouting on a firm and independent basis, it would seem that the CNGEI has choses as its special activity the creation of a secure political foundation for their association.

The CNGEI wishes to regain the status it enjoyed in the pre-Mussolini days, namely, that of a body not only recognised by the Government and its various political agencies but also subsidized and supervised by the National Government. It has come to the notice of the writer, for instance, that the Minister of Education would intend to assume the presidency of CNGEI.

Permit the writer to observe that in the past this "official" status reacted against the Scouting Movement for while the CNGEI was able, through State aid and political preferment, to build an extensive organization on paper, this very fact contributed to its rapid disintegration. It would seem to the writer that the growth was forced and therefore not a solid one as it appears from the fact that the ASCI (Associazione scoutistica Cattolica Italiana),forerunner of the AGE, had 5,000 troops in the field, the CNGEI had only about 100 really active troops.

The writer is informed that Minister De Ruggiero (1) intends to make the CNGEI such that would be a completely governmental project, as it was in the past, enjoying the subsidization and help of the Government and therefore enjoying the dubious privilege of governmental control. Such a Scouting orginazation would be little better than a second edition of the Opera Balilla, being not a free and autonomous body, recognized by the State and loyal to it but independent from its direct control. As an old Scout the writer knows that the English and American Scouting organizations are free and autonomous but recognized and he feels that Scouting in Italy should by all means enjoy the same indepndent and non-political character. In fact he goes so far as to say that such a character is essential to Scouting, which does not intend to be a government organization while it does aspire to be a patriotic one.

(1) The Press of Today actually announces this as an accomplishedfact

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In Italy today (ere exist two Scout bodie· if Italy is to be democratically constituted, they will continue t. exist and will develop according to the initiative of their free citizen leaders. In these dircumstances it would be the part of the democratic government to encourage both organizations while abstaining from controlling either one of these or from favouring either one. The Scouts, and they are more numerous, of AGE are Italian citizens just as those of the CNGEI are. As such they are as fully entitled to State encouragement and aid as any other group.

If, however, the Minister of Education assumes the leadership of one organization, as against the other, he will be in the position of discriminating against the other. He will have departed radically and essentially from the principles of Scouting organization as exemplified by Scout organizations in America and England.

The writer proposes thereforethat to avoid such an inequitable situation such an organisationas the following be set up :

FEDERAL COMMISSARIAT

PRESIDENT
(The Minister of Education)

National Commissioner from CNGEI

National Commissioner from AGE.

Four technical advisers : two from each Association

SECRETARY

Central Headquarters of CNGEI

Central Headquarters of AGE.

To the Federal Commissariat would be entrusted :

1. Relations with State Authorities.
2. International Relations with other Scouting Bodies.
3. Public Health Matters.
4. Standardization of Instructor Requirements, Scouting texts, etc.

In conclusion the writer would like toobserve that the interests of Scouting and of Italy will be greatly served if, at the very outset, all cause for division in the Scouting Movement is removed. He submits this short memorandum with the sole view of achieving now harmony between the two actual and existent Scouting bodies. He feels confident that in view of the unity of the Scouting program organization all differences can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Mario Mazza.

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FROM : The Assistant International Commissioner.

TO : Col. J.S. Wilson, O.B.E.,
Director, Boy Scout International Bureau.

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report (with enclosures) on the Boy Scout Situation in Italy.

DATE : October 8th, 1944.

1. Use of Initials in this and Subsequent Reports.

AFHQ stands for Allied Force Headquarters and is the supreme command of the country.

MAAF stands for Mediterranean Allied Air Forces (but for them I would not get anywhere).

ACC stands for Allied Control Commission and is the supreme authority for Italian Affairs but under the Commander in Chief.

AMG (formerly AMGOT) stands for Allied Military Government - it is the Civil Affairs Branch of the fighting Army inthe provinces, considered to be War Areas - it does not operate in "back" areas at all.

2. Use of Terms in this and subsequent Reports.

I use the terms (RC) Roman Catholic and Protestant purely in their technical sense and not implying any theological meaning to them.

Also sectarian and non-sectarian.

3. The General Situation of the Country/.

Some towns, and Rome in particular, except for the high prices in shops might almost be London in pre-war days. On the other hand a few miles away one passes through towns, completely smashed up (reminiscent of Dismude and Ypres in the last War) but with people living in the ruins on a very low level of subsistence and with no amenities or sanitation. 870

Many other places fall somewhere between these two extremes, and are trying hard to reorganise themselves again.

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On the whole for Italians (except officials) there is little or no transport or communications, except bicycle or horse and cart.

4. The Scout Situation.

(Note : The attached copies of letters, from the files of ACC will help to illustrate the various points in the section).

It seems that everyone wants scouting, because the chaos of war and the disbanding of the Fascist Youth Organisation, has not unnaturally produced hooliganism amongst bigger boys and illiteracy amongst younger children.

Any problems are concerned with the control and administration of the Movement, and are due to one or more of the following causes in my opinion :-

a) temperamental
b) religious
c) inability of a people, first under a rigid Roman Catholic regime, and then under a rigid Fascist regime, to understand what we in England mean by "freedom" and "democracy", etc.

At the moment there exists :-

A. ASSOCIAZIONI GIOVANNI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI . This is the old Giovani Esploratori Cattolici, which was kept going underground by Prof. Mazza and of which you have had very full information from Major Gordon (letter of July 4, 1944) and other sources. As you are aware His Holiness the Pope expressed the wish that the revived Association should be National in character and include "open" troops and troops of other denominations (Protestant, Jewish, etc). I understand that this wish of His Holiness the Pope at the highest level is very much in dispute at lower levels, where it is thought most strongly that the Association should be entirely under Roman Catholic control. The Association is comparatively well off in that it has access to Church property, funds and meeting places. There are a number of Protestants within the ranks of this Association.

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Note : There is some confusion about the correct title of this association as it is sometimes written GEI and sometimes

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AGI but I think they both the same association and I think correspond to the one mentioned in your air mail to Major Washburne - Associazione Scolastica Cattolica and ASCI.

B. CORPO NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI . This is revived non-sectarian Association and I think but am not sure, links up with the Association of which you have information from Kenya Colony.

This is the Association of which Major Gordon contacted an isolated unit in Bari.

One of the attached letters will show you that no harm has resulted by his contact, only misunderstanding and that good has come out of it, in that the word "God" has been reinserted in the promise, having been omitted in error.

This Association hasnothing in the way of equipment or premises, but I am informed today by Major Washburne that the Italian Minister for Education has deliberately accepted its Presidency to give some weight on the non-sectarian side, as against the weight of the Vatican on the sectarian side. I also learn that this means that it will receive its quota of equipment from the disbanded Fascist Youth organisations, as this is in the hands of the Minister, for disposal, fairly, to all youth organisations

C. Several independent and uncoordinated Scout Troops in villages centred round the Parish Priest also exist.

D. More than one Political Party hastried to offer ACGI huge sums of money for the exclusive recognition of their Political Scout Movements, but these can all be ruled out ~~as ACGI is not prepared to listen to anything of this kind in any connection whatever~~.

E. GENERAL

AGEI and CNGEI have tried to get together and AGEI suggested "Amalgamation" and CNGEI suggested "Federation" It would appear that both organisations and the Minister of Education are anxious to talk things over with myself or someone like me with a view to finding some solution, if there is one. £368

I understand that Major Washburne is arranging for me

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to confer with them singly or collectively.

Service Rover Crews are, as far as I know, helping all kinds of scouting without discrimination ; sometimes efficiently, sometimes very inefficiently, but usually completely unaware of any differences between the various Movements.

5. URGENT NEEDS.

Whether there are two Associations or one federated Association there is the urgent need for Italian Scout literature of the right kind, so that its precepts may be followed.

A number of American Scout handbooks have, I understand, already been distributed and also some of the original stock of Italian Scouting for Boys, about 400 copies of which have been found

I am also convinced that a suitable pamphlet on general lines "What is Scouting" printed in Italian would be of tremendous value.

With the approval of the International Bureau, I can attempt this task here, through ACC, but I await your permission. Such a pamphlet, setting out Scouting as in Scouting for Boys, together with some recent history of the Movement would, prevent much muddled thinking and bring Italian all Scouters up to date, regardless of the Association to which they belong.—I suggest something on the lines of Pages 1 & 2 of the attached Pamphlet. I Have access to competent reliable official interpreters, who are very willing to help in sucha matter.

6. POLICY & CONCLUSION.

I am quite clear as to my immediate policy which is to :-

listen and observe
speak when asked
and then report to you, but in general to use all persuasive powers available to try to bring about a

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federation if such is possible, pending some definite policy directive from yourself.

Assistant International
Commissioner for the Boy Scouts Association

Brief Resumé of the Position & Progress of the Italian Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, as seen by Rev. V.F.C. Logan, Assistant International Commissioner, during his visit to Rome ------Oct. 6 to Oct. 26. 1944.

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It must be fully realised that all this work involved very considerable peril to all concerned, including the children. There are many tales of extraordinary heroism by boys and girls which will be revealed in course of time : those of us who have been in close contact with the Scouts and Guide workers have already heard some of these stories.

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present Director (Major Washburne, A.U.S.) fully realise the tremendous importance of Scouting and Guiding.(Schools were non-existent, either because they had been destroyed in battle or because they were occupied by the military; text books of all kinds were completely useless because they have all been written from the Fascist point of view and therefore could only be thrown away; youthswho had been systematically drolled in the Balilla found themselves suddenly disbanded, and with nothing to do and nowhere to go, with the result that hooliganism became very rife.)

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Boy Scouts through its early stages. And so it was most fortunate that at this moment there has arrived in Rome Mr. F.E.Catty, who is a Scouter of many years experience. He is attached to Foreign Office and will advise Major Washburne in Scout and Guide matters, so that the Federation and friendship achieved is not spoiled by some petty disagreement. All the Italians concerned are most grateful for impartial British or American advice. And Mr. Catty has received quite a great welcome as the Assistant International Commissioner from all concerned.

5. Full details of every step in this progress will be found in the files of either the Director of Scout International Bureau in London or of the Director of Education Subcommission of the Allied Control Commission in Rome.

It is felt by those who should know that complete unity in the Scout and Guide world of Italy is in itself something quite unique and also that if there is anywhere where unity can come about, it is amongst those who are bound by a Promise and Law common to each.

It is also felt that such a unity might at this moment prove an example to other spheres of Italian life, which are divided by lack of leadership, politics and inherited inability to cooperate together, aggravated by a period of Dictatorship, when no man was permitted to think for himself or display initiative.(I am informed that one of the slogans of Fascist Regime displayed everywhere was "Mussolini ha sempre ragione"= Mussolini is always right).

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friendship achieved is not spoiled by some petty disagreement. All the Italians concerned are most grateful for impartial British or American advice. And Mr. Catty has received quite a great welcome as the Assistant International Commissioner from all concerned.

5. Full details of every step in this progress will be found in the files of either the Director of Scout International Bureau in London or of the Director of Education Subcommission of the Allied Control Commission in Rome.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ED/6/7 26 Jul 44

SUBJECT : Scouts in Italy.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1 I attach the comments of Education Sub-Commission to the proposals in The Rev. V.K.C.LOGAN's letter of 26 June, and agree that the present strength of the Education Sub-Commission precludes them from doing a a great deal by way of actively organising the scout movement.

2 If the Rev. LOGAN can obtain permission to come to Italy some good would no doubt result. I would however submit that the setting up of a widespread organisation of Scouts is a long term rehabilitation problem and should not be made a responsibility of the Allied Control Commission.

The action of ACC in this matter should in my view be confined to facilitating the task of the Rev Logan.

G.R.UPJOHN, Col
A/Head Admin Sec.

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COPY

BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
MIDDLE EAST

from; The Rev; V.K.C. Logan
c/o The Assistant Adjutant
BAF Stn Heliopolis MEF

date; June 26th 1944

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(Casablanca draft)

Draft of Reply to Rev. Logan's letter to General MacFarlane.

The Allied Control Commission through the Education Subcommission has been much interested in the possibility of starting a Scout Movement in Italy for the reasons named in your letter of June 26th. On ~~23 June~~ a letter was sent through channels to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, suggesting that local troops in the United States sponsor local troops in Italy and furnish them with play materials and uniforms. We offered to send descriptions of troops organized here to the Scout Headquarters in the States and to transmit to Italian local troops whatever materials were sent by American local troops. No reply has been received to that communication.

A beginning was made in Naples toward establishing Boy Scouts troops, but the lack of materials, locale and trained personnel prevented much progress.

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There is one delicate matter which must be considered; the Youth Commission in Naples, which has been interested in the establishment of Boy Scouts, there was a representative of the Cardinal. Whether he personally was responsible or not we cannot say, but, shortly after our Youth Commission began planning a Scout Movement, there

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appeared an official publication of the Diocese to this effect: In order to forestall other attempts being made to establish Boy Scouts the Church should become active in establishing Catholic Boy Scouts with an apostolic purpose. Excerpts from this document are enclosed herewith.

The policy of the Education Subcommission and of the Allied Control Commission has been to treat all Church matters with the utmost respect and justice and wherever possible to maintain a spirit of cooperation combined with strict neutrality on all controversial issues.

It is obvious that such help from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America as was requested would not be available to a sectarian scout movement.

It is interesting to note that as soon as the organization of Catholic Boy Scouts was announced on the radio a notice was sent to the press regarding the establishment of "~~Christian~~ Social Democrat Boy Scouts". And it was freely predicted that there would soon be Boy Scouts for each political party. Of course, many of the political parties consider the Church activity as tied up with the acitivity of the Catholic Party — Christian Democrats.

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The tendency throughout the Fascist Regime to use

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youth movements as a means of propaganda is all too evident. It makes the need for a non-sectarian non-political scout movement with international ramifications particularly urgent. But the decision of Church officials in Naples to make scouting a means of development of Catholicism makes the problem somewhat difficult. As a matter of fact the following incident may be a sample of the type of opposition which we ~~may~~ can expect:

Engineer Cosenza, who was the person most active in our planning for Boy Scouts, decided to take some preliminary steps by organizing an informal group of his own. He took them on a hike one morning and everything went very happily. They planned enthusiastically for another hike the next week. Before the week had passed, however, each boy reported to Cosenza that his parents, on the order of the priest, had forbidden him to go on more hikes with this leader. (This incident is given as reported by Cosenza.)

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I am writing to you with complete frankness so that you may be prepared for the situation as it is. Your plan to bring a Roman Catholic priest sounds fine, but he may run into serious difficulties if he tries to cooperate in establishing a non-sectarian scout movement in Italy.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES & DOCUMENTS

Concerning Scouting in Italy, etc.

for

Col. J.H. Wilson, O.B.E.

Director, Scouts International Bureau.

From

The Assistant International Commissioner,

The Boy Scouts Association (British).

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OCTOBER 17, 1944.

Visit to AGEI.

At 4-30 P.M. Prof. Mazza called for me; he was wearing Scout uniform and in his Scout hat, one of the old Camp Chief's blue plumes (the one used before they became commissioners and wore purple —about 1924, I believe).

We then proceeded to the Collegio Giuseppe, and here I would say at the start, that no words can adequately express the scene and the atmosphere.

I would begin by saying that I received more respect than a man deserves, and a very great welcome. It began in the hall amidst a crowd of clergy and older men connected with the College (practically all the Clergy were Scouts and wearing a Scout badge on their cassocks).

We then went into a Troop room where a Troop was meeting. There were six patrols each with a well made and well decorated corner. In the middle was an amazingly good totem pole. The place was lit by lamps improvised from small "Aac-Acc" shell cases filled with petrol soaked sand, and with a cork and wick at the top. EVERYTHING had of course been built since the Germans left Rome. After going all round and chatting and joking here and there, one of the Clergy presented me with an Italian Scout badge. Prof. Mazza then pointed out that it was a lily, an Italian emblem much venerated, rather than an arrow head, and did I think that the International Bureau would accept such a variation. I pointed out that for years countries had had different badges (vide France).

We then proceeded to a large courtyard absolutely filled with people. Our progress was somewhat "royal like", everyone (clergy and all) either taking off his hat or making the Scout sign. Prof. Mazza then explained that this was the passing out parade of his two Scoutmasters Training Courses — explaining that he was an old Camp Chief, but had lost his wood badge— I had lost mine too (not a DCC's) but was wearing a home-made one. This I took off and put on to Prof. Mazza, an action which caused the greatest possible pleasure to all.

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First I was taken to a large crowd of men (all over 30, I should think) with whom I shook hands. These were the "Chevalier" or pre-Fascist old Scouts. Then we faced the Square, I, in between Prof. Mazza and a very courteous Maltese Priest, who acted as interpreter, where necessary, and insisted on acting as a "PA" and carrying my coat etc.

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Patrol by Patrol each of the Scouts designate doubled forward and gave a patrol yell, prefixed by "Signor Logan". Then each man shouted out the number and name of the Scout Troop he was to work with. At the end a patrol of mixed Sea Scouts and Sea Cubs rushed forward and a tiny little boy ran out and pinned a Wolf Cub badge on to me and holding my hand led the yell.

Next Prof. Mazza made a speech and then I was called upon to speak, which I did.

After this Prof. Mazza asked me to present about 150 Scoutmasters Proficiency Certificates. One very young Scouter on receiving his certificate took off his uniform, a badge (the Lion of St. Mark) and pinned it on me. It was explained that this was the badge of the clandestine Troop that met over Mussolini's head in the Palazzo Venezia, and that this boy had been in the Troop.

At least three young Clergy were in the ranks of the patrols and came for certificates. Some of the others had uniform; many had not and I am informed that a Scout uniform here costs 2000 lire(£ 5 sterling or about 15 pounds to an Italian). I was also informed that many had sold ordinary clothes to buy some piece of Scout uniform.

After this a stand up "sing song" was held until it got dark (electric light is not now available for Italian buildings at all). The songs were excellent and one of the Clergy led the most amazingly good action song I have ever seen. The gathering finally closed with a sort of national cry — "San Giorgio - Italia" and a simple prayer said by Prof. Mazza.

I was introduced to more people and finally got away in my car through an immense crowd. It is years since I have seen so much enthusiasm and so much happiness and so many smiling faces all in one place.

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Prof. Mazza has done a wonderful thing in keeping this flame of Scouting alive until it could again be fanned into a blaze, and he should in my opinion be honoured for so doing.

If only we could help CNGEI to blaze as well, then something on a really big worth while scale would be done quickly for Italian boys, but at present they have not the money, the equipment nor the premises.

I have been invited to a CNGEI rally on Saturday next.

Assistant International Commissioner

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The Song of AGE

I

C'era la guerra
la guerra nel Transwall
- boeri contro inglesi-
e c'era un general!
larazum-fa-la-rillalera
larazum-fa-la-rillalera.

II

Il generale
fece il Corpo cadetti
e di quei ragazzi
ne fece scouts perfetti.
larazum, ecc.

III.

Disse Sir Robert:
"La guerra è già finita.
E invece che alla guerra
li preparerò alla vita!"
larazum, ecc.

IV.

La maglia kaki
il lup sul berretto
dai nove ai dodici anni
è semplice lupetto.
larazum, ecc.

V.

Ha sotto il lupo
una stellina bella
perchè l'hanno promesso
lupetto ad una stella.
larazum, ecc.

VI.

Col cappellone
un cappellon boero,
ripara solo a pioggia.
E' proprio un bel "sombrero"!
larazum-fa-la-rillalera
larazum-fa-la-rillalera.

VII.

Ha la cintura
con fibbia e con anello
che può (Dio ce ne liberi !)
servire per barelle.
larazum, ecc.

VIII.

La blusaka kaki,
di quì non si scampa
è proprio come quella
che s'usa nella pampa.
larazum;ecc.

IX

Ma chi è quel tale
vestito in modo strano
forse è un bandito
del West americano?
larazum, ecc.

X

Non è un bandito
ne vien da sì lontano:
egli è un Esploratore
cattolico italiano!
larazum, ecc.

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This verse might in my opinion be dangerous at a joint or International gathering - as it CINCEI see it

H.C.P.

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YUGO-SLAVIA

I visited the newly formed Rome Service Rover Crew and was given a visiting card (copy attached) and asked about it. The man concerned is a Liaison Officer in ACC.

I hesitate to make approaches, knowing a little of the difficulties of Yugo-Slav politics, without Col. Wilson's direct authority, and therefore am merely sending the information to the International Bureau instead.

Assistant International Commissioner.

Copy of the Visiting Card.

Boy-Scouts of Yugoslavia
International Section

Eng. Arch. Mitja Svigelj - Alexis
district commissioner, Ljubljana town
Jamboree contigent chief
principal delegate to the International
Conference, den Haag, 1937. 6842

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Jamboree 1937, Amsterdam

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permanent camp, Oregon, U.S.A.

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Copy of second letter to the:-
Rw: Fr Vincent Smith
S.C.I.F. (RC)
HQ 16 Area
MEF
who may possibly become
Liaison Scout Commissioner - Italy

There is NO shadow of certainty about it it is outside my province. but he is a decent rate person & a good Scouter. Fr Vincent

Dear Smith,

I write to tell you that by the Grace of God and to the surprise of everybody CNCSI have federated with ACSI, and with the most cordial and cooperative good will imaginable.

They will all need much help for a long time to come, and indeed welcome it. I attach for your information a copy of an account of a wonderful thing I attended yesterday. I report it with the utmost humility.

If you do get here, the man to go to is Major Washburne, Director of Education, ACC.

Gordon arrived absolutely in the "fullness of time", not knowing I was here, but we met and then worked together to help the federation.

No more now.

All personal good wishes,

Yours Sincerely,

P.S.1 I leave here on Monday, I think.

P.S.2 I am going to call on Father Clarke, SCF(RC)CMF. Gordon has asked him to be one of Honorary Chaplains to CMF MSA.

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ENCLOSURE :- An account of my visit to ACSI.

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Copy of a letter I thought fit to send to both Dr Pinotti & Prof. Mayer

I write to you at the conclusion of my visit to Rome. My visit has been a very happy one indeed, because of the real Scout spirit displayed both to me as a brother-scout, and between the members of the two Associations whenever they have met together.

I know you are all well aware that one of the most important things to Italy today is the training of your boys, so that in five or moreyears time, they may have learned to be not only good Italian citizens but also good world citizens, and that they may not want to fight, or wage wars, etc.

I am very happy to have heard stories of the heroism of clandestine Scouts during the Fascist regime. I am also very glad to have seen something of the great work that has been done in the few months that Rome has been liberated. It is truly magnificient, and I do most warmly and sincerely congratulate you all.

I feel sure that the Federation of Italian Boy Scouts has a great part toplay in the future of International Scouting and indeed in world education and friendship, and in future and therefore I do indeed send you every heartfelt good wish in your cooperative efforts. I am alsomaking sure that the International Bureau knows of your work.

Again I thank you for much courtesy and personal kindness and I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

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Assistant International Commissioner
for the Boy Scouts Association (British)

PS. I shall be happy to hear from you later through Major Washburne who is to be Secretary General of the Federation, so that I may transmit his name and address to Col. Wilson.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

18 January 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Scout trip to Mt. Vesuvius.

TO : Education Subcommission
Hq. A.C. Apo 394 USA

1. On Sunday, 14 January 1945, approximately 50 Italian scouts, their leaders, and members of the Allied Commission, made a trip from Naples to the R. Osservatorio Vesuviano in what is believed to be the first Scout rally in liberated Italy under A.C. auspices.

2. The trip was made by special train on the Circumvesuviana Railroad from Naples to Pugliano and from that Station to Eremo, at the Observatory, on the Thomas Cook Railway, through the courtesy of the Director of the first mentioned road.

3. The attached schedule outlines the major activities of the group.

4. The party was accompanied by Mr. W.L.Coffman, P.W.B. photographer, and his assistant, Sgt. Virgil Nelson, designated for the work by Mr. Charles Simons, Chief, P.W.B. Pictorial Section, Rome, and making a special trip down for the purpose. A number of pictures were taken in the Observatory, on the grounds, and on the recently made lava beds.

5. Lt. Daniel Counahan, representing the P.W.B. News Section, was delayed by the torrential rains and did not make the trip. He reached Naples in time to meet members of the party on their return and was given all the necessary information. He had been assigned to the trip by Mr. Margolin, Acting chief of that section.

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6. The Director of the Observatory, Dr. Joseph Imbo', extended every courtesy to the group, taking them, through the building in three groups, lecturing on the exhibits and showing the two main seismographs in operation. It should be noted that admittance to the Observatory of other than

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the staff, is not a rare occurrence but the courtesy is not generally extended to parties of this kind. None of the scouts - and some of their leaders - had been in the Observatory before; the majority had never been on Vesuvius before.

7. The Brigadier's party met the Scouts at Pugliano and left Pugliano by motor for Naples on the return.

8. Capt. R.A. Savill, O.C., British Detachment, voluntarily provided hot tea and sandwiches but as each person carried his own lunch, this contribution, much appreciated by the Scouts, was an added surprise.

9. There were no casualties except one skinned knee. Lunch and the visit to the Observatory being the main attractions with individual snow fights, three climbing, wall scaling, fire building, and trips to the new lava flow providing all the necessary activities. Some scouts met the train at Pugliano; others walked or raced down the hill to beat the train from Eremo to the base station.

10. The party was organized by and exclusively in charge of the undersigned officer in so far as the trip, etc., were concerned, and spoken of, as an effort by the Allied authorities to show how Scout trips are run in England and America. It is hoped the example may inspire similar action on the part of the Italians.

11. Copies of the schedule in Italian and English were made available to all. Copies are attached.

12 The list of the accompanying party is attached.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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JOSEPH M. MURPHY
Major, A.C.
Regional Education Officer

JMM/adl.

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HEADQUARTERS
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MEMORANDUM

13 January 1945

SUBJECT : Scout trip to R. Osservatorio Vesuviano.

TO : All concerned.

1. Special train service for the subject trip is announced as follows:-

GOING :
Leave Naples promptly 1120
Arr. Pugliano 1136
(at Pugliano the party will be divided into two groups to suit the accomodations of the Funicular).
Lv. Pugliano (Group I).....1136
Arr. Eremo (Observatory).....1215
Lv. Pugliano (Group II).....1215
Arr. Eremo.....1300

RETURNING :
Lv. Eremo (Group I).....1530
Lv. Eremo (Group II).....1615
Lv. Pugliano 1715
Arr. Naples.....1735

2. Only those whose names are listed with the Regional Education Officer may be accomodated on the special train.

3. Lunch will be provided by each member of the party as an individual responsibility. Food will not be provided.

4. The tour of the Observatory and its facilities will be in charge of the Director, Dr. Joseph Imbo'. It is expected that the tour of Group I shall have been completed by the time Group II reaches the Observatory. The first group will leave the premises free for the accomodation of the second.

5. Scouts will be under the direct control of their leaders at all times. If additional Scouts reach the Observatory, they will be organized into groups for the tour by the respective leaders after the scheduled party has been cared for.

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6. Any Scout activities other than those listed by and for the official party, will be a direct responsibility of the Scout Leader concerned. No variation of program or schedule can be entertained.

7. The official party leaving Naples will consist of 25 Scout-members of the "Corpo Nazionale Esploratori" under the direction of Commissario Luigi Cosenza, 25 Scout-members of the "Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana under the direction of: Commissario Regionale Mario Origo, and participating military and civilian personnel.

JOSEPH M. MURPHY
Major A.C.
Regional Education Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

12 Gennaio 1945

MEMORANDUM

OGGETTO : Escursione di Scouts al R.Osservatorio Vesuviano.

A : Tutti gli interessati.

1. E' stato disposto il seguente servizio speciale di treni per l'escursione in oggetto.

ANDATA
Partenza da Napoli alle .....11.20 precise
Arrivo a Pugliano " 11.36
(A Pugliano la comitiva sarà divisa in due gruppi per adattarsi alle esigenze della Ferrovia Vesuviana).
Partenza da Pugliano (I.Gruppo).....11.36
Arrivo Eremo (Osservatorio).....12.15
Partenza da Pugliano (II.Gruppo).....12.15
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RITORNO :
Partenza dall'Eremo (I.Gruppo).....15.30
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Partenza da Pugliano.....17.15
Arrivo a Napoli.....17.35

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3. Ciascun componente della comitiva provvederà alla sua colazione per proprio conto. Non sarà fornito cibo.

4. La visita dell'Osservatorio e dei suoi apparecchi è affidata al Direttore Dr. Giuseppe Imbo'. Si curerà che la visita del primo gruppo sia completata per il momento in cui il secondo gruppo giungerà . Il primo gruppo lascerà i locali liberi per far posto al secondo.

5. Gli Scouts saranno sotto la sorveglianza diretta dei loro istruttori per tutta la durata dell'escursione. Se Scouts in soprannumero raggiungeranno l'Osservatorio, essi saranno riuniti in gruppi dai rispettivi istruttori, per la visita che si effettuerà dopo quella dei gruppi predisposti.

6. Qualsiasi attività diversa da quelle programmate per la comitiva ufficiale, sarà diretta responsabilità degli

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istruttori interessati. Non sarà permessa nessuna variazione nel programma e negli orari.

7. La comitiva ufficiale in partenza da Napoli consisterà di 25 Scouts del Corpo Nazionale Esploratori sotto la direzione del Commissario Luigi Cosenza, di 25 Scouts della Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana sotto la direzione del Commissario Regionale Mario Origo, con la partecipazione di personalità militari e civili.

JOSEPH M.MURPHY
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LIST OF GUESTS - OTHER THAN SCOUTS

1. Brigadier John K. Dunlop, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, A.C.
2. Miss M.E. Lawrence, Jr. Com'd'r, ATS.
3. Lt. H.R. Cookson, PA to the Brigadier.
4. Major Joseph M.Murphy, A.C., Regional Education Officer (in charge of the party).
5. Major C.A.P. Bertelli, A.C. Patriot's Branch.
6. Rev. V.K.C. Logan, Asst. International Commissioner for the Boy Scouts Association - British.
7. Capt. G.F.T. Wagstaff, Regional Education Officer, Sardinia.
8. Capt. R.A. Savill, O.C. British Detachment, Southern Region, A.C.
9. Lt. V.A.J. Gifford, REME, Instruction of the Naples Scout leader's course.
10. Mr. V. Low, RAF, Rover Scout

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11. Dr. Joseph Imbo', Director of the Royal Observatory, Vesuviano.

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12. Mr. W.L. Coffman, P.W.B., Pictorial Section, Rome.
13. Sgt. Virgil Nelson, assistant to Mr. Coffman.

WITH THE CORPO NAZIONALE ESPLORATORI PARTY

14. Luigi Cosenza - Commissario.
15. Charles Cosenza - Secretary, C.N.E.
16. Tullio Japelli - representing the Rotary Club's Scouting Committee.
17. Francesco Ferrazzano, - representing the Rover Scouts.
18. Miss Elena Buonocore, representing the Girl Gindes.
19. Miss Maria Filiosi, Girl Guide.

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WITH THE ASSOCIAZIONE SCAUTISTICA CATTOLICA ITALIANA PARTY

20. Mario Origo, Commissario Regionale

21. Rev. Gennaro Nardi, Chaplain.

22. Ruggiero Guerracino, scout leader.

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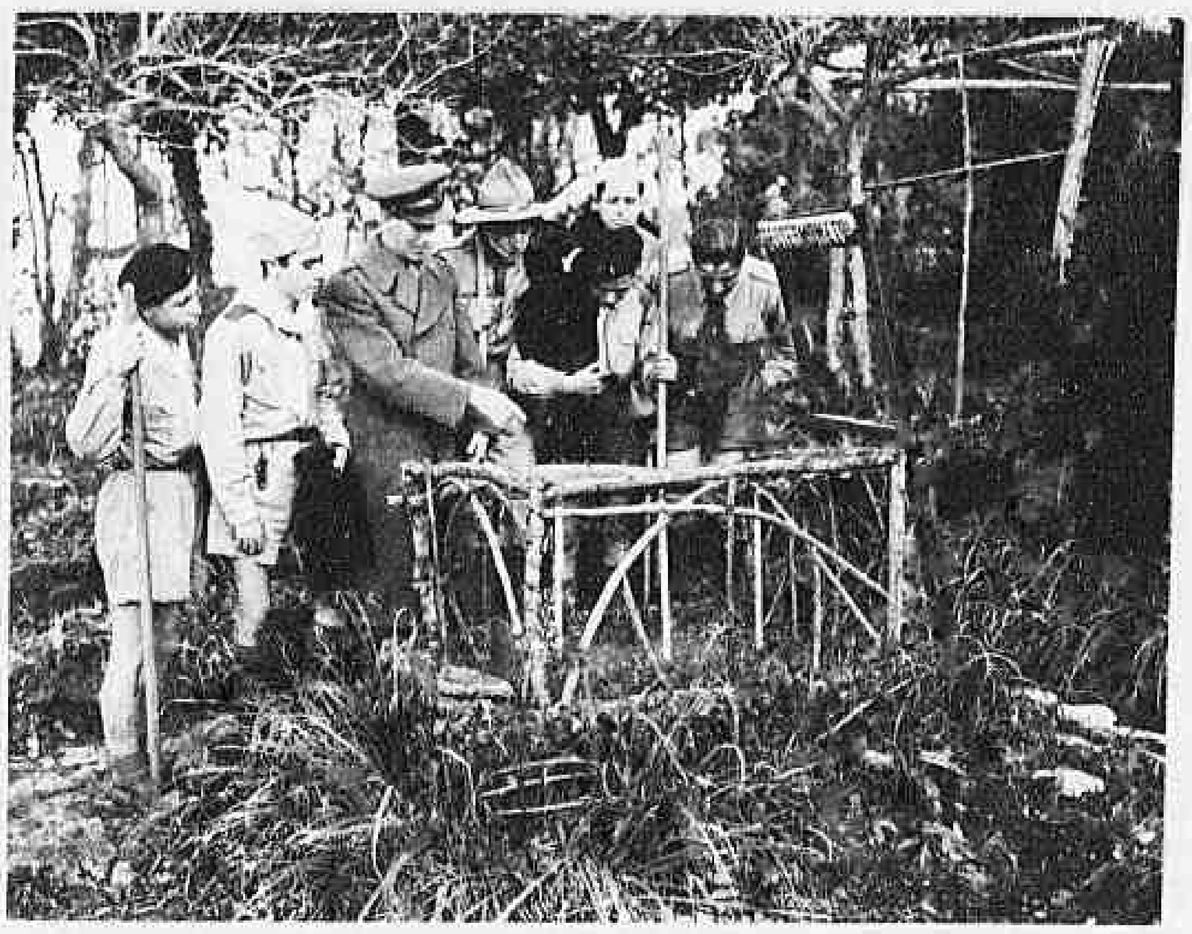
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At the Thermometers
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TO : The Director of the Scouts International Bureau
(Col. J.S. Wilson OBE.)
and The International Commissioner
The Boy Scouts Association (Br.)

FROM : The Assistant International Commissioner (Br.)

REFERENCE: B 2.

SUBJECT : Progress of Italian Scouting
and CMF. Rover Scouts

THE NAPLES RALLY OF THE FEDERATION OF ITALIAN BOY SCOUTS

(~~photographs enclosed~~)

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Additional distribution to above:

Major C. Washburne AUS ✓
Major J. Murphey AUS
G-5 - AFHQ
SPSO - RAF MAAF
Mr. Catty
MASO
Air Commodore Akherman CBE.

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REPORT ON THE "NAPLES SCOUT TRIP"

(arranged by Major Murphey - Regional Director of Education - Southern Region - Allied Commissioner for the local "Federation of Italian Scouts".)

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

MEMORANDUM 12 January 1945

SUBJECT : Scout trip to R. Osservatorio Vesuviano

TO : All concerned.

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GOING:

Leave Naples promptly 1120
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Lv. Pugliano (Group II) 1215
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Lv. Eremo (Group II) 1615
Lv. Pugliano 1715
Arr.Naples 1735

2. Only those whose names are listed with the Regional Education Officer may be accomodated on the special train.

3. Lunch will be provided by each member of the party as an individual responsibility. Food will not be provided.

4. The tour of the Observatory and its facilities will be in charge of the Director, Dr. Joseph Imbo'. It is expected that the tour of Group I shall have been completed by the time Group II reaches the Observatory. The first group will leave the premises free for the accomodation of the second.

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6. Any Scout activities other than those listed by and for the official party, will be a direct responsibility of the Scout Leader concerned. No variation of program or schedule can be entertained.

7. The official party leaving Naples will consist of 25 Scout-members of the "Corpo Nazionale Esploratori" under the direction of: Commissario Luigi Cosenza, 25 Scout-members of the "Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana" under the direction of: Commissario Regionale Mario Origo, and participating military and civilian personnel.

(s) JOSEPH M. MURPHY
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APPENDIX A

S A R D I N I A

While visiting Vesuvius with the Naples Scouts I had a considerable conversation with:

Captain WAYSTAFF,
Director of Education - Sardinia Region of AC.

He informed me of the following facts: The Sardinians are more weary and somewhat harder hit than the Italians on the mainland. The population also includes Arab (Moslem)villages as well as the native population. None has had the energy to start up CNGEI, but there are 500 ASCI, which have been started up by the Church.

He has taken a personal interest in the Movement and says that they are on sound lines and teaching the Scout Law and Promise

A camp was held recently, which Captain Waystaff visited and which he said would have compared with the "Brigade of Guards" for cleanliness and Hygiene.

He is very concerned with the clothing problem, and says that we cannot possibly produce Scout uniforms before the poorer element of the population are supplied with elementary necessary clothing.

He gave some authentic instances to give weight to this statement.

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APPENDIX B

A VISIT TO THE"FRANCHETTI SCHOOL" IN ROME

8 Jan.1945

Sometime ago I had read an article in which it was said that this school had somehow managed to carry on a democratic education all through the fascist regime without its being discovered.

When Professor Mazza (National Scout Commissioner for ASCI), who is Headmaster,kindly invited me to come and look at the school, I was naturally extremely glad of the opportunity.

The school is not housed in its original buildings which were, I believe, destroyed, but in other school buildings, probably typical of this country.

At first I thought the school was like any other of its type in England. There are about 600 children, boys and girls, ranging from six years old upwards. The equipment is good and includes a modern radiogram loudspeaker system which loudspeakers in every classroom. When the electric current is turned on, music is played as the children move from room to room or elsewhere; the Headmaster is also able to address the school over the system.

After I had been there about half an hour I made the discovery that what was happening was that which Lord Baden-Powell had thought was going to happen when he first published scouting for boys in England. Lord Baden-Powell had no intention originally of starting a movement or organization, but simply of putting out the general principles of an educational policy which schools and churches might adapt to their own peculiar needs and circumstances.

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Each class is divided into three patrols and the word in Italian is used; in every case it is the red, green and yellow patrols! Everything connected with a patrol is coloured with the appropriate colour (except of course desks, chairs and tables). Each patrol has for each boy a neat gadget for hanging up exhibition work; a portion of a shelf for exhibiting solid articles and a small drawer that can either be used in the ordinary way or after the manner of the drawers in a vertical

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filing cabinet. In this drawer is kept the whole work for the year in order after correction; the control and use of the drawer seems to be entirely in the hands of the boy. One drawer had every subject tabulated behind guide cards and on most subjects included newspaper clippings stuck neatly on to paper! The method seems to be very similar to the self-teaching system which in Britain is, I believe, called the Dalton plan and boys work at their own speed! The children were obviously far from anxious to leave off working just because I had come into the room; most of them remained very absorbed in their occupation!

Every child in the patrol has some sort of office even if it is only to be a reserve to someone else; there is a leader who wears a piece of coloured tape on his shoulder; a second a librarian and so on. All the senior members of a patrol have also to undertake class duties, some of which they do for the whole term, others of which change from day to day, such as librarian administrator, concierge (who is responsible for the punctuality of the class) and so on. All these various officers of the class were making use of exactly the same kind of home-made gadgets to encourage them in their duties that I would teach the boys in a scout troops to make and use!

I was not able in the time to get a picture of the school as a whole, but I should not be at all surprised to find that the system is carried to its logical conclusion in that the senior children in classes have also certain school responsibilities.

Each patrol has a garden (i.e.in classes old enough to benefit with such a thing) and there are aquarium, a vivarium and arrangements by means of careful planting for outdoor class-rooms in the grounds for use in the summer.

I understand that during the fascist regime, like other schools, this school was forced to use the balhilla, and to teach some socalled fascist culture; in fact, I saw some cuttings and papers included in some work done during that period of the schools life; but it does not seem to have altered the other system of free education on scout lines at all nor does it seem to have dawned on the fascist authorities that this was scouting disguised, which was bound to counteract to a great extent their own teachings of regimentation, and by regimentation. Needless to say , under Professor Mazza the school always retained a strong Christian background.

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My own personal reaction is that quite apart from any scholastic result which I am not competent to assess, the results in character training over a number of years would be incalculable, especially as the teachers understood the system more and more.

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it also seemed to me that although the very brillian child might not get full apparent benefit yet the backward child would certainly be fitted out with the general principles of "life" and that all children would be well practised in the ordinary principles of office procedure, quite unconsciously, through their little filing cabinets and display arrangements. They ought also on growing up to have decided ideas on the responsibilities of an office from having held some office in school and under this system all children (not just a few prefects and captains) wil have held some office even if it was only a very minor one.

I did not in the comparatively short time I was there see anything of any games, but there was a large playground in which I was told the older boys played games.

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MEDITERRANEAN AREA SCOUTING - 1945

(15K)

A review of the progress of Scouting in the Mediterranean and the Middle East, as seen by the Assistant International Commissioner and Commissioner for Scouts in HM.Forces.

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I PREFACE

The great growth of Scouting in the Middle East really began at the close of 1942 when the enemy threat of invasion was removed from Egypt once and for all. It began most noticeably among old Scouts in HM Forces, who began banding themselves together as Rover Crews, and then writing to the nearest Scout Commissioner, usually the Commissioner for British Scouts in Egypt, for recognition, advice and help. So many crews were formed, that the existing civilian organisation found itself quite unable to cope with things, and so a special MEF Rover Scout Association with a special team was formed in Cairo. By the middle of 1943 British troops had spread so far afield that it was found necessary to form a separate CMF Rover Scout Association, with a separate team to supervise and guide it. There is little doubt that the growth of service crews helped forward to growth of civilian boy Scout Troops in every place where these crews found themselves stationed, and in some foreign countries their presence stimulated a revival of scouting, previously suppressed or discouraged or driven underground.

International Scouting is based on the fourth Scout Law:

> " A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout, no matter what class, creed or country the other may belong."

International Scouting correctly carried out among the youth of the nations can only produce international goodwill. In sufficient quantities it can even be an insurance against future wars. Thus have those Scouts serving their country in His Majesty's Forces also been missionaries for international goodwill amongst the people they were first called upon to liberate by force of arms.

In these days, when so few nations seem completely "healthy" and some nations seem completely torn by "moral disease", it is necessary for us to study peoples, with some care and patience, so that any good that is there is not lost sight of, but is rather used in an effort to heal the whole nation. Thus any Scout worker might well keep constantly before him St.Pauls comparison between a community and the human body before deciding whether serious disease in a portion of the community is likely to infect the whole community and kill it.

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Geo. H.C. Rogers

January 1945

Assistant International Commissioner
and Commissioner for Scouts in HM Forces
(formerly Commissioner for British Scouts
in Egypt).

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Egypt and particularly Cairo has for a long time been a meeting place between East and West and this is no less true in Scouting than in other tihngs.

First and foremost there are our hosts, the Egyptian National Boy Scouts Association, whose President is HM.King Farouk I, and whose Vice-President is HE.Khaled Hassenein Bey. The Egyptian Association is about 50.000 strong (Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts) and recently they have tried to extend their activities tp the poor children in the villages. The difficulties, as anyone who knows Egypt will confirm, are immense, but if they are ultimately successful, it will mean, to mention one thing only, that the whole standard of the health of the country has been uplifted.

Then there are the British Scouts in Egypt, numbering nearly 2000, and divided between two districts: - Cairo (District Commissioner Major R.A.Smith) and Alexandria (District Commissioner M.R.R. Parkhouse). It is true to say that here many British troops would never have been kept going at all but for the unstinted help given by Service Rover Scouts, who stepped in as scoutmasters and instructors when Scouts were left leaderless, owing to evecuantions or postings. Their Patron is HE. the British Ambassador, who is most helpful in many ways.

The "Eclaireurs Francais" whose Commissioner is Monsieur Raymond, have some 4 or 5 Troops of Scouts, mainly consisting of children of the Sugar Company's employees.

The "Hellenic Boy Scouts Association" exists in two areas (Cairo-County Commissioner: Mons.Leconfis and Alexandria County Commissioner: Mons.Argyopoulos).

They are numerically strong and alwys to be seen with the others at every international gathering.

In addition to the above there are several smaller Associations, which are loosely attached to the Egyptian Boy Scouts Association, and these include: a Jewish Association; a Sudanese Association: a Swiss Troop; a White Russian Troop and some Armenian Troops. The American University in Cairo has a Troop, but at the request of the American Boy Scouts Association it is registered as a British Troop.

Recently while travelling in Italy I made friends with a 6829
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The Egyptian Association is about 30.000 strong (Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts and Rover Scouts) and recently they have tried to extend their activities to the poor children in the villages. The difficulties, as anyone who knows Egypt will confirm, are immense, but if they are ultimately successful, it will mean, to mention one thing only, that the whole standard of the health of the country has been uplifted.

Then there are the British Scouts in Egypt, numbering nearly 2000, and divided between two districts: - Cairo (District Commissioner Major R.A.Smith) and Alexandria (District Commissioner M.R.R. Parkhouse). It is true to say that here many British troops would never have been kept going at all but for the unstinted help given by Service Rover Scouts, who stepped in as scoutmasters and instructors when Scouts were left leaderless, owing to evacuations or postings. Their Patron is HE. the British Ambassador, who is most helpful in many ways.

The "Eclaireurs Francais" whose Commissioner is Monsieur Raymond, have some 4 or 5 Troops of Scouts, mainly consisting of children of the Sugar Company's employees.

The "Hellenic Boy Scouts Association" exists in two areas (Cairo-County Commissioner: Mons.Laconfis and Alexandria County Commissioner: Mons.Argyopoulos).

They are numerically strong and alwys to be seen with the others at every international gathering.

In addition to the above there are several smaller Associations, which are loosely attached to the Egyptian Boy Scouts Association, and these include: a Jewish Association; a Sudanese Association: a Swiss Troop; a White Russian Troop and some Armenian Troops. The American University in Cairo has a Troop, but at the request of the American Boy Scouts Association it is registered as a British Troop.

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It was an action similar to this performed many years ago in London by an English boy that actually started the Boy Scouts of America.

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3. T H E S U D A N

The Sudan Boy Scouts Association consists of five districts, viz.:- Khartoum, Khartoum North, Omdurman, Atbara and Port Sudan. The Commissioner is Mr. Clarke and the Patron and Chief Scout is HE. the Governor General, who I am reliably informed, has shewn very considerable personal interest in the Movement. Only one group of boys is English (The British School in Khartoum) the remainder being Sudanese. In all there are about 3000 Scouts and Cubs.

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4. A D E N

Although Aden is a British Colony, apart from Service Rover Scouts and the Commissioner Mr.J.J. Gunn, there is not one English boy Scout there.

There are about half a dozen Scout Groups and two very energetic and efficient Service Rover Crews (one interservice and one RAF).

The Scout population consists of: - Arabs, Jews and a number of Eritreans, tribesmen from the Yemen and some Indians.

The problems, both racial and religious, created by such a polyglot population, produce many difficulties, and to this must be added the unpleasantness of the climate and the unsuitability of most of the terrain in the colony for Scouting.

Much has been done through Scouting for these children, and here a great debt is owed to the Service Rover Crews, one of which is actually responsible for a Troop of Boys.

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5. ERITREA - CYRENAICA - TRIPOLITANIA

It will be recollected that since all the above were Italian Colonies Scouting had been entirely non-existent in them.

Eritrea is probably the most difficult, for besides a large resident Italian population there are something like 7 different tribes, 6 different religions in the country. Some of these tribes are nomadic and among them almost any form of education is difficult.

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6. IRAN

Scouting certainly existed in Persia, prior to the arrival of German influence in the country, but not on a nation-wide scale. Recently some rumours have been coming in about its revival on a small scale in Teheran, but nothing very definite.

There is, however, a British Group of Scouts at Abadan, which is composed of boys whose parents are employed by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. There are about 8 to 12 Wolf Cubs, 10 Boy Scouts and 8 Rover Scouts (some of these latter being RAF rovers stationed near by).

They usually meet in the garden which surrounds the Padre's Bungalow. They are very keen, but there are many difficulties against their full development, not least of which is the climate, which for a greater part of the year is not conducive to any activity. Attached to the Group are one girl guide and one Brownie, the only girls in the community.

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7. I R A Q

As far as the Iraquis themselves are concerned Scouting has not yet been revived officially, although the Ministry of Education are experimenting privately with a Troop and Wolf Cub Pack. Scouting was fairly strong before the Nazis gained control. After that it became almost overnight a semi-military youth Movement. Attempts were also made to regiment the schools by putting masters and boys into a uniform, introduceing saluting and other military touches. Thus many older Iraqui citizens are still frightened of all youth movements.

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8. PALESTINE

This is at the moment probably one of the most difficult countries in which to carry on Scouting, which like all good organizations, can so easily be made bad by becoming mixed up in politics.

Actually on paper, the wearing of Scout uniform is forbidden; in actual fact it is worn. It is impossible for the High Commissioner to patronize the Movement officially for fear of being misunderstood, since the Movement is mainly joined only by Arabs.

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9. M A L T A

The Island always has had its own Scout Association, H.E. the Governor being chief Scout, and Captain Price R.N. being Commissioner.

It is learned that as in England and elsewhere the Scouts performed feats of heroism and did a great work during the "blitz".

There are three service Rover Crews on the Island, one of which is a RAF Crew.

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10. C Y P R U S

Cyprus is another difficult place since half the population is Turkish in origin and the other half Greek. They are also half Moslem and half Greek orthodox. H.E. the Governor is Chief Scout and the present Commissioner is Mr. Seymour Burt, formerly of the British Council.

A sterling work is being done under very great difficulties, not least of which is to overcome prejudice and suspicion.

For a part of the year a RAF Service Rover Crew was stationed on the Island and rendered very valuable help to the Commissioner.

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LL. I T A L Y (and Sicily)

At the beginning, as in most predominently Catholic countries, there were more than one Scout Association. With the coming of fascism, both Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori d'Italia (non-sectarian-) and Associazione Scautisca Cattolica d'Italia (Catholic) were driven underground and eventually, as was only natural, became reduced to mere skeletons of their former size, but they did not die out altogether.

One example of courage and heroism must suffice: - Professor Mazza, national Commissioner for ASCI, managed to keep a clandestine Troop of Scouts, meeting on the Palazzo Venezia in Rome, over Mussolini's head, without him being aware of their existence. Their disguised badge was the Lion of ST.Mark on a red background, and instead of the universal scout "left-hand-shake" they adopted a secret "right-hand-shake" for use in public. This was eventually elaborated so that by merely shaking hands a Scout could tell not only whether the other person was a Scout, but even what grade of Scout he was: Commissioner, Scoutmaster or Scout.

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Onee again, our Scouts in HM Forces are doing a great job of work for promoting International goodwill, amongst the generations to come, and one cannot speak too highly of their efforts.

It is of interest that even now there are two Italian Scout Commissioners working secretly behind the German Lines in the North.

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Sicily was the first part of Italy to be liberated and so it is only natural that at first the reports of Italian Scouting came in thickest from there, but now reports are coming in of large numbers of scouts in every town of any size at all. Rome, Naples, Benevento, Bari, Foggia, Taranto andc so on.

Books are now being translated into Italian and Scoutmasters Training Courses are actually in progress. But there are still many difficulties due to the ravages of war, which have yet to be overcome.

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Greece was one of the first countries to take up Scouting after Great Britain, but she did not really keep scouting methods up to date as Britain has done. The "Metaxas regime" more or less put scouting into the shadows, but for not so long as fascism put Italian Scouting in the shade.

Metropolitan Greek Scouting came into exile in Egypt in "Cayaks" largely after the defeat of Greece by Germany. It also carried on secretly in Greece and sent messages out, all of them encouraging and inspiring.

Most of the exiled Scouts consisted of a band of Deep Sea Scouts in the Royal Hellenic Navy, led by their Commissioner, Captain C.Lelondos RHN. assisted by Lt.Ghazeanis, an army officer and Sub-Lieutenant Alexotos RHNVR a naval Officer. These were the men who were to keep Scouting alive and to take it back to Greece when the time came, renovated and brought up to date, after studying the various Scout Associations around them in Egypt.

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These Greek Deep Sea Scouts include all ranks from Captain to Seaman, but during recreation hours at the camp all removed their naval insignia from their shoulders.

One day when Greece ceases to be the battle ground of unscrupulous men these same Deep Sea Scouts will come into their own again as the re-bor Hellenic Boy_Scouts Association.

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13. SYRIA and the Lebanon

Any pre-war Scouting in Syria and the Lebanon was of course French, but with the arrival of a Vichy influence this was completely driven underground.

Recently enquiries were received at the Mediterranean Area Scout Office via the British Embassy in Egypt for Scout books in Arabic for the Lebanon. These were kindly supplied by HE. Mohammed Khalid Hassenein Bey of the Egyptian Boy Scouts Association and there are great hopes for a revival of Scouting there.

NORTH AFRICA - Tunis and Algeria.

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14.- YUGO-SLAVIA

Political problems are so complex in this country that it has been thought wise to be very careful in encouraging any youth movements at all.

Prior to the war Scouting existed fairly strongly, but was mainly a royalist activity.

One or two enquiries have been received from Yugo-Slav old Scouts, but so far nothing very much has been done. This is probably the wisest course while the country is in such a state of flux and unrest.

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15. CONCLUSION

It will, of course, be realised that any report or review on paper can only give half a picture, but briefly Scouting is very closely following behind the path of war.

Scouting as invented by Baden-Powell can only do good. The danger is when it gets perverted. It seems obvious that this time the Allied Leaders are determined to do all in their power, at whatever the coast, to prevent a repetition of the events after 1918, so it is felt safe to follow up the war, with the constructive leadership for peace, and international friendship that can be given through scouting.

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APPENDIX A SERVICE ROVER SCOUTS

No review of the year's Scouting would be complete without a special section devoted to Service Rover Scouts, in spite of the fact that their presence is recorded in almost every other section in this review.

There are some 60 Rover Crews in the MEF and between 20 and 30 in CMF and BNAF. The main point has been that the sudden posting of Rovers from one place to another has almost always meant the expansion of the Movement, and not its decrease, with recriminations.

All Crews that have been visited seem to be working along three main lines, viz: -

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It is a good thing at this point perhaps to place on record those who at one time or another have formed a part of the forces Rover Scout team.

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and some others who have helped in various ways.

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APPENDIX B

THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA SCOUT OFFICE

At the close of 1942 the late Chief Scout, the Lord Somers, decided that the time had come to appoint, if possible, a whole time Assistant International Commissioner to deal with various youth problems arising from the progress of the war. Various circumstances made it desirable that this office should be combined with that of Commissioner for Scouts in HM. Forces and in the early days that of Commissioner for British Scouts in Egypt. It came into being on February 1st, 1944.

Obviously some sort of local office was required and this was composed of the following people at one time or another: -

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Assistant Honorary ME International Secretary -
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Honorary personal Secretaries - M.M. Beshara
Miss L.Hall

Travelling representatives: Air Commodore K.Leyle MD
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All these have rendered a permanent and absolutely invaluable service to Scouting in an unspectacular war.

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Sir Arthur Parsons. Chief Civil Affairs Officer GHQ. ME.
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Lt.General Sir Mason Macfarlane - Chief Commissioner A.C.
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For other activities we have to thank: -
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Cp.Captain Asthurton Command Accountant MEF
Lt.Col.Jackman - G-5 AFHQ.
Cp.Captain Pickles - SPSO.RAF.MAAF.
Admiral Stone USNR - Chief Commissioner.Allied Commissioner,
Major C.Washburn AUS.Director of Education,Allied Commissioner
Major J.Murphey AUS. A/Director of Education
Brigadier Upjohn - Vice-President Civil Affairs - A.C.
Major General J. Latter - DAG.MEF.
Brigadier J.I.Chrystal CBE. Area Comdr.17 Area MEF

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Brigadier C. Dumbreck - Commandant Civil Affairs Staff Colleg
Major Turner -AAG of AGS GHQ. ME
Colonel Roshall - Director of Postal services - CMF
and many other too numerous to mention.

Without the help of these and others, the work of an Assistant International Commissioner would have been quite impossible in time of war.

The Office has also done considerable work in assisting several things outside its actual province, such as: attending to the welfare of Rover Scouts and Guiders serving with UNRRA; helping the Polish Scouts exiled in Egypt; advising India on the subject of Service Rover Scouts, and helping the West Africans to use scouting among old Scouts in the forces as a form of welfare and education.

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APPENDIX C.

THE OUTLOOK

The outlook is strictly from this end, with Cairo as the centre on the map of the area under review. The outlook is good, very good, subject always of course, of necessity, to the vagaries of the various national politicians of the future.

North, South, East and West of Cairo Scout children are either being born or revived: if they can be allowed to grow to maturity (in England I would suggest that maturity was some 30 years) without interruption by political fanatics and dictators, then I suggest that future peace in these areas is assured.

What will be the effect on things when all Prime Ministers and all Foreign Ministers are Scouts, really practising and believing in the Scouts Promise and Law? The answer does not need to be stated. An idle dream some may say; but usually an action has to be dreamed before it becomes a fact.

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Major Washburne.

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To Col J. S. WILSON; Director, Boy Scouts International Bureau
38 Buckingham Palace Road, London

From Mr F. R. CATTY.

Date 8th January 1945.

Report 8. Italian Scouting.

1; Thank you for your letter of 23rd December.

I very much appreciate your encouragement, and will try to go on in my present line, which, as you realize, is strictly limited by two things, which are :

(a) I've a full-sized official job (rather more) to do here and can only turn to Scout work after office hours or on "days off" ;

(b) My inclinations are towards what can be done by personal contact with a few men rather than public occasions in an official capacity - you will know what I mean .

What is really happening here is that my personal contacts with half a dozen men who are trying to organize the Italian movement are growing closer by the sort of personal contacts two or three times a week which one gets in a patrol - one sits in their houses and they talk informally about their prohlems and I try to interpret them in terms of my own experience, and so we get something planned, and I keep on at them until they do it. That suits me, and I hope in the long run it will help the movement.

If I referto these men (and women) by the names by one usually calls them (Directory at the end), it will help you to see how we're working.

2. My report seven was actually sent to International Commissioner, but as the substance of it was repeated in LOGAN's report to you of Dec 28th, I need not repeat it here.

3. Books and Publications from England

Three of the leading ASCI and Corpo Nazionale people have been looking over the library now assembled here. They approve of the idea of their taking over a few of the basic books first (one copy for each organization) and trying to get those translated and reproduced in Italian before we disseminate the whole library to a lot of people who can't read it in English.

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4; Training Courses for Scoutmasters.

Riccardo is getting on with his Training Course for Corpo Nazionale Scouters. Lucio takes notes, which, when the course is complete, will become a printed manual. Mario is running a similar course for ACSI men, which is the second of its kind. The men trained in his first course last autumn are now functioning as ASMs in various troops, where one meets them. He's put a lot into them but of course the fact that they've not grown up in good Troops sticks out a mile and this is one of the most seriou s handicaps here.

They both realize that their courses are deficient in practical demonstration and also that they cannot reach potential scouters outside this area, but both of these difficulties are inherent in the season and the state of the country and we are searching for ways of breaking out of them.

I'm going to go ahead with my lecture on the 26th, giving them simply an objective account of an evening's work and a day in camp with my own London troop in 1938. Mario's lot will probably want this too.

5; Publicity. We've got on a bit. We've managed to get a committee consisting of the Training Commissioners of both Associations plus the secretaries of both to meet in my room with the head of Psychological Warfare Bureau's Film unit and work out a definite programme for shots of Italian Scouts at work, to be included in the newsreel for cinemas throughout liberated Italy with a suitable commentary. The same committee will now be connected in the same manner with the PWB radio section, and then we'll go on in the same way to tackle the press campaign.

Meanwhile the doings in Naples next Sunday are going to be given film, and I presume press, notice. This is being arranged in Naples and I don't know the details. It is possible that officials of Allied Commission may bulk rather heavily in that, but if it helps Italian Scouting I feel that we should look rather to the end than to the actual presentation.

6: Activity. There is a big rally here next Sunday, to which, if I don't manage to get onto Vesuvius with the Naples crowd

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I'll go along; there won't be anything doing in camping much before Easter, and they are feeling rather dicouraged (especially in Corpo Nazionale) about the magnitude of the problems of provisioning, transport, uniform, and equipment which will face them when the season opens. One might be able to help them a little, not in individuall cases, but by trying to get some sort of general directive issued to Allied Authorities to try to help Italian Scouting within the limits of military considerations. If you can think of any way of working towards such an idea and if it is possible, would you turn it over in your mind.

7: Outside this area. Being at Allied Force Headquarters for a few days last week I was able to see Major BOYLE and exchange ideas with him. I also spent some time with T.C.L.NICOLE, now a Major on that H/Q, who was a member of one of St Paul's School Troops , and so I heard something of Service Rovering in that area and we concerted plans.

This more or less accidental opportunity is a good illustration of how difficult it is for separate individuals with Service duties and little spare time really to work together or even to know what the other is doing, and of the absolute necessity of having somebody who can move about, as LOGAN does and keep us all in the sense of being a team. Without that, we can only do bits and pieces for you and the bits are liable to be very unstable and liable to be swamped at any time by official duties. The two things are, as I see it, complementary and both equally necessary if we are going to help the Italian movement.

8. Means of Communication. Embassy has kindly consented to allow my letters on Scouting to go by the Bag, and has asked to have copies.

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Riccardo . Dottore MORANDI, Commissioner for Training
Corpo Nazionale
Lucio. Sig; CANDOTTI, Secretary General,
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To. The International Commissioner;
I.H.Q., Boy Scouts' Association;
25 Buckingham Palace Road. London.

From; Mr F.R.Catty; Rome.

Date 31st December 1944.

Subject; Report seven. Observations on Italian Scouting in this area since my report six of 14th December.

A. Books and publications received from you .

Two large parcels (corresponding to your list of Nov 2nd) addressed to Education Sub Commission of Allied Commission , have arrived.
Following is being done about them and the earlier consignment (bearing in mind they very few of the Italian Scoutmasters or Commissioners here are able to read much of them in the original English).

(a) All the most essential textbooks and all the charts and pamphlets and periodicals which can easily be understood and of which there are two copies here are being passed over to the Training Commissioners of the Associazione Cattolica Sploratori and the Corpo Nazionale Esploratori, one copy each. (Neither Association has yet anything like a Headquarters, not even one room in which a library could be placed). My original idea of having the leaders come and look at them here broke down under adverse conditions of winter .

(b) Individuals competent in the two Associations (Prof MAZZA, Prof BENDOTTI, Dr MORANDI ° have been requested to make translations or summaries in Italian and I am urging them on by continual personal contact to do so prestissimo. These, when aprroved by the central Federazione and by Allied Commission , to be published, Allied Commission assisting if required, as also with original Itaian publications, some of which have been submitted;

(c) "Scouting for Boys 3. Italian Text already existing has been revised by Prof Mazza, who says he is arranging an edition of ten thousand copies. Allied Commission is urging him on and will assist if it sticks.

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B . Training Courses for Scoutmasters;

The Corpo Nazionale Course , of which I sent you the syllabus in a previous report, is now one third of the way through. I am attending some of the lectures as an "observer". Average attendance is about forty. It seems to me to be good stuff (as far as lectures can do it) and being intelligently received;

I'm asked to give a lecture in this course on Jan 26th but would like to have your approval and any directions beforehand . Otherwise will merely express good wishes.

The Associazione Cattolica parallel course is also running (some people seem to be using both). I've not been able, through lack of time, to get to this yet.

C: Publicity . (Press, radio, film ; through Psychological Warfare Bureau).

The present plan is, as I know the leadres of both Associations personally, to get them together on Jan 8th with the PWB officers concerned and beat out a plan for positive action . Results if any in next report.

D; Central Committee of Federazione Esploratori Italiani .

This is definitely holding meetings . I saw the members going into one ten days ago . I have not seen the records or heard any positive results, but Logan, who is just baxk, will be reoprting on this .

E; Activity;

As nearly as I can estimate from conversation (written statistics, ofeten asked for but not yet forthcoming) there are about 50 troops of Associazione Cattolica and six to ten of Corpo Nazionale now holding meetings once or twice a week in Rome . They are much hampered by shortages of light and heat, and in the case of Corpo Nazionale, difficulty of finding premises .

Apart from evening meetings, a number of thes troops go out for the day on Sundays; today (Dec 31st, Sunday) I spent with a Corpo Nazionale Troop for a change on an expedition of this kind . It was to a future camp-site similar to the one described in an earlier report but on the other (Ostia 9 side of Rome, about 10 km out. As in the previous case, tents were pitched and cooking don for practice, and there was also signalling . This lot seemed to me more disposed to get down to it than the other of the ACSI . They spent part of the afternoon helping

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women and children of the local cottagers to get in firewood .

They tell me that good sites will be available a little further on near the sea, but they are going to have a hard job to find uniforms, provisions, proper tents (one of these had been to a jamboree of 1923) and transport . But they are in a mood to fight for their future and will get to it somehow .

F; Outside RCME. The rally intended at Castellamare by the Naples district came off? A further rally on the top of Vsuvius is palnned for Jan 14th . Naples district generally, with encouragement from A.C., seems to be going strong .

Letters are coming in from members of the Forces who are helping or want to help the starting of t'oops in various places ; there is still a tendency of men to want to turn groups of Italian boys into as near as they can get a copy of their own troops at home and I personlly feel this is very natural and the difficulties are not as apparent to them as they are to us . These letters are being answered by the circular attached (which by the way has been seen by the Italian leaders and approved by them also) and a personal note wherever possible .

G; Christmas: On Christmas Eve the Troops to which I most often go (28th) gave at its own expense by subscrition of the boys a feed to 98 young children evacuated from the devastated towns and villages; this was only one of several such . Altogether , by various organizatios, 15,000 children were given meals and parcels and Scouts did a lot of the distibuting . The Service Rovers were on this job at several plaaes;

I was asked yeterday to pass back New Year wishes from the 28th Rome's Court of Honour to all in the U.K.

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To Major . Washburne. Education Sub Commission

From Mr Catty

Date 30 Dec 1944

Subject. Scouting in Naples; Prof Mazza

A. I would like a copy of Major Murphy's report (returned attached) for my file.

B. I will retun Prof Mazza's booklet to him. As you know, he never went to Firenze about getting it printed. If he does come to you at any future date about arranging such a trip, I would be glad to know, as I am very much minded (work permitting) to go with him.

F R C.

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ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION

NAPLES ZONE

(PROVINCES OF NAPLES, AVELLINO, BENEVENTO)

PREFETTURA, NAPLES

Mr. Cathy Please get receipt for this for file & then send to copies to me

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Subject: Naples Conference of Boy Scout Executives. 27 December 1944

To: Education Subcommission
Hq. A.C. APO 394 U.S.A.

1. Attached is a report of the conference of Scout executives held in Naples on 8-9 December.

2. Report delayed in transmittal awaiting local action.

For the Zone Commissioner:

JMM/adl.

JOSEPH M. MURPHY
Major A.C.
Zone Education Officer

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SCOUT EXECUTIVES MEETING - NAPLES - 8-9 DECEMBER.

On the invitation of It. Col. H.B.SIMSON, Naples Zone Commissioner, representatives from Headquarters, Federation of Italian Scouts, Rome, met with representatives of the Scouting movement in Naples in the Prefettura, Naples, on 8-9 December 1944. The meeting was opened by the Zone Commissioner.

The object of the meeting was to acquaint the Naples scout leaders with plans and policies of the Federation so that all local efforts would be along the lines of, and in accord with those being established on a nation-wide basis. This would likewise, give the Allied Commission personnel information current throught and tendencies.

Present at the meetings were:

Ing. Osvaldo Monass	- Presidente Commissario Centrale della Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana - ASCI
Prof. Mario Mazza	- Commissario Tecnico ASCI
Ing. Riccardo Morandi	- Commissario Centrale del Corpo Nazionale Esploratori.
Prof.Sac.Luigi Nardi	- Assistente Ecclesiastico Regionale ASCI
Ing. Mario Origo	- Commissario Regionale ASCI
Ing. Luigi Cosenza	- Commissario Corpo Nazionale Esploratori - Napoli
Sig.na Elena Buonocore	-
Rag. Giuseppe Marra	- Commissario Locale Zona - ASCI

Major Joseph M.Murphy, Zone Education Officer, represented Lt.Col. Simson, at the meetings.

The "Decisions of the meeting" are as follows: 6802

Representatives of the Federation of Italian Scouts met in Naples together with the heads of the local Regional Commissariato, have examined the problems pertaining to the movement, have decided what follows:

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a. To work in their respective zones in that same spirit of brotherhood with which the federation was founded.

b. To respect the perfect equality of the two associations.

c. To develop a propaganda aiming to avoid every misunderstanding or spirit of competition.

d. To emphasize the non-political aspect of the movement.

e. To apply to the Government for an active support aiming to get from the local Authorities all possible help to the movement.

f. To study a solution to use temporarily a part of the equipment of the dissolved G.I.L. (Fascist Youth Organization) and be housed in its premises now available.

g. To look to the printing and distribution of propaganda materials (booklets in italian to distribute to the young people - foreign books on the subject to be used by the local Directors.)

h. To ask the Allied Offices of the A.C. give the Boy Scouts the way to collaborate, within certain limits, to the war effort, a thing they did in the war 1914-18 and as the Scouts of Allied Nations are doing now.

i. To get on the basis of this collaboration a payment in commodities that the Scouts could distribute among the needy to help them in facing the present economic crisis and made propaganda in all social classes.

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A uggestion from Mr.V.K.C.Logan, Assistant International Commissioner for the Boy Scouts Association (British).

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First of all I want to emphasise that I am only here in order to be helpful to all who desire to be scouts, and not in any way, in a position of authority to dictate, or interfere, therefore this and anything else I may say are only suggestions.

Both CNGEI and AGEI (formerly AGEC) are in my opinion only out to do the best they can for the youth of Italy, in the sameway that they did before the Fascist regime. They are both to be congratulated warmly on the great progress they have made, since the liberation of Italy, under enormous difficulties. It is quite amazing and very good. It is only natural that unde r post-war conditions, each should have sprung up independently, and worked on their own lines at first without knowledge of each other.

I feel that both AGEI and CNGEI, now that they have discovered each other's work, are anxious to unite in some way, to the greater benefit of Italian youth, but each feels that they have suffered, and fought for certain principles, which they do not wish to lose by such union, and that therefore there is considerable doubt on how to work together.

I understand that AGEI have put forward a scheme for "fusion" and I have seen a scheme put forward by CNGEI for "federation". My own feeling is that something very elastic and loose, capable of improvement by experience, is all that is needed at this moment, just a beginning in fact.

With this end in view, I very humbly beg to put forward the following suggestion for consideration by AGEI and CNGEI :

1. that each body retains entirely its independent organisation and administration, and that they are kindred organisations. In fact they remain and work as they are now but :- 6800

2. that each body elects to a council an agreed number

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of members.

3. that this council be called :-"Federazione Italiana Giovani Esploratori" or FIGE for short.

4. that the said council elects its chairman from one organisation and its secretary from the other.

5. that the function of the council is to deal with joint scout affairs, and external Scout Affairs only, and that therefore it does not need to appoint permanent chief scouts and commissioners, but only needs to delegate one of its members for specific work.

6. that as a figure head to EIGE, a non-political leader of the State be invited to be Patron of FIGE by the council.

I feel that if a start could be made on these lines, that as time passes, so much experience will be gained on working together by both organisations, that later they will be able to improve on this idea very much.

I feel that it is vitally important to make a start because :-

> the basis of any genuine Scout Movement is in the law and promise as laid down in "Scouting for Boys" by Lord Baden-Powell.
>
> The fourth Scout Law says :-
> " A scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other scout, no matter to what country, class or creed, the other belongs".

And I feel that it is most important that any country should ~~should~~ show to the world that this is so in ACTUAL FACT, between different Troops and Associations of B-P Scouts within that country.

If it does not exist within a country, how then can it exist between that country and other countries. As I feel that this is the spirit in which AGEI and CNGEI desire to run things, only differing on the method, I therefore humbly put forward this plan for the beginnings of a "Federation", which if allowed to grow to maturity, can be of only the highest and greatest benefit to the Youth of

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Italy, so sorely in need of help from all of us.

Federation of Italian Boy Scouts

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Chairman of Council from one Association

Council of FIGE

Secretary of Council from other Association

AGEI as now constituted

CNGEI as now constituted

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To Major. ~~Washburne~~ Education Sub-Commission
From; Mr Catty
28 Dec/. 1944

Subject; Boy Scouts. Publicity/.

This seems to have got stuck a bit, in Rome, since I originally talked to the PWB people about three weeks ago.

The idea then was that FEI would at one of its meetings which Mazza promised to let me know about, decide what FEI as such could put forward for the press, radio, and film people, and I would then put them in touch with PWB.

This never came off, so I've started on it a new way and spoke today (a) to Miss Maxwell (radio) to the effect that as I was in regular contact with the Italian leaders I could, if they wanted, get them

1 A speaker on behalf of FEI
2 Mazza, for ACSI
3 Morandi, for CNGEI
4 Items from either or both
5 Somebody from the Guides

if PWB would indicate what it wantdd. She said she would put it up to their general meeting tomorrow, and let me know;

(b) To Miss Reilly (Film Unit). They also have not done anything but say they want to, With her I arranged to get the Italian Leaders here in my room on Jan 8th to meet her and not let any of them go till somethig is fixed up

(c) I tried to get Titchener (press) on the same lines but could not get through to him today.

I believe something may come of this new line of approach, if adhered to, Its no good waiting, it seems to me for FEI to produce something;

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To Major Washburne. ducation Sub-Commission

From . Mr Catty Annex. Fl 2. Rm 45

Date 11th Dec. 1944

Subject. Italian Guides. Movimento (Nazionale)

This evening I had a visit from Signorina CORKOS, who is the only person who has so far said anything to me about Guides of the National Movement in ROME.

About policy in general I was telling her that what I was advocating (as far as opportunity occurred for me to suggest a policy) for the winter was

Courses for leaders
Publicity for Italy

which seemed to be generally accepted for both lots of Scouts, and she also agreed.

It was admitted that there exist virtually NO National Guides. All she has is one or two women who are technically qualified in certain subjects(e.g. physical training).

She proposes

1. To get these and other women to go to the Corpo course for Scoutmasters both by inviting them privately and by a notice in the press, which she submitted. She wants us to handle this notice.

2. If the Catholic Guides will allow, to send her women to such of their lectures as are generally suitable

In regard to 1, we agreed that it is not ideal , but probably advisable, things being as they are. When I have checked up dates with MORANDI tonight, I will send you up her notice as revised here tonight.

In regard to 2, I will try to make the link smoothly

As to publicity I explained that what I personally thought was wisest was that ALL publicity should be given out by some central committee like F.E.I. This was what was agreed for Naples and I hoped, having been invited to ~~the first~~ F.E.I. meeting, to advocate it and assist with it there. This publicity (for Scouts) would be essentialy, and would have for its sole purpose, the making known of the nature and objects of Scouting to the Italian people - not ACSI scouting nor Corpo Scouting but just Scouting for Boys.

This was what we were hoping would happen under FEI, At present there is no F.G.I., but there should be, and then we should be , literally ,"om all foure".

Miss Corkos has already had one meeting with the Catholic Guide leaders (she is herself a Catholic) and this could be the nucleus of F.G.I., cemented by the joint course, if the Catholic Guides will play.

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To Major Washburne. Education Sub-Commission

From Mr Catty , Annex, Fl 2 Room 45

Date 9th Dec 1944

(1P)

Subject. Report on visit to NAPLES , with Rome Scout leaders

1. Friday, 8th Dec.
Evehtually my party amounted to one Rome Commissioner of Corpo Nazionale (MORANDI) and two of ACSI (MAZZA and MONASS). After picking these up (the car was 25 minutes late calling for me) we left ROME at 0930 by Route 7, stooping at FORMIA for lunch on the way.

2. Reached NAPLES at 15.00 and reported to Major MURPHY's office. A meeting had been laid on therfor 16.00 with the following
Corpo Nazionale. Sig. COSENZA, Chief Commissioner, Naples area, and his assistants
ACSI. Sig MARRA, Vice Commissioner, NAPLES area, and the chairman and others of the Naples ACSI Committee
I was not actually present at this meeting (because occupied, at Major Murphy's wise suggestion, in making sure of billet and accomodation for driver and car - which turned out to have been well providedfor) but one of Major Murphy's secretaries took full notes, which are being sent up.

18.00. Visited the H.Q. of one of the 15 Naples ACSI Troops, at which representatives of a number of these troops were assembled to meet Major Murphy and myself

19.00 (at dinner) Major Murphy introduced me to Col. SIMSON, Zone Commissioner, and we had a talk about the general situation. There is no doubt Col SIMSON, wishes to help, understands the general policy, has his own ideas, which are consistent with it, and will do practical acts which will help in NAPLES.

20.30. I visited the Naples Allies Services Rover Crew which happened to be meeting in the Y.M.C.A. and gave them a talk on the general lines of the approved"letter to Allied Forces" (which incidentally was seen and approved on the way down by MAZZA and MORANDI, and which I gave to Murphy and Simson)

22.30. Had another talk with Murphy in the hotel.

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3. Saturday 9th Dec.

09.00. Called at Major Murphy's office. It had been arranged the previous afternoon that, beginning at 08.00 there should be separate meetings of MORANDI with the Corpo Naples leaders, and of MAZZA and MONASS with the ACSI leaders

10.00. Major Murphy arranged for me to see Brig. DUNLOP, Regional Commissioner, whom I had met the previous evening I report this at some length, because I hope it was the principal thing which I personally was able to do on the trip.

1. I explained my personal status in the matter.
2. Explained the general situation in Italian Scouting and left with him a copy of the letter, above mentioned, which he said he would study, and would circulate to his representatives.
3. I told him the advice which ~~I was~~, insofar as the Italians consulted me, which they do, I was giving on every occasion, namely that <u>during this winter</u> they concentrate on
   Courses for intending Scoutmasters
   Telling the Italian people by every available means what Scouting stands for
4. I told him the line we hope to follow here in helping with both these.

The Brigadier received me most kindly, expressed himself in agreement with this policy, and said he would help in any way he could, and said he would be glad to see me again and hear of any progress or anything he could do.

11.00. Meeting of 11 people representing the two parts of the Federation in Rome and in Naples.

Full notes of this were taken and will be available. the main points were that they decided to set up in Naples and wherever else possible in the area <u>joint</u> committtes corresponding to FEI in Rome to deal with publicity and organize co-operation. The main point made by both branches in Naples was that the problem of un-cared for (outside school) youth in Naples was so vast that only the simplest activities could be contemplatedfor the moment.

The meeting agreed on a communique for the local press of which a copy is being sent up.

13.30. Left Naples, and called at CASERTA to attend a rally of the two troops (both ASCI) there, which are working in contact with an Allied Forces Rover Crew.

20.00 Arrived back in Rome.

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Immediately future plans in the Naples area, all with the approval of or at the suggestion of Major Murphy and Col SIMSON, in consultation with COSENZA of Corpo and Sig. Marra, of ACSI.

1. A short camp at CASTELLAMARE (Service Rovers will participate)

2. A display of practical scouting in a local park (press and photographers to be laid on)

3. Expedition to the observatory on Mt Vesuvius (this is Murphy's idea - photos to be taken on top)

4. Scouts to be employed in connexions with public services run by A.C. Any remuneration they get (in kind) to be distributed by them among the most needy - I think this originated in a British Rover's suggestion, but I bleieve Col SIMSON will back it, and it will do good.

It is already agreed (one of the points at the meeting on 9th) that all publicity be FEI publicity drawn up by the joint committee. I suggested to Major Murphy that, even so, it had better pass through his office.

General impressions.

I think Major Murphy was satisfied that the visit had been well worth while.

I think the accord achieved was a real one and cost something, the general effect being to spread into Naples the institution of the FEI central commitee in Rome, and this can be carried out into all centres where both exist and similar joint commitees created

MAZZA", MORANDI, and MONASS all expressed themselves to me as pleased with the visit and grateful to A.C. for what it did to enable them to make it.

May I say a word for the driver who served us nobly under foul weather-conditions - if you have a chance to pass on my commendation.

As far as I was concerned, the accomodation at Naples was most comfortable, and I enjoyed my holiday to the utmost.

9th Dec. 1944

F.R.Catty.

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(6A)

Gentilissimo Signore,

1) Mi e' grato portare a Sua conoscenza che il Direttore dell'International Bureau dei Boy Scouts ha inviato 35 libri ed opuscoli sul soggetto dell'allenamento dei Boy Scouts e delle Girl Guides.

Questi libri sono presentemente in mio possesso ma l'International Bureau desidera che siano messi a disposizione di quelle persone dell'Italian Movements che abbiano interesse a vederli.

2) Oltre a questa prima consegna, un'altra consegna piu' importante, e' gia' per via.

3) Per ora vi e' una sola copia per libro, perciо' a me sembra che il mezzo migliore di conseguire lo scopo per cui essi furono inviati, sarebbe quello di formare una piccola biblioteca circolante.

4) Perciо' accludo una lista di questi libri e La prego di mostrarla a quelli tra i suoi Capi (Commissarii, Capi Reparti, Istruttori) che vogliano consultarli (per ora i libri sono tutti Inglesi).

5) Chi vorra' prendere qualche libro in prestito, dovra' mettersi in comunicazione telefonica con me o lasciarmi una lettera nel vestibolo dell'A.C. perche' io non posso lasciare il mio ufficio ne' ricevere dalle 0900 alle 17.30. In qualunque altro momento ricevo con piacere.

6) Per convenienza reciproca, mi trovero' all'Albergo Fiera dalle 20 alle 22 ogni domenica sera. I libri suddetti e tutti quelli che arriveranno in seguito saranno messi a disposizione degli interessati.

F.R. CATTY

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Assistant to Mr. Logan
Asst. International Commissioner

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To. Major Washburne. Education Sub-Commission.

From. Mr. Catty Annex, Fl 2. Room 45 (Please note change of room).

Date 29th Nov. 1944.

Subject. Italian Boy Scouts. A.S.C.I.

A meeting was arranged this evening between Hon. Hubert HOWARD, of P.W.B. and Prof. MAZZA, Chief Commissioner ASCI. The point of this was that HOWARD is shortly returning to England and is personally known to Col. WILSON, Director of Int. Bureau while MAZZA is the best known personality here except perhaps PIROTTA as far as outside-ITALY is concerned.

We talked about..

1. The NAPLES meeting project. MAZZA will agree with PIROTTA (for Corpo) direct on dates and will inform Major WASHBURNE direct , so that A.C. can them take the next step and arrange with NAPLES.

2. MAZZA has a plan to go on a tour in January which would include all the centres he can reach in liberated ITALY. I explained to him that LOGAN had it in mind to suggest such a tour by LOGAN and a representative of each Association. MAZZA agreed that this would be better still. F.E.I. would be the body to make the proposal and we ////// might remind it, if nothing seems to be coming along

3. Reaching the public with correct information about the nature and scope of the Movement. I drew their attention to what I had myself seen of mis-informed hostility by the public and it was agreed that this kind of publicity was urgent. HOWARD explained what P.W.B had in mind in regard to three media , Press, Radio, and Film. The best way seemed to be that F.E.I. should in every case put forward the material and should then be linked up with the technical services involved through A.C. and P.W.B. They want me to go to the first meeting of the Joint Committee of F.E.I. where they will work this out as regards all three media.

4. MAZZA told us the latest about ASCI training courses and activities. He made the interesting observation that ASCI regarded itself as " being in the publishing business on a big scale". He gave us copies of the First Stage Training Manual just produced (5000 copies). One is attached.

5. MAZZA will send HOWARD before latter leaves the latest on ASCI statistics, courses, and manuals. The statistics will be repeated to me, for your information.

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To Major WASHBOURNE. Education Sub-Commission.

From Mr Catty. Annex, Rl. 2, Room 82.

Date. 28th Nov. 1944.

Subject. Italian Boy Scouts. Latest developments.

1. Relations between the Catholic Association, Allied Rover-Scouts and the Catholic American Catholic Club for the Allied Forces.

At the suggestion of Jim COTTER, organizer of the Rome Service Rover Crew (Allied), I went out this evening to see this Centre, which, as you probably know, is in the Via Della Conciliazione, just outside the Vatican. I was fortunate enough to get a talk with Fr GILLIGAN, priest in charge, and Dr. RISPONTI, organizing secretary, as well as seeing what goes on on a Tuesday, which is their "Scout" evening.

Fr. GILLIGAN is only "laterally" interested in the Scout movement but he seems to me to be pulling a pretty good weight for us all the same. What he does is to place a meeting-room in the Club at the disposal of various (Catholic) troops in turn, where they can (a) see a show (this evening they were having a film - incidentally he will if required project the Scout film I've asked for from England) (b) meet with Allied Senior Scouts in the Forces. It is to be noted that he is willing to extend this hospitality to CORPO NAZIONALE, if asked.

By an extraordinary coincidence the guest troop tonight turned out to be my own Reparto (28th) to everybody's surprise.

Following was laid on in course of a short talk with GILLIGAN.

(1). He will arrange the facility, which the film people want staged, for indoor shots of Allied Rovers helping Italian Scouts.

(2) He will try to find examples of Scouts active in Public Service, e.g. distribution of Relief, also for the film people.

(3). He will lay on for me a visit to poorer troops in the worst areas of Rome, which I have been trying to get at from other sources but so far failed. Howard wants to come on this trip. The film people are also interested in this side of the matter. It is Dr. RISPONTI who will make the necessary contacts.

(4). I will try to see whether I can get Corpo Nazionale to accept the invitation above named in the spirit in which it is offered. I told GILLIGAN quite plainly that I am playing for both sides at the risk of apparent double-dealing and he fully understands the position.

(5) He wants a copy of the "policy for Allied Scouts" document which is with you for approval, of which he likes the general outline I gave him.

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2. Literature received from England.
Copies of the nucleus "library catalogue" and covering letter have now gone to Commissioners for Training of A.S.C.I, Corpo Nazionale, and Guides (ASCI). There is a spare copy for Guides (Corpo), but there hardly seems to be enough of a central office yet to justify it.

Embassy has been warned by me of further consignment expected and to let me know as soon as it comes. Can I have any single books which there may be in your office which you think can go into the library?

3. Possible interest of V.I.Ps. HOWARD tells me that he has reason to think (information from confidential source) that Mr. MACMILLAN may be very willing to interest himself in the Italian Movement. I recall that he is certainly well acquainted with one well-known Troop in England.

Have the British or American Ambassadors shewn any interest? I'm quite willing to go and tell H.E. what goes on if you think it desirable. What do you think ?

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To Major WASHBURNE. Education Sub-Commission.

From Mr Catty Annex Fl 2, Room 82

Date 27th Nov. 1944

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Subjest. Italian Boy Scouts. Draft of letter to Allied Scouters

1. Attached is what was originally the letter I drafted as a model, but with the insertions and suggestions added by yourself and Mr LOGAN, and made into the form of a memo, so that, if you approve it in its present form, you could have it reproduced, as you suggested, in some quantity for issue as required.

2. At the suggestion of LOGAN and of COTTER, the U.S. Rover member of the Rome Group, I have replaced the word "British" by "Allied" throughout, so that it can also apply to American and French Scouts in the Forces.

3. Would you let me know whether it goes through as now drafted to print. Logan suggested at least 50 copies and to send some to ARNOLD at NAPLES right away.

TR - Please send 75 copies of memo as attached. Keep 5 & send the balance to Mr Catty

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THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT IN ITALY, 1944.

(Notes prepared for Allied Scouts in ITALY with the approval of the Education Sub-Commission , Allied Commission and of the Assistant International Commissioner).

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1. From about 1912 to 1928 there was a flourishing Scout Movement in ITALY, consisting of two separate parts ....
ASSOCIAZIONE CATTOLICA SCAUTISTICA ITALIANA, and
CORPO NAZIONALE GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI (the non-confessional branch of the Movement).
Both these were recognized separately by the International Bureau, representing the Scouts of the World , as separate organizations not federated. Both had troops running in various parts of Italy and each had a National Headquarters.

2. In 1928 the Fascists issued a decree declaring both illegal and their headquarters and property were taken over by the Fascist Youth Organization (Balilla) In other words, the Fascists thought they had stamped out both.

3. But they had not. Both continued as "underground" movements for the 16 years that intervened before we drove out the Fascists and the Germans. The story of this survival is one of the most dramatic in the history of Scouting. We shall some day give it to you in full, but it is still going on at present " across the lines".

4. In liberated ITALY both organizations are coming to life again as fast as men and boys can do it. . All over Italy there is a nucleus of men who were either scouts or scouters sixteen years ago. These are the men who will lead the Italian Movement, and they were on their feet six months before the Germans cleared out. Many of them risked their lives to "be prepared" when the Germans went.

5. Both organizations have already a National Headquarters again (Names and addresses attached).

6. By a splendid piece of goodwill and after long negotiations assisted by the Assistant International Commissioner, they have just reached Federation, which they never achieved in their earlier period, and have applied for recognition of both the Associations and of their Federation (F.E.I.) by the Scout International Bureau.

That being the background, our part, as Allied Scouts who happen to be in ITALY , seems to work out in this way .....
(a) We don't want, and don't need , to lay on Allied-run Troops, Packs, or Crews for them, BUT

(b) They need us, and need us very badly, as I know, for they keep telling me, in three ways .....

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1. To stand behind them and encourage them, i.e to fan the embers that never quite went out.
2. To give them technical advice. They feel they lost 16 years.
3. To help them to contact their central headquarters, at a time when communication and movement are difficult for them.

I think we owe it to them to give them all we can of that and to keep our help within those limits.

For anyone who finds, as so many Service people are finding, Italian Troops wanting to start or boys ready to make a Troop the way to help is as follows:

1. There must be an Italian to act as Scoutmaster. It does not matter how much we help or advise him, but he must be there.
2. The Troop must be put into contact with the National Headquarters of whichever of the two Associations named above it seems likely to belong to. If not at first clear, with FEI, the joint body, which can supply information about both.
3. Both Associations want enough information about a man's character to ensure that he is a stable individual of good character before they will recognize the Troop. That he can supply by writing either direct (if postal facilities exist) to

for A.S.C.I. (Catholic Troops)
Professore Mario MAZZA, Commissario Generale
Viale Medaglie d'Oro 203 , ROMA , or

for CORPO NAZIONALE (non-confessional Troops)
Ing. Dott. MORANDI,
Via CARDUCCI 4, ROMA, or

for F.E.I. (the Joint Committee)
c/o Education Sub-Commission, A.C, APO 394, U.S. Army

Or, if civilian postal facilities do not exist, there is in Military Government Territory a Regional Education Officer for each AMG Region with offices in the Regional H.Q.

He will be glad to be of any possible help, and he is the channel and that of Scout Leaders for communication with the Education Sub-Commission, A.C, under whose aegis Scout work in Italy is proceeding. As my office is in the same building, I too can be reached in the same way. You should keep the Regional Education Officer informed of what you are doing both because he can be a help to you and because authorizations have to come from him.

4. Both Scout Associations are planning courses for Scouters to be applied as soon as and to such extent as movement is possible and intend only to give final warrants after such courses, but they will approve suitable men carrying on meanwhile.
5. There is quite a lot of literature in Italian already, and we are getting on with production as fast as we can. But we must work through the Italian Associations and everything we get from home goes out through them, though we help, wherever we can, to distribute.

Please write if there is any more we can tell you, either to Education Sub-Commission, A.C., or to
F.R.Catty, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C. } APO 394, U.S. Army

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To Major WASHBURNE, Education Sub- Commission

From Mr. Catty Annex. Fl 2. Room 82

Date 27th Nov. 1944.

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Subject. Boy Scouts of Italy. Latest Recent developments

1. Publicity. Films.

Miss REILLY, of P.W.B. film unit, came to see me today at my request. Her chief, Mr. McKendrick, called on us a fortnight ago about filming Italian Boy Scouts in action and I promised to let him know as soon as the situation was suitable for any kind of publicity. He is at the moment in hospital, but Miss REILLY, whom I think you have met, can do all that is necessary.

I explained the position at them moment and that now The Italian movement can do with something of the kind. It appears that anything they may take would be shewn, as part of a weekly film illustrating democracy at work, in all cinemas in liberated Italy.

They want firstly to take some very limited ~~films~~ shots of scouts at work. Their ideal would be to shew this work as something done for the community, as for example work in connexion with Relief. I explained that this would be difficult to find at the moment as they are chiefly concerned at present with building up their own groups. The only thing I know of at present in this line is Scouts visiting hospotals to entertain the patients, which is being done by at least one A.S.C.I group.

Failing that, they would be glad to start with shots of scouts doing purely scouting activities. It was agreed I speak to the leaders of A.S.C.I and Corpo Nazionale at once, prepare a short " scenario" including tent-pitching , fire lighting, a game, and songs, and have a further conference with the camera expert as to how to set it.. THE COMMENTARY would be ENTIRELY PREPARED BY US. That is a cardinal point. I have meanwhile warned my own troop (28th) to get going so as to have something ready at short notice.

P.W.B. is pleased with the idea of Allied Scouts from the Forces appearing in the shots, and COTTER can lay this on quite easily.

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(To Major Washburne. 27th Nov.)

Corpo Nazionale Organization.

2. I attended this evening the weekly meeting of the National Committee of Corpo Nazionale. The meeting lasted two hours, but the main points which will interest you were,

(a) MORANDI has on their behalf visited the Central offices of four of the political parties to try to get thier support for scouting (leaving the Catholic party to A.S.C.I.)
The Liberals, he said, were the most intelligently critical and questioned him closely about the degree of regimentation from above. He thinks he was able to convince them that scouting was the most liberal form of youth movement in the world.
He talked with the Communist YOUTH chief, who promised his support. If this is true, it is extremely important, but as we know they have, or had, their own Plans, it should be treated with reserve for the moment.
I thought this tour round the parties was a very good move of MORANDI's at this moment.

(b). The Corpo has apparently been promised a go on the radio. Do you know anything about this? They read out the draft of what they propose to put over, which seemed quite sound. It included a sensible reference to the Federation. Would you let me know exactly how the radio publicity is being worked? HOWARD said he was going to see you about this.

Logan and I both think we also want to get onto the other station as well (the one which talks to the ALLIED FORCES in this theatre)and put over something about the present position for the Forces, not only those who are already scouts but those who could help merely by not being ignorant. Do you agree about that?

3. Corpo plans. Training. I'm now on their list of Commissioners for training, and we went through the plans of the course which starts this week for Scoutmasters.
My only criticism, apart from details, which they amemnded in some cases on the spot, was that there is too much moral theory and too few practical tips. I hope to be able to shove those in by heckling the lecturers (we're all very good friends) when they get on their legs. The Minister is (or was till we had a cabinet crisis) going to give the course its send-off.

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Thursday 2nd November

Italian Girl Guides

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16.15 A Meeting with some of the original members of A.G.I. (Catholic Guides) arranged by Contessa Laura di Carpegna.

Meeting was held in the apartment of Principessa Maria Lancellotti di Miranda in Rome.

Present the Princess, Contessa L. di Carpegna, Signorina Giuliana di Carpegna, Signorina di Comilla, and several other Guiders, Major Washburne, Major Gregory (Regional Education Officer for Lazio and Umbria) and myself.

1. Signorina di Comilla showed us a letter she had received from Lady Baden-Powell answering a message which the Signorina had sent through a British Guider in ITALY whom she had met in the course of her work for the Red Cross. (Signorina di Comilla, who is one of the twelve original Guides named in the report of the beginning of the movement which you have already had from us) seems to be an active leader in the movement. As she works for the Red Cross, she has the advantage of being able to move about ITALY which is impossible to ordinary Italian civilians and has been in several cities North of Rome, where she got into touch with potential leaders and is now going to NAPLES for a few days). Lady Baden-Powell had said that she hoped the work of building up the movement would now go ahead and that later, when it was national, international recognition would be applied for.

2. We told them that (as they alread know) Giuliana's account of the start and a copy of their draft Statuti had been forwarded through ACC to T.H.Q., and that we would let them know when a reply came.

3. Mila di Comilla's letter led to the point of the difficulty of spreading the movement, due in turn to difficulty of city-to-city communication. In this regard Major Washburne said that Education Sub Commission of A.C.C. could help by instructing its Regional Officers, and would do so. He suggested for example that MILA, when in NAPLES, should get into touch with the Education Officer there.

4. I suggested that now we had begun to inform International Headquarters of how Guides had begun it was important to keep passing the current picture through and that they should appoint one of their number to write up progress from week to week (or month to month) so that I (or much better, a British or American Guider in Rome, as soon as we can find one, as suggested by Lady Baden-Powell) can pass on an outline of progress to IHQ. This was agreed.

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5. We then got on to the question of the relation of A.G.I. to a possible Association of Non-Catholic Groups. They know nothing about such groups, but we know they exist or soon will, so I put in a word urging them most strongly to take as liberal a standpoint as MAZZA has for the A.G.E.I. (Catholic) Scout Organisation and never to close the door on Federation with Non-Catholic Guides. We explained how fortunately and amicably it had gone so far between the two kinds of Scouts and the present position there.

6. It was evident that these Guides are going to be very cautious and are not-at-all happy about having anything to do with Non-Catholic Guides. They explained that their Church to them is fundamental in their Guide work, and I felt that they would find it very difficult to team up with the others. Nevertheless I believe they will let us persuade them to try and we will try.

7. They mentioned the very great scarcity of instructional printed matter of all kinds. We told them of the very encouraging news in this line received by Major WASHBURNE today of help coming of this kind for Scouts. If something similar could be done by Guide HQ.British, these Italian Guides would be overjoyed and it would help us too very much, because if we can do something practical for them, it will be easier for us to put forward hints about policy.

They emphasised that they are concentrating on training suitable Guiders rather than enrolling masses of girls; this accounts for their small numbers, compared with the Scouts, and I think you will agree with their policy.

Rome 2nd November. /s/ F.R. Catty.

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appeared an official publication of the Diocese to this effect: In order to forestall other attempts being made to establish Boy Scouts the Church should become active in establishing Catholic Boy Scouts with an apostolic purpose. Excerpts from this document are enclosed herewith.

The policy of the Education Subcommission and of the Allied Control Commission has been to treat all Church matters with the utmost respect and justice and wherever possible to maintain a spirit of cooperation combined with strict neutrality on all controversial issues.

It is obvious that such help from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America as was requested would not be available to a sectarian scout movement.

It is interesting to note that as soon as the organization of Catholic Boy Scouts was announced on the radio a notice was sent to the press regarding the establishment of "Christian Democrat Boy Scouts". And it was freely predicted that there would soon be Boy Scouts for each political party. Of course, many of the political parties consider the Church activity as tied up with the activity of the Catholic Party — Christian Democrats 6780

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Draft of Reply to Rev. Logan's letter to General MacFarlane.

The Allied Control Commission through the Education Subcommission has been much interested in the possibility of starting a Scout Movement in Italy for the reasons named in your letter of June 26th. On 23 June a letter was sent through channels to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, suggesting that local troops in the United States sponsor local troops in Italy and furnish them with play materials and uniforms. We offered to send descriptions of troops organized here to the Scout Headquarters in the States and to transmit to Italian local troops whatever materials were sent by American local troops. No reply has been received to that communication.

A beginning was made in Naples toward establishing Boy Scouts troops but the lack of materials, locale and trained personnel prevented much progress.

There is one delicate matter which must be considered; on the Youth Commission in Naples which has been interested in the establishment of Boy Scouts, there was a representative of the Cardinal. Whether he personally was responsible or not we cannot say, but shortly after our Youth Commission began planning a Scout Movement there

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youth movements as a means of propaganda is all too evident. It makes the need for a non-sectarian non-political scout movement with international ramifications particularly urgent. But the decision of Church officials in Naples to make scouting a means of development of Catholicism makes the problem somewhat difficult. As a matter of fact the following incident may be a sample of the type of opposition which we may expect:

Engineer Cosenza, who was the person most active in our planning for Boy Scouts, decided to take some preliminary steps by organizing an informal group of his own. He took them on a hike one morning and everything went very happily. They planned enthusiastically for another hike the next week. Before the week had passed, however, each boy reported to Cosenza that his parents, on the order of the priest, had forbidden him to go on more hikes with this leader. This incident is given as reported by Cosenza.

I am writing to you with complete frankness so that you may be prepared for the situation as it is. Your plan to bring a Roman Catholic priest sounds fine, but he may run into serious difficulties if he tries to cooperate in establishing a non-sectarian scout movement in Italy.

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