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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE
1000 on 7 December 1943
PALERMO

Present:

Brig. R.A. Hamlyn
 Col. D.S. Adams
 Col. W.P. Evans
 Lt. Col. A.I. Henderson
 Lt. Col. L.A. Jenny
 Lt. Col. J.R. Smith
 Maj. A.S. Brereton
 Maj. W.A. Hartman
 Maj. J.B. Thompson
 Capt. L.L. Ecker-Race
 Capt. R.J. Northland

Economic Director, Chmn.
 C.S.O., Economic Directorate
 Industry and Commerce
 Staff, Economic Directorate
 Public Works and Utilities
 Labor
 Fuel
 Agriculture
 Staff, Economic Directorate
 Finance
 Staff, Econ. Directorate, Secy.

36. Brig. Hamlyn read draft of proposed directive to AMG officers (to/not encourage demands for wage increases. He proposed the directive be issued in Region 1 now and be issued later in Regions 2 and 3 after the wage increase has been given in each.

Approved. Proposal was approved with changes of two words in paragraph 3 so it begins "AMG is making vigorous efforts" instead of "AMG is taking vigorous action".

37. Agreed. It was agreed to try the system for coordination of prices and price policies as outlined in the memorandum of 2 Dec. by Capt. Ecker-Race. Memorandum is appended to these minutes as Appendix I. Following officers were named price officers for their sub-commissions.

Food Committee
 Agriculture
 Finance & Economic Director
 Fuel
 Industry and Commerce
 Labor
 Public Works and Utilities

Lt. Col. A.I. Henderson
 Maj. M.A.S. Dickie
 Capt. L.L. Ecker-Race
 No price officer needed
 Capt. R.J. Curran
 Lt. Col. J.R. Smith
 Lt. Col. W.W. Lapper

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Attention was directed to the fact that the procedure approved does not absolve a sub-commission from responsibility for initiating action leading to determination of prices in its own field.

38. Maj. Driffield-White entered to transmit the following questions to Col. Spofford for answer.

a. Lt. Col. Poletti, REAO of Region I has issued orders freeing prices. Has he power to do so under the provisions of G.O. No. 8, Hq. AMG, dated 23 Nov. 1943?

(Asked by Finance Sub-Commission)

b. The Sicilian Sulphur interests have scheduled for this afternoon, with Lt. Col. Poletti to request an increase in price for their product. Can Lt. Col. Poletti grant an increase without consulting this headquarters? (Asked by Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission).

c. Can Lt. Col. Poletti negotiate a loan for the city of Palermo without referring the matter to the Finance Sub-Commission? (Asked by Finance Sub-Commission)

In Reg I file answers sent 14 JAN.

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d. Numbered Memorandum No. 32, ASG, Region I Hq., dated 25 Nov. 1943, requires approval of Regional Public Works and Finance Divisions before certain public works can be undertaken. Isn't approval of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission at this headquarters required first? (Asked by Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission)

Action. Maj. Driffield-White is to submit these questions to Col. Spofford for answers.

39. Col. Adams discussed plans for the move to Naples.

40. Brig. Gueterbock's memorandum of 29 November 1943 on "Relation of the Allied Control Commission to the Italian Government" was read.

41. Letter of 1 Dec. 1943 on motor vehicles and gasoline conservation cited and need for turning in requisitioned vehicles was explained. All sub-commissions reported that requisitioned vehicles had been turned in, or that sub-commissions never had one.

42. Need for as much advance notice as possible in making travel arrangements was emphasized.

43. Action. Capt. Northland is to request Brigadier Gueterbock or other officer signing letters for sub-commission to sign a carbon copy for the sub-commission. for the first sentence

44. Minute 22 of 30 November is to be amended to read "Brig. Hamlyn read rough draft of order on procedure to be followed on requisitions for civil supplies from APHQ".

45. Lt. Col. Jenny emphasized necessity for determining division between I.B.E., Region I, and P.W. and U Sub-Commission of responsibility for maintenance, control, etc. of all public works and utilities.

Action. Lt. Col. Jenny is to write a memorandum giving the importance of allocating the responsibility and requesting a conference be called thereon.

46. Action. Col. Adams is to refer to Col. Spofford the poor quality of mimeograph communications from Region I Hq.

47. Lt. Col. Jenny pointed out that public works and utilities officials should be added to the list included in the ASG (O and IS) memorandum "Screening of Italian Officials" of 4 Dec 1943 signed by Col. Spofford.

48. Lt. Col. Jenny stated the list of contracts aggregating 1,000,000 dollars cited in meeting of 30 Nov. 1943 is only partial. Region I is willing to send a man into field to obtain added data.

Action. Brig. Hamlyn is to send Col. Craghaw to see Lt. Col. Jenny concerning provision of officer to go with investigator.

49. Action. Capt. Northland is to see that directive to ASG officers concerning not encouraging demands for wage increases is published.

50. Action. Capt. Northland is to follow up questions given to Maj. Driffield-White for Col. Spofford to see that answers are obtained.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 512

19 November 1943

Meeting 16 November 1943
Administrative Directorate

Present:

Brigadier G.S. Parkinson	- Public Health Sub-Commission
Colonel P. S. Kirk	- Public Safety " "
Colonel G. Upjohn	- Legal " "
Lt Colonel W. C. Chanler	- Administrative Directorate
Lt Colonel R. R. Cripps	- " "
Lt Colonel C. R. Harris	- Prop. & Control Sub-Commission
Lt Colonel J. R. Smith	- Education " "
Lt Colonel W. J. Legg	- Interior " "
Lt Colonel A. L. Wilmer	- Legal " "
Major P. K. Bailey-Reynolds	- Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Sub-Commission
Major R. A. Persell	- Administrative Directorate

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2. Lt. Col. Cripps presented some observations of the Staff Meeting held the 15th November, essentially as follows:

- (a) The new ratio scale for Carabinieri agreed to at the last ACCO meeting and put into operation in Region I, was to be applicable to all Regions under ACC-AMG.
- (b) The wage scale which had recently under discussion at ACCO meetings had been modified to come into line with that in operation in territory under the Rodeglia Government. It will be applicable to all Regions under ACC-AMG.
- (c) While visits to Brindisi are desirable, accommodations are extremely limited.
- (d) 48 hours notice must be given for trips as brief even as a day.
- (e) All requests to visit Brindisi must be made through the Administrative Directorate.
- (f) Nothing in the above is to suggest that visits to Brindisi are to be discouraged. It's simply a matter of accommodation.
- (g) The Forward Party of ACC at Brindisi may be increased. When it moves to some other locality, it will be increased to about eighty (80) Officers.
- (h) The Sub-Commissions must be considering officers to be sent forward to the Advance Party when possible. The Sub-Commissions as a whole however will remain here for the time being.
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3. Consideration was given to the directives recently prepared by the various sub-commissions on a question asked by Lt. Col. Harris as to their status. Lt. Col. Cripps stated that the directives were now with the Deputy Chief of Staff for his approval and/or comment. Lt. Col. Cripps added that further revision would probably be required in certain paragraphs pertaining to the Italian armistice are distributed.

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4. Lt. Col. Chanler discussed the terms of the Armistice and informed the group that the AMG-ACC controlled territories may be returned to the Italian Government sooner than anticipated.
5. Lt. Colonel Cripps stated that Colonel Spofford suggested a standard form for presenting the directives recently submitted. He added that the Administrative Directorate would attempt this.
6. Questions were raised by Brigadier Parkinson and Lt. Col. Harris as to priorities of directives and reclassification of what is required.
7. Lt. Col. Chanler explained that the original request was to collect the areas of the Sub-Commission Chiefs in directive form. He added that their substance was more important than their form. Once these ideas are collected, extraction and consolidation will be made.
8. Lt. Col. Chanler posed the question, are we to have centralized or decentralized control under AMG? as one of many under consideration.
9. Lt. Col. Cripps asked if the directives dependent on armistice terms could not be delayed and was informed by Lt. Col. Chanler that the speed of territorial turnover necessitates having ready directives and personnel in the field. Lt. Col. Chanler emphasized that we have instructions available for higher commands, but not for personnel who are doing the more direct contact work. All agreed.
10. A discussion developed over the directives and their intent, and Lt. Col. Chanler being specific stated that we had five problems which are to be covered by the five directives. Giving one, he said we need instructions for CACs as to what they actually do when turnover is made to the Italian government of territory. Another question raised was "What will we reserve to ourselves under A.E.C.?" and still another was "How will we advise the regions?"
11. Lt. Col. Chanler discussed the relations with the 15th Army Group (AMG) stating that we are apparently to communicate with them through AMG and that we should do so, in order to allow that group a say in the affairs of ACC, and also have a unified policy for each operation.
Discussion then centered around the required directives, and the priorities pertinent to them. The directives were established by Lt. Col. Chanler as follows:

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11. Lt. Col. Chandler discussed the relations with the 15th Army Group (JAG) stating that we are apparently to communicate with them through AFHQ and that we should do so, in order to allow that group a say in the affairs of ACC, and also have a unified policy for each operation.

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No. IV

Directives to Regions limiting regional problems or reserving certain powers to this HQ under all terms.

No. V

Memorandum from Sub-Commissions to AMG 15th Army Group for guidance of AMG 15 Army Group officers as to their procedure in relation to such matters of policy as Sub-Commission chiefs believe should be controlled from this headquarters under either AMG or ACC conditions.

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These directives will be written and submitted to the Administrative Directorate in the following priorities:

"A" Directive I
"B" III
"C" II
"D" IV
"E" V

13. Lt. Col. Leys stated that all 15th Army Group would be under AMG. This was agreed, but Lt. Col. Chandler added that we must have coordination there. X

14. Brigadier Parkinson wanted to know if he had to redraft all of his directives. Lt. Col. Cripps answered in the negative adding that only Legal, Education and Public Health Sub-Commissions had any real re-drafting to do.

15. Lt. Col. Harris opined that he would redraft his directives.

16. Lt. Col. Chandler suggested the directives be as originally begun so rephrased as to fully advise or direct personnel in the field and thus save them and ourselves serious embarrassment on the day of turnover of the territories to the Italian Government.

17. Colonel Harris asked when this turnover would occur and was told by Lt. Col. Chandler that we must be prepared to see it effected within ten days - although because of the many factors involved, he did not believe it would be.

18. Colonel Upjohn discussed the desirability of moving the heads of the Sub-Commissions forward to the seat of the Italian Government. All agreed.

19. Lt. Colonel Chandler and Cripps agreed that lack of present accommodations would delay such a move until the Italian government itself prepared for a forward move. 561

20. Major Baillie-Royne inquired as to what the financial status of the Sub-Commissions would be under ACC. Colonel Upjohn expressed the thought to the group that money could continue to be expended for repairs, etc. which in turn the Italian government is bound to pay. X

21. Major Baillie-Royne then asked about his Table of Organization, and was advised by Lt. Col. Cripps that it would be cleared up at a future date.

22. The meeting was then adjourned at 10:40 as there were no further discussions.

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