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SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS
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SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS, AMERICAN, USIS, TO BE USED IN ITALY
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School Test books, American US1861
to be used in study.

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FROM

OCT. 1945

TO

CATALOGUE.

23 Oct 1944
4. School children do not get their free meals. Will be able to have them, thanks to the Allies, at very low prices.

24 Oct 1944
5. The Rector of the Rome University seems to be quite pleased with the way the new academic year has begun.

25 Oct 1944
6. The University ought to be operated in a methodical way; at the present moment it is in a chaotic state, and most appointments seem to be made arbitrarily.

26 Oct 1944
7. (GSM) Signed by ...

8. The partisans join the army; no one seems to be bothering about their families; an indemnity of 5 lire a day is obviously not enough. The officers get the same food as the

11 Oct 1944
9. Plea for tolerance and less vilification in operation of teachers. After all the great mass of school people have simply done their job and if they used the Fascist salute or had the tessera it is hardly a matter for surprise or indignation. Let us pick out the really guilty and not engage in personal vendettas or whispered campaigns against others. (Egidi)

13 Oct 1944
10. Workers of the ENIC call on Spetaro and ask for satisfactory administration of ENIC. Comment by R: It is well known that the Consiglio di Amministrazione which has been named is not acceptable to the personnel. Two members of the Consiglio have Fascist records, two others have links with groups opposed to the interests of the ENIC.

14 October 1944

2. Article of De Buggiero on the problem of schools: some of the teachers are being sent to live in some very badly damaged

10/15/44

15 October 1944

2. Schools had announced their reopening for the 15th, tomorrow, but it will not be so. Disinfection has not yet been done and many premises are still requisitioned.

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27 October 1944

to De Gasperi, the plurality of parties has been brought about by particular historical conditions. If the parties really want democracy, they must put themselves in the required political conditions.

2. About distribution services: It is time the UDIS should be organized. The Federazione Consorzi Agrari is responsible for the

27 October 1944
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27 November 1944

7. Don't authorities realize the tragic fact that many children of nine, ten or even twelve, can neither read nor write: illiteracy is menacing our future if something is not done. The writer, (Ida) then takes the example of Pietralata, of the 3 local schools one has been occupied by refugees, the second by P.S. (1) and the third, formed by large wooden cottages fitted with stoves, is empty. It is not used because teachers cannot reach it. Could not the "ispettorato scolastico" come to an agreement with the AT/G?

27 November 1944

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December 31, 1944

3. Purification in the University: The Allies had begun by expurating 28 professors; then 25 more were expurated; now a list of 51 has appeared. Among whom some names famous for their well-known anti-Fascism. We expect, writes Giovanni Colonnelli, that in the end only about half a dozen will remain; those ultra-Fascists who have denounced their colleagues.

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29 Nov. 1944

6. Situation at the University. A proposal of coming elections of Presidi and Rettori, the problems of the university are discussed. Two are very troublesome: printing of text books in sufficient number and lodging of students, specially those who come from outside Rome.

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2 December 1944

M.B. - Correction of Digest of 26th Nov. par. 1 - The two Scout Associations have federated but each remains autonomous. The non-sectarian ONGAI (Corpo Nazionale giovani Esploratori Italiani) keeps its name and freedom but participated in the federation.

5 Dec. 1944

3. R.L. does not believe that the Provveditore should raise his voice to stop the students' strike; anyhow he is wrong in saying that lesson hours are not longer than they were last year.

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3 Dec. 44

4. Bad living conditions, no transport and no schools in National del Risparmio, Roma, 20 Nov. 44, V.I. Campese.

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5 Dec. 1944

9. The Provveditore agli Studi, following students' strike, gives notice that lessons will begin again immediately and that the Istituto Reale in which normal activity has not started again by Wednesday morning, will immediately be turned over, for the present academic year, to elementary schools short of premises.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

6 Dec. 1944

8. Could not possibly the "Biblioteca Nazionale" remain open also in the afternoon, and so allow all those who are busy in the morning, to improve their knowledge?

12 Dec. 1944

9. Article urging that the Ente Comunale di Assistenza really get to work.

8. Mayor assures representatives of Italian Women Union that schools will be soon re-opened.

10. Italian.

3. Statement of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs about the Franco-Russian treaty: It aims at depriving Germany of every

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

29 December 1944

7. The Pope approved the constitution of the A.G.I. (Associazione Guide Italiane) whose aim is the education and the moral and physical formation of Italian women, following the Scouts educational method.

9. Milk for Rome. Better to import cows than tinned milk; Italy is in need of livestock.

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14 October, 1964

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dismember their country nor will she enforce upon them a Government to which they should be irrevocably opposed.

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The interview should not have been in Italy, but I suppose
of the situation in Europe's history. During the previous winter
the Partisans especially asked the American Office, I was. The obviously
I stayed strictly within the lines - I gave facts only, & to a
the press. It did not seem to me
represented, sent by the PPO. Then, the news
that the report would go with Italian papers. When I was
morning, I saw the Italian accounts of the interview. I reported it at once
that I had committed an error of judgment. I reported it at once
to the PPO who, in turn, also warned it with the Chief Commission.
I also reported it at once to the Vice President, told him I was
very sorry that I had not been better judgment, & warned him
that I would be exceedingly careful in the future.
at last.

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Exec Comm.

Please see Mr. 7. Although I got back
committed an error of judgment (to appear several times
died and so far as I am aware there have been no
undesirable repercussions as the result of the factual
statement which appeared in certain Italian papers.

Manly Bayader
V.P.C.A.S.

3/17.

Ex. Comm.

Ex. Commission will probably want to see 7 & 8.
(E.C.'s minute to report)
NO. 3/17. Forwarded. 1/11

V.P.C.A.S.

R.I.P. - but please with I.C.A. Commission to

be extremely careful in future
Mr. (of a)

Minutes

To OP-CA Section:

The attached letter confirms what I told you in our conversation Saturday. Following your advice, I had a talk with him this morning, & he asked for a letter about the test books. So I have written this for you to pass on to him.

Carleton Washburn
et al.

21 Oct. 45

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Ex. Comm.
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Polad (B)

To all IA.

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M. Can. Brij.
V.P. CAS.

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J.P.R.

Will you let me know what W.C. Washburn

said to the press in this matter.

Ex. Com.

Translation of salient points attached.

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V.P. CAS

If the report of press is correct will you call for an early explanation from W.C. Washburn

AS 25/10

From 11 Moments of 25-10-45

Lt. Col. C.W. Washburne stated to D. Pitkin, Associated Press correspondent, that Fascist propaganda, as it was in Italian text books, was a child's play as compared with the political propaganda that Yugoslav partisans try to enforce in the schools of the contested region of Venezia Giulia; he defined this propaganda as Communist, militarist, nationalistic and strongly pro-Tito.

Col. Washburne also affirmed that separation from Italian schools of text books containing Fascist propaganda and of teachers and administrators who have had an active part in Fascism, has been completed. "The greatest problem with which the Allies now have to deal, he said, concerns Venezia Giulia, where Allied troops - while waiting for the definite border line to be fixed-maintain order. In Fascist text books, went on the Director of the Education Sub-Commission, propaganda was scattered here and there, while Yugoslav text books are entirely made up of propaganda. "The Allied Education Sub-Commission has refused to accept those Yugoslav text books in which Tito's Communism is glorified. In that part of Venezia Giulia which is under Allied control only those schools which use approved text books are recognised, but Tito's partisans make every effort to try and run illegal schools in which books glorifying Tito much more than Fascist books used to glorify Mussolini, are used. To these attempts the Allies answer by refusing to recognise any work done by these schools; Tito's partisans are refused all kind of school,

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material as well as the use of school buildings, but we learn, went on Col. Washburne, that they run clandestine schools. As for that part of Venezia Giulia which is under their control, there the partisans have an entirely free hand.

Lt. John P. Simoni, of the Allied Education Office, has ascertained that children are taught writing by phrases such as ^{"The} War is over; Tito's partisans have won the war. My father is a partisan. The great Stalin calls us from the planes of Russia, and from these mountains our friend Tito answers. etc."

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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22 October, 1945

SUBJECT : Text books in Venezia Giulia.

TO : VP, CA Section.

1. The attitude of the Yugoslav Partizans in Venezia Giulia is interestingly illustrated in the matter of text books for the Slav schools in AMG territory.

2. An innocent primer, in Slovene, written some years ago, was selected by the Chief Education Officer, AMG, for use in the Slavio schools of Trieste and Gorizia provinces, and a request for its importation from Jugoslavia was made through the joint economic council.

3. The Yugoslavs refused to export the book, on the ground that it was "Fascist". A careful analysis of the book revealed just two passages that by an extreme stretch of imagination could be considered "fascist" - i.e., pro-monarchy: One passage, referring to a goose, says, "Guga gaga stands on the threshold begging for food. On her back she carries the bed of a king." The other passage, referring to wool, says, "It comes from the country. It is used for making clothes. It is brought in by the poor but is honored by kings."

4. As a substitute for this "fascist" volume, the Yugoslavs sent their new primer, and insisted that it be used in all Slav schools in AMG territory. It was the most arrant propaganda throughout. There was a full page portrait of Tito. Tanks, guns, soldiers marching, were in most of the illustrations. Death's heads and skeletons loomed over martyred partizans. The most innocent picture was a blacksmith raising a hammer to forge a sickle. One illustration shows an arrogant capitalist exploiting a cobbler in the old regime and the tables turned in the present regime. The text books of the Italian Fascist regime were milk and water by comparison.

5. Of course this book will not be used in any authorized school under Allied jurisdiction and a book is in preparation under the supervision of the Chief Education Officer. But the Yugoslav psychology in expecting a neutral trustee government to adopt a book of pure pro-Tito propaganda, is significant, and suggests the sort of neutrality being practiced under Yugoslav trusteeship on the other side of the Morgan line, where this new primer is to be used in all schools.

Carlton W. Washburne
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Director of Education.



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