



ITALIANS TO BEGIN BROADCASTS

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The radio station will be run with an independent political stance as well as on a non-profit basis.

The aims of the committee are to provide an effective channel of communication for Italian and Australian welfare agencies, cultural groups, and courses of English and Italian, access programmes on schools and other aspects of Australian life.

"The committee has been pleased to note the reports of the policy submissions on AM and FM broadcasting prepared by

the Department of the Media for consideration by the Federal Cabinet," said Mr. Bosi.

Parents' culture

"We are confident that the plans we have prepared for a non-profit co-operative community radio station will meet fully the terms of that policy in regard to ethnic broadcasting and we hope that

our submissions for a licence will be favourably received by the Government and the Australian Broadcasting Control Board."

Speaking of the motivations which prompted the formation of the association Mr. Bosi said: "It is wrong to imagine that social problems cease with the successful integration of a migrant community.

"And the Italian community has certainly been successfully integrated in Australia.

"The real problems begin, as we saw happen in America in the 20s and 30s, when their children start to feel a sense of alienation from their families, whose culture and traditions they don't understand.

"It is of paramount importance that these children, as they grow up, become familiar with their parents' culture which the parents themselves are unable to impart partly because of their limited availability of time, and partly because often enough they simply cannot do so without outside help," Mr. Bosi said.

Life of isolation

"Such help would certainly be available through the medium of an Italian radio station.

"In a similar fashion, to prevent the breakdown in communication between children and parents, it is imperative that parents be taught the fundamental

basis of the Australian life style and history so as to make it easier for them to understand their children's world and learn what changes in their pattern of behaviour can be acceptable rather than reject them as a whole.

"Nor must we forget the great number of Italian women, the martyrs of migration, who live a life of isolation and who often find themselves in mental homes.

"This happens because they cannot break down the barrier of their domestic worlds without outside help.

"Who is going to do it? Who is going to teach them English and acquaint them with their new social environment?

Protect society

"According to the main Italian welfare agency CO-AS. IT. (Italian Committee of Assistance) we are now going through a stage in which the number of marriage breakdowns among Italians is increasing rapidly as is increasing the incidence of Italian children rebelling against parental authority.

"And without parental authority, as Judge Leibowitz of the New York Juvenile Court said, society is at the mercy of lawlessness," Mr. Bosi said.

"Mr. Whitlam, only a few days ago, stated that with regard to migration his Government wanted those migrants who were here to be happy.

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