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FARM CONVENTION ALAS ALLIES AND ITALIAN ARMY TO RELEASE HARVEST HANDS

BARI, May 17 - The farmers convention meeting here under auspices of the Liberal party today requested Allied authorities to permit release of needed harvest hands from other work, including Allied agencies, war refugee centers, and from the Italian Army, to insure prompt and total gathering of the 1944 wheat and barley crops. They also asked that a fair wage be fixed for all workers engaged in the harvest.

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FARM CONVENTION VOTES SUPPORT OF GRANARIES OF THE PEOPLE

BARI, May 17 - Farmers from all parts of Apulia and Lucania, in convention here since Tuesday, voted to support the Government's wheat and barley harvesting program for 1944 "in view of the exception-al conditions brought about by the war and the urgent necessity of solv-

ing the grave food problems of the country."

While approving the new Granaries of the People for the current harvest, the convention called for the ultimate return to an economy whereby they will be able to sell their produce on the open market. They also asked that this year compulsory delivery of farm products be restricted to wheat and barley, and urged that "the Granaries of the People be under the control of local committees of farmers."

The convention, called under the auspices of the Apulian Section of the Liberal Party, was addressed by Under Secretary of Agriculture Gino Bergami, and received a message of congratulations from Marshal Badoglio. The Marshal said, in part, "I am sure the Government can count upon your unconditional co-operation for the success of the Granaries of the People as an indispensible step in the reconstruction of the nation."

The keynote address was given by President Giuseppe Laterza of the Apulian Section of the Liberal Party. He emphasized the primary role of formers in rescuing Italy from the ruin brought on by twenty years of insane politics, disgraceful public administration, and a war which

the people never desired."

Under Secretary Bergami examinee the economic situation of the country at some length, and stressed the fact that prices of products, as well as wages and salaries, muct be kept from getting out of line.

Otherwise, he said, disastrous inflation will result.

"Food rationing, as well as the fixing of prices for the indispensable items of life, are dictated by the hard law of war," said the speaker, "and have the sole aim of defending all citizens The principal agricultural products, which are essential to the food rationing program, must be placed at the disposition of the entire Italian people without passing through the hands of many intermediaries. As a practical necessity, there must be uniformity in price for products required by the nation as whole.

"It is in the supreme interest of agriculture itself to contribute to the efforts of the democratic government to solve the situation. But in recompense for so doing, every aid will be given to the farmer, including extra rations for harvest hands, and a search will be made among refugees to secure necessary additional harvest workers. If it becomes necessary, it is possible to count upon the use of units of the Army. In addition, there is a plan being worked out in collaboration with the Allied Control Commission concerning imports,

as well as for the increase of local production of fertilizers. "In no case do we want to delude ourselves that, with the war in progress, we will be able rapidly and completely to satisfy all needs, but we are sure that necessary farm supplies, including insecticides, will continue to increase for distribution among growers at fair The same growers will have contol of the operation of the system through local committees of agriculture. The road will be hard and difficult but with the Allies and our brothers we all have the duty of contributing to the war effort, which is the chief aim of the Government of national leberation in working out the national rebirth of the country.

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FARMERS DEMAND CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE'S GRANARIES

BARI, June 7 - Drastic proposals for reform of the agrarian program were set forth yesterday at the first session of the interregional congress of farm workers and small-farmowners of Apulia and Basilicata, held in Bari.

To a large group which almost filled the Depolavoro Ferroviario Theater, congress leaders presented a so-called Order of the Day, in which they demanded that the Communal and Provincial Agricultural Committees should become the true administrators and operators of the granaries of the people.

The reform proposals urge that full authority for the collection, preservation, and distribution of all granary produce be put in the hands of the communal committees; that mills be requisitioned and placed under communal control; and that the committees be given wide powers to apply strict sanctions against non-cooperative landowners, and against anyone who in any way attempts to obstruct delivery or distribution of produce.

To put teeth into committee control, congress leaders urged that the death penalty be provided by law for persons involved in serious efforts to sabotage the agrarian program. They urge, also, a law providing penalties of confiscation of lands and crops.

The congress was opened by Secretary Raffaele Pastore, of the National Federation of Agricultural Workers. Pastore pointed to the liberation of Rome, with its swollen population, and to the subsequent greater necessity to supply the growing territory of liberated Italy with its daily bread.

Pastore declared that communal control of the granaries is the one solution for the black market, the one way to increase the nation's bread ration.

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FARMERS MASS MEET GS HELD TO BOOST FOOD PROT STICN

MATERA, June 1 - In conjunction with the present granary drive, Italian and Allied authorities are holding a series of mass meetings for farmers in Matera Province.

At the meetings, the farmers hear how, by marketing their grain through the Granai del Popolo, they will help destroy the Black Market and provide the Italian people with sufficient food next year, at fair prices.

Officials say that if the drive is a success in Metera, that province alone can supply wheat enough to feed everyone in the province and one million persons in Naples for the coming year.

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LIBERATED ITALY GRAIN CROP PROSPECTS PEST IN YEARS

NAPLES, June 1 - The grain crop in Italy will be "a monumental one," Allied Control Commission officials said today, "unless blight interferes."

No accurate estimate of the yield has been completed, but officials were optimistic over the prospects. Everywhere in the provinces, efforts are going forward toward complete arrangements for the storing of this crop through the Granui del Popolo plan. (PWB 8)

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