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Typhus Situation in Naples

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Marked Improvement in Naples Typhus Situation Reported

NAPLES, March 3: A sharp drop in the number of new cases of typhus in Naples and vicinity was reported Friday at the monthly conference of regional, administrative and executive authorities of the Allied Control Commission.

The Commission's sub-section on Public Health said that during the last seven days of February only 24 new cases of typhus were reported within the city and thirty two outside. On March 1 only one new case was reported within the city and none outside city limits.

At one time the number of cases ran as high as 1400 to 1800.

A glimpse of the heroic and successful fight made against the disease was afforded in the statistics that more than 70,000 civilians exposed to contagion were inoculated with the anti-typhus serum and many times that number accepted the precautionary treatment of being dusted with the anti-infestation powder at the more than 25 dusting stations operated throughout area.

Italian medical, nursing and sanitation personnel was used extensively in the fight and drew warm praise from Allied authorities in the report.

The monthly conference happened to be held exactly six months after Allied liberation of the mainland of Italy began. Progress in the general economic recovery of the liberated area was reported. The meeting was addressed during the morning by General Alexander. The day-long session was presided over by Lieut. General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, Deputy President. (PWB)

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## New Typhus Cases Drop

NAPLES, March 6 — A drop in the number of new cases of typhus in the Naples area was reported at the monthly conference of the regional and executive authorities of the Allied Control Commission, it was announced today.

The ACC's sub-section on public health said that during the last seven days of February only 24 new cases of typhus were reported within the city and 62 outside. This compared with the height of the typhus outbreak when the number of cases ran as high as 1,400 to 1,800.

The disease was brought under control, the report revealed, after more than 70,000 civilians exposed to contagion were inoculated with the anti-typhus serum and many times that number were dusted with the anti-infection powder at more than two dozen dusting stations in the area.

Allied authorities praised the work of Italian medical, nursing and sanitation personnel who aided in the campaign.

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BU 31 1/18 1120 ITALIAN PATRIOT SNAPSHOT 57

WASHINGTON, JAPARY 17 (O.I) --- The Swiss Telegraphic Agency Monday said Italian patriots had wrecked an important electric cable near Vercelli, in Piedmont. It also said the German-controlled Fascist paper NOTIZIE DI LIGURIA, had demanded the dismissal of the rectors of the universities of Bologna, Genoa, Milan, Rome, Padua, Pavia, and Pisa, because of their anti-Fascist sympathies.

The agency said the Fascist press called for drastic measures to end the "wave" of executions of Fascists by patriots.

The German-controlled Rome radio said Sunday that Fascist police had raided public places in Alessandria, in Lombardy, and had seized young men and women liable to forced military or labor service.

The Milan Catholic newspaper IL Lavoro reported seven anti-Fascist hostages had been executed at Savona, among them a leader of the Catholic Popular Party before the advent of the Mussolini regime and a secret organizer of the anti-Fascist Christian Democratic Party.

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Yaws Commission headed by Brig Gen & Colonel Bishop as Deputy & about 14 other doctors  
 Rockefeller Foundation headed by Dr Soper & about 14 other members though none of them Doctors of Medicine.  
 They have done all the experimental work on this powder ("DDT")  
 Brig Gen and his team were asked by ADH2 to come on to take charge of the Yaws Epidemic when it was in class collaboration with 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group through Region III the chief medical officer being Colonel Chisholm. The PH subcommission was not to operate in Region III area.  
 A Yaws Board was set up containing various members of Yaws Commission, Region III, and Brigadier Galaway H2 advanced was chairman (was appointed in October 1942 as Region III was under command of 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group) & Rumpf outside Public Health Dept. from this Board till Jan 24<sup>th</sup> as Region III was under command of 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group. Personnel were however left to the Commission. Personnel were however left to the Commission as they were short of personnel.  
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 The Campaign was conducted on the following lines and in Brig Gen's control and took under Col Bishop.  
 Personnel was obtained from British & American Hospitals & from other sources which included 36 W.H.Q. officers, 7 American doctors, 3 British doctors & in addition 15-16 local doctors were engaged. To this must be added 500 civilian employees. The following structure of work was arranged.

Meas during under Dr Soper & his team from PH  
 Core funding Major Cheay (PH subcommission)  
 Contact dressing  
 Supplies  
 Immunization Major Rogers (PH subcommission) 2102  
 Refugee group  
 Polyclinic squads

In all 37 dressing stations have been established and 1½ million people have been treated. The direction of all the work has been under Col Bishop. To day Lt Col Villiers (PH subcommission) has been made Director of Study PTO

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Col Bishop is preparing to take over on the Cypress Command  
post. This is the first time the P.H. Superintendent has been  
sent to take over any active post in the ~~control~~ of this epidemic.

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