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HEADQUARTERS ROME AREA MTOUSA
APO 794, US ARMY

AG 337

15 December 1944

Subject: Soldier Show Conference.

To : See Distribution.

1. It is desired to encourage all units to develop soldier entertainment within their own personnel. For this purpose a Soldier Show Conference will be held 27, 28 and 29 December 1944 at Caserta.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in MTOUSA Cable, FX-60846, cite NASS, NAGAI, US Units stationed in Rome Area, MTOUSA will designate representatives to attend this conference as follows:

a. Units similar in size to regiments, groups or separate battalions: One (1) officer and two (2) enlisted men.

b. Each separate company squadron or similar unit with strength over one hundred (100) men not included in a above: One (1) enlisted man.

3. Wherever practicable personnel will be actively engaged in special service activities.

4. Names of designated representatives will be submitted to Special Service Officer, Headquarters Rome Area MTOUSA, by 19 December 1944 for consolidation. If transient billet is desired it should be so stated.

5. Necessary travel is authorized by cable cited in paragraph 2 above. Representatives will report to Headquarters Commandant, Allied Forces, 26 December 1944, equipped with bedroll, mess-pot, pencil and notebook.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 478201.

Ref: 512/33/CCS.

2 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : SCAG, AME Fifth Army.
SCAG, AME Eighth Army.
R.S.'s LAZIO-UMBRIA, ABRUZZI-MARCHE, TOSCANA, EMILIA
LIGURIA, PIEMONTE, SARDEGNA, VENETIA Regions.
Economic Section.
Civil Affairs Section.
Establishment Section.
Political Section.
DCCAG, HQ AAI Main.
PA to Chief of Staff.

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1. The postponed meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and SCAG's Armies is now arranged for Friday, 17 November, at 1000 hours at the Prefettura, SIENA.
2. Only DCCAG's or their Chief Staff Officers are required to attend from this HQ.
3. Any additional items for the agenda or alteration to the names of those attending will be forwarded to me by 1200 hours on 15 November, 1944.
4. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation and if it is required in SIENA should telephone Lt. Col. A. Friend James, Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAI Main, Tel: FILPOT 132.
5. Above confirms signal of today's date (not to all).

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT : Forward Conference

TO : SCAG Fifth Army.
" Eighth Army.
R.C.s Regions IV, V, VIII, IX, Piemonte,
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Admin. Section.
Establishment Branch.
Refugee Branch.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Patriot Branch.
PA to Brig. Lush.
ACC. I.O. AAI. Adv. and Main.

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Chief Clerk	<i>W</i>

21 September 44.

1. The next meeting for Forward Regional Commissioners and A.M.C. Ambassadors will be held at SIEMA on Wednesday 27 September at 1100hrs.
2. Items for the Agenda must be forwarded to this Branch by 1200 hrs 25 September, together with names of representatives attending.
3. Those attending will make their own arrangements for accommodation. Those wishing to be accommodated at HQ, Region XII will give the Regional Commissioner 48 hours notice, and include the number of GIs/EM/Italian drivers to be billeted. Nations will be decided.

W. S. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

held on 23rd Aug 1944

0930 hrs.

The Executive Commissioner presided.

Opening Remarks.

1. The Executive Commissioner, Brig. M. S. Lush, opened the meeting by thanking Regional Commissioners for their good work and warned them of more difficult work ahead in the North of Italy. He outlined the procedure for naming the Northern Regions.

2. So far we had applied the principle that where there were Allied troops and installations we had to have AOC officers, but from the point of view of Sicily, and possibly later on, Southern Italy, there might come a time when we felt that we could hand the country back to the Italian authorities entirely. We must always keep in mind that the presence of Allied Military officers did help to maintain law and order.

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5. The Executive Commissioner asked R.C.'s Stolly, Sardinia and Southern Region to consider the matter and report in a month's time. The matter would also be re-examined at AOC HQ. Brig. Lush asked Col. Temperley to report as soon as possible on the early handing over of Naples Comune from AMT to Italian Government.

6. Executive Commissioner said he would like to underline General Maitland Wilson's remarks the previous day on discipline among subordinate officers. Provincial Commissioners should be instructed to think deeply on the subject. It was almost inevitable where officers were living alone that they should lose some of the effects of military discipline and that those inexperienced in civil administration should tend to be over-impressed by the local aspect of affairs. Regional Commissioners in the Southern Regions should examine the question of transferring such officers. Brig. Lush congratulated Regional Commissioners on their monthly reports and sitreps. AMHQ had asked to be kept more fully in the picture and he believed that we had been able to do this. Col. Lewin-Harris (G-5 AMHQ) agreed.

Planning for the Northern Regions.

7. Executive Commissioner announced that Col. Fiske and Col. Albright (HQ AOC) with Brig. Dunlop and Col. Harcock and Percy, would be responsible for planning for Regions II, III and IV. By Sept. 1st officers were wanted to the scale of Appendix C from Sardinia, Sicily and Southern Region and also from Region V. An establishment had been created for 250 extra British officers. It was hoped also to get a few additional American officers. They would be sent on a short course of civil affairs and then to Regions V, VII and IX, and the two Armies, for experience. Southern Region would be activated on Aug. 28th.

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9. Col. Poletti asked if Exalted Men waiting in the Replacement Pool could be used. Col. Lewis Harris said that if names were known they should be sent to G-5 ASHQ.

10. Executive Commissioner said he thought the scheme of pulling in the Army was successful. Brig. Dunlop supported it and hoped it would be possible to have the same arrangement in future. Exec. Commissioner said we must be prepared for demobilization in the North and the necessity of sending teams in very rapidly. Col. Fiske said the Army was alive to the dangers in the first days of taking over and that the question of command was still unsettled. He saw no reason why teams should not go forward with the entering troops. Executive Commissioner said that if it was a question of the Armies fighting their way in, the present plan would be followed. If it was a question of collapse, we wanted a plan quickly from G-5.

Promotions.

11. Col. Albright said that American promotions to field grade were temporarily held up. He asked Col. Lewis Harris to take the matter up. Company grade officers were not affected. Col. Harris (Executive Officer) said that British promotions were held up for

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two or three days while AMI were looking into the matter. Col. Albright said Company Commanders and admin. officers must not be changed without approval from this HQ.

Patriots.

12. Col. McCarthy referred to his talk at the previous day's Conference and to a history of the movement which he had prepared. At the meeting in Siena he was asked to produce information about the Po Valley installations. He had a list of places where damage and flooding could be caused and also a list of pumping stations for Patriots to protect.
13. He would like to stress that day's with armies, and Regions should send back a weekly report from their Italian Patriot representatives.
14. On a discussion of present policy, Col. Kirkwood (Region VII) said it was fundamentally on right lines but there were practical difficulties as the Patriots wanted to remain fighting.
15. Col. Marshall (Region V) said that Patriot representatives often arrived without proper identification cards and permits. A letter of appointment from AOC HQ to say that any Patriots arriving were accredited to the Commission was required. Col. McCarthy said they were now working on a scheme for getting transport from the Italian Government as they were only useful when mobile. Exec. Commissioner said that Patriot representatives NOT sent out at the request of the R.C.'s would be sent with transport, not to be charged against TE/WL. If requested by R.C.'s transport would have to be found by them.
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Refugees.

19. Col. Hails (Italian Refugee Branch) explained that the Refugee Branch had to follow up behind the armies and take in as many people as were passed to them. The line was now at Ancona where there was a large camp, but they could not keep an unlimited number of people there indefinitely. The people had to be distributed and the situation at Ancona was extremely difficult. In the interests of operational Regions must take their quota of refugees.

20. He went on to explain that the Branch could not provide equipment for camps in Regions. Once the quota had been fixed the Prefects concerned had to take care of the refugees and billet them.

All Regions

21. The aim was to get the people back to their homes as quickly as possible. Transit Camps would be necessary and personnel to man them. The Italian Government had been asked for 1,000 Italian Officers and men to do it. The Army Sub-Commission said personnel could not be found from the Italian Army and the possibility of using demobilized soldiers was discussed. The matter was left for further exploration with the suggestion that it might be possible

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pick men out of the transit camps to which these soldiers were sent prior to discharge and take them on a civilian pay roll on the spot.

22. Reference was made to an unauthorized movement of refugees back to their homes which had already started. AMF, ALI and PBS were taking notice of it. Exec. Commissioner asked R.C.'s to do their utmost with the Italian authorities to stop people moving and to issue orders that no ACC officers were to issue passes for this kind of movement.

All Regions

23. Col. Chapman said that 2,000 refugees had arrived at Naples station and had been there for two weeks. It was decided that half should be dispersed to Aversa Camp and half to Region IV.

Regs. III
& IV.

Establishment.

24. (a) Vehicle Maintenance. Col. Albright (Establishment Officer) stressed the responsibilities of senior officers in Regions. There was a lack of trained drivers and mechanics. Transportation Sub-Commission had set up a pool of maintenance officers who would be sent out to Regions to inspect and give advice.

(b) Vacations for civilian personnel. Col. Chapman raised the question of vacations for civilian personnel, and was informed that the matter was under discussion with ALI.

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Defascistization.

25. Col. Upjohn (Admin Section) referred to a new decree, of which all R.C.'s had copies. The system now was that in each Ministry one or more Commissions were set up, and they were responsible for the purge throughout the country of the persons which depended on that Ministry. For instance, the Commission in the Ministry of Justice was responsible for the purging of all judges throughout the country. He relied on R.C.'s letting us know if any obvious Fascists were at large. It was agreed that lists of persons purged by Commissions would be useful to R.C.'s and would be sent to them. R.C.'s would report any Fascists not listed.

26. In addition there would be Provincial Commissions to deal with local bodies which depended on the Prefect. The Provincial Commissions would not be set up until the Prefects themselves had been purged. The Ministry of the Interior had been asked to expedite the purging of the Prefects, and Regional Commissioners would be informed as soon as this was done. In a letter of Aug. 18th R.C.'s were asked to send a pro-forma report on the progress of defascistization in the Provinces. Where the decree had been made effective, we ceased to operate defascistization ourselves, but in Military Government territory there was nothing to prevent a R.C. from removing an official on any ground.

All R.C.s.

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When an area had been turned over to Regional control the R.C. would normally leave it to the Italian Committee or refer a special case to HQ ADC.

Proclamations:

27. Col. Wilmer read the new preamble to Proclamation No.1, which had been approved. To meet criticism of the notice containing curfew restrictions etc there would now be three versions of it to be used according to requirements. With regard to the declaration of curfew and withdrawal into ALI had demanded that the restrictions be retained. The new version of proclamations 1, 2 and 4 would be distributed as soon as possible and used in future.

Carabinieri:

28. Col. Kirk, (Public Safety Sub-Comm) said that he was gravely concerned about the personnel situation. The ceiling had been fixed at 55,000, and ADC had asked for it to be lifted to 65,000 but the present strength was about 42,000. It was thought that the sources of manpower were improving as training was completed. One source was the retraining of men who had been disbanded in territory occupied by the enemy. Information was that of 21,000 normally north of the line, approximately 14,000 had been removed to Germany. Another source was released POW from E. Africa, approximately 1,000 in England, and a prospect of a detachment from the Italian Army, which has been under discussion with MILA. Col. Kirk gave warning that he would have to skin Regions and urged forward areas to make conservative estimates.

29. From the point of view of an approach to ALI the Base Commissioner asked if there was a possibility of reaching the ceiling from existing manpower. Col. Kirk (MILA) thought we might take Carabinieri from Sicily or Sardinia. Asked what would be the result of releasing 2,000 Carabinieri from Sicily from the point of view of grain collection, Col. Harbeck said he thought it would mean complete disaster as they were not trained to work 7,000.

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30. The Enco. Commission strongly recommended that the Carabinieri be reduced to the level of 55,000 at once without regard to those in Italy.

31. It was stated that Carabinieri were being used in military installations. Enco. Commission said this is also taken up on a high level. He would do our best to preserve Carabinieri strength in the Regions; at the same time fulfilling demands of Northern Regions.

Control of Italian Movement

32. Major Pallone (Public Safety Sub-Com) explained the controls now operating. There are three zones: Army Zone (ARM), where no civilian was permitted to enter unless in possession of a permit issued by the military in the name. But in case of great urgency permits could be issued at point of departure, provided prior approval was obtained by a signal or telephone from Army HQ's. Restricted Zone (RESTED): where there was restriction on travel between Provinces. Passes to be issued at point of departure. Part of the territory must be under ARM and part under the Italian Government, but restriction was the same. Free Zone (FREE), no restriction except between Milan, Sicily, Sardinia and the mainland. To pass from the Free to the Restricted Zone, a pass could be obtained from the Quastura and must be signed in the Restricted Zone. A standard yellow pass would be issued throughout liberated Italy by the Quastura which would be supplied by R.C.'s to the Quastura. These passes should not be issued to refugees.

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33. Exec. Commissioner said that if movement was restricted completely food supply, industry, etc., would be hindered. But movement must be restricted for military reasons.

Transport and Appointments of Prefects.

34. Col. Spicer (Interior Sub-Comm) said that the transportation question had been decided the day before at the Chief Commissioner's Conference. He appealed for cooperation by R.C.'s with Prefects who had difficult journeys to undertake. They were high ranking Italian officials and all the help that R.C.'s could give them would be appreciated.

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35. Two very simple and clear directives had been prepared for the use of officers in the field, one for the Army areas and one for Regions.

36. There was no such title as "Acting Sindaco". It was proposed to promote 23 Vice-Prefects.

37. In the discussion which followed Col. Chapman said it was proposed by the C.M.T.C. at Benevento to requisition the Prefectorial Building. Executive Commissioner instructed him to take strong action in opposing this requisition. Civil Affairs Branch would take up with LLI.

Reg. III.
RC/MG Sec

38. Asked if Prefects were getting adequate direction from the Italian Government, the meeting agreed that the position was improving.

39. It was pointed out that only in Army areas was it necessary for HQ to be consulted before any change in Prefects was carried out. Executive Memorandum No. 70 would be followed as heretofore. SCAO's of Lilies had the right to remove a man without reference back, but Regions must consult HQ first.

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(b) Railroad Transportation. Major Richardson, Railway Section, said it must be understood that the whole of this movement was over civilian lines in military trains, and that the bulk of the traffic was from East to West. The railroad was very bad and traffic very heavy. This lag between bid and train movement was considerable and could not be avoided. When no ACC officer was available to handle bids the Italian channel was from railway stationmaster to railway Divisional Office and from there to Transportation Sub-Committee representatives. Food had priority over other commodities.

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(c) Road Transportation. Lt. Col. Berless explained that under a new scheme civilian road haulage would come under one control, i.e., E.N.A.C. It would operate up to Army area. All movement by road would be allocated by E.N.A.C. Asked what was the plan for providing road haulage for the Northern Regions, Col. Adams said there would be local transport, plus the withdrawal of extra transport loaned to harvest Regions. Alternatively, it would be necessary to apply for additional Transport Coys. E.N.A.C. would be operating in 3 - 4 weeks time.

Econ Sec

ROL for Forward Areas.

41. Shortage of ROL in certain areas was discussed and Col. Dyles (AFHQ Petroleum Section) said that there had been a physical shortage but the situation was now easier. He undertook to investigate a specific difficulty raised by Region VII and the shortage of Diesel oil in Sicily. OIP representatives could be supplied to assist forward Regions and others also if necessary. Mr. Antolini undertook to coordinate transportation of ROL from ports and a plan would be submitted to R.C.'s by end of week.

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Maintenance of Vehicles.

42. Lt. Col. Lord de Clifford (Q(12) AFHQ) spoke of recent visits to Regions to inspect British vehicles. These he said were badly maintained and there was considerable tyre wastage. Reports and recommendations were being made to R.C.'s and he asked that they should let him know if the recommendations were not feasible. Exco. Commissioner said officer interest was necessary and R.C.'s must give personal attention to this serious situation. R.C.'s spoke of shortage of tools and maintenance equipment: this would be examined by Q(12) AFHQ.

EC/MC
Sec.Ration Scales.

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All Regions
Econ Sec

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Maintenance of Vehicles.

42. Lt. Col. Lord de Clifford (Q44E) AMH. spoke of recent visits to England to inspect British vehicles. These he said were badly maintained and there was considerable tyre wastage. Reports and recommendations were being made to R.C.'s and he noted that they should let him know if the recommendations were not feasible. Exco. Commissioner said officer interest was necessary and R.C.'s must give personal attention to this serious situation. R.C.'s spoke of shortage of tools and maintenance equipment: this would be examined by Q44E) AMH.

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All Regions
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44. Exco. Commissioner said that Italian drivers and officials travelling on a specific tour would be provided with basic ration packs for that tour. These being on assignment or attendant to any place would be provided with rations for the journey and five days. It was emphasized that the same ration scale applied for labour in both armies and their services.

Price of Wheat in the North.

45. Views were expressed by R.C.'s, Mr. Antolini and Mr. MacLough (Exco. Section) and Col. Bain (Labour Sub-Comm). The meeting was roughly divided into those who considered the price of wheat should be 900 lire per quintal throughout Italy and those who maintained that in the North the price should be 500 lire per quintal without subsidy. Some were of the opinion that the latter price should carry a subsidy with it. The Exco. Commissioner thanked all speakers for their views which he said would be most helpful in further consideration of this difficult problem.

ACTIONWar Material Personnel and Italian POW Sub-Commission.

46. (a) Lt. Col. Campbell, Director, said it should be known that it was not possible to retranslate any Italian POW providing he was required in a specific administrative position. The request for retranslation should be submitted through Italian channels. No requests should be received or forwarded by us.

(b) Attention was drawn to the necessity for collecting Jerry Cars (German or Italian patrol cars). The question of a penalty was under consideration.

Civilian accompanying officers on reassignments.

47. Lt. Col. Brown (Region IX) drew attention to the fact that officers on reassignment were bringing with them a volume of interviewers and the like. The Exec. Commissioner directed that this must cease.

All RO's

Awards and Decorations.

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RC/AG
SecMonthly Reports and Weekly Sitings.

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All RO's

Conclusions.

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Conclusion

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The sitting closed at 1015 hrs.

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M. S. LUC,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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All HQ's

ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION

Conference - 22 August 1944

A B E I E A

Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Acting Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Region I
Region II
Region III
Region IV
Region V
Region VI
Region VII
Region VIII
Tenth Army AGC
Fifth Army AGC
Refugee Branch (Italians)
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission
Patriotic Branch

- Colonel A.W. Hancock
- Lt. Colonel R.H. McCleary
- Colonel J.S. Grayson
- Colonel C. Polizzi
- Colonel R.E. Marshall
- Brigadier W. Carr
- Lt. Colonel G.C. Peasey
- Colonel E.G. Zinkwood
- Doctor-Captain C.E. Benson
- Brigadier General E.P. Hume
- Colonel L.H. Halls
- Colonel G.B. Mindley
- Colonel C.E. McCarthy

Executive Commission:

- Brigadier H.S. Lush

Afternoon Session - 1430

3. Reports by Administrative Section:

Interior Sub-Commission
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Legal Sub-Commission
Education Sub-Commission
Property Control Sub-Commission
Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission

- Colonel R.C.S. Spicer
- Colonel R.C. Kirk
- Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
- Colonel R.H. Palmer
- Lt. Colonel F.V. Smith
- Lt. Colonel C. Garrelli
- Major E.T. Su Field

Acting Head

- Colonel R.H. Upjohn

Recess - 10 minutes

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Asst. Asst.	
Chief Clerk	

- Colonel Captain C.E. Benson
- Brigadier General E.E. Hume
- Colonel L.E. Halls
- Colonel C.B. Pinsky
- Colonel C.D. McCarthy
- Brigadier M.S. Bush

Executive Commission

Refugee Branch (Italians)

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Patriotic French

3. Reports by Administrative Section:

- Interior Sub-Commission
- Public Safety Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- Legal Sub-Commission
- Education Sub-Commission
- Property Control Sub-Commission
- Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission
- Acting Head
- Colonel H.C.F. Spicer
- Colonel P.C. Kirk
- Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
- Colonel R.H. Walker
- Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith
- Lt. Colonel G. Carroll
- Major E.F. de Wald
- Colonel G.E. DeJohn

Records - 10 minutes

4. Reports by Economic Section:

- Commerce Sub-Commission
- Industry Sub-Commission
- Labor Sub-Commission
- Agriculture Sub-Commission
- Food Sub-Commission
- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.
- Mine Sub-Commission
- Transportation Sub-Commission
- Shipping Sub-Commission
- Vice President
- Colonel W.S. Evans
- Colonel J.E.F. Todd
- Colonel J.R. Bell
- Lt. Colonel W.A. Hartman
- Colonel W.J. Lee
- Lt. Colonel L.A. Jerny
- Colonel A.E. Crawford-Smith
- Colonel D.S. Adams
- Mr. J. Gibson Graham
- Brigadier General William O'Dwyer

Records - 10 minutes

5. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

- Naval Sub-Commission
- Army Sub-Commission
- Air Sub-Commission
- Communications Sub-Commission
- War Materials Disposal & Italian
- Prisoners of War Sub-Commission
- Major General C.E. Morgan
- Major General L. Browning
- Air Vice Marshal W.D. Bowen-Buscalet
- Colonel J.L. Henderson
- Lt. Colonel J.A. Campbell

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Phone:
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Ref/107/89/C.

19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX & "Z".
S.M.O.'s Fifth & Eighth Armies.

1. Reference 107/65/34 of 5 August 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.
2. Sections, Sub-Commissions or Branches will be responsible for ensuring that a representative is present at the time indicated for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
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Patriots Br. (1)
Refugees Br. (1)
Legal Sub-Comm. (1)
Public Safety Sub-Comm. (1)
Interior Sub-Comm. (1)
Transportation Sub-Comm. (1)

TO : H.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX & "Z".
SAC's Field & District Offices.

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Liaison Div. (1)

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCEWednesday 23rd AugustAGENDA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Item</u>
0930 - 1130	R.C. & M.C. Section.	Planning for Northern Regions and App C.
		Establs. Br.
		Patriots Br.
		Refugee Br.
		Refugee Br.
		Establs. Br.
		Establishment: (a) Distribution of Memoranda.
		(b) Vehicle Maintenance.
1145 - 1300	Administrative Section.	Defascistization.
		Proclamations.
		Restriction of Movement.
		Appointments and trans- portation of Prefectorial Officials.
		Admin. Section.
		Legal Sub-Comm.
		Public Safety Sub-Comm.
		Interior Sub-Comm.

Recess - 15 minutes.

Refugee Br.

Refugee Br.

Estab. Br.

Planning Repatriation
of Agriculturists.Establishment:
(a) Distribution of
Memoranda.

(b) Vehicle Maintenance.

Recess - 15 minutes.

1145 - 1300

Administrative
Section.

DeNazification.

Proclamations.

Restriction of Movement.

Appointments and trans-
portation of Prefectorial
Officials.

Admin. Section.

Legal Sub-Comm.

Public Safety
Sub-Comm.

Interior Sub-Comm.

Afternoon Session.

1430 - 1545

Economic Section. Civilian Transport.

POL for forward areas.

Price of wheat in the
North.

Ration Scale.

Transportation
Sub-Comm.Commerce ~~1953~~ 1957.

Food Sub-Comm.

Economic Section.

Recess - 15 minutes.

Other business.

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15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

Asst. Asst.

TO : Heads of all Sub-Commissions.

Chief Clerk

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, para.3.
2. Owing to the fact that there will be more speakers than on former occasions, reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions will, of necessity, be restricted to not more than five minutes instead of ten minutes as stated in the above letter.

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NORMAN B. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
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Ref A 7/55/3.

Subject: Regional Officers and Conference

To : District Office

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Asst. Dir.	HP.
Asst. Dir.	
Chief Clerk	

1. The next conference will be held at 100-11147-100 on Tuesday, 22nd August, 1955, at 10.00 a.m. on each day, unless otherwise notified.

2. The Acting Chief Commissioner will preside on Tuesday 22nd August.

3. The agenda will include:

- Reports by Regional Commissioners and SACs' N/Cs.
- Address by Acting Chief Commissioner.
- Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions and Vice Presidents of Sections.

Reports should be prepared so that they can be delivered in a maximum period of 10 minutes.

4. Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General, prior to the proposed remarks by the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections not later than Sunday 20th August. These précis are required for furnishing to representatives of the press who are expected to be present at the conference.

5. Regional Commissioners and SACs' N/Cs will submit précis of their proposed remarks to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.G. & M.C. Section) not later than Sunday 20th August.

6. The Executive Committee will preside at the conference on Wednesday 23rd August. Vice Presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions are invited to attend or to send a senior officer who could discuss such points arising from their departments which may be raised at the meeting.

7. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Thursday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should reach R.G. & M.C. Section, Civil Affairs Branch not later than 14th August.

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5. Regional Commissioners and D.O's will submit précis of their proposed remarks to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.C. & A.C. Section) not later than Sunday 26th August.

6. The Executive Commissioner will preside at the Conference on Wednesday 29th August. Vice Presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions are invited to attend or to send a senior officer who could discuss such agencies as affecting their departments which may be raised at the meeting.

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8. Regional Commissioners and D.O's & S. Officers are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in R.C. & A.C. at least one day prior to the meeting of the conference. H. Comdt, R.C. & A.C. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

9. The Secretary General will act as Secretary on 29th August. A Staff Officer of the C.A. Branch, R.C. & A.C. Section will act as Secretary on 31st August. 1555

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ROBERT E. WHITE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/17/CA.

23 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.Cs. Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII & IX.
SCACs. 5th & 8th Armies.

1. Reference 107/12/CA of 18 May 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be provided over by the Executive Commissioner.
2. It is anticipated that Col. C.M.Spofford, Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., will be present and will speak on items 3 (f) and 3 (g).
3. Officers named in brackets will be responsible for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Arrangements should be made for attendance at times to be notified before the meeting. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

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HQ. 2675 Regt. (1)

for *Dr. Spofford (Lt. Col.)*
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 31 May
Thursday, 1 June

AGENDAITEM

1. Ration Card Percentage.
2. Epuration (Defascistization)

Legal (Col. Upjohn)
Establishment Branch
(Col. Albright)
3. Staff Matters.
 - (a) Reduction of Staffs
Regions I, II and VII.
 - (b) Specialist Officers.
 - (c) Formation of Staffs for
new Regions.
 - (d) Italian Drivers.
 - (e) 2675 Regte Admin.
Responsibility of Senior Officers.
 - (f) Investigation of Rumours, and
reports on officers.

(Col. Parkin)
4.
 - (a) Collection of Commodities
e.g. Grain (Grainio di Popolo)
 - (b) Price of barley, pulses and
olive oil.
 - (c) Collection (Grain):
 - (i) Courts to deal with
delinquents.
 - (ii) Composition of Committees.

Economic Section
(Col. Adams)

Region II (Col. Zellars)
and Legal (Col. Upjohn)
5. Regional reports:
 - (a) Distribution of reports.
 - (b) New programme (497/44/GA of 25 Apr.)
 - (c) Reduction in number and type of
reports called for by HQ. A.C.C.
 - (d) Circulation of reports within
HQ. A.C.C.

R.C. & M.C. Section.
6. Transport:

- new Regions.
- (d) Italian Drivers.
 - (e) 2675 Regt. Admin. Responsibility of Senior Officers.
 - (f) Investigation of Rumours, and reports on officers.

(Col. Parkin)

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e.g. Grain (Graino di Popolo)
(b) Prices of barley, pulses and olive oil.
(c) Collection (Grain):
(i) Courts to deal with delinquents.
(ii) Composition of Committees.

Economic Section
(Col. Adams)Region II (Col. Zellars)
and Legal (Col. Upjohn)

R.C. & M.C. Section.

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(a) Distribution of reports.
(b) New pro-forma (497/44/Ck. of 25 Apr.)
(c) Reduction in number and type of reports called for by HQ. A.C.C.
(d) Circulation of reports within HQ. A.C.C.

6. Transport:

- (a) A.C.C.
- (b) Italian Government.
- (c) Transport Carriers in Regions.

Establishment Branch.
R.C. & M.C. Section.
Region IV (Brig. Dunlop)

7. Italian Armed Forces - Clothing, Equipment and Rations.

Army Sub-Commission
(Major-Gen. Browning)

8. Prisons - Overcrowding, causes and remedies.

Public Safety (Col. Young)

9. "Emergency" Supplies.

Chief Liaison Officer
(Lt. Col. Bowman)

10. Arrest of Italian Nationals.

Civil Affairs Branch.

11. Other business.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/107/12/CA

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Reference 107/2/CA of 5 May 1944 attached is list of items that have been submitted for discussion at the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.
2. If, after study of the subjects, there are any particular questions to which answers are required, will you please submit these in writing in order that the answers may be prepared before the meeting or be incorporated in the explanatory statements.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 31 May

Thursday, 1 June

Suggested Items for Agenda

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Suggested by</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Ration Card Percentage		(see D/O letter Ref. 1003/27/CA)
2. Epuration (Defascistization)	Legal	
3. Staff Matters.		
a) Reduction of Staffs Regions I, II and VII	Establishments Branch.	a) See letter 57/33/CA of 18 May 1944
b) Specialist Officers		b) Inter-regional transfers
c) Italian Drivers		
d) 2675 Regt Admin. Responsibility of Senior Officers		
e) Investigation of Rumours.		
4. a) Collection of Commodities e.g. grain (Graino di Popolo)		
b) Price of barley, pulses and olive oil.		
c) Collection (Grain)	Region II	
1. Courts to deal with delinquents		1. Suggests AMG Courts
2. Composition of Committees		2. Inclusion of Consumer member on Provincial and Communal Committees.
5. Transport		
a) A.C.C.	Establishments	
b) Italian Government	R.C. & M.G.	
c) Transport Officer in Regions	Region IV	Economic Section to explain duties, responsibilities and position in relation to Transportation Sub-Commission. Answers to general queries; procedure to be explained.
6. Italian Armed Forces Clothing Equipment and Rations	Army Sub-Commission	
7. Prisons - overcrowding, causes and remedies.	Public Safety	See letter 317/81/CA of 20 May 1944
8. "Emergency" Supplies	Chief Liaison Officer (Lt. Col. Bowman)	Suggests that "Emergencies" arise too often through lack of foresight and we are often put in the position of 'suppliants'. Word by Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner might cure some of this.
9. Arrest of Italian Nationals	Civil Affairs Branch.	See letter 314/64/CA of 20 May 1944

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AG 337 BPAG-P (15 May 44)

AMH/er
15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Meeting of Public Relations Representatives.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Letter this Headquarters dated 8 December 1943, subject, Public Relations, AG 303.7 BGCS, directed that an officer or a constant enlisted man be detailed as Public Relations representative for each section of this Headquarters and for each unit assigned or attached.

2. All Public Relations representatives will report to the Madison Square Garden, located at 80 Monti di Dio, Naples on Friday, 19 May 1944 at 0930 hours.

By command of Major General WILSON:

L. C. Sutton, Jr.
L. C. SUTTON, JR.,
Captain, A. G. B.,
Ass't Adj. General

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Establishment Branch

SUBJECT: Conference

FILE NO. EstO/MG-3

TO:

2 May 1944 104 H

1. There will be a conference of the following officers of the Establishment Branch in my office, Room 51, 2nd floor, at 0900 hours, Tuesday, 9 May 1944:

Executive Officers
G-1 (A) & G-1 (B)
G-1 (A) & G-1 (B)
Headquarters Adjutant
Headquarters Sergeant
Asst. Hq. Commandant

2. Be prepared to discuss items of general interest.

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Col., Infantry,
Establishment Officer.

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Ref/107/2/CA

5 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO: Distribution below.

1. The next conference will be held in Naples on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 30, 31 and June 1, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside on Tuesday May 30. The meeting will commence at 0930 hours.

The agenda will be:

- a) Reports by Regional Commissioners and SCAD's Armies AMG.
- b) Address by Chief Commissioner.
- c) Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections.

- 3. a) Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General précis of the proposed remarks of the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections by 1200 hours on Monday May 29, 1944.

- b) Regional Commissioners and S.C.A.D.'s AMG, Armies will submit their précis to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.C. & M.G. Section) by 1200 hours on Sunday May 28, 1944.

4. The Executive Commissioner will preside on Wednesday May 31. The meeting will commence at 0930 hours. Vice presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions may be invited to attend the discussion of agenda items affecting their departments at times to be notified before the meeting.

5. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Wednesday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement of the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should reach R.C. & M.G. Section Civil Affairs Branch, not later than 13 May 1944.

6. Regional Commissioners and SCAD's AMG Armies are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from military sections should assemble in Naples at 1000 hours on Monday 29 May. Officers of the R.C. & M.G. Section should be notified of departure time and advised to check their documents and baggage before leaving. 1543

7. a) The Secretary General will act as Secretary on May 30, 1944.
- b) A staff officer of the C.A. Branch, R.C. & M.C. Section will act as secretary 31 May and June 1, 1944.

N. L. Fisher
for
NORMAN L. FISHER
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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A.F.O. 394

29 April 1944

ITALIAN AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING WHEAT AND
BARLEY HARVESTING PROGRAM AND DELIVER AS AGREED UPON BY
A/AGC/AGRP/SUB COMMISSION AND ITALIAN MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE.

(In accordance with agreement in AGC Conference April
1944 these documents outline first priority program
of work for Allied AGC-SUB Officers)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

Salerno, 28 April 1944

TO: Their Excellencies the Prefects,
Comptroller Agricultural Inspectorate,
Provincial Agricultural Inspectorate
National Association of Economic Bodies of Agriculture

Copy to:

His Excellency the High Commissioner for Sicily
His Excellency the High Commissioner for Sardinia
Office of the Commissioner General for Alimentation
Italian Federation of Agricultural Comarats

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A. Comarcal and Provincial Inspectorates represent the highest agricultural authority within the scope of their respective jurisdictions, and shall assume full responsibility for the proper execution of annexing operations and for the performance of all agricultural activities;

B. Provincial Comarcal for Agriculture, which shall be advisory bodies upon whom the Chief of the Agricultural Inspectorates may call for advice concerning all problems affecting agriculture within their respective provincial spheres;

C. Comarcal Committee for Agriculture, which in each Comarcal shall be the organs charged to deal with all activities pertaining to administration and assistance to annexed, and shall act as fair arbiters in all controversies arising from the execution of annexed.

d. Provincial Agricultural Comarcal, which constitutes the executive organs for the carrying out of annexing operations.

All offices and agencies addressed herein shall, with the aid of 1547
tions attached hereto, and within the sphere of their respective jurisdiction, insure that these instructions are immediately complied with by all concerned, and that their offices are placed in full working order.

INSECT "d" ABOVE:

1. Office Provincial Statistics-Economics and Agriculture (U.P.S.E.A.) which shall be charged with organizing the annexed under the supervision of the Chief of the Provincial Agricultural Inspectorate, with the collection and review of production returns and all other activities concerning the supervision of annexed

The foregoing is subject to findings on the part of this Ministry of more detailed instructions concerning such office and each of the respective tasks.

In facing the stupendous task of reconstruction, the reorganization of agriculture, which has begun with the adoption of the initial emergency measures proposed in agreement with the cooperation of the Agricultural Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, will receive the fullest measure of support from all officers of said Commission, who will join with us in the effort to achieve our common goal.

Signed: RAULS D. GILLIS
Minister

DIRECTIONS OF ORGANIZATION AND OF OPERATION

This Ministry, surviving the right to issue full regulations in regard to the organization and operation of the Departmental and Provincial Inspectorates, and to define their respective responsibilities, issues now in general terms proper instructions on the subject as has been agreed upon with the Allied Control Commission - Agriculture Sub-Commission. The especially critical food situation in which our country finds itself, undermining at the basic level order and safety, requires the hardest and most conscientious effort on the part of all Government bureaus, each operating within its respective jurisdiction.

The Ministry of Agriculture has the task, heavy with responsibility, of organizing the exercise of the control of these agricultural products which it is considered feasible to submit to such companies.

The Allied Control Commission attributes the greatest importance to the success of this program and only if it can be conceived that everything has been done at our end to maximize crop production and to insure that the marketing program shows maximum results, will the Italian Government be in a position to approach it with a request for adjustment, and, as far as possible.

In view of the above, this Ministry cannot have no hesitation in ordering that its country officers give all their help so that the returns of the various crops sent to the Inspectorates be as high as possible.

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Therefore, the foremost activity of Departmental Inspectors, as well as Provincial Inspectors, must be, first, the period of accumulation of the various products for which this measure will have to be ordered, that of contributing to the utmost to the attainment of the goal indicated.

Within each Inspectorate, the Head of the Inspectorate himself is responsible to the Ministry for the proper operation of the Imperial U. S. S. R. Governmental and Provincial offices. For that Imperial instructions will be issued at once to the "Associations" (National and Provincial) and "Associations" (National and Provincial) which, due to the organization of organization and assignment will have to be called upon to carry out the "Statistical" - Economic and Agricultural (U. S. S. R.) to place under the technical direction of the Provincial Provincial Inspectorate their Provincial Office, and their respective zone offices, so that the organization of movement and location of products subject to the measure will take place under the greater Provincial Inspectorate via, accordingly, will themselves assume direct responsibility for operation and success of the measure.

Present conditions here, for the time being, make it inadvisable to proceed with the absorption of U. S. S. R. Offices by the State administration, but if, on the one hand, this will keep zone offices separate from the Agricultural Inspectorate from an administrative and jurisdictional standpoint, it must not, on the other hand, make it a separation in any sense pertaining to the technical side or even less in that which concerns, more immediately, the technical of ensuring or any other activity involving propaganda, statistics, or assistance to farmers, excepting when Departmental Inspectors might wish to avail themselves of the services of these officers.

So that control on the part of the Inspectorates be complete, it should extend also to the provincial agrarian cooperatives in their function of marketing grain, for account of the State, of the surplus. To guarantee to farmers that the amount of produce to be delivered to the masses be quickly appraised in proportion with the production obtained, in every Province there will be constituted an appropriate committee, which will function as arbiter between the farmers and the agencies charged with massing activities. Inscriptions are enclosed (Appendix A) in regard to the manner of cooperation among the various agencies charged with economic activities a cooperation which must be close and full, for on harmonious action depends the success of the masses.

Attached as Appendix B is a copy of the proposed draft and early marketing and retention decree. Supplies of the necessary conditions referred upon by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Sub-Commission will be available on the statistical basis for this work.

While awaiting the proper moment to put their own work and that of their officials going, to make the organization of the masses and the relative returns as efficient as possible, the Departmental and Provincial Inspectors should not feel unable to carry on, in respect to the farmers a work of personal publicity, verbal and printed, to induce them to accept the massing control as an indispensable and also direct and instantaneous duty, on the fulfillment of which, the subject matter to say so, depends under varying aspects our future both near and distant.

This Ministry will arrange to fix, in agreement with the Allied Control Commission, the prices of wheat and of the other products which are to be placed under massing control, in a quite remunerative measure so that the price will not constitute an incentive to evasion, but to delivery.

The fulfillment of these tasks, as well as of all those incumbent upon our subordinate agricultural Inspectorates, brings out the absolute need for means of transportation. Present conditions do not enable this Ministry to supply motor transportation directly, however, the Ministry of the Interior will be approached in order that, through the intermediary of the prefects everything possible be done to furnish Inspectorates with the necessary means of transportation, even if only temporarily.

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I. Departmental Agricultural Inspectorates

As has already been stated in previous ministerial communications, it is the intention of this Ministry that the Departmental Agricultural Inspectorates assume full and effective responsibility to the Ministry for the coordinated execution of all activities within the field of agrarian technique in general.

Therefore, the Departmental Agrarian Inspector represents within his department the highest hierarchical agrarian authority and is responsible with respect to the Ministry, both for the carrying out of the specific tasks functionally required of the Agrarian Departmental Inspectorates, and also for the proper functioning of the services of the Provincial Inspectorates, both as regards the activity and the control of personnel, as also to assure execution and coordination of directives, rules and regulations issued by the Ministry to the Provincial Inspectorates for the organization and promotion of agriculture.

To attain such purpose, the Departmental Inspector is authorized to issue regulatory provisions to his Provincial Inspectorates, of which, however, prior notification will always be made to this Ministry for proper approval.

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In connection with the above, this Ministry reserves the right, in agreement with the Allied Control Commission, to define what shall be its jurisdiction with the requirements of such Inspectorate the respective personnel group, which is now done will be kept within the limits of official necessity.

The following instructions define likewise the tasks expected of the Allied Control Agricultural Inspectorate.

1. In any way recommended by other ministerial communication, to the limit and extent necessary must be the cooperation with the Allied Control officers, so that, through the combined action of this Ministry and of the Allied Control Commission, recognition and recognition of our agricultural may be attained.

2. The service of statistical information, such as submit Inspectorate, at the present moment. The Departmental Inspector will submit a suitable official with the service of agricultural statistics and will so to do.

3. That the Statistical data required of the Provincial Inspectorates, both periodical ones consisting of standard forms and schedules and those that may be required in case of necessity, be collected and worked out without error and promptly forwarded by proper channels to the Ministry and the Allied Control Commission on the prescribed schedule.

4. The Departmental Inspector shall summarize and prepare provincial data in relation to his own Department before transmitting to the Ministry and to the Allied Control Commission. This also applies to those inquiries for data and information which may from time to time be requested by this Ministry and the Allied Control Commission, and you are reminded that any communication of the kind to be made to this Commission or its committees, must be forwarded for information also to this Ministry. Unchecked remains the instruction that information gathered for agricultural statistical purposes must not in any way and for any motive be divulged and communicated for fiscal purposes.

5. In view of present contingencies and by virtue of the fact that they are almost devoid of all those which constituted material of supply of technical and instrumental means for agriculture and that only a part thereof can be obtained through the Allied Control Commission, the Departmental Inspector must seriously undertake to advise this Ministry of relative needs, with such advance notice, in respect to the time of use, as will permit to provide supply at the proper time.

The Departmental Inspectorate, in working up at once a suitable program of agricultural work, in relation to various cultural facts and the various operations of agricultural work, will request of the proper time data and information from Provincial Inspectorate under the jurisdiction and will forward same to this

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21. <http://www.fishbase.org>. Accessed March 1, 2009.

With respect to the third question upon inspection, this Ministry, in accordance with the Allied Control Committee, reserves the right to detain the property of such Provincial Inspector, unless however, will be in strict relation with the real operational needs.

The Provincial Inspectors will adhere in their activities, and those of the offices under them, to the following instructions: (1) Collaboration must be to the utmost and unreserved with the Allied officials who have the necessary responsibilities entrusted to them by the Allied Control Committee or any in the Allied Military Commands of the Provinces or charged with functions which render such collaboration necessary. (2) The Inspector must insist that all his officials carry out their jobs with efficiency and integrity, also seeing to it that in carrying out the various activities there be no lack of guidance, assistance, and encouragement on his part. (3) It is his duty to know and to report that it is the intention of this Ministry that the Provincial Inspectors must resume an activity similar to that carried on with an such success for Italian agriculture, by the former Italian "Squadrone" "Squadrone" d'agricoltura. This is particularly necessary in this period in which for known and proven reasons there can be no sharing of technical agricultural directly or indirectly of general character, and every farmer needs particular assistance with respect to the specific situation which has been developed on his farm.

Therefore, the Provincial Inspector will arrange the operation of his office in such fashion as to act as a large part of its activity for publicity and assistance, in this fashion that he will be satisfied also for the purpose of removing the agricultural sector in isolation, harmful in various respects, from the State Agricultural Organs. Always with relation to such a situation, there will be re-established the separate offices of the Section in an amount adequate to the requirements, and for the present the Provincial Inspectors will submit studied proposals to the appropriate Departmental Inspectors, who, if they approve, will forward same to the Ministry of Agriculture in support. (4) As regards the service of assistance and notification of technical and instrumental agricultural needs, the above mentioned regulations for the Departmental Inspectors apply. It is considered appropriate, however, following recent studies up of data requested, to include on the subject:

a. That statistical data be gathered when almost none so that absolute guarantee of reliability be given and that, therefore, they represent substantially a true picture of the object of the survey and not a forced adaptation of the statistical representation of the subject matter to a desired objective or opinion.

b. That appropriate means of materials required for agriculture be

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2. The zootechnical section, availing itself also of the work of other specialists offered by virtue of appropriate instructions will attend to **1545** simultaneously and independently up-to-date the extent of the zootechnical researches of the Province, separating the species of animals and the category of the individuals grouped based on the faunas of the national columns of 1930.

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There are hereby confirmed the instructions issued previously, concerning the abolition of the Provincial Offices of the Technical Institutes of Agriculture (Consolidated, Viticulture, Silviculture, Entomology, Fructiculture, Pastoral and Zootechnia) and the absorption on the part of provincial agricultural inspection of their respective tasks, subject to further arrangements by the Ministry concerning the abolition or revamping of other divisions, such as the "conservazioni provinciali", "conservazioni provinciali", "conservazioni provinciali", etc.

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This Ministry and the Italian Central Commission will express the most understanding appreciation of the work carried on by the agrarian, experimental and provincial institutes, in their own fields of action, during the turbulent period undergone by liberated Italy, when the utmost confidence in the will to work and the ability of the Ministry's officials, so that after completion of the current agrarian campaign--which they forced beyond control and had to be carried on practically without supervision and in almost complete absence of adequate productive means--Italian agriculture may be reorganized and reestablished on the basis of sound technique which at all times has been the aim of this Ministry and the object of persistent and assiduous efforts of all central and peripheral offices.

Signed: FABRISCUOLO
Minister

HC/AGS/AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

APPROVED: Signed: W. ... HARTMAN
Major
Director

APPENDIX "A"

ORGANIZATION OF "AGROST"

1. The National Association of Machine-Builders of Agriculture, which, according to its organization and tasks, will ensure the work of "AGROST" National Association, founded in 1955 (U.S.S.R.), shall function as an organ of the State, directly under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

The general duties of "AGROST" shall include statistical surveys and the assessment and location of agricultural products subject to monitoring or blocking as well as to the corresponding controls.

There are likewise attributed to "AGROST" all functions of a General Nature which Law No. 366 or 5/15/52 assigns to the Economic Bodies of Agriculture, which functions shall be performed by "AGROST" in the name and for account of said bodies.

2. Departmental agricultural Inspectorates shall be responsible for the coordination of all technical and economic activities which are carried on within the scope of their respective jurisdiction.

3. Within their respective provinces the Provincial Agricultural Inspectorates shall perform all technical and advisory tasks which in any way affect growing crops, live stock, and agricultural products, and which include those previously assigned to peripheral economic organizations.

It is further necessary to point out that Inspectorates to supervise and coordinate all activities of which the aforementioned peripheral organizations are still in charge.

4. Institutions and specialized technical services operating under or controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry shall continue to perform their activities.

5. The Provincial offices of the Association (officially designated "AGROST") are hereby re-created in accordance with the principles defined hereunder and shall be called "Official Provincial Statistics - Technical Cell" (U.S.S.R.).

These offices shall arrange for the organization and control of the raising of new products as shall be specified by this Ministry, for the collection and checking of production returns, for the regulation of the animals themselves, for the assessment and location of products subject to blocking or blocking, for the regulation of arthropods and for the reporting of violations occurring in connection with animals.

The functions of said offices include assistance to producers in the fulfillment

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Mayor

APPROVED: (Signature) J. ...
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ANNEXETRANSLATION

Draft of Ministerial Decree regulating the marketing of wheat and barley produced in 1944.

BY VIRTUE OF: R.D.L. No. 397 of May 10, 1943 containing provisions for the comprehensive regulation of the 1944 production of cereals and dried horse beans.

R.D. of May 26, 1943, fixing retention rates, on cereals and dried horse beans
 R.D. of June 11, 1943 concerning wheat retentions authorized for farm operators,
 R.D. of June 15, 1943 regulating the milling of cereals retained for family use,
 Order No. 1 of the Commissioner General for Alimentation, dated September 24, 43,
 R.D. No. 69 of February 25, 1944 ordering the absorption of the Office of the
 Commissioner General for Alimentation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests,
 R.D. No. 245 of April 22, 1944 concerning penalties for failure to deliver
 grains to Agent.

WHEREAS, due to the present emergency it is absolutely necessary to insure vital supplies to the Armed Forces and to the civilian population,

WHEREAS, therefore, it is deemed advisable to restore the marketing of wheat and barley - subject to issuing subsequent directives regulating the marketing or control of other crops - produced during the 1943 - 1944 season; and to regulate the delivery, transport, processing and distribution thereof,

The Minister of Agriculture and Forests HEREBY DECREES

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The following products, by whatsoever and for whatever reason held, shall be subject to marketing: wheat and barley. Provisions of R.D.L. No. 397, of May 10, 1943, concerning the marketing of wheat and barley, shall remain in force.

All products delivered to Agent shall be paid for immediately in compliance with Art. 10 of the above mentioned Decree, at prices fixed in relation to present costs of production as evidenced by cost analyses.

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There are hereby restored the provisions governing the milling of wheat and barley produced in 1944, to be retained for family consumption, as directed by Ministerial Decree of June 15, 1943 with the exception of Art. 4 relating to amounts to be retained for family consumption, which are fixed in Art. 3 hereunder.

There are hereby abrogated the provisions relating to the expiration in advance of milling permits covered by order No. 1 of the Commissioner General for Alimentation. All amounts retained for family food requirements must be accounted for by means of the milling permits issued by Communal authorities, in accordance with existing regulations. Such amounts cannot be bought or sold.

ART. 3

Maximum amounts of wheat which may be retained from the 1944 crop for family consumption under the exemption from the marketing obligation, in accordance with Art. 2 of R.D.L. No. 397 of May 10, 1943, are set as follows for each person of the following groups; it being understood that no one person shall be entitled to more than one retention:

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a. non-manual operators of cereal farms of which they are owners or usufructuaries (long-term tenants) or usufructuaries or tenants (operators with hired help, or on a half-share tenancy basis, or on a share-tenancy or share-cropping basis) who personally and continuously attend to the management of the farm to the exclusion of any other activity; 1.50 quintals of wheat for such operator and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family and cohabitant help.

b. manual operators of cereal farms, of which they are owners, or significant (long-term tenants), or usufructuaries, or tenants (personal operators); 2.00 quintals for the operator and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family and cohabitant help.

c. share tenants who share in the production of cereal farms; 2.00 quintals for each laborer and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family and cohabitant help.

d. communities and persons operating cereal farms as owners or significant (long-term tenants) or usufructuaries, or tenants; 2.00 quintals per capita for members who annually and permanently attend to the cultivation of the land.

Furthermore, operators who are obligated under wage contracts to make deliveries of cereals to laborers, may retain the following:

e. for fixed-salary employees and task-labor working on cereal farms, whatever wage contracts specify compensation is kind; up to 2.00 quintals for each laborer and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family.

f. for share-tenants, share-croppers, fixed-salary employees of farming enterprises and laborers permanently working for such enterprises, whose wage contract specifies deliveries of cereals; up to 2.00 quintals per manual laborer.

g. for managers and employees of cereal farms who permanently reside thereon and work there continuously and exclusively, in a technical, administrative, managerial or clerical capacity; 2 quintals for each manager or employee and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family.

ART. 4

As a total or partial substitute for wheat there may be retained for each quintal of wheat 1.50 quintals of barley produced on the same farm.

ART. 5

Maximum amounts of wheat and barley which may be retained for seeding, under the exemption from crop control and marketing obligations, are set as follows for each hectare to be cultivated:

Early wheat:	1.50 quintals per hectare
Late wheat:	1.25 "
Barley, for production as grain:	1.50 quintals per hectare

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ART. 7

All provisions which in any way conflict with the ones set forth in this decree are hereby abrogated. The violation of any of the provisions contained in this decree shall be punishable in accordance with B.D.L. NO. 245 of 22 April 1943.

(Signed) FERNANDO GILIO

MINISTER

F.A./JOC/AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

Approved: (Signed) W. A. HENRIK

MAJOR

AGRICULTURE

MINUTES OFRegional Commissioners ConferenceSaturday, 15 Apr 44 - Sunday, 16 Apr 44.

PRESIDING : Brigadier M. S. Lush.

ACTIONExecutive Commissioner's opening remarks.

Executive Commissioner spoke generally on work in the Regions and the Chief Commissioner's satisfaction with the manner in which Regional Officers were working.

He said the monthly reports should be amplified by special reports and information on current events and repeated his ruling that monthly reports should report facts and ventilate complaints or suggestions.

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Difficulties in replying to correspondence speedily were appreciated, but every effort would be made to speed up. Interim replies should be sent when delay was inevitable. Headquarters would do the same.

All concerned

Item No.1 - Regional Control Matters.

(a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.

Chairman explained that Allied Armies in Italy objected to free movement in Regions III, IV, and V, and that restriction had to be imposed on these areas.

It was agreed that the pass system was unsatisfactory owing to lack of personnel for checking purposes but that fixing of boundaries on natural barriers would assist.

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It was agreed that Col. Kirk should see Brig. Airey and Col. Gibson, explain Regional Commissioner's views and produce a scheme conforming to pass-system principle. Italian police must be persuaded to co-operate. Identity card issue would be extended and passes issued only to holders of authentic and valid identity cards.

(b) Monthly Reports.

The suggestion to introduce quarterly reports was not favoured as it was thought the period covered was too long.

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Agreed that monthly reports be abridged to a summary of events, covering all divisions. Full divisional reports to be sent to Sub-Commissions.

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A directive would be issued showing the form the report is to take, and the number of copies required.

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(e) Liaison Officers.

No liaison officers would be appointed except with agreement of this Headquarters. Inordinately use of the term "liaison" should be avoided. An order would be published shortly on this point.

Item No. 2 - Establishment Matters.

(a) Staffs of Regions in relation to Allied Control Commission Control.

Chairman stated that there was little chance of increasing the ceiling of 1222 officers. The proportion of specialist officers to administrators will inevitably increase as Allied Control Commission territory enlarged. 304 officers was the bedrock for Provincial Officers of all Regions. Regional Headquarters (Administrative) Staffs must therefore be reduced.

The titles accorded Regional Staffs was too many. Regional Commissioner, Executive Officer, General Staff Officer, and Headquarters Commandant should be sufficient to cover them all.

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ACTION(b) Promotion of Officers.

Chairman said that lists were being examined on 16 April. A lag between publication of U.S. and British promotions was possible due to divergence in procedure.

(c) Reports on Officers.

The Executive Commissioner explained that Regional Commissioners need not hesitate to render reports on officers of another nationality, and that he was sure that this system was acceptable to all American and British officers who might be the subject of such reports. Official reports must be signed by the officer of the same nationality, and authorized by the Reporting officer who could also express his views in a covering letter.

If help was required on establishment matters assistance would be given, and if necessary an officer sent out.

All
concerned.

Assented reports on officers would be submitted half-yearly and on transfer.

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It was stated that 10 officers and 263 Other Ranks would shortly be available. It was hoped that they could be distributed in self-contained platoons of 1 officer and 25 - 30 Other Ranks. There were no drivers.

Estab.
Branch.

Regions I, III, IV, V and VII requested platoons.

(f) Maintenance M.T.

The vital importance of first echelon maintenance was emphasized. Regional Commissioners must search among personnel for those with any technical knowledge. Assistance should be sought from any local M.T. units.

(g) Registration of Requisitioned Vehicles.

All requisitioned vehicles must be officially registered and instructions would shortly be issued.

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Executive Commissioner directed that only those vehicles essential for official work be used and that Regional Commissioners should scrutinize the vehicles held. A number of vehicles would be required by the Italian Government.

(h) Essential Civilian Vehicles.

An Italian Government decree and an AGF directive were shortly being published.

(i) Friends Ambulance Unit - Status of Personnel.

All concerned

All assistance was requested for the Friends Ambulance personnel and it was suggested that they be treated on the officer level, at Regional Commissioners' discretion.

Item No. 7 - Harvesting, Amassing and Distribution of Wheat Crop 1944.

(a) Colonel Adams (A/Vice President, Economic Section) stated that Italy was expected to feed itself on a basic flour ration of 200 gms. The first crop estimate had already been made. Sicily's and Sardinia's crops would feed those countries respectively. On the mainland substantial quantities of wheat from surplus producing areas would need to be moved to other areas on the mainland.

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Channel of communication will be:

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verification,
subsidizing,
forwarding of supplies,
inspection of marketing.

(2) A local committee consisting of :

Mayor
Priest, Quotone or similar local official.
Farmer, member of Farmers' Union or Association.
Farmer nominated by Inspector.

(c) The Committee's duty would be to screen statistics of wheat production, retention and marketing, and to instigate prosecutions.

(d) Among other views expressed Region II asked which Court would try offenders. The lower court would be unsatisfactory, and the higher would be inundated.

(e) Lt.Col. Cousins suggested a vigorous publicity campaign to stress that feeding the population is an Italian responsibility. Non-co-operation would mean hunger. Lower courts should have increased powers.

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- (f) It was stated that IWB was anxious to help and its help should be enlisted.
- (g) Lt. Col. Mayne stated that from his experience in the Middle East, unloading was similar to tax collection. An organization was essential. Authority should be conferred on the officials with the warning that dismissal would be the penalty for failure in their tasks.
- (h) Brig. Parkinson (Director, Public Health Sub-Commission) appealed for a correction of the impression reaching London or Washington that we were satisfied with conditions of the Italian people.
- (i) Col. Adams said that the opening of the chest, either in bulk or sacks, is a Regional responsibility. This principle also applies to the problem of warehousing where many warehouses have been destroyed.
- (j) Col. Lowe (Director, Food Sub-Commission) stated that sacks were going into Regions at the rate of 50,000 per month and issues of sacked food should be on a sack for sack basis. Estimates of sack and sack repair material requirements should be made now, particularly in Region V.
- (k) Major Hartmann stated that it was hoped to assess 43% of the crop estimate, and that transportation would be necessary to make inspectors and committees mobile.
- (2) Varying opinions were given on which crops should be assessed.
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(i) A food ration increase was unlikely.

(ii) The recommendation of all regional commissioners was that only wheat, barley and olive oil should be compulsorily assessed.

(iii) Price for wheat would be announced on or before May 15th, and suggestions for one price for all Italy would be considered.

Item No. 4 - Refugees, Disposed and Feeding.

(a) Lt. Col. Smith, Refugee Branch, stated that refugees could not be sent overseas and must be accommodated within Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. He suggested that it be done by house to house billeting as done in England.

(b) Among many objections were transportation, the different scales of rations and the hunger of refugees.

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- (c) It was suggested that organized feeding be instituted, giving one hot meal per day.
- (d) This was an important problem and he emphasized the point that the Italian Government must take a higher interest in refugees.
- (e) Col. Polotti (Region III) desired an officer under his command who would deal with the refugee problem, and keep him informed. He explained his difficulties in placing refugees and stated he was placing a few in Avellino and South Naples, none in Benevento and filling up Salerno.
- (f) Region II had received from No. 2 District a list of designated committees for the reception of refugees.
- (g) Col. Fiala gave his experiences and said that in his opinion refugees were not fitting into the life of the country; proper distribution or re-distribution was necessary, and that Allied Control Commission should get the needs brought home to the Italian Government. It might be advantageous for Agriculture and Labour Sub-Commissions to study the problem.
- (h) Lt. Col. Cousens suggested that the problem should be dealt with at a high level and that the Church should be asked to take an interest in it. He suggested that one Italian military officer might be allocated to each committee to deal with the refugee problem.

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He suggested close co-operation and co-ordination of military and civil efforts.

(c) Funds to meet labour costs were available for dealing with the problem.

(d) Oil (Diesel No. 2) in drums on inland could also be obtained. Transport was a difficulty and escorts would be required to prevent theft of the oil. A method of rendering the oil unfit for other use would be sought.

(e) He suggested that their efforts should start from Line of Communications and military centres and work outwards thus ensuring the maximum assistance to the war effort.

(f) Control Service.

The services of a Medical Officer, Entomologist and Engineer were available on demand.

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- (g) Paris Green was in short supply and would only be used for the benefit of the Armed Forces. The oil would be used for civilian purposes. Sprayers were in short supply but more were expected shortly.
- (h) Col. Russell explained that the peak breeding period was June, falling sharply after September. Malarial cases begin about July with the peak at the end of August.

The treatment was :

- (i) Atabrin, which was in plentiful supply.
- (ii) Prophylactics to be applied to civil workers on civil projects.

PAH.
Sub-Com.

There was not enough atabrin for suppressive use by civilians and the Eighth Army should be informed that Allied Control Commission will not be able to supply.

Item No.5 - De-fascistization in Regions.

- (a) Col. Upjohn explained that a uniform procedure was essential and that efforts so far have been unsatisfactory. He suggested that the initial step be taken by a questionnaire and it would depend on the answers whether a Fascist was dismissed.
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- (c) The Royal Decree of 28th December had been ineffective due to lack of Italian Government interest.
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It was agreed that the Order prepared by Region III be the basis of the new Order and that the order should not be made to apply to elements of the Italian Army, C.G. Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.

Col. Upjohn said that a clause would be inserted retaining power for the Regional Commissioner to veto the decision of the Commissions either permanently or temporarily.

Item No. 7 - Road Haulage.

Col. Adams said that negotiations for sale of 1000 Allied vehicles to the Italian Government and their eventual disposal to the transport organizations were proceeding. In the meantime, 450 vehicles were working in the Regions. SITA (an Italian Company) would operate in Region II; an agency group in Region III and Region V had their own organization. The 80 vehicles provided by IES on the West side were

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Auctioning well. The 120 handed over by the 1001 G.I. Coy on the East side only 65 were serviceable to start with but these had been replaced by 120 completely new British vehicles and these are now in service.

Lt. Col. Carnos said maintenance of vehicles was the responsibility of the Italians. The responsibility for seeing this done was that of the Regional Commissioners and an organization should be set up for this purpose. Spare parts and tools would be available for British and United States vehicles and incidents could be submitted and would be accepted. Garages would be available for repairs, but the question of trained supervisory U.S. and British personnel was the difficulty.

Item No. 8 - Public Relations.

(a) Major Fielden pointed out that as film units could only be used after dark propaganda would benefit if the curfew be changed. He stated that Allied Armies in Italy and No. 3 District had no objection to 2130 hours being fixed as the time for commencement of curfew in Region III.

R.S. 2
M.G. Sec.

Agreed that this be arranged.

(b) Weekly Bulletin.

Regions were unanimous that it should be continued. All Regions were asked to co-operate and contribute news.

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First: Allied Papers (e.g. Union Jack, Stars and Stripes, etc.)

Second: Licensed Papers.

Third: Other Papers.

The Local (Regional) Publications Boards were still a little undecided in the activities but the position was improving and application could be forwarded to these Boards with more confidence. All applications for licenses to publish should bear the endorsements of the appropriate Allied Control Commission officer.

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Item No.9 - Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.

(a) Mr. Michol said that the Services used all the schooners and there was little left over for the use of the civilian organizations. It was pointed out that any schooner under 50 tons might be used without permission but the following had to be borne in mind:

- (i) the schooner should be registered, and
- (ii) before sailing the route should be confirmed by Naval authorities.

(b) It was suggested that an Italian Director-General be appointed to deal with shipping. His appointment would be non-political. Alternatively, a Committee should be set up. Bids for tonnage in excess of 50 tons must be submitted to Economic Section who would allocate.

(c) The need for a directive on shipping was urgent and Mr. Michol said he would consider this.

Shipping
Sub-Com.

Item No.10 - Social Welfare.

To be continued in Sicily as at present.

Agreed that scheme be adopted and published as a General Order, copy to go to Armies.

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Item No.12 - Restoration of Post Office Services.

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Telecom.
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Other Business.Archives.

Mr. Jenkinson and Mr. Shipman explained that archives were really business documents and could be put into three classes:

- (a) Ancient Archives } to be preserved as monuments and
- (b) Modern Archives } Fine Arts.
- (c) Archives of Allied Control Commission.

Mr. Jenkinson was invited to add to his previous remarks and said that an important item was the Commission's own archives, which were important. It was also important to educate the Italians in the proper preservation of their own modern archives in order to reduce search for valuable data in the future. The ultimate disposal of the Commission's archives was a matter for consideration.

Asked that ruling should be given on "tumbling" and "paging" in reproducing documents that would have to be preserved.

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Branch.

Agreed to refer matter to Archives Advisory Committee.

Suggested that individual historians would also be of value, as distinct from formal War Diaries.

All
 concerned.

Agreed that War Diaries be dispensed with but that some kind of journal be kept to be supplemented by historiography.

Other Business.

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2. Executive Commissioner announced to the Conference that he and Col. Adams (Economic Section) had reported to the Chief Commissioner the views of the Conference on the massing and price programmes arrived at the previous day. The Chief Commissioner had decided to take the matter up at once with the Italian Government and to press for a definite decision as quickly as possible.

Sec'y.
 General.

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During up, Executive Commissioner said that every effort had to be made to avoid the Chief Commissioner and his staff at Headquarters being non-sighted. P/O reports and telephone calls on matters of immediate importance would help to achieve this.

3. Internal Transportation - Report on visits to Regions.

Col. Perryquid had been instructed to visit Regional Headquarters to study the internal transport situation. He had found conditions so varied that he had come to the conclusion that the only criterion that could be adopted was to base the number of cars required on the number of officers employed.

On Establishment there was a deficiency of about 250 official cars. To cover this there were about 400 requisitioned cars and in view of the unreliable condition of these cars this was not too many.

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Three points should receive immediate attention:

- (i) The proper employment of cars as to type, which would involve re-distribution, e.g. cars suited to town and level running might be unsuitable for country and long distances work over in different roads.
- (ii) Services difficulties owing to lack of tools and garage facilities but more could be done.
- (iii) Feeling to achieve economy in use. There should be a minimum of individual allocations.

All concerned.

4. Leave for Officers.

Question raised by Regional Commissioner Region II.

It was pointed out that during operationally static periods the armies were allowing "Local leave". Could this be applied to A.C.C. Officers?

The Executive Commissioner stated that provided not more than 20% of officers were on leave at any one time, and that no officers on leave from other regions attempted to enter Army areas "Local leave" could be granted by Regional Commissioners.

Estab.
Branch.

Establishments would take up the matter of regularising travel.

Agreed that this provision should also apply to E/Cs.
Establishments to arrange accommodation in host houses and host camps where necessary.

All concerned

Arising out of this, Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners to encourage visits to Headquarters by Provincial Commissioners.

5. Visits of Italian Government officials.

Civil Affairs Branch to take up with Air Sub-Commission with a view to bettering air travel facilities for Italian Government officials who otherwise had difficulty in getting passages on military aircraft.

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Branch.

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(i) General Hum asked whether the 200 Carabinieri of the Rome Detachment were still required for Sicily. He explained the functions of the Carabinieri as soldiers specially trained for duties in connection with the preservation of law and order. If guard duties only were required he suggested that other Italian troops should be trained and employed.

Regional Commissioner Legion I admitted that he did not know if the detachment had arrived or not.

Agreed to examine the requirements again with a view to concentrating Carabinieri strength for proper action.

(ii) Arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri.

Executive Commissioner explained that a proposal had been received to grant powers of arrest of Allied Military Personnel to Carabinieri and asked Regional Commissioners' views. The consensus of opinion was against it.

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Agreed to reply accordingly.

(iii) Tonage.

Brig. General Hume said he required tents for his own personnel in connection with G.S. planning. He had arranged to draw from G-4, 5 Army but had since found that only 2675 Regt authority would be accepted. 2675 Regt cannot supply without a movement order. This would be taken up.

Estab.
Branch.

7. 2675 Regiment.

Following a general discussion on powers and responsibilities of the Regimental organization, including:

- (a) Completion of Reports.
- (b) Possibility of obtaining qualified specialists known to be in Replacement Depots, either directly or on exchange.
- (c) Reports on officers.

Agreed that Establishments would issue a memorandum covering these and other points for the information of Regional Commissioners and Company Commanders.

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8. Eighth Army (Group-Capt. Benach) wished to discuss:

- (a) Labour rates.
- (b) Transportation costs in connection with food supplies.

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Charges for civilian road transport resulted in an increased price of bread in Communes not served by rail or Army transport.

Agreed that this should be discussed with the Sub-Commission concerned.

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- (a) For a ruling on the correct letter heading to be used in the

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Establ.
Branch.

Establishments are issuing a clarifying memorandum.

(b) Whether additional payments to priests and clergy could be made from the FONDO CULTO to compensate for the increase in the cost of living. This was a section of the community that had no such compensation.

Int. Sub-Com. Agreed that it would probably earn goodwill and increase our influence. Suggested that Interior Sub-Commission take up with the Italian Government.

(c) Whether money from IMF funds could be advanced for the repair of Churches which were not National Monuments in those places where no other place of worship existed.

It was thought that the Vatican had funds which could be applied to this. It was contrary to General policy in other countries.

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Agreed that the matter be taken up with Marmignor Carroll, the Vatican representative.

10. Colonel Farrer (Executive Officer) asked :

(a) That Regional Commissioners should furnish quickly, in the case of British Officers, A.F. 11943 for those officers who had been ordered to another theatre.

(b) For instructions regarding the disposal of the surplus assets of the Military Government School and Holding Centre, Tizi Ouzou.

He explained that the 11943 of the surplus allocated to any new School and Holding Centre remained to be distributed as no new School was to be set up.

Colonel Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner designate of Region VII asked if his new mess could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Farrer and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

(c) Colonel Farrer had looked into the question of rations for Italian Military personnel and found that the regulations provided that the rations should be supplied by Italian Government (Military Supplies). As this would not be convenient especially in the case of small isolated groups, he would attempt to get the procedure altered. Regulations would be circulated.

11. Displaced Persons - Assistance.

Executive Commissioner said that application had been received from the Missions attached to Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for Pairs from which payments might be made to their nationals residing normally in the country a. Not displaced.

He was of the opinion that this was a matter for Consular Officers, and until times were established the probable solution was to attach officers of the Missions to Consular Offices already established in order to enable them to deal with these problems through recognised channels. It was not the function of the Internees and Displaced Persons

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asked if his new men could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Warren and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

(c) Colonel Warren had looked into the question of rations for Italian Military personnel and found that the regulations provided that the rations should be supplied by Italian Government (Military Supplies). As this would not be convenient especially in the case of small isolated groups, he would attempt to get the procedure altered. Regulations would be circulated.

11. Displaced Persons - Assistance.

Executive Commissioner said that application had been received from the Missions attached to Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for funds from which payments might be made to their nationals residing normally in the country as not displaced.

He was of the opinion that this was a matter for Consular Officers, and until these were established the probable solution was to attach officers of the Missions to Consular Offices already established in order to enable them to deal with these problems through recognised channels. It was not the function of the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to deal with resident aliens who had not been displaced.

12. Deputy Executive Commissioner (Colonel Piske) said:

(a) He wished to thank all Regional Commissioners and SCAG's (Ladies) for the help and co-operation he had received on his visits to the respective territories.

(b) The ^{next} course of Local Government (Italian) to be held by the Interior Sub-Commission at Salerno would not assemble before 1st May. Actual date would be notified.

(c) Discipline. He called the attention of American officers to the matter of discipline. They should be instructed to re-read "Articles of War" and confirm. Major Hinkel (Information Division) was instructed to make copies available. Executive Commissioner endorsed this in respect of British officers and said that officers should be reminded that the Commission was a military unit.

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Officers.

(d) Classification of Documents. The classification TOP SECRET should only be used in very exceptional cases. Its use should be avoided as far as possible.

(e) Functions of Civil Affairs Branch. The principle function was co-ordination which sometimes meant a little delay in the initial stages but saved time in the long run. Another function was to keep personnel evenly spread over the areas, and to see that officers were most fittingly employed. He had noticed a tendency to overloading at Regional and Provincial Headquarters.

13. Executive Commissioner announced :

(a) The forthcoming issue of a booklet of memoranda for the guidance of officers of the Commission and commended it for study.

(b) Date of next conference - about 1st June.

Brig. Carr requested that it should not be at a weekend and this was agreed.

The Conference closed at 12.15 hours.

22 April 1944.

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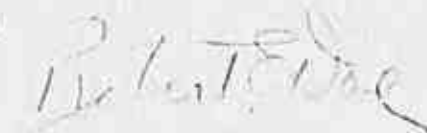
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REGIONAL CONFERENCE

14 APRIL 1944

The Conference was opened at 0930 hours by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, who welcomed the Regional Commissioners, guests, and members of the Advisory Council. General Macfarlane pointed out that the Commission is still suffering "growing pains" in the third month of its present location, but stated that he is quite pleased with the manner in which the problems are being worked out and tackled. Sincere appreciation was given for work well done, both in the Regions and at Headquarters, which show that the organization has begun to pull together as a team.

The Chief Commissioner commented that the Commission was a sort of "Cinderella" in its present position; some people had written considerable criticism of us. He stated that constructive criticism would be very gladly welcomed. A fitting end to the Cinderella story would be in the glass factory at Venice.

In closing the Chief Commissioner pointed out that the conference gave the Commission a chance to get tabloid expression of problems and the ways ACC was trying to deal with them.

I. REPORTS BY REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS.

A. Regional Commissioner, Region I (Sicily), Lt Col A. N. Harcock.

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2. Marshal Badoglio visited Catania and Messina in order to institute Fascetto as High Commissioner. His concentrations and security impressed everyone wherever he went; it is thought he stands a good chance of becoming the "grand old man of Italy." Senator Reale was also a visitor to Sicily.
3. It is noted that the Separatist movement is not dead. Now that there is freedom of speech and press, it is necessary to frame a policy in regard to the future of this movement.
4. Dr. Fazio, Minister of Telecommunications and Posts, visited the Island. Communication has been extended to the mainland and is operating between all commands. Since 15 March Sicilian railways have been devoted to civilian transportation. Repair of railway between Catania - Messina and Messina - Palermo is recommended. This would relieve Messina from its dual-isolation.

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5. Regarding the distribution of food, the black market supply is low. All amounts of wheat are enormous, since they are based on reports that 90% of the population grow their own, whereas only 1% are engaged in agriculture. It is recommended that the monthly allotment of wheat to Sicily be increased and price of bread lowered, which would improve the present situation. The present low price is maintained by a subsidy which seems impossible to maintain because of lack of tax income. A slight rise in the price of bread would not entail hardship, and would enable the subsidy to cease.
6. Crime and public safety show slight improvement in spite of several uprisings. A plea was made to Interior Sub-Commission to give judicial powers under Italian Government to Public Health, Public Welfare and Public Safety Institutions formed by AGC together with an assurance of continuation.
7. The collaboration of sub-commissions was requested to ensure closer cooperation between ministries and High Commissioner for Sicily. Ministries have been communicating direct with the Prefects.
8. The Ministries have also duplicated public officials; that is, making appointments when AGC nominees were already in office, which is contrary to the terms of transfer.

2. The Italian group has been maintaining discussions on a regular basis for several years to promote familiarity in tripolitania, carmelina, and North Africa.

10. I have been requested for the doctors, veterinary
clinics, and stores for the purpose of the above mentioned
work. This was not done.

U.S. - Sulfur exports to U.S. For the month have been 10,000 tons.

12. The first group of refugees numbering 2,034 received Synchrotron during the summer vacation.

Comments by Chief Commissioners: The Chief Commissioner referred to the question of central organization with High Commissioner stating that he had spoken to Marshall Bedellie who is in favor of carrying on as formerly with AIs. General McFarlane also asked about the disturbance connected with Eamon troops in Spain. There was nothing further to report at the time of this session.

3. Journal of Criminology, Edition II (Garrison Study), Lt Col C. H. McCreary.

1. The situation is unsatisfactory. Popular opinion is still strongly with the Allies but against the Dergic Government. The people will neither cooperate nor help; they only do so because of our support.

2. In return Province the prosecution of several cases was necessary in order to force the passing of law. When instructions from the Ministry will vary thereby saving excuses for delay in work.

3. There are three groups of subversive elements in the region, but it is believed they are being successfully dealt with by police and counter espionage agents.

4. The impact of the letter has undoubtedly to involve three sub-projects, 1990/91, 1991/92 and 1992/93, and the need to coordinate the different projects.

5. Regarding de-registration the following removals have been made: 19 in total, none since December in January, none in March, 50 in February. After such there was a surveying procedure under 22, the districts have been putting back in office one by one those removed under 40. This is bringing complaints from the Italian population. The Forest youth organization GL is being reviewed, only it is now called GL.

2. Following the road survey, people could be interviewed about their attitudes and the way they manage their own gardens.

7. The 330 gram infant studied has been retained; medical supplies have been:

2. In Italian Province the prosecution of several cases was necessary in order to force the cessation of grain. When instructions from the Ministries will vary thereby giving excuses for delay in work.

3. There are three groups of subversive Fascists in the Region, but it is believed many are being successfully dealt with by police and counter espionage agents.

4. The Minister of the Interior has undertaken to remove three bad prefects, and he has also taken the action to reinstate two good prefects.

5. Regarding de-Fascistization the following remarks have been made: 13 in Bari, none since December in Brindisi, none in Lecce, 50 in Taranto. After much hard work in removing Fascists under AGI, the Ministries have been putting back in office one by one those removed under AGI. This is bringing complaints from the Italian population. The Fascist youth organization GIL is being revived, only it is now called GI.

6. Policing is in good order, there having been but few disturbances and no violent ones.

7. The AGI from Bradenton has been retained; medical supplies have been coming in good and hospitals functioning well.

8. While the religious situation has been improving, Italian families object to more people being pushed in on them, and there is further objection from the refugees themselves as to their families being split up. Good reception centers are functioning in several provinces. Morale has rapidly improved.

9. The crop situation looks very encouraging. The most crops should be favorable if proper rainfall is forthcoming. It is important to decide now on a policy in regard to raising of wheat.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner commented on the glossy Fascist picture painted by Colonel McCreedy by stating that it was the Advisory Council appointed by the House in conference which suggested that one portion of Southern Italy should be handed back to Southern administration. It is AGI's job to make it run in the best possible way. General MacFarlane further pointed out that the Communist Party's acceptance of the Italian Government may help the present attitude toward this government by broadening its base.

Colonel McCreedy, when asked that could be done to help this glossy picture, replied that the broadening of the base of the government as soon as possible and the clearing out of Fascists from office would serve this end.

General MacFarlane then asked that all the Regional Commissioners should bring any such cases to his attention. Immediately he said that they might be taken up with Marshal Bogoyevic for consideration by the Italian Government to get the desired action.

C. Regional Commissioner, Region III (Genoa), Lt Col G. Polenti.

1. ACC/AMG have been doing a very fine job with progress made in all fields. There have been no disturbances of any kind; even in politics there is no state of discontent. The policy of the Chief Commissioner to allow the youth party meetings has proven very valuable. The people now have the sense of being able to express themselves.
2. Cleaning up garbage has been facilitated by 60 trucks now working in Naples alone, which places the city in much better shape. Consequent pressure is placed on the Italians to improve the situation. 5,000 drums have been obtained for distribution throughout the city for collecting refuse and garbage.
3. Satisfactory progress has been made in public works with improvements on roads, streets, side walks and sewers.
4. The most urgent problem is that of the "black market." A reorganization of distribution of all food has taken place and we are now using our own transport to take food from docks to district warehouses. The police have been strengthened; individually they now have a greater appreciation of their jobs. Some of the local racketeers have been pulled in and it is hoped to bring about prosecution and sentences speedily. "Out of bounds" signs which have been dealt out in cooperation with PIS have given good results. A price list which is restricted to essential goods is to be made up for the Italians. In the common citizen squads have been started with efforts to make the people feel that honesty can be achieved.
5. A fishing agency has been established and 5 Italian commissioners appointed. Markets have been opened and prices for fish will be fixed. Fishermen are at present opposed to this action, because it will mean a lower price for fish.
6. An attempt has been made to improve transportation.
7. The "bottle" is still being fought against other regions. It is felt necessary at times to issue permits to persons so they may enter other regions for buying food into Naples. Attention of other Regional Commissioners was invited to the fact that there is quite a concentration of the population in Naples.
8. It is needed for the Italian Government to give some direction in artistic culture and also in welfare. Will there be an housing system? Millions of lire are being spent on welfare. It is desired that a program be given.
9. Colonel Polenti believes the Rascaris are being cleaned out, but states they require careful watching to keep them from coming back.

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8. It is hopeful for the Italian Government to give some direction on agriculture and also on welfare. Will there be an emergency system? Millions of lire are being spent on welfare. It is desired that a picture be given.

9. Colonel Poletti believes the Regulate are being cleaned out, but states they they require careful watching to keep them from coming back.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner explained that pressure has been put on the Italian Government to get directives on agriculture, but no such directives have been obtained. If no such directives are forthcoming in the very near future, severe pressure will be brought to bear. The Agriculture Sub-Commission also needs this cooperation.

General MacFarlan expressed his appreciation for the splendid work done by AGC together with FIS, No. 3 District and Base Sub-Areas in cooperation with the Venetian emergency operations. The job was rapidly and efficiently done.

I. Regional Commissioner, Region V (Napoli & Capri), Colonel E. L. Whitley.

1. This Region was activated only about two months ago. This is the first report of activities.

2. The political situation is quite satisfactory, with political agitators causing only a little disturbance. The people in general stand by the turn of war; but the masses are apathetic, giving them day to day. Some are seeking political advantage. One incident arose in which a political meeting of 9 March at Bari was called without notifying the Regional Commissioner. Through this occasion a vice-

sindaco lost his post. Another case was noted where carabinieri were intervening in towns in situations without permission. Military police have submitted the Carabinieri greatly. It is found they have to be watched when on their post.

Activity of the Ionite Brothers has caused several political disturbances. There was one incident at Bergamo when District 2 ran out of electricity without advising the people. When a pasta factory could not turn out its product the Ionite Brothers intervened to organize a riot. Colonel Whitely asked that in the future notification be given of any intended outbreak of utilities to avoid disturbances.

3. Regarding the food situation new ration cards are being instituted. Supply of olive oil is inadequate. Meat prices are sky high. People in the agricultural areas are to be reduced to a poorer state. 9% of the companies have 80% of the people engaged in agriculture, or 72% are thus engaged.

4. Forestry is underway on the Geryano Peninsula. A company of New Zealanders is at present logging for military purposes. There is a forest guard party to see that regard is given to conservation.

5. Herds of deer have been destroyed by Air Corps units on hunting parties.

6. Potatoes are being planted; some are spoiling due to lack of transport. Grain planting has been completed to about 90%. It is planned to raise 40% in Poggia Province and 14 to 20% in Genoa and other provinces. 20,000 sacks are needed as well as the necessary twine in order properly to stack the grain. Cows will need to be exercised by stanchions to see that the bags do not get into the black market.

7. Inland fisheries are being developed as well as the sea fishing industry throughout Poggia Province. A tariff is placed on fish exports to keep from robbing the local markets, since fish consumers pay higher prices in other localities. Fishermen need nets and cordage. At present most of the fishery is carried on in sailing schooners. More people who have lower education should be encouraged to enter into the fishing business.

3. Regional Commissioner, Region VI (Sardinia), Brigadier A. Carr.

1. The general situation is satisfactory. There is a lack of transportation and tires for vehicles. Two more Italian troops are still in Sassari. Political situation is satisfactory.

2. Food situation has improved. Stocks of flour have enabled us to set up warehouses out in the provinces. The shortage of olive oil is very much felt. A considerable amount is on the way from the mainland.

3. On the legal side, the civilian courts are to be reconstituted. Major prisoners from A25 has been working on this project. 35 more judges are required. Over 3,000 cases are awaiting trial by military tribunals. The number is piling up. Detention prisons have been overcrowded. Situation has been improving somewhat.

7. Island measures are being developed as well as the sea fishing industry throughout Sicily. A tariff is placed on fish imported to keep from ruining the local market, since fish command a far higher price in other localities. Fishermen need not be sad, however. At present most of the fishing is carried on in sailing sampans. Many people who have lower schooner's should be encouraged to enter into the fishing business.

2. Regional Commissioner, Region VI (Sardinia), Riccardo N. Carr.

1. The general situation is satisfactory. There is a lack of transportation and tires for vehicles. Too many Italian troops are still in Sardinia. Political situation is satisfactory.

2. Food situation has improved. Stocks of flour have enabled us to set up warehouses out in the provinces. The shortage of olive oil is very much felt. A comment is on the way from the Mainland.

3. On the legal side, the judicial courts are to be reconstituted. Major patients from A.C. are being treated on this project. 35 more judges are required. Over 5,000 cases are awaiting trial by military tribunals. The number is piling up. Detention prisons have been overcrowded. Situation has been improving somewhat.

4. With reference to industry and commerce, lack of transportation has been a very handicap. It is proposed to have been made in obtaining small vessels for inter-island trade. Six small sampans which are lying idle in port of Cagliari have been requested. Night fishing is to begin, and if this increases the fish into a there will be a need for more transportation.

5. Wheat is in good condition with but slight damage from cold. A need exists for sulphur and fertilizer.

6. Crime has increased, especially robberies and thefts, still reports of which have been reported.

7. Preliminary arrangements have been made for taking 10,000 refugees if there is an emergency.

8. Health situation is satisfactory, however there is an increase in influenza and various other diseases. All available medical supplies have been distributed to the provinces and there have been complaints about shortages. It is hoped that this situation has been dealt with.

9. The situation and health of which transportation with the mainland was con-

10. There is food for a policy in regard to security.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacArthur remarks that the Shipping Sub-Commission could let this Commission know about the six subcommittees at Capliari.

2. Eighth Army AIG, Lt. General C. P. Henson.

1. No political problem. AIG Eighth Army has been undergoing a period of reorganization. American Corps in Cambodia has been divided in control. Provinces of Benavente and Napier are still under administrative control of Region III. Only operation orders from Army bring AIG Eighth Army into the picture. The Southern Coast is severely handicapped as Allied Forces have not captured provincial capital.

2. Food situation is satisfactory. There is a railroad and food can be distributed by our own trucks. There is one tendency which has been noted on which help is needed from AIG; namely, warehouses have been constructed with requisitioning for collection purposes. These warehouses will be needed at harvest-time for storage of crops.

3. No reports on health, disturbances or public safety. All is going along well.

4. In Cambodia provinces the food supplies are going to be built up. Stocks in Angkor have been built up with food for one month for 40,000 people.

5. A new District is needed in Cambodia Province.

6. With reference to transport, we are at present lucky to have 50 trucks which were handed over by the Army. When AIG moves on it will be difficult for Cambodia to feed itself. The availability of these trucks is vital.

7. There is nothing to report concerning Benavente and Napier provinces except labor prices. It has been found difficult to get the necessary labor to work on bridges and roads when the Army requires because of the excessive prices in provinces.

8. The campaign against malaria is a tremendous problem now. Flies are being cleared up, but we are having a shortage of doctors.

9. Fifth Army AIG, Lieutenant General E. F. Hume.

1. Some AIG personnel of Fifth Army were reassigned to Eighth Army accompanied the military unit transferred from one army to the other.

2. Arrangements were made with Region III for their administration of those operations in the rear of Fifth Army area (between near Corps and near Army lines); this is included with military work.

6. In Campamento, the food supplies are going to be built up. Stocks in Apulia have been built up which feed for one month for 40,000 people.

5. A new report is needed in Campamento Province.

6. With reference to transport, we are at present likely to have 50 trucks which are loaded over by a tank. When AIV moves on it will be difficult for Campamento to feed itself. The availability of these trucks is vital.

7. There is nothing in report concerning transport and Indian Province except labor prices. It has been found difficult to get the necessary labor to work on bridges and roads which the army requires because of the exclusive nature in previous.

8. The transport problem is a troublesome problem now. Plans are being closed in, but we are facing a shortage of trucks.

4. Fourth Army A.D., Italian Army General E. M. Dine.

1. Since AIV personnel of Fifth Army were reassigned to Eighth Army accompanying the military units transferred from one army to the other.

2. Arrangements were made with Region III for their administration of mines coming in the rear of Fifth Army area (between rear corps and rear army lines); this to include administrative work.

3. The military evacuation of civilian population from the Anglo-Italian Area was a considerable undertaking. Care has been taken to safeguard labor requirements and the cattle in the area.

4. Casualties of AIV personnel in the occupied area are about 3 officers wounded, the enlisted men killed by women and shortly to be transferred to the United States. Their casualties were killed. Our supply depot was destroyed by shell fire and we have been ordered out of three regiments subsequent to.

5. In regard to Carabinieri officers it was again brought out that carabinieri must be kept for Rome. The 200 Carabinieri there, in spite of protests, for permanent assignment to Sicily, have been sent to support for more than a fortnight, but are still without orders.

6. It is suggested that some arrangement may be made during a part of the livestock (mostly sheep) from the Anglo-Italian area be brought out for us, in food. The evacuation of the bulk of the civilian population greatly increases the problem of caring for these sheep. The Italian troops of the French Expeditionary Corps are very desirous of having fresh water all available, and have their own facilities for slaughtering, etc.

7. Recent changes have reduced the concentration of POWs to about 25.

8. Movements within the Polish Army area are being closely checked by military police. Movements are restricted from the east forward zone. Behind this is a narrow zone in which civilians are allowed to remain, but unauthorized movement between towns and villages is prohibited. In the west of the Army area the 10 kilometer rule applies. In general civilians are not permitted to go north of the Volturno River. A special control officer at Camp Leschi passes in exceptional cases. All military personnel moving official business in the forward areas should have passes from their commanding officers stating the dates on which visits are authorized and for what purpose. The town of Sessa Aurunca is out of bounds, except to pass holders.

9. A military court is sitting at Santa Maria to try cases of espionage and sabotage. So far 24 persons have been tried and 42 found guilty.

10. Food supply for Rome is to be taken forward in ships made available by G-4, Fifth Army, for the period of the Polish Army's occupation of the city. We expect to unload all of the shipments in which we now have food stocks.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacFarlane assumed General MacFarlane that it is felt that Carabinieri are needed for Rome, and he expressed the hope that they will be returned promptly when Rome is reached.

H. Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt Col L. R. Mills.

1. From 1 March to 14 April it has been necessary to move 21,000 refugees from forward areas and disperse them in Southern Provinces. This included 11,000 from the beachhead. The refugees have been made up of 15-20% men, 30-35% women and 55% children. They have been moved by lorries or by LCI's and travel has been hard. Losses among the 21,000 were 5.

2. a. Whilst the majority during March went to Region II, some have gone to Region I and III. As far as possible we begin next to Region II this month or next, which will give them a chance to accept those already sent.

b. Region II and III are having considerable difficulties in absorbing their quotas, due to the nature and movements of troops in their areas. They will only be able to absorb numbers in the future, by working in closest contact with military commanders, who must know the general situation and have been directed by their district commanders to assist, and by means to house billeting.

c. Region I has set about this problem with far greater thoroughness than anywhere else. In conjunction with District I and III they have made extensive enquiries and are using plans for large numbers.

3. Movement of refugees to Sicily commenced last week. 1,000 were embarked

4. Refugee Areas (Italians), in Vol L. R. Italia.

1. From 1 March to 14 April it has been necessary to move 21,000 refugees from forward areas and disperse them in Southern Italy. This included 14,000 from the Basilicata. The refugees have been made up of 15-20 men, 30-35 women and 30% children. They have been moved by train or by boat and travel has been hard. Losses among the 21,000 were 2.

2. 5. Whilst the majority during March went to Region II, some have gone to Region I and III. As far as possible are being sent to Region II this month or next, which will give them a chance to digest those already sent.

6. Region II now III are having considerable difficulties in absorbing their guests, due to the numbers and movements of troops in their areas. They will only be able to absorb Italian numbers in the future, by making in closest contact with our area commanders, who now know the general situation and have been directed by their district commanders to assist, and by house to house visiting.

7. Region I has set about this problem with far greater thoroughness than anywhere else. In conjunction with District 1 and IIS they have made extensive reception and dispersal plans for large numbers.

8. Movement by sea to Sicily commenced last week. 1,000 were embarked on the MARINER on April 5th and a further 750 on the 14th. The first voyage was made without difficulty.

9. Real troubles for refugees came when they arrive in reception areas and are dispersed in camps. In general the Italian authorities have failed to look after these people, whose condition in certain places is deplorable. It is intended to leave no doubt in the minds of Italian Ministers that this responsibility is theirs. We recognize their difficulties, the main one being food, and intend to assist without allowing them to think that we are relieving their burden. People don't like refugees and it is very difficult to believe that. It is essential that they be kept off the lines of evacuation. The main requirement from the Italian is personal service. We are working to show that if their welfare conditions will with 6.2. in setting up some kitchen, we will make available food supplies which will give refugees a hot meal a day.

Comments by Chief of Intelligence: The Chief of Intelligence stated that we are now using our best to get the Italian Red Cross on its feet, which would help the refugee problem.

I. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel R. C. Kirkman.

1. This Sub-Commission deals with all displaced persons and refugees except Italians, mostly with Yugoslavs. The type of Yugoslav has changed during the last month or so--previously they were received from Belgrade but are now coming through the German lines. The latter are usually orphans, women with children and old men and women. Refugees are now in such a condition as to require more medical attention. 50 orphans were received on one ship alone. There are ten orphanages, houses started at present.

2. Higher headquarters estimated that the Yugoslav refugee problem would come. There were 4,500 per month in February and March. During the first week of April 2,000 were received. They are not kept in camps. We have moved 25,000 Yugoslavs to Middle East, one of these approximately 5,000 were moved during March.

3. Organization of Sub-Commission is still on interim foundation.

4. Method of feeding, source of feeding and accommodation stories are problems.

5. There are two hospitals at present with 100 beds in each occupied all the time. Red Cross has number of valuable clothes and nursing assistance. There has been some support from the army, but army have been taking personnel away. Yugoslavs, Greeks, Poles and Italian army doctors are being trained to carry on the work.

6. With reference to accommodation stories, the JAG has set up no system of supplying. Army initially supplied them, but they are becoming less and less a source of supply and we will have to make our own arrangements. We have helped ourselves as much as possible but will need some assistance in the matter of material.

7. The ration is inadequate for small children, nursing mothers, etc. This is helped somewhat by hospital efforts. The army does not consider it their job, thus the Italian subsistence ration is all that they have to fall back on. This is a problem to be dealt with by JAG. The numbers are not great compared with the ration supplied to the army, therefore it is not a problem of taking food from the army.

8. It is believed that the refugees should be rehabilitated, then possible and sent home, or they could be sent to other countries and given a chance to start life on a new footing.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner asks whether there were able bodied Yugoslavs coming over who were capable of service in General Tito's army. Colonel Kirkman replied that such men were being trained and returned to Yugoslavia.

6. With reference to procurement stores, the AGO has not set up an issue of supplies. Army initially supplied these, but they are becoming less and less a source of supply and will have to make their own arrangements. We have helped ourselves as much as possible but will need some assistance in the matter of material.

7. The system is inadequate for small children, nursing mothers, etc. There is help provided by hospital and outposts. The Army does not consider it their job, thus the Italian subsistence ration is all that they have to fall back on. There is a problem to be dealt with by AGO. The numbers are not great compared with the rationing supplied to the Army, therefore it is not a problem of taking food from the Army.

8. It is believed that the refugees should be encouraged to stay as long as possible and sent home, or they could be sent to other communities and given a chance to start life on a new footing.

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3. Executive Commissioner, Brigadier A. G. Bush.

1. The reports by Regional Control and Military Development Section were completed by Brigadier Bush, and stated that the picture given at this conference is better than the one given at the last. There was attributed to the fact that the officers had obtained a majority of their jobs and also to the change of the food situation. The grave difficulties are in regard to transportation, especially in distribution of food. The favorable crop forecast points to one remedy for the situation.

2. The problem in the forward areas at the moment are simpler than those in liberated Italy. Great government is easier than advisory control. There is an inevitable slowing down when the Italian Government takes over. As with Allied officers in charge and with their resources can be superior than Italian officials who are acting under orders of a Government which itself is in an easy position and who find themselves in difficult circumstances. It is a difficult task for Regional Commissioners in liberated Italy, not only to prevent themselves entering too much into the executive part of government but also to persuade Italian officials not to lean on them too much. Italian officials can be encouraged to take initiative. The situation is easier in the Palermo where there are High District Commissioners than in the mainland where Prefects are responsible directly to the Government.

3. ~~Especially~~ ~~Italian~~ ~~Italy~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~available~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Italian~~ ~~Government~~. It would be helpful in the future in handing over Regions to the Italian Government.

4. It is very necessary to maintain close and constant contact between head quarters and Regional Commissioners. This is brought to the attention of heads of Sub-Commissions in all aspects of their work. Headquarters also ought to know what is happening in the Regions, particularly so in the case of the Administrative Section which deals with the local government problems.

5. The Chief Commissioner has decided that Region II would be divided into two parts. Calabria would form a new Region VII. Apulia and Lucania would comprise the new Region II.

6. 300 officers had been sent to other theatres. It is hoped that there will be no further calls for officers.

7. Lists of promotions for officers (both American and British) are to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner in the course of the next few days.

A recess was called at 1125 and the conference resumed at 1140.

II. REPORTS BY INTERMEDIATE SUB-COMMISSIONS.

A. Navy Sub-Commission, On 20 April, 15 April.

1. The Italian fleet during the last six months has employed 502 ships on patrol work and transporting troops from North Africa to Naples. All reports have been satisfactory. Particular praise is due to Italian submarines for running in food and supplies to troops during agent operations, while under constant bombing. There are now employed on training duties.

2. It has been asked why so many men have left the Italian Navy. At the present time Italian officers and men are relieving our personnel starting in Sicily and working North. We are asking that they relieve us of some of the work in the port of Naples. Admiral Nimitz has asked the Minister for a detailed report, after which answers to personnel questions can be given.

3. There has been some ill feeling in regard to food and pay for those doing hard labor who feel they are not on the proper status. Colonel Bain of the Navy Sub-Commission has promised aid in this matter.

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4. Another problem is that the Italian Navy is getting short of clothing and boots. A supply has been requested.

B. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier C. O. Lockhart.

1. Major General L. Browning is now in the process of taking over the Army Sub-Commission.

2. Patton's visit was reviewed at conference. Between, Chief Commissioner and HQ ADI on March 31; and recommendations for future through the British Security Police and the Italian Security Police. In addition to Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza. If approved, this will raise the Italian ceiling to 33,000, compared with current authority for 300,000 and actual present strength 100,000.

3. Since 25 March MIA has supervised the transfer of all Allied supplies shipped direct for Italian Armed Forces to the MIA. In Germany and Sicily the Allied Garrison is at present supervising these issues. The MIA is organizing the accounting through HQ ADI. We should like now to initiate liaison between MIA Supply Supervisors at the various ports and those of Head Sub-Commission. The supply situation has crystallized the question of how many troops are to stay in Sicily and how many to come to the mainland.

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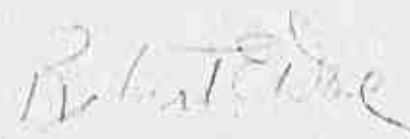
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MEMORANDUM TO: All Concerned

SUBJECT: Classification of Conference Minutes

The matter contained on pages 2 and 9 (Section II A, B, and C), Reports of the Navy, Army and Air Sub-Commissions, in the Minutes of the Monthly Conference of 14 April 1944 are classified as "SECRET" and will be so treated by all holders.

For the Chief Commissioner:



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4. On the Italian Air Force, it is noted that the Italian Army under their command including 2,000 combat troops; the programme is to build that up to 150,000 including a combat division of 14,000.

The Italian Army is calling in all Italian soldiers of the 1943 class plus all illegally absent motor drivers; it will continue the class at a time until all are in control.

5. With reference to training, planning called for is now starting again. Practically no Italian Army troops have been brought across to the mainland during the past month, but Italian authorities are now re-mustering to transportation units and per month. Of the Garrison in Bari 20,000 are working for the Allies. 5,000 Italian Yugoslav soldiers are in the process of transfer to Germany for airfield labor under the Allied Garrison there.

6. In Sicily the 14 12 Italian Corps command formation is working in mid March. It is carrying out a census of the inclusive 1942 to 1944 age classes who are legally liable for service and will then ask for permission to call them up within the ration ceiling.

C. Air Sub-Commission, Air Command H.A.B. (Secret-Document).

1. There has been a continuance of operational work in the war effort. The Fighter Wing has been employed in offensive sweeps with good results along the Adriatic Coast under the operational control of the Desert Air Force. Long range fighters have been used to give escort to I.A.F. supply dropping aircraft over Yugoslavia. The Bomber Transport Wing has been employed in dropping supplies to Partisans and Italian troops in Yugoslavia and evacuating wounded. The Coastal Wing has carried out convoy escort duties, anti-submarine patrol and air-sea rescue flights. The number of sorties carried out by each of these to date has been 1,520 for the Fighter Wing, 1,380 for the Bomber-Transport Wing and 741 for the Coastal Wing.

2. With the advent of fine weather it is hoped to work up to an aggregate of 1,000 sorties per month. Between 1st and 15th April there have been 46 mainly dropping sorties, of which 37 have been successful, and 94 tons net of supplies have been dropped.

3. The maintenance and equipment position is not satisfactory. There is no proper organization for dealing with either. Energetic steps are now being taken to put these on a proper basis. The success of these steps will depend to a great extent on the payment of civilian firms working for the I.A.F. for work carried out since the armistice. At present the Italian Government is being extremely allusive in making these payments, and some firms may have to close down temporarily for lack of funds.

4. A total of 10,000 I.A.F. personnel are now on loan to the Allied Air Forces. The U.S.A.A.F. has taken up by far the greater proportion of these. It

have been used to give support to I.A.F. supply dropping aircraft over Yugoslavia. The Walker Transport Wing has been employed in dropping supplies to partisans and Italian troops in Yugoslavia and evaluating results. The Coastal Wing has carried out convoy escort duties, anti-submarine patrols and air-sea rescue flights. The number of sorties carried out by each of these wings has been 1,520 for the Fighter Wing, 1,300 for the Bomber-Transport Wing and 700 for the Coastal Wing.

2. With the advent of Fall weather it is hoped to make up to an aggregate of 1,000 sorties per month. Between 1st and 15th April there have been 11 supply dropping sorties, of which 37 have been successful, and 59 tons net of supplies have been dropped.

3. The maintenance and equipment position is not satisfactory. There is no proper organization for dealing with aircraft. Energetic steps are now being taken to put these on a proper basis. The success of these steps will depend to a great extent on the payment of civilian firms working for the I.A.F. for work carried out under the contract. At present the Italian Government is being extremely stingy in making these payments, and some firms may have to close down temporarily for lack of funds.

4. A total of 10,000 I.A.F. personnel are now on loan to the Allied Air Forces. The U.S.A.A.F. has taken 40% of this, the greater proportion of these. It is satisfactory to note that they are giving excellent service in all branches. Since future demands may reduce the operational capacity of the I.A.F., it will be necessary in the future to reserve the right to recall those required for I.A.F. duties when they become available. Technical personnel are urgently needed. There are a number of highly skilled technicians in Sardinia and also in North Africa. It is important to get the maximum number of technical personnel that can be obtained from all sources.

5. Further in regard to maintenance, we must have full access to all salvaged Italian Air Force material. There is a need for stronger orders to prevent further requisitioning of Air Force equipment.

6. A total of 915 I.A.F. aircraft personnel have been trained as a "Command" battalion equipped with rifles, automatic rifles, machine-guns, and light mortars. They should be fit to do a combat job very shortly.

7. It is believed it would help to give a little more publicity to the good work being done by the Italian Air Force.

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2. Communications Section, Sub-Commission, Colonel J. P. Collins.

1. Internal telephone service has been restored in and between all the provinces of the Kingdom and all provinces in Italy. There is now a direct line from Rome to all provinces in Italy. There is now a direct line from Rome to all provinces in Italy.

2. Telephone calls are limited to urban calls except for officials.

3. Work being carried out presents no further the following:

a. Extension of internal telephone service to include Naples, Avellino, Benevento, etc. to rear army boundary.

b. Extension of civil calls within provinces to rear army boundary to the rear line.

c. The question of restoration of external cable service has been raised.

d. Repair of the Rome-Salerno - Reggio cable is proceeding; when complete, this will give official telephone service with Catanzaro, Reggio, etc. and with Salerno, Catanzaro, and Reggio.

e. The internal and foreign mail service has been extended to include Naples and Avellino provinces up to the rear army boundary. The extension into Benevento province is in hand. Other special services have been worked out for the Vatican, I.C.C., Italian Consulate of Rome, and to Italians in occupied territory.

f. Other activities have included correspondence with Military Signals over opening of circuits for Italian Government use, and restoration of direct and Coast Wireless circuits; correspondence with civil consular, analyzing and submitting to Economic Section proposed rates for telegraph, telephone and postal services, including for supplies of stamps from U. S. for Italian Government; supervising Allied control Commission communication.

3. War Materials General Sub-Commission, Colonel J. P. Collins.

1. This Sub-Commission's work is with War Materials General and War Materiel.

2. In Sicily the turn over to the Italians of war materiel in excess of Allied needs is proceeding. As regards the Western half of the island it is about 75% complete, and the Eastern half is not so far advanced. At the mainland and at Sicily the turnover continues as the tactical situation permits.

4. The Internal and Foreign Mail Service has been extended to include Naples and Avellino provinces as to the near and vicinity. The extension into the Province of Salerno is in hand. Other special services have been turned out for the Italian, etc., Italian residents of war, and to Italian in occupied territory.

5. Other activities have included correspondence with military signals over breaking of circuits for Italian Government use, the restoration of short and long distance circuits; correspondence with civil community; analysis and information to Economic Section for the rates for telegraph, telephone and postal services, extension for supplies of sugar from U. S. for Italian Government; sugar rising Allied Control Commission communications.

6. The activities of the Sub-Commission, Colonel J. P. Williams.

1. This Sub-Commission's work is with War Materials disposal and War Factories.

2. In Sicily the turn over to the Italians of war materials in respect of Allied needs is progressing. As regards the factory half of the island it is about 85% complete, but the system here is not as far advanced. In the mainland and in Sardinia the turnover continues as the tactical situation permits.

3. From available statistics and information it was found that in Sicily prior to Allied invasion there were 60 factories producing war materials or components thereof. Of these 60, twelve are now producing in whole or in part either directly or under Allied supervision or by service troops themselves. Twelve to fourteen were completely destroyed by war. The remainder are producing from nothing to very little--these are mostly small factories without raw materials.

4. It was since the last Conference that this Sub-Commission has acquired the additional responsibility of War Factories. This term applies only to Italian manufacturing plants in three general categories.

a. Italian War Factories operated directly by or under direct supervision of Allied forces.

b. Italian War Factories operated directly by or under direct supervision of the Italian War Ministry.

c. Italian War Factories (Auxiliaries) operating in the production of War Materials under supervision of Italian War Ministry.

5. On the mainland the factories are nearly all used for the manufacture and repair of our own materials and equipment. The use of these factories is unsatisfactory.

Public Relations Branch, HQ AFM, AFM

1. The Public Relations Branch has actually commenced on April 1st, 1950, its regular weekly meetings. The only HRO with a AAG team there were five HROs attached to Hqs. AFM, AFM, AFM, AFM, AFM. Regular HROs have now been abolished. The officers assigned to this branch at Headquarters AFM.
2. During March representatives of 14 newspapers or newspaper syndicates contacted the Public Relations Branch and were supplied with the information and services they required. Interviews were arranged with members of HRO as requested. Twenty-five press releases on various aspects of the Commission's work were handed out. A press conference was convened on March 10. Press agents were worked out for supplying regular news to the papers controlled by the AFM. The Allied Publications Board on which the HRO sat as a representative of AFM was reorganized and local boards were set up to deal with applications to publish.
3. Owing partly to the reorganization of AFM and partly to the lull in the battle fronts a growing interest was shown by correspondents and this interest should soon be reflected in the Allied press.
4. A weekly forum to discuss the activities of AFM activities has been started in an attempt to bridge some of the present gaps in relationships. It is hoped to produce a regular AFM Journal about the work of AFM, the need for it being found in the fact that there is a great deal of expert detail which is liable to get by-passed.
5. Major Fielden pointed out that the HRO is sometimes regarded as being without clearly defined functions. It is one of the main activities of this Branch to see that the press gets the correct information, proper information being one of the chief causes for stress in the Allied press. In order to get accurate and comprehensive picture of the whole work of AFM to the press it will help greatly if every sector of news regarding developments is obtained quickly.
6. Public Relations work has been concentrated at Headquarters, but in the near future men will be sent out into the Regions to get in touch with the activities there.

The morning session of the Conference adjourned at 1.15 hours.

The afternoon session opened at 1.30 hours.

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113. Address by Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Bruce MacFarlane.

General MacFarlane commented on the political situation as being brighter than at the time of the last conference. There were now the threat of a strike by members of the Left with reference to the Prime Minister's speech. After several discussions with the leaders involved, they called off the dog and held a public meeting of protest instead.

The Communist Party changed its policy and agreed to work with the Government of Papua New Guinea. There had been little change in the 6 parties otherwise. The main objection had been the King. The King had recently crystallized his present intentions and the reaction of the parties to his declaration is mixed. The question is whether the other parties will follow the lead given by the Communist Party or hold out for further action from the King. The lead by the Communist Party is warmly welcomed by us. These parties have had no constitutional method of achieving their aims, which has kept the threat of strikes and disturbances before us.

The end in view is a broad-based government is the greatest representation of the people the more they will pull together for the common cause. With the present action of the Communist Party and the statement of the King, we are much nearer the goal of broadening the base of the Government.

The Chief Commissioner gave the Advisory Council members who were present. Now that these representatives are resident in Haploia we shall have the benefit of their local advice in connection with political problems.

General MacFarlane expressed his regret at the departure of Colonel McCaffrey, Brigadier Buchanan and Air Commodore Foster. A welcome was given to Air Commodore Bowen-Tucker, new Director of the Air Sub-Commission. There have been other changes in the high positions in AOC. Brigadiers Davies and Carr have changed positions. Colonel Kirkwood would take over the new Region VII. Displaced persons Sub-Commission would be taken over by Colonel Finlay.

A welcome was also given to General D. Gavin, French Representative with the Commission.

We are now approaching our ultimate ceiling in officer personnel. This ceiling represents the number with which we must tackle the whole of Italy. It will not be increased no matter how far forward we go through Italy. There will be no reinforcements. This makes it necessary to get the country sorted out as soon as possible and to ensure that the Italians are a public of taking over as soon as possible. Then our own personnel can be taken from the rear area to new fields. It is hoped that the same and transfers of the past few months will now become considerably less; however, this does not mean that a person will be permitted to be "stuck" in a job, or in an undesirable location. To prevent this periodic review of appointments will be made.

There is still scope for improvement in contacts between Regions and Headquarters. It is desired that people should get out from Headquarters, and on the other hand,

for that matter, the Government in Naples will have the benefit of their local advice in connection with political problems.

General MacBertland expressed his regret at the departure of Colonel MacBertland, Brigadier Dechen, and Air Commodore Foster. A telegram was given to Air Commodore Brown-Finkelstein, new Director of the Air Sub-Commission. There have been other changes in the high positions in CUC. Brigadiere Dunlop and Carr have changed positions. Colonel Kirkwood will take over the new Region VII. Displaced persons Sub-Commission would be taken over by Colonel Gilling.

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General MacBertland reminded the Commissioners of the way in which CUC works. As we go forward to begin activities in territory till the AGOs of the Armies. This is followed up by Regional Military Government and when the time is ripe, and the advisory Councils approve, the territory is handed over to the Italians and AGOs assume advisory functions. It is essential to train the Italians. As we do not have the manpower to run the show, the time to plan the transfer is during the AGO period. Things must be sorted out. Decisions must be made and the right Italians must be picked and trained while we are exercising military government. It is much more difficult to do this after becoming "advisory" and leaving the executive role. Once an Italian has been appointed by AGO, he cannot be removed without our consent. Unless the Italians can produce a man whom we feel is fit, they cannot replace our man. Therefore it is most important to train in a hurry during the AGO stage. If the right man cannot be found, then Headquarters should be advised at once. General MacBertland always cooperated when asked to provide men.

The Regions will normally carry out when control is given to the Italian Government. Personnel will be reduced in numbers and functions will be advisory. This advisory job will become easy or difficult depending upon the executive period under AGO.

W. R. Burghardt and J. M. B. Reid

1. Some of the characteristics are as follows:

- a. 75 industrial plants have now been surveyed including many of major importance, and a report on heavy industries is being in the printers' hands.
- b. Quantic code is now actually here and cigarette paper is on route. Thus soap and tobacco industries are being reactivated.
- c. The wording of the requisitions for the next six months estimated considerably more. The same number 1743 varying from 444 to 1743 to six times the amount.
- d. Export program is now being rapidly developed from Iceland.
- e. Sulphur and coal program been slowly in Berlin respectively has

2. A visible limitation from C.C.C. is that the import of, or export of, textiles is not permitted. Shipping space is no longer the sole overriding consideration. Importation of raw material is preferable to manufactured products. Cloth and leather, however, and sewing thread are needed from abroad.

3. Local resources in Italy have continued excellent cooperation from local resources section, the C.C.C. (L.M.M. 1941) but it is clear that special permits in Italy and Britain require definite policy directives to prevent confusion. Director of Joint Vice-Chairman, the proceeding, attention to Italy for this purpose.

4. Some of the other resources can be summarized as follows:

a. 73 industrial plants have now been surveyed including many of major importance and a report on heavy industries is being in the printers hands.

b. Cattle and sheep is now actually being and cigarette paper is on route. These two and tobacco industries are being re-evaluated.

c. The series of the regulations for the next six months entitled consideration. The terms numbered 1215 varying from 1941-1942 numbers to 1941-1942 numbers.

d. Export program is now being rapidly developed from mainland.

e. Sulphur and coal program area Italy and 3rd Army respectively have been continued but coal output has been limited by A.H.A. orders.

5. The various problems at present are:

a. Lack of transportation, especially the tire situation, is bad. The instructions issued by C.C.C. and A.H.A. for requisitioning tires have proved impossible to observe in practice.

b. There has been no quota of regional personnel determined for industry and Commerce functions. At headquarters there is a cut short of transportation, the services of the interpreters and translators pool being inadequate.

B. Labour Sub-Commission, Colonel J. R. Smith.

The final draft of the Royal Decree, which is in essence a "Magna Carta" for Italian labor, has been completed, and is now being submitted for acceptance. This is the culmination of long months of experience and study with the Italian Government, Italian labor, and the results of A.H.A./C.C. administration. This document, when issued, may well stand as a lasting monument of Allied Occupation, and should be broadcast to other nations in the Axis sphere as concrete evidence of our aims and purposes. It will be followed by further decrees giving trade unions a charter setting forth their rights, privileges and restrictions.

The past month has shown that too frequently we went with non-cooperation. The labor Sub-Commission definitely at a high level, it is of the utmost importance that it be in a labor Sub-Commission territory, so as to eliminate interference, and to eliminate by various other means all experiments without reference to, or clearance by, the labor Sub-Commission. Too many problems have been handled which have been picked up and made worse previously. Field officers should be advised. In this connection, it is pointed out that there are no field officers in Sicily, Region II, Fifth Army, Disarmed Armies, Disarmed Armies, an Italian Refugee Principle.

3. It has become more apparent that we, particularly since the Italian Government has been given jurisdiction over certain areas, that the responsibilities and problems of the labor Sub-Commission are more than doubled, therefore another urgent request is made for increased personnel to handle this territory.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner emphasized the necessity of referring matters to the labor Sub-Commission. Labor plays a part in Sicily, and all concerned were urged to make full use of this Sub-Commission's services. If lack of personnel is something which must be faced since we are held down to a sailing, it will be seen that can be done about giving them more personnel in the field. One difficulty with the limited ceiling is that you cannot ensure having enough of the right people in the right places. In many cases the problem is not a matter of being solved.

C. Agriculture Sub-Commission, Major F. J. Portman.

1. The Italian Minister of Agriculture and the Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission conferred with Sicily and Italian officials in Sicily, Apulia, Lucania, and Calabria in the interest of creating uniform agricultural organizations in the field to obtain maximum production at harvest and in handling of wheat and other vital crops.

2. It has been understood to get a plan defined. The new Minister advised that a field check would be necessary before such a plan could be outlined. Such field checks have been completed in Regions I and II. The Minister at each place spoke to various agricultural officials and expressed to them what they must do with reference to organization. They have had instructions and pressure has been brought to bear, but we still have no defined plan in writing.

3. We do not have now, the ten trained agricultural officers in the theatre. Also the Minister cannot locate competent men who are willing to accept responsibility. We have asked men to him, but he has refused to do anything about it. We have produced but no written results. The Agriculture Sub-Commission has the complete cooperation of the Ministry's staff except the Minister himself when it comes to action.

4. Another problem is transportation. No Italian agricultural official has a car in Sicily. The Minister was pushed on this question. The provision of at least 1 car to each Sub-Commission Inspector and 2 cars to each Provincial Inspector.

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6. Beginning April 15 approved official will be making out crop condition reports. This will become a bi-monthly report. Revised forecast by 15 May will be an additional basis for completing plans to obtain maximum utilization of wheat and other crops.

7. Seed pots to imports totaled about 37,000 tons, a large proportion of which arrived after 1 April. The planting date is 15 April; about 2500 tons of seed arrived had to be diverted to army rationing. It is to leave time in hand and other reasons necessitated diverting an additional 1500 tons for food use. With these about one ton of seed has been extremely small in light of statistics that were expected to get seed to ground.

8. A survey of fishing conditions and needs to get fishing harvest is being completed for all occupied territory including Sicily; fishing supplies available from local resources are being distributed to areas which need them. I must fish catch. Arrangements are in process of completion to ensure that fishing operations in season along coastal waters of Italy and North Africa; approved and loans obtained to

payment is approximately 2/5 of this amount.

2. Italian policy, and in Washington, mentioned for the printing and revision of the Italian Government currency. It is said that this currency will not be available for circulation until after the final approval of the design. It is available, and the total steps in currency affairs are inflationary control.

3. Black market is being handled under very strict control. It is hoped to take effective action to stop at this currency coming in and put a stop to violations of law involved in transactions in which it is involved.

4. Monetary conditions are recommended with attention to the fact that a number of measures are being taken to stop at this currency coming in and put a stop to violations of law involved in transactions in which it is involved.

5. The present economic situation of liberated Italy is chiefly characterized by an extreme shortage of commodities with consequent high black market prices. The largest source of income is liberated Italy in the Italian Government's deficit, which is estimated to be 20 billion lire since 1 July 1943. There is no over 5 billion lire per month. The monetary measures are in fact include an attempt to reduce the level of Italian Government spending, more drastic measures and a reduction in the size of the deficit by more Government borrowing from the people.

6. A Commission from Washington has visited here to see how records are being kept regarding imports. It is necessary to cost account supplies coming in. It must know that goods come in, country of origin and what disposition is made of them. The Regional Commissioners must help in this collection of supply accounting data. The Chief, Assistant Reports that the necessary information is very close in fact from the Region.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner discussed the point made by General Policy regarding the furnishing of proper information to headquarters so that the other may run properly.

7. Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, 13 July 1944, 1944.

1. Work is progressing in regard to military highways, but the lack of personnel and equipment is a handicap. Military authorities have asked that we extend and accelerate our organization and steps have been taken to accomplish this. Personnel will have to be incorporated and highway construction material must be imported from the United States. A plan has been put up to HQ for review.

2. A program of procedure for utility repair was submitted and approved at the Special Economic Section meeting. Their structure is not being altered.

6. A Commission from Washington had visited here to see how exports are being kept reaching Europe. It is necessary to do it, under supply of goods in. It must know that goods come in. Country of origin and that disposition is made of them. The regional Council Chairman must help in this subject of supply accounting. It is the Chief Accountant reports that the necessary information is very slow in getting from the Regions.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner stressed the point and by Council Policy regarding the furnishing of proper information to Headquarters as that the show may run properly.

F. Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, 11 July, 1944, Rome.

1. Work is progressing in regard to electricity highways but the lack of electrical equipment is a handicap. Military authorities have asked that we extend and accelerate our organization and steps have been taken to accomplish this. We must have to be there and highway construction material must be imported from the United States. A plan has been put up to fix it for review.

2. A program of procedure of utility rates was submitted and approved at a Special Economic Section meeting. Basic structure is not being altered.

3. Colonel Jany mentioned the incident occurring in the 1st Army Post Factory had to be shut down. It is likely electricity supply was cut off. It explained that this rationing of electricity was in order and was brought about by the railroad's use of electricity. The demand for this rationing was not really although the Minister had been asked for it. Thus rationing was actually undertaken by us before the Decree became effective, and the demand was kept within the amount listed by the 1st Army Headquarters. Then the Decree was published in the Gazzetta. We found that it did not contain the final draft which had been approved and which was arranged and was practical then in the published form. After discussing this matter with the 1st Army Sub-Commission we requested the change of a new Decree in the Gazzetta. It was approved by us and cancelling the one in effect now.

4. Studies are in progress in connection with the construction of public works and permanent works, for raising standard above in various higher or lower classes. There are also use of the ships; and five million lire of work is being completed. Studies are also in progress for the construction of shipyards capable of building and repairing vessels from 200 to 300 tons.

5. Officers of this Sub-Commission have visited Sicily and have been studying the conditions in these islands. Some of these are being completed in Sicily.

6. ACC has just been asked to study the question of better control over the various plants producing electrical construction materials. The Armed Forces have been very busy at this time and it is probable that the study will be postponed.

7. At the last meeting a statement was made about the situation in the electrical circuit for the various plants. It was pointed out that the situation was very serious and that the Armed Forces had been assigned to this task.

8. Very many of the electrical materials have been requisitioned and the plants are being asked to supply them. This is a very serious situation and the Armed Forces are being asked to supply them. It is probable that the situation will be very serious.

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10. The public works and utilities Sub-Commission has a basic task to perform. It is to study the situation in various fields but it is not yet clear what the task is. It is probable that the situation will be very serious.

7. Transportation Sub-Commission, Colonel E. A. Fitch.

1. The military authorities still retain control of railways on the mainland and in Sicily. In Sicily the complete supervision of the work of the railways is the responsibility of ACC. It is probable that the situation will be very serious.

2. Going to a shortage of coal, locomotives and rolling stock, and the heavy military requirement of military forces, the railway facilities available for civil traffic are still badly insufficient to meet essential civil needs. No increase in civil passenger train services can yet be made.

3. 200 trucks have been made available since the last meeting, of which 150 are American. The situation is still very serious. It is probable that the situation will be very serious.

4. Movements arranged through the Sub-Commission for passenger transportation are satisfactory. The setting up of a new satisfactory organization for passenger transport is being arranged. It is probable that the situation will be very serious.

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2. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 91, 1996, 5, 1113.

H. Helmut Schubert, Dr. Robert Tietz,

This is immediate when we look back and realize that the January 1945 conference was held only a little over two months ago. That was the first time the Republic and Headquarters at Chapel Hill had an organized meeting with personnel with jurisdiction over the civil affairs situation in this theatre. In the economic phase of the war, the Republic is making an attempt to bring its program in economic affairs to a high level. It is, however, facing a situation in distribution, especially in the import of raw materials, and in the control of local resources.

3. ACC is now establishing itself with the various agencies in an attempt to bring the various agencies in Italy to a point where they can be organized to deal with the economic situation in Italy. The Republic is now in a position to deal with the economic situation in Italy. The Republic is now in a position to deal with the economic situation in Italy.

Looking ahead, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. One job facing us right now is the food situation. The Republic is now in a position to deal with the food situation in Italy. The Republic is now in a position to deal with the food situation in Italy. The Republic is now in a position to deal with the food situation in Italy.

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Comments by Chief Commissioners: The Chief Commissioners mentioned that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it should. This was the first time that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it should. This was the first time that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it should. This was the first time that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it should.

Records are dated at 1000 and the conference report at 1645.

5. Local Government in the place assumed by the Chief Commissioner in the Province III. The first meeting of the State Provincial Administrative in Province was attended by officers of the first course in the State. In the first meeting of business was done in the citizen's court for the first time. It is firmly held that these organizations and organizations are reducing and will produce a better and more feeling of responsibility in the responsibility of their country by the men of the people of the State of the State. It will play a major part in stabilizing the State.

6. The State of the State in the responsibility of the State Government in the State under the direction of the Minister of the Interior. The Legal Sub-Commission has been established and has been established in the State.

B. Public Safety Sub-Commission, Colonel A. C. Kirk.

1. Conferences of Regional and Public Safety Officers have been held and uniformed policies adopted.

2. Policies for Public Safety organizations have been an important item.

3. Regional Commissioners, Police and Public Safety officers are all interested in the closing and supervising of the police.

4. Contact with the Commissioner is daily.

5. There have been growing accounts of misconduct of all the troops.

6. Replacement troops for Commissioner have been established at the State.

7. A tour of inspection is being conducted from a disciplinary point of view in the Guardia di Finanza.

8. State control and civil defense are still active.

9. Licensing is going forward with a uniform system.

10. A scheme for de-factoization in all areas has been proposed and will be considered at the meeting tomorrow.

C. Public Health Sub-Commission, Colonel A. C. Kirk.

1. The Typhus Board has been set up. A Typhus Advisory Board has been set up. The first meeting has been held with discussions of typhus disease, military control and sanitation of towns and villages.

2. The Italian Government has been asked to set up a VD Department and to take over the vigorous action in dealing with plague and eliminating prostitution. More

hospital beds have been provided for prostitutes. There has been a slight fall in the V.D. rate among troops in Sicily.

3. Medical control introduced by Colonel Muselli of the Red Cross Hospital Foundation, mainly survey of berberis but both sides, will be of great importance in the future. The aim is to ensure uniformity of action and cooperation. We are trying to get the Italians to cooperate in such a positive.

4. The men and rationals in hospitals have been much improved.

5. A temporary survey of Sicily has been made which shows that the Italian population is getting back to normal conditions and the biologicals are being produced in quantity. Directives have been sent out on the transmission of the disease.

6. Medical supplies are coming in regularly and distribution is rather good. Additional stores have been set up in convenient places. More clothing can be obtained and distributed. There is a shortage only of certain items rather than a sufficient quantity of supplies.

7. There has been a certain amount of delivery of Red Cross clothing. The investigations are being made. Drugs have also been given in hospitals.

8. Close liaison with the Italian Government has been maintained with the view of eventually setting up a Military Department to meet the requirements of the Italian people.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General Muselli is a highly respected figure for his work in Sicily. It is not definitely known, but reported that General Muselli will be shifted from the Mainland.

The Chief Commissioner examined the work of Colonel Muselli and the Medical Officer Commissioner Institute on the fine results brought forth in liaison with the Italian people.

1. General Sub-Commission, Colonel W. B. Haining.

1. The Allied Military Courts have been requested to give to Regional Commission the right to review all cases of imprisonment. This is a most important duty, and it is hoped the Commissioners will do part of the reviewing themselves.

2. The Chief Legal Officer in Sicily is a man who can help the British to administer justice. It is noted that a shortage in a country district may not be a shortage in a place like Palermo, thus even legal advice is necessary in the district. A further aid book will be distributed shortly. "Justice without tears" which will be read of technical knowledge.

3. There are 26 legal officers on loan in Sicily. 4000 cases were tried.

Close liaison with the Italian Government has been established, and the view of advantageously setting up a buffer zone around the Mediterranean of the Italian people.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General Mott has acquired extensive foreign language skills in German, Italian, and French, and has reported that foreign language skills are not definitely needed, but reported that foreign language skills are not definitely needed, but reported that foreign language skills are not definitely needed.

The Chief Commissioner has commented that the work of Colonel Mott is the most difficult foundation institution on the first results brought forth in the field with the various officials.

2. Civil Sub-Commission, Colonel G. S. Upjohn.

1. The allied military courts have been requested to give to Italian Commissioners the right to review all cases of imprisonment. This is a most important duty, and it is hoped the Commissioners will be part of the reviewing themselves.

2. The Chief Legal Officer in Region I is a very good man who has the right to substitute justice. It is noted that the Italian Government may not be able to handle the situation, thus good legal advice is needed in the situation. A further rule: work will be distributed shortly, without further delay, and be void of technical language.

3. There are 26 legal officers or less in Region I. 4000 cases were tried last month. It has been discussed with the Italian Government that they will take over some of the legal work in Region I, as these officers are not in this city.

4. The policy of putting forces that are doing through is to prove a satisfactory. The Italian Government is to produce in a week to ten days some figures which will be in occupied territories.

5. The Italian Government has been asked to be in control of a pool of judges as they come through the lines, a substantial number must be left for them, but the help, Brigadier Carr advised.

6. Recent legislation has been reviewed. Many excellent laws were passed under Mussolini's regime. The bad Fascist laws are being worked out.

7. Further directive from AFM is being sent to the representatives of Papal Property. This is a very difficult question. Previous directives were very conflicting. As soon as instructions are forthcoming, they will be embodied in a directive to the field.

Excerpt on Transformation, Page 1 of 1

2. Maximum of 1000 miles per day - 1000 miles

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Thomson, Wm. 2140, via subscription, Mar 25, 1881.

1. The first step is to identify the problem or question that needs to be answered. This involves understanding the context and the specific requirements of the task.

14. Vice President of American Trade Union, The Rt. Hon. The Viscount of Halifax

1. Lord Stanger, stated his belief that all profit greatly by the Commission. He expressed his desire to be more fully informed about the activities of the Economic Commission since they are the backbone of the whole program.
2. Comment was made on the close contact which could be had with the Italian Ministering aid to their adventurous location. It is known that in his speaking, even though he may know not what the man in the street thinks.
3. Lord Stanger remarked that he would like to request the Regional Commissioner "is our eyes and ears." It is necessary to hear from them when they just in the monthly reports. He noted their impressions. The Headquarters is trying to build up the morale of the Italian people. The Regional Commissioners should fully inform the sub-Commissioners of the state of affairs as they note them. Lively daily contact is needed.
4. A remark was made to the fact that some directors object to the actions of Ministers in removing prefects. This is another item which should be brought to Headquarters attention.
5. Regarding visits to the field, 43 individuals have been in the field 145 days. It should be very glad to have men from the Regions in to visit Headquarters.
6. It is hoped that we may do something in the direct war effort. We must help the Anglo-Italian R.I. formations and get the Italian's hearts into the war effort.

VI. Closing address by Deputy Chief Commissioner, Captain Henry A. Stone, USMC.

Captain Stone stated his belief that it had been a very constructive meeting because many had had numerous critical things to say. This is a healthy sign. Since the Commission was created to take the business of government off the shoulders of the G.I.-C, if everything were running smoothly there would be no need for us.

Realizing the Italian people was the first big problem. When they are fed they can tackle the cultural and other problems. A comparison of the children to be seen during our first days in Italy with those of today will show that the Commission has done if worth.

Cooperation and coordination is needed in the sub-Commissions. The fault here has been one of the commission rather than commission. There is a need for greater personal contact between those whose problems are similar, and between AGC officers and their Italian opposites.

The work of the Commission is a fine long-term document being pressed for the punishment of Fascist crimes.

The Communist Party's stand for cooperation with the King and Marshal

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Monthly Conference - 14 April 1944.

A. G. B. H. D. A.

Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening Remarks by Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:

Region I (Sicily)
 Region II (Southern Italy)
 Region III (Campania)
 Region V (Toscana & Campidano)
 Region VI (Sardegna)
 Eighth Army AMG
 Fifth Army AMG
 Refugee Branch (Italian)
 Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

- Lt Col A.P. Hancock
 - Lt Col R.H. McCaffrey
 - Lt Col C. Poletti
 - Colonel F.L. Whitley
 - Brigadier M. Carr
 - Gp Capt C.E. Benson
 - Brig Gen E.E. Hare
 - Lt Col L.R. Ralls
 - Col R.C. Kirkwood

Executive Commissioner

- Brigadier A.S. Lush

Records 1100 to 1115

3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

1115 to 1245

Navy Sub-Commission
 Army Sub-Commission
 Air Sub-Commission
 Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission
 War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
 Public Relations Branch

- Commander I.M. Palmer
 - Brig. D.C. Buchanan
 - Air Commodore W.A.S. Power-Masqueriet
 - Colonel J.L. Henderson
 - Colonel J.T. Bellars
 - Major I. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1430

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.

5. Reports by Economic Section:

1445 to 1615

Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
 Labour Sub-Commission
 Agriculture Sub-Commission

- Colonel W. Evans
 - Colonel J.R. Bails
 - Major W.A. Hartman

Records 1100 to 1115

3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

1115 to 1125

- Navy Sub-Commission
- Army Sub-Commission
- Air Sub-Commission
- Tribunal on Operations & Tests Sub-Commission
- War Materials Tribunal Sub-Commission
- Public Relations Branch
- Comptroller A.S. Palmer
- Brig. C.C. Macneil
- Air Corps. W.A.S. Bennett-Panchariet
- Colonel J.D. Henderson
- Colonel J.T. Kellars
- Major L. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1430

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.

5. Reports by Executive Section:

1445 to 1455

- Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
- Labour Sub-Commission
- Agriculture Sub-Commission
- Food Sub-Commission
- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
- Finance Sub-Commission
- Transportation Sub-Commission
- Shipping Sub-Commission
- Vice President
- Colonel W. Evans
- Colonel J.A. Bain
- Major W.A. Hartman
- Lt Col W.J. Legg
- Lt Col L.L. Jarry
- Colonel E.M. Foley
- Colonel B.A. Pitch
- Lt. Ian Campbell
- Colonel A.S. Adams (for Hon. Mr. Henry Gundy)

6. Reports by Administrative Section:

1455 to 1500

- Interior Sub-Commission
- Public Safety Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- Legal Sub-Commission
- Education Sub-Commission
- Property Control Sub-Commission
- Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission
- Vice President
- Lt Col R.O.B. Spicer
- Colonel F.C. Kirk
- Brig. G.S. Parkinson
- Colonel G.R. Upjohn
- Lt Col T.V. Smith
- Lt Col G.S. Harris
- Major E.T. de Wald
- The Rt Hon The Viscount Stanagate

7. Closing remarks by Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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To:

DIRECTOR FOR KIRKWOOD.

Addressee

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L. T. MONTGOMERY,
2nd Lt., AGO,
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P.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/14/CA.

30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : See Distribution Below.

1. Reference memorandum 107/13/CA of 29 March 1944.
2. The précis of remarks requested in para. 2 (c) of above-quoted memorandum is required by the Secretary General by 1200 hrs on day previous to meeting.
3. Will you please make the necessary amendment.

[Handwritten signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
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29 March 1944

Ref: 107/13/GA

SUB/ECF: Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : See Distribution.

1. This is to confirm that as arranged at the last Regional Commissioners Conference the next conference will be held at Hq. ACG, Provincia Building, Naples on Friday April 14 and Saturday April 15, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside at the Friday meeting which will commence at 0900 hours.

The agenda will be:

- a) Address by Chief Commissioner.
- b) Reports by Regional Commissioners and ECAG's AMG Armies.
- c) Reports by Head of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections. (Officers making reports are requested to furnish the Secretary General with a précis of their remarks immediately before the meeting).

3. The Executive Commissioner will preside at the Saturday meeting which will commence at 0930 hours. Attendance of heads of sections and Sub-Commissions may be required by agenda items, at which to be notified before the meeting.

4. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Saturday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should be in the hands of the Deputy Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section by 4 April 1944 latest.

5. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in Naples at least one day prior to the opening of the conference. R.C. & M.G. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

6. The Secretary General will act as Secretary on the Friday Meeting.

A staff officer of the C.A. Branch R.C. & M.G. Section will act as secretary of the Saturday meeting.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
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Education Subcommittee

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16 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transportation of school children.

TO : Provincial Commissioner Salerno.
(Attention of the Education Director)

1. A request has been received by the Internal Transportation Sub-Commission for the addition of three passenger coaches to the Salerno-Nocera workman's train for the transport of school children.

2. As the policing of the train to prevent its occupation by unauthorized persons would present a considerable problem, the Internal Transportation Sub-Commission is not very willing to provide the coaches unless there is a strong case for their provision.

3. Will you kindly investigate the position and report on the merits of the case.

WHS
W. H. SHERWOOD
Major, RE
Deputy Director of Education

Cy: AC RegII for information.

*Evidently sent to Region II in error.
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14. Col. Early again suggested Capt. Brown be removed, but it was found that this was not feasible.

The Adjutant General said that the Adjutant General could not enter into it but that he would not let personnel be paid.

5) The Adjutant General brought up the question of the retirement of the Central Intelligence Department and the question of whether it should be attached to the other than division, but as an individual unit.

6) The meeting considered that the Advisory Committee should consist of a representative from each section (the representatives of the Administrative Section to be a lawyer) and one from the Secretary General's Department.

7) Capt. Collins raised the question of two joint or wide working files from the Adjutant, to which a condition existed that it varied with the circumstances of individual sections: it was a matter which could be tactfully worked out by the individuals in consultation with the Adjutant General. The Adjutant General gave an opinion as to how the problem could be worked out fairly easily.

8) The Adjutant gave a description of the Administrative Sections and filing systems for present by Mr. Robinson, who pointed out that it would probably be linked to the work of the Adjutant.

9) Mr. Robinson, referring to the subject of administration, said that, if the Adjutant takes it on before files come to the Adjutant, he gave an opinion on whether it would be to old inst.

10) Mr. Robinson, speaking up, said that

a) the work of the Adjutant of the Department would be carried out in detail by the Adjutant General.

b) the Adjutant would be asked to provide their representative.

c) representatives would be asked to bring recommendations of cases of officers suitable for removal or dismissal.

d) The Committee would meet on Oct 11 at 11 AM at 11 AM at the General's house (Room 11), Adjutant's Building, United.

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MINUTESRegional Commissioners ConferenceSaturday, March 4thRef 124/CA.0900 hrs.

Presiding : Brigadier M.S. Lush,

PRESENT

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C. (Chairman) Executive Commissioner.

Brigadier General E.E. Hunt

Brigadier M. Carr

Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C.

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Group Captain C.E. Benson, D.S.O.

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" R.H. Parren

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Lieut. Col. " Hancock

" G.H. McCaffrey

" The Lord " "

" E.O. Hobbs

" R.E. Cripps

" E.L. Clough

" F.A. Purgold

" A.C. Bowman

" T. Farley Smith

Major " " "

" E. Brown

" P. Friend Jones

S.C.A.O. 5 Army AMG.

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Dep. Exec. Commissioner.

S.C.A.O. " "

R.C. Region V.

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Persons Sub-Comm.

R.C. Region I.

R.C. Region II.

C.S. Region III.

" Region IX.

C.S.O. Admin. Section.

Executive Officer (A).

Col. (Br).

Chief Liaison Officer, OC.

Staff: R.C. Admin. Section.

" " "

Liaison Officer, Flamborough,

(afternoon only).

Liaison Officer, HQ. J.C.F.

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Chairman stressed the importance of the organization and emphasized that the Chief Commissioner was not satisfied with the progress made since the publication of the instructions, and asked Regions to report on the state of organization in their areas.

Region I - organization working. Additional trucks required to augment services. Number required 100.

Region II - initial progress.

Region III - organization ready to accept 50 trucks at once.

Region IV - plans made, estimate initial requirements 200 trucks.

Region V - plans made, estimate initial requirements 125 trucks. Ultimate requirements 300 to cover the whole Region, but it was required to know under what conditions the operatives would be equipped, fed and paid, and what sort of terms could be offered to contractors.

From Region V remarks, it was obvious that there was some misconception as to the nature of the scheme. The Chairman therefore explained that the outline of the plan and the agreements reached with the Italian Government authorities were as follows:

(a) Vehicles are to be assigned to A.C.C.

(b) Vehicles will be sold to the Italian Government with the option to re-purchase. Italian Government will contract out with public agencies and road haulage concerns on a basis whereby the road haulage concern undertakes the upkeep and maintenance of the vehicles, payment of the employees, and general management in return for mileage allowance on tariffs fixed in relation to areas and termini.

(c) The Minister of Commerce, Italian Government, has undertaken to locate the agencies. Regional Commissioners would be informed (except in Region I).

Col. Adams (Personnel Section) confirmed that these were the broad lines of the arrangements made with the Italian Ministry of Commerce. Question was asked whether the Italian Government would own vehicles operated in A.C.C. Regions, and it was suggested that Italian Government could furnish vehicles in such Regions but that would have to be under the operational control of the R.C. at all times and for all purposes.

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R.C. Region I explained the scheme now operating in Sicily under I.M.T. and in conjunction with Ispettorato Generale di Motorizzazioni which is represented in every Province in Italy.

Region II has the organisation S.I.T.A.

Region III has a similar organisation in C.A.M.

Region V has a number of contractors willing to form a pool in Puglia.

From this it appeared that the scheme could operate as soon as the necessary trucks became available.

Agreed that in A.M.C. territory, trucks should be turned over to R.C. and accounted for in the same way as A.F. hire, or any other commodity. On the turn-over of territory to the Italian Government the vehicles would also be turned over to the Italian Government on payment. Vehicles would then be turned over to contractors against receipt and guarantee of maintenance and upkeep.

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Contractors to be paid allowances on distances according to tariffs. R.C. Region I undertook to send to this H.Q. form of existing contract which has actually been used.

R.C.s were asked to send in immediately their plan for present charges and kilowattage allowances. It is appreciated that there will be differentiations and these will be coordinated at this H.Q.

Deputy Executive Commissioner (Col. Pisco) took the opportunity to explain that A.P.H.Q. had ordered the return to the Italian Army of all Italian military equipment, especially transport vehicles. R.C.s had been instructed to return all Italian military transport vehicles to the Italian Military authorities. Where this would vitally disrupt the existing transport system for civilian supply, or other works, R.C.s were asked to state the case for each individual vehicle and then to submit to this H.Q. without delay.

Item No. 2.

Palation and Channel of Communication between Regions and Sub-Commissions.

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Agreed that correspondence should not be addressed to officers in the Regions by name. The R.C. suggested that heads of Sub-Commissions should remember that Regional Control existed over in Naples and that contacts should be effected through the Regional Commissioner.

C.S.O. Admin. Section (Lt.Col. Crisp) asked that correspondence from Regions to Sub-Commissions should be addressed to the Executive Commissioner, H.Q. A.C.C. and routed to the Sub-Commission concerned. Also agreed that communications from the Italian Government to Regions must be sent through H.Q. A.C.C.

Region IV - no objection with the same proviso as Region III. It was noted that as the H.Q. of Region IV would not when in operation be situated in the same town as the central H.Q., the question would not arise.

Region V - no objection. R.C. requested that any officer travelling in the Region should give advance notice of their probable arrival in order that arrangements for their feeding and accommodation might be made. Also requested that all contacts within the Region should be made either through the R.C. in the first instance, or that he should at least be informed of the intentions of the visiting officer.

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Chairman instructed that an order to this effect should be published in the Daily Bulletin and repeated once a week until further notice.

Region VI - no objection. Suggested that military communications relating to the Region be reported to R.C. Visitors to be instructed to carry blankets.

Item No. 32

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Stanbury, Vice President Administrative Section, and representatives of Legal (Col. G.R. Upjohn), Interior (Lt. Col. R.A. B. Spicer), and Public Safety (Col. P.C. Kirk) Sub-Commissions joined the Conference.

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(c) Communications.

Col. Upjohn reminded the Conference that under the Armistice terms the Armed Forces of the Allies were allowed complete control of all communication systems. For that reason military authorities were within their rights in denying to the Italian Government the use of any tele-communication facilities.

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(d) Prostitution:

Cole Upjohn advised that the control of prostitution was a very delicate matter and any steps taken by R.Cse should be fully coordinated with the Legal Sub-Commissioners.

(e) Review of Court Cases:

The Chairman said that it was incumbent upon R.Cs. to take a very active interest in the review of all Court cases within their regions. They should from time to time actually review cases themselves, especially those in which their own officers might be involved, or against whom allegations might have been made, or might have subsequently been made. Col. Upjohn quoted cases.

Item No. 4Refugee Situation:

Head of the Refugee Branch (Lt. Col. Kallis) amplified his explanation of the Refugee problems of the previous day, emphasising that,

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4. Over the next 6 weeks it was required that ,

Region I should take 10,000

Region II " " 20,000

Region III " " 10,000 (District III were being pressed to raise the bar on some of its closed areas).

Region VI (Sardinia) to take 10,000 if shipping could be arranged.

(d) Feeding en route. The present arrangement was to put rations for 48 hours on the trains. This had not been entirely satisfactory, but would be continued. In addition, it was required to have feeding stations (soup kitchens) at 4 points (SALERNO, PAOLI, CANTIZANO and REGGIO) along the railway route. One meal per train of 700 people at each point.

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Equipment - 10 kayer stoves would be provided.

Organisation of team of workers was necessary, e.g. Mayor, doctor, priest and some women.

Stockpiles of food would have to be formed - initial supplies would be forthcoming.

- (a) Work required in camps and en route must be done by Italians up to 100%. Instructions and advice would be circulated to assist Provincial Officers in solving problems.

R.Cs. agreed to accept allotment and organise local help at feeding points and committees to deal with refugees in the communes. Subsequent local feeding problems would have to be dealt with by :

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(g) Public Safety.

Head of Sub-Commission (Col.Kirk) asked to be kept informed, with as little delay as possible, on all unusual events in Regions, and Provinces. This was specially necessary to enable the requirements in CC.RR to be arbitrated on bread lines and an even balance maintained.

Pointed out that CC.RR is a national organization and command responsibility was being resumed. There would be changes in local commands and transfers of individuals for various reasons. No attempt should be made to influence these changes or prevent them on grounds of "losing a good man", or the break up of pleasant associations.

Reasons for a protest against moves would need to be very substantial.

The question of supplies (excluding food) for CC.RR is being taken up by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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(h) Screening of Italian Officials

Head of Security Branch (Col. Young) explained briefly the use of the "Schedule Personnel" (copy attached) and how the screening scheme had been worked in Regions I & II. With modifications dictated by experience, a new form was being printed and would be brought into use in all Regions.

Chairman announced the formation of the Zaribona Committee and organization for the purge promulgated. Suggested that a member of the Committee should be co-opted on to the organization being formed in Region III. R.C. Region III declined to accept this without further examination.

(i) Control of Movement

1. Agreed to remove all restrictions on travel and purchase of goods other than essential commodities within Regions.

2. Agreed that Regional Commissioners may arrange movement between Regions.

3. This should result in freer movement of abundant foodstuffs and assist in trading black market dealings.

(Suggest that pass issued for outward movement be taken at end of journey and replaced by one for homeward journey. This would mean a little more clerical work but would stop traffic in permits).

Region V would like a special directive to prevent abuses and define the responsibilities of the R.C., P.Cs. and P.Os. in relation to military base in Poggia Province.

Agreed that special precautions should be taken to prevent controlled foodstuffs getting on to the black-market through these relaxations.

(The following officers and officials, from the Petroleum Section, Admin. Echelon, A.C.M.F., were present during the discussion concerning their activity:

Colonel H.B. Miles
Lt. Col. J.L. King
Capt. E.C. Burroughs
Mr. A. Holland
Mr. R. Nottingham

Colonel Griffin and Lt. Col. King came into the meeting to present the material

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Item No. 6,

Personnel and Transport Situation (Colonel Albright) - (See attached Schedule "A").

Col. Albright said that many shortages existed as a result of calls for personnel to be used in other theatres and operations. The ultimate prospect for this theater was approximately 1222 officers, equally divided between American and British, which was considerably below the previous authorized strength of more than 1400. It would, therefore, be impossible to have fixed establishments within Regions. Personnel must be posted where required. Ceilings will, however, be set up for Regions. Also, with this situation prevailing, all advancements of officers and O-3/EM would be dealt with by JCC upon recommendation from the Regions and Sub-Commissions. It is hoped that Tables of Organization can be set up for enlisted men so that a fair distribution of grades might be maintained.

This shortage of personnel will make more imperative the fullest possible use of Italian personnel for cooks, waiters, drivers, etc. A detachment of Italian soldiers including an officer and NCO's was being set up to be trained as drivers, under supervision of American officers, who would be responsible for supervising the training and tests in order that the requirements of vehicle maintenance be observed. Italian typists must be used to the fullest extent within the limitations of security.

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Lt. Col. Spicer inquired if previous recommendations for advancement had been disregarded and was answered by the Brigadier that they had not.

Establishment Officer: on the assignment of Officers and EN/CSs, said that owing to the difficulties of location and mail, all permanent postings would be made by AOC H.Q. H.Q. must be notified of all moves of personnel within Sub-Commissions or Regions. The Armies might make requests for attachment of personnel by application to Regional Commissioners or to H.Q. after clearing through Regional Commissioners.

S.C.A.O. 5 Army: asked what is the status of the Rome Party until the formation of its Sub-Region. Establishment Officer replied that in some of their positions were not yet determined, but generally they would be attached formations with which they were now working.

Agreed that Rome Party specialists may be summoned to meetings, if the specialists are notified through the Regional Commissioners.

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Establishment Officer: Refugee vehicles are expected from MATOUSA for the Refugee and Displaced Persons Sub-Committee which could then return the vehicles borrowed from Region IV. The Medical T/Es were now approved and additional vehicles would be available as soon as they could be assembled. Interest Regions and Sub-Committees should submit requests especially for trailers. In order that priorities might be determined, requests for request should accompany. At present, Refugees and Displaced Persons have the first priority. A Pool would be set up to cover emergency demands; T/Es will not be fixed. Maintenance is to be handled by local units of other formations.

Region IV: asked for a reduction in personnel records and returns to prevent duplications. Consideration is possible.

S.C.A.O. 5 Army: said that EM/OR Drivers were essential as Italians could not be used in the forward areas. Agreed that 5th and 8th Army must have priorities on personnel.

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A great deal of information is collected by this Sub-Commission and it is always available to other members of A.C.C. The correct use of channels through H.Q. should be observed, with special reference to contacting ministers of the Italian Government.

Item No. 8.

Liaison

Lt.Cols. Brown introduced the subject as Chief Liaison Officer, ADI Hq., emphasised that the following points should be observed in liaison work:

1. Be sure the contact or request is necessary.
2. Make all original contacts through the Liaison Officer to ensure that the proper agency is reached, and that too many people do not initiate contacts.
3. Make requests specific, and only if justified.
4. Make the use of liaison two-way.

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Item No.9.Medicinal Supplies.

Colonel Griffin said that help was requested from the Regions in collecting information upon which to base requisitions. Normally the operations of the Sub-Commissions would extend only down to the Regional level except in cases of emergency. The prices of supplies would be determined and notified to the interested persons. All possible aid should be given to restoring drug-making industries.

Item No.10.Other Matters.

(a) Chairman: said that the present delicate political situation made it imperative to keep information flowing in from the Regions. In cases where urgency made it necessary, PC's would communicate directly with this HQ.

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Econ. Section	2
Civil Affairs Branch	1
Italian Refugees Branch	1
Information Branch	1
Establishment Branch	1
G-1 (A)	1
G-1 (B)	1
Spares	6

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment

TO : all Regions, all armies, all sections, Sub-Commissions and branches of HQ.

1. Present Position

a. The authorized strength of the 2675 (American) Regt., ACC is 329 Officers, 15 Warrant Officers and 1045 MM. Of these, 74 MM are detached on special duty, but still carried on the strength of the Regiment.

b. The authorized strength of same, the British Unit created by War Establishment No. WA/266/1 dated 1 January 1944 is 663 Officers and 1047 Gns.

c. On the strength of the above two units is borne the whole of the personnel allotted to armies in Italy.

d. The number of Officers scheduled to proceed to U.A. is:

American 200
British 90

The British Officers are being replaced from U.A.; similar replacements will probably not be forthcoming for the American Officers. There will be no further bulk demands for personnel of ACC for other theaters.

2. Sub-Establishment for Regions, etc.

a. The question of Sub-establishments /TOs for Regions, all armies, and Sub-Commissions and branches of Headquarters has been under consideration, and it has been decided that no attempt will be made to issue them. It is realized that this decision will cause some difficulty and uncertainty in Regions and Sub-Commissions, but the question is fraught with so many complications that it has been found impossible to arrive at any other satisfactory solution.

b. The authorized strength of ALAMO, the British Unit created by War Establishment No. WA/25/1 dated 6 January 1944, is 663 Officers and 1347 GAs.

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b. The chief reason for the decision is that conditions, and with them the weight and direction of effort are and will be constantly changing. It is therefore impossible to allot personnel on any permanent basis, and it would be useless — in fact positively harmful to issue Sub-establishments /IOs which would be subject to constant amendment. Personnel will therefore be allotted by this HQ as and when required in accordance with the volume of work to the extent permitted by available numbers. All that can be said is that for the present Region I will operate with about 110 Officers, Region II with 117, and Region III will be gradually reduced to about 40 after its territory is handed over to the Italian Government.

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3. Ranks and Promotion

a. The question of ranks and promotion will similarly be dealt with centrally by this Hq because it is not possible to lay down any fixed ranks for Officers or EM/OR in Regions since the total personnel will vary as territory is handed over and duties become supervisory on the one hand or operational duties increase under AMG on the other. Similarly, the volume of work in Sub-Commissions is not constant.

b. Recommendations for promotion of Officers (as to which separate instructions on the British side have been issued in Exec Memo No. 19) will therefore be submitted without regard to whether there is or is not a suitable assignment in a higher rank in the particular region, Sub-Commission, etc., in which the Officer being recommended happens to be serving at the time.

c. Instructions regarding the promotion of both EMs and ORs are being issued shortly.

For the Executive Commissioner:

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Colonel, Infantry
Establishment Officer

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AMG 5 Army
AMG 8 Army
Sub-Commissions, Sections, Branches of Hq.

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PROVINCIA

GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

N.B. - Penalità severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

SCHEDA PERSONALE

SI DEVE rispondere a ogni domanda secondo le indicazioni

Every Question Must be Answered

1. Cognome _____ di _____
e fu _____

a) Luogo di nascita _____
Place of Birth

2. Indirizzo _____
Address

3. a) Professione _____
Profession

c) Carica desiderata _____
Position Desired

4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F. ? _____
Were you a member of P. N. F. ?

5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (SI o NO): _____
Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer YES or NO).

a) Subsepolcristi _____ b) Squadristi _____ c) M. V. S. N. ? _____

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio ? Indicate con un SI od un NO l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi:

If you belonged to the Milizia, in which of the following units did you serve ? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service)

(Specificare se servizio effettivo o nel quadri)
(Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)

Milizia ordinaria ?
Ordinary Milizia ?

Milizia Ferroviaria ?
Railroad Milizia ?

Milizia Postale ?
Postal Milizia ?

Milizia Portuale ?
Port Milizia ?

Milizia Forestale ?
Forest Milizia ?

Milizia Sirodale ?

3. a) Professione
Profession

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 Profession
 c) Carica desiderata _____
 Position desired
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b) Posizione attuale
Present Position

a) Da quando?
Since when?

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Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer):

c) *S. muscivorus* b) *S. quadristri*

c) M. V. S. N. P

d) Se eravate nella Muzim, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? Indicate con un SI od un NO l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi:

IF you belonged to the Militia, in which of the following units did you serve? (Answer YLS or NO opposite unit giving the date).

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service)

(Specify in service effective on the quadr.)
(Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)

Milizia ordinaria?
Ordinary Militia?

Milizia Ferroviaria?
Enlond Milano?

Milizia Postale?
Postale Militare?

Milizia Portuale?
Port Miling?

Milizia Forestale?
Forest Militia?

Milizia Stralale ?
Kood Milia ?

Milizia Comunità?
Border Militia?

Milizia Universitaria?
Università Militare?

Milieu Antiquaire?

Milizia Artiglieria Marittima?
Nave Artiglieria Marina?

The Duce's Market?

Battaglioni = M + T
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c) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata?

It was needed during the war only, did you volunteer or were you drafted?

6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete SI o NO **1500** indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti):

Did you at any time hold any of the following positions in the Fascist Party? (Former YES or NO giving the length of time of each.)

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

- a) Segretario nel P. N. F.?
Secretary of the P. N. F.?
- b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale?
Member of the National Council?
- c) Segretario Federale?
Federal Secretary?
- d) Membro del Direttorio Federale?
Member of Federal Council?
- e) Ispettore del Partito?
Inspector of the Party?
- f) Ispettore Federale?
Federal Inspector?
- g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio?
Political Secretary of a Fascio?
- h) Esecutivo di un Gruppo Regionale?
Executive of a Regional Group?
- i) Membro di un Gruppo Regionale?
Member of the Regional Group?
- j) Capo-settore?
Chief of a Sector?
- k) Caponucleo?
Chief of a Group?
- l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.?
An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?
- m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.?
An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?
- n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili?
An authoritative position in the women's Fasci?

e) Qualche altra carica nel Partito?
Some other position in the Party?

Qualche?
What?

7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro del "OVRA"?
Were you at any time a member of the OVRA?

Quando?
When?

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico del CC. RL?
Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RL?

Quando?
When?

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Quando?
When?

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a) in una Corporazione?
In a Corporation?

Quale?
Which One?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

b) In una unione sindacale?
In a syndical Union?

Quale?
Which One?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

c) In un Consorzio Agrario?
In a Consorzio Agrario?

Quale?
Which One?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa

o sindacato?

In some other Corporate or Syndical organization?

Quale?

Which One?

Denominazione della carica.

Name of Rank/Post

11. Indicare le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:

Give the National, Provincial or Municipal, governmental or parastatal positions held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO

Name of the Institute

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

Length of Service

MODO DI ASSUNZIONE

How Acquired

12. Indicare le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:

Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime.

FONTI

Source of Income

MEDIA ANNUALE

Yearly Average

INTROITO DEL 1942

Income in 1942

13. Avete prestato servizio militare?

Have you rendered military service?

b) Quando?

When?

d) Dove avete prestato servizio?

Where did you serve?

e) Siete stato «volontario» nella guerra civile Spagnola?

Were you a «volunteer» in the Spanish Civil war?

f) Siete stato «volontario» nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale?

Were you a «volunteer» in the Ethiopian Campaign?

Della campagna in Russia?

Russian campaign?

Del Nord Africa?

North African campaign?

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What branch?

c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente?

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 Were you deferred from Military Service?*

*Per qual motivo?
 Why?*

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa dal Partito Fascista?
Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922?

Nome dell'organizzazione:

Name of the Party or Organization:

Periodo di appartenenza?

How long were you a member?

15. Dichiaro sinceramente e solennemente che tutto quanto ho affermato è vero.
I solemnly swear that all I have said is true.

*Firma
 Signed*

*Testimone
 Witness*

*Data
 Date*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE

3 MARCH 1944

The Conference was opened by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane at 1100 hours. General MacFarlane summarized the present situation as follows:

1. Move of the Italian Government to the Salerno Area has been completed.
2. The organization of the Allied Control Commission has reached finality.
3. The regions have been altered recently. Salerno Province has been returned to Region 3, and Region 4 now has a sub-region which will deal with Rome working under AMG 5th Army when Rome is reached and so long as Rome comes within 5th Army Area.
4. There has been a reorganization in the SU-Commissions. The independent SU-Commissions now are:
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 - b. Army
 - c. Navy
 - d. Air
 - e. War Material Disposal

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(G.O.C-in-C, General Sir Harold Alexander, arrived at conference at 1115.)
11. The fusion of ACC and AMF has opened possibilities which are not fully realized by many, especially in the field, and there is a noticeable tendency not to make use of these advantages. It is important that there be a coherent chain of policy from the time AMO first takes over at the time of occupation to the time when ACC follows in its advisory capacity. As and when the Italian Government takes over, there must be an immediate reduction of Allied personnel who will move to new regions.
12. The question of promotions for American officers is being given all the attention possible.
13. Our main job is to get the maximum in war effort from Italy. AMG penetrates new ground, after which the Italian machine must be made to function under our supervision, and as soon as possible the Italians must run the job themselves with the minimum supervision.
14. The problem of defascistization continually looms up, and ~~450~~ ⁴⁵⁰ is still

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many people in official positions who have Fascist records. This has been necessary for the smooth running of the country. It is desired to replace these individuals as soon as possible, and for this purpose an understudy is necessary who can be trained to take over the position.

15. The food and refugee problems are still important. A large influx of refugees from the Balkans contributed greatly to this. The Red Cross has given admirable assistance. The Chief Commissioner has asked for more Red Cross personnel to work with refugees.

The only real answer to the "black market" situation, which is common to all countries, is to procure adequate supplies.

16. Executive control has been established through the Executive Commissioner and his section. The Chief Commissioner pointed out that the Sub-Commissions may and should deal with their own representatives in regions and provinces, but their instructions should go through the Regional Commissioners.

17. Political situation.

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2. Trouble threatened by electric workers was ironed out without difficulty by ACC. Managers are asking for increase in rates.

3. One serious situation arose when coal was removed from the South side of the Island for operational purposes, leaving trains without fuel.

4. Satisfactory relations exist with Army and Navy.

5. There was an unexpected arrival of refugees, but they were taken care of by Italians.

B. Regional Commissioner, Region II (Southern Italy), Lt. Col. G. H. McGeffrey.

1. There was no friction or disorder at the time of changeover.

2. The food situation has improved.

3. Crime is down 25% from normal.

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4. Courts in Apulia are unsatisfactory. There have been very few prosecutions against people committing crimes against the Allies.

5. Road haulage is a difficult problem because of lack of trucks and the fact that 1001 GT Coy was handed over with 60 unserviceable trucks. An attempt is being made to get Italians to shoulder more of the responsibility for this transportation.

6. The power situation is not satisfactory.

7. Reduction in personnel has created difficulties.

8. Obstacles have been encountered in moving Headquarters from Matera to Bari. Assistance will be needed from higher authority in order to get suitable accommodations and assistance.

C. Regional Commissioner, Region VI (Sardinia) Brigadier P. A. Dunlop.

1. This region never passed through the AMG stage.

2. The population of Sardinia is just over a million. It is wholly an agricultural and pastoral community. The villages are crowded with Italian soldiers. It is a very malarious region. We must get the Italian soldiers away from the island before malarial season, or move them to the hills in bivouac if necessary.

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4. The food situation is now well in hand. A shortage exists of olive oil and sugar. The American Army assumed the feeding of Italian Army on 26 February. Good crops appear to be in prospect.

5. There is much salt and cork ready for export and a little has already been shipped. Island trade with Sicily has been hampered by the Navy's taking over schooners.

6. Prices of consumer goods are going up.

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D. Regional Commissioner, Region III (Campania), Lt. Col. C. Folletti.

1. The transfer of Salerno Province to this region may cause difficulty in administration.

2. Benevento and Avellino have been visited. Much progress has been made and conditions on the whole in the region are good.

3. Public order in Naples is not very good. The crime rate is high. Some of the Carabinieri scheduled for Rome have been put on duty in Naples to help in dealing with this problem.

4. A squad of 100 trained men is dealing with the black market problem.

5. A public utility strike threat for higher wages and more food was quelled successfully.

6. On the political side there is the opposition to the King and a feeling toward the Badoglio Government. There is a feeling that the Fascists are not being cleaned out fast enough.

7. A primary difficulty in connection with the food problem is that there are too many restrictions on free movement of commerce, which curbs individual ini-

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tative. It is desired to relax these restrictions if possible.

People are desirous of having a pasta ration in addition to bread. If necessary it would even be satisfactory to reduce the bread ration if a 1/2 gram pasta ration could be added.

The special rations which have been given by the services to certain groups doing hard labor have brought complaints from other groups. This will have to be ironed out.

8. Regarding crops, the people are asking which products are going to be amassed under the "AMASO System."

9. A special division has been formed for transport. It is planned to begin garbage hauling and cleaning up the debris in Naples.

10. The courts are clogged at present, both Army and Italian.

11. People are asking for a revision of pensions. (General MacFarlane advised that this was being handled by the Finance Sub-Commission.)

12. Relations with PBS have improved.

13. The prostitute situation is being cleared up. Medical treatment is being administered. Prosecutions are being sought. More stringent legislation is recommended to curb this menace.

2. Regional Commissioner, Region V (Foggia and Campobasso), Colonel R. L. Matloy.

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4. Supply situation is generally good. The lack of transportation is the principal difficulty. Supply for only one or two days can be amassed in an area, but no commune has been isolated for more than one day in spite of difficulties. The main roads are all open. In this, the Italians are doing a good piece of work.

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5. The health situation is good, except in Foggia. There is not enough health personnel and no medical officer assigned. The sewage system in Foggia is very bad. Lack of transport and labor difficulty hindered the getting rid of sewage. This latter item has been overcome. The venereal rate is up. No typhus has been reported.

6. This is principally an agricultural area and planting is progressing.

7. Public safety is generally good; crime consists mostly of minor offenses.

8. Education has not been taken up as far.

9. There have been no developments in property control.

10. Legal matters are satisfactory.

11. The greatest problem is black market dealings. A roving patrol is clamping down on this matter. Cases of other regions have been giving authority to enter Foggia to buy supplies, which has added to the problem in the region.

12. The fuel situation is not serious; there is enough wood for cooking.

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13. The salt situation is now satisfactory, but during the fall when meat is cured, this will become a problem.

14. General MacFarlane asked when the Regional Commissioner would advise handing over this territory and Region III to the Italians. The Regional Commissioner believed it would be better to keep the region as a military area due to Air Force requirements until all of Italy is liberated.

Colonel Poletti, Region III, stated that he thought it inadvisable to transfer his region at the present time. He believed that handing back the rest of Campania should be deferred until Rome is reached.

F. Eighth Army AMG, Sp. Capt. C. E. Benson.

1. The problem of feeding the Southern part of Campobasso Area could be handled better from the Naples Area.
2. Refugees are a real problem.
3. No typhus has been reported. One small outbreak of typhoid is now under control.
4. There is a question of charging for electric power.
5. Public safety. A close check must be maintained on movements of civilians. Policemen are needed and it would be helpful if some could be borrowed from those reserved for Rome. It is desired that the movement of civilians into Campobasso be stopped.
6. There is no industry in this region. It is almost entirely agricultural. Such industry as there was is located too close to the battle area.
7. 10,000 to 12,000 civilians are working on road construction.
8. No repercussions were caused by the hand over of territory.
9. In regard to finance, banks are being opened up as quickly as possible, and as far forward as possible.
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The conference adjourned and reopened at 1430 hours.

G. Fifth Army AAG, Brigadier General E. A. Hume.

1. The chief problems are personnel and transportation. The organization has expanded, but personnel have been cut. French speaking officers are needed for liaison with the French Expeditionary Corps.
2. Transportation complicates the food problem.
3. Agriculture is progressing satisfactorily.
4. On the legal side, the principal difficulty lies in dealing with diverse types of troops.

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5. Military arrangements in regard to bridges set priority which sometimes cause civilians to suffer. The Engineers have been very cooperative in this matter.
6. With reference to transfer of territory, Region 3 overlaps the boundaries of the 5th Army, thus coming under the Army Commander as far as territory is concerned.
7. Rome. Carabinieri force already organized is to be taken along. It would be fine to have them work somewhere for the present, but they must not be dispersed, as there are no more to be recruited.

The Rome black market team is now getting training in Naples.

Transportation to Rome will be a big problem. There is none available at present.

H. Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt. Col. L. R. Hulls.

1. It has been endeavored to keep people from becoming refugees by starting at the front and encouraging them and helping them to stay where they are if possible. When they must be evacuated South, it is done as rapidly and humanely as possible. Lack of transportation has made transit camps necessary. Feeding refugees in transit is difficult. Communications difficulties often prevent word getting through to the areas receiving shipments.
2. 50,000 people have been evacuated to date, 10,000 of these during February. The evacuation of 1,000 per day is necessary in order to keep battle zones and forward lines of communication clear. It will be necessary to absorb still larger numbers in the future. It is best to keep them on the Mainland in order to minimize the shipping problem. The Italians are helping by providing military personnel to run camps.
3. The problem of dispersion is important. Improvement is necessary. Households should be obliged to take refugees. They cannot continue to be thrown together in bunches to look after themselves to the degree in which they have been in the past.
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1. The biggest problem is Yugoslav refugees which were not originally taken into the plans.

2. This job is a continuous one requiring much personnel. The constant changing of personnel has been a great hindrance.

3. There are 9 camps and 2 hospitals at present. 15,000 have been received plus 1000 more on 3 March. 11,000 displaced persons have been shipped. Small groups are continually appearing all over Italy. At present no difficulty is being experienced in caring for these.

4. Only two cases of typhus have been encountered and these were not in ACC camps. Many people are ill. They all require instruction in sanitation and disinfection.

5. Request is made that CAPs be instructed not to give passes to internees. Passes will be given by camp commanders.

6. People who wish to go out into the community to live must have permission from the Provincial Commissioner, as well as the camp commandant.

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7. The matter of food payments must be settled with Regional Commissioner.

8. General MacFarlane asked Colonels Kirkwood and Halls whether the Yugoslavs and other refugees were doing their own cooking and looking after their own sanitary problems. The reply was that they were not doing much for themselves.

The question was brought up regarding recruiting of Displaced Persons. General MacFarlane stated that Yugoslavs were not to be recruited from the Italian Army.

J. Executive Commissioner, Brigadier M. S. Lush.

1. The heads of Sub-Commissions are to keep the Regional Commissioners well informed.

2. With reference to personnel, by the end of March we shall have a stationary ceiling of 1222 officers, all each British and American.

It is desired that an effort be made to get more men into the field and less at Headquarters.

The Security Branch is now taking over much of the work done by field security officers.

3. Brigadier Lush suggested that "Allied Control Commission" be the name for all of ACC/AMG activities. General MacFarlane said that he would give this matter consideration.

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2. Visits have been made and will continue to be made to the field.

3. There is a need for more police.

4. Clothing and equipment have been handled through military channels.

5. Licensing and registration of motor vehicles is being dealt with in Regions I to V.

6. General MacFarlane asked whether it would be better to have the Public Safety work more centralized. The answer to this query was yes and no. Some of the activities could be better directed centrally, some could not. A short discussion followed regarding the centralization of control.

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C. Public Health Sub-Commission, Brigadier G. S. Parkinson.

1. Responsibility for typhus control was handed over to ACC by the Typhus Control Commission. There have been between 1400 and 1500 cases. At present there are 700 engaged in the control of the disease. The shortage of soap is a great handicap. If caustic soda could be imported it would be possible to manufacture soap here. A meeting of the Typhus Board brought up the question of relaxation of restrictions on troops. This will be reconsidered at next meeting during coming week.

2. Venereal disease. There is the problem of what to do with prostitutes. 450 are hospitalized at the present moment. Concentration camps have been suggested. A revision of laws and their exact enforcement are needed.

3. Malaria. This Sub-Commission is endeavouring to get an expert to advise on its control. There is a malaria control board. Malaria will be a greater problem this year due to drainage situation.

4. An effort is being made to standardize food in the hospitals.

5. Maintenance is not apparent, but investigations are being made in schools in Naples and Salerno.

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8. Decrees issued in which were applicable in restored territory. Decrees issued in future by Italian Government could be made applicable in occupied territory if endorsed to that effect by the Chief Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner stated that ACMF was about to issue a directive defining rights of Allied Forces in restored territory.

E. Education Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. Smith.

1. Defascistization of University of Naples was being accomplished.
2. Text books are finally being received which are void of traces of Fascism.

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3. A Youth Commission is exploring to see what can be done for youth to fill the gap left by the abolition of the Fascist Youth Movement.

- a. Serving of lunches to school children was under consideration.
- b. General MacFarlane suggested a Boy Scout movement, etc.

4. Many school buildings had been requisitioned and their release was required.

F. Property Control Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. C. R. Harris.

1. Region XIII has more Allied property than was expected.

2. The Commission now has a list of industrial concerns sequestered by the Italian Government.

(A question was raised by Colonel Poletti regarding the taking over of German property in newly conquered territories. General MacFarlane advised that any such cases encountered should be immediately reported to higher Headquarters.)

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General MacFarlane asked if it were true that a black market has started in works of art. Major de Waid said that he had no information.

h. Vice President of Administrative Section, The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate, commented briefly on the functioning of his Section. He stated that it was necessary to examine the broad outline of the Italian machine; once this was grasped, then the details would fit in easier. To get this picture, day to day information of what goes on in the regions was necessary. He stressed the value of the services being rendered to the Italian people and the corresponding importance in results which would be obtained from a happier people of a higher morale.

III. REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION.

A. Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel W. Evans.

1. Industries which could be reestablished to care for essential civilian needs and not hamper the war effort have been promoted. Chief among these is the clothing industry.

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2. It has been desired to start soap manufacturing, but caustic soda cannot be obtained. This has been on requisition since September. There is no surplus in the United Kingdom.

B. Labour Sub-Commission, Colonel J. R. Bain.

1. The only real labour difficulties have arisen from the amount of food available to the workers. We cooperate with the Food Sub-Commission to determine which workers shall be given the midday meal which was authorized by AFHQ. The difficulty has been to limit such distribution. Additional groups of workers have asked for consideration. There should be no discrimination in the distribution of food. The recent trouble over the question of issuing a midday meal to the public utilities workers of Naples has been settled so that a serious threatened strike was avoided.

2. The demonstration "token strike" staged for Saturday, March 4, political in nature, can probably be quelled without difficulty.

3. There has been excellent cooperation with the Italian Government and a number of decrees embodying the basic principles announced by ALE and AOC have been drafted by the Italian Ministry of Labour and submitted to the Labour Sub-Commission for approval. It is believed that these matters will become Italian law very shortly.

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3. Some difficulty and change of plans may be caused by a shortage of fertilizer.

4. Emphasis was placed on making the Italians more conscious of the necessity for forecast and planning.

5. There is a problem of varying prices, which must become more uniform for the essential needs of the farmer.

6. It was stressed by Major Hartman that more than 50% of the physical resources and 50% of the labour in Italy are engaged in agriculture.

Forestry

7. All Italian personnel possible have been utilized in forestry, but it is difficult to find experienced Italians in this field.

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8. Timber is being harvested as near to where it is to be used as possible to conserve transportation, which is already a major problem.

9. The Italian Minister has been asked to get reports which will enable the planning of a timber program for the coming year. A survey of resources is being made.

Fisheries

10. This Sub-Commission is working closely with the Fisheries Section of the Ministry with a view to central control of fisheries.

D. Food Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. W. J. Legg.

1. The overall supply situation is better in the base areas. Twenty days supplies have been amassed in certain areas. There is no anxiety. The whole situation on the West Coast is favourable

2. There is a problem in connection with the handling and safeguarding of food supplies.

3. A uniform ration scale has been approved for hospital patients.

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E. Public Works & Mines Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny.

1. Military highways. We have relieved the armed forces as much as possible in taking over roads and bridges. We must get the Italians to do the job. Difficulties have been encountered in regard to paying civilian labor. This was taken up in conferences with the Finance Sub-Commission. 5th Army outlined a program for wages and also food menus for employees. In ACC's use of civilian labour no food is given. When groups are working side by side and being paid under two different categories, friction is bound to result. A uniform policy must be adopted.
2. Electricity rationing. We have had many conferences and the problem is well in hand. The armed forces agreed that it was their responsibility to see that the electricity was supplied but they have asked ACC for personnel to look after the matter. A decree must be issued to authorize rationing. The question was taken up with the Legal Sub-Commission. A decree is now ready to be presented to the Government. The armed forces must also reduce their requirements. Immediate results are not visible.
3. Utility rates. This is an involved problem and conditions are uncertain at the present time.

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F. Finance Sub-Commission, Colonel A. P. Crafftey-Smith.

1. Colonel Crafftey-Smith has had discussions with the Minister of Finance regarding the method of taking over Region 1 and 2.

2. Arrangements are being made for a repayment to AMFA in Sicily.

3. The revenue side is not bright. There is a general feeling that all the big tax payers have gone, and the tax-collectors are apathetic.

4. With regard to Government finance, postal savings bonds will soon be on sale.

5. Banks are coming along well and bankers are cooperative.

6. Administrative Memorandum No. 95 was mentioned. The question was brought up as to whether Italian Army will pay certain agencies. A voucher system is being installed.

7. With reference to the accounting for supplies, the Finance Sub-Commission has consulted other Sub-Commissions interested. They are examining the desirability of setting up an Italian organization to work at the warehouses; the question is in regard to the Italians' capability. As for the policy to be followed in accounting for military supplies, the Finance Sub-Commission is trying to find out from AFHQ exactly what they need.

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2. Several deep sea ships have been put into operation. It is hoped to get another six into operation in the next few days.

General MacFarlane asked whether this would help to get troops out of Gardinia. Mr. Campbell replied that broadly speaking it would.

I. Electric Power Mission, Colonel J. P. Growdon.

1. The demand is increasing for electric power; and the supply is definitely limited.

2. Plans for supplying power to Rome are underway.

3. The theft of wire has been a serious obstacle by hampering the work.

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J. Vice President of Economic Section, Hon. Mr. Henry Grady, concluded the reports from his Section. Mr. Grady remarked that since the small schooner matter is really for Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, the Shipping Sub-Commission at present is without a field.

A study has been made of the general question of inflation and the factors bringing it about. Mr. Grady stated that he was not satisfied with the manner in which currency valuation was worked out, and he wishes to present the matter to Combined Chiefs of Staff. The whole matter requires careful study.

Regarding prices, wages and rates - these matters should not be dealt with by the Sub-Commissions as far as taking action, however they may make recommendations.

A report is being compiled on the working of the Section which will show what has taken place.

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2. The question has been considered of the desertion of 5 Italian sailors to the Yugoslav Navy.

D. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier G. C. Dickesne.

1. Ceiling for Italian Army is now set at 500,000 men. We are within 3,000 of the limit. Rations for Italian Armed Forces are handled at the moment by the Allied Forces issuing to them through books of the AGO. This Sub-Commission has not touched nor attempted to touch the rationing in Sicily or Sardinia.
2. Clothing and boots are beginning to come in.
3. At present the Army Sub-Commission is handling program for AGO.
4. There are three divisions on the Mainland, one of ~~156~~ 2 is a combat division.

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5. The problem of shipping troops from Gardinia has been taken up.
6. The civilians employed by the Army have their pay based on administrative instructions.

3. Air Forces Sub-Commission, Air Commodore E. M. Foster.

1. The Italians have shown very fine cooperation.
2. An average of 700 sorties per month have been flown. It is hoped to get this up to 1,000 when the weather improves.
3. The Coastal Wing has done much useful work, especially in rescue missions. Bomber Transport Wing has been used for dropping personnel and supplies in the Balkans. There are a few aircraft for evacuating wounded. Work on the whole is satisfactory.
4. This Sub-Commission must rely entirely on wreckage and salvage as sources for spare and repair parts.

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Concerned

Re: each of Memorandum, unnumbered, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, 29 January 1944, as reads:

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OFFICIAL

1. NIGHT STAFF DUTY OFFICER:

a. The Headquarters Night Staff Duty Officer will be 2nd Lt. PHILIP. S. R. L. and can be located in Room F, Provincia Building, Mezzanine Floor, telephone -- Vapor 8.
b. Night Staff Duty Clerk Pvt. Frank Paledino, will eat supper at 1630 hours and report to the Duty Officer at 1730 hours. (AG)

2. PAYMENT OF TROOPS:

All enlisted personnel (American) of Hq Co (Fwd Ech) 2675 Regt ACC will be paid at 1000 31 January 1944 at 61 Via Medina.
Enlisted Personnel (American) at Det S, 2675 Regt ACC will be paid at 1100 1 February 1944. (AG Pers)

3. OFFICERS PAY:

Capt JUNEWICE will pay Officers of this Headquarters between the hours of 1600 and 1800 31 January 1944 at 61 Via Medina. (AG)

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Censoring Officer will sign his name, grade, and branch of service in upper left-hand corner of the inside of the V-Mail form, in the space marked "Censor's Stamp". He will also sign the outside of the form, in the lower left-hand corner of the space provided for address.

V-Mail, after censoring, will be left open, to permit use of censor's stamp in both places where censoring officer has signed.

Mail, other than V-Mail, will be signed by censoring officer in lower left-hand corner of envelope, and sealed.

On numerous occasions in the past few days, mail of enlisted personnel has been deposited at the postoffice without having been properly censored. In the future, any such mail received will be returned to the censoring officer for correction and compliance with the censorship regulations.

In censoring air mail or ordinary mail, objectionable portions should be cut out with scissors or knife. V-Mail will NOT be cut. The objectionable

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portions of a V-Mail letter will be blocked out with ink. (AG)

7. CHANGES IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY:

The following changes are to be made

NAME	ROOM	FLOOR	TEL EXT
Colonel CLOUGH (AG)	(A)	Mezz	8
Message Center	(B)	Mezz	54(1 Ring)
Mr Picken, A. R. M.	(B)	Mezz	54(1 Ring)
Capt DIGIACONO	(A)	Mezz	54(2 Rings)
Col D. S. ADAMS	(A)	3rd	17
Economic Section	(B)	3rd	17
Maj G. W. SHARP	(B)	3rd	17
Maj J. D. THOMPSON	(B)	3rd	17
Capt A. J. MONTBLAND	(A)	3rd	17
Maj P. D. LANNING	(A)	3rd	17
Maj D.	(A)	3rd	17
Maj C. R. FENICK	(A)	3rd	17
Capt G. E. LULAS	(A)	3rd	17
Legal Sub-Commission	(A)	3rd	17
Fifth Army Economics & Supply	(A)	3rd	17
Public Health Sub-Commission	(A)	3rd	17
Admin. Sect. Liaison Officers	(A)	3rd	17
Internal Security	(A)	3rd	17
Office Section, Hq Comit Office	(A)	3rd	17
Any further changes will be notified immediately. A new edition of the Telephone Directory is being prepared for issue within the next few days.			

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Stanley, Norman	Agriculture Sub-Commission		
Tirone, Alfred	Political Section,	Econ. & adm.	Sect.
Villa, A. L.	Political Section,	Econ. & adm.	Sect.
Wesling, H. J.	Political Section,	Econ. & adm.	Sect.

5. All sections and sub-commissions will immediately report the full name of any civilians, American or British, that have been omitted from the above list. In the future, all sections and sub-commissions having civilian officials on duty will record their full name and position with the Adjutant General's Office. This will include American and British civilians who are either permanently or temporarily assigned or attached to this Headquarters. It is essential that these civilians be properly registered with the Adjutant General so that they may receive documents, etc., addressed to them care of this Headquarters.. Reports will be submitted to the Asst Adj Gen, Captain L. W. STELLIS.

by command of Lieut General McCALLIST

L. W. STEARNS
Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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1. LOST BARRACKS BAG:

A barracks bag belonging to Capt EMETT BENNETT, 0516797, and marked accordingly, has been lost. Anyone knowing its whereabouts please contact the office of the Asst Adj Gen, Captain L. W. STEARNS, Room D, Messanine Floor, Provincia Hall, Telephone 100-0, Ext. 9.

2. AMERICAN RED CROSS THEATRE (AUGUSTO):

Today Saturday 29 January 1944. Movie at 1100, 1530 and 1930. "Stormy Weather" with Lena Horne, Cab Calloway and Orchestra. Stage show at 1330.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

29 January 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : All Concerned.

1. The Chief Commissioner will hold Vice President's Conferences in his office as follows:

Mondays and Thursdays - 1100 hours - Naples
Tuesdays and Fridays - 1100 hours - Salerno

2. First meeting Monday, 31 January 1944.

To attend:

Lord Stansgate
Mr. Grady
Brig. Lush
Capt. Stone
Lt. Col. Monfort

By command of Lieut. General MACFARLANE:

L. W. Stearns
L. W. STEARNS
Capt, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

DISTRIBUTION:-

- 1 - Chief Commissioner
- 1 - Lord Stansgate
- 1 - Mr. Grady
- 1 - Capt. Stone (on arrival)
- 1 - Lt. Col. Monfort
- 1 - Brig. Lush
- 1 - Det S, Salerno
- 2 - Files

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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27 January 1944.

337.
SUBJECT: CONFERENCES.

1. The Chief Commissioner proposes to hold the following routine conferences:

a. Vice President's Conference

To attend: Lord Stanagate
Mr. Grady
Brig. Lush
Lt. Col. Monfort

Mondays and Thursdays - 1100 hours - Naples
Tuesdays and Fridays - 1100 hours - Salerno

Beginning Monday 31st January.

b. Press Conferences

Every Thursday at Naples at 1400 hours. The first conference may or may not take place on Thursday, 3rd February. The exact date of this week's conference depends on the release of news regarding the handover of territory.

2. Executive Officers to issue the orders.

Car
E. GUETERBACH
Brigadier

cc to Lord Stanagate
to Mr. Grady
to Brig. Lush
to Lt. Col. Monfort
to Executive Officers

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~~M.B.S. - G.H.H.B.~~

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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28 January 1944

SUBJECT: Conference

TO : HCAOs Region I, II, V, and VI.

1. Confirming cable of 28 January 1944, the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission will hold a conference with all HCAOs at 1100 hours 3 February 1944 at the Provincia Building in Naples. All HCAOs will attend. Second in command Region I will attend also.

2. The Commission plane will be sent to bring Region I and VI representatives. Details of time of arrivals and departures of the plane will be furnished by radio later.

By command of Lieut. General MACPARLANE:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT
Col, Inf
Executive Officer

Copy to - AFHQ, MEM

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

22 January 1944

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SUBJECT: Conference with Chief Commissioner, ACC.

TO : Commanding General, HQ, ACMEF.

1. The Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, will hold a conference of RCOs and SCOs at 1100 hours on Thursday, 3 February 1944 at the Provincia Building in Naples. It is desired that the SCOs of 5th and 8th Armies and the RCOs of Region III and Region IV attend.

2. In case any of the above are prevented from attendance by duties concerned with tactical operations, request that their second in command attend the conference.

By command of Lieut. General MACFARLANE:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT,
Col., Inf.,
Executive Officer.

Copies to: SCOA, 5th Army
SCOA, 8th Army
RCOA, Region III
RCOA, Region IV.

NOTES OF DISCUSSION - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SUPPLY ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 26/5/53.

Present: Col. J. P. Zeller.
Lt. Col. J. C. Hays (Chairman)
Capt. Tibbitts, Agriculture.
Lieut. Asquith, Calcutta.
Lieut. O'Leary, Calcutta.
Major Monk, Catania.
Lieut. Snyder, Rome.
Major Sutton, Messina.
In attendance: Colonel Emma A.C.O. Lieut. C. Leferre (Acting Sec.)

Major Boyd, Palermo
Capt. Alexander
Major Young, England
Lieut. Gray, Singapore
Capt. Kennedy, Trinidad
Capt. W.L. Batt (part time)
Major Clayton (part time)

ITEM ON
AGENDA.

GENERAL ORDER
No. 5 - AHEAD-
MENTS.

Col. Zeller made the opening remarks and dealt with this item. In his general remarks he emphasized the principle "let the people operate themselves" (under ARMY direction).

In the discussion which followed it was stated that the original order No. 5, was not posted at RADA & AGRICULTURE, and copies were not received at CATANIA. The Chairman pointed out that all copies of the order left HQ on 7.9.53.

The Chairman explained briefly the reorganization of Civilian Supplies Division which had just been made, adding that copies of the new scheme are being prepared. The four sub-divisions will be:-

- (1) Economic & Supply Division.
- (2) Communications Division.
- (3) Agriculture.
- (4) Labor.

Copies of the new scheme are attached to these notes.

The Chairman called attention to the proper manner of ALL PROVINCES addressing letters, this being to "C.S.O." or "W.L.A.O." HQ, ARMY Economic & Supply Division, etc., and not to individual officers.

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7. BLACK MARKET -
PLAYS TO
HOUSE IT.

Lt. Col. Snook attended at 11.00 hours to explain the plans to reduce the Black Market. He specially asked Supply Officers to give the police information on which to act, such as amounts of grain allowed to be held by different classes of people, etc. The Chairman stated that the date on C.O. No. 5 for declaration of stocks had not been fixed as 15.10.43. Col. Zellars thanked Lt. Col. Snook.

6. REQUIREMENTS ON
CDOs
STRUCTURE.

The Chairman referred to Supply information. We must all provinces, know in particular (a) what the provinces have got and (b) what the provinces want, otherwise nothing can be done to help them.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Major Nolen explained the new Rationing Scheme, Nov. 4, to February 4. It was necessary for HQ to know how many producers' and how many consumers' cards were required; a reasonably accurate estimate; more cards will be available on 15 Oct. S.O's should not over-indent.

Cards are to be distributed by Nov. 1. No special allowances for heavy workers, expectant mothers, and a flat rate of ration is issued for everyone.

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ACTION TO BE
TAKEN.ALL PROVINCES.
ESTIMATE OF FUEL
REQUIREMENTS
AND STOCKS.

Major Nolan dealt with Solid Fuel and Liquid Fuel requirements and control. Required from S.O.'s - an accurate estimate of requirements also stocks held, at different points.

NOTE: It is necessary to go to the Navy for permission to import, and the Director E.M.D. has to justify all fuel asked for.

ALL PROVINCES.
MONTHLY DEMANDS
FOR FUEL.

Required at once - Monthly needs of fuel showing break-down of the various uses. Future demands required by 20th of the month for the following month. S.O.'s should despatch these demands to HQ on the 15th.

Diesel Oil must be sold at official prices, including tax, to all purchasers including fishing boats and farmers.

Agrigento to look into fishing-boat prices for oil (540 lire per qli.). AGRIGENTO.

Agrigento brought up the question of current contracts for electricity. The Chairman pointed out that the Electric Company may have to increase their charges for electric current if the price of coal or oil makes this necessary.

The Chairman referred to the lack of uniformity in the terms used for Solid Fuel. The types are:

- (1) Steam Coal, (mineral coal, used also for anthracite).
- (2) Lignite (Calabria, Sardinia).
- (3) Vegetable Coal (Charcoal - household uses).

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SITUATION OF
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ALL PROVINCES.
SITUATION OF
FUEL DUMPS.

13.
GENERAL ORDER
NO. 4 -
UNION BETWEEN
PROVINCES.

Major Nolan dealt with General Order No. 4. There
was a slight mistake in Article 2 of the original,
and the NEW ORDER No. 4 is the same except for the
correction of this mistake. He explained that
every merchant must hand in a Price Schedule.
These need not be checked in detail, but they
should be retained by S.G.M. for checking prices
as and when required. The prices on the Schedule
to be mainly those in effect on 9th July.

The Chairman pointed out that published prices must
not exceed the maxima laid down by the S.G.M.

The Chairman asked Catania why meat prices had been
fixed there above the maxima. Catania said they
had not received Order No. 4. The Chairman em-
phasized that there must be no difference in prices
between two adjacent provinces, of more than, say,
10%. This is to stop goods going over the border
unreasonably. Any transfers between provinces
should be arranged by agreement of the SOAG's
concerned.

ALL PROVINCES.

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AGENTS.

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9.

PAYMENT FOR SUP-
PLIES - ALGAT
IMPORTS, CAPTURED
STOCKS.

Major Nolan explained briefly the method laid down by the Chief Accountant in respect of payments for IMPORTS, CAPTURED STOCKS, and the A/ Secretary gave a more detailed explanation. The chief points are:

- (1) Purchaser to deposit the payment in a local bank to the credit of "ALGAT, No. 1 Account, B. S. D."
- (2) Purchaser may then draw the supplies from the ALGAT Warehouse on production of the original of the Issue Voucher and the Bank Deposit Receipt.
- (3) Where the purchaser cannot in the first place be named, S.C.'s will prepare an Issue Voucher in respect of each sale and it will be the responsibility of SCAB's to see that payment is made by the purchaser promptly.
- (4) At the end of the month, SCAB's will submit in duplicate to B.S.D., (a) list of Sales (supported by 2 signed copies of the Issue Voucher) and (b) list of Stocks on hand.

(All the above do not apply to Region No. I).

The complete instructions issued by the Chief Accountant will shortly be available. Meanwhile Messina is requested to hasten the return of P18's for flour to HQ and Salt to Tripoli.

MESSINA

12.

EXPORTABLE
SURPLUSES.

Captain Batt dealt with Exportable Surpluses and explained the chief of the many difficulties which have been met.

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4.
SOAP - PRODUCTION,
DISTRIBUTION & PRICE.

There is a large potential production of soap on the Island, but certain requirements for production are in short supply, e.g., Caustic Soda. Current selling prices given by S.O.'s were:-

Enna	-	9 lire per kg.
Palermo	-	12 " " (fat content 40%)
Syracuse	-	14.50 " "
Trapani	-	20 " "

The Chairman proposed that the price should not exceed 15 lire with contents 40% fat; this was agreed.

The ration of soap at present is 2 oz. per person per month.

The following provinces reported that they are not self-sufficient for soap production: Caltanissetta, Enna, and Messina.

ATTACHMENT TO
NOTE
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ACTION TO
BE TAKEN.

Arrangements were made for other provinces to supply this.

ISLAND RESOURCES
BOARD.

At Catania many is wanted by the Army. This matter is to be referred to Island Resources Board.

6. REPORTS ON FOOD SITUATION.

The monthly reports on Food Situation are not being received. Required - they should be forwarded within one week after the end of the month.

SITUATION.

ALL PROVINCES.
MONTHLY REPORTS
ON FOOD

The Chairman explained, in connection with the question of Army demands on S.O.'s, that the Army is entitled to buy fresh fruit and vegetables, but not rationed foodstuffs. Hospitals may have eggs and meat. With reference to dried and tinned fish, the general principle is to keep them on the Island, and not export.

TRAPANI -
CANNED FISH TAKEN
BY SEVENTH ARMY.

Trapani reported that the Seventh Army had requisitioned canned fish there.

Required - Full details, including amount now remaining at Trapani, for submission to Island Resources Board.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Other Business -

Release of "Prison" Goods - Colonel S.O. said he had to go through the numerous applications he receives, and this is a big job.

ISLAND RESOURCES
BOARD.
PROTEIN GOODS WHICH
MAY BE RELEASED.

The Chairman agreed to obtain from I.R. Board, a list of goods which may be released. Stores of military value will not be released, O.E. Wood, steel, insulating wire, bolting, etc.

TRAPANI - DEWATER
BUS SERVICES.

Petrol & Transport companies were discussed, and the Chairman said that petrol can only be issued for buses which carry essential workers.

SPECIAL NOTE: Trapani bus services to be revised in the light of this principle, and if necessary, stopped.

BY SEVENTH ARMY.

Required - Fuel details, including amount now remaining at Trapani, for submission to Island Resources Board.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Other Business - Release of "Proton" goods - Palermo S.D. said he had to go through the numerous applications he received, and this is a big job.

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(At this point, the chair was taken by MAJOR ORRISON, who dealt with the remaining items).

1. PRICES OF WHEAT, Prices of Wheat, etc. - General Order No. 3 lays down maximum prices. No increase unless the order is amended. Subsidies may be increased to keep the price of bread and pasta down, but production costs submitted should be carefully scrutinised.

2. GRAIN SITUATION.

Grain Situation - The position as regards grain crop is not known. Island should be self-supporting on the basis of the present rationing. Hoarding must be stopped and S.D.'s must find out where the wheat is. Agreements brought up the question of the large number of gleaners.

ISLAND RESOURCES

WHEAT.
FOODSTUFFS WHICH
MAY BE RELEASED.

TRANSPORT - BY BUSES
BUS SERVICES.

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ACTION TO
BE TAKENALL PROVINCES
ATTENDED
WITHDRAWN MEMBERS
NATION CARDS

Action - Glencora ration cards should be withdrawn. Glencora reported about 10,000 Glencora, the surplus have been eaten into. The Chairman said those Glencora must be located as they must have grain. He suggested that the destruction by war has probably been exaggerated. On the question of imports, the problem is Transport. Colonel Collera said he could not take a province, but the CGP is trying to ensure a fair distribution of transport throughout the provinces.

The Chairman said that we should not ask for shipping so soon after the harvest. Let S.O.'s get together and recommend what can be done to settle the problem of fair distribution between provinces of what foodstuffs are available.

OLIVE OIL.

The Chairman reported that there are indications of a good crop of Olive Oil this year, but it is to be controlled. Ration - 4 litre per person per month. To be 4 grades only.

Prices of Olive Oil, to consumer, between:

Common Grade,	22 litre per litre, and
Top Grade	24 " " "

ALL PROVINCES.

Electricity will be authorized for Olive Oil production.

SEED GRAIN.
SEED POTATOES.

Seed Grain - Price to producer 550 lire per quintal. Selling price 555 lire ex farmer. To obtain these prices, the producers must have a certificate obtained during growing, that the grain in question was passed as suitable for seed. In respect of any purchases by farmers a similar amount of grain must be surrendered in place. The Chairman said he had asked for 10,000 tons of seed potatoes to be imported.

ALL PROVINCES.

15.
COMMODITIES

Commodities to be assessed 1943 - 44. The Chairman said the aim is to release most commodities from

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to be controlled. Nation - 1 litre per person per month. To be 4 grades only.

Prices of Olive Oil, to consumer, between:

Common Grade, 22 litre per litre, and
Top Grade 24 "

Electricity will be authorized for Olive Oil production.

3. SEED GRAIN. SEED POTATOES. ALL PROVINCES.

Seed Grain - Price to producer 550 lire per quintal. Seeding price 595 lire ex arresi. To obtain these prices, the producers must have a certificate contained during sowing, that the grain in question was passed as suitable for seed. In respect of any purchases by farmers a similar amount of grain must be surrendered in place. The Chairman said he had asked for 10,000 tons of seed potatoes to be imported.

15. COMMODITIES TO BE ASSESSED 1943 - 44.

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16. FERTILIZERS.

Fertilizers. There is a small stock of phosphates only, which have been allocated. Present prospects for further supplies for this season are nil; but prospects are hopeful for the Spring.

17. AGRICULTURAL CONTROL - RE-ORGANIZATION OF SYSTEM.

Agricultural Control - The Chairman read his proposals dated 19/9/43 and gave the broad outline of the new scheme.

18. INTER-PROVINCIAL MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.

Inter-Provincial movement of agricultural products. The Chairman explained that he would like free movement from surplus areas to shortage areas, and appealed to S.O.'s to facilitate this by agreement between themselves.

21/10/43.

Mr. G. A. S. C.
Chairman.

