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Past-president, X Rotary Club;  
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To the GENERAL SECRETARY  
of the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

CHICAGO 111.  
35, East Wacker Drive

Dear Sir,

We are asked by several Members of the dissolved  
Club of X to undertake the resumption of rotarian activity  
in Italy.

This would be possible certainly in X, very likely  
in the whole South Italy.

We beg to ask you for the necessary authorization  
and for any special instruction you would think worth while  
giving us.

Faithfully Yours

(Signed) Lorenzo Ricciardi

(Past President)

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(Signed) Guirino Fimiani

(Past Secretary)



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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CENTRAL OFFICE, 35 EAST WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO 1, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

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Major Carleton W. Washburne, A.U. S.  
Deputy Director  
Headquarters ACC  
Education Subcommittee  
APO - 394  
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Your File No. RA/ED/6.3

Dear Carleton:

This is in reply to your letter of the 18th of August in which you say that you have become quite accustomed to accepting cheerfully decisions that you cannot alter.

Rotary International is most anxious that the Rotary clubs which may hereafter be formed in Italy should be the strongest possible type of Rotary clubs and to this end believes that the clubs should be organized only under the direct and careful supervision of men who have long been trained in the policies of Rotary International and who are thoroughly familiar with the organizational structure. Obviously, with all of your other duties you are unable to give the attention to the clubs that they would need, especially when your allegiance must be above all to the Army. All things considered, it will we believe be much better to delay the organization of Rotary clubs in Italy for a few months when it may again be possible for our office in Zurich, Switzerland, to be in regular contact from one day to the next with those former Italian Rotarians who may later be selected to carry out the organizing of Rotary clubs up and down Italy.

Many thanks for sending us a copy of your letter of the 18th of August to the group in Naples.

With your letter of the 11th of August you sent us a communication from some former officers of the Rotary Club of Rome. We shall write to them directly saying practically what you said to the group in Naples in your letter of the 18th of August.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Lovejoy  
Secretary

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c/o Postmaster,  
New York, N.Y.

18 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Rotary in Italy.

TO : Rotary International  
Attention - Philip Lovejoy, Secretary.  
35 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago.

REF. : R4/ED/63

Dear Phil,

1. Thank you for your prompt, full, and frank letter of 25 July.

2. There is no profit in carrying on a debate with Rotary International at this distance regarding the merits of our different points of view. Actually I am in full sympathy with the broad principles laid down in your letter. It is in the detail of their application that I think the decisions are unfortunate. But I am quite accustomed in the army to accepting cheerfully decisions that I cannot alter.

3. As to my having acted ultra vires in regard to the Naples group, I deny the allegation. It was my military duty to counsel the Regional Commissioner in regard to whether or not such a group should be permitted to hold meetings. Whether the group called itself a provisional Rotary Club, or the Super-grand-council-of-pachydermatologists, was, from the army standpoint, immaterial. Our concern was whether in purpose and membership there was anything contrary to our war interests. My only official act was strictly in order.

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4. In my capacity as Deputy Director of the Education Subcommission of the Allied Control Commission, counsel in regard to adult education and youth activities is included in my responsibility. In that field I have consistently encouraged groups with democratic management and purpose to organize themselves and proceed with constructive activities. I have, for instance, encouraged the establishment of groups that call themselves Boy Scouts, and have communicated with the Boy Scouts of America in regard to possible recognition and help for them. I have done these things not as a representative of Boy Scouts, or Rotary, or what not, but as an Allied Officer in the performance of duty. None of the groups which aspire to be Boy Scouts or Rotary or any thing else consider me to be a representative of those organizations. They all recognize that as far as the American and international organizations are concerned I have simply offered to be a channel of communication and to give such information and counsel as I can.

5. You say I have got myself into a situation and will have to get myself out of it. I have no problem in this regard. Now that I have your letter, based on Rotary International policies decided upon this summer rather than two years ago, I will simply communicate to the groups in Naples and Rome that Rotary International will not recognize any provisional Rotary Clubs in Italy until after the war and after an official commission has approved their establishment. Whether they continue to meet and what they call themselves is their own responsibility. A copy of the English version of my letter to them is enclosed herewith. I will report similarly to the Rome group.

6. Thank you for sending me the quotation from "Time". I had already read it, with distress. Conditions are bad enough in any way without this sort of distorted, exaggerated, and superficial reporting. Those of us who are in daily contact with the government and conditions know a damn sight more about the situation than any clever reporter writing sensationally readable copy from off-hand observations and interviews. I admit that the sort of serious, analytical and comprehensive reporting that would give you people a real under-

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standing of the situation would involve an amount of space and a scholarliness which would be journalistically almost impossible. Such a report would also tie in to high Government policies in a way that would tangle with war censorship. You will have to rely, if you want knowledge, not on press reports but on reports from specialists in particular fields who, through intimate acquaintance with the situation, first hand, can give pertinent facts and counsel in regard to any specific problem.

7. Cordial personal greetings to you.

CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
MAJOR, A.U.S.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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EDUCATION SUBCOMMISSION  
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18 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Provisionary Rotary Club in Naples.

TO : Comm. Ricciardi, Lorenzo, Piazza Mondragone 8,  
Napoli.  
Prof. Filiani, Giovino, Napoli.  
Comm. Crimanti, Paolo, Parcho Margherita 9, Napoli

REF. : RA/ED/

1. I have had a detailed reply from Rotary International to your petition and my letter regarding the establishment of a Rotary Club in Naples.

2. Rotary International has appointed a commission to consider the reestablishment of Rotary in countries where it ceased to function. This commission will make careful investigations and advise the Board of Directors of Rotary International as to which countries should be reorganized first, as to the first clubs to be established in each, etc.

3. Until this commission has reported and the Board of Directors has acted, no groups in Italy will be recognized as official Rotary Clubs or as Provisional Rotary Clubs.

4. Whether you continue your meetings and action and under what name is the responsibility of your own group.

5. The purposes which we discussed when you organized are right. Your cooperative action is needed by your community and your country. I very much hope that you will, under whatever name,

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continue to work together for these high aims.

6. by warm good wishes to you.

CARLTON W. WASHBURN  
MAJOR, A.U.S.  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Region IV - Apr 1944  
Education Division

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18 Agosto 1944

Ai Sig.: Comm. Ricciardi Lorenzo, Piazza Mondragone 8  
Prof. Finiani Quirino, Napoli  
Comm. Crimanti Paolo, Duceo Margherita 9, Napoli

OGGETTO : Circolo temporaneo della Rotary in Napoli.

REF. : R4/ED/

1. Ho ricevuto una risposta esaudiente dall'Internazionale Rotary in merito alla Vostra richiesta e la mia lettera riguardante la fondazione di un circolo Rotary a Napoli.
2. L'Internazionale Rotary ha nominato una commissione per considerare la riattivazione della Rotary nei paesi dove cessò di funzionare. Questa commissione procederà ad un minuto esame e consiglierà il gruppo dei direttori della Internazionale Rotary circa quali nazioni dovranno essere per prime riorganizzate, quali circoli dovranno essere creati in ciascun paese, ecc.
3. Non sarà riconosciuto in Italia nessun gruppo come circolo ufficiale della Rotary o circolo temporaneo, fino a quando la commissione non avrà fatto una estesa relazione ed il Collegio dei direttori non avrà decretato in merito.
4. Se le adunanze seguiranno e prendere decisioni e sotto qualsiasi denominazione, la responsabilità ricadrà sul gruppo da Voi rappresentato.
5. Gli scopi esaminati da noi per l'organizzazione sono giusti. Il Vostro comune ed il vostro paese hanno bisogno della vostra attività cooperativa. Ho buone speranze che Voi vogliate, sotto qualsiasi nome, continuare a lavorare per questi ideali così alti.
6. Vi saluto molto cordialmente.



18 Agosto 1944

Ai Sig.: Comm. Ricciardi Lorenzo, Piazza Mondragone 8  
Prof. Finiani Quirino, Napoli  
Comm. Grimaldi Paolo, Piazza Margherita 9, Napoli

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CARLTON W. WASHBURN  
Major A.U.S.  
D/Regional Education Officer



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CENTRAL OFFICE, 35 EAST WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, U.S.A.

25 July, 1944

Maj. C. W. Washburne  
Co. D, 2675th Regiment, AGC  
A.P.O. 394, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Carleton:

Many thanks for your letter of the 13th of July.

It's very doubtful whether there is any hope of getting Rotary International to reconsider its plans for organizing Rotary clubs in Europe after the war, at least to reconsider them to the extent that you would like. Of course, no plan is as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians; they often must be modified in the light of circumstances as they develop. The situation as it now stands is that the board of directors developed some bases for the organization of Rotary clubs in Europe, and then a commission was named to study into all of the phases of such organization and to advise the board of its study. At its July, 1944, meeting the board drew up terms of reference for the commission. A copy of these terms of reference is attached. You will observe that the board is progressing in a deliberate but very orderly fashion toward the organization of Rotary clubs in Europe after the war. There are already some groups of Rotarians and some non-Rotarian agencies which seem to be desirous of rushing the organization of Rotary clubs in Europe, but the board very definitely doesn't intend to be rushed. I can say that on the basis of the deliberations of the board as I have heard them and my knowledge of the fact that the board would rather go slowly than to make any mistake. The board is fully conscious of the fact that Rotary clubs if properly organized can be a very useful factor in the long-range reconstruction of Europe, but if Rotary clubs are organized too quickly and without the careful control and supervision of Rotary International through its trained officers and staff members these new Rotary clubs may not only prove a disappointment to those outside of Rotary who are trying to use them in reconstruction, but be a real detriment to the long-range development of the Rotary movement; and it is Rotary over the years to come that interests the board of directors more than Rotary in the first phase of the reconstruction period.

In your first numbered paragraph you comment on the present Italian government. While having every respect, Carleton, for your judgment I am wondering whether maybe you're not too closely involved with things in Italy to be able to have an objective point of view. What you write about the Italian government isn't supported by various things which we get from other sources, and some of them pretty reliable sources. These reports that we get from one place and another seem to support the comment which appeared in TIME for July, 1944, with respect to the present Italian government. I am sending you a copy of that comment. Now, I don't mean to



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imply that TIME is necessarily right and you are necessarily wrong, but I do want to show you that the board of directors of Rotary International has reason for not being quite as convinced as you seem to be that the present Italian government is the one under which Rotary clubs should be organized in Italy. The board feels very definitely that it isn't enough to have, as you say, "as nearly a representative government as is possible until all Italy is liberated and a free election is held." The board prefers to wait until there is a definitely free Italian government.

With respect to your paragraph No. 2, it may be true that there is nothing in the attitude or the decrees of either the Italian government or of the Allied Control Commission which will interfere with the full normal functioning of Rotary clubs. There are two comments to make with respect to this paragraph. First of all, the Rotary clubs certainly can't function normally if you as an officer in the United States Army can't tell the headquarters of Rotary International where these Rotary clubs are going to be established. They can't function normally unless they can have regular contact with Rotary International. Some contact can, of course, now be had by post between United States and Italy, but such long-distance contact is not satisfactory in the guidance of newly developed Rotary clubs. We should prefer any such contact to come from our office in Zurich, Switzerland, and we have no evidence that our office in Zurich can communicate freely with the liberated portion of Italy.

And, secondly, and in this Carleton I am going to write you very confidentially and make the request that you do not repeat what I say in any of your Italian contacts in Italy, the point is that if Rotary clubs were newly organized in Italy and their normal functioning was not any better than the functioning of the Rotary clubs in Italy before they ceased to operate in 1938, Rotary International would not be satisfied. Rotary International was never fully content with the Rotary clubs in Italy. They were primarily aggregations of very high-grade business and professional men who ate wonderful meals and had very high quality discourses, the best of which were gathered together and published in a magazine which would correspond very well with publications of learned societies. The Italian Rotary clubs, however, were not willing to take into membership the usual businessmen as we know them in the United States, nor would the clubs undertake much in the way of Rotary work, except some charitable work which would fall under community service. Vocational service or the improvement of the standards of business practice they cast aside entirely. International service was prostituted into propaganda for Italy. Rotary International doesn't want that kind of Rotary clubs in Italy when clubs are again established there. In fact, there has been some talk in the board that Rotary International should spend its energies in other parts of Europe as fast as they are liberated, such as France, and Holland, and Belgium, and Norway, and Czechoslovakia, and Hungary and let the Italian situation wait until Rotary clubs in Italy could be established which would be the kind of organizations that Rotary International wants.

Now I realize, Carleton, that the cautious approach which Rotary International is making toward the organization of Rotary clubs in Italy to the end that it may have clubs that will be strong for the Rotary movement in the future doesn't fit in with plans of those who may want to make use of Rotary clubs in the early stages of reconstruction, but Rotary International

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isn't wanting to organize clubs for a temporary purpose. It wants to organize them for the long-range welfare of Rotary in Italy and Rotary International.

I guess what I have said above covers also your paragraphs No. 3 and No. 4.

With respect to paragraph No. 5. I must submit that even with the consent of the Regional Commissioner you were acting ultra vires so far as Rotary International was concerned when you authorized a group of men in Naples to organize themselves into a provisional Rotary club. It's sort of one of those situations which falls under the old statement "Heaven protect us from our friends." It's just this sporadic and spontaneous, but unauthorized, action on the part of Rotarians which Rotary International has been dreading all the while and has been seeking to avoid through its carefully laid plans for orderly organization of Rotary clubs in Europe. You say that the fellows in Naples are going to continue to hold their meetings as a provisional Rotary club until you receive word of definite action on the part of the executive committee of Rotary International. Well, that executive committee isn't going to meet until the end of October, and there isn't any meeting of the board until the 8th day of January, 1945. Neither the board nor its executive committee would, I am sure, be willing to act on so important a matter through any ballot by mail. They would want to sit around the table and discuss the situation. Furthermore, I think it is very doubtful that the executive committee would over-ride action which had been taken by the full board after very careful study and consideration, and it was just such action that produced the terms of reference which I mentioned before and of which I am sending you a copy. You have gotten yourself into this situation with the so-called provisional Rotary Club of Naples, Carleton, and I guess you'll have to get yourself out of it, and please don't try to stimulate any other Rotary clubs in Italy until Rotary International is prepared to have them established there.

I am not sending this communication to Lt. Col T. V. Smith, Director of the Education Subcommittee, as you requested, because of the nature of the communication. Obviously, I don't like to write this kind of a letter to anybody, but since you're plunging ahead so much faster than the board of directors of Rotary International is willing to go, I can do nothing as secretary of Rotary International but tell you so.

My kindest personal regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Philip Lovejoy  
Secretary

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From Time-July 24, 1944

## ITALY

## What Now?

Italy's forlorn Government shuffled up from Salerno, creaked into a new seat at Rome. Bearded, bitter Premier Ivanoe Bonomi and his fellow ministers held their first meeting in the greystone Palazzo del Viminale. It was an unhappy, feckless affair. Almost a year after Italy's surrender, little more than a month after the ousting of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, Italy's Government had neither power nor responsibility. It could do little without Allied permission. It administered in name, under the cloud of defeat, under the weight of the Allies' unpublished armistice.

Burden of the Vanquished. Italians who understood the harsh terms of the armistice cried aloud. They complained that anti-Fascist Italians were being done a gross injustice. They declared (with some reason) that the terms had been drafted at Casablanca, when no one foresaw Italy's quick collapse. They wanted Italy to have the full status of a willing co-belligerent and an ally against the Germans. Loudest of the outcries came from the Socialist Avanti's Editor Pietro Nenni. wrote he: "We in Italy are finding how superficial, summary and empirical are Allied ideas of Europe's problems."

Burden of the Victors. In short, what the Italians wanted was full nationhood, and they wanted it while their late enemies were still fighting their late Allies, the Germans, on Italian soil. Such demands inevitably irritated Frenchmen who had not forgotten Mussolini's stab in the back, Britons and Americans whose comrades had lately fallen under Italian fire, Greeks and Yugoslavs whom Italians had lately robbed.



July, 1944, Board Meet ( -- WEDNESDAY

X-14. ADOPTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE  
ROTARY CLUBS IN COUNTRIES WHERE CLUBS NO LONGER EXIST

DECISION: The board agrees that the terms of reference  
for the commission to organize Rotary clubs  
in countries where clubs no longer exist shall be as  
follows:

1. The commission will study the problems related  
to the organizing of Rotary clubs in geographical  
locations where clubs have ceased to function,  
basing its studies on the principles relative  
to the re-establishment of Rotary clubs set up by  
the board of directors of Rotary International in  
January, 1943, and upon any principles which sub-  
sequently may be established by the board.
2. The commission shall be solely advisory to the  
board of directors of R.I. except as the board  
shall delegate to the commission administrative  
functions. The commission will indicate to the  
board the country or countries in which the or-  
ganization of Rotary clubs shall be undertaken  
and the order in which this work can be best  
pursued.
3. The commission shall meet for organization purposes  
at the earliest feasible opportunity and as often  
thereafter and as long as may be necessary, and  
at such places as may be most convenient for its  
successful operation, it being understood that  
the commission will always meet under authorization  
given by the president of Rotary International.  
(Some of the meetings of the commission may require  
three or four weeks' time.)
4. The commission is authorized to invite to its  
sessions, at the expense of R.I., for short periods of  
time, persons from any country who, in the opinion  
of the commission, can be helpful to the commission  
in formulating plans for the organizing of Rotary  
clubs in that country.

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5. Unless otherwise directed by the board, the commission will recommend to the board the countries and cities in which the first steps are to be taken toward organizing Rotary clubs, and shall await the approval of the board before proceeding with the organizing of clubs. The board will authorize the president to act in behalf of the board on any recommendations made. When the recommendations are approved, the board may indicate to the commission that it assume the administrative work in connection with the organizing of Rotary clubs in the countries and cities concerning which the recommendation has been made and approved.
6. The commission is authorized and directed to examine and approve the list of charter members of the first five Rotary clubs organized in any country within the region for which it is responsible. Upon the organization of the fifth such Rotary club, the board will constitute the clubs in that country into a district and a district governor will be named to undertake this function.
7. After a thorough study of the economic and financial conditions of the country, the commission shall recommend to the board the financial arrangements under which the clubs are to operate; as, for instance, the date of the first payment of per capita tax, the amount of the full per capita tax which it is advisable that the board remit, and the probable dates when lesser amounts will be remitted, until the clubs commence to pay the full per capita tax. The board agrees that in any city in which a Rotary club has previously existed, no charter fee will be required from the new club.
8. The secretary of the commission will keep the minutes of the meetings of the commission and the other records of the commission, and will serve also as the corresponding secretary for the commission. He will be the active managing officer charged with the implementation of the

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decisions of the commission and will work at all times in close cooperation with the members of the commission and, particularly, with its chairman.

9. The expenses of members of the commission and of the secretary of the commission will be paid by Rotary International.
10. The members of the commission or the chairman may recommend to the board from time to time the appointment of an additional member or members of the commission in order to secure for the commission different and additional points of view, it being understood that the board is not prepared to appoint two members from any one country to the commission. The board may even without recommendation from the commission appoint an additional member or members to the commission provided that he or they come from a country not already represented on the commission.
11. It shall be the prerogative of the board to withdraw any country or countries from the supervision of the commission, either upon the recommendation of the commission, or when a district has been constituted under the supervision of a district governor as an officer of Rotary International responsible directly to the board of directors, and it shall also be the prerogative of the board to terminate the commission at its discretion.

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c/o Postmaster  
New York, N.Y.

11 August, 1944

TO : The Rotary International  
35 East Wacker Drive, Chicago  
Attention - Philip Lovejoy

FILE No. : R4/ED/2.18

Dear Phil,

The enclosed request from former officers of Rome Rotary is self explanatory, and is what I anticipated.

Since Rome ceases to be Military Government Territory on 15 August, 1944, and becomes Italian Government Territory, the same reasons which I gave regarding the Naples Club are pertinent.

I strongly recommend that the group here be allowed to form a provisional Rotary Club. I shall be glad to see that all officers are carefully screened and approved as not having been active fascists.

Rotarily Yours,

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CARLETON W. WASHBURN  
MAJOR, AUS  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

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c/o Postmaster,  
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MAJOR, AUC.



MAJOL C.W. TASHBURN  
Co. D, 2675th Regiment ACC  
APO 394, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N.Y.

12 July, 1944.

Philip Lovejoy,  
Rotary International,  
35 East Wacker Drive,  
Chicago, U.S.A.

Dear Phil,

Thank you for your letter of 9 June. Is there any hope of getting the Rotary International to reconsider the policies named in your letter?

These policies were inevitably made without any knowledge of what the situation in Italy will be. The underlined assumptions are, therefore, at least inaccurate, if not down right contrary to facts. May I state briefly the situation, as I know it to be, after working in all parts of Italy since early October and on the basis of close contacts with both Italian Government and higher authorities in the Allied Control Commission.

1. The present Allied military dominance of Italy, south of Military Government territory is practically negligible. It is true that should the Italian Government violate the terms of the armistice or be unable to suppress serious disorders, we would intervene. Actually, however, the Italian Government is not only permitted but encouraged in every possible way to manage its own affairs. It is as nearly a representative government as is possible until all Italy is liberated and a free election is held. The members of the Government are not puppets chosen by us but a cross section of representatives of the various anti-fascist political parties ranging from Communists on the left to Liberals and Christian Democrats (Catholic party) on the right. In free caucus these parties chose their own representatives. And the Allies did not interfere even subtly. 7362

2. The Italian Government, encouraged by the Allies, is allowing great freedom of press and assembly except where (as is true in United States and Britain) military security

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security prevents. There is nothing, therefore, in the attitude or desire of either of the Italian Government or the Allied Control Commission, which will interfere with the full normal functioning of Rotary Clubs.

3. One of the greatest and most immediately urgent need of the Italian people today is to form themselves into voluntary groups to participate in organized manner in the reconstruction of their devastated nation. There are in every city persons of intelligence, goodwill and ability, who, when organized, can be of immeasurable help in the necessary reconstruction. There are many among the former Rotarians who have never been fascists and who would make an ideal nucleus for new Rotary Clubs. The Allied Control Commission has ample means for supplying information as to whether proposed organizers or officials of a Rotary Club have been active fascists. And I believe we can make sure under the proposal I sent to you in my letter of 29 May that the leading people for each Rotary Club authorized are men whom we can trust.

4. I believe Rotary International will be missing a supreme opportunity to help in the vitally important work of economic and social reconstruction in Italy, if it does not encourage the immediate reopening of Rotary Clubs in liberated Italy at least where there is under Italian Government jurisdiction. I would include Naples also partly because I know that the situation there is thoroughly ripe, for it will probably be Italian Government territory by the time I receive your reply. The same may be true of Rome.

5. Before receiving your letter, with the consent of the Regional Commissioner involved, I had authorized the Naples group to organize themselves into a provisional Rotary Club pending word from you as to whether or not it might receive its charter. In true Rotary spirit the group immediately found a meeting place and began their meetings. I believe they are holding meetings regularly. I do not want to stop their good work and give them a feeling that Rotary International is not to back them by sharing with them your letter of 9 June. They are, therefore, continuing to hold their meetings as a provisional Rotary Club until I receive a reply to this letter with the definite action on the part of the Executive Committee of the Rotary International either stating that it wishes this group to consider itself a provisional Rotary Club or giving definite consent to its present status

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consent to its present status, or best of all granting it a charter.

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*Carlton W. Washburne*

CARLETON W. WASHBURNE  
MAJOR, AUS  
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PS

As I may be in another theater before I can receive your reply please send it to Lt. Col. T. V. Smith, Director Education Subcommittee, ~~ACC, APO 394~~ Hq. ACC  
~~Co 2075th Regiment ACC, APO 394, 9617th~~  
New York, N.Y. Please send a copy to me which will be forwarded from the address which heads this letter.

*Carlton*

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*Copy to Col Smith*



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NAPOLI 30 giugno  
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Sig. Colonnello  
Charles POLETTI  
Commissario Regionale  
ROMA

RILINIONI SETTIMANALI IL MARTEDI ALLE ORE 19 - HOTEL EXCELSIOR

La Sua improvvisa partenza da Napoli ha destato il rammarico di tutti che ogni giorno meglio possono constatare i benefici di quanto Ella ha fatto per la nostra città.

La prego di considerarmi tra coloro che più devotamente la ricordano.

Poichè comprendo come, specialmente in questo particolare momento, Ella voglia utilizzare le migliori energie, mi permetto di presentarle il mio amico Ing. prof. Pericle Ferretti. Si tratta di un uomo di eccezionali qualità organizzative e tecniche ed esso spero di fare cosa utile e gradita nel metterlo a Sua disposizione.

Il Rotary Club di Napoli riprenderà la sua attività l'8 luglio prossimo. Alle Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali si fa il 7358 meglio che si può.

Voglia accogliere, sig. Colonnello, il mio pensiero cordiale e riconoscente.

Dev. mo

*Quirino Fimiani*  
( Quirino Fimiani )

*Referenza  
S. E. De Agostini  
e Prof. Caronza*



CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE  
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NAPOLI Roma 13 Luglio 1944

Dir. 10-158  
Tel. 12-003

Tel. 870.890

Al Colonnello POLETTI

ROMA

Illustre Colonnello,

Desideravo avere il piacere di presentarmi a Lei latore dell'unita lettera dell'amico Fimiani.

Questa possibilità mi è mancata a Napoli perchè al momento della liberazione della Città mi trovavo per dovere di ufficio a Roma dove gli avvenimenti mi hanno sorpreso e trattenuto.

A Roma ho vissuto questi nove mesi nascosto perchè i tedeschi mi ricercarono ripetutamente per valersi dei miei brevetti sui siluri, ed è per me motivo di soddisfazione aver saputo che frattanto a Napoli gli Americani hanno in un primo tempo fatto ricerche di me per portarmi negli U.S. e stanno poi utilizzando colà il mio lavoro.

Poichè come direttore dell'Istituto dei motori io risiedo a Roma e, come consulente dell'Ansaldo, silurificio, Stigler ecc. mi sono sempre occupato dei problemi dell'industria, sarò ben lieto se Ella vorrà utilizzarmi per qualche incarico tecnico.

E' perciò che Le sarò grato se vorrà darmi la possibilità di presentarmi a Lei.

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Con ossequio.

(Prof. P. Ferretti)

*Ferretti*



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



SERVICE ABOVE SELF - HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST

CENTRAL OFFICE, 35 EAST WACKER DRIVE, CHICAGO, U.S.A.

9 June, 1944

Carleton W. Washburne, Major A.U.S.  
Deputy Director of Education  
Co. D, 2675th Regiment, ACC  
APO 394, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

REF : ED/3.12/ACC

Dear Carleton:

## Re-establishment of Rotary in Italy

Your letter of May 29, brings up a very interesting point concerning the re-establishment of Rotary clubs where they formerly existed.

About two years ago the board of directors of Rotary International recorded its first decision concerning the basis on which Rotary clubs would be re-established in those countries where they formerly existed, and adopted six basic principles to be the guides in any such re-establishment. These six points are as follows:

1. Previous membership in Rotary, or service as an officer of Rotary in any earlier day, shall not necessarily constitute any privilege of Rotary membership.
2. The re-establishment of Rotary clubs shall not be delayed until all the details of administration, payment of dues, and other such matters have been completely checked. It is considered that the re-establishment of Rotary clubs will be a constructive force, and as such will be greatly welcomed, and furthermore will be of definite help in the reconstruction process of the nations concerned.
3. It shall be ascertained that in any country in which it is desired to re-establish Rotary clubs, there is a stable government and one which is favorable to the re-establishment of Rotary clubs and to the propagation of the Rotary ideal.
4. It shall be ascertained that there are still alive and active a sufficient number of former Rotarians in the country or geographical region concerned to form a nucleus around which the new clubs (whether they are former clubs re-established or clubs in new centers) may be built.
5. It shall be ascertained that the social system of the country or countries in question is such as will permit individual development and individual initiative on the part of individual Rotarians.
6. Any action looking to the re-establishment of Rotary clubs shall be after a survey and upon recommendation of a competent committee appointed for the purpose.

The second step was to authorize the appointment of one or more commissions to

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Major Carleton W. Washburne  
Co.D, 2675th Regiment, ACC  
APO 394, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N.Y.

REF : ED/3412/ACC

29 May 1944

TO : Rotary International

SUBJECT: Reestablishment of Rotary in Italy.

1. The Education Subcommittee of the Allied Control Commission is responsible for helping to establish programs of adult education and recreation.
2. The writer, as Deputy Director of the Education Subcommittee and a Rotarian, feels that the reestablishment of Rotary and other service clubs would be a step toward a desirable form of adult education in the field of democracy, community service and international understanding.
3. Accordingly an informal meeting was held on 20 May in the home of the son of the Christian Democratic Minister without Portfolio in the Italian Government, whom the writer knew personally. A few able, trustworthy, non-fascist former Rotarians were invited to this meeting, including the last secretary of the local Rotary Club.
4. A small committee was formed which prepared and later presented to the writer a request for authority to reestablish Rotary here. A copy of the request and the names and past record of the organizing committee are made a part of this letter. Military regulations necessitate the omission of the name of the city.
5. The committee will, with your consent and under our supervision, explore the possibility of reopening Rotary in each city of liberated Italy where it formerly existed.
6. If Rotary International approves this plan, in principle, at this time, it is suggested that, war conditions making usual procedures and correspondence impossible, the writer be given instructions and authority to issue charters to Clubs which conform to specified conditions.
7. If this plan is adopted full instructions and necessary documents

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charter forms, etc. should be sent to the writer.

8. The writer will, of course, have to get approval from the Italian Government in Italian Government Territory and from Regional Commissioners in Military Government Territory before putting these plans into actual execution. But without knowledge of the approval of Rotary International, and clear specification of the conditions under which R.I. is willing to have Rotary Clubs established here, he does not wish to seek Italian or Military Government approval.

It is personal belief that such approval will readily be granted when sought. It is therefore suggested that, if R.I. wants to proceed with this plan, full instructions be sent as soon as possible, together with necessary authority.

CARLTON W. WASHBURN, Major A.U.S.  
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SECRETARIA:

Ing. QUIRINO FIMIANI

NAPOLI, December 8. th 1934  
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To the GENERAL SECRETARY  
of the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

CHICAGO Ill.  
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35, East Wacker Drive

Dear Sir,

<sup>X</sup>  
We are asked by several Members of the dissolved Club  
of ~~Naples~~ to undertake the resumption of rotarian activity in Italy.

This would be possible certainly in <sup>X</sup>~~Naples~~, very likely  
in the whole South Italy.

We beg to ask you for the necessary authorisation and  
for any special instruction you would think worth while giving us.

Faithfully Yours

(Signed)

Lorenzo Ricciardi  
*Lorenzo Ricciardi*  
(Past President)

(Signed)

Quirino Fimiani  
*Quirino Fimiani*  
(Past Secretary)

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NAPOLI, December 8.th 1934  
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To the A.M.G.

NAPLES

RIUNIONI SETTIMANALI: IL MARTEDI' ALLE ORE 13 - HOTEL EXCELSIOR

A group of Members of the dissolved Rotary Club of Naples, through the undersigned, ask the Rotary International for its authorisation to the reestablishment of the Rotary in Italy, namely in Naples.

It will be remembered that we Rotarians were ordered from the past Government to dissolve the Rotary in Italy, and this against all our feelings.

Therefore we enclose a letter addressed to the Rotary International, in Chicago Ill. U.S.A., in order to obtain the necessary authorisation.

We beg from your kindness to forward the enclosed letter.

Faithfully Yours

Lorenzo Ricciardi

*Lorenzo Ricciardi*  
(past President)

Quirino Fimiani

*Quirino Fimiani*  
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Paolo  
Parco Margherita, 49



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