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26 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Dissolution of P.W.B. in Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through Executive Commissioner)

1. Reference is to the attached note from the Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat and the annexed paper from the Psychological Warfare Subcommittee.

2. PRB recommends that the Chief Commissioner ask the Communications Sub-Commission to set up the Technical Sub-Committee referred to in Recommendation 1 of the paper and instruct it to submit a report and recommendations to the Political Conference.

G. STEWART BROWN
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5. Venezia Giulia, N.E. Italy, and Austria

a. Venezia Giulia is excluded from the scope of the present paper in view of the special circumstances prevailing in that region. The scheme proposed can also be postponed if the situation in N.E. Italy develops so as to make such delay essential.

b. PWB commitments to Austria will also necessitate the retention of certain facilities in Italy and these are considered elsewhere.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That AC be instructed to set up a technical sub-committee to examine the problems involved in the admission of the private news agencies to North ITALY, and to recommend a date as soon as possible after July 1st for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from PWB to the private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. That Allied Publications Board be instructed to prepare and recommend a detailed scheme for the control of the Italian press and radio in North ITALY, and of such Italian-controlled stations as are audible in North ITALY, (including Rome II) through press officers working in close cooperation with the Regional Commissioners, and that it prepare and recommend a directive to govern the work of these press officers. *See*

3. That PWB be instructed to provide the Allied Publications Board with all necessary facilities, including the provision of the necessary staff, to make the foregoing project effective.

4. That press officers, attached to Allied Publications Board act as agents for the distribution of ONI and SOI publications in North ITALY.

5. That, upon approval of the recommendations of the sub-committee to be set up under para 1 above, PWB should, at a date so determined, cease all activities other than those required for VENEZIA GIULIA and AUSTRIA, except for film distribution and activities required by para 3 above.

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A J. McC.

Chairman, Psychological Warfare Sub-Committee

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To: Executive Commissioner:

Letter at 79 for signature of Chief Commissioner.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 333

7th June, 1945

H.H. Scudder
H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director,
Communications S/C.

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To: Communications sec.

Ref 78 above. *Have you* letter signed for Chief Commissioner. not returned for dispatch. Copies withdrawn for files of Chief Comm. and Ex. Comm.

7 June 45

[Signature]
C. S. O.
Exec. Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

TLH/ee

21 February 1945

G.253.32.GS

Subject: Distribution of Press

To : Chief Commissioner, ALCOM.
Mr. G. Edman, PWB., ITALY
Col. Hobson, I.N.C. A.F.H.Q.
Mr. Brown, P.R.O. ALCOM
Lt. Col. Reeves, Signal Officer R.A.A.C.
Col. Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission, ALCOM.

1. A report is required to be made to A.F.H.Q. on progress.
2. A draft report is attached for consideration by the Committee.
3. Meeting will be held in the Chief Commissioner's Office at 16.00 hours on 22 February, 1945 to consider this draft.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel,
Secretary.

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Minutes of the THIRD MEETING held in the Allied Commission on Thursday 23rd February, 1946, to discuss the arrangements to be made to provide communication facilities for news agencies

Present: Rear Admiral Eliery T. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Colonel J.L. Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission, A.
Mr. G. Stuart Brown, Public Relation Officer, A.C.
Mr. G. Egan, F.T.S., Italy
Colonel A.C.W. Hobson, I.M.C., A.F.H.Q.
Lt. Col. L.F. Reeves, R.A.A.C., Signal Officer

Admiral Stone presided:

1. Admiral Stone first drew the attention of the Committee to the replacement of Major Pielson by Mr. Stuart Brown as Public Relations Officer of the Allied Commission.
He then asked for comments on the draft report to A.F.H.Q. which had been circulated to all members.
2. The report as drafted was agreed by all members.
3. Admiral Stone then asked if a report he had from Mr. King of F.T.S. to the effect that transfer of executive operation of Italcop facilities would begin 1st March affected the interests of this Committee. Mr. Egan and Lt. Col. Reeves confirmed that it did not affect the transfer of Press distribution due on 1st March.
4. Admiral Stone then directed that the report as drafted and approved be made out for his signature as Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission and Chairman of the Technical Sub-Committee convened under orders of SACLED for rendition to Colonel J.H. LASCELLES I.S. and A.F.H.Q.
5. It was agreed that no further meeting was required.

H.H. Scudder
H.H. SCUDDER, Lt. Colonel,
Secretary.

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10th February, 1946.

Minutes of the 10th meeting held in the Allied Commission on 10th February, 1946 to discuss the arrangements to be made to provide communication facilities for the service.

Present:	Colonel F. L. HARRISON	Communication sub-committee Allied Commission
	Col. H. P. HARRISON	
	Major Lionel HARRISON	Public Relations Officer Allied Commission
	Colonel HARRISON	T. A. H. C. H. H. H.
	Sp. Col. L. H. HARRISON	Signal Officer, T. A. H. C.
	Mr. H. HARRISON	Italian Government
	Mr. H. HARRISON	Italobloc

Colonel F. L. HARRISON presided.

1. Colonel HARRISON stated that the meeting had been called to bring matters up-to-date with developments so far and to solve any remaining difficulties in the way of communication facilities by the Italian Government.
2. He said that the following were the chief developments:-
 - a. The Italian Government had agreed that the facilities now at their disposal though meagre, were adequate for them to carry on the service.
 - b. The Italian Government had arranged for the transmission of press traffic by the continued use of the facilities of Italobloc and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
 - c. The staffs and conditions of service had been established.
 - d. The T. A. H. C. had notified the Commission that they wished to take over the responsibility at the end of February.

He asked for any difficulties that would prevent opening of service.

2. Mr. HARRISON said he had three problems, space, transport and personnel.

It is requested that the following subject of the following
 rules and regulations from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications be
 considered for the establishment and use of similar national service agencies
 in connection with these services.

The following rules concern telegraph services and are
 the subject of the agency in question, which are subject to the
 approval of the agency.

It is requested that the agency be authorized to take the necessary
 steps to ensure the proper functioning of the agency.

1. General Provisions

The following provisions apply to the telegraph services and are
 subject to the approval of the agency. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications
 on the basis of the following provisions shall issue the necessary
 instructions to the agency to ensure the proper functioning of the
 telegraph services.

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications shall ensure the
 proper functioning of the telegraph services and shall ensure the
 proper functioning of the telegraph services.

2. Telegraph Services

Telegraph services shall be provided in the following manner:
 (a) The agency shall ensure the proper functioning of the
 telegraph services.

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There shall not exceed 300 words for each message.

3. TRANSMISSION

The order of transmission is subject to the order of presentation of the telegrams at the telegraph office.

If an agency transmits in more than one message simultaneously, each message shall be numbered as follows: first, second, third, etc.

In case of congestion of traffic, the second telegram of the first agency will be transmitted after the first telegram handed by any other agency within 15 minutes from the time of acceptance of the first telegram, and so on.

4. DELIVERY

Every telegram will be delivered by messenger as early as possible, or otherwise by the addressee who, if and when possible, will be informed by telephone that there are telegrams in abeyance for them.

5. POSTAGE AND FREIGHT

The tariff is established in one half of the regular freight rate. This reduction is granted until 6 months after the end of the war.

The settlement of the accounts will be carried out in accordance with the ruling in each country covering messages filed in current account.

6. DELIVERY OF TELEGRAMS

The cost of postage and transmission of telegrams is paid at sender's risk. Where cost of any message will be included in the account, provided the delay exceeds 5 hours from the time of filing, and is not to exceed the cost of the message in the account.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

16th January, 1945

Minutes of the First Meeting held in the Allied Commission
on Tuesday 9th January, 1945 to discuss the arrangements to
be made to provide communication facilities for news agencies.

Present:

Rear Admiral Ellery S. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner, Allied
Commission
Colonel. J.L. Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission
Allied Commission
Major Lionel Fielden Public Relations Officer
Allied Commission
Mr. G. Egan F.R.B., Italy
Lieut. Colonel J.L. Hayden-I.N.C., A.F.H.Q. Adv.
Lt. Colonel L.P. Reeves Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.
Lt. Colonel H.R. Boudier Secretary
Rear Admiral S.E. Stone presided.

1. Admiral Stone read the directive given at the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference on 30th December, 1944 under which this Committee had been convened. It was:

"THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Directed that private news agencies be permitted to sell news direct to the newspapers of HQAA on and after 15th January, 1945, and that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, so inform the private news agencies.

(b) Appointed a technical sub-committee consisting of,

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Chairman

Director, F.R.B.

Chief, INC.

Chief Signals Officer, A.F.H.Q.

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or their representatives, to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout the remainder of liberated ITALY, and to report their recommendations to A.F.H.Q.

- (a) Directed that the technical sub-Committee appointed under (b) above, in carrying out their investigation, have particular regard to the safeguards required to prevent the establishment of a monopolistic indigenous news agency in ITALY.

He pointed out that although certain agencies had agreed to deal with a co-operative agency known as ANSA, other agencies were not prepared to do so. It was a particular duty of this Committee to ensure that no monopoly was established by this co-operative agency so far as communications facilities were concerned.

2. From statements by Sr. Edman, Lt. Col. Reeves and Colonel Henderson it appeared that the present facilities utilized by F.W.B. fall into two categories:

- (a) line telegraph facilities - provided through the allied military teleprinter network, by F.W.B. having positions on the military teleprinter switchboards and using the Allied Junction circuits at times when military traffic permitted.
- (b) radio broadcast facilities - provided partly by the use by F.W.B. of requisitioned and rehabilitated Italcable equipment, and partly by O.W.I. equipment. Some radio receivers were on loan by F.W.B. to provincial newspapers for the reception of these broadcasts, many others possessed their own receiving equipment.

3. On line telegraph facilities

Lt. Col. Reeves stated that the relinquishment by F.W.B. of a few hours use of some military channels would not enable any full circuits to be released from military use; the pressure of military traffic would immediately absorb any freed time.

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Col Henderson stated that although Italian Government circuits were very scanty the situation was slowly improving. There was a possibility that circuits could be made available; possibly it would be preferable to restore the Italcable domestic service in part, with this press service as one object.

Admiral Stone said that it was obviously impossible, with the very limited facilities, to make line time available to all agencies and that therefore the best method of preventing any monopoly would be to have a common carrier; this might be the Department of Posts and Telegraphs or Italcable. The latter would give the advantages of better and more experienced service, and would be less liable to influence.

It was agreed that:

- a. private news agencies should not make use of Allied military facilities; if for any reasons such use were permitted the question of rates would have to be settled, as free service to private agencies could not be given.
- b. a common carrier, preferably commercial (Italcable) open to all agencies, would be the best means of providing the facilities.

4. On radio facilities.

Mr. Egan stated that P.W.B. were using Morse transmissions on short and medium waves and dictation-speed broadcasts. Most of the radio equipment was requisitioned from Italcable, rehabilitated partly by G.W.I. items, partly by items requisitioned from other Italian sources. He was prepared to release the requisitioned equipment used by P.W.B. on the news services for the territory administered by the Italian Government, and would assist in transferring the G.W.I. items that had been put in to rehabilitate this equipment probably on a sale basis.

Lt. Col. Reeves stated that all Italcable radio equipment and accommodations in Rome Area was requisitioned by the Allied military authorities and under his control. The equipment was turned over to operation by the military, by P.W.B. R.C.A.C., etc. as required. When released from Allied use, equipment and accommodation etc. would be restored to Italcable and placed under supervision of the Allied Commission until that time no civilian operation could be permitted. It was stated that ANSA had some personnel in the Italcable stations, apparently introduced by P.W.B. and Lt. Col. Reeves took exception to this.

Mr. Egan said that he had no knowledge of this would rectify the position.

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Admiral Stone said that instructions had been issued by the U.S.C., A.F.M.C. for the return to Italcable of such equipment etc. as could be released by P.W.B. on the change of system of distribution of news. He asked what progress was being made.

Colonel Henderson stated that his Sub-Commission was assisting at the transfer and that the first meeting with the representatives of H.A.A.C. Signals, P.W.B., Italcables and the Italian Government was being held tomorrow (10 Jan.) Following this, it would be possible to state what facilities would become available.

Admiral Stone said that it would be necessary to ensure that the rates charged by Italcable were not excessive, particularly if they were an exclusive carrier. This would be a matter of Italian Government regulations.

Piracy of News

Mr. Adam pointed out the danger of piracy of news, and in particular of P.W.B. news broadcasts for use in Regional Military Government territory. He was in favour of the Italian Government taking measures to prevent news piracy, and suggested curtailment of the paper supply of offenders.

Admiral Stone said that corresponding action would be taken in Regional Military Government territory in respect of piracy of the news distributed by private agencies in Italian Government territory.

Admiral Stone stated that Colonel Henderson would preside at the next meeting.

Colonel Henderson said that it appeared that the next move was to hold a meeting with the Signal Officer H.A.A.C. and the Italian Government authorities, which Italcables might be invited to attend, to determine what facilities could be made available and to recommend by what organization they should be operated.

This was agreed

Major Fielden said that it was necessary to move fast owing to the time limit placed on the transfer.

Admiral Stone said that the time limit only referred to the distribution of news in Rome, not to the further extension throughout Italian Government territory. However, the matter was urgent.

The meeting was then closed.

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In reply
refer to: G.253.1.CS

Subject : News Agencies Communications

To : Chief Commissioner

1. Lt. Col. Scudder and I had an interview with Dr. Fano on the question of what Italian organization should be made the carrier for news agencies distribution.

2. Dr. Fano does not feel that the matter is within his competence to decide, as the whole policy of restoring private agencies on internal communications is brought into question.

3. He is raising the matter with the Council of Ministers as soon as possible, but cannot expect an answer until Tuesday 16th January.

4. I am sorry for the delay, which I have done my best to avoid, but I do not think we can move until this essential point is cleared.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

14th January, 1945

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director,
Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: Major Lionel Fielden P.M.C. Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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10th January, 1945

Minutes of the FIRST MEETING, held in the Allied Commission on January 2nd January, 1945, to discuss the arrangements to be made to provide communication facilities for news agencies.

Present:

Rear Admiral Henry H. STONE, R.N.R.,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

Colonel J. L. HENDERSON, Communications Sub-Commission
Allied Commission

Major Lionel FIDYAM, Public Relations Officer,
Allied Commission

Mr. A. KRAM, P. O. S., Italy

Lieut. Colonel J. L. HENDERSON I.M.C., A. F. S. S. Div.

Lt. Colonel L. P. HENDERSON, Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

Lt. Colonel H. B. HENDERSON, Secretary

Rear Admiral H. H. Stone presided.

Admiral Stone read the directive given at the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference on 10th December, 1944, under which this Committee had been convened. It was:

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

(a) Directed that private news agencies be permitted to sell news direct to the newspapers of 1945 on and after 15th January 1945, and that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, be informed of the private news agencies.

(b) Appointed a technical sub-committee consisting of,

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission -
Chairman

Director, P.W.

Chief, I.M.

Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ

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or their representatives, to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout the remainder of liberated Italy, and to report their recommendations to AFHQ.

(c) Directed that the technical sub-committee appointed under (b) above, in carrying out their investigation, have particular regard to the requirements to prevent the establishment of a monopolistic influence over agency in Italy.

He pointed out that although certain agencies had agreed to deal with a co-operative agency known as AFHQ, other agencies were not prepared to do so. It was a particularly duty of this Committee to ensure that no monopoly was established by this co-operative agency so far as communications facilities were concerned.

From statements by Mr. Gurney, Mr. Gurney and Mr. Gurney, it appeared that the present facilities obtained by U.S.S. fell into two categories:

- A. Line telephone facilities - provided through the United States Military Telegraph Service, by U.S.S. facilities, and through the military telegraph service provided by the military telegraph service at times when military traffic was limited.
- B. Radio broadcast facilities - provided partly by the U.S.S. of telecommunications and telecommunications equipment, and partly by U.S.S. equipment. These radio receivers were on loan by U.S.S. to provincial newspapers for the reception of these broadcasts, many others possessed their own receiver equipment.

On line telegraph facilities.

Mr. Gurney stated that the telecommunications by U.S.S. of a few hours use of news military materials would not enable any full facilities to be released from military use; the presence of military traffic would immediately absorb any freed time.

Col. Henderson stated that although Italian Government circuits were very slowly the situation was slowly improving. There was a possibility that circuits could be made available; possibly it would be preferable to restore the Italian domestic service in part, with this service serving as an object.

Admiral Stone said that it was obviously impossible, with the very limited facilities, to make line time available to all agencies, and that therefore the best method of preventing any monopoly would be to have a common carrier. This might be the Department of Posts and Telegraphs or Italian. The latter would give the advantage of better and more experienced service, and would be less liable to influence.

It was agreed that

A. private non-secure should not make use of Allied military facilities; if for any reason such use were permitted the question of radio would have to be settled, as free service to private agencies could not be given.

B. a common carrier, preferably commercial (Telegraph), open to all agencies, could be the best means of providing the facilities.

On Radio Facilities

Mr. Egan stated that I.T.S. were using more transmission on short and medium waves and high-frequency broadcast. Part of the radio equipment was requisitioned from Italian, notably that partly by I.T.S. items, partly by items requisitioned from other Italian sources. He was prepared to discuss the requisitioned equipment used by I.T.S. on the basis of the territory administered by the Italian Government, and would assist in transferring the I.T.S. items that had been put in to rehabilitation this equipment, probably on a case basis.

Mr. Egan stated that all Italian radio equipment and accommodations in Rome were requisitioned by the Allied military authorities and under his control. The equipment was turned over to operation by the military, by I.T.S., S.I.A., etc., as required. When released from Allied use, equipment and accommodations etc. would be returned to Italian and placed under supervision of the Allied Command; until that time no civilian operation could be permitted. It was stated that Mr. Egan had some personnel in the Italian stations, currently introduced by I.T.S., and Mr. Egan had never been mentioned to this. Mr. Egan said that he had no knowledge of this and would notify the position.

Admiral Steno said that indications had been issued by the U.S.S. for the return to Italy of such equipment etc. as would be released by U.S.S. in the course of operation of distribution of news. He asked what progress was being made.

Colonel Henderson said that his sub-committee was assisting at the transfer and that the first meeting with the representatives of U.S.S. officials, U.S.S., Italian and the Italian Government was being held tomorrow (10 Feb.) Following this, it would be possible to state what facilities would become available.

Admiral Steno said that it would be necessary to ensure that the rates charged by Italianable were not excessive, particularly if they were an exclusive service. This would be a matter of Italian Government consultation.

Finance of News

Mr. Steno pointed out the danger of piracy of news, and in particular of U.S.S. news broadcast for use in National Military Government territory. He was in favour of the Italian Government taking measures to prevent news piracy, and suggested curtailment of the major supply of offenders.

Admiral Steno said that corresponding action would be taken in National Military Government territory in respect of piracy of the news distributed by private agencies in Italian Government territory.

Admiral Steno stated that Colonel Henderson would preside at the next meeting.

Colonel Henderson said that it appeared that the next news was to hold a meeting with the Naval Officer U.S.S. and the Italian Government authorities, which Italian might be invited to attend, to determine what facilities could be made available and to recommend by what organization they should be operated. This was agreed.

Major Fielden said that it was necessary to move fast owing to the time limit placed on the transfer.

Admiral Steno said that the time limit only referred to the distribution of news in Rome, not to the further extension throughout Italian Government territory. However, the matter was urgent.

The meeting thus closed.

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NEWS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

PWB 8th Army Team
5th Army Team - Florence

1. Rome Italian Net - 3 frequencies
2. Teletype to Rome Long Distance (2) *from? New office located in Rome*
3. Facsimile *to New office located in Rome*
4. Teletype to Radio Rome *from? New office located in Rome*
5. Teletype to Ministry Popular Culture (Monitoring)
6. Teletype to PRO AFHQ
7. Rome to Moscow (1 Hour Newscast)
8. Rome to Balkans (English)

OTHER AGENCIES COOPERATING

RAAG SIGNALS	Teletype and Radio Via Army Signals to all points
RCA	Commercial Channel to New York
CABLE & WIRELESS	Commercial Channel to London
AAI	Army Signals to London
AFHQ SIGNALS	Relay to Algiers, Washington and London
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PWB outposts at Palermo, Catania, Naples, Bari, and Florence all have teletypes to their respective switchboards.

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FROM LRRI (Date & Time)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal OfficerRAD/WDE/rc
APO 512, U. S. Army
26 June 1945

311.23/110

SUBJECT: Allocation of Frequencies.

TO : Director, Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ, APO 512, U. S. Army.
: Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Com-
mission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to our letter 311.23/110 of 25 June.
2. The first frequency quoted in paragraph 2 of the reference letter should read 88.23 Kc/s instead of 288.23 Kc/s.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

HRESTON W. SIMMS,
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps.

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G. 253.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Communications Sub-Commission

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G.253. .CS

27th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Allocation of Frequencies

TO: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. As of 1st July, 1945, the following frequencies have been withdrawn from P.W.B. and re-allocated to Italcable for use in central and North Italy.

Frequency

88.83
1556
6285
6485

Power Kw.

20
1.0
0.4
1.0

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

Copy to: Italcable
46-48 Via Calabria
Roma

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

RAD/WDE/11
AFD 512, U. S. ARMY
25 June 1945

311.23/110

SUBJECT: Allocation of Frequencies.

TO : Director, Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ, APO 512, U.S. Army.
Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied
Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Reference is made to PWB letter of 21 June, subject as above, and to ACC letter G.253.93.6S of 15 June.
2. As of 1 July, the following frequencies are withdrawn from PWB use in all zones, and re-allocated to ACC for the use of ITALCABLE:

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Zones</u>	<u>Power Kw.</u>
188.23	8	20.
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For the Chief Signal Officer:

FRESTON W. SIMMS,
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Ansa has been selling to

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filed a telegram in the War Cable to the

South American Agencies using agency

to pick up news which PWB was
broadcasting.

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AFHQ for FMSIG

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25 JUNE 1945

ROUTINE

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REQUEST ALLOCATION OF A FIVE AND SIX POINT SEVEN MEG HERTZ FREQUENCIES
FOR ITALCABLE USE NORTH ITALY PRESS CIRCUITS PD
REPAID AFHQ FOR FMSIG FROM ALCON HQ CITE ALCON PAREN
POWER WILL BE ONE POINT FIVE KILOWATTS

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File G 253

Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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SUBJECT : Cessation of P.W.B. News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
Ansa
Orbis
Si
Sidi
Agence France-Presse

1. This is to inform you that AFHQ has approved the hand over of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news in Northern Italy (with the exception of Venezia-Giulia) from P.W.B. to private news agencies effective July 15, 1945.
2. This approval is still subject to the satisfactory solution of several minor technical problems. Unless these problems prove impossible of solution before that date please accept this as notice that private news agencies can begin to distribute news in northern Italy (except Venezia-Giulia) as of 0001 hours 15 July.
3. A system for the rationing of wordage which can be filed to the north is being worked out and a meeting will be held as soon as it is ready for discussion.

[Signature]

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D. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy
Major F. Weidman, G-5 Section, AFHQ
Mr. George Toman, P.W.B., Milan
Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. G. Bancroft, P.W.B., Rome
Miss Vining, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. J. Linen, PWB, Rome

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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23rd June, 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution Private Agencies

TO: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. The Private News Agencies to be considered in any rationing scheme for news distribution are as follows:

Reuters
Associated Press
International News Service
United Press
U.S.I.S.
Agence France
Orbis
Ansa
S.I.D.I.

2. Agence France has been added since our last conversation.

H.H. SCUDLER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. O.
Director.

Copy to: P.R.O., A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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21st June, 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution Private News Agencies

TO: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. To assist you and Inc. Martino in the rationing scheme for news transmissions Rome - Milan there is inclosed copy of letter received from S.I.D.I.
2. It is hoped that your proposal can be ready in the next few days so that all arrangements can be made for July 15th which is the date on which P.W.B. will cease service.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

Incl: Copy of letter from S.I.D.I. dtd 18th June 45.

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SERVIZIO ITALIANO DI INFORMAZIONI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI
CAPITALE L. 1.000.000 INTERAMENTE VERSATO

Prot.N.422.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Relations Branch
APO 394

Attention : G.Stewart Brown, Director

Confirming verbal request made by our Manager at the meeting presided by you on the 16th instant, we are kindly asking that, on cessation of the NNU service, S.I.D.I be assigned a number of words allotted for transmittal from Rome to Milan equal to the number assigned to the other Agencies estimated at about 5000.

In determining the allotment plan you are also kindly requested to please keep in mind the opportunity of adopting a criterion of shifts by hours or of a limitation in the number of words in the messages to be transmitted during rush hours in connection with newspapers requirements so that every Agency may find itself in condition of equality with respect to transmissions.

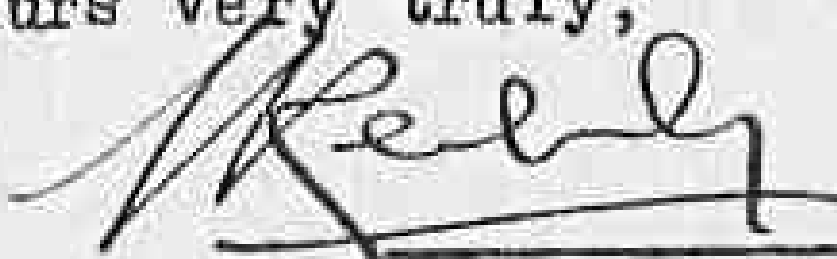
We are, therefore, kindly requesting you to please examine the following proposal submitted by ourselves:

- 1) that the aggregate number of words assigned per day be divided in several groups: for instance 10 groups to be transmitted every two hours each with an interval of 4 hours during unused morning hours;
- 2) that messages with a number of words greater than number assigned for each shift be broken off and the excess number included in the next shift succeeding;
- 3) as regards Italian Agencies transmitting foreign Agencies service, to consider their own individual service separately from the foreign service represented by them as far as the shifts system is concerned.

We shall greatly appreciate if you will kindly keep us informed as to any development in this matter.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours very truly,


Comm. Realino Carboni,
Sole Administrator.

RICEZIONE RADIOTELEGRAFICA COMMERCIALE PER AGENZIE DI STAMPA
INTERCELTAZIONE RADIOTELEGRAFICA E RADIOFONICA DI NOTIZIE PER GIORNALI

Col. Padden
Comm etc

20 June 45

Sidi is making proposals
regarding the rationing of wordage.
Do you plan to hand a proposal
or plan to discuss with the
agencies and others interested?

J. Brown

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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21 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Cessation of PWB Activities in ITALY.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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Private Agencies.

The attached correspondence, originated in compliance with the decision taken at SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 10 (a), is forwarded for your information and any necessary action.

J. E. Bastion, Jr.

J. E. BASTION, JR.,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander.

1 Incl.
Ltr dtd 19 June 45

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AFHQ, CCSigO, APO 512, U. S. Army, 20 June 1945.

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TO: Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ.

1. The frequencies 288.23 kcs, 1556 kcs, 6285 kcs and 6485 kcs are still in use by PWB for the Italian News File, but as soon as arrangements can be completed, these frequencies will be re-allocated to Headquarters Allied Commission for ITALGABLE. From the standpoint of frequency allocation, communications for Italian news transmissions can continue without interruption.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

Preston W. Simms
PRESTON W. SIMMS,
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

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19 June 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief Signal Officer.

Subject : Allotment of Frequencies to ITALCABLE.

1. At the 15th Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Political Conference on 18 June 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander directed that an investigation should be made into the allotment of three frequencies to ITALCABLE for transmission from ROME to news agencies in North ITALY.

2. It is desired that you examine urgently the possibility of allotting these frequencies to ITALCABLE. It is understood that they are at present reserved for the use of PWB, but the Director, PWB, states that he has made arrangements to loan PWB's transmitters in ROME to ITALCABLE so that PWB will have no further use for these frequencies after such time as you indicate that the allotment to ITALCABLE can be made.


J. E. BASTION, JR.,
Colonel, O.S.C.,

Secretary to Supreme Allied Commander

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACRED's
15th Meeting (Political) held at AFHQ
on 18th June 1945.

MINUTE No.10

10. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PRESS AND
RADIO NEWS FROM PWB IN ITALY.

(previous reference Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 31).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending that transfer of responsibility for the distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies should take place on 1 July 1945.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE stated that the Technical Sub-Committee appointed by him to investigate a date for the dissolution of PWB had recommended 1 July provided that three radio frequencies now being used by PWB should be made available to Ital-Cable for their use in Northern ITALY. Recently, however, he had been informed that private news agencies had been unable to complete negotiation of contracts as soon as anticipated and a new target date of 15 July was therefore more desirable.

MR. BARNES stated that he could see no reason why these frequencies could not be made available to the Italian agencies inasmuch as PWB had offered its transmitters in ROME to the Italians on a loan basis.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

- a. Directed the Chief of Staff to investigate the allotment of the three frequencies now held by PWB to Ital-Cable and to submit ~~idea~~ to him a report of his investigation.
- b. Directed the Chief of Staff to give appropriate orders for the handover of responsibility for distribution of press and radio news from PWB to private news agencies effective 15 July 1945. 21

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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PRB/9

18 June 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

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1. Reference our PRB/9 of 13 June 45.

2. Enclosed herewith are the draft amendments to AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 50 of 25 November 1944 which through error we neglected to enclose in our above mentioned memorandum to you.

ELISHA H. STONE

ELISHA H. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl. (1)

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Mr. G. Edman, Milan
Mr. R. Barnes, Naples
Mr. Radford, Rome

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HQ. Com. O. _____
Asst. Chief Postal _____
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Maj. F. Weidman, G-5, AFHQ
Information & Censorship Sec. Att: Col. Hobson
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AMENDMENTS TO AFHQ ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
NO. 50, of 25th November, 1944, the
AMENDMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT ON THE CREATION
OF FCB ACTIVITIES IN NORTH ITALY.

1.

Paragraph 1 is rescinded and the following substituted:

1a. The Allied Publications Board comprised of representatives of the following has been created:

- (1) Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ (Chairman)
- (2) Censorship Branch, INC
- (3) G-2 Section
- (4) Allied Commission
- (5) OWI and M of I.

b. Allied Commission will be represented by the following:

- (1) Representatives of the political advisors.
- (2) Representatives of the Economic Section.
- (3) The Director of Public Relations.

c. Psychological Warfare Branch will be represented by the following:

- (1) Head of PWB Italy (Chairman)
- (2) The Chief Press Officer (Executive Secretary)
- (3) Representative of the Director, ZWE AFHQ

2.

Paragraph 3A is rescinded and the following substituted:

The Communes of Naples, Arcosa and Livorno will be regarded for Allied Publications Board purposes as territory under Italian Government jurisdiction but copies of all applications for license to publish newspapers and magazines in these areas will be forwarded to the AMG Regional Commissioner by the Italian Press Commission.

3.

Paragraph 3C is rescinded.

4.

The following sub-para is added to paragraph 4:

a. Provide for the direction and control of the Italian Press and radio in Italian territory under AMG in accordance with the instructions the Chief of Staff AFHQ and directives approved by him.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 39th
Communications Sub-Commission

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G.253.95.05

15th June, 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution by Private News Agencies

TO: Italcable
26-48 Via Calabria
Roma

1. Reference is made to conversation with H.E.M. Fano and Ing. Martinato on June 16th, 1945.

2. It is of prime importance that adequate news distribution to North Italy be assured. P.W.B. agrees that Italcable may use any of the equipment now used by P.W.B. in such service.

3. Copy of letter from P.W.B. dated June 16th, 1945 is inclosed and you should make the necessary arrangements with P.W.B. so that no hiatus occurs at the moment of transfer from P.W.B. to Italcable operation.

4. The Minimum traffic to be handled daily between Rome - Milan - Venice will be 40,000 groups a day divided equally among 5 agencies including U.S. information service. Of this traffic 17,500 groups would have to be cleared during peak hours namely 10 to 11 and 21 to 23.30.

5. Arrangements will also have to be made to clear the same traffic from Milan to Genoa and Turin.

6. Please let us have your definite program for administrative details within the next few days.

These should cover assurance that:

a. arrangements have been completed with P.W.B. for use of equipment.

b. traffic can be expeditiously handled.

c. details for rationing so as to insure that all agencies are given equal treatment.

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18th June, 1945. Continued.

- d. any special rates for multiple address traffic.

H.H. BODDER
Lt. Colonel, S.W.C.
Director.

Copy to: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

Incl: Copy of letter F.W.B. dated June 10th, 1945.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Italian Theatre Headquarters
P.W.B. Unit No. 12 U.S.A.P.O.
512

June 10, 1945

Lt. Col. Scudder,
Communications Sub-commission
Allied Commission,
R O W E.

At a meeting, June 8th, in the Commissions offices, PWB was asked whether Communications facilities now being used by PWB could be made available to Ital-cable until Ital cables' own equipment is installed.

I am authorized to state that PWB agree that Ital-cable may use any of this equipment necessary to begin commercial news channels in Italy. Financial arrangements, if any, should be made between Ital-cable and Mr. Straley, PWB Administrative Officer.

The frequencies currently used by PWB will be released to AFHQ, with the recommendation that they be re-assigned to Ital-cable.

The equipment involved is located in Rome, Florence, Bologna, Venice, Milan, Genoa and Turin. The change-over can be made without interruption in service at any time it is directed.

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Straley,
Mr. Bancroft.

Joseph N. King,
Chief, PWB Comm.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution in Northern Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A meeting was held today with the Italian and American news agencies to seek their views on the date on which they could begin distribution of news in northern Italy, thus permitting P.W.B. to cease its distribution.

2. The agencies were unanimous in their belief that for administrative reasons they could not be prepared to take over news distribution in northern Italy before July 15. It was their recommendation that AFHQ set the date for July 15 rather than July 1.

3. In view of the wordage requirements of the eight agencies, it was decided that Col. Scudder's Technical Sub-Committee should, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Communications and Italian Press Ministry, work out a system of rationing of the wordage of all agencies, especially at peak periods.

Director _____
D/Director _____
Chief, Telecoms _____
Chief, Postal _____
H. Q. Comm. O. _____
Asst. Chief Postal _____

G. STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch

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Col. Hobson, Info. & Censorship, AFHQ
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

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16th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Radio Frequencies

TO: A.F.H.Q.
 Att: Chief Signal Officer

1. P.W.B. is under orders to cease activities from Italy as soon after July 1st, 1945 as possible. One of the controlling factors in determining the date of P.W.B.'s withdrawal is the availability of communication facilities sufficient to permit adequate distribution of news in Italy (except for Venezia Giulia) by Private News Agencies.

2. The Technical Committee appointed by the Chief Commissioner Allied Commission to study communication facilities which will be available upon the withdrawal of P.W.B. has reported that facilities would be available in sufficient quantity provided that radio facilities were afforded civilian agencies similar to those used by P.W.B. in its Italian service.

3. It has been arranged with the Italian Government that Italcable would take over from P.W.B. operation of such radio facilities and it is understood that P.W.B. has recommended to A.F.H.Q. that upon cessation of use by P.W.B. the following frequencies be assigned to the Italian Government for use by Italcable:

Rome	20 KW	188.23	Kilocycles
	1 KW	1556	"
	1 KW	6275	"
	1 KW	6485	"
Milan	1KW	6485	"
Venice	1 KW	6485	"

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 as per Bushby
 recent change
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 with technical
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4. The Allied Commission is in full agreement with P.W.B.'s recommendation as offering the quickest and surest method of turn-over from P.W.B. to Italcable.

H.H. SCUDDER
 Lt. Colonel, Sig. O.
 Director.

Copy to: P.W.B.
 Att: Mr. J.B. King

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L. E. Sudder - Fy

June 14, 1945

Mr. Russel Barnes,
Director, PWB Unit No 5
APO 512, U.S. Army.

SUBJECT: Transfer to Ital-cable.

It is suggested that PWB notify AFHQ of our intention of leaving radio transmitters and equipment for the use of Ital-cable pending installation of their own transmitters. The following transmitters will be left:

ROME:	20 KW	88.23 Kilocycles
	1 KW	1556 "
	1 KW	6275 "
	1 KW	6485 "
MILAN:	1 KW	" "
VENICE:	1 KW	" "

6285 due to
interference
WAG

If AFHQ will allow Ital-cable to use the above frequencies the transmitters will not have to be readjusted and the turnover can be guaranteed without interruption.

Will you please pass the suggestion on to the CSO AFHQ with your approval and recommendation.

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Joseph W. King,
Chief, PWB Communications

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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14th June, 1945

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SUBJECT: Distribution of News in North Italy (except
Venezia Giulia)

TO: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. There will be a meeting of all private News
Agencies in the conference room (3rd Floor) of A.C.
Headquarters on Saturday June 16th at 10.00 A.M.

2. It would be appreciated if you could arrange
to be represented and also arrange for a representative
of Italcable to be present.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20a/PRB

13 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Entry of Private News Agencies into AMG Controlled Territory in Northern Italy.

TO : P.W.B. (Att: Mr. James Linen
Mr. Griffin Bancroft
Mr. I.W. King)

Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
Ansa
SI
Orbis
Sidi
Communications Sub-Commission

1. As you know P.W.B. is anxious to cease its distribution of news in AMG controlled territory in Northern Italy as soon as possible and to turn over further responsibility for news distribution in that territory to private news agencies.

2. You are invited to send a representative to a meeting to discuss this matter at 1100 hours on Saturday, June 16th in the Conference Room of the AC headquarters building on the third floor near the Office of the Chief Commissioner.

Copy for info:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Political Advisors

STEWART BROWN

Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Mr. I.N. King)
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Stewart Brown
STEWART BROWN
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

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Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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13 June 1945

SUBJECT: Cessation of P.W.B. Activities in Northern Italy

TO : Chief of Staff
AFHQ

1. On 29 May the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) directed the Allied Commission to set up a Technical Sub-Committee to recommend a date for the transfer of responsibility for the collection and dissemination of news from P.W.B. to private news agencies, Allied and Italian.

2. The report of this Sub-Committee is attached herewith as "Tab A". It should be noted that communications facilities will be available to private news agencies on July 1. If this is the date on which AFHQ desires that P.W.B. shall cease its distribution of news in northern Italy and to turn over the responsibility to private agencies, the approval by AFHQ should be forthcoming at an early date in order to allow the private news agencies sufficient time to make their plans.

3. There is also attached as "Tab B" the proposal recommended by the Allied Publications Board for the control of press and radio in AAI territory after the dissolution of P.W.B. as directed under II 2 of SAC(P)28. This proposal is submitted for approval by AFHQ.

4. There is also attached as "Tab C" the directive under which the press officers would operate. This is also submitted for AFHQ approval.

ELIASH S. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Communications Sub-Commission

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13th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of News by Private News Agencies
in North Italy (excluding Venezia Giulia)

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. The Technical Sub-Committee appointed by you to study communication facilities available to private news agencies for distribution of news in North Italy is satisfied that as of July 1st, 1945 facilities will be available to permit adequate coverage of North Italy by private news agencies provided that:

a. radio frequencies now used by P.W.B. for news distribution be allocated to the Italian Government for use by Italcable. Request for such allocation is being made to A.F.H.Q.

/S/

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
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12th June, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
Copies to Director, PWB APB

FROM : Chairman, Allied Publications Board.

SUBJECT : Direction and Control of Italian Press and Radio.

1. A detailed scheme for the control of Italian Press and Radio in North Italy after the cessation of PWB activities is submitted herewith. The scheme provides for direction and control through press officers and a directive to govern the work of these officers is annexed thereto.
2. The scheme and directive have been adopted by APB, in accordance with recommendation 2 of the annexure to SAC(P) (45) 28, after discussion with representatives of the AMG Regional Commissioners in North Italy and of OWI and MOI.
3. The scheme does not apply to Venezia Giulia or to that part of Italian territory lying east of the security control line.
4. The scheme does not provide for the control of Southern Italian transmitters, such as Rome II, which are audible in North Italy. This question was fully considered both in consultation with representatives of the Regional Commissioners in Milan and by APB. Though, from the point of view of AMG, the desirability of such control was fully appreciated, APB considers that any attempt to reimpose political censorship over stations such as Rome II and Bari I would be out of place at the present time, when the tendency is towards a relaxation rather than a tightening of Allied control. It was further of the opinion that the reimposition of such control would require a use of Allied personnel and would arouse Italian opposition out of all proportion to the advantages to be gained. In reaching this conclusion APB was influenced by the consideration that such control to be effective would have to be extended to British and American transmissions in Italian, a measure beyond its terms of reference. APB was therefore of the opinion that all reference to the control of Italian transmitters situated outside

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5. The annexed scheme calls for the amendment of the AFHQ Administrative Memorandum defining the powers of constitution of APB. A draft of the required amendments is attached.

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6. AFB invites the AC to forward the attached scheme and directive to the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, for submission to the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political) and to forward the draft amendments for issue as an AFHQ Administrative Memorandum subject to the Conference's approval of the scheme.

/s/ GEORGE W. EDMAN

Chairman,
Allied Publications Board.

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24th June, 1945.

ALLIED PUBLICATIONS BOARDPROPOSAL FOR THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF
ITALIAN PRESS AND RADIO ON CESSATION OF
PWB ACTIVITIES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

1. Italian Press and Radio in North Italy will be free to use any news and information available from official sources and private agencies subject to the requirements of military censorship.
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3. APB, which will continue to meet at Rome, will appoint from among the civilian and military personnel at present employed by PWB, Allied Press Officers. These will be stationed in areas in which there is a Regional Commissioner, with whom they will act in close cooperation.
4. The Press Officers will act in accordance with directives prepared by APB concurred by AC/AMG and approved by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ. In case of emergency when public safety is endangered the Press Officer will act on the instructions of the Regional Commissioner; in the event of these instructions being at variance with the directives of APB, the matter will be referred back to higher authority for decision.
5. The Press Officers will be under the command of the Chief Press Officer, who is directly responsible to the Chairman of APB. The Chief Press Officer will be a member of APB and will act as Deputy to the Chairman as required.
6. The direction and control of the Italian Press and Radio, vested in APB, will be additional to that exercised by military censorship; it will normally be carried out by means of post publication scrutiny. In cases likely to inflame public opinion, and in controversial issues, which will be the subject of directives from AFHQ, Press Officers will have the right to demand from the non-political information newspapers, which will be authorized in each region, the pre-publication submission of editorial articles and comment

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7. The Press Officer will have the power to exercise similar control over Radio scripts in any circumstances when he may consider this necessary.
8. Licensing of the press, including weekly and monthly magazines, and the allotment of circulation to newspapers and posters, will be the responsibility of Regional APBs, whose decisions will be subject to confirmation by the Central APB.
9. Regional APBs will include the following:-

Press Officer	Chairman
Asst. Press Officer	Secretary
Representative of Regional	Commissioner
Representative of Military	Censorship

The Chairman, APB, will be ex officio a member of all regional boards and may delegate the Chief Press Officer to attend as his representative.
10. The control of Paper Supplies and Production will be the responsibility of AC/AMG.
11. The Press Officers will, if desired, act as the agents for OWI and MOI for the distribution of American and British publications within their areas, OWI and MOI providing the Italian staff necessary for this purpose.

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Tab C

2th June, 1945.

DIRECTIVE FOR A.F.B.I. AIMS

1. To secure a fair and objective presentation of world and domestic news to Italian public opinion.
2. To secure the elimination from the Italian Press and Radio of all irresponsible material likely to inflame public opinion, or in any other way hinder the work of the Allied authorities.
3. To assist AC/AMG in the administration and rehabilitation of territory under Military Government.
4. To assist the reconstruction and re-education of the Italian Press in Democratic methods.

II. DIRECTIVE

1. We encourage the Italian Press and Radio to present a fair and objective picture of contentious issues, and to restrict their comment to a straightforward presentation of their own case, avoiding unnecessary misrepresentation.
2. We encourage Italian writers to avoid violent comments and the reporting of unconfirmed rumours in cases where this is likely to cause public unrest and public disorder.
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 4. Local or general industrial unrest or strikes.
 5. Execution trials of high ranking Fascists.

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