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CONSOLIDATED MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL - ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

1 INTERNAL:

- a Italian Decrees reconstituting Local Government: has now been published. Its effect is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in April 1945 before the restoration. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying when practicable the provisions of the decrees to occupied territory.

2 LEGAL:

- a Advice and Drafting: The work of consolidating the 15 old proclamations into four (with new Italian translations of each) was completed.

The following matters were dealt with on behalf of various Sub-Commissions: restriction of movement of civilians; use of military vehicles by Italian Government and other non-military agencies; registration of aliens; threatened strikes in Public Utilities Services; arrest of civilians by Allied personnel in restored areas; rent increases in occupied territory.

b Legislative:

- i The following matters were discussed with the Italian Government; marriage of members of the Allied Forces on Italian territory; defascistization and purgation of the Italian Civil Service and employees of semi-official bodies; jurisdiction of AM Courts in unoccupied territory; offenses against Allied interests with particular reference to the disposition of stolen and damaged property and of the rights of Allied third parties.

- ii The preparation of draft legislation for the Allied Publications Board, Labor and Agriculture Sub-Commissions.

- iii The mechanism for the implementation of Italian Decrees in AM territory has been in operation since the beginning of the month and is working satisfactorily.

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The figures for April in respect of Neapolitan cases are as follows:

7 death sentences confirmed; 7 death sentences were commuted to terms of imprisonment; 6 cases were submitted for confirmation; 2 sentences each of 20 years imprisonment were affirmed on review; 2 accused were acquitted.

Proceedings were commenced during April against a Director and two Managers of the Manifatture Cottoniere Meridionali on charges relating to black market offences. The trial attracted much attention and publicity as the three accused were formerly influential Fascists. All three accused were convicted and each sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

The first trial by an Allied Military Court in Occupied Territory took place during the month at Salerno. The two accused were charged in respect of a series of thefts from a British Army Post Office. They were both convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

d Police:

1 Police: Law and order has been well maintained. Despite adverse conditions the morale and discipline of the Italian Police is good. In the Army areas, Police have rendered excellent service in dealing with refugees, clearing military roads controlling civilian movement and assisting the Security Services.

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- 3 b Police uniforms; lack of adequate clothing, particularly boots, has become a serious problem. Efforts are being made to obtain the urgent needs of the Carabinieri and Finance Guards from Italian Army sources.
- c Incident at Litta, Trapani Province, Sicily: a serious incident occurred on 9 April at Litta in the Province of Trapani, Sicily, where the conduct of French troops (1st French Paratroop Regiment) had already aroused the resentment of the Italian population. On this occasion, unprovoked advances to an Italian girl by a party of drunken French soldiers precipitated a clash with a group of young Italians. Shots were exchanged on both sides. The French Commander went to the scene a contingent of troops, armed with pistols, rifles and machine guns. The village was cordoned off, machine gun posts established at strategic points, and a house to house search carried out. Firing continued. On the French side, ten soldiers were wounded; on the Italian side, two civilians were killed and six injured. The affair broke out at 8 pm and the estate of seigne ordered by the French Commander was established at about 11 pm. Shortly afterwards the Provincial Public Safety Officer arrived, but it was not until 1:30 pm on the following day that he finally persuaded the French Commander to withdraw his troops and confine them to barracks. The policing of the village was then taken over by the CC.FF who restored law and order. A full enquiry is proceeding.
- d Fire and Civil Defence: the Minister of the Interior has issued instructions for the Civil Defence organization in ACC territory to be absorbed into the Fire Service. In effect this will mean a large reduction in Civil Defence personnel.
- e Prisons: During April the overcrowding of civilian prisons has become more acute. The latest available figures show that throughout the Regions there are 2,463 prisoners detained in excess of the normal prison capacity of 19,963 but some prisons are filled to over 200% of their capacity. There are many contributory factors, the chief being the requisitioning of civilian prisons by Allied forces (1960), the detention of Italian military prisoners (1764 pieces), and war damage to jails (1891 places). A committee consisting of all ALLIED parties concerned has set to investigate the matter. Its recommendations are being put to the Italian Government with a view to hastening trials, removing from civilian prisons both Italian and Allied military prisoners.

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- e Welfare: The adoption by the Italian Government of the welfare programs in operation in Region I is anticipated.

5 EDUCATION.

a Teaching:

- i The new "programs" for secondary schools for prospective elementary school teachers is completed and printed.
- ii Commissions have been appointed to prepare a program for all industrial, Commercial, Agricultural and Nautical High Schools.
- iii The publishing and distributing of the revised elementary school text books continued. Seven of the ten books (Naples printing) and six (printed in Palermo) have been distributed. The remaining three books of the Naples printing and two of the four to be printed in Sicily are almost ready. The new books have met widespread approval and are to be printed by Mideast for the North African Command.

b Legislation: A number of decrees issued under Law providing for decentralization of schools control have been confirmed by the Minister of Education and are to apply in unoccupied Italy. Laurees have been issued or prepared by the Minister to provide for emergency employment of teachers of English; to transfer the employment of physical education teachers from G.I. (ex G.I.I.) to the provveditori agli studi; to establish reorganized "Councils of Discipline" and "Technical Councils" etc.

c Refascistization of schools is still uncompleted. A plan was recently evolved which would, authorize provveditori agli studi to suspend undesirable officials from teaching. This Commission prepared a new statute for the "Petroli-Societates" (a communal commission for aid to needy students); and statutes for the setting up of school councils, including parents and teachers for the development of youth activities.

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- c. In Region III estates of CO Allied and French owners and 35 commercial and industrial concerns have been taken into custody.

7. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES.

- a. Protection of Monuments: List of Protected Monuments No 3 (Lazio and Abruzzi-Molise) in press. Remaining lists in preparation.
- b. i. Despite strong recommendations made through the Executive Commissioner, the Royal Palace Palermo, is still occupied by troops.
- ii. The Royal Palace, Naples, has suffered further damage during repairs by Royal Engineers.
- iii. The important church of S. Giovanni in Venere, at Rossicciola (Province - Chieti) has been occupied by troops since December. Severe damage to 17th century frescoes since the first report to ASI 3 Army was made in February.

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Public Health Sub-Commission

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11 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Public Health Sub-Commission,
Report for Month of May 1944.

THRU : - Adm. Sec.

TO : - Chief of Staff.

1. PERSONNEL:

The No. of this Sub-Commission suffered considerable reduction in strength during the month of April. Col. D. Gordon Cheyne, C.S.E., M.C. was attached temporarily to Lt. XIII Corps. Lt. Col. Charles B. Shields was transferred to Region III for temporary duty, while Lt. Col. E. E. Bobbs was permanently assigned to Region VI as R.M. In addition, Capt. Joel C. Sarneest, formerly Chief of the Welfare Branch and Capt. Leonard A. Frager, M.C. left for another theater of operations.

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3. FIELD TRIPS:

During the month, field trips by officers of this HQ covering the spheres of Malaria Control, Typhus Control, Medical Supplies, Venereal Disease Control and Veterinary surveys, totalled 145 days.

The Director, Brigadier Parkinson, visited Region VI for a period of 7 days and found the overall health situation on the whole satisfactory. Special points raised in his report will be dealt with in the reports on the work of the special branches.

4. APPRECIATION OF OFFICERS' WORK:

Capt. Paul S. Savage worked for 12 days in the town of registration during the Vesuvius eruption. On the occasion of his departure he was thanked for his organization of relief work by the Sindaco at a mass meeting and was awarded the freedom of the town.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BRANCHES.

A. Hospitals and Medical Care:

During the departure of Lt. Col. Shields for unavoidable reasons to Region III, there is little to report concerning hospital and medical care. It is felt that, owing to the scarcity of medical officers in this sub-Commission, a special hospital branch is no longer necessary and that all relevant information concerning hospital care can be gleaned from the reports of regional medical officers and the reports of medical officers on field trips from this HQ.

The hospitals visited by the Director on the occasion of his visit to Sardinia were clean, the patients well cared for and the medical staffs were found to be capable and full of enthusiasm for their work.

B. Public Health:

1. Small Pox.

Five cases have occurred in Taranto. Appropriate and energetic measures were taken to deal with this outbreak or the Italian Government and the I.H.C. Large quantities of vaccine have been imported for distribution throughout Southern Italy and approximately 12,000 people have been vaccinated in Taranto alone. No fresh cases have occurred recently.

During the month Naples also had an outbreak and to date approximately 35 cases have been reported. The I.H.C. is dealing with the epidemic and 40,000 doses of calf lymph were recently flown from Palermo to Naples to assist in the vaccination program. Over 10,000 people have already been vaccinated in Naples.

The military medical authorities have been informed of all action taken by ACC in these matters.

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4. Malaria.

During April, the Malaria Control Branch was set up under the Command of Colonel Paul F. Russell. The Branch consists of two units, the Advisory Unit, composed of ACC officers, and the Demonstration Unit, composed of doctors from the Rockefeller Foundation and Italian physicians and entomologists.

The Rockefeller Foundation is taking an increasing interest in Italian epidemiological problems and is sending two further experts in malaria to Italy next month.

Lack of transport is going to be a handicap to the work of malaria control, but a separate communication on this is being prepared.

Special studies are now in progress on the use of D.D.T. as an insecticide against adult mosquitoes and flies and its use in oil as a larvicide has already been demonstrated.

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Major assistance has been at Foggia and Capobianco for the past ten days with the Italian Government's Chief Veterinarian, supervising and directing the present intensive campaign against swine fever. Owing to the rarity of this disease, no immunizing agent is to be found in Southern Italy and request for vaccine has been made to the U.S.A.

In addition to this, the Italian Veterinary Laboratory at Foggia is being equipped to produce vaccine against this disease. Ten days have been bought and inoculated and it is hoped that in four to five weeks time, the Foggia Laboratory will be in a position to turn out a fair quantity of vaccine.

The Veterinary Biological Laboratory at Cortici is now actively engaged in producing biologicals. Several provinces in the Country have already been furnished with their anti-stated requirement for the coming year. This is a very gratifying state of affairs which is largely due to Major Mubarek's energy and initiative.

6. Supply Branch:

Due to the shortage of allied personnel for medical supply distribution work, and in keeping with the long term policy that all distribution must eventually be handled by the Italians themselves, a number of wholesale firms are now being employed to handle supplies after they have left ACC warehouses.

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D. Welfare.

The welfare organization set up by ASST in Sicily is still in active operation in that area. It has increased the welfare by its simplicity and flexibility and they are anxious that it be continued indefinitely.

The Italian Government has viewed the Sicilian experience with interest and has sent an observer from the Ministry of the Interior to study the working of the new scheme at first hand and report on it. He has reported most enthusiastically upon his findings and it is understood that the Minister has been impressed by his report.

In view of the favorable reaction of the Italian Government and recent discussions between the Chief of the Welfare Branch and responsible officials of the Ministry, it is felt that the time has now come to press for the adoption of the Sicilian scheme for the whole of King's Italy.

It is hoped that by next month, the sub-commission will be in a position to report definite and concrete advances in the adoption of this plan by the Italians.

SUMMARY:

- (1) A request has been made for authorization of a sailing of 62 officers for this sub-commission. It is hoped that this request will receive favorable consideration. The existing need is for more medical officers.
- (2) Discussions are in progress for the rescheduling of the Italian Public Health Service.
- (3) Small pox has occurred in Naples and Taranto. 34,000 doses of calf lymph for vaccination purposes have been delivered to the mainland and further supplies are promised.
- (4) There is a diminution in the case incidence of VD among troops stationed in Naples. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining supplies of blankets, etc., for the establishment of hospitals for infected prostitutes in Region II.
- (5) Only three cases of typhus have occurred in Naples since April 14th and ten cases outside Naples since April 15th.
- (6) The Malaria Control Branch is highly organized and is receiving active assistance from the Rockefeller Foundation.
- (7) An epidemic of Swine Fever is reported in Sicilia and Campobasso provinces. The Veterinary Officer has personally supervised quarantine and treatment measures.
- (8) The attention of Italian authorities has been drawn to their responsibilities concerning the safeguarding of medical supplies. Attempts are being made to stimulate the production of biologicals in Naples. The laboratories in Region I are now turning out large quantities of calf lymph.
- (9) The adoption of the Italian Government of the Welfare program in operation in Region I is anticipated.

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 Director, Public Health Sub-commission.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016SUMMARY:

- (1) A request has been made for authorization of a calling of 22 officers for this sub-commission. It is hoped that this request will receive favorable consideration. The existing need is for more medical officers.
- (2) Discussions are in progress for the reestablishing of the Italian public health service.
- (3) Small pox has occurred in Naples and Turin. 34,000 doses of calf lymph for vaccination purposes have been delivered to the mainland and further supplies are promised.
- (4) There is a diminution in the case incidence of VD among troops stationed in Naples. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining supplies of blankets, etc., for the establishment of hospitals for infected prostitutes in Region II.
- (5) Only three cases of typhus have occurred in Naples since April 1st and ten cases outside Naples since April 15th.
- (6) The Malaria Control Branch is highly organized and is receiving active assistance from the Rockefeller Foundation.
- (7) An epidemic of Typhus fever is reported in Togo and Cameroons provinces. The Veterinary Officer has personally supervised quarantine and treatment measures.
- (8) The attention of Italian authorities has been drawn to their responsibilities concerning the safeguarding of medical supplies. Attempts are being made to stimulate the production of biologicals in Naples. The laboratories in Region I are now turning out large quantities of calf lymph.
- (9) The adoption of the Italian Government of the Bellare program in operation in Region I is anticipated.

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G. S. Parkinson
Asst

G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
 Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

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10 May 1944

SUBJECT: Legal Subcommittee - Monthly Report for April 1944.

TO : Chief Commissioner, ACC.

GENERAL

The work of the Chief Legal Officer and Staff during the month of April included, in addition to general matters of a legal nature, the following:-

1. After long consultation with subcommittees concerned the work of consolidating the 15 old proclamations into four (with new Italian translations of each) was completed. Necessary revisions and the elimination of purely administrative matters were at the same time accomplished.
2. Advice to and conferences with various subcommittees and sections and drafting of pertinent documents with respect to the following subjects were included in the month's work: Restriction on movement of civilians, photography/control, establishment of provincial welfare system, use of military vehicles by Italian Government and other non-military agencies, registration of aliens, threatened utility strike, General Orders 8, 17 & 18, arrest of civilians by Allied personnel in restored areas, rent increases in occupied territory.
3. Special mention should be made of work with Allied Publications Board and Labor and Agriculture Subcommittee in connection with proposed basic Italian legislation.

ITALIAN BRANCH

4. Owing to the changes supervening in the Italian Government contacts between this Branch and the officials of the Ministry were much reduced, only 2 official conferences being held, one with the retiring Minister on 4 April and the other with the new Chief of Cabinet on 25 April.

Among the most important matters discussed were the following: Marriage of members of the Allied Forces on Italian territory; De-fascistization and Purgation of the Italian Civil Service and employees of semi-official bodies; Jurisdiction of AM Courts in unoccupied territory and offences against Allied interests with particular reference to the disposition of stolen and damaged property and of rights of Allied forced laborers.

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5. Subcommittees submitted a number of draft increases for personnel, advice and comment, especially labour and agricultural measures. A considerable number of conferences took place with the representatives of the Subcommittees concerned.

6. In regard to the Administration of Justice in Sardinia, considerable movements of personnel were, at the request of this Subcommittee, very promptly dealt with by the Ministry. Over 44 judicial officials were appointed to fill vacancies or to strengthen existing benches and public prosecutors' offices. Italian personnel was duly allocated to various regions and army areas requesting additional appointments.

7. Progress was made in organizing the taking over by Italian Courts of cases of offences committed under the terms of the proclamations at present handled solely by AG Courts.

8. The mechanism for the implementation of Italian Decrees in AG territory has been in operation since the beginning of the month.

ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

9. Work was completed in preparing and sending to press a loose-leaf handbook called "Consolidated Instructions for Allied Military Courts", containing, in addition to the Instructions, revised specimen legal forms and revised Index of Procedure together with Italian translation of the latter. This translation is for limited distribution amongst Italian authorities and advocates appearing in Allied Military Courts.

10. The figures for April in respect of espionage cases are as follows:

- (a) 7 death sentences were confirmed.
- (b) 7 death sentences were commuted to terms of imprisonment.
- (c) 6 cases were submitted for confirmation.
- (d) 2 sentences each of 20 years imprisonment were affirmed on review.
- (e) 2 accused were acquitted.

11. A change in the system of reviewing cases was introduced. Previously, the policy was to go next of the reviewing at this HQ. Now reviews have greatly increased powers of review; but certain classes of cases are reserved for review at this HQ, notably cases in which the sentence exceeds either imprisonment for 2 years or a fine of more than 5,000 lire.

12. Allied Military Courts continue to function satisfactorily. The city of Naples is, of course, the most difficult area, but the Courts there are, on the whole, working well. Arrests are being overcome and there was a drop in the number of cases compared with the previous month.

13. Permission has now been given by the British Military Authorities for Town Majors to sit periodically as Summary Court Judges in Naples. The Regional Legal Officer has given them instruction in their duties.

14. Proceedings were commenced during April against a Director and two Managers of the Manufacture Colombiere Meridionale on charges relating to black market offences. The trial attracted much attention and publicity as the three accused were formerly influential fascists. For completeness it should be added (though the trial lasted into May) that all three accused were convicted and each sentenced to 5 years imprisonment.

15. The first trial by an Allied Military Court in the occupied Territory took place during the month in Salerno. The two accused were charged in respect of a series of thefts from a British Army Post Office. They were both convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

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G. N. UFFIN
Colonel
Chief Legal Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Report of activities for month of April, 1944.

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(a) Region VI. - Captain R.A. Temple of this sub-division toured this Region (last to 5th April) for the purpose of surveying local government organization and administration, securing data of local officials and consulting with the R, R, and their staffs on matters relating to local government.

A comprehensive report has been made and a note of the matters requiring action and supervision will be forwarded to the R.

The "background" data relative to Italian officials has been "outlined".

(b) Region VII. - This region (now comprising the provinces of Jackson, Catmon, and Baguio) was visited by Captain R.A. Temple (19th to 27th April). He had meetings with the R, R, and their respective staffs at which all phases of local government were discussed. A full report has been made of the tour and the necessary steps thereon will be taken with the R.

Information regarding local officials was obtained and has been "carded".

(c) Region VIII. - The Director and Mr. Kerton Lewis on 24th April visited the Army H. Q. and a number of members in the forward area. Among other matters discussed were the filling of vacancies in the position of Director of Forests, and payment of salary to them. As a result the Italian Government have agreed to establish a pool of young and energetic men suitably qualified who will be available at short notice to provide a service when required by the Army. The question of payment to them is under discussion with the Italian Government.

(d) Advisory for Reporting from Regions. - An advisory to be used for reporting upon the state of local government in the provinces and assisting towards uniformity has been drawn up.

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(e) Local Government Administration. - Reference 1(b) of the Monthly Report for March, 1944, this division has been published. Its effect is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in the areas before the restoration. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying the provisions of the scheme to occupied territory, when practicable.

(b) Section VII. - This Section (now comprising the Provinces of Grosseto, Livorno, and Reggio) was visited by Captain G. M. Williams (14th to 27th April). Local government were discussed. A full report has been made of the tour and the information regarding local officials was received and has been 'checked'.

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(d) High-Commander for Germany and Italy. - An Ambassador to be used for reporting upon the state of local government in the Province and assisting towards uniformity has been drawn up.

(e) Local Government. - Reference 1(b) of the Monthly Report for March, 1944, this Section has now been published. Its effect is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in the areas before the restoration. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying the provisions of the Decree to occupied territory, when practicable.

2. SUMMARY

In addition to routine conferences, the Director has attended also the following :-

- (a) Regional Commissioners' Conference at Naples (14th to 15th April, 44)
- (b) With Lt. Colonel J. S. Brown, Public Relations Branch, and the Chief Legal Officer on 1st May concerning the constitution of Allied Publications Board.

3. DISCUSSION

The following interviews took place :-

- (a) 17th April - Brigadier Carr - Subject: High Commissioner and District Commissioner, Livorno.
- (b) 19th April - Late Minister of Interior, Italian Officials and Lt. Col. L. R. Hulls - Subject: Refugees. A long interview, Lt. Colonel Hulls putting forcibly the position of matters and the responsibility that rests upon the Italian Government.

(c)...

(c) 25th April - Her Minister of Interior (H. H. Hottel) advised. The subjects discussed included: (1) Project of Leri, who the Minister was requested and has since agreed to review, on account of his Fascist record and anti-Allied behavior. (12) German demolition, looting, and the movement of its equipment before previous approval of the A.C.C.

(a) 25th April - U.S. Attorney General, High Commissioner for Malaya, and the V.P. Administrative Section, Subject: Chinese Second Five.

(a) 25th April - Brigadier Lord - Submarine Plover's offshoot.

McGraw-Hill

The usual British way has long been to send the

5. Localizing elements

The second Congress was held between 6th to 17th April, 1966. Officers from Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII, from the 5th and 6th Army, and from H. A. Realities attended, 13 in all. Considerable work has since been undertaken for the third course.

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| (1) | 1st. Colonel. B. G. H. Spence. | (A) | Director. |
| (4) | Captain. F. H. Temple. | (A) | Executive Officer. |
| (14) | Captain. C. C. H. Williams. | (B) | 2nd. Assistant Engineer. |
| (17) | Lieut. F. G. Harris. | (B) | Adjutant. |
| (v) | Lieut. W. F. H. Lewis. | (B) | 3rd. Officer. |

(b) Military - Civil.

- (1) *Alfreda P. O. Dickinson*
March 1862. J. C. Dickinson.

(d) *Unsettling*.

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(Swiss) | Typical
(Italian) |
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| (1) <i>Marchionello, Salvator.</i> | | |
| (4) <i>Pemthoria, Dr. Hartig.</i> | | |

7. QUESTIONS

Very little information has come in from either province or regions, but possibly as a result of the tours of the chief officers of this sub-division, and as a result of the Carson hold, slightly more interest is being taken in the subject, and the formation of local government bodies;

6. Personnel

The following is the personnel as at 30th April, 1944.

(a) Military - Officers

(1) Lt. Colonel, R.E. Officers.	Director.	(B)
(11) Captain R. M. Temple.	Executive Officer.	(A)
(111) Captain G. C. R. Williams.	Dep. Executive Officer.	(B)
(1v) Lieut. R. G. Thomas.	Adjutant.	(3)
(v) Lieut. R. J. M. Lewis.	Staff Officer.	(B)

(b) Military - Other

(1) 1/2 Lt. R. G. Wright.	Chief Clerk.	(B)
(11) 1/2 Lt. J. G. Wright.	Translator.	(A)

(c) Civilian.

(1) Marchese, Salvatore.	Typist (Italian).	1769
(11) Marchese, Dr. Martin.	Typist (Swiss).	

7. General

Very little information has come in from either provinces or regions, but so far only as a result of the tour of the staff officers of this sub-division, and as a result of the course held, slightly more interest is being taken in regard to actual local government and the formation of local government bodies; the progress is, however, in my judgment, far too slow.

There is no reason whatever why National and Provincial Commissions should not, either in CC or in territory, press for the institution of these local bodies which exist, by virtue of their very being, since the tasks confronting the Allied Central Commissions were easy and more effective.

There is a strange apathy in regard to the institution of local government which this sub-divisional firm has to understand. The position may be remedied by the issue of the Royal Decree and by the issue of the Administrative Instructions now promulgated in the CC manual.

There was a hiatus in the change of direction, owing to the change of members of the cabinet - but sufficient to say we have already established a good working liaison with the new Minister, R. L. Salvatore Liguori, who strikes me as being a sincere man.

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The multifarious matters affecting refugees, civilian internees and the changes in regard to the various appointments, have, been dealt with successfully. There is no question of what the idea of forming a pool of Italian officers ready and trained to go forward where they may be required, will produce far more effective and better results than the present haphazard system.

W. A. Smith *16. 8. 41*

W. A. SMITH,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Inter or Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

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Subcommission for Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives.

20340/MFAA

7 May 1944

Subject: Submission of Monthly Report for April 1944.

To : Vice President, Administrative Section.

In compliance with letter 2/3B/AS of 15 Mar 44, subject: Monthly Reports, the report of the activities of the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Subcommission during April is submitted herewith (in quintuplicate).

E. T. De Wald
ERNEST T DE WALD
Major, Spec. Res.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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Subcommission for Monuments Fine Arts and Archives

20340/MFAA

7 May 1944

Subject: Sixth Monthly Report, for April 1944.

To : Chief Commissioner.

PERSONNEL

1. Officers.

- a. Major H.T. Newton left on 1 Apr 44 for AMG Hq 8th Army on assignment as MFAA officer there.
 - b. Capt. T.H. Brooke (B) assigned to the Subcommission as Archivist. Arrived 9 Apr 44.
 - c. Major P.K. Baillie Reynolds was relieved of his attachment to this Subcommission through departing 10 Apr 44 for another theater.
 - d. 2nd Lt. Frederick Martt (A), from 90th Photo Wing Reconnaissance, reported this station 24 Apr 44 and was assigned to this Subcommission 26 Apr 44.
 - e. Capt. P.H.J. Moxee left 19 Apr 44 for MFAA inspections in Sicily.
2. Civilians.

Mr. F.W. Shipman (A), Librarian of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N.Y., arrived 8 Apr 44 to consult on and inspect the condition of archives in Southern Italy and Sicily.

REPORTS

3. Regional.

a. Region 3. Routine inspections to supervise progress of projects at Benevento, Nocera Superiore, Cancelli, Pompeii, Caserta, and Bari. During April the sum of Lire 5,905,000 placed at disposal of Royal Superintendents of Monuments and Antiquities for 13 projects of a purely protective nature. 12 repair projects in Naples are reported as finished. Special action was necessary as the result of intended requisition of space in the Biblioteca Nazionale and the Villa Floridiana. Routine inspection of other buildings occupied by Allied troops. Conferences and inspection tours with Italian Superintendents and Engineers. Publicity material furnished to P.R.O. and to correspondents.

b. AMG 8 Army. Detailed inspection of monuments in Campobasso, Foggia, and Chieti provinces to ascertain extent of damage and to recommend appropriate action. Damaged and undamaged monuments listed. Sixteen full reports submitted during the month.

4. Other Reports.

- a. Capt. Croft-Murray on Caserta.
- b. Capt. Maxse on Mignano.
- c. Capt. Keller on Minturno.
- d. Capt. Maxse on Pompeii.
- e. In response to request from JICA and with the approval of the Executive Commissioner, reports of work of Subcommittee were submitted to War Dept., Washington, and the Civil Affairs Branch, War Office, London.

FIELD WORK

5. a. Inspection of monuments, Region 5, Major Ward Perkins and Capt. Keller.
- b. Inspection of archives in Southern Italy and Sicily, Mr. H. Jenkinson and Capt. Brooke.
- c. Inspection of monuments and projects in Sicily, Capt. Maxse.
- d. Removal of art objects from Mignano, Capt. Maxse.
- e. Collaboration with AMG 5 Army on salvage of books at Minturno, Capt. Keller and Sgt. Lucia.
- f. Further recording of bomb-damage at Pompeii, Capt. Maxse.
- g. Supervision of furnishings at Caserta Palace, Capt. Croft-Murray.
- h. Inspection of monuments at Benevento, Capua, and Mero-glione in company with LIFE photographer by Major De Wald, Major Ward Perkins, and Lt. Cott.

PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS

6. Administrative Instruction No. 10, on Preservation of Property of Historical and Educational Importance in Italy, issued 30 Mar 44 by HQ. AMI (Adm Bde), received 3 Apr 44. As consequence, List of Protected Monuments No. 3 (Lazio and Abruzzi-Molise) sent to printer. (Distribution of printed copies begun 6 May 44.) Remaining lists in preparation.

7. Despite strong recommendations made through the Executive Commissioner, the Royal Palace, Palermo, is still occupied by troops.

8. The Royal Palace, Naples, has suffered further damage during repairs by Royal Engineers.

9. The important church of S. Giovanni in Venere, at Rossano (prov. Chieti), has been occupied by troops since December. Severe damage to 13th century frescoes since the first report to AMG 8 Army made in February.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER DIVISIONS

10. a. Conference with Property Control Subcommittee with regard to buildings in Rome.
- b. Conference with G-2 of 3 Force and AMG 5 Army with regard to protection of buildings, museums, archives etc. in Rome.
- c. Conferences with Educational Division, AMG 5 Army on common problems as they concern buildings in Rome.
- d. Publicity.
(1) Material furnished the PRB, ACC and PWB for use as publicity.

(2) LIFE photographer arrives to record work of Subcommittee with regard to preservation of monuments. He was assisted by various members of the Subcommittee staff in the fulfillment of his assignment.

(3) Contacts with service-newspapers facilitated by the PER.

(4) Red Cross furnished with requested guide on Naples churches for distribution to military personnel.

(5) Lectures to British and American personnel in Naples.

ROBERT T. DENALD
Major, Spec. Res.
Director.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

- 8 MAY 1944

May 7, 1944

SUBJECT : Summary of monthly Report for April 1944.

TO : Vice-President Admin. Section.

Police.

Law and order has been well maintained. Despite adverse conditions, the morale and discipline of the Italian Police is good. In the Army areas, Police have rendered excellent service in dealing with refugees, clearing military roads, controlling civilian movement and assisting the Security Services.

Police Uniforms.

Lack of adequate clothing, particularly boots, has become a serious problem. Efforts are being made to obtain the urgent needs of the Carabinieri and Finance Guards from Italian Army sources.

Incident at Xitta, Trapani Province, Sicily

A serious incident occurred on 9th April 1944 at Xitta in the Province of Trapani, Sicily, where the conduct of French troops (1st French Paratroop Regiment) had already aroused the resentment of the Italian population. On this occasion, unwelcome advances to an Italian girl by a party of drunken French soldiers precipitated a clash with a group of young Italians. Shots were exchanged on both sides. The French Commander sent to the scene a contingent of troops, armed with pistols, rifles and machine guns. The village was cordoned off, machine gun posts established at strategic points, and a house to house search carried out. Firing continued. On the French side, ten soldiers were wounded; on the Italian side, two civilians were killed and six injured. The affray broke out at 8 pm. and the "state of siege" ordered by the French Commander was established at about 11 pm. Shortly afterwards the Provincial Public Safety Officer arrived, but it was not until 12.30 pm. on the following day that he finally persuaded the French Commander to withdraw his troops and confine them to barracks. The policing of the village was then taken over by the CC.RR. who restored law and order. A full enquiry is proceeding.

Fire and Civil Defence.

The Minister of the Interior has issued instructions for the Civil Defence organization in ACC territory to be absorbed into the Fire Service. In effect this will mean a large reduction in Civil Defence personnel.

Prisons.

During April the overcrowding of civilian prisons has become more acute. The latest available figures show that throughout the Regions there are 2,463 prisoners detained in excess of the normal prison capacity. There are many contributory factors, the chief being the requisitioning of civilian prisons by Allied Forces (1860) the detention of Italian Military prisoners (1704 places)

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and war damage to jails (1891 places).
The gravity of the situation is being impressed on the Allied and Italian
authorities concerned.

A. E. Young

A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
ARO 394

May 9, 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for April 1944

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section.

This report deals with Public Safety activities during the month of April 1944. At the time of its preparation reports had not been received from all Regions.

Personnel at Headquarters.

The following changes have been made:

Lt. Col. PICKERING	(B) posted to Reg. 5 as RPSO on 25 April 1944.
Major, R. J. HENDERSON	(B) posted to Reg. 4, as RPSO on 28 April 1944.
Capt. ROBERTS	(B) re-assigned to 5th Army on 19 April 1944.
Lt. PHILBY	(A) re-assigned to Internal Transportation ACC on 12 April 44.

Major J. TAYLOR (A) a Head Licensing & Reg. Division has been in hospital since the 7th April, 1944, and his duties are being carried on by Capt. Ballance (B). His name has been submitted for re-assignment to reduce strength of this Sub-Commission to nine officers.

The Present strength of officers and 2M/Os is as follows:-

<u>OFFICERS</u>	(A) C.P.S.	1761
Col. P.S. Kirk	(B) D.C.P.S.	
" A.E. Young	(A) Head Police Division	
" N.H. Meeney	(B) Executive Officer	
Maj. A.F. Wilcox	(B) Fire & C.D. Division	
" G.B. Mason	(A) Head, Lic. & Regu. Division.	
" J.A. Taylor		

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Lt. Col. PICKERING (E) posted to Reg. 5 as RPSO on 25 April 1944.
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" A.E. Young	(B)	B.C.P.S.
" M.H. Mooney	(A)	Head Police Division
Maj. A.F. Wilcox	(B)	Executive Officer
" G.H. Mason	(B)	Fire & C.B. Division
Maj. J.A. Taylor	(A)	Head, Lic. & Regn. Division.
Capt. W.C. Ballance	(B)	Lic. & Regn. Division.
" F. Young Jr.	(A)	Prison Division.
" B. Powell	(B)	Admin. Officer.
" S.C. Mastroianni	(A)	Police Division.

SM/ONS

SqMS Davies	(B)
Sgt. McLeannan	(B)
Cpl. Robinson	(B)
Pte. Lieberg	(B)
Pfc. Marinelli	(A)
Pfc. Todaro	(A)
Pfc. Diaz	(A)

Personnel Movements

- 5/4 Col. Young to Naples, Conference re-Prof. Dodd.
- 11/4 Col. Young to Potenza, re "Re-Evacuation Committee"
- 14/4 Col. Kirk attended Regional Commissioners conference.
- 15 16/4 Col. Young attended "Establishments" Conference.
- 18/4 Col. Young, Lt/Jol. Pickering and Major Mason, attended Conference at Caserta, re-control of Civilian Movement.
- 20/4 Col. Kirk accompanied V.P. Admin. on tour of inspection Region 6.
- 22-26/4 Col. Young at Naples.
- 23/4 Major Wilcox and Capt. Young visited Caserta, discussion re Prisons.
- 24/4 Capt. Young left to report on Prisons in Reg. I and Reg. II.
- 25/4 Major Mason visited Naples to discuss Fire Brigade matter for Rome and Region III.
- 27/4 Col. Kirk left Region 6 to proceed to U.S.A., on temporary duty.

Personnel in the Field.

In accordance with the revised establishment it will be necessary to reduce the present strength of 150 Public Safety Officers to 120. Recommendations for the transfer of 31 officers have already been submitted, and a further list of 9 officers is being prepared.

Police. Strength.

The strengths of the Police Forces in liberated Italy are:-

CC.RR	27,595	1780
CC.FF	7,622	
Agents of Public Security	11,462	
Forest Guards	1,342	
Total	48,022	

The total strength is greater than the normal peace-time establishment, but in view of the heavy demands for police the advisability of retaining men who have passed the age limit is being discussed with the Commanding Officers.

Since the occupation of Italy by the Allies the effective strength of the Italian Police has been considerably reduced by

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Since the occupation of Italy by the Allies the effective strength of the Italian police has been considerably reduced by additional burdens placed on them by Military Commanders, particularly by the employment of trained policemen on guard duties.

The Chief Commissioner has addressed a letter to A.S.I. pointing out that upwards of 1000 CC.MR and a smaller number of GS.PP are being used as guards by military formations and urging that they should be replaced by soldiers.

Uniforms and Equipment

The lack of clothing, especially boots, for Police Forces has become a pressing problem. It has been established that CC.MR and GS.PP are entitled to draw uniforms from Italian Military sources. During the month fall details of the "immediate" and "long-term" requirements of these services have been forwarded to the Italian Army through the Army Sub-Commission. 5000 pairs of

boots have been received by the CC.RR but this can only be regarded as a first step in dealing with the critical situation.

The clothing of Police Forces other than the CC.RR and GS.FF are under discussion with the Italian Government Departments concerned.

Carabinieri Reale.

Good work is being performed by the CC.RR under adverse conditions. Every effort is being made to secure the goodwill of the Allied Forces. In many districts joint patrols of Military Police and CC.RR have been instituted. Agreement has been reached with the Director of Public Relations and the Chief of P. D., Naples, to publish Press comment in favour of the CC.RR which will serve to increase their confidence in themselves and their esteem in the eyes of the public.

The Mobile Groups of CC.RR attached to the Fifth and Eighth Armies have done excellent work in dealing with refugees and checking civilian movement.

Plans for preparing CC.RR to police captured territory as the Armies advance are well in hand.

No success has yet been attained in securing the release of CC.RR detained as prisoners of war.

Novel Finance Guards.

During the month General Moricca, Commanding the GS.FF., carried out a tour of inspection in Calabria. Arrangements have been made for him to visit Sicily and Sardinia during May.

A circular letter has been sent to Regional Commissioners pointing out the importance of employing GS.FF on their proper duties of enforcing revenue laws.

Agents of Public Security.

The new Minister of the Interior has been impressed with the necessity of appointing a Prefect to deal with Public Safety matters at the Government level. During the last few days of April S. E. Colimone was temporarily appointed to the position. The questions of rations and equipment for Agents of Public Security, and the appointment of new Questori are under discussion.

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As a temporary measure, Forest Guards in that part of Chieti Province already liberated are being organized and administered from Campobasso.

Incorporation of Fascist Militia in CC.22.

A royal decree of 6th December 1941 provided that members of the disbanded Fascist Part and Highway Militias might be admitted into the CC.22. It was later agreed that the ex-Militia members would not be admitted into the CC.22. Nevertheless the Royal Decree has not been officially rescinded with the result that some 2000 Militia-men remain in a state of suspension and are in fact attached to the CC.22. The new Minister of the Interior is being pressed to draft a decree rescinding the Royal Decree of 6th December 1941.

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Demonstrations.

There have been a number of minor demonstrations, mostly in unoccupied Italy, demanding more food and complaining against local officials. Law and order has been maintained by the local police who have shown themselves capable of dealing with the situation.

Air Raid on Naples.

The latest casualty figures for the air raid on 24 April 1944 indicated 52 killed and 61 injured.

Crimes of Special Interest.

Sardinia. Groups of armed bandits have been operating in the Southern part of the island. On 6 April an American Officer and his driver were robbed by three armed bandits. Later, while attempts were being made to apprehend the offenders, a CC.MR Major and 2 American officers were held up by three armed men, one of the men was shot dead by the CC.MR Major, but the other two escaped. Widespread searches are being conducted by the Italian Police for these bandit groups.

Salerno.

At Salerno, supplies of clothing for necessitous men, women and children, consigned to a Sanatorium by the Relief Supplies (clothing) Committee, were stolen, the Director, 3 Doctors and the priest being involved. The accused are being tried in the Italian Courts, the trial being fixed for the 11 May 1944.

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Conduct of Troops.

The usual number of complaints against the conduct of Allied troops are being made. For the most part the trouble is caused by wine and women. The attention of Military Commanders is constantly being called to the indiscipline of troops which can only have a harmful effect on the Allied cause.

Clash between French Troops and Italian civilians.

A serious incident occurred on 9th April 1944 at Litta in the Province of Trapani, Sicily, where the conduct of French troops (1st French Paratroop Regiment) had already aroused the resentment of the Italian population. On this occasion, upon some advances to an Italian girl by a party of drunken French soldiers precipitated a clash with a group of young Italians.

shots were exchanged on both sides. The French Commander sent to the scene a contingent of troops, armed with pistols, rifles and machine guns. The village was cordoned off, machine guns posts established at strategic points, and a house search carried out. Firing continued. On the French side, ten soldiers were wounded, on the Italian side, two civilians were killed and six injured. The affray broke out at 8 pm., and the "state of siege" ordered by the French Commander was established at about 11 pm. Shortly afterwards the Provincial Public Safety Officer arrived but it was not until 12.30 pm on the following day that he finally persuaded the French Commander to withdraw his troops and confine them to barracks. The policing of the village was then taken over by the G.O.M. who restored law and order. A full enquiry is proceeding.

Arrest of Allied troops by Italian Police.

It has been decided that the Italian Police should not be given the power to arrest or detain Allied troops guilty of criminal offences.

Prisons.

Overcrowding

During April the overcrowding of civilian prisons has become worse. Conditions are particularly bad in Apulia and Sardinia.

The latest figures available show:

	AMG territory	ACC territory	Total
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A second main cause for overcrowding is the detention of Italian Military and Naval prisoners in civilian jails.

In order to decide what measures can be taken to reduce overcrowding a meeting of all sub-Commission concerned with representatives of AAI was arranged for 5th May 1944 under the chairmanship of the Vice President.

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It has become increasingly evident that the Ministry of Justice, responsible for the Prison Service, has not only failed to appreciate the gravity of the situation but has devised no means of keeping itself properly informed of prison conditions. The new Minister of Justice is being urged to take energetic measures without delay.

Capt. Young, of this Sub-Commission, paid a visit of inspection to prisons in Sicily to obtain first-hand information.

Regional Public Safety Officers have been directed to keep this Headquarters supplied with prison statistics.

Prison Rations.

A standard ration for prisoners, approved by the Public Health Sub-Commission, has been allotted in Regions I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The ration, which is higher than the basic civilian ration, consists of:

- 300 grammes of bread per day
- 100 " dried vegetables per day
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A scheme has been submitted to AMHQ for the formation of Mobile Columns consisting of 400 Italian firemen with 15 complete fire-fighting units and 5 service trucks. These units will be at the disposal of the Army Fire Service as the armies advance. At a later stage the units will revert to the control of the Italian Government.

Licensing and Registration.

Motor Vehicle Circulation Permits.

Instructions have been issued putting into effect as from 1st May 1944 a uniform scheme for the issue of motor circulation permits and petrol. The scheme was originally prepared for AME territory but has been adopted in its entirety by the Italian Government.

Civilian Movement.

Regulations consolidating all existing restriction on civilian movement in AMG and AOC territory have been issued.

After consultation with AII., it has been decided, for security reasons, to keep a tight rein on the movement of civilians.

Hotels and Boarding Houses.

Instructions have been issued to the Italian police in AMG and AOC territory to ensure that all civilians lodging in hotels, inns and boarding houses are properly registered. The strict enforcement of the regulations will prove of assistance to the Security Services.

Military Travel Authorizations.

AFHQ have issued orders that civilians wishing to leave Italy must be in possession of Military Travel Authorizations. Draft instructions have been prepared setting forth the procedure to be followed.

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A scheme for the registration and use of AOC civilian vehicles was drafted and has now been adopted.

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PROPERTY CONTROL SUB-COMMISSIONREPORT FOR APRIL 19441. General.

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Bronte Estate. Appropriate action taken in respect to matters referred to in previous report. It has been found impossible to export orange crop, and same is now in process of sale locally.

(ii) Property of United Nationals other than British and American.

During the month the investigation of properties under this heading has continued. One Greek property, as distinct from blocked bank accounts, has been taken into formal custody.

(iii) French Property.

Investigations still proceeding. During April two properties taken into custody. Authority has been granted to the Banco di Sicilia to proceed with essential and urgent repairs to the property of Filippo La Grua fu Cesare, Principe di Carini, not to exceed Lire 15,000.

(b) Italian State Property.

Most of the properties taken into custody by AMG have been formally restored to the Italian Government.

(c) Industrial and Commercial Undertakings.

Allied Concerns.

(1) Ragusa Asphalt Mines.

Work has proceeded satisfactorily with steady increase in output. No further accounts yet received, but verbal reports satisfactory. Accounts are expected within the next seven days. Salary to be paid to Ing. Moy is under active discussion.

(ii) Ditta Borab.

Having effected sufficient sales to enable salaries, taxes, and running expenses to be paid over the next three months, instructions have been issued to cease further sales as from 30 April. Accounts covering active trading period are being prepared.

(iii) L'Insulare.

Tenancy agreement with S.P.E.R.O. extended for a further one year from 1 Aug 44, on same terms as at present.

(d) Semi-statal Concerns.

(i) Unione Militare.

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(e) Blocked accounts.

Transfer to name of Property Controller pursuant to General Order No.6 dated 14 Nov 43 of AMG has been substantially completed. There remain some isolated and doubtful cases still to be attended to.

(f) Dissolved Fascist Organizations.

In accordance with Executive Memorandum No.15, transfer of Fascist cash balances in the name of RFOO has been made to Judge Criscuoli, Commissario Straordinario, insofar as Palermo and Trapani provinces are concerned. Balances in hands of Provincial POCs will be transferred during next month.

Region II

5. (a) General.

The work of completing the formalities for taking into custody the various properties in this Region has been greatly hampered, (a) by the lack of commun-

ications, as all accounts have to be verified by the Head Office of the Bank of Naples, and (b) by lack of transport facilities available for the Regional Property Control Officer.

(b) Real Estate.

No declarations of custody have yet been completed for the reasons stated above, but all properties in the provinces of Potenza, Matera and Taranto were investigated by the Regional PCO.

(c) Taranto Tramway Co.

The completion of the declaration of custody for this British owned concern has been delayed owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the balance sheet submitted by the sequestrator, which is in course of revision.

Region III

6. (a) Real Estate.

Of the 158 estates of Allied and French nationals sequestered by the Italian Government and managed by the Bank of Naples, 81 have now been taken into custody. Many of these estates include a plurality of properties. All properties on the Island of Capri have now been taken into custody, and an examination is proceeding of 24 properties in Ischia and Procida.

(b) Commercial and Industrial Concerns.

The number of concerns operating under the control of the Regional CPO is now 35. An analysis of them by nationalities shows:

American	9
British	13
French	6
Greek	6
Belgian	1
Unallocated	1

The following 12 firms were taken into custody during the month under review, namely:-

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(3) Vetreria Meccanica & C. Ricciardi, 3N3684E.

These two companies are owned by Soc. St. Gobain, a French company located in Paris; the first to the extent of 80%, and the second to the extent of approximately 33-1/3 %. In turn, these two companies together own 85%, 60%, and 49.3% of Vetreria Pizzirani & C SAI, Fratelli Basili SAI, and Fabbrica Italiana Specchi A. Reggi & C, SAI, respectively. In turn again, Vetreria Pizzirani & C SAI owns 40% of Fabbrica Italiana Specchi A. Reggi & C SAI.

The entire group is in the glass and mirror business. The Ricciardi Company is by far the largest, having a capitalization of Lire 23,000,000, with three glass factories in Naples and one in Vietri sul Mare. One of the Naples factories is in operation, the other two having been bombed beyond repair. The factory in Vietri is not operating for lack of material.

Bournique & C. is a Milan corporation with a capitalization of Lire 1,500,000, its location in Naples being a branch only.

- (4) Cucirini Cantoni Coats (SAI). 3N3682B.

This is a cotton thread manufacturing concern, a subsidiary of J & P. Coats, of Paisley, Scotland. The Italian corporation is capitalized for Lire 122,500,000. Its head office being in Milan. In Naples it operated a sales office for southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, its assets here, as shown by the property register, being approximately Lire 7,000,000.

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(5) Dowey & Almy Chemical Co. 3N36294.

Upon investigation this company was found to be an American corporation, and therefore custody was taken. It operated a small plant in Naples which manufactured chemical compounds for sealing tin cans. The plant was bombed and looted, and is at present not operating.

(6) St. Erasmo Expert Preserving Co., Ltd., 3N3687B.

Although this is a British corporation with head office in London, the majority of its stock is owned by Botturi Pelinghi of Milan, whose father-in-law had founded the business. The business had not been sequestered by the Italian Government as it was apparently considered to be Italian owned. Custody was taken of the minority interest, believed to be British. Its factory at Naples had been damaged and is not in operation, but the one at Pagani is in operation, producing jam for the Allied Forces.

(7) Film Group, Unallocated. 3N3690L.

Cash totalling Lire 12,938,007 was turned over to the Controller of Property on 25 Apr 44, representing rentals received by the Psychological Warfare Branch for American, British and French films. The funds have not as yet been allocated to the producing companies; separate forms will be prepared when allocation is made.

(8) J. G. Levi, 3N3685L, and(9) Police Mission, 3N3681L

These are two small Greek-owned businesses that have been liquidated, except for several uncollected items. The firm was engaged in importing skins for the glove trade; the second dealt with dental supplies.

(10) Marconi Wireless Co., 3N3683B.

This company is very closely allied with Marconi International Marine Co. It manufactures nautical instruments, which the latter company installs. They are both British corporations, the former apparently operating in Italy through branches, and the latter through an Italian subsidiary corporation. The former corporation's main branch in Italy, situated in Rome, is known as Ufficio Marconi, and its sub-branch in Naples as Ufficio Nautico Marconi. The latter corporation's subsidiary is Radio Marittima (SAI) Rome, with a branch in Naples. The operation of both companies in Naples is very close, there being a common office, stores, factory and management, and funds are used freely from one company for the other. These concerns are employed on work for the Allied navies.

(11) Societa Immobiliare Alborghi (SAI), 3N35134, and(12) Sindacato delle S.A. Imprese Pubbliche e Private Ischia e Capri (SIPPIO), 3N35144.

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The following notes on other concerns in the custody of the CE may be of interest;

- (1) Vesuvius Railway.

This railway, which is owned by Thomas Cook & Sons, consists of four parts, namely (a) an "adhesion" section from Pagliano to the Centrale Station, (b) a rack section leading to the hotel, (c) a further "adhesion" section leading to the base of the funicular, and (d) the funicular. The latter has been largely destroyed; (c) has been cut in the places by lava streams just short of the funicular station; (a) is intact and in actual operation; (b) except for a few yards is also in working order. The line has been cut at the Centrale Station (junction of (a) and (b)) by a lava stream, which has caused an interruption of only a few metres. Fortunately the rack locomotives were on the further side of the cut, and the power lines being intact operation is possible to the higher cut, some 600 yards short of the end of (c). There are however no cars on the rack section, and the only measure required to put it into operation is the transfer of one or more passenger coaches to the further side of the Centrale cut. A plan is now being studied whereby the line can be put into operation to a point about 600 yards from the lower end of the funicular, from which a path up the cone of the mountain could be built, as was done after the eruption.

tion of 1906. These measures will not require any special finance, but the railway has been working at a deficit, which was made up by the Italian Government up to the time of the invasion, and it will be necessary to continue to collect this subsidy, at any rate for the moment, if operation is to be continued. It is however hoped that the railway may be put on a self-supporting basis by the adjustment of tariffs to a level at which operating costs can be met.

(ii) Compagnia Generale di Elettricità, 3N3624A.

The Naples branch of this company (a subsidiary of the General Electric Co.) has about Lire 1,600,000 of work in process at the present time. This work consists of electrical installations, as well as repairs to electrical equipment, motors and machinery. Its volume is limited because of inability to add capable workmen to its present staff of 26. About 10 to 20% of this work is for military organizations.

(iii) Otis (SAR), 3N464.

About 95% of this corporation's output is being produced under the supervision of the 6694th Ordnance Group, in the manufacture of spare parts for artillery and trucks, about Lire 2,000,000 of work being in process. This represents only about 40 to 50% of the present capacity of the plant, as only lathes are in operation, while milling, boring, drilling and planer machines are lying idle.

(iv) Società Meccanica "La Precisa", 3N1A.

Custody was taken of this company on 9 Dec 43, and it was restored to duly authorized representatives of the owner on 10 Dec 43. It appears however that large stores of essential material are owned by this company without having been declared. An inventory is being taken, and the position is being investigated.

(v) Audits of balance sheets submitted by business concerns as of the date of custody has begun. A civilian staff of auditors is being organized for this work and for the purpose of checking operations during the custodianship period.

(c) Bank Accounts, Securities, etc.

Included in the 2,937 cases in respect of which declarations of custody have been completed are 2,885 relating to bank accounts in the name of the Controller of Property and Securities at his disposal. In addition to the above, there are many bank accounts already transferred into the name of the CP, but in respect of which forms of custody are in the process of being prepared.

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As mentioned in my supplementary report for February 44, the property of this firm was sold without authority to its manager by Major Hitchcock. On the advice of the Legal Sub-Commission this contract of sale has been annulled, and the firm has been put into liquidation and a commissario speciale appointed as liquidator.

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A duly authorized agent is present, and the business of growing vegetables
and flowers continues under his direction. The activities of the business are
known to the Agricultural Section.

(iii) Cc-fa.

This drug store is owned by Italians, but it previously sold only German
products. The manager is being permitted to continue the business, having re-
gard to a request received from the Public Health Sub-Commission that it is
desired to make stocks available to the public.

(iv) August Frede.

There is a representative holding a power of attorney in this case. The
business, which still continues, is that of a wholesale fruit merchant. Having
been advised by the Legal Sub-Commission that under international law the occupy-
ing power has no right to sequester private businesses of an enemy character,
except for security reasons or reasons of military necessity, I do not propose
to take any further action with respect to these firms for the moment, as in-
structions have been given by the Finance Sub-Commission to the banks which will

effectively prevent the transfer of any of their funds to enemy territory. The CP has been notified of 39 cases where property is owned by German subjects. In six cases the appointment of a curatore has been recommended.

(e) Fascist property.

In all organizations of a Fascist character a liquidator is being appointed by the Italian authorities. The CP is not actually taking the assets into custody, but the disposal of all property is to be under his direction. There is a large number of associations of various kinds, and a separate file is being opened in respect of each. It is understood that a large amount of the furniture which was previously owned by Fascist organizations is missing and that its present location is not known.

Region VI

7. Major E. C. King (A), who had been sent to Sardinia to investigate and report, returned on 23 April and filed a report of which the following is a synopsis. (a) There is no Property Control Officer in Region VI. Lt. Col. Waters (B), RFO at Sassari, and Major Alexander (B), RFO at Cagliari, have been attending to such properties as had come to their attention. In all of Sardinia there are only about 10 properties belonging to United Nations or French nationals, plus a small number of bank accounts. Of such properties the following are the most important:

(i) The Piercy-Mameli Estate, which consists of about 7,000 acres of farming, grazing and timber land in Nuoro Province, and about 3,000 acres of grazing land in Cagliari Province, plus herds of cattle, sheep, goats and swine. The land, with its buildings, forests and herds, is of considerable value. While legal title to the most valuable part of the estate is in the name of Donna Vera Mameli (Italian), and the balance in the heirs or devisees of the late Major Benjamin Piercy, the actual beneficial ownership probably cannot be determined until after the war. Sig. Oscar Salmon of Macomer is sequestrator of the Piercy interests (as heretofore reported). Dott. Dessi of Oristano has been appointed curatore of the Mameli interests. Dott. Maliverno, who holds a limited power of attorney from Donna Mameli, is acting as resident manager of the entire estate. Present net income of the estate is about Lire 1,000,000. The mansion house and the premises generally are in good condition.

(ii) Compagnia des Forges et Acieres de la Marine et D'Hennecourt, a French charcoal company in Cagliari Province, owns about 24,000 acres of timber land, and an old railroad with some engines and cars. The office is in Cagliari. Estimates of value of the property varied from Lire 12,000,000 to Lire 50,000,000. The company normally produces about 50,000 quintals of charcoal per year, and should produce that much in the current year. The sequestrator is Dott. Alessandro Morelli, the Ispettore Forestale. The apparently sole manager of the company is Reg. Francesco Sanna of Dalmucio, near Cagliari. The company employs 300 to 400 men.

(iii) Societa Mineraria et Metallurgica di Pertusola. This is a French company, capital stock (Lire 77,000,000) is owned by Pennaroya Company, also French. The Society owns six mines in Cagliari Province near Iglesias. Another mine in Sassari Province owned by Corbucci Company, a subsidiary of Pennaroya, is mentioned here for convenience. None of the mines is operating at present, but all are on a maintenance and development basis, in charge of engineers originally selected by the French owners. The mines employ at present a total of about 750 men. The mines normally produce zinc, lead, baryte, silver, and some barium sulphate. For example, San Giovanni, near Iglesias, formerly produced each month about 350 tons of zinc.

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Questions of the future management of the French companies (Pertusola and the charcoal company) have been taken up with General de Sevin and other French officials in Naples. We are awaiting their reply.

(iv) Societa Anonima Piombo e Zinco (known as SAPEZ). A limited company having a capital of Lire 36,000,000, is connected with AMI, an Italian company which controls and subsidizes it. 30% of the capital stock of SAPEZ is owned by Societe Vieille Montagne, a Belgian company, and the balance of the stock by Italians or by agencies of the Italian Government. Headquarters of AMI are at Rome. Its president is one Dott. Gardini. The mines are as follows:

(a) San Benedetto, near Iglesias, now on a maintenance basis, employs 40 men. It normally produces 60 tons of lead concentrates per month, and 400 grams of silver per ton of zinc concentrates.

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- (b) Acqueresi, in the same general locality and on same basis, now employs 20 men. It normally produces 150 tons of zinc concentrates per month.
- (c) Monte Agrusau, in same general locality and on same basis, now employs 145 men. Normal monthly production is 200 tons of lead concentrates.
- (d) Masun and Montecani. Two mines in same location and on same basis - employ 50 men. Normal monthly production is 450 tons of zinc concentrates. The manager for the Sardinian group of mines (there are others) is Ing. Lorenzo Demesano, and the manager for the general interests of AMMI is Emanuele Carlo Borghesau, neither of whom were selected by the Belgian interests but by AMMI. SAPEZ was not sequestered.

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