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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

GENERAL ORDER NO. 17

LABOR RELATIONS

Whereas in Sicily by General Order No. 8 and in Calabria, Lucania and the Province of Salerno by Regional Order No. 5, the Fascist Corporative Syndicate System was dissolved and a method provided for reestablishing and assuring freedom of labor organization;

Now, therefore, in furtherance of the objectives of said General and Regional Orders, I, CHARLES M. SPOFFORD, Colonel, G.S.C., Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer, hereby order as follows:

ARTICLE I

Right of Organization

Employees shall have the right to organize, hold meetings, and select representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to all matters pertaining to or connected with their employment, including such matters as concern hours, wages, working conditions, grievances, disputes and mutual social and economic assistance.

ARTICLE II

Effective Date

This Order shall become operative in Sicily, Calabria, Lucania and the Province of Salerno on the date hereof.

Dated: 18 January, 1944.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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REF JANUARY ITEMS IN PRIORITY LIST ACMF 1605/50/4/1/SD1 OF 24 JAN TO YOU. PROVISION OF ITALIAN MILITARY LABOUR HUNG UP OWING TO POLICE DECISION STILL DELAYED. PROPOSE SENDING MY LABOUR STAFF OFFICER PLUS ITALIAN OFFICER VISIT YOU WITH VIEW RAISING LOCALLY MOBILE CIVIL LABOUR UNITS ON ITALIAN SYSTEM OF LABOUR CONTRACT. LEAVE BY ROAD 29TH. CONFIRM.

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ORDINE GENERALE N. 17

ORGANIZZAZIONE DEI LAVORATORI

Visto che in base all'Ordine Generale N. 8 in Sicilia e in base all'Ordine Regionale N. 5 in Calabria, Lucania e nella Provincia di Salerno il Sistema Sindacale Corporativo Fascista è stato disciolto e una nuova organizzazione costituita per ristabilire e assicurare la libertà dell'organizzazione del lavoro;

Per realizzare i fini degli ordini suddetti, io, CHARLES M. SPOFFORD, Colonnello, G.S.C., Vice-Capo degli Affari Civili, con il presente ordine quanto segue:

ARTICOLO I

Diritto di Organizzazione

I lavoratori avranno il diritto di organizzarsi e di tenere riunioni, nonché di nominare rappresentanti di loro libera scelta al fine di azioni collettive in materia di lavoro riguardanti o connesse con tutte le questioni relative al loro impiego, come ore di lavoro, salari, condizioni d'impiego, regolami, controversie, mutualità sociale e assistenza economica.

ARTICOLO II

Data di Entrata in Vigore

Quest'ordine entrerà in vigore in Sicilia, Calabria, Lucania e nella Provincia di Salerno alla data indicata in calce.

18 Gennaio 1944.

Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonnello, G.S.C.,
Vice Capo degli Affari Civili.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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31 December 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO : 15th Army Group, C.S.G. (Att: Lt. Col. Merrill)

SUBJECT: Labor Conference, Naples, January 10 - 11

1. Confirming conversation, it is requested that the following signal be sent to Lt. Col. Lane, Labor Officer for Region III, and Major Tanner, Labor Officer for Region IV:

"You are directed to attend Labor Conference ordered for two days beginning January 10th at 9 a.m. Provincia Building, Room 43, Naples. Come prepared to discuss labor matters which require uniform action throughout all Regions. Agenda follows."

JRS/tbw

JUNIUS R. SMITH,
Lt. Col., Q.M.C.,
D/Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

This sent by memo to { Lane
Tanner
" by Spence to all other

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission

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31 Dec 43

Subject: ROADWORK TO BE PERFORMED BY ITALIAN FORCES.
ORGANISATION AND METHOD OF PROCEDURE.

To: D.S. AFHQ.

Following our several conversations on the above subject, called at your request, this matter has been discussed with the Italian Ministry of Public Works and the following is submitted to you as a base for the preparation of such Order as you will issue so that all concerned may understand the procedure and so that there may be no misunderstanding.

ORGANISATION

1. The Italian Ministry has agreed to simplify its organization along divisional lines and has appointed Mr. Vito Pugliese, a resident of Naples, as Chief Engineer for the region north of the Northerly boundaries of the Salerno, Potenza and Bari Provinces.

2. It has also been agreed that one Italian engineer will be appointed for each Compartment who will handle all work within his compartment and who will be responsible for, and supervise the work carried out by the Genio Civile in each Province within his compartment. Mr. Pugliese is now studying the available engineers personnel to be appointed to these posts. It may be possible in some instances to appoint one man to cover two compartments.

3. These engineers will handle all highway reconstruction or maintenance work assigned to them, irrespective of whether these highways are State, Provincial or Communal highways.

4. The Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission of A.C.C. will, likewise, appoint one engineer officer to work with Mr. Pugliese and one officer to work with each of the Italian Compartment Engineers. The engineer officer appointed to head this work for this Sub-Commission is Lt-Col V.B. Thompson (B). A request has been made for other engineer officers to come from North Africa and Palermo to fill the other posts.

PROCEDURE

a. AFHQ will prepare a general program of reconstruction (if any) it wishes undertaken and a program and priority of maintenance work to be performed. This program, and whatever other directives AFHQ may wish to issue, will be submitted to this Commission whose task it will then be to have the Italian civil

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authorities carry out such a program, to supervise the work, and make sure that the program is carried out in the best interest of our war effort.

b. Whenever it becomes necessary to take local action, appropriate army engineer officers will contact the engineer officer of the compartment representing this Sub-Commission and whose duty it will then be to see to it that the local Italian officials carry out such work expeditiously.

c. In no event will army engineer officers deal directly with the Italian engineer officers. The only exception to this rule should be in an emergency and when the representative of this Sub-Commission may not be available.

Note: As soon the compartment engineers, A.C.C. and Italian have been selected you will be notified and their names will be furnished. We, on the other hand, should be notified who the army engineer officers are, and where they are located, who are authorized to make requests for construction or maintenance work of representatives of this Sub-Commission.

WORK TO BE DONE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF ITALY

So far the Italian officials have not appointed their Chief Engineer but they are looking into the personnel available for such appointment, as well as the appointments to compartments. We are working closely with them and hope to have some engineer officers made available to us shortly. In the meantime we are awaiting the program of priority, which you have under consideration and as soon as that is furnished we will do everything we can to get such a program organized and functioning.

When your instructions are issued to the 15th Army, regarding the highway work to be done by Italian civil personnel in that area, it is suggested that the above ~~organization~~ and procedure be incorporated in such instructions as, otherwise, misunderstandings are bound to arise and which we are trying to avoid.

C.C. to Economic Director.
to Deputy Vice Pres. Econ & Adm.
Section ACC.

L.A. JENNY.
Lt. Col. C.E.R.
Director

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DECEMBER DIRECTIVE OF COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF PERMITS WORKMEN SPECIFICALLY TO ORGANIZE AND CHOOSE REPRESENTATIVES ORDER TO EFFECT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. ORIGINAL ECONOMIC GUIDE ISSUED IN JUNE DIRECT THE ABOLISHMENT OF FASCIST CORPORATIONS AND THEIR COUNCILS WHILE PERMITTING PROVINCIAL AND INTERPROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS OF EMPLOYERS TO CONTINUE AFTER REMOVAL OF FASCIST OFFICERS AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE.

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27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Organisation of Italian Labour.

TO : HQ, Allied Control Commission
HQ, Allied Military Government, CMF ✓

1. Reference is made to a message originated by HQ AMG, Sicily, number A-643 of 16 October, in which instructions were requested as to whether or not employees in Sicily should be granted the right to organize and select representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining.

2. It was considered that the matter was one which should be decided not as affecting Sicily alone, but as one requiring the definition of a policy which would extend throughout the Kingdom of Italy. This was felt to be desirable, particularly in view of the procedure approved by the Badoglio Government on 2 September.

3. Approval has now been given by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to permit, on a strictly voluntary and democratic basis,

- (a) The election of shop stewards, who are to be unpaid workshop representatives of non-Fascist Labour Unions, and
- (b) Employees to organize and to select representatives for the purpose of collective bargaining.

The foregoing will be subject at all times to the authority of the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, to approve or disapprove any agreements which may be entered into.

4. Only in case of doubt need reference be made to this Headquarters, but it is desired to stress the importance of maintaining trade union responsibility in carrying out the above policy.

For the Chief of Section:

HENRY PARKMAN, JR.
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.

Copy to:

HQ AMG 15 Army Group
The Office of the American Minister
The Office of the British Resident Minister
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LABOUR DIVISION
ANG REGION III.

22 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM:

1. Mr. P.P. FANO, ^{allegedly} accredited representative of International Transport Workers Federation (HQ. London) interviewed by undersigned this date.
2. FANO showed credentials signed by J.H. OLDENBROGH acting general secretary, ITWF stating he was accredited representative in Italy in all matters affecting transport workers and their organization. Letter dated 29 October 1943.
3. FANO stated that he is ~~an~~ Italian, born in Rome; that he lived in London from '38 to November '43; that he was employed by British Foreign Office in London in PID from 1940 to 1943; that he was a member of Italian Socialist Party though not active as such at this time.
4. Undersigned looked at Passport carried by FANO which was British and dated 22 October '43. FANO stated that he left London on labor mission for ITWF 4 November '43 and arrived Algiers and that his mission had approval of British and American Governments. Came to Italy from Algiers. Is now in Bari where he will attend Railroad Workers Conference on 9 January '44 after which he will return to Naples and contact undersigned.

DAM.
DAVID A. MORSE
Captain, AG.
Labor Sub-Commission

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NOTE:

1. ITWF is an International organization of strength which however has no affiliates in America. Paris was formerly chief of this organization.
2. FANO requested info regarding the Labor program in Sicily & Italy which had been formulated by AMG & stated that it met with his fullest accord & support.

DAM.

HEADQUARTERS- AMG/ACC
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 512

DECEMBER 12, 1943

Memorandum to: Colonel Spofford

Subject : Actions of Lt.Col.C.G.Brown- G-4

1. The undersigned protests vigorously and requests immediate corrective action in the following:

a) Lt.Col.C.G.Brown, G-4, in the writer's absence from the office, Saturday, Dec. 11 about 2 p.m., did summarily remove, or in his presence ordered removed, two large, brilliant electric light bulbs (one from the writer's office and one from the typists room);

b) The locked door of the writer's office was forced open, said office being locked for security of confidential papers on the writer's table, the regular lock box having been removed several days previously for movement forward;

c) These bulbs were purchased out of personal funds, similar type bulbs not being available thru regular channels;

d) The undersigned and several officers are not going forward at this time. We were and are now, therefore, deprived of necessary and proper illumination to carry on important work.

e) Although our office is scheduled to be moved back to Via Bar^g, no notice has yet been given and as of Saturday morning, Col. Rogers has not assigned space for this purpose;

f) Col. Brown alleges to have orders to remove these bulbs for use forward altho last instructions read that no bulbs shall be removed from the offices;

g) On telephoning Col. Brown about 3:30 p.m., he stated that the bulbs were already packed and on the way when it was common knowledge that the convoy will not move until Monday and stated further that "it was too bad- nothing could be done about it"- and hung up before the conversation had finished.

2. Request is made that Col. Brown give full explanation and replace or restore the two bulbs of the identical type at once.

Junius R. Smith
Junius R. Smith, Lt. Col., QMC,,
D/Director, Labor Sub-
Commission

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Log - Major Tanner - Labor Division Region # 4 -
Re Labor conditions Caltanissetta Province - See
Region # 4 - FILE NO. 604 - Report to RCAF Region # 1

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PARAPHRASE

FOR : Fargo for Haddyn

SUBJECT : Wage Increases for Governmental Employees.

1. Dr. Jung says that plans to order wage increase for governmental employees in Badoglio Provinces as soon as possible, using same percentages as contained in ASD Wage Order.

2. However, in our discussions with him two points have arisen which require immediate clarification: (a) Jung's draft order makes wage increase applicable to all Military and Naval personnel as well as civil employees; (b) Jung's draft order abolishes two wage plans, the "Indennita di Presenza" and the "Primo di Operativita".

3. Regarding point (a), it is our understanding that ASD Order for Sicily did not apply to Italian Armed Forces. Jung states there is no basis for distinction between Carabinieri and Italian Army, Navy and Air Force and that any attempt to make such a distinction between Regions Two and Three and the four provinces will lead to serious difficulties. Jung's application of the order would more than double the cost of wage increase, but he insisted that it is absolutely necessary and inevitable.

4. Regarding (b), the ASD order for Sicily, as issued, adds a percentage increase to base pay, plus all supplements, including Indennita di presenza. It is our understanding that "Presenza" is to be abolished in Sicily, now that the wage increase has been put into effect. Jung points out that unless this is done there will be serious discrepancy between wage levels for corresponding classes of employees between Sicily on the one hand and Region Two and the four Provinces on the other, where "Presenza" is not now being paid.

5. We urgently request your views on point 2 (a), as we have asked Jung to suspend action on order pending further word from us.

6. Please confirm our understanding that "Presenza" will be abolished in Sicily.

7. Jung's draft also abolished the "Primo di Operativita". He holds that (portion undecipherable) as among individuals in the same salary class (undecipherable) that its inclusion is administratively impracticable.

If "Primo di Operativita" is retained in Regions One and Two and eliminated in Badoglio provinces, a differential will result.

8. Please discuss with other interested sub-commissions and let us have your views as soon as possible.

(From FAXES from POLNY signed JOYNE repeated FILPOT FOR AMOT for

GRAFFEN SMITH for information)

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