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ITALIAN PRESS PRAISES ALLIED FOOD CONTROL

ROME, July 1 - In welcoming the large increase in the quantity of fruit and vegetables arriving at Rome's central markets, the newspaper RICOSTRUZIONE commented "The figures show that the Allied organization is really and truly working."

"It is to be hoped that following this large increase in the supply of fruit and vegetables, prices will drop, to the benefit of the poorer people."

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BASIC NEWS
UNITED NATIONS NEWS SERVICE
18 July 1944

25,000 TONS OF ITALIAN WINE IN JEOPARDY

ROME, July 17, - Lack of transport and inadequate storage facilities may shortly cause the loss of 25,000 tons of wine in southern Italy. Allied Control Commission officials said here today.

The wine is from last year's crop. It is going begging in producing areas, and will shortly have to be poured out so that vats may be cleaned and made ready for this year's wine. Much of the current surplus may turn to vinegar unless it is quickly disposed of, the officials said.

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LIBERATED ITALY

10,000 TONS OF FOOD BROUGHT INTO ROME IN LATTER PART JUNE

ROME, July 4, - Ten thousand tons of food, valued at nearly 40 million lire, were brought into Rome by the Allies during the latter part of June, it was announced today.

Four thousand trucks were necessary to haul the food, and cargoes on two peak days reached 1,035 and 1,015 tons. (PWB)

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Press Release : Immediate

Announcement has been made by ACC that effective the first of July, an increase in the basic bread ration from 200 to 300 grams has been authorized for Sicily, Sardinia and the Mainland of Italy south of the northern boundaries of Campobasso and Naples Provinces.

This increase, will be in the form of a pasta ration of 500 grams per week which will be made and issued under Regional and provincial arrangements.

Unfavorable weather has retarded harvesting and threshing. Due to this and the limitations of transport, while in no way altering the effective date of the new ration scale, delay in placing the pasta in the hands of the public in certain areas will be inevitable.

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12. Prices of Certain Food Stuffs

(We have been securing weekly price quotations from each of the four provincial capitals in the King's Italy on the most important commodities making up the diet of Italians. We now have sufficient information to be able to draw some conclusions as to the trend of prices in the King's Italy).

From the first week in December to the third week in January, the following were the major price developments in the King's four provinces of Puglia.

(a) The black market appears to be the main market. For the bulk of the commodities reported on, there are no supplies at all available on the legal market. Puglia is an area of surplus olive oil production, yet no olive oil is available on the legal market. Fruit is the only commodity of which there is a sufficient supply on the legal market.

(b) Prices of the most important commodities have almost doubled in six weeks on the black market. (From the first week in December to the third week in January, bread prices increased from 25 lire per kilo to 40-50 lire per kilo; pasta prices from 25-30 lire per kilo to 45-55 lire; olive oil from 25-30 lire per litre to 50 lire per litre; potatoes from 10 lire per kilo to 20-25 lire per kilo.) The prices of meat, cheese, green vegetables have increased around 50%. The prices of fruit have shown little change.

Operations report of the
Finance Sub-Commission,
Brindisi. Period 1-31
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EXTRACT FROM UNITA 6 JUL 44.

Severe penalty for withholding grain

Bari 5. - The first Italian Farmer accused of having violated the Laws of the Granai del Popolo has been condemned to 6 months prison and fined 3000 Lire, as announced to-day by the A.C.C. He was the 58 years old Cosimo Lanza, of Matera who had retained 52 sacks of wheat from the Public Granaries.

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In addition to the horrors already experienced by Italian subjects under Allied rule, there is the case of the carpenter, Alfonso Fulato, a resident of Salerno. Having arrived in Turin after having crossed the front line of Cassino, where fierce fighting was ensuing, he made a declaration to the newspaper "GAZZETTA DEL POPOLO", revealing interesting particulars on the situation in Salerno. "During the bombing of Salerno on June 12th in which hundreds upon hundreds of civilians were killed, I lost my father and two sisters, killed by bombs, while my mother died from fright. Seventeen other bombings demolished the little city to the ground. In the last attack alone, three hundred were killed. When the Allies landed we expected food and supplies according to their propaganda. This expectancy or illusion did not last very long. The first day we had distributed seventy-five grams of bread per head, then for twelve long days we had nothing. Those who protested were shot and many were victims. I left Salerno with my wife and two children for Naples in search of work, but the situation in Naples was not much different from that in Salerno. In Naples I had to assist in the horrible deportation of Italian children to Russia.

One day the population was told by the English Command that every family had to relinquish every child from four to sixteen years of age. The population sought to resist this action but the English with the collaboration of the Badoglio police invaded the homes and grabbed the children from their mothers' arms, if the mothers resisted they were killed. Many parents preferred to kill themselves and their children rather than giving them up to these barbarians.

The children were marched to the docks and as they embarked the ships they were waving the Russian flag. The English were asked the reason for this deportation and they said: "It is a question of humanity. They shall be sent to a place where there is plenty to eat." Badoglio did not try to remedy this evil. He is hated so by the population that when he leaves the Royal Palace, he must have an escort of at least ten policemen. Of the 150 families who fled toward Cassino, 80 persons survived in crossing the German lines, where liberty was awaiting them. The Germans greeted them with open arms and assisted in the transportation to Rome. This man is now living in Turin and will stay there until he is chased away by the "liberators".

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Allies to Increase Italian Bread Ration

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS, February 4---The following official statement has been issued here:

Some indication of the assistance which the United Nations are now giving to the civilian population of liberated Italy may be deduced from the fact that during the month of January upwards of 70,000 tons of flour, sugar, milk, medical supplies and other foodstuffs arrived in Italian ports for allocation to civilian needs.

The process of supply and distribution, which up to the present has had to contend with acute difficulties of transport, is being accelerated and systematized under the direction of the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission working in the closest collaboration with the Administrative Services.

The stocks which have been built up in the various districts of Italy are now sufficient to permit the increase of the bread ration to 200 grammes (7oz) per head. This increase will take effect from February 7th and will be effective in all territory in the rear of the combat area.

It is hoped that if the normal import quota is fulfilled, a 'pasta' ration will shortly be introduced. In addition, arrangements are now being made to provide a mid-day meal for heavy workers employed in essential war work.

While this does not mean abundance for Italians - and there can be no abundance until after the war - it does represent a sacrifice on the part of the United Nations, whose populations are strictly rationed. The pledge to relieve existing famine conditions in the countries of Europe means, moreover, that the allotment of foodstuffs to any one country must be limited by the needs of all. Yet, side by side with large scale military operations, the replenishment of civilian supplies goes steadily forward, and it can be said with confidence that the threat of famine or extreme privation, resulting from German depredations, is daily becoming less acute. (PWB).

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La razione del pane aumentata a 200 grammi

Un indice della assistenza che le Nazioni Unite stanno ora dando alla popolazione civile dell'Italia liberata, è fornito dal fatto che durante il mese di gennaio più di 70 mila tonnellate di farina, zucchero, latte, medicinali e altri generi alimentari sono stati trasportati in Italia per sopprimere ai bisogni della popolazione civile. Il sistema di rifornimenti e di distribuzione, che prima d'ora doveva lottare con acute difficoltà di trasporti, viene ora accelerato e razionalizzato sotto la direzione della sezione economica della Commissione di Controllo Alleato, la quale lavora nella più stretta collaborazione con i servizi amministrativi; e le scorte che sono state accumulate nelle varie provincie d'Italia sono ora sufficienti a permettere l'aumento della razione del pane a 200 grammi a persona.

Questo aumento entrerà in vigore dal 7 febbraio in tutti i territori che si trovano al di qua della zona di combattimento. Si spera che se la quota normale d'importazione verrà completamente raggiunta, sarà possibile distribuire tra breve anche una razione di pasta. Inoltre si sta organizzando per provvedere al pasto di mezzogiorno per i lavoratori impiegati in lavori pesanti essenziali alla guerra.

Mentre ciò non significa

abbondanza, per gli italiani

questo è un passo verso la

libertà e la pace.

Il governo italiano ha

accettato questa offerta

con gratitudine e ha

promesso di fare tutto

il possibile per

realizzare questa

promessa.

La Commissione di

Controllo Alleato

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CONDITIONS IN SICILY

LONDON: Political and economic chaos prevails in Sicily since I wet took over the power, declares a British soldier who had the occasion to study conditions in Sicily closely since he landed in Sicily in July, last year. The soldier stresses that most people in Sicily are rightfully undernourished. The people no longer are asking, "when will food shipments from Allied countries arrive in Sicily? They have realised that it is useless to ask such questions they therefore staged hunger demonstrations in various towns, particularly in Messina. Italian women offered themselves to killed soldiers for a tin of corned beef.

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Naples Businessman Named Head of Provincial Food Rationing

NAPLES, February 12---Dr. Mario Bagnasco, well-known businessman of Naples, was today (Saturday) appointed director of the section of the Central Control Office which handles all food rationing for the Province of Naples.

He succeeds Alfonso Menna, who has been transferred to other duties.

The appointment was announced by Enrico Cavaliere, Prefect of Naples Province. It was made upon the recommendation of the recently-appointed head of the Central Control Office, Mario Pascal.

The Central Control Office was established by the Prefect with the approval of the Allied Military Government to supervise and coordinate the operation of various Italian agencies concerned with the distribution and rationing of food locally.

Dr. Bagnasco's food rationing section is known as SEPRAL, which stands for Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione.

The new appointee was born in Genoa in 1882 and he has been manager of the Società Anonima Silos Napoletani since 1915. Signor Cavaliere also announced establishment of the Central Fishing Agency, a public commission which will control the sale and distribution of fish throughout Naples Province. The personnel of this commission will be announced shortly. Its operations will be supervised by Signor Pascal's Central Control Office. (FWB).

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Italian Prefects Told How to Tackle Food and Refugee Problems

SEAT OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, February 2: Prime Minister Badoglio, in a letter addressed to heads of provinces throughout Liberated Italy, has directed them to set up machinery for the more effective and expeditious solution of the problem of food supply.

Prefects were likewise charged with establishing provincial and local committees of citizens to provide housing, clothing and other emergency relief for refugees pouring in from the Nazi-devastated areas of Italy.

"The basic problem is the improvement of the food supply services," declared the Prime Minister, adding specific instructions as to how provinces and communes are to tackle the matter.

"The Allies, Marshal Badoglio added, "have contributed, and continue to contribute to this solution with important consignments of wheat, flour, sugar and clothing. Their support continues to be essential.

"But we can not, obviously, ask for more aid from the Allies without showing that all the resources of the Italian soil are being properly exploited and equitably distributed."

The head of the government explained that the food supply and distribution system now being installed is much less complicated than under the Fascist regime.

"All agencies dealing with the control of production and live stock as well as those dealing with prices will be centralized in one Provincial Control Office," wrote the Prime Minister.

Under the same plan a province-wide administration of food supply and control will be carried out in all communes under the direction of a Special Prefectural Commissioner.

"This administration within each province will decide on local requirements and place the balance at the disposal of the Provincial Control Office for distribution within the same province or in the neighboring ones," he continued.

Stocks and reserves of food and other supplies are necessary, the Prime Minister went on to say, "so that help may be given to all the districts of Italy. The Government is satisfied that no Liberated Italian fails to think of the sufferings of other Italians or fails to want to come to their assistance."

Present difficulties arise not only out of depleted stocks but also out of the lack of transport, the Prefects were reminded.

"In this direction," said Marshal Badoglio, "the Allied Governments have promised adequate help...."

"Important steps are about to be taken for the reorganization of our industries, especially to insure an adequate supply -- within limits imposed by present conditions -- of chemical fertilizers, soap, foot-wear and clothing for farm workers."

Referring to the duties of the administration in general now devolving upon prefectural governments as a result of transfer of territory from the Allied army, Marshal Badoglio commended the work of the Allied Military Government agencies to date.

"In the administrative and social fields," he continued, "the Allied Military Government has made daring experiments.

"All ordinances and bans of the Allied Military Government must be carefully studied in the light of our experience, of our own traditions and of our administrative and constitutional laws....

"The Government now must continue, complete and perfect the Allied Military Government administration. But the experience gained by the Allies in this field is considerable.

"It is therefore fitting that any change in policy and in personnel of the public administration be made in agreement with the local Allied Military Government organizations and with the Allied Control Commission. In due course and after exhaustive examination we shall publish definite directives on these matters.

"All difficulties apart, the Allies have undoubtedly done their task in a spirit of unselfishness and I wish you to give them our heartfelt thanks for their constructive work in the villages and towns devastated by war...."

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Italy To Tackle Food Situation

ROME, Feb. 23 — Premier Pietro Badoglio today directed the heads of all provinces in liberated Italy to set up machinery for the more effective solution of the food problem. He asked them also to appoint citizens committees to provide housing, clothing and other emergency relief for refugees pouring in from northern Italy.

The basic problem is the distribution of food, Badoglio declared, adding that the Allies are contributing important stocks of wheat, flour, sugar and clothing.

"Stars & Stripes"
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Allied Soldiers Do Not Eat Italian People's Food Supply

X BARI, February 29 - A check of food control operation in this area of Liberated Italy shows that Allied soldiers and Allied civilians associated with the armies are scrupulously avoiding eating into the food supplies of the Italian populace.

For a number of weeks regulations have been in effect by Allied authorities prohibiting Allied forces from encroaching on the local food supply.

All Italian restaurants and eating houses have been placed "Off Limits" to officers and men of the Allied forces, excepting clubs and restaurants organized and controlled by the Allied forces themselves. Even the latter may purchase only such food products as have been declared surplus by local resources boards.

The same regulations are effective in Naples and throughout Campania, the area of Liberated Italy outside of the direct administration of the Italian Government. (UNR)

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Italian Government Lists Food Shipments Made Into Naples

SEAT OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, March 1 - From November of last year until the end of February the Commissioner General of Food Control, General Camera, has assigned to Naples a total of 41,497 quintals of edible olive oil and has authorized transport for a "notable amount" of wine, dried figs and almonds, it was announced officially here today (Wednesday).

In a review of General Camera's administration it was also stated that on his own initiative he had, in agreement with competent authorities, held a series of meetings to improve the food supply situation for the people of Campania, with a resulting large increase in the flow of dairy products into the metropolis as well as an appreciable amount of pork.

The statement was made by the Press Office of the Ministry of the Interior. (UHN)

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Allied Military Command Sends 10,000 Items Of Clothing to Salerno.

NAPLES, March 4- More than 10,000 pieces of clothing have recently been sent to the nearby city and province of Salerno by the Allied Military Command, it was reported by the combined daily newspaper of this city, IL RISORGIMENTO. 133

Distribution was made through the Salerno Provincial Public Welfare Department in the presence of public official, including Silvio Berriatta, head of the welfare organization. (PWB). 2

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Sicily A.M.G. a Success

DR. HENRY GRADY, Vice-President and Economic Chief of the Allied Control Commission, has left Italy for the U.S. to report to President Roosevelt on the progress of the A.M.G. experiment in Sicily.

On his report and his consultations with the War and State chiefs will depend the United Nations blue-print for the reconstruction of liberated Europe, writes a "Union Jack" reporter.

Dr. Grady, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, has taken the statistics of progress made in Sicily since the first A.M.G. took over, seven months ago. They show that this rebuilding experiment is proving a success.

Before he left, Dr. Grady said: "General recovery seems to be making progress in Sicily. The black market is gradually being whinned out there."

Public markets which he inspected were well supplied with meat, eggs and chickens at prices much lower than the black market was once able to command.

Local industry had been considerably restored, port facilities were functioning and financial institutions operating in a helpful degree.

"Union Jack"
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x Bread	300. g.	100 gm	358	150	550
Raisin					
dry pasta					
fish	Salted cod	100 g.	107		
fruit	orange	100 g.	30		
dried fruit	figs	100 g.	246		
nuts	almond	100 g.	657		
Sugar					
honey					
Vegetable	canola	100 g.	23		
Pot	olive oil	100 g.	921		
oil					
Wine				2812	
x Milk		1 pint	67		
Cheese	skinner	100	443		2400

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Modest 75-150 per hr

Hard 150-300 per hr

Very hard 300 per hr
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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE DIVISION
AAPO 394, U.S. ARMY.

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SUBJECT: RATION FOR THE PEOPLE

TO : Director, ECONOMICS & SUPPLIES DIVISION AND Region III.

1 The published ration for March is as follows:

Bread	200 grams per diem
Sugar	3.3 " "
Oil	200 " " "
Peas	100 " " "
Minestra	250 " " "

2 The caloric value of this ration amounts to 590 Calories per day or say 600. The minimum daily requirements of the average man are as follows:

8 hours asleep	a 71	-	568	Calories.
8 hours awake	a 92	-	736	"
8 hours at work	a 71	-		
plus 1000 Calories	-		1563	"

Total	2872	Calories.
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The ration issue therefore merely provides the average civilian with less than a quarter of his minimal needs, and he will have to purchase in the open market food to the equivalent caloric value of some 2272 Calories.

3 The prices prevailing in the open (7 Black) Market to-day make it impossible for an increasingly large section of the population to purchase more than a fraction of the required balance. The inevitable result is a slow but sure process of malnutrition which will eventually manifest itself in the form of lowered resistance to disease and diminished output of work and energy. This is a matter of simple mathematics and not one of scientific conjecture.

4 If the health of the population is to be safeguarded two things must be done and in my opinion must be done at once, namely, the ration scale must be increased and concurrently action must be taken to reduce food prices in the open market so as to bring commodities within the reach of the general public.

5 This Office is not competent to express an opinion on the latter recommendation but on the former it is urged that the present ration scale be increased by 3 kilos of meat, a further 300 grams of Olive Oil and one kilo

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5 This Office is not competent to express an opinion on the latter recommendation but on the former it is urged that the present ration scale be increased by 3 kilos of paste, a further 800 grms. of Olive Oil and one kilo of marmalade per person per month. This improved scale would give each individual 1295 Calories per day or a little less than half of his basic requirements. With any even this amount will be far beyond the capacity of their income.

6 It is requested that the strongest representations be made on these lines by H.Q. A.C.C. as soon as possible distress is acute.

/s/ W.H. Crichton
/c/ W.H. CRICHTON

Colonel
Regional Public Health Officer

Copy for information to:
Regional Commissioner
Brig. Parkinson
Director P.H.
P.H. Sub Commission

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SUGAR ADDED TO NAPLES FOOD RATION FOR FIRST TIME SINCE LIBERATION

NAPLES, March 30 - For the first time since the Allies liberated this city and adjoining territory, the April food ration will include sugar as well as tinned meats and vegetables. A total of 250 grams of sugar per person in a single issue during the month has been arranged, the Allied Control Commission announced today. The canned meat and vegetables will consist of 400 grams in two issues during the month.

The rations announced for April will be distributed to holders of ration cards in the Province of Naples, Avellino and Benevento, which comprise Region III of ACC territory.

The rations are: bread, 200 grams a day (or 160 grams of flour); sugar, 250 grams in a single issue; olive oil, two-tenths litre in a single issue; dried peas or beans, 400 grams in two issues; soup, 250 grams in a single issue; tinned meat and vegetables, 400 grams in two issues; soap, 100 grams in a single issue. (UNN)

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