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Allies Aid Italians in Large-Scale Refugee Relief Work

NAPLES, March 4- The armed forces as well as Allied Control Commission staffs are aiding in the transport, feeding and housing of many thousands of refugees fleeing from Nazi terrorism into Liberated Italy, it was seen here Friday at the monthly conference of regional, administrative and executive heads of the Commission.

On the Adriatic side of the peninsula some 50,000 refugees have been aided in their movement from the war zones while on the west coast there were 16,000 refugees during February alone, with a steady flow continuing daily.

The American Red Cross, the Italian Red Cross and citizens committees throughout Liberated Italy are cooperating with military and Allied Control Commission authorities in the handling of this problem. (PWB).

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ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND PRISONERS MUST BE RETURNED TO JOBS

SALERNO, June 1 - Soldiers of the Italian Army of Liberation and Italian prisoners of war, who are fighting a common enemy, must be assured of the right to come back their pre-war jobs and positions when the war is over, Adolfo Omodeo, Minister of Public Instruction, said here today in an address before the first meeting of school superintendents of Liberated Italy since the new government took office.

"Nothing must be done that would injure their rights and hopes," said Omodeo. "On the day they return to civilian life, they must find only the heartiest reception and co-operation." (PWB 8)

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ALLIES CARE FOR OVER 4,500 ITALIAN REFUGEES

NAPLES, June 3 - The Allied Control Commission has cared for more than 4,500 Italian war refugees in the last four months, it was announced yesterday.

Despite the difficulties of transporting, feeding, and housing so many people torn from their homes by war, not a single family has been broken, an ACC spokesman said.

Four main camps are operated by the ACC at Aversa, Naples, Capua, and Foggia. Nine mobile camps are maintained to give first aid and provide food and transportation near the front lines.

Arrangements are made for all refugees to return to their homes when the military situation will permit. Some of the men have enlisted in the Italian Army. Other refugees have been settled in new homes on the mainland or Sicily. Orphans and aged people without families are cared for in the main camps until suitable homes or institutional care can be found for them.

More than 5,000 medical cases have been handled; 25 babies born; 14 marriage ceremonies performed; 47 christenings held; and 11 funeral services have been conducted. Italian, British and American Red Cross personnel has been active in the work of caring for the refugees. The American Red Cross alone has distributed 90,000 garments.

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