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Civilian Clothing Committee, A.C.C.

26 January 1944

SUBJECT: - Minutes of Meeting - 27 January 1944.

TO : - Lt. Col. H. S. Gerry

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Civilian Clothing Committee, A.C.C.

28 JANUARY 1944

MINUTES OF MEETING - 27 JANUARY 1944

A meeting of the Civilian Clothing Committee was held, at the call of the Chairman, in the Chairman's Office, Province Building, Naples, at 10:30 on Thursday, 27 January 1944.

The following members of the Committee were present:

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Col. C. M. Spofford, Chairman
Mr. Howard Barr
Mr. Jefferson, American Red Cross (by invitation)
Major S. A. Colquhoun, Secretary

Reference was made to the report submitted by the Senior Officer in charge, covering operations of the Committee, 15 January to 24 January 1944.

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 2. The Senior Officer in Charge was instructed to consult with Col. Legge, Food Sub-Commission, with respect to the problem of feeding civilian labor at the warehouse.
 3. The Committee authorized payment be made to civilian labor through the Office of the Camp Commandant (Mr.) based on the prevailing rates of wages, the actual rate to be established in accordance with the judgment of the Senior Officer in Charge and that such authorization be made retroactive to 14 January 1944.
 4. It was agreed that the Committee continue in existence as a separate entity for the time being, pending the completion of reorganization of A.C.C., AMG and AMG 15th Army Group.
- It was further agreed that at an appropriate time the Committee, as such, might be disbanded, since the reorganization of the various military government authorities and regional establishments under the single authority of A.C.C. would eradicate the conflicting jurisdictions which had brought about the establishment of the Committee and, thereby, a single agency for dealing with problems involved in the cooperation of AMG-ACC and the American Red Cross, in

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5. It was agreed that when the Committee and Staff had had experience with clearing the January shipment it would be possible to merge the project with two instead three officers in charge of the various departments, (Capt. Marks and Lt. Sigel).

Discussion:

In response to questions based on the Senior Officer's report it was pointed out that:

1. As local, regional and Red Cross officials and agencies became more familiar with the requisition procedure, many problems now present in the distribution of supplies from the warehouse would be eliminated;

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2. Supplies already shipped plus those now requisitioned accounted for approximately 70% of the clothing received at the warehouse;

3. Space on a ship had been indicated as available for shipment to Palermo;

4. In accordance with established practice, space on trains would not be made available until some time during the period 1 February - 10 February; and that bids for such space had been submitted to the Transportation Committee for its meeting on 24 January.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

SAG/cjd.

Samuel A. Colman
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Secretary, Civilian Clothing Committee.

COPY TO: Brig. G. S. Parkinson
" " Col. C. E. Spofford, Chairman
" " Lt. Col. H. S. Gentry
" " Mr. Howard Hart, ABC

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MINUTES OF SUPPLY MEETING HELD AT
HQ AMG 15 ARMY GROUP, 1430 HRS,
15 NOV 43

PRESENT

Major General Lord Rennell
Lt.Col. Gerry
Wing Commander Beer
Lt.Col. Archibald
Major Merrall
Major Spencer
Major Maskrey
Major Ackerman
Captain Imrie

Captain Graham
Captain Batt

Lt. Sinclair
Lt. Clay
Lt. Asquind
Lt. Berizzi
Lt. Criley

C.C.A.O.
S.S.O.
D.S.C.A.O. 8th Army
Supply Officer, Region IV
Director of Economics & Supply, 15 Army Group
Supply Officer, 8 Army
Industries Representative, A.C.C.
Supply Officer, Foggia
Supply Officer to A.M.G.L.O. to Military
Section, A.C.C.
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16 Nov 43

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(c) Forage

As forage surpluses exist in Foggia and Region II, Lt. Berizzi and Major Spencer will attend this conference prepared to supply the Armies with data including quantities they can furnish for Army mules.

(d) Food Surpluses

All Regions, 5th and 8th Army areas and HQ AG 15 Army Group will be represented at this committee meeting. They will be prepared to discuss gross and net requirements for their respective Regions, and to supply figures on available surpluses.

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Supply for Army action
 Seen by Capt
 Batt 18/11
 17/11

5. It was decided that advantage should be taken of the gathering of AMG personnel in Naples to hold a price control meeting, this to have nothing to do with the Local Resources Board meetings.

All personnel mentioned in Appendix 'B' will gather at the Provinciale in NAPLES at 1030 hrs, 22 Nov for this purpose. C.C.A.O. stated that Major Chayton would be called forward for this meeting.

ACTION Captain Graham.

6. Major Spencer pointed out that a food surpluses meeting was of little consequence unless transport was available for shifting of these surpluses to needy areas. Wing Commander Beer said that the D.A.Q.M.G. 8th Army had been requested by him to furnish two Motor Transport Companies of 50 vehicles each, one to be attached to each Corps, for purposes of moving food surpluses in Foggia forward. The D.A.Q.M.G. has written a request to 15 Army Group for these companies, suggesting that they be composed of Italian vehicles and personnel.

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Captain, C.A.C.,
Secretary.

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BY TELETYPE MESSAGE
IN

APPENDIX 'A'

FOLIO: 05134
13 Nov 45

FROM: PLANO FROM LRS ADV SIGNED TODD
TO: FOR ACTION AM 15 ARMY GROUP SEARS FOR BARGO
FATHA RPID FOR INFO: FREEDOM EIGHTH ARMY FOR
AMG FIFTH ARMY FOR AMG AMG REGION 2 (MATERA)
AMG REGION 3 AMG REGION 4 SMC DIST DD/CAO
ORIG NO: MGSAL3

T.O.C. MLI
T.O.R. 01104/14

The following meetings of sub committees of the Local Resources Board are scheduled (One) Control of Wages sub committee to meet at 1030 hrs 21st November (Two) Forage sub committee to meet at 1500 hrs 21st November (Three) Engineering materials sub committee to meet at 1030 hrs 21st November.

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Transportation representatives should also be included to discuss internal movements, particularly by small coasters.

Desired that all representatives arrive not later than noon of 20th November for preliminary conference to correlate information. Preparation by Regional representatives should include price factors all items as well as supply data.

Propose representatives be prepared to present food situation in all areas of the mainland and to agree allocation of available surpluses for civilian consumption. This to be subject of conference on afternoon of 22nd November.

Please acknowledge and provide information as to representations being sent.

AMCOT 4 ACTION

IMMEDIATE

SMC: 05304/14
T.T. 0539A/14

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IMMEDIATE

SIC: 0530A/14
T.T. 0539A/14

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APPENDIX 'B'

Region	Engineering materials 1030 hrs 21st. Conference Room FLAMBO	Labor. 1030 hrs 21st. Conference Room FLAMBO	Forage 1500 hrs 21st. Conference Room FLAMBO	Determination and allocation of available surplus- es. 1500 hrs 22nd.	Prices. 1030 hrs 22nd. Provincia Building	Remarks
AMG 8 Army	Maj. Spencer	Maj. Ames	Maj. Spencer Lt. Sinclair	Maj. Spencer	Maj. Spencer	
AMG 5 Army		Lt. Criley to arrange 16 Nov at Naples				Maj. Merrill to arrange 17 Nov at Naples
AMG Region III		-do-	Maj. Kennedy			-do-
AMG Region IV	Col. Archibald			Col. Archibald Lt. Sinclair		
AMG Region II	Lt. Berizzi	Capt. Frazer	Capt. Morgan Lt. Berizzi	Capt. Morgan Lt. Berizzi	Capt. Morgan Lt. Berizzi	
ACC Apulia	None required	Capt. Albright	None required	Maj. Maskrey Capt. Imrie	Maj. Maskrey Capt. Imrie	
ACC/AMG Technical	Lt. Clay	Capt. Morse Capt. Batt Lt. Criley	Maj. Hartman Lt. Clay	Maj. Hartman Maj. Chayton Capt. Schreiber Maj. Hickingbotham Capt. Batt Lt. Clay	Maj. Hartman Maj. Chayton Capt. Schreiber Capt. Batt Lt. Clay	
ACC/AMG Staff	Maj. Merrill	Col. Gerry Col. Grafftey Smith	Col. Grafftey Smith Maj. Merrill	Col. Grafftey Smith Maj. Merrill	Gen. Rennell Col. Gerry Col. Grafftey Smith Maj. Merrill	

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
Engineering Materials.	21/11	1030 hrs.	AMHQ Adv Adm Ech HQ
Control of Wages (Labour)	21/11	1030 hrs.	-do-
Forage	21/11	1500 hrs.	-do-
Price Control	22/11	1030 hrs.	Provinciale.
Food Surpluses	22/11	1500 hrs.	-do-

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROVINCIAL C.A.P.O.s. HELD AT H.Q., AMGOT, PALERMO AT
1000 HRS, 6TH OCTOBER 1943

PRESENT :-

Colonel Lemuel L. Bolles
Lt. Colonel R.M.J. Martin.
Lt. Colonel R.A. Snook.
Lt. Colonel A.B. Michell.
Major G.H.L. Mason.
Major B.J. Hefford.
Captain W.C. Ballance.

Major Ray Ashworth.
Major E.W. Aust.
Major G. Bartlett.
Major E.J. Bye.
Major A.W. Rowleron.
Major George M. Scarle.
Major T.W.J. Walters.
Captain W. Wilkins.

ALSO PRESENT :-

Colonel Charles H. Morgan.
Lt. Colonel E.T. Milhouse.
1st Lt. C. Von Heukalch.

C.P.S.
D.C.P.S.
Supt. Civil Police.
Supt. Prisons.
A/Supt. Fire & Civil Defence.
Deputy Supt. Civil Police.
Registration & Licensing
Officer.
S.C.A.P.O. Agrigento.
S.C.A.P.O. Caltanissetta.
S.C.A.P.O. Trapani.
S.C.A.P.O. Messina.
S.C.A.P.O. Siracusa.
S.C.A.P.O. Palermo.
S.C.A.P.O. Enna.
S.C.A.P.O. Ragusa.

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AMGOT H.Q.

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- (e) Political Activities. There exist in this province
 - (i) The Republican Federalist Party,
 - (ii) The Communist Party,
 - (iii) The Liberal-Socialist Party.

These are kept in check and show no great activity.

- (f) Mafia. This is still active, but since the death sentence was passed in connection with the murder of a prominent landowner and the arrest of nine Mafiosi and their despatch to Palermo, the activity has decreased considerably.

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CALTANISSETTA.

- (a) Crime. No serious crime is reported: only petty thefts and larcenies.
- (b) Relations with Troops and C.M.P. Relations are good. The disposal of non-paroled members of the Italian Forces is still incomplete.
- (c) Discipline of Allied Troops. Troops are, on the whole, well behaved.
- (d) Progress in the Efficiency of Police Agencies. The C.C.P. are pulling their weight and increasing in efficiency. They are tackling a difficult task with commendable energy.
- (e) Political Activities. Very little to report. There are no signs of Communist activities.
- (f) Mafia. No definite reports of Mafia activities have been received and the C.C.P. keep the SCARPO informed of any known members and what they are doing.

CATANIA.

No report available.

ENNA.

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- (b) Relations with Troops and C.M.P. Very Good. Cooperation with the Army authorities, as well as with the Navy, is good, the latter being of great help on many occasions.
- (c) Discipline of Allied Troops. Good. Wine is still a problem. Putting many places out of bounds is a partial solution, but troops continue to obtain wine from street pedlars.

(3)

- (d) Progress in the Efficiency of Police Agencies. The Agents di P.S. are good and recovering slowly after their bombing experience of the past few months. The CC.RR. are trying hard to improve but find 400 grammes of bread an inadequate ration. Owing to their low rate of pay they are unable to buy in the open market at current prices.
- (e) Political Activities. No meetings of any kind have been held.
- (f) Mafia. The Mafia is supposed to be dead in Messina Province, but the situation is being kept under observation.

PALERMO

- (a) Crime. Reports would seem to indicate that crime is on the increase, but the increase is not out of proportion, owing to the increase in population.
- (b) Relations with Troops and C.M.P. Co-operation is very good. The Navy have established an excellent system of Shore Patrols. Both the Military Police and the Shore Patrols are doing good work.
- (c) Discipline of Allied Troops. Drink is still responsible for most of the trouble.
- (d) Progress in the Efficiency of Police Agencies. The CC.RR. are doing well and the Metropolitan are showing more interest.
- (e) Political Activities. Some activity on the part of the "Free Sicily" movement. A few meetings were held but little importance is attached to them. Instructions have been given for the meetings to cease.
- (f) Mafia. No reports of Mafia activities have been received.

RAGUSA

- (a) Crime. No serious crime. Petty larceny the main offence.
- (b) Relations with Troops and C.M.P. Excellent.
- (c) Discipline of Allied Troops. There are no complaints. A large number of troops came into Ragusa on leave on sight-seeing tours of the province. They were orderly and in many cases brought their own Military Police with them.
- (d) Progress in the Efficiency of Police Agencies. Very good progress has been made. The CC.RR. are working well. Very good work has been

PALERMO

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- (e) Political Activities. Some activity on the part of the "Free Sicily" movement. A few meetings were held but little importance is attached to them. Instructions have been given for the meetings to cease.
- (f) Mafia. No reports of Mafia activities have been received.

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The D.C.P.S., reviewing the reports of SC.POs, said that crime was returning to normal and was under control. He wished to put on record the Division's appreciation of the work of the C.M.P. in both portions of the Island and the co-operation which they had extended to C.A.P.Os generally.

The discipline/

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The discipline of Allied Troops had been a question of serious concern at the last meeting, and representations on the subject had been made by the C.C.A.O. to the G.C.C.-In-C. He felt sure that the C.C.A.O. would be very pleased to hear that there had been a definite improvement.

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The Acting Superintendent (Fire and Civil Defence) remarked that the fire service organization was similar to that of the CCRR. A Chief Fire Officer for the island had been appointed, and he would be responsible for the organization of the Fire Service. Reports coming through him to AMGOT H.Q. will in turn be forwarded to SCAPOs. Transfers, promotions and leaves should be left for H.Q. decision.

The C.P.S...../

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The C.P.S. stated that the reports had given a very clear picture of the general situation. It was particularly gratifying to learn of the improved situation regarding Allied Troops. Lt. Col. Snook had made a particular point of pressure being applied to obstruct transfers of the CCRR for political reasons. It should be remembered that CAOs and even some CAPOs were inclined to interfere with transfers, and this must not be done. It was the responsibility of the CCRR to operate the organization and they must have a free hand to be able to do this properly. We could not do everything ourselves, and to attempt to do so would be disastrous.

The Chief Legal Officer stated he agreed with Lt. Col. Snook that Proclamation 13 seemed to have been misunderstood by the Italian police. The fact was that under the Italian law the Questore and his officials had the power to put anyone in jail for up to two years without bringing any charges against them. The existence of such a power was contrary to our ideals of law enforcement and justice. Such a power was bound to be distorted and used for political purposes. It was for such reasons that the power was removed. The proclamation meant what it said, but nothing more than that. When anyone was arrested he must be charged and brought for trial. If a man was arrested charges must be brought against him within a reasonable time. We did not propose to permit Italian police to do more than that.

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4. Security...../

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4. Security Measures.(a) Checking of AMGOT Civilian Employees.

The D.C.P.S. stated that proper checking of civilian employees has been neglected as far as Provinces are concerned and referred to the C.S.O.'s memorandum of the 11th August 1943 to SCAOs, reference number 253/HQ. Reports on the misconduct of civilians in AMGOT employ are being received from the Security Services. SCAOs should draw the attention of SCAOs to the above instruction. It was agreed that checking forms should be completed in respect of all civilians in AMGOT employ and submitted to the Civil Police Section.

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The D.C.P.S. said that one of the objects of the curfew order was to make things more difficult to cut telephone cables and thus sabotage communications. An instruction on this point was awaited from 15 Army Group. It had been suggested that the priests should warn country folk of the consequences of such action, however harmless the intention. Reference was made to an instruction to SCAGOs on the question of punishments imposed by Military Courts for offences of this nature. (AMGOT/4002/L of 1st Oct. 43).

5. Reconstitution of various sections of the Fascist Militia.

The Supt. Civil Police, referring to the Administrative Instructions on this subject, said that Special Police are being organized as the need arose. He quoted the Posts Telegraphs, Ports and Railway Guards as examples. These special Police are only given special, not general, police powers. Strict supervision is necessary and this will be the responsibility of the agency using them.

SCAPO Ragusa...../

SCAPO Pagusa urged the institution of road guards, like the former Milizia Stradale, and suggested the use of the CCRA for this purpose, but this was not considered possible.

The Guardia Forestale which is necessary from an agricultural point of view will be re-organized on the basis of Special Police.

The guarding of Vulnerable Points was raised. Trained police officers cannot be used for this purpose, being required for police duty, and the only solution appeared to be the engagement of Special Police. The C.C.A.O. held the view that this is not an AMGOT responsibility, but as the Tactical Forces are withdrawn requests are being made for AMGOT to take over the guarding of V.Ps. The C.P.S. said that pending a decision by higher authority as to the responsibility for this duty, we must suspend action.

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(c) Petitions...../

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The D.C.P.S. drew attention to the fact that the Italian system of registration of aliens (stranieri) had broken down since the occupation of the island by the Allies. He mentioned that a directive with regard to this matter is under consideration.

Capt. Ballance gave some details of the Italian system of registration, which would be turned to good account under the proposed scheme.

The C.P.S. said the directive would be issued in due course.

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The C.P.S. then introduced Brig. General Samino, Comando Superiore of the CORR to the Conference and in the latter's name assured him of the desire of every Officer in the Public Safety Division to support him in his work. General Samino suitably replied.

Brig. General McSherry, D.C.C.I.O., then addressed the Conference, and threw some light on developments in Civil Affairs in Italy, pointing out that it would be necessary to draw on the Officers now serving in Sicily to help staff the new regions being formed on the mainland. He assured those present that there would be jobs for everyone in the new organization under discussion elsewhere. Brig. General McSherry also expressed his appreciation of the fine work which had been and was being done by C.A.P.O.s in Sicily.

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Ragusa	2	Heads of Sections P.S.D.	1
Siracusa	2	File	1
Trapani	2	Float	1
Messina	2	Divisions	10
AMSCOT Liaison 15 A.G.	1		

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