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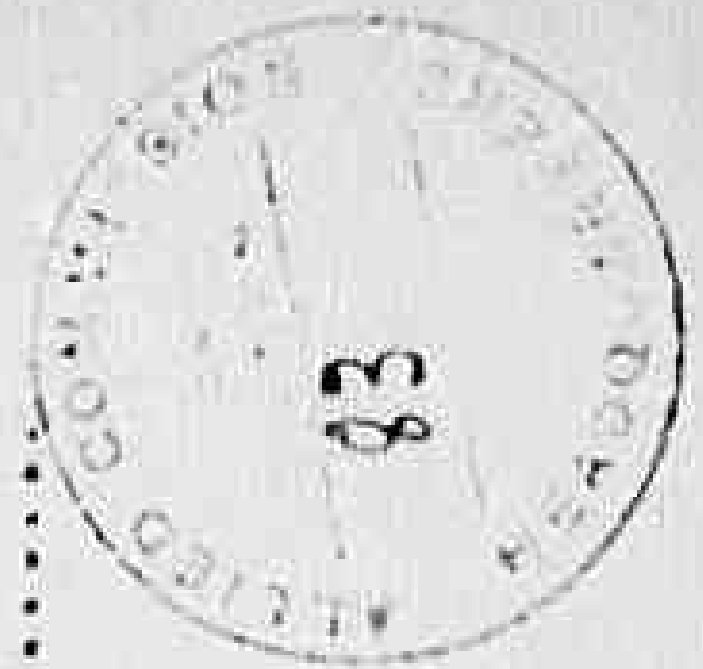
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a. POLITICAL SITUATION AND POLITICAL OPINION.

Throughout the region the news of the formation of the new Italian Government created little political reaction. The handing of a 3 territory to the Italian Government was received quietly on the whole. The Leftist parties are undoubtedly alarmed that this takeover is at last taking place. The parties of the right, however, fear that this will create an open opportunity for the CLN to seize more power, with the consequence of a loss of the provincial and other officials who have cooperated with them. Majority of the people are wishing that CLN had remained until after the elections.

b. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

Lack of civic responsibility on the part of Italian officials is still evident. Corruption is still rampant to some extent. On the whole, there is very little to report this month. CLN in Vercelli have attempted to interfere in the case of the Orsini who has been charged with failing to obey an A.G. order.

c. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION.

Food: Distribution of rationed commodities has come on gradually since about the 1st Oct. In Alessandria meat is sold on the free market twice a week. Confectionery and slaughtering is increasing.

Prices of foodstuffs remain practically unaltered, with the exception of meat, which has increased to between 200 and 400 lire per kilo.

There is some anxiety in CLN over the food situation and S.P.A.L. has come in for much criticism regarding the unfair distribution of foodstuffs. It is illegal that S.P.A.L. is going to its own employees. Here too, the black market flourishes.

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C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES

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by an embargo continues slowly and, so far, has failed to come up to expectations.

Industry: Shortage of raw material is seriously hampering in many throughout the region. With the advent of electricity rationing this problem has become acute. Due to the shortage of railway wagons coal deliveries have been held up, owing to this difficulty. Commerce appears to have come to a standstill in some provinces, due mainly to the undecided financial policy of the Government.

Commerce: During the month of October Alessandria reported that the December allocation of O.L. (oil) had not been sufficient for all requirements.

1. Manufacture

The harvest of winter crops has been satisfactory but snow has seriously hampered outside purchases. Fishing and forestry have also been stopped by snow.

Not farmers are against the success of harvest. Grain harvesting, despite reflects orders, is proceeding very slowly.

Manually conditions are getting worse.

2. Industry

The rationing of electricity has had its effect on the labour market. Some strikes have been reported, but these were only local and no trouble ensued. A strike of some 600 in Biella in Vercelli province, ended by the Camera del Lavoro issuing an order to resume work. The workers had refused to agree to a new contract drawn up in Rome. Farm labourers have demanded an increase in wages. This matter is still under discussion. Shortage of raw materials, rationing of electricity, and the present fantastic high prices have all contributed towards a critical situation in the labour market.

3. Finance

Budgets continue to be approved by the Italian Administrative Office and in Vercelli these amounted to some 160 million lire. Credits for correspondence and his were opened. The new unblockin procedure has been working smoothly.

Savings and investment have increased. In other financial fields however, the uncertainty of the financial situation has caused a reduction. There is a shortage of currency in some provinces as in pouring of money by farmers, etc. The lack of confidence in the currency is still evident, as the percentage of counterfeit is increasing.

4. Public Works and Utilities

1. General Summary.

An improvement in the GAF is reported and they are now in a position to deal with any of the most serious disorders. The need of clothing and transport is still acute. There are necessary if the improvement in morale and efficiency is to be maintained.

The training of the GAF is continuing and under the supervision of the GAF's satisfactory results have been obtained. The GAF displayed by the GAF is far superior to that of other police bodies.

The Guardia Finanza still perform excellent work. In Vercelli Province they have effectively reduced the Black Market in rice. The handling of this product is now more than ever satisfactory.

More assistance is necessary for the Guardia Finanza. They are performing good work in the control of food cutting and agricultural damage.

Serious crime has been reduced - considerably in Turin Province. Two men have been arrested for connection with the wholesale murder reported in November report.

Possession of firearms by civilians. It appears that we have either seized most of the arms thus held, or they are more effectively concealed. Nothing to report.

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A public meeting was held in N. Vera during the month.

The Fire Brigade is in excellent shape. There were no exceptional outbreaks of fire.

A fire disturbance in N. Vera has been made the subject of a special report submitted to Public Safety and Crime.

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1. PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICINE.

General health throughout the region continues good. Incidence rates of communicable diseases show a marked decrease. Sanitation conditions are always good. Milk supply is still below the needs of children and the aged.

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The Italian Centre in Turin is being handed over to functioning wings of the S. M. S. of the Army. A Black Market in Turin is flourishing.

A. REFUGES.

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Refugees are functioning satisfactorily.

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	Evacuated		303
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REFERENCE: PR/250/117.1

SUBJECT: 1/10 MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 1945.

TO: HEADQUARTERS, ARMED COMMISSION.

PLEASE PASS QUICKLY

PART 1.

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CONFIDENTIALPAGE 11(a) POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION

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2. Undoubtedly the prestige of the Communists has diminished, due partly to the reports on reparations said to have been claimed by Russia at the London Conference and partly to the accounts circulated by recently returned prisoners of war from Russia. The Christian Democrats appear to be gaining ground.
3. General public opinion is that industrial firms daily are eating up their capital and will arrive shortly at a point of bankruptcy which will result in mass unemployment. All are fearful of the consequences; therefore it is felt that leaning to the "left" might cause cessation of the flow of materials and food from the democratic countries.
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(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

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10. Personnel in this Division are now reduced to the Regional Food Officer and one Provincial Food Officer stationed in Aosta Province, having regard to the impending division of that territory into Aosta "SEPRAS" and "Ufficio dell'Alimentazione di IVREA".
11. The standing of the Ispettorato Regionale dell'Alimentazione improves slowly but surely, and generally the Provincial SEPRAS are functioning satisfactorily.
12. The uniform 200 gram bread ration for all categories of Normal Consumers went into effect during October with no apparent adverse reaction. Pasta and rice rations were issued. Sizeable quantities of olive oil, lard and salt arrived to support the ration scales for fats and salt. Fruits, particularly apples, were plentiful and exported by rail. Salt for agricultural purposes and for food processing is required urgently.

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13. Two civilian agencies have been allocated reasonable quantities of MIG foods for free distribution in a Winter Feeding Programme.

14. The Grain Movement Plan and the unloading programme have assured all but one Province (Turin) of at least one month's supply of flour for ration purposes. However, there is still apprehension about the future beyond November, as no long-range programme of imports has been announced.

INDUSTRY

15. The coal allocation to Piemonte for October was 54,310 tons but figures are not available from Italian branches as to the actual amount received.

16. The receipts of coal for November, owing to short imports, are expected to fall to 25,000/30,000 tons, and the possibility of transporting lignite from Tuscany, where the stock is estimated at 150,000 tons, to Piemonte is being investigated.

17. Leather production for boots and shoes ordered by the Italian Government is satisfactory but production could be hastened by the importation of Bi-chromate salts, Sodium Sulphide and fish oils.

18. Repairs to the haulage system at the Come Antroccite Mine (Aosta Province) are expected to be completed early in November.

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(4) AGRICULTURE

25. The weather remained dry and had a temporary adverse effect on fall planted grain. Rainfall during the last three days of October improved prospects.

26. Wheat collection continued but at a much slower rate than during September when Italian soldiers were assisting. On 25 Oct 45, a total of 616,392 quintals had been amassed, which is 64.5% of the Regional estimate and 95.2% of the Ministry of Agriculture estimate.

27. Rice harvest and threshing has been completed. Of the estimated total available namely 2,000,000 quintals, 230,250 quintals had been amassed by 25th October.

28. 180,000 quintals of sugar beet have been produced in Alessandria, 150,000 of which will be available to the sugar beet factory.
29. Ten cases of hoof and mouth disease were reported from Turin Province.

(*) LABOUR

30. Important discussions have taken place between the management and workers of the Fiat Group in regard to the workers' claim for an increase in basic wage rates. Apprehensive because of the influence which any "Fiat" agreement would have, other industrial interests asked for and secured the intervention of the Minister of Labour who has now visited Turin. The outcome was a decision to broaden the basis of the negotiations by inviting representatives of employers and workers from Turin, Milan, Genoa, Venice and Bologna to take part in the discussions with a view to formulating a general wage agreement which, if acceptable, would be applied eventually to the whole of Northern Italy. Negotiations continue and may be prolonged owing to the complexity of the problem.

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35. With the departure of all Provincial Finance Officers, the responsibility of unblocking accounts and cheques was transferred to the Direzione Generale del Tesoro.

36. The unwillingness of Banks and merchants to accept AM currency is causing considerable difficulties. In certain areas AM currency has practically disappeared. Fear of counterfeit currency appears to be the reason for non-acceptance. Attempts have been made to arrest offenders but the Legal Division hold little hope of securing convictions.

(G) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

37. Only one officer now remains in the Division, but practically all work has been transferred to Italian Authorities. All applications for approval of projects have been cleared.

Lack of materials hinders repairs to buildings, etc., but large numbers of individuals are carrying out their own repair work.

39. The general electrical power conditions in Piemonte are good, but, as there is no gas supply at present, thousands of people are cooking and heating with electricity. Colder weather will increase the consumption of electricity and, unless areas are to be without light and power periodically, it is essential that the electrical power should be supplemented by gas. If the Italian Authorities allocate coal, as advised, for gas purposes, the principal cities in the Region should have gas three hours per day by the end of November.

(b) LEGAL

40. A.M.C. Courts: Few cases are now being dealt with, partly on account of the lack of Officers available to sit on Superior Courts and partly because the Italian Judiciary on the higher level show complete willingness to co-operate. This willingness is not fully reflected, so far, on a Provincial level but where sentences are too light in arms cases appeals are being taken by order of the Procuratore Generale.
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49. Total arms recovered to 25th October, 45:- Machine Guns 445; Rifles 3,166; Automatic Weapons 1,236; Revolvers 81; Grenades 7,211; Mines 154; Mortars 223; Guns over 20 lbs. - 33; Art. Cars 9, and considerable quantities of explosives, ammunition, mortar bombs, shells, radios, steel helmets, etc.

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(5) PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

50. The health of the population continues to be good. With the exception of diphtheria, most of the diseases show a distinct decrease in the number of cases. Diphtheria cases increased by 170. Present returns:- Typhoid Fever 317; Tuberculosis 150; Diphtheria 594; Brucellosis 12.
51. Penicillin is reaching the Black Market, and raids have recovered 89 vials.

52. The three major problems outstanding in the Welfare field are - (a) Fuel for heating and bed-linen for Hospitals, (b) Supplementary food rations for institutions and (c) acquisition of medical supplies which, although unblocked, are difficult to obtain. Efforts are being made to alleviate the situation.

(K) REFUGEES

53. The flow of Italian Refugees and P.O.W. from France through Switzerland ceased during the month. It is believed that there are still 20,000 Italians to be repatriated from France. Repatriation of Italian and other Nationals to France has not yet commenced and the number of Italians desiring repatriation is increasing.

54. XXI AMG Evacuation Camp (Moncalieri) and XII (Novara) have now been handed over to the Italian Authorities.

55. Returns: Italians in Camps 1st Oct. - 421; Arrived - 13,066; Evacuated - 14,080; Remaining 1st Oct. - 249. Allied and other Nationals in Camps 1st Oct. - 245; Arrived - 255; Evacuated - 277; Remaining - 31st Oct. - 231. Of the Italians, 13,063 were ex-Ps.O.W.

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62. Posts: Postal services are operating satisfactorily.

(3) MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS

63. With the departure of the Regional Monument and Fine Arts Officer, the work of this Division was handed over to the Superintendencies of Galleries, Monuments, Antiquities and Epigraphy, Libraries and Archives on 15th October, 1945.

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7th October, 1945.

REFERENCE: PR/ESG/147.1.

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TO : HEADQUARTERS, ARMED COMMISSION.

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(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

6. Uncertainty as to the future continues to hamper the working of Local Government, non-local officials being afraid as to their personal position.
7. Italian Officials are accepting responsibility but the majority still require pressure to ensure prompt execution of duties. The low salaries paid to Government Officials, combined with the present high cost of living, encourage corruption.
8. Sixteen of the 1,067 Communes in the Region have now been appointed by Italian agencies and confirmed in office by the respective Provincial Commissions.
9. The preparation of the electoral lists continues, but a difficulty of some magnitude has arisen in adherence to the time schedule on account of the alleged impossibility for the judicial records officers to complete the work of returning extracts of the electoral lists to the Communes within the period of 15 days of receipt, as established by Art. 17 of the Ministerial Decree of 25th October, 1944. In Torino Province, an application for 30 days time extension on these grounds has had to be refused inasmuch as such grounds

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7. Italian Officials are accepting responsibility but the majority still require pressure to ensure prompt execution of duties. The low salaries paid to Government Officials, combined with the present high cost of living, encourage corruption.
8. Sixteen of the 1,067 Communes in the Region have now been appointed by Italian agencies and confirmed in office by the respective Provincial Commissioners.
9. The preparation of the electoral lists continues, but a difficulty of some magnitude has arisen in adherence to the time schedule on account of the alleged impossibility for the judicial records offices to complete the work of returning extracts of the electoral lists to the Communes within the period of 15 days of receipt. As established by Art. 17 of the Ministerial Decree of 24th October, 1944. In Torino Province, an application for 30 days time extension on these grounds has had to be refused inasmuch as such grounds are not legal grounds for the granting of the extension.
10. The resignation of the Prefect of Alessandria is anticipated, he having been appointed Consultore Nazionale. The local CM have already nominated a successor but preliminary steps have been taken to ensure the appointment of a Career Prefect should the office become vacant.

(c) ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SUPPLY.

FOOD.

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11. From the viewpoint of the consumer, September has been the most satisfactory month since the advent of AG, but the stock position at the end of the month is unfavourable.
12. If all locally produced foodstuffs reached proper channels the demand for imported supplements would drop considerably, but there are no signs that law observance and law enforcement can be anticipated.

13. Nine months must elapse before the next grain harvest and there is sufficient grain in the granaries to provide bread for the ration card holders for one month only. Grain for the remaining eight months, in large measure, may have to be imported.
 14. Undoubtedly a large proportion of the grain crop reached the black market. That the Italian people should thus misuse their own resources and then turn to outsiders for relief aid on account of this, appears to be grossly unfair.
 15. Italian authorities have taken over many food administrative details, with a view to 443 leaving behind a working system rather than an unexecuted plan.
- CONTRACTS
16. During the month, responsibilities of the Division have been handed to the C.I.A.I. On 15th September, all allocations of coal became the responsibility of the Italian Government, and with that change, the functions of the Industry Division virtually came to an end.
 17. On 27th September, 1945, it was reported that a serious fire had destroyed the aerial cable haulage system at Cogine Anthracite mine. It is estimated that by day will be required for the repair. The interruption should not interfere with the operation of the mine as storage space for the output. The present output of mine run coal is about 500 tons per day and of cleaned coal about 350 tons per day. Thus a total of about 15,000 tons of cleaned coal will be held up during the period of repair. The iron and steel works at Asta will be affected as will many brickworks and other industries; but much of the effect can be eased by shifting allocations of imported coal and coke during the repair period. Decisions on such reallocations will now rest with Piemonte C.I.A.I. whom the Cogine Company have contacted.
 18. Of the 58,000 tons of coal allocated to the Region for September, 15,000 tons have been received and distributed.
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23. The activities of the Piemonte Region Price and Distribution Commission have now become subordinated to the Price Fixing Board of Northern Italy at Milan.

(d) AGRICULTURE.

24. Corn. Corn harvest continued throughout the month, the crop being satisfactory, except in those areas depending on rain.

25. Rice. Harvest was started during the month and the quality of the new crop on the whole is better. 5955

26. Hay. The situation has continued to improve in the irrigated and river bottom farms. However the hay and general fodder situation is not entirely satisfactory and a forced reduction of number of livestock may be necessary in some communities.

27. Wheat. Collections from Granai del Popolo have been accelerated during the month. The total amount amounted to 27th September is 501,140 Qls, being 40.2% of the 1st July goal, and 77.9% of the Ministerial Estimate. From 12th to 26th September a cadre of 35 to 30 Italian soldiers and a British NCO have aided each Province and during this period a total of approximately 100,000 Qls was assessed.

(a) LABOUR

28. The labour situation has been kept well in hand. No serious industrial unrest has developed except for a fifteen strike amongst textile workers of Torino Province. An agreement was reached after a suspension of work lasting twelve days.

29. The abolition of unified contribution system in the "Travertina Socialie" has been adversely received by organised labour; it is regarded as a regression in Social policy.

30. Unemployment is on the increase throughout Piemonte; there is also an increase of "auribus womers". Three under-secretaries visited Torino and held a conference in connection with the impending expiration of the ban on discharges.

31. The question of setting up "Giunte di Gestione" in the more important industries has come to the fore as a result of a mass meeting held at "Piat Mirafiore" to discuss this question.

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37. Housing Commissions, now numbering 105, have become more active except in Novara area. 1,202 projects are in hand valued at more than 120,000,000 lire.

38. 14 of the 13 electric power plants and 130 of the 921 power lines which suffered war damage have now been repaired. The capacity of the damaged generating plants was 183,000 Kw, and repairs have restored 162,000 Kw. Since two plants generating a total of 4,000 Kw were damaged beyond repair, only 17,000 Kw of generating capacity await repair.

39. The electrical generating and distributing system of Piemonte is in an extremely satisfactory condition and further repairs and improvements may be left to the civilian management of the Companies without hesitation.

40. With regard to Gas, despite the fact that every effort has been made to present to the proper authorities the Gas Companies' coal requirements, the situation still is far from satisfactory. An allotment of coal has been received but it is unknown whether or not this is for pre-heating. Unless an assurance is given that more coal will be available it appears impracticable to use the present allotment even to preheat the ovens.

41. It is noted that the situation may be clarified as, with the coming of colder weather and the use of electricity for heating, Gas should be made available for cooking, otherwise the extra load on the electric system will be more than it can carry.

42. Public Works Division has now been keyed to closing with all records up to date.

(2) LOCAL.

43. G.O. 37 (Advance Payments of certain pensions) was published during the month.

44. A.S. and Italian Courts continued to function and there was one General Court, the first in the Region, held at Duno.

45. Special Courts of Assize also continued to function, a large number of cases being dealt with. Seven death sentences, one from Asti and six from Novara were carried out without incident.

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49. Renewed confidence is being shown by the CC.BB., who are, however, extremely reluctant to work with other than MG Police Agencies.
50. Uniforms and Boots for CC.BB. are being obtained slowly through unusual channels. Automatic arms have been requested repeatedly and until these are obtained, banditry will not be overcome finally, neither will the inferiority complex of the CC.BB. be removed. It is imperative that the provision of suitable arms for the Carabinieri be given immediate attention by the appropriate authorities, as the matter is of extreme urgency.
51. New uniforms have been obtained locally for mobile battalions of the Agente P.S., who are exclusively undertaking the policing of Turin City during night time. Unless there is some immediate scheme of the Italian Government for the training of these men - on whom much reliance will have to be placed in the near future - it is intended to improve their local training by more advanced instruction in preliminary courses of 3 weeks duration. The necessary facilities have already been provided.
52. Public morale fluctuates but on the whole has improved. Rapidly growing appreciation that North Italy possesses a better opportunity for a more rapid industrial recovery than most other countries in Europe, provided raw materials are forthcoming quickly, is offset by the unsettled political situation and the fear of conditions in the coming winter.

(3) PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

53. The health of the population continues to be good. The number of typhoid fever cases dropped by a half, but the number of diphtheria cases increased greatly. Present returns: Typhoid Fever 173; Tuberculosis 222; Diphtheria 123; Brucellosis 78. Hospitals suffer from lack of funds and coal. All medical supplies totalling 150 tons and 190 tons of soap have been distributed.

(4) Welfare.

Total supplies furnished to Italian Institutes and Displaced Persons Camps are as follows: c. 500 children's garments; 3,400 blankets; 9,000 pairs Shoes; 800 confinement kits and 10 tons of ABC clothing.

(5) EDUCATION.

55. With the departure of all Education Officers the Division closed down on 30th September, 1945.

(6) REFUGEES.

56. No. 18 ABC Refugee Camp at Dorodossola was closed on 15th September and the feeding arrangements for refugees passing through were taken over by the Italian Authorities. 41 ABC Evacuation Camp at Roncallieri was transferred to the Italian authorities on 20th September and 19 ABC Evacuation Camp Novara on 30th September. The Allied Nationals Camp has been transferred from Caserma Cavour to Grallasco.

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58. Returns: Italians in Camp at 1 September - 495. Arrived 17,617. Evacuated - 13,410, remaining 30th September - 653. Allied and other Nationals in camp 1st September - 236, arrived - 525. Evacuated - 301, remaining 30th September - 423. Of the Italians, 11,614 were ex-Po.C.W.

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59. I.A.P.s in the Provinces are now working under the jurisdiction of the respective Prefects, and are controlled by the Regional I.A.P.s.

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Roads.

62. Work on most of vital projects progressing satisfactorily. It is anticipated that the Tenda Railroad Tunnel which is to be used for highway traffic will be open by mid-October. All State roads will be opened this winter and major interruptions on Provincial and Communal roads are in hand.

Rail.

63. All work in connection with aids for movement of traffic by rail will be handed over to the Italian State Railways as soon as possible. Bids and requests for rail transportation increased considerably during the month with the dissemination of knowledge that lines are now open to practically any point in Italy. No difficulty has been encountered to date in moving the sponsored traffic.

Telecommunications.

64. Continued general progress in restoration of telephone trunk router has been made and the direct Torino-Zurich telegraph circuit is now operating. From the point of view of the physical work of restoration, it is considered that Italian agencies are now capable of taking over but it is anticipated that, with the departure of AGO, considerable labour troubles may arise which, with the coming of winter, may cause the services to suffer severely.

Posts.

65. Postal services are operating satisfactorily.

(c) PROPERTY CONTROL.

66. All reports on sequestered properties have been completed and forwarded to Headquarters and no important work remains to be done. The Division closed on 30th September, 1945.

67. Final figures: Sequestered properties reverted upon - 4735 French, 1222 British, 861 American and 145 miscellaneous. Total - 7023. Owners involved - 4,404.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394.

7 Sept. 1945.

REFERENCE: PR/ESG/117.1.

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST 1945.

TO : HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

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3. The food situation remained good during August, but the bread ration may have to be suspended during September in three Provinces.
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5. Commerce operations in all but two Provinces are now handled by Civilians.
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10. AMG and Italian Courts are functioning satisfactorily.
11. The health of population in general is good, despite substantial increase in the numbers of typhoid fever and tubercular cases.
12. Civil telephonic communication and postal services have been established between Region and all parts of Italy.

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SECRETPART II(a) POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

1. The various Political Parties have continued activities during the month and have begun to take a more definite antagonistic viewpoint of each other, particularly with the arrival of a new Monarchistic Party.
2. The jockeying for position amongst the various Parties undoubtedly detracts from the general efforts towards reconstruction.
3. Although all parties are acquiring as many arms as possible, there is no evidence to show that any section of the community could rise and, by force of arms, seize complete control.
4. General feeling towards the Allies has remained favourable, and the confused state of Italian politics has increased the desire of a considerable section of the public for the Allies to remain in Italy.

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6. Electoral List preparations have continued to schedule, but, as in most branches of local government administration, constant pressure has to be applied by AMG sources. It is difficult to prophesy the reaction which the withdrawal of AMG will have on local administration, and in some quarters, it is considered chaos will ensue.

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8. AMG grain/flour imports continued in sufficient quantity to maintain the bread ration in all Provinces. These imports, however, on the basis of present information, may cease at any time. Consequently, as the aspect of grain is still very poor despite recent improvement, there is a distinct possibility that during September the bread ration may be suspended in the Provinces of Aosta, Novara and Torino.
9. Effective food work by AMG is hampered by the lack of co-operation on the part of food officials, and failure to enforce price policies, food allocations, amssel orders and the like.
10. Industry.
The normal monthly import of coal for Piemonte is 100,000 tons. The allocation for August was approx. 27,000 tons, all of which has been delivered.
11. No coke was allocated or delivered to the Region during August, but during September it is planned to coke 2000 tons of imported coal at Turin, producing about 700 tons of coke and much needed gas (for industry only) tar etc. This will represent about 5 % of Piemonte's needs.

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12. During the month, first announced approximately 350 vehicles and Lancia 35 vehicles.

Commerce.

13. Commerce operations in all Provinces except Novara and Turin are now handled by Civilians.

14. UPIC's are functioning well and Chambers of Commerce are now established by the appointment of the President and Giunta in every Province.

15. Circulation Permits and PCI are being ably controlled by civilian agencies and uniformity throughout the Region has been accomplished.

16. Control of Materials such as tyres etc. has been transferred from Local Resources Branch to Commerce.

(d) AGRICULTURE.

17. Rainfall during the latter part of the month gave considerable relief to hay crops but came too late to aid the late corn crop except that a greater quantity of forage only may be expected.

18. In General, the amassing has shown improvement. Larger quantities of wheat have been collected and, more important, the public and officials are now realising their responsibilities in the matter.

19. The arrival of two additional Agriculture Officers in the Region has proved extremely beneficial. To obtain the best results, the supervision of Allied officers is essential, in order to counteract the many difficulties in amassing such as farmers' excuses, false threshing machine returns, and lack of whole hearted co-operation on the part of local Italian officials.

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21. Unemployed returns show an increase in all Provinces except Turin. The returns for the latter Province show a reduction of more than 2000 which more than counterbalances the increases in remaining provinces. A slight increase is shown in the total of Surplus Workers. Latest Returns indicate the following: Registered Unemployed 18,712; Surplus Workers (Schedule less than 40 hrs weekly) 170,596; Surplus Workers (in excess of 40 hrs week) 103,759.

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(f) FINANCE.

22. The situation in regard to Government Finance is becoming more settled but there are too many instances of Provincial Prefects communicating direct with Rome Ministries and receiving "authority" to make various payments which have not been cleared through AC/MG.
23. The revenue position has improved considerably during the month. Bank deposits are still increasing and show an advance of over 3 1/2 billion lire on the previous month.

24. Bond sales have greatly improved the cash position of the Bank of Italy, which, for the first month since liberation, has been able to meet all demands without assistance from outside the Region.

(E) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

25. Activities reached a peak during the month. Italian authorities were given a deadline for the submission of projects and large numbers have been received, the largest being for reconstruction of the engineering school in Turin amounting to 414,000,000 lire.
26. Progress on Housing is far from satisfactory. The material situation is, as last month, still a great handicap and the success of the various communes are not sufficiently aggressive to force the various yards to give up the material. Dealers are reluctant to sell since the market is rising.
27. Practically all electric plants, lines and sub-stations in Piemonte which were damaged have been repaired. Within a month all plants and lines should be completed.

(H) LEGAL.

28. The following were published during August:- G.O. 51, Reg.O. No. 3 (Census of Livestock) Reg.O. No. 9 (Sale of Fertilizer) Reg.O. No. 10 (Reports in Newspapers on Cases awaiting trial) and Regulations on Labour.
29. Epuration Commissions continued to sit throughout the Region, both under GO 35 and GO 46. A delegation from the Italian Government, by arrangement with A.C., visited the Region to contact Prefects and Epuration Commissions to discuss details of the ultimate application of the epuration provisions of D.L.I. 159.
30. The status of neo-fascist personnel, both members of the armed forces and civilians, has been clarified somewhat by rulings of the Land Forces Sub. Commission, and there are reasonable grounds for hoping that some glaring anomalies soon will be adjusted.

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(h) LOCAL.

28. The following were published during August:- G.O. 51, Reg.O. No. 8 (Census of Livestock) Reg.O. No. 9 (Sale of Partilizer) Reg.O. No. 10 (Reports in Newspapers on Cases awaiting trial) and Regulations on Labour.

29. Epuration Commissions continued to sit throughout the Region, both under GO 35 and GO 46. A delegation from the Italian Government, by arrangement with A.C., visited the Region to contact Prefects and Epuration Commissions to discuss details of the ultimate application of the epuration provisions of D.L.I. 159.

30. The status of neo-fascist personnel, both members of the armed forces and civilians, has been clarified somewhat by rulings of the Land Forces Sub. Commission, and there are reasonable grounds for hoping that some glaring anomalies soon will be adjusted.

(i) PUBLIC SAFETY.- ALLIED COURTS - ITALIAN COURTS.

31. There has been a marked reduction in crime, but cases of robbery and armed hold-ups are still numerous. Determined efforts by Police to effect arrests are meeting with success.

32. The possession of firearms by civilians has been given priority during the past month, and the large number of raids conducted has resulted in the securing of considerable amounts of arms and ammunition. The number of arrests from the raids has been disappointing, as it has not been possible to prove possession in most cases.

33. 2500 pairs of boots, 1000 blankets and other equipment were secured during the month for the CCRP, and each serving member will be provided shortly with an automatic weapon.

34. The local Military Commander, who is rendering valuable assistance to public safety work, has attached a truck with wireless equipment at each of the six isolated CCRP stations. Contact is kept with troops who assist the CCRP in dealing with bandits and serious crime in which firearms are used. As a result, a large number of arrests have been made.

35. Prison and P.L.B. Brigade conditions are satisfactory, and only minor unconnected strikes have occurred during the month. On the 19 August approximately 3000 ex-internees demonstrated and 3 shops were looted. Agenti P.S. (ex-partisans) recovered 70 % of the stolen property and made 23 arrests.

AND Courts.

36. 102 Summary Court cases were tried in which there were 74 convictions, and 13 Superior Court cases in which there were 10 convictions.

Italian Courts.

37. Italian Courts continue to function satisfactorily. The volume of work disposed of, however, has been reduced through vacations.

38. Special Courts of Assize tried 136 cases. There were 9 death sentences and 38 acquittals. 14 cases were continued or transferred. There have been various disturbances at sittings of Special Courts of Assize but police action has avoided serious trouble.

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45. There has been the normal flow of transit Refugees through Montecallieri, but the number of static Refugees there awaiting entry to France is steadily increasing, the present figure being 500.
46. The morale of Italian Refugees, mostly ex-prisoners of war, passing through Novara is high but 750 Jewish Refugees gave a certain amount of trouble.

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47. Returns: Italians in camps 1 Aug 48, 770; Arrived 11630;
Evacuated 11806; Remain 30 Aug 730. Allied and other
Nationalists in camps 1 Aug 210; Arrived 341; Evacuated 331;
Remain 30 Aug 223.

(m) PATRIOTS.

48. No difficulty is pressed in regard to the transfer of dealings with ex-partisans from AGO to the Prefects, who will co-ordinate the responsibilities of the I.N.F.R. with those of the A.N.P.I. *ph*

(n) COMMUNICATIONS.

Road.

49. Work on roads and bridges is progressing as well as can be expected, and provided September and October weather is favourable, the network of roads will be safe for the winter.

Rail.

50. The situation is fair. No major problems have been encountered in moving traffic and, as additional lines are rehabilitated, the chief problem will be the availability of sufficient rail cars.

Telecommunication.

51. Civil telephone communications are gradually approaching normal and long distance calls are now possible to all parts of Italy on a restricted scale. Local telephone services are satisfactory in most towns but the standard of maintenance has been low for some years. Transport for companies remains a most pressing problem.

Posts.

52. Postal services are now operating from the Region to all parts of Italy. A good volume of foreign mail is being posted, but enquiries continue to be received as to the resumption of commercial mail to countries other than U.S. and possessions and the British Empire.

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(p) MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS.

55. Routine work has continued on Projects for repairs, Deposits and clearance of Museums for re-instatement of collections.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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18 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report for Piemonte Region--
July 1945.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference is made to the July monthly report of Piemonte Region dated 7 August, circulated for information of the various Sub Commissions.

2. Para (b) 10 reads:

"The preparation of Electoral Lists is proceeding but pressure has to be applied to Italian officials to keep to time schedule. It will be necessary for extensions of time limits to be granted in a large number of Communes owing to official records having been destroyed."

This is an exaggeration. There are 1066 Communes in Piemonte Region, for which time extensions have been requested as follows:

Alessandria		11 Communes		20 days
Anti		4 "		12 "
Cuneo		18 "		10 "
		<u>33</u> Communes		

Aosta, Torino and Vercelli have been granted no extensions and the position as to Novara is not known.

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TO : HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Monthly Report - July 1945

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3. French troops withdrew from the remaining occupied areas of the Region on the 10th July, leaving only officially approved liaison representatives.

4. Local Govt. administration is satisfactory but pressure has had to be applied to Italian officials to adhere to the Electoral List Preparation Time Schedule.

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8. Steps have been taken to increase progress on housing which is unsatisfactory.
9. Killings and crimes of violence have decreased but it is considered that large numbers of firearms are still held by unauthorised persons for criminal purposes.
10. AMC and Italian Courts are functioning satisfactorily but the Extraordinary Courts of Assize are overworked due to shortage of trained personnel.
11. The health of the civilian population remains good. One case of typhus was discovered in Alexandria but no secondary cases have been reported.
12. All Patriote Centres were closed on 10 July 55.

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Monthly Report - July 1944

(a) POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

1. The various political parties have been active during July and the general topic was the result of the British General Election which was received with acclamation by the Communist and Socialist parties.

2. The impending departure of AM has created considerable anxiety in many quarters as to the consequences thereof, and the general opinion is that the "British" political parties intend to take over control by force.

3. Air way there are signs that Communist Officials are working in an atmosphere of intimidation, and a continuance of this situation must result in the withdrawal of able men from the political field leaving the way clear for extremists.

4. Little faith exists amongst the general public as to the ability of the Italian Forces to meet the anticipated situation, and the fear that large scale public disorder will occur when AM departs is widespread.

5. French troops withdrew from the TENDA-ITALIA area of Gorno Province on the 10th July. With the exception of officially approved liaison representatives, no French troops now occupy regional territory.

6. Factory workers were on strike on 13 July and 15000 demonstrated at the Prefecture against the printing and publishing of the independent newspaper "La Stampa". The paper is now published under the title of "Nuova Stampa". The first issue of this paper was followed two days later by the publication of

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7. The general relations between Allied troops and civilian population continue to be good, and the public opinion for the Allies still remains high.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROV. CHAI

8. Provincial Government is functioning satisfactorily and few changes in office have occurred.

9. Three months experience has strengthened considerably the administrative ability of officials.

10. The preparation of Electoral Lists is proceeding but pressure has to be applied to Italian officials to keep to time schedule. It will be necessary for extensions of time limits to be granted in a large number of Communes owing to official records having been destroyed.

(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

11. Food The situation during July has been good but the outlook for the future is serious, owing to failure of the crop, and amsasi programme.

12. The fact that there will be no grain flour imports to the Region for period commencing 1 Aug. 45 creates a likelihood of suspension of the bread ration in Aosta and Torino provinces during August, and in other Provinces any time after the 1 Sept. depending directly on progress of amsasi.

13. The ignoring of A.M. price policies, the flouting of the amsasi programme, the disregarding of A.M. plans for distribution of controlled foodstuffs, and similar actions have contributed collectively to the impending food crisis.

14. Industry. 130,000 tons of coal arrived during the month and have been allotted.

15. The greatest material shortage is metallurgical coke, which is required by all steel works, foundries and chemical works. No supplies have arrived and no production of this fuel will be attained until September next.

16. Cogno Steel works and Fiat continued to operate in spite of fuel shortage and Lancia have now commenced production.

17. Commerce. Various Provinciali dell'Industria e Commercio are now well established and functioning in all provinces.

18. Chambers of Commerce are organized in the Provinces of Asti, Cuneo, Novara and Verucelli, and in course of formation in remaining Provinces.

19. A Price and Distribution Commission is operating in Turin.

20. P.O.L. allocations for July: - Benzina 1,215,500 litres, Gasolio 1,009,012 litres and Petrolio 1,387,593 litres.

(d) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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23. The estimate of wheat to be sown, as calculated on figures available at the end of July, is approximately one third of the amount estimated on 1 June last, and the Commissioner, Inspector of Agriculture and Chief of P.S.S., have been instructed to produce threshing machine records to show the state of wheat production.

24. Applications for attendance at the School of Forest Guards have been screened and referred to the Permanent Chief of Forests.

(d) LABOUR

25. It is anticipated that a slight increase will be recorded in registered unemployed throughout the Region during July, with a more substantial increase in numbers of surplus workers due to slump in industrial activity.
26. Employers' associations are beginning to take more definite steps. Professional classes have been slow in getting together and the trend in their case is to organize independently of one another.

27. The National Organized Crime Commission is in primary contact with the Italian Government in order to coordinate with the line of action taken by the Italian Government in undertaking to finance the process of integration.

(4) FINANCE

28. The financial situation is reported to Revenue records good but difficulty is reported due to the time lag which occurs between the date a decree is implemented and the date interest parties are aware of changes in taxation.

29. It is considered that, consequently upon the implementation of D.L. 111, the income of State employees will reach the present cost of living figure.

30. Traveling allowances are under constant review but the implementation of the 70% increases in indennita di missione promised for August should ease this situation.

(5) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

31. During July, changes were made in personnel of the heads of the Genio Civile, as a result of which projects are being submitted as directed and work is progressing.

32. Projects are in hand for all hospitals, schools, public buildings, case popolari, and public warehouses where war damage is known to exist.

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(6) LEGAL

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38. On 14 July, 50 sentenced prisoners escaped from an auxiliary prison after overpowering the guards. 32 have since been re-arrested by Agents F.S.
39. Fire Brigades continue to function well.
40. All judicial prisons are said to be capacity, and the penal institutions also will be soon full, as a result of trials before the Special Court of Assize.
41. Public works are now coming to promising economic conditions and the doubtful political future.
42. Only the provision of full social equipment, transport, automatic arms, uniforms and improved conditions of service for

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police can effect and equal contribution to public safety problems.

43. AND Courts increased in number of cases, most of which concerned pirates and illegal Possessions and Circulation of vehicles without permits.

44. Italian Courts (1) Italian Courts are functioning satisfactorily. (2) Extraordinary Courts of Assize are overworked due to lack of trained personnel.

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(K) EDUCATION

50. All branches of Education work proceeding satisfactorily and no major problems.

(L) REFUGES

51. The number of refugees in transit has been normal but the number from Switzerland through Domodossola was not so large as anticipated. Little numbers are expected shortly.

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52. The small numbers of refugees in XX and Reception Camp, Cuneo have paralleled this and this camp will be closed.

(M) RAILROADS

53. All centres in Piemonte Region were closed finally on 15 July 45.

54. The distribution of Alexander Certificate, Bonuses and payments to ex-partisans still in hospital has continued.

(N) COMMUNICATIONS

55. Road. The Administration of the Autostrada has done little in regard to repair of bridges and surface of that road. It is considered that this organization should be eliminated from control of the Autostrada and a civilian station set up for maintenance of surface similar to other State roads as soon as possible.

56. Rail. Short railroads operation transferred from PR.

to U. S. Div. to Transportation Division.

57. Telecommunications. Continued progress has been made in the restoration of civil communications, sufficient materials having been obtained by the demolition of disused Italian Military routes.

58. Ports. Facilities improved and extended.

(a) PROPERTY CONTROL

59. Conditions during the month have been relatively static and emphasis was placed on preparation of reports on properties.

60. The force held that individual requisitions for allied owned personal and miscellaneous property in Torino Province had disposed of such property and taken the proceeds have been confirmed. The original requisitions were largely perished officials who have fled.

(2) MONUMENTS AND OTHER SITES

61. Relations for repairs urgently required for conservation of four Torino Monuments have been prepared and relations are in preparation for seven other monuments.

62. Relations are in preparation also for urgent repairs to damaged archive buildings in Torino and Alessandria.

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• **STEP 2: DECISION**

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local activities. Some of the various parties have vied with each other in seeking power and control of the people. Unbiased newspapers are unpopular in the political sphere. It being considered that such papers may steal the market to the detriment of the Party papers. The Communist and Socialist parties appear to have become more separated, with the Communists the more active party.

4. The statement of expenditures has been completed.
5. French persons have returned from Austria and Turin Provinces and it is anticipated that the remaining confined areas in Cuneo Province will be evacuated in the near future. The French withdrawal has proved popular with the population in areas concerned.
6. The food supply situation, on the whole, is good but the yield of the forthcoming wheat harvest is expected to be far below normal.
7. The major outstanding economic problem is cost of living. "Black Market" flourish and the comparatively low scales of wages operating are insufficient to combat the inflated prices. Considerable unrest exists amongst the people, as evidenced by numerous large scale demonstrations and small strikes throughout the Region, and up to date, no satisfactory solution has been found.
8. Unrest is at a low scale, only eight cases of unlawful killings having been reported during June. The demonstrations and strikes referred to in the previous paragraph are over. Police services are functioning reasonably well. There has been a distinct improvement in police morale and the shortage of arms is being met from surrenders and stock.
9. The non-arrival of the expected June supplies of coal has delayed the re-activation of many factories at present closed for lack of fuel.
10. The health of the civilian population and military casualties remain good, but there is need for more ambulances.
11. Italian and Anglo exiles are functioning satisfactorily and the policy of making the Italians use their own courts is being pursued.
12. The ban on discussion of surplus workers remains a major labour problem, and it is considered that no effective solution can be found until legislative provisions adopted are so devised as to exonerate industrialists of responsibility in affecting emigration.
13. Repatriation of Displaced Persons from Switzerland to Italy has commenced, the total number to be repatriated being estimated at 40,000.

PART II.ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE
FOOD SITUATION.A. Food.

14. The food situation in general may be classified as good. The legal rations of bread and other basic foods have been furnished with minor shortages only in isolated communities. Quantities of fruits and vegetables, including even some citrus fruits from Sicily, have been available. During the latter part of the month and food allocations have been arriving regularly.
15. The quality of ration bread has shown improvement, and in Turin and Vercelli Provinces it is now made principally from white wheat flour instead of rice flour.
16. Prices are causing considerable difficulty. The official prices have been too low to enforce with present available police facilities. The actual prices charged, black market or free market, are higher than they were a year ago, and are high in their relation to wages. The fact that wages are out of line with prices is causing discontent in the Region.
17. Apart from the question of wages, the most serious food situation facing A.O. is the fact that this year's grain crop is considerably below normal. This means a much greater decrease in the amount available for ration card holders as the producers receive 100 per cent priority on their grain retentions. The failure to fix a price for grain in N. Italy in conformance with that in the South tends to decrease the amount of grain annexed.
- B. Industry.
18. The non-arrival of the expected June supplies of coal has delayed the re-activation of many factories at present closed for lack of fuel. Production of coal at La Thuile (Province of Aosta) suffered a set back during the month due to a variety of reasons. The transfer of additional miners, an increased food ration, and American Red Cross Welfare Facilities have combined to improve conditions and the output has now risen. An allocation of coal for July has been sub-allotted to 75 factories with a reserve of 700 tons to small industries, 300 tons for artisans, and 380 tons for small food processing plants.

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17. The non-arrival of the expected Junk supplies of coal has delayed the re-activation of many factories at present closed for lack of fuel. Production of coal at La Chiusa (Province of Aosta) suffered a 300 ton drop during the month due to a variety of reasons. The transfer of additional miners, an increased food ration, and American and Cross Welfare facilities have combined to improve conditions and the output has now risen. An allocation of coal for July has been sub-allotted to 76 factories with a reserve of 700 tons to small industries. 300 tons for artisans, and 880 tons for small food processing plants.
18. Fiat works continue in production making 12 x 3 ton trucks and 10 more per day. At present some 250 x 3 ton trucks cannot go on the road for lack of tyres and unless tyres are forthcoming at an early date this large factory will have to close down with the consequent loss of its valuable production and a large increase in unemployment.
19. The woolen trade is occupying about 50 per cent of its manufacturing capacity making low quality materials from raw, waste, artificial wool, and rayon. It should continue at this rate for the next three months.
20. The release of 700 tons per month of washing soda has been secured in lieu of soap which cannot be made for lack of fats.
21. The sparkling plug factory at Borgomansero (Province of Novara) has 5000 units in stock and a production capacity of 15,000 per month.

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A.C. Commerce.

23. The procurement of the June allocation of POL required the constant use of approximately 50 flat trucks running in three convoys to Isola del Scala east of Verona, in addition to 8 tank trucks and tank trailers shuttling continuously to Modena. At the end of the month, the burning of several tankers at Genoa and Allied Warships and Bessoli to be brought by tank trailer therefrom. Although rail transport of POL has been provided from Verona and Genoa to POL has arrived in Piemonte by rail. Use of heavy tank trailers to the port of Vado for gasoline involves heavy toll on transport.
24. A Regional request for the extension of the issue of Agricultural POL into July to cover the harvest has been granted.
25. The new circulation permits for vehicles for the second half of 1946 have been received and will be issued during July. The validity of present permits has been extended to 31 July.
26. There has been considerable activity on the part of industrial and commercial leaders to form Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, but it is expected that all surviving will have Chambers of Commerce functioning in July.
27. The Regional Price and Distribution Committee commenced operations on 7 June and prices are being set for leather shoes, leather products, building materials, automotive vehicles, medicines and rubber tires, etc. The greatest difficulty experienced in price control and distribution is lack of initiative and force as well as that of the consequences of action taken.
28. ANPA through the Allied Local Resources Board (Italian) reduced the number of items under their control to seven.

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30. Rice crop is about normal in development for the season, but it is not possible to predict rice production accurately until the rice harvest in September or October. Therefore no change is made in last month's prediction of approximately 5936 million quintals.

31. Corn development is fairly good although rice suffering somewhat from prolonged drought.

32. No serious outbreaks of livestock diseases have occurred and the condition of animals is good. The reduced slaughtering of animals, not limited animals unfit for work, breeding or production, is permitting an increase in total weight of livestock in the Region. This plan will permit an increased supply of meat next winter and spring. Shortage of work animals is still a hindrance to farm production, and the only cure is production of more work animals.

33. A complete plan for the production of wirewood and other forest products has been prepared for the period May - October 45. Plans have also been prepared for increasing the strength of the Forest Corps embracing the establishment of a Forest Corps School in North Italy on 1st August. It is expected that recruits will be drawn partially from former Patriots.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

34. Trouble has been experienced with the Genio Civile personnel now in office. The Inspector General of the Genio Civile was absent for 30 days, having been put in jail in Genoa by the CLS. He has since returned and is offering useful assistance. Since several of the Genio Civile are slow in preparing projects it is proposed to make changes.

35. With the concurrence of Lombardo Region it has been decided that the privately owned Autostrada will be maintained by the State and all projects can be channelled through the Ingennere Capo of Viabilità.

36. Many diversions have been completed and in some places ferries have been installed. To date 356 foot interruptions have been repaired.

37. The electrical consumption has risen from 240,000 in May to 270,000 in June. Consumption will rise sharply in the autumn and also when coal is available for industries.

38. Trams in the cities are all operating, but the lack of special steel for tyres and tyre repairs is being felt.

39. Water systems have been reviewed but no problems exist as materials are available and work is progressing.

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43. Industrialists are convinced that their only chance of retaining right of ownership must be sought in a policy of appeasement even if this may involve the risk of financial disaster.
44. The Camera del Lavoro, ably led by the three Joint Secretaries of Torino have consolidated their organization. Repelli (Democristiano) who is responsible for the organization side has forecast the following figures of membership - Turin 200,000; Novara 80,000; Alessandria 40,000; Cuneo 30,000; Verceil 55,000; Asti 10,000; Total 440,000. These figures are exclusive of associations of State Employees.

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45. Agent from the activities of canvassing membership the labour leaders have been very active organizing collective, bargaining for increases in salaries.
46. The cost of living continues to be very high in relation to prevailing wages. The figures for June are approximately the same as for the previous month.
47. State employees have made strong representations to the Prefect and Sindaco for increases in wages and the payment of the "premio di liberazione". The decision is to grant an advance of not more than 2,000 lire for the month of June since just in time to avert serious trouble.
48. Wages in private employment have been increased through various agreements concluded between employers and labour representatives. The technique used has been largely traced out by the Camera del Lavoro in Milan.
49. Correct unemployment figures for the Region are not available as registration is voluntary. Inadequate unemployment benefits and the very limited possibility of employment are the two principal factors contributing towards the present defection on the part of the unemployed workers to register.
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51. The present situation is good and there have been no disorders on a large scale. Small strikes have taken place to protest against rising prices, but all have been settled on the intervention of AMF Officers.
52. During the month the number of unlawful killings has dropped considerably - only 2 cases having been reported.
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55. Other Strength returns - Guardia Municipale - Oftrs 20, ORs 900; Guardia di Pienza - Oftrs 28, ORs 1352; Guardia Forestale - Oftrs 32, ORs 334; Agenti di P.S. - Oftrs 100, ORs 2800.
56. All Police services are functioning reasonably well. The administration problem is to secure cohesion between Police Agencies and to prevent the institution of irregular police forces.
57. The position as regards overcrowding in prisons began to deteriorate immediately after APRQ directive of March 5, 1945 regarding treatment of all members of the Fascist Republican Armed Forces as POWs was modified by that of 5 June 1945, which permits the retention in prisons at disposal of the Italian authorities of members of such neo-Fascist organisations as the Brigata Nera when found in civilian clothes. As a result it has not been possible to abolish supplementary prisons in all cases.

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Supplementary issues remain in former barracks at Novara, Asti, Cuneo, Aosta, Vercelli, and Biella (Torino Province). By arrangement with local Division and the Carabinieri Generale a stop has been put to arrests and detentions contrary to Italian law, and all persons arrested before 19 June 45 are to be checked and either released or charged properly before 3 July 1946.

59. The Italian Regional Fire Officer has resigned and his duties have been taken over provisionally by the Chief Officer of the Turin Brigade. No serious fires have occurred and all calls for small fires have been dealt with expeditiously.

60. With regard to mine clearance there is still a large quantity of explosive being recovered. The official mine clearance squad alone destroyed or removed over 4000 shells, mines, bombs, incendiary bombs, etc. and the tons of explosive and 253 cases of mixed small materials.

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66. The repairing of hospitals continues throughout the Region and a building in Ravenna Province has been equipped as a typhus isolation hospital. A VD hospital is in operation with approximately 150 beds and a civilian staff supervised by military medical officer. Sanatoria are being repaired and alternative accommodation is still insufficient. Efforts are being made to increase accommodation for tuberculous patients returning from other countries.

67. Sanitary conditions generally remain good and drinking water is generally of good quality.

68. 35 tons of medical supplies have been distributed to all Medical Provinces. About 50 tons of medical supplies are still in Florence Supply Depot awaiting transportation.

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69. Social welfare conditions continue good and it is considered that Italian authorities in the Volturno Valley are well able to manage their ex-refugees and meet their responsibilities if supplies and equipment are made available to them.
70. There has been a constant demand for ambulances in the provinces and redistribution of certain ambulances held by the Italian Red Cross is being planned. Efforts are being made to obtain additional ambulances from S. Army.

EDUCATION.

71. The work of education is proceeding satisfactorily. Since practically all suspension of school personnel had been carried out by CLN prior to the arrival of AMG, the Provveditorato staff have been instructed to study each case individually with the purpose of recommending reinstatements where there is evidence of injustice.
72. There is no urgent problem in regard to requisitioning of school buildings, and it is anticipated that the majority of premises will have been requisitioned before the opening of the new school year.
73. The elementary and secondary text books committees are functioning successfully and it appears it will be possible to furnish sufficient acceptable text books for use in the Region.

DISPLACED PERSONS.

74. Repatriation of Displaced Persons from Switzerland to Italy commenced 29 June 1946. 1,000 refugees entered Italy via Chiasso and were cleared at Como transit camp. The total number of refugees to be repatriated from Switzerland is estimated at approximately 40,000 of which 21,835 are ORs and 18,165 are 320 Officers, 111 Ex POW.
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COMMUNICATIONS.

77. Continued progress has been made in the restoration of telephonic communications during the month and long distance telegraph and telephone communication is now possible via Milan.

78. Authority is being given for civilian telegraph traffic with UK, US, and possessions.

79. During the month the foreign mail services were extended to all provinces in this Region, and services within the Region and to all other parts of Italy are operating satisfactorily.

80. Communications with Post Offices in certain parts of Cuneo Province occupied by the French has been stopped and French stamps substituted for Italian postage stamps. It is believed, however, that this situation will be cleared in the near future.

PROPERTY CONTROL.

81. Work is proceeding satisfactorily and the department is co-operating with Italian agencies and individuals in charge.

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DPO has been speeded up in order to complete records as soon as possible. The next most important problem is in connection with personnel and miscellaneous property where records are inadequate. Proper supervision was not maintained by the Intendente di Finanza over individual sequestrators and in too many instances it is believed that the sequestrators appropriated sequestered property to their own use without making reports. Pursuant to instructions delegates appointed by ESMR are being removed rapidly and replaced by the normal manager. A.E. approach continues to contemplate a minimum of supervisory control in anticipation of cessation of activities at an early date.

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POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION.

1. Upon entry of AMG to Piemonte Region on the 5th May 1945, the Regional Committee of Liberation was found to be in complete control. In Turin the city public services were functioning and undoubtedly the Partisans had performed splendid work in preventing demolitions etc. by the retreating enemy.
2. The welcome given to the Allies was spontaneous and sincere and AMG quickly reciprocated this good will by the appearance of the DSOAO and other senior AMG officers alongside General Imbucchi, the Partisan Commander, on the landing base on the occasion of the Ceremonial Parade of 20,000 Partisans the day following the entry of AMG.
3. The immediate posting of Proclamation No. 1 laying down the penalties for attacks on Allied Troops created an atmosphere of bewilderment rather than resentment, as the impression was widespread that the arrival of the Allies in Northern Italy signified the end of all troubles in that area.
4. In the first few days of occupation the regulation restricting movement in and out of Turin was also a surprise, especially as it meant a permit was necessary to board a street car travelling from outside districts to the centre of the city. In some areas the civilians obediently asked for permits. The early abolition of this restriction, impracticable in any case, allayed public feeling.
5. The streets of Turin and the larger towns in the Region were thronged with fully armed partisans who, probably in a sense of elation at their newly found freedom, fired their arms indiscriminately during the hours of darkness.
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It is pleasing to report that, at the end of May the first problem had been successfully surmounted without incident and the second was well on the way to solution. The assistance of the Partisan leaders in securing the surrender of the majority of arms has been invaluable. June 7th has been fixed as the final date for forfeiture of arms, and, whilst undoubtedly a certain number of small arms will evade collection, the majority will have been secured. The presence of armed German P.O.s, roving bands of armed Fascists in the hills, and the French in certain cantons collectively retarded the surrender of Partisans' weapons.

7. It is estimated that approximately 1500 Fascists had appeared before Tribunals and been executed prior to entry of ALB. The suspension of Tribunals created, as usual, misgivings as to whether the Allies were prepared to deal stringently with Fascists, but the establishment of Peoples Courts had a favourable reaction. Although in the early days the danger existed of private executions being carried out after the abolition of Tribunals, these fears did not materialise and the Region quickly settled down to an orderly life. A certain amount of crime is still prevalent, but not on a large scale.

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8. Political activities have been surprisingly small and on a far less scale than anticipated. The Communists have said themselves felt by canvassing the workers of some of the larger factories but not to an excessive extent. All political differences had been submerged into the concerted effort of the Turin organization to oust the Germans.
9. In the latter half of the month, the visits of Fogliatti the Communist leader and Menni the Socialist leader, enlivened political activity despite the official ban on their making public political speeches.
10. On 26th May, preparations were made by a section of the public in Varese Province for a public address to be given by a person then unknown to all officials. Loudspeakers had been installed and eventually Menni arrived, and, despite an official warning by a responsible AIG officer, he proceeded defiantly to address the crowd from his car. Consequently the AIG officer had no alternative but to request Menni to accompany him. After a brief appearance in AIG court to answer a charge of breach of Proclamation No. 3, the case was not proceeded with, Menni apologizing and undertaking not to repeat the offense.
11. AIG Regional Administration has been complicated by the presence of French troops in certain communes of the Aosta, Cuneo and Turin Provinces. The establishment of full AIG in the areas occupied by the French has been difficult owing to the many decrees issued by the French to the population. The franc has been intermingled with the official currency (AIG and Italian lire). The whole action of AIG in the French occupied zones has been governed explicitly by direction from Higher Military Authority.
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Local Government.

16. Local government, having regard to difficulties encountered in functioning extremely well in practically the whole of the Region. The CLN, after the position had been clarified, changed over from a powerful governing body to a valuable consultative organization, and credit is due to the CLN leaders for their co-operation in this matter.

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17. Prefects approved by the respective Provincial Commissioners and CLN and appointed by the SCAG Five Army, are in office in all Provinces except Aosta. Here the Prefect originally appointed resigned, and his duties are executed by the Provincial Commissioners pending the appointment of a successor. The resignation of the Aosta CLN has been received and accepted.

Questori have been appointed in all Provinces and up to the present are carrying out their duties satisfactorily.

Any signs of dereliction of the Prefect and Questori by the CLN are checked immediately. In Verucelli Province it was found necessary for HQ CLN to warn the local committee in this connection.

18. In addition to the CLM, Provincial Advisory Committees have been formed in all provinces. The powers of these Committees, incorporating representatives of the five main Political Parties, are limited to the submission of unanimous recommendations and are devoid of action powers.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE FOOD SITUATION.

A. FOOD.

19. On the whole, the food situation in Piemonte on entry of May and during the month of May, has been good. There were, of course, shortages in some localities, due to temporary breakdown of transportation, military operations, the large numbers of German soldiers waiting to be taken into custody, Partisan activities etc. Food conditions have now improved substantially. In general the food distributing machinery has continued without disruption and has improved during the month.

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Possible shortage of IOL for harvesting of cereal crops.

Failure to fix the price of grain in conformance with that in Southern Italy.

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Failure to receive scheduled allocations of AIC Foodstuffs, 30% only having been received.

20. Upon entry of AIG into Piemonte Region, both central and the Provincial Comandato Agrario were functioning more or less satisfactorily in every Province and at present seem able to operate in a reasonably normal manner. Efforts were being made to form an "Administration Section" to supervise and co-ordinate Provincial Bureaux of Agriculture. The Regional Civilian Food Office will in turn be under a Civilian Food Office for all Northern Italy. AIG has encouraged the establishment of this

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Retention of 3 April 45 Price level as expressed by Fed. Order No. 41.

Failure to receive scheduled allocations of AEF Foodstuffs, 30% only having been received.

20. Upon entry of AEF into Piemonte Region, both Civilian and the Provincial Consorzio Agrario were functioning more or less satisfactorily in every Province and at present seem able to operate in a reasonably normal manner. Efforts were being made to form an "Alimentazione Section" to supervise and co-ordinate Provincial Supplies of the region. The Regional Civilian Food Office will in turn be under a Civilian Food Office for all Northern Italy. AEF has encouraged the establishment of this Piemonte Region Food Office and although it is still in the formative stages, its Director has accomplished much in sending surpluses within the Region, obtaining foods from outside the Region, sending supplies to districts in need, and in general co-ordinating the food efforts of Piemonte. Some confusion arose due to

Partisans taking substantial quantities of cereals and other foods for their own use without regard to established procedure, and

The CLM and its various committees having issued orders without regard to AEF or each other.

It is believed that both of these situations are now under control. On entry of AEF a properly functioning food rationing system was found in operation in each Province. Both the system and the scales have been unchanged and are substantially uniform throughout the Region.

21. Several different types of Collective Masses are in operation in cities, the prime purpose of which is to furnish meals at a reasonable cost. These masses operate satisfactorily and play an important part in the food distribution system.

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22. Although the Region is a good cereal producing Region, the marketing system has broken down, and as a result there are no large stocks of cereals under control, except a stock of rice in Vercelli from which Torino and Aosta draw their rice supplies. Efforts are being made to distribute rice and grain throughout Piemonte in such a way as to reduce the rice diet in Torino and Vercelli and increase it elsewhere.
23. The effort to maintain the artificially low April price level without adequate police forces for enforcement and with apparently no effort at any time to enforce the economic boundary line has resulted in a confused price situation with prices rising out of control.

B. INDUSTRY.

24. Industries generally have not suffered undue damage, and repairs have already been carried out in those factories which suffered heavy damage. The employment potential of the Region in its normal industries therefore, is very good and the task of the Industry Division resolves itself mainly into one of finding suitable materials and suggesting makeshift arrangements until the material situation improves. The supply of these materials is all the more urgent as there is less opportunity of alternative employment in reconstruction in Piemonte than in the South where the damage has been greater and there is the additional psychological point that civil unrest is more probable in the Region where factories can not but be shut down for one reason only, namely lack of material and fuel. The following is briefly the condition of the various industries:-

- (i) Textile. Suffered very little war damage. Estimated that 90% of plants are working. Production mainly suitings and blankets. Is building up considerable stocks, but the early import of wool and cotton should be given high priority.
- (ii) Automotive. Fiat has recommenced production and manufactures 10 - 12 ton trucks per day. This factory suffered considerable damage but repairs and re-arrangement of factory equipment have enabled steady increase in production. If the material necessary is forthcoming, Lancia is not in production but plans to recommence in July. Viberti is manufacturing trailers but coal is urgently required.

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- (iii) Pell Reana. Original RIV factories in Turin were destroyed and machinery dispersed to eleven factories in Turin City. It present about 9,000 employed. Estimated output, 500,000 units per month, but actual figures for May not available. Stocks of raw material, apart from coal, petrol and oil, are reasonably good.
- (iv) Typewriters. Olivetti factory at Ivrea in good working condition. Output almost 3,000 units per month. Invicta factory in Turin damaged by war and production now 500 annual. New factory in course of construction. Output 150 units per month. SOC Industrial Mechanica Factory at Biadene Alpi (Cuneo) making S.I.M. portable typewriters. Rebuilt one of Turin in 1942 and rebuilt at above address. Several stocks are not good. Present output 3 tons per month.
- (v) Soap. - Extreme shortage of fats and oil for soap manufacture.
- (vi) Metallurgical.
Steel and Iron. Cogne Steel works can continue production of 3,500 tons foundry pig per month provided existing supply of anthracite coal ex La Thuill can be maintained, and in addition 800 tons of coke provided. Stocks of iron and steel of all types about 13,000 tons, most of which is already on order by factories of Turin. There is an additional stock of steel, made to German specifications, estimated at 10,000 tons although not yet delivered.

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Non-ferrous - Foundry "Veglio" is in working order. Production 600 tons per month recovered non-ferrous metals from scrap each month. To maintain output 400 tons coal or 150 T. scrap per month are required.

(vii) Building. Although brickworks closed, supply of bricks fairly adequate.

(viii) Leather. Stocks fair and allowances being allowed to boot manufacturers and belting works.

(ix) Mining. The Tolo mines contain more than 30,000 T. in stock, (of which 15,000 T. exportable to U.S. and 15,000 T.) owing to damage to roads and bridges.

Asbestos mines are kept working to allow permit to make roofing etc. The Gorno Iron Mines working but unless fuel situation improves, will have to close, and steel industry will be supplied from present stocks.

(x) Coal. Total local availabilities until end of June estimated 9,000 tons. Normal monthly requirements for Piemonte Region (imported) 107,000 tons. To prevent mass unemployment, the deficit above must be met without delay. Some massive measures have been taken to economize in all directions and priorities established. Port of Savona can be opened promptly with relatively little effort and will permit importation and transportation of coal in amounts available. This work should be given high priority particularly because of the indefinite delay in opening Genoa for any substantial volume.

25. In planning the future of industry the utmost assistance is being given by the following institutions:-

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C.I.I.

A Regional Committee for reconstruction has been formed by the Industry Division from Italian experts nominated by the President, Economic Section, C.I.I., President of the Union and U.S.I.C. Meeting expenses are being born by industrialists. The functions of the Committee are to survey industry data stocks, estimate working material requirements and industrial output, and advise on rehabilitation problems.

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C. COMMERCE.

26. The Provincial Consigli Provinciali del Commercio were found well organized in each Province and were quickly converted into Uffici Provinciali dell'Industria e Commercio in accordance with the Italian Decree No. 345, and instructions from the U.S.I.C. Members of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture are being discussed by the Unions of industrialists, merchants and agriculturists as a free consultative body. A National Price Commission has been organized with one member from each of the Unions of Industrialists, Merchants, Agriculturists, Lawyers, Societal, National Committee for Economics (C.N.E.) and Director of U.S.I.C. Turin Province 5926

27. The approximate numbers of circulation permits issued in the Region to the end of May 1945 are:-

Non-load carrying vehicles	1727
Load carrying vehicles	6461
	7888
	10000

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Many of the vehicles use Geogon and leather equipment. The figures indicate an area loaded carrying vehicles per 2,000 population, which for a highly industrial area and for the automotive centre of Italy is not considered excessive.

Over 30,000 applications were made for permits in Turin Province alone.

28. Lack of oil has been a serious handicap in Piemonte Region as all plans for delivery of oil have not been fulfilled. 20,500 litres of gasoline have been received from Genoa from oil but from local sources by mixing ethanol, alcohol and other available materials plus stocks found in the Region, a total of 130,000 litres of gasoline has been distributed throughout the Province. The total gasoline (diesel) received from oil was 19,600 litres, but again with the aid of local resources 41,000 litres have been distributed. Large quantities of kerosene are particularly required for machinery for irrigation and planting of rice. Without this fuel the rice crop next fall may fail. 60,470 litres of kerosene have been distributed throughout the Province of which 10,500 litres were received from Genoa.

29. Stocking and releasing of controlled materials is proceeding satisfactorily. Industry and warehouse survey data sheets have been distributed through U. I. I. in all Provinces and on return, plant materials are released for production by Industry Division. No serious complaints are received, on the whole the civil population have co-operated excellently and appear satisfied with our efforts.

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AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES.

31. Crop conditions. Severe and unseasonable frosts 2/3 by damaged beans, wheat, mulberry leaves, fruit and vegetable crops. Unusually hot dry weather during most of May caused additional damage to wheat and vegetable crops. Past average is 25,000 hectares, approx 1/2 lower than last year, due to shortage of fuel, work animals and farm labour.

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	1944 Area Ha.	1944 Produc- tion Qls	1945 Area Ha.	1945 Estimated Production Qls	Excess or Deficit Qls
Wheat	331,644	5,087,492	307,503	4,217,000	1,670,492
Corn	422,770	2,112,785	430,000	2,115,500	2,759,25
Barley	3,412	38,668	3,260	32,640	6,628
Oats	16,434	229,363	19,735	195,600	33,763
Eye	35,730	445,999	36,950	343,000	122,999
Rice	69,940	2,434,660	64,600	2,100,000	381,660

The deficiencies will have a serious effect on food.

32. The most important needs of agriculture and production supplies in the Region are Petroleum, fuels, fertilizers, crop pest control, chemicals and binding twine.

33. Accurate livestock figures are not available but it is estimated that the total weight of cattle has been reduced by 60 to 90% although total numbers are normal. This situation arises because of heavy slaughtering and requisitioning of matured draft and breeding animals and only slight disturbance of the numbers of young animals.

The solution to the problem of rebuilding livestock herds on flocks is to reduce slaughtering to the smallest possible minimum, the slaughtering to be left to animals which are unsuitable for breeding production or work purposes until normal flock numbers are regained.

34. The Royal Forestry Corps has been reactivated and is rapidly returning to a position of normal operation. There will be a deficit in the total fuel, wood and charcoal production which can only be made up by reduced allowances for household heating. Domestic imports of coal will however, permit normal supply of fuel for household purposes.

35. Fishing in Piemonte Region is limited to game fishing in lakes and streams. Commercial fishing is non-existent. Much damage caused by the French bombing lakes and rivers indiscriminately.

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39. The present standard operational procedure for wage adjustments is through P.I.J.I.C. which is being set up forthwith with C.I.L. Regional. A number of firms are being faced with requests for increases of wages and in certain instances, employers are prepared to grant even the most irrational increases on the mistaken assumption that they would be allowed to transfer this extra expenditure to the cost of production.

40. It is considered that in Piemonte wages are on the whole higher than those allowed by the basic wage of the Allied Forces Wage Scale.

41. Camera del Lavoro has been set up in several provinces and Labour appears to be organizing effectively.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

42. The number of road interruptions in Piemonte is approximately 360. Work is progressing on diversions and temporary structures, and military engineers are working on bridges. Main roads are open to Genoa, Milan, Modena and all provincial capitals.

Materials are available and one large Ford organization dump has been taken over which will afford many needed items for bridge and reconstructional work. The lack of transport and fuel for contractors is seriously hampering operations.

43. The two areas most damaged in Piemonte are Turin and Alessandria. At present 13 projects have been approved. Efforts are being made to secure the establishment of housing committees in the various provinces.

44. The electricity situation is favourable with more electric power available than can at present be used.

45. 32 Gas plants in Piemonte are at present closed as gas at the moment is unnecessary, but in the winter it will be essential. Coal for gas for heating should be allotted in October for use in cold weather.

46. Few serious problems in regard to water exist, but there are some 19 places of major damage in as many water systems and plans are in hand for these. Little maintenance or replacement has been done during the war years and extensive overhaul will be necessary in many plants during the coming months.

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Guardia Forestale	20	402	422
Agenti di P.S.			1005
Guardia Municipale	9	525	534

Arrangements made by *5920*
 50. On 7th May only the Polizia del Popolo existed in the Region. Since that date all police agencies have been put into operation, but tact has been needed as the people in general had cherished the idea of an independent police force.

51. In prisons, conditions are mainly satisfactory. Some difficulty encountered in overcrowding at Turin and Cuneo, but this has been overcome.

52. Mine clearance and bomb disposal squad is operating from Turin. Comparatively small number of mines known.
53. Fire Brigades have been found in excellent condition and strength.

ITALIAN COURTS.

54. The S.I.L.O. and Regional O.I.O Italian Courts met with the First President and the Procureurs Generals of the court of appeals and other ranking judicial officials on 14 May 45 and from that date several military government was established and maintained as to the judicial branch.

The First President and Procureurs Generals were temporarily appointed to office by the who gave them power to make temporary appointments of judicial officials under them. These appointments have all been continued in office. Difficulties now exist in filling some vacancies through lack of officials of appropriate grade. More grade is prerequisite to appointment reference to the Italian Ministry is essential.

These are being implemented, so far as authorized, whenever copies of the Gazzetta Ufficiale are received. D.L.L. 142 of 1945 (Extra ordinary Courts of Lazio) and D.L.L. 209 of 1944 (Fascist Republican Legislation) were given priority. It is anticipated that Extraordinary Courts of Lazio will be sitting within the first week of June. D.L.L. 159 of 1944 (Sanctions against Fascists) has been implemented and these responsible for the establishment of the Courts and commissions set up under it are being urged to proceed. C.O. 35 and 35a have been published, and commissions set up in most Provinces. Many of the cases which normally have been dealt with under these orders have been disposed of before establishment of the.

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Difficulties of finding necessary police and transport were experienced. The normal Italian Courts, however, have continued to function.

A.M.G. COURTS.

55. The policy of having as many cases as possible dealt with by the Italian Courts has proved successful. Only one case has been heard before an AMG Court in the Region and there a youth was convicted under Proc. 1 of dangerous driving and making insulting remarks to Allied Officers and concerning the Allied Forces.

The Italian politician Pietro Rami was arrested and charged with a breach of Proc 3 but the case was not pressed following a written admission of guilt, an apology by the accused, and assurance against recurrence. A local party leader was also charged with offence arising at the same time and the case against him continued without delay.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

56. The health of the civilian population is exceptionally good. Returns for communicable diseases are as follows. (Tables 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000)

The case of typhus, an Italian POW who had cycled from a German Concentration Camp at Munich, was discovered at night. Most of the Sanatorium have been damaged and one or two completely demolished. Alternative accommodation has been found but it is insufficient. Between 200 and 300 T.B. patients are awaiting institutional treatment. Anticipating large numbers of people returning from Germany suffering from T.B. of the lungs, additional accommodation is being sought sufficient to deal with 3/4,000. Conferences have been held with Provincial Medical Officers, Consorzi T.B.C. and Providence Societa with this end in view.

Supplies of medical stores have now arrived from Florence and Milan and distribution is proceeding expeditiously.

Sanitary conditions mainly are very good.

57. With regard to welfare, 6,500 children's garments, 7,000 blankets and 11,000 pairs of shoes brought to Florence by A.C. have been handed over to D.P.P.S.C. for use in Refugee Camps. 5,000 pairs of the latter are being withheld for Carabinieri. A further 15,000 A.C. blankets and 6 tons of A.C. clothing are at Leghorn is awaiting transportation to this Region. Arrangements have been made with the A.C. to utilize for welfare agencies the stocks of clothing, blankets etc. in the Fascist Bellile Organization.

EDUCATION

58. Upon arrival in the Region it was found that the re-organized schools with a Regional Superintendent at the head and two Provincial Agli Studi has been appointed for each Province. In most cases the CLN appointments have been found satisfactory and all have been told to continue in office pending confirmation of, or change in their position, by the Provincial Commissioners.

The schools in the Region have functioned so far for an entire school year except for spells during military operations and extremely cold weather. It is proposed to allow the schools to continue to function.

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EDUCATION.

58. Upon arrival in the Region it was found CLM had re-organized the schools with a Regional Superintendent at the head and Provveditori agli Studi has been appointed for each Province. In most cases the CLM appointments have been found satisfactory and all have been told to continue in office pending confirmation of, or change in their position, by the Provincial Commissioners.

The schools in the Region have functioned apparently for an entire school year except for spells during military operations and extremely cold weather. It is proposed to allow the schools to continue to function as planned by the Education Committee of the CLM until the end of the school year, that is 9 June 45.

All the Provveditori agli Studi of the Republican Fascist Regions had been supplanted prior to arrival of R.F. and they had fled with the departing officials.

School personnel in Piemonte had taken a large share in the organization and activation of CLM and it was found that defascism had progressed to a high degree.

59. Practically all of the school buildings which have been requisitioned will be available for school purposes for 1945/6 school term. Compared with the South the need for repairs and rebuilding of school premises in Piemonte is not great. Some localities are more damaged than others and in the city of Turin 21 school buildings have been destroyed, together with the buildings of four of the University faculties. In the majority of communes there has been little or no damage.

60. For the remainder of the school year, the Provinces have been told to continue to use their text books as they had planned. It is reported that the Partisans had collected and burned text books in several localities, and in other cases Fascist propaganda has been deleted and the old text books are still in use.

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Substitutes be used when available and if not available the teacher is left to teach without a textbook. The furnishing of an adequate supply of textbooks for the new school year is the greatest problem, and leading publishers are being given every encouragement to submit books and manuscripts for approval as rapidly as possible.

61. An acting Rector and Acting Dean for all faculties for Turin University were named by the CUP and are functioning together with a Provincial Managing Board of Administrative Council.

DISPLACED PERSONS.

62. The following AEP Evacuation Camps have been established in Piemonte Region.

	Previous Strength	Arrivals during month	Evacuated during month	Remain- ing.
Camp XIX NOVARA. Capacity 2000	341	555	775	76
Camp XX CUNEO. Capacity 2000	341	77	66	11
Camp XXI MORTALE RI Capacity 2000	341	2908	1954	954
FRENCH Camp No. 250	141	335	254	225
	141	4179	3053	1267

63. There are approximately 5,000 displaced persons in Turin whose homes are in the South of Italy and arrangements are being made to move these in the near future. There are also 700 displaced persons in Casermatte Camp, whose homes are in the Italian Riviera around Imperia. On account of the serious food shortage in Imperia and also the larger number of refugees accommodated temporarily at of Imperia, who are unable to reach their homes, the displaced persons in Casermatte Camp will not be moved for the time being.

Approximately 1200 children who were temporarily evacuated to Switzerland from the area South of Domodossola are not returning to their homes.

A request has been made to higher authority to take over Caserma Cavour as an Allied Nationals Transit Camp in Turin.

Provinces have been recommended to commence payment of subsistence allowances to ex-internees which payments will be made by A.C.I.

Camp IX CUREO.	Capacity 2000	141	77	65	44
Camp XII MUCALI RI	Capacity 2000	141	2908	1054	954
FRENCH Camp	ca. 250	141	339	254	226
		141	4479	3053	1237

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To avoid unnecessary movements of Allied Nationals in search of information, registration forms have been issued for distribution down to companies. 155 Allied Nationals have registered at the Information Centre and payment of subsistence commences on 1 June 45. Approximately 500 enquiries have been made and 414 Red Cross messages have been forwarded. The anticipated commitments are 2,000 French francs per month.

COMMUNICATIONS.

64. Trams are still operating in the city, but buses are restricted due to lack of fuel and tyres.

65. Main railroads are open between Turin and all important centres. 5920

66. Alessandria is the only large telephone exchange which is out of service, but in this case the automatic plant has been salvaged and can be reinstalled shortly. In the meantime a skeleton service is provided by a manual board. Main small exchanges are still out of service, in some cases destroyed, but the position is not serious, and the provision of skeleton services is either already arranged or lines which local resources. Considerable progress has been made on the restoration of telephone lines.

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67. Most telegraph instruments have escaped damage and as soon as lines are available there will be no lack of operators to provide services practically on pre-war standards. A fair amount of damage occurred to the overhead routes of the Circulo. It is estimated that all essential communications within the Region will be restored by the end of June 1945.

68. The Regional Postal Officer, a joint regional appointee, has spent a week in Luccombe Region and considerable progress has been made to bring civilian postal facilities up to normal as far as possible.

PROPERTY CONTROL.

69. Conditions affecting property control in Luccombe Region were found to be very satisfactory. Real properties are being managed by the Istituto di S. Paolo di Torino and management standards conform to those previously experienced. Most properties in Turin have suffered damage but the damage is of a minor nature. The city Allied owned bank was damaged but has since been repaired. The bank is in a sound financial condition and well managed.

70. In Turin there are many problems affecting business and industrial concerns. The records in possession of the Ministry of Corporation have been destroyed by bombing. In many instances the Fascist Italian Government appointed new sequestrators for such properties. To date, no attempt has been made to clarify the legal position when the sequestrator originally appointed has been supplanted by a Fascist Italian appointee. Except for legal implications the problem is not serious because in most instances, normal management has not been interfered with by the sequestrators. No retail establishment has been closed since it was found that prices had already reached high levels prior to the entry of the Allies.

With regard to personal and miscellaneous property, initial information indicates that there is a possibility that the Fascist appointed individual sequestrators may have converted certain of this property to their own use and then fled. As in the case of industrial properties, local records are very confused and no final determination can be made at the present time.

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APPROVED REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY - 1945.

1. Upon entry of AMG to Region on the 5th May 45, the Regional Committee of Liberation was found to be in complete control. In TURIN, public services were functioning and ample evidence was available as to the splendid work of the Partisans in preventing destruction by the retreating Germans.
2. The welcome afforded the Allies was spontaneous and sincere. The publication of the normal Proclamations etc. defining penalties for attacks on Allied troops and restricting movement of civilians caused more bewilderment than resentment amongst the population.
3. Two unusual major problems faced AMG namely (a) the tactful acquiescent of reins of government from the CLM and (b) the imperative disarming of some 35,000 Partisans who, fully armed, thronged the streets and public buildings. The end of May saw the first problem surmounted without major incident and the second well on the way to solution.
4. The occupation by French troops of Border areas in AOSTA, CUNEO and TURIN Provinces, the issue by French authorities of various orders to the local inhabitants, and the intermingling of French currency with the official currency, all have complicated the establishment of AMG in the areas affected.
5. Estimates as to the number of Fascist executions in Piemonte prior to the arrival of AMG vary between 1500 and 5000 and the abolition of Tribunals by AMG created certain misgivings as to whether the Allies intended to deal stringently with Fascists. However, illegal executions ceased immediately and the Region in general quickly settled down to an orderly routine.
6. Political activities have been on a surprisingly small scale, Communists being the most active party. Activities were unhindered by the visits of Political Party Leaders towards the end of the month. The Socialist Leader was arrested for breach of Proclamation No. 3 despite official AMG verbal warning, but the case was not pressed on receipt of apology and promise not to repeat the offence.
7. The food situation is fairly good but, for a Region producing surpluses for large stocks are held. Wheat acreage is 25,000 hectares, approximately 8% lower than 1944 and Rice approximately 10% lower. The total weight of cattle is estimated at 40% below normal, although total numbers are normal, and slaughtering therefore must be minimised.
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10. The high sense of discipline and order amongst the general population has been a feature in the rapid and peaceful transition from war to peace conditions and, providing the necessary materials are forthcoming to feed the various industries, there is every hope that Piemonte Region will recover its pre-war affluence far earlier than at first anticipated.

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