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- All leaders of political parties.
- Representatives of Trade Unions

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A request was made for the San Marco Regiment who have been responsible for previous trouble, to be moved away from TARANTO. The Admiral has dismissed the Chief of local Police.

(b) As a result of the Paris Conference, the morale of the population is low and public opinion is anti-American and British and the popularity of the Allies is likely to increase.

Strong criticism is also levied at the part RUSSIA has played.

The people feel that promises were held out during the war by RADIO LOMBARIA, that ITALY might expect better treatment by throwing in her lot with the allies, and that the help that the Italians gave in causing the surrender of the Germans in ITALY has by no means been recognised and that they have reaped no fruits as the result of this victory, and in fact have gained nothing whatsoever by becoming co-belligerents.

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(c) Speaking generally the people have been unable to grasp what exactly is happening in regard to the Republican Party taking over the Government of the country and their attitude is one of "let's wait and see".

A large percentage of Italian military personnel, Civil and Civil Police are not happy at the thought of serving under a Republican Government and there is talk by the more Senior Officers of their resigning if the Republican Government is going to smother too strongly of a Communist Regime and all it stands for, but again it is a case of wait and see, as at present their minds are rather in a confused state and it is not clear to them what the Republican Government stands for.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Public order considering political events has been astonishingly good.

The GNP and Civil Police had matters well under control and there is a strong tendency on the part of political parties to carry favour with them.

Recruiting for these services is meeting with success and numbers of recruits can daily be seen being put through their paces.

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AGRICULTURE

A very good crops has been gathered but only a very small quantity of wheat has been raised.

Fresh fruit and vegetables is plentiful. The grape vines are flourishing and a satisfactory harvest of grapes is expected. Early grapes are now on the market.

(4)

DOMESTIC AND SUPPLY

Strong pressure is being made to increase the bread ration from 200 to 250 grams. Only one ship arrived in JUNE with 16,000 quintals of wheat.

No pasta ration was issued during this month. Prices remain unchanged.

(5)

REQUISITIONING AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The following premises were requisitioned during the month:

Flats	64
Villas	27
Houses	3
Shops &	
Garages	9
Buildings	6
Hotel	1

(6)

PUBLIC HEALTH

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(5) ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEMONSTRATION

The following premises were requisitioned during the month:

Plots	64
Villas	27
Houses	3
Shops	2
Garages	9
Buildings	6
Hotel	1

(6) PUBLIC HEALTH

Satisfactory generally, sixty cases of small pox were reported during the month in Hall Province.

(7) LEGAL AND EDUCATION

Nothing to report other than to reiterate that more should be done to compel children to go to school instead of being allowed to run wild all day. Undisciplined young boys.

(8) TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report

(9) LABOUR

The continued unemployment of reduci and veterans is causing anxiety. A few constructions took place but of a peaceful order. There are about 40,000 of these people in Hall Province and it is hoped to find employment for some of them during the harvest.

(10) PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Maintenance of roads satisfactory in the Province. In regard to other public works nothing to report.

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(11) DISPLACED PERSONS

Visits were made to the Polish Displaced Persons Camps at WLAU and KAMENKA, at the latter place the organization in regards to the Hospital and Education is most praise worthy.

It can be said that the Poles have spared no pains to make their existence in these Camps as comfortable as possible by efficiently organizing all the different departments of the Camps, kitchens, washing, sleeping, recreation in and out of doors, and welfare of the children.

The camp staffs are very busy just now, screening individuals who claim Polish nationality with a view of getting to the U.S.

L. H. Young

L. H. YOUNG, Lt. Col.
Chief Displaced Persons Officer
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POLITICAL

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On the 27th Sign. PELLINO, the Italian Prime Minister visited Rome and made a speech from the Municipio balcony in the square facing the Prefecture.

The square was thronged by a very obviously pro-monarchy crowd, who exhibited monarchist banners and slogans and welcomed the Italian Minister.

There was no applause when the Minister finished his speech.

One party representing the King, a team which in early March last, the Communist Party seized by force of arms, exhibited pro-monarchy banners.

Not only in Rome but throughout the Kingdom there have been no party clashes and the undertaking given by all the party leaders who were called together by the President of the Council, that there would be no disturbance,

PUEBLO

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On the 27th Sign. VILLALBA, the Italian Prime Minister, visited LAI and made a speech from the Republic balcony in the square facing the Prefecture.

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There was no applause when the Minister finished his speech.

One party representing LAI, a 1000 strong in early March last, the Communist Party seized by three 6000, exhibited pro-Communist banners.

Not only in LAI but in the whole of the Republic there have been no party clashes and the situation is very calm. All the party leaders are called together by the President of LAI, that there would be no disturbance, has been reported, from which one can surmise that the leaders have realized of the parties they represent.

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PUEBLO

The situation has greatly improved and there has been no trouble during the month.

On the occasion a small crowd of Veterans have gathered outside Prefecture LAI demanding employment.

The CC, PP and Civil Police are showing a steady increase in efficiency and turnout.

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PUEBLO

Harvesting began at the end of the month. The harvest which was reported in the 1950, 1951, and 1952, 1953, at the beginning of the month were brought under control and no extensive damage has been done.

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Fuel and lubricants are generally insufficient for agriculture. A good production of wheat and other cereals is expected, along with leguminous plants. Production of fodder satisfactory. Condition of tobacco in Luzon Province is excellent. A good production of rice and olive oil is also expected.

(4) ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY

Rice this arrives in Manila on the 6th day of the 3rd, 240 quintals of wheat and another on the 12th day of the 12,300 quintals of wheat. The rations distributed in Manila:

100 (rice) 12 (wheat)
200 (rice) 12 (wheat)

The Manila was distributed. The price of the Manila in Manila is increasing. (250 kilo per kilo at the end of the).

(5) TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The following practices were investigated and during the:

50 (wheat)
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(6) PUBLIC HEALTH

Public health was satisfactory in Manila. 50 cases of malaria were reported during the month. Generally speaking the population in this area look well fed and fit.

(7) TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATIONS

Traffic both by rail and road is still on the increase and the railway organization has steadily increased in efficiency. Tires are of course very scarce and this is the main reason why road transport cannot proceed to any appreciable extent.

(8) LEGAL AND FINANCIAL

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With regard to Education, though a good percentage of children attend school there is a very low percentage of children running wild, 147 about and up to a number of all over the country the night.

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TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

The following matters were highlighted from meeting held:

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With regard to education, though a good percentage of children go to school there is a very large percentage of children running wild, some about and up to mischief all day and also at night.

I consider that for the future part of the month it is vital that some concrete steps be taken in the near future to make it compulsory for all children to attend school.

It is realized that there is still an acute shortage of teachers for schools, but I am confident that more can be done to get children attend school than is being done at present.

(9)

LEGAL

Cases of unemployment are still at a high level. Every effort is being made by the Prefect to employ as many Red Cross workers as possible.

There is still a strong tendency on the part of these people to go to pick and choose the kind of work they wish to do - but it is a fact that so many are looking for jobs - the reality are revealing that when a job is offered, if they did not accept it, there are more who do.

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so that it is better to have a job even if not to their taste than a job at all.

(10)

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

255 Millions Lire has been granted for Public Works in EAST PROVENCE 80 Millions for TUNISIA.

More and more road repairs are to be seen throughout the area and an increase in general repairs work is in evidence.

(11)

DISPLACED PERSONS

No. 1 Transit Camp has been handed over to UNRWA on the 15th MAY. During the first fortnight of MAY, 4055 persons arrived in the Camp, 340 left MAY.

As the Displaced Persons Bureau was controlled by UNRWA and I informed by the local persons in charge of the Camps that A.C. has nothing to do with the Camp, I have therefore nothing to report in connection.

It appears that District 3 are not prepared to allow the Villages in EAST, which were requisitioned and handed over to the Organisation by the American Joint Distribution Committee, to continue to be requisitioned and have ordered they be de-requisitioned.

(12)

RECEIPTS

The following Receipts delivered vouchers in EAST during the month:

19th MAY - SIGNORE TRICARDIO COMPTON
Register for the Treasury.

27th MAY - SIGNORE TRICARDIO COMPTON
Register

29th MAY - SIGNORE TRICARDIO COMPTON
Register of Justice

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(12)

GENERAL

The following Ministers delivered speeches in Bari during the month:

19th MAY - SIG. GIORGIO NOSTRO
Minister for the Treasury.

27th MAY - SIG. GIOVANNI DE GANDIA
Minister

29th MAY - SIG. RAFFAELLO NOSTRO
Minister of Justice

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L. W. Smith, Lt. Col.
Chief of Mission Office
Bari

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In the New Herald it is stated "Russia claims from Italy 500,000,000 dollars, monopolization and a third of the Fleet" and comments "and there are still people who dare to praise Russia".

Deaflets have also appeared headed "The Above Decalogue" containing 10 paragraphs:-

- (a) Do not reveal your job to your friends.
- (b) Fight against the hypocrite priests and their organizations. Cynthetically state we do not want religion, family and fatherland.
- (c) Show the facts, sarcasm, pleasantry that you are free from religious chains and say you can easily live without religion.
- (d) Your duty is to destroy morality, create a society full of the hung with immorality. Do not forget your primary duty - to destroy morality.
- (e) Steel the affection of your Congress away from the church. Exclude the priests.
- (f) Show the importance to our own ideas is the Christian family. Destroy it. Speak frequently of free love with both men and girls. Create differences with families and Government.

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In the new leaflet it is stated "Russia claims from Italy 500,000,000 dollars, Yugoslavia and a third of the Fleet" and comment "and there are still people who dare to produce lies".

Leaflets have also appeared headed "In Ruvo Nostrum" containing 10 paragraphs:-

- (a) Do not reveal your job to your friends.
- (b) Fight against the hypocrite priests who their pro (Soviet) sympathies state we do not want religion, family and fatherland.
- (c) Know with justice, common, pleasure that you are free from religious chains and say you are really free of them.
- (d) Your duty is to destroy morality, create a society full of too long with immorality. Is not for your supreme duty to destroy morality.
- (e) Stop the effacement of your Camp and away from the church, tradition and priests.
- (f) Do not be big impediment to our own ideas in the Christian world. Destroy it. Speak frequently of free love with boys and girls. Create differences with families and Government.
- (g) Tell the mothers "love the riot, that your ravages, do not fear crime".
- (h) Tell the workers they are the victims of the Capitalists, 6231 rather than the priests.
- (i) Spread false accusations to your Congress. Remember you are the Vanguard.
- (j) Fight, fight, fight against the priests and their Catholic Church. They are illiterate. Be not be afraid, you are a Communist.

The above is a sample of the stuff which is being put across by the Communist Party.

The Church are in favour of a Monarchy. The leaders of Italy are Communist have denounced the Italian Premier Government monarchy and denouncing the Republic. The Labour Party also appear in favour of the Monarchy.

(2) PHOTOGRAPH
 The photograph contains a bridge out in the front. There are some people in the background. The bridge is made of wood and is in the middle of the river. The water is very calm and the sky is blue. The bridge is very old and has a lot of history. It is a very important part of the town. The people who live there are very proud of it. They take good care of it and make sure it is always in good condition. The bridge is a very beautiful sight and it is a very important part of the town's heritage. It is a very old bridge and it has been around for a long time. It is a very important part of the town's history and it is a very beautiful sight. The people who live there are very proud of it. They take good care of it and make sure it is always in good condition. The bridge is a very beautiful sight and it is a very important part of the town's heritage. It is a very old bridge and it has been around for a long time. It is a very important part of the town's history and it is a very beautiful sight. The people who live there are very proud of it. They take good care of it and make sure it is always in good condition.

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TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Freight transport has increased and the amount of passengers carried has steadily risen.

There is a marked improvement in the situation in regard to tyres and tubes for road transport which are supplied from the Harley factory, Milan.

The owners of cars and trucks have made strong representations to be given permits for free circulation but have been told that there are far more urgent national calls to be met before pleasure trips can be indulged in.

(8)

LEAD INDUSTRY

Lead is still functioning slowly - due to the shortage of raw material on the islands.

(9)

LABOUR

There is a very large number of unemployed people and the number is being increased as repatriated PW arrive in the country. The situation gives cause for anxiety. The Central Government has provided necessary financial help to this Province, but the province has not yet benefited.

Some 200 recruits have been given employment in Public Works and local authorities are doing what they can to find those now unemployed.

I think the local authorities will be kept up to the mark in this respect as the subject are continually staging demonstrations and sending delegates to interview the Prefect and Sindaco.

(10)

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

The Central Government has granted a subsidy of 200 million lire to the "Aspettito Pugliese".

There is normal activity in re-construction throughout the Province and most of the bad roads are at a long last receiving attention, on the whole the main roads are in excellent condition.

(11)

REPAIRED PRISON

Mr. 1 repaired Prison Camp at Bari is being handed over to CHIRIA and the handing over is expected to be completed about the middle of May.

During the month 367 interned persons arrived in the Camp and 24 left the Camp at Bari. Since the Camps at Bari are now controlled entirely by CHIRIA I have been informed by the Camps Commandant that the Camps are of no value of any kind no information with regard to the Camps can be supplied nor any the Camps be visited.

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The receiver was then reported to the American Express messenger who traced these boxes to an American Unit who had recently dumped similar boxes.

Patrols were sent along the coast north from HUE to establish and a watch is still being maintained. Deaths from the exploding boxes have been reported.

The latterly box is more or less safe whilst in its box but on being taken out, the wires of the bomb spread out by springs and it is a matter of seconds before it will explode - or it remains on the ground with its wires extended it will explode on lifting.

They look most attractive when lying on the ground, like a large green butterfly and just the thing for me, especially children, to pick at once pick up.

I am calling for a report from the American Express, Marshall - meanwhile the coast line I visit is now safe.

The reason why the boxes did not sink of course is that the boxes in the boxes are light and the total weight of contents and wires between are lighter than the water displaced.

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(1) The Commission took over charge of the Liaison Office on 1st February 1965 from Major WILSON proceeding on release.

(2) GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

No answer.

(a) Political

The Political Parties exhibiting most energy are the Communist and Socialist Parties, and these have organized public meetings in connection with the coming elections. There have been no incidents during the meetings. It is my opinion that the Communist Party is not having so much support as they had, nor do they want the same weight, in fact there appears to be more display of feeling against the Communist Party than previously was the case. This is an important point and will be closely noted by obtaining information in the towns as well as in the outlying areas. Concerning Italian Prisoners from Russia are most actively hostile to the Government.

(b) Security and Public Safety

Nothing to report with regard to Military Security. In connection with security of personnel, on the 10th January 1965 a British Officer was shot and killed and is now doing well in hospital, and a British soldier was also shot, but seriously, on the same date. In the first case the culprits are under arrest waiting trial. The attached for and in the second the culprits are under arrest waiting trial. The situation of Public Safety is good in every Province, with an exception of Sicily, which is stated that the situation is worse than before. The Police Forces are generally inefficiently armed. More transports are needed. On the 15 January 1965 two SS. cars were sent to Sicily and 1000/1000 more. They will remain there. The Special

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There is no change in the commercial situation which is still controlled by the dominance of our military and transport. There is a tendency for foreign commodities rather than local to come down. Markets have been somewhat overvalued with some credit and overstock.

6) Quali sono le cause della crisi?

The official estimate of the paper rubber harvest had a very considerable margin of error. These are even allowed in, obtained through a state treasury from the black market, so those who are unable to do so are living in what they have known. Farmers have taken their plant and farms are selling the plant to the people living in areas around the forest. When this latter source of supply becomes exhausted, as at Akoko, undoubtedly there will be demonstrations and clamoring for the forest to be being extended to the poorer classes by the state. These are important to the people in each town and village. The funds of this distasteful agency are supplied by the United Government.

(1) Analysis of Variance

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oil embargo which would be available to the people through various agencies, that there
is in the people's hands the black market. Until now there has been no
substantial diversion of oil to the black market, the high cost of living will remain
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Chief Liaison Officer Naples and South West Italy.

6 February 1946
- 8 FEB 1946

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission.

PART I

ABSTRACT REPORT

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4. At Torre Annunziata, about 10 miles S.E. of Naples proper, an ammunition train caught fire and blew up in a series of violent explosions on the evening of the 21st of January. Over 40 persons lost their lives and about 250 more were injured. An immense amount of damage was done and the casualty list would have probably been considerably higher had there not been an interval of about an hour between the first and last serious explosion. Fire services and relief organizations turned out quickly on the night of the disaster and the Prefect of Naples organized relief but there was delay subsequently in dealing with an urgent situation. **6216**
5. There is now no Allied Commission organization to take immediate charge, as in the days of the 1944 Vesuvius eruption,



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5. The Italian Prime Minister Dr. Gaspari paid a welcome visit to Naples on the 26th/27th of January. He made a speech at the San Carlo Theatre mainly intended to raise the morale of the Neapolitans, but in which he also paid a tribute to Britain. He opened a well organized town planning exhibition to show plans for the proper rebuilding of war damaged Naples and later visited Torre Annunziata to see the scene of the explosion and relief measures in hand.

6. The grain position continued to cause anxiety and the damage done to grain stores at Torre Annunziata did not help. The making of pasta and the pasta ration has had to be suspended. This affects not only food but also employment as Naples makes pasta for other provinces.

7. Outside Naples, Provinces visited, which included Caserta, have functioned normally. Some turbulence was reported from Catanzaro in the South. Normal liaison work has, however, ceased owing to lack of reliable transport.

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TO : Headquarters Allied Commission.

PART II

(a) POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION.

The stage in January was held by the Christian Democrat Party who organized the arrangement at the San Carlo for the Prime Minister, De Gasperi, on the 27th. The speech raised no controversial issues. Naples was reminded of its position as capital of South Italy and praised for reconstruction work. Britain also received tribute for the energy and courage shown by her people in the war. The Prime Minister asked for recognition of the efforts made by Italy as a co-belligerent. The speech was well received.

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(b) TORRE ANNUNZIATA EXPLOSIONS.

A brief account of this disaster deserves a special mention. On the evening of the 21st a train of 22 trucks loaded with American ammunition and explosives en route for dumping in the sea caught fire. The origin of the fire is

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TORRE ANNUNZIATA EXPLOSIONS.

A brief account of this disaster deserves a special mention. On the evening of the 21st a train of 22 trucks loaded with American ammunition and explosives en route for dumping in the sea caught fire. The origin of the fire is believed to be a flare or fireworks fired from the town. Between 1800 hrs and 1915 hrs there were 3 heavy explosions the last being the most severe and 16 trucks blew up leaving 6 damaged trucks on the line. A huge crater was made, many houses knocked down, and a great many more damaged. Over 40 persons lost their lives and 250 were injured on whom 50 to 60 were seriously injured. All the injured were civilians except for 5 British firemen.

Ambulances, fire services, Carabinieri and Italian soldiers were soon on the scene and by midnight the fire was under control and the seriously injured had been removed to Naples. The next day there was confusion and the British Area Command assisted with the loan of food and tents, for a camp organized by the S'adaco, while UNRRA assisted with blankets and medical stores. The local police proved unreliable, food distribution for the homeless population was

not properly supervised and some food and stores, including tents, were stolen, which angered Naples Area Command. The Prefect of Naples and Naples food agencies (SEPRAL) all sent help generously after the initial confusion passed, but relief organization has been poor.

In connection with explosives the Comune of Cicciiano offers an example of the lack of understanding of the inherent dangers. This area is surrounded by British ammunition dumps and, on account of the irresponsible habit of the inhabitants of letting off fireworks and crackers on the occasion of fiestas, all fireworks were banned as being dangerous by a Prefectural decree, last September. Yet, in spite of the example of the Aversa disaster, on the 1st of January, the very day of the Torre Annunziata explosion, the Sindaco organized and held a fireworks display in defiance of the Prefect's decree and protests of the local British Commander. The attention of the Prefect of Naples has been drawn to this Comune. It should, however, be noted that during the critical war period when such explosive was handled by Italian stevedores and other civilian labour serious explosions did not occur. The disasters now observed ~~due~~ due to irresponsibility, not ill will.

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In addition the Castellammare and Torre Annunziata hold 1578 tons. Two ships of 8000 tons each arrived by the end of the month.

(e) LABOUR.

Three small stoppages of work occurred during the month one at the San Carlo Theatre where the corps and stage hands tried to take advantage of both Allied and Italian rules regarding the Christmas bonus and acted in defiance of their recognized labour leaders.

Unemployment is growing in Naples and the Prefect, Sindaco and Engineering representatives went to Rome to plead for money for Public works which it is understood they were successful in having promised to them.

In the Provinces, where the population is largely agricultural, returned prisoners have been absorbed on the land and unemployment is less acute.

The grain shortage which has caused the stoppage of pasta will affect employment - Naples exports pasta and about 6000 find employment in the mills.

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(h)

PUBLIC SAFETY.

The strength of the Carabinieri was increased in the Province by the return of 200 officers and men from Bari a much

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needed re-adjustment. Efforts are being made to get Allied authorities to release Carabinieri employed on guard duties which are not connected with normal police work. A more useful employment of the Finance Guardia has also been suggested to the Italian Authorities.

There was a further fall in reported cases of Allied soldiers attacking and/or robbing civilians, to 20 (from 32 in December and 40 in November) 7 of the cases involved coloured personnel.

Just under 2,050 cases of crime were reported (2100 in December) and the proportion of arrests remains high, 1350 in January.

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General civilian imports in to Naples were on a reduced scale but heavy grain shipments were dealt with at Antallita ports in spite of damage to grain elevators at one of those ports (Torre Annunziata).

Rail wagons continue to be a difficulty and this month shipments of seed potatoes from England have been lost at the ports unclaimed. Railway clearance is not satisfactory.

Projects are in hand which include the erection of buildings, to increase dock ware house facilities. Sufficient stevedoring gear and equipment to handle Italian civilian supplies was released by the Allied authorities.

(4) PUBLIC HEALTH.

Smallpox is still not eliminated. Outbreaks die down as soon as vigorous vaccination is carried out which indicates a general falling in this respect until an emergency arises.

At Castellammare a small outbreak led to the temporary dismissal of 100 workmen employed by the RAF until vaccination could be carried out and be seen to have been effective.

No serious epidemics have, however, occurred. The Allied Commission Public Health Division is closed down, but close touch is maintained with UNRRA medical services.

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(8) The functioning of the GUERRA CRISTIANIST leaves much to be desired on account of the lack of agreements between its members, also their opposition to the allied task, being nominated only upon the recommendation of the committee of liberation.

(d) Only the quantity out of 244 in the above is to be counted as completed work.

Principal Administrative Officer.

(3) The study has been undertaken to test the

(13) Fuel prices are still sharp. The prices of military equipment in the stationery or in some cases actually dropping.

(14) The economic situation is still critical owing to unemployment and government.

(15) The production of rubber in the Province is under a considerable (1954-55) 60%.

(16) The supply situation is critical but has to be cleared owing to lack of financial power.

(17) The supply of rice and sugar has been reduced in 1954-55 owing to irregular being necessary at the Government and public lines.

REMARKS

(18) The Government is at present being unbalanced in, but generally the economy is good.

(19) Substantial quantities of fresh fish have been distributed to the population during the past month, but the price is still high.

REMARKS

(20) There is a general feeling of being short by all civil servants, owing to government lack of living. The price of foodstuffs of some items, in fact between 20% and 40% in December all civil servants of the Republic, Provincial Administration, 1954-55, and 1955-56, and 1956-57 for the above stated reasons. Also the price of living necessities in 1954-55 (Pondicherry Province) were for the same period, the increase of 5% on their wages was granted.

(21) The following figures in regard to unemployment are available:-

MALE	5,000
FEMALE	59,000
TOTAL	27,000

(22) The price of unemployed are daily being swollen to amounts as various being disbursed by the Allied Military Authorities.

(23) In 1954-55 the price of rice was distributed 121,000 tons of rice, and 1750 tons of short to persons in need.

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(29) *It does/never report that population has increased.*

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(39) The general state of health among the population of the district is satisfactory. The further rate of disease has been reported from 25.4% to 10%.

(32) All necessary, nonautonomous, inductive laws are reducible to basic laws.
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(73) The situation has been improved by the above-mentioned second translation strategy because, the operation *join* will be:

Figure 1

(14) The number of displaced persons moving North by rail from China during the month was 85.

(35) During the month the two security companies of the 1st Cavalry Group were closed down. In the case of Barrack #2, some of the inmates were relocated, but the rest transferred to B. Camp. In the case of Barrack #5, the inmates transferred to the West Detachment and Folding Centre BLDG.

(36) During the week only one case of infectious disease was reported.

REMARKS

(32) The general status of health among the population is good. The number of cases of disease has been reported from 10,000 (see below).
(33) During December 30 (Friday) about 14 cases of disease were reported in the city.
(34) All necessary precautionary measures have been taken. Vaccination, this being necessary.

REMARKS

(35) The situation has been improved by the destruction of several buildings in many districts, the population being of 100,000.

REMARKS

(36) The number of displaced persons moving north by rail from this zone during the month was 115.

(37) During the month the two security companies of the Transit Camp were closed down. In the case of barracks "2" some of the inmates were liquidated and the rest transferred to S. J. Camp. In the case of barracks "1" the inmates are confined to the barracks and the Transit Camp.

(38) During the month only one case of infectious disease was reported from the Transit Camp, namely diphtheria.

(39) The following number of displaced persons were directly vaccinated from the Transit Camp during the month:-

Male	257
Female	32
Infants	55
Total	344

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REMARKS

(40) During the month by road transport proceeded satisfactorily from the Transit Camp.

(41) Conditions are pending between the Allied Commanders from the Transit Camp, and the Transit Camp for permission for the Transit Camp to use a large vegetable garden at the Transit Camp. The use of this vegetable garden would accelerate the production of food.

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PART I

1. Only some 13% of the population of Apulia and Lucania are enrolled as members of any political party.

2. The four largest parties are:

	<u>Approximate Membership</u>	<u>Percentage of population</u>
Uomo Qualunque	138,600	3.5%
Demio Christian	112,200	3%
Communist	81,700	2%
Socialist	55,600	1.5%

3. The morale of the people is rather low. Rising prices, shortage of food, unemployment, the winter, general lack of discipline, the petty politics of the Committees of Liberation the failure of the London Conference, all combine to make the barriers to reconstruction seem unassailable. The people long for a firm, stable government.

4. The preparation of Electoral lists is progressing steadily.

5. The stocks of grain and flour remain very low.

6. Prices of food are still rising. The price of clothing appears to be stationary or in some cases actually dropping.

7. Unemployment is increasing.

8. The OCHL are insufficiently mobile for their tasks.

9. Disorders frequently break out in the villages and banditry by night is common.

10. On 20 November a mass demonstration of the Arsenal workers occurred at TARANTO in protest at the murder of a communist and against the high cost of living. The Offices of the Uomo Qualunque party were sacked.

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11. Demonstrations against oil amassing occurred in several villages in East Province and in one case where shooting occurred one Questura Agent was killed and two CCAs were wounded.

12. One more case of plague has occurred at ~~Titaville~~ since the last report bringing the number of cases to 28 (of which one was a British soldier). The number of deaths is 15, all Italians.

43. In general the health of the population remains satisfactory.

14. Derogation of schools is proceeding satisfactorily.

15. 2096 Italian subjects resident in Greece were deported on short warning and landed in instalments in E.A.T. C.004

16. The influx of Jewish refugees in BARI on their way to the U.S.A. camps in LAGOS PROVINCE has almost ceased.

17. Relations between the Allies and the civilians remain good.

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Liaison Officer
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PART II

POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

- (1) The people as a whole remain aloof from politics. Only some 13% are registered as members of any party.
- (2) The following figures show the approximate size of the parties in this zone and the percentage of population involved. It will be seen that the parties of the right outnumber the parties of the left by a large majority.

	Approx. Membership	Percentage of population
Communist	81,700	2%
Socialist	55,600	1.5%
Action	15,300	0.5%
Republican	2,500	0.07%
Democracy Of Labour	39,000	1%
Union Quilungus	128,600	3.5%
Union Christian	112,200	3%
Liberal	34,600	0.9%
Monarchist	19,900	0.5%
	489,400	12.5%

- (3) The Socialist Party displayed considerable activity. ELI GARZAI, the Party leader, addressed meetings at LECCE, TARANTO, BARI, ANDRIA and MINERVINO early in November. He stressed the difficulties which the people would have to face this winter and particularly the food situation.

- (4) The morale of the people is rather low. The rising prices, shortage of food, unemployment, the severity of the winter, the general lack of discipline, the petty politics of the Committees of Liberation, the weakness of the Central Government the failure of the Union Conference, all combine to present a picture of seemingly unsurmountable barriers to reconstruction.

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(5) People long for a firm hand, so that they may settle down, unmolested, to the colossal task before them. Hence the steady swing of opinion towards the right centre.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

(6) Three new Prefects took office on 1 November 1945:

Dr. FRANCESCO GUIDO	BARI Province
Dr. CARLO ALDO GIUSEPPE	LECCE Province
Dr. PONTI ADRIANO	MATERA Province

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(7) On 30 November 113 Communes out of the 368 in this Zone were under the charge of a Commissario Prefettizio (31%).

ELECTIONAL LISTS

(8) The preparation of Electoral Lists is progressing steadily. Bari, Brindisi, and Matera Provinces have completed theirs. Approvals by the Commissione Mandamentali Sluttorali are increasing in number.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

(9) The situation in regard to grain and flour is still causing anxiety. Only by untiring efforts do the Alimentazione Officials succeed in importing fresh stocks before the old stocks become exhausted.

(10) The Provinces of TARIANTO and LECCE have sufficient grain and flour to last a fortnight, Bari and FOGGIA three weeks, POLIGNA one month, BRINDISI seven weeks, MATERA five months.

(11) The cost of living figures supplied by the FOGLIA Chamber of Commerce give the following comparisons for a type family of five persons, for food, clothing, lodging, light, fuel and miscellaneous for one month.

September 1943	- Lire	1,956
November 1944	- Lire	13,535
November 1945	- Lire	28,411

(12) Food prices are still rising. The price of clothing appears to be stationary or in some cases actually dropping.

(13) The Previdenza Sociale of TARIANTO reckons that the type family of five persons has to supplement its ration of Bread, Pasta, Sugar and Oil purchases on the Black Market to the extent of 644 Lire per week.

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	Price per Kg Lire	
	Rationed Market	Black Market
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AGRICULTURE

(16) The recent rains have favoured the work of sowing.

(17) The wheat production is estimated to have been :-

BARI	250,000	Quintali
BRINDISI	90,000	"
LECCE	75,000	2
TARANTO	145,000	"
FOGGIA	1,340,000	"
POTENZA	440,000	"
POLIGNA	521,000	"

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(18) The Olive Crop for 1945 is estimated as below:-

BARI	600,000	Quintali
TARANTO	150,000	"
BRINDISI	250,000	"
FOGGIA	150,000	"
LECCE	700,000	"

PRISONS

(33) The Carceri Militari in Bari, Trani, Lucera, Taranto, Brindisi, Lecce and Gallipoli are over-crowded.

PUBLIC HEALTH

(34) No more cases of plague has occurred at Taranto during November - a civilian. The total number of cases is therefore 28 (of which one was a British soldier). The total number of deaths is 15, all among Italians.

(35) Two cases of malaria are reported from Taranto, otherwise the general state of health among the population is satisfactory.

EDUCATION

(36) Deregulation of schools has been proceeding satisfactorily during the month. A number have been released in Brindisi, Bari, and Puglia Provinces.

REFUGEES

(37) The number of displaced persons moved north by rail from this zone during the month was 4945.

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(39) 2096 Italian subjects resident in Greece were deported almost without warning and landed at Bari by instalments. These were handled by UNRPA (Bari).

(40) The influx of Jewish refugees in Bari on their way to the UNRPA Camps in Lecce Province has been reduced to a trickle.

COMMUNICATIONS

(41) ROADS

Docks clearance by road transport was satisfactory.

(42) RAIL

a) The position of rail wagon availability in the Compartimento of Bari has deteriorated owing to inefficient management.

b) Freight trains for the month are as follows. Tonnage programmed

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b) Freight movement for the month was as follows. Tonnage programmed 62120, moved 45147, not moved 16973, not moved for lack of wagons 12317.

(43) SHIPPING
Ship discharges of essential commodities have continued satisfactorily. 11459 tons of grain were imported by sea.

RELATIONS BETWEEN ARMS AND CIVILIANS

(44) The attitude of the civilians towards the Allies remains friendly. There has recently been criticism in BHI and MEXICALTIC (MEXICALTIC Province) at the dismissal of Italian civilian employees and their replacement by German Prisoners.

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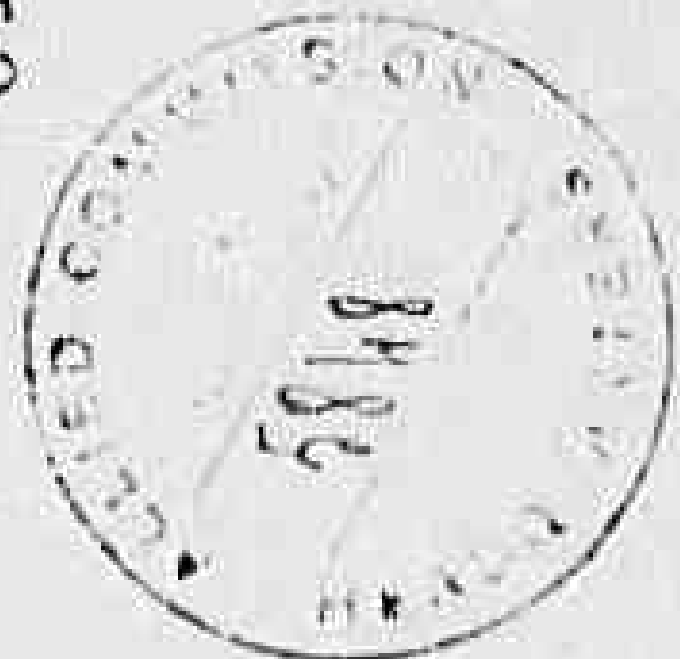
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PART I

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- (2) Steady progress has been made in the preparation of electoral lists which are now nearly completed, though not yet approved by the Communist Party Executive Committee.
- (3) The stocks of grain are all but exhausted and are reduced to an average of three weeks per province.
- (4) Prices continue to rise.
- (5) The olive crop is better than was expected. The vintage will be small but of good quality.
- (6) Unemployment continues to be a major problem despite Public Works projects, and the seasonal harvest-demand for labour.
- (7) No large scale disorders occurred.
- (8) Banditry by night is prevalent. The most serious occurrence, being a raid on two goods trains in the Bari area by a band armed with light automatics.
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- (10) The plague at TAVATO is continuing sporadically. There have in all been twenty-seven cases of which thirteen have proved fatal. The outbreak is still confined to a small area.
- (11) In all other respects the health of the population remains good.
- (12) Education is suffering heavily from requisitioning and juvenile crime is prevalent.
- (13) Definite proof exists that unauthorized Jewish refugees are being smuggled by lugger from the heel of Italy to Palestine.
- (14) A certain longing for the departure of the Allies is being expressed.



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P.R. 11POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION

- (1) Greater political activity was shown by all the parties this month.
- (2) The trend of public opinion away from the parties of the extreme left was most marked. The Communist party in particular lost ground, largely owing to the return of Italian prisoners of war from Russia, who spread the news of their treatment in that country. Numerous anti-communist demonstrations occurred. L'Unione Quilunga continues its increase, and the Partito di Radica is gaining following in the villages.
- (3) The majority of the population, while abstaining from politics, are against extremists and favour those parties of the centre and right which seem to promise law and order and reconstruction.
- (4) At Bari the Provincial Congress of the Communist Party was held on 19, 20 and 21 October with Signor Giuseppe Di Vittorio, Secretary of the C.G.I.L. in the chair.
- (5) That section of the population which is actively interested in politics has little idea of political tolerance or the rights of minorities. Violent repression of the opposition is the instinctive reaction.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- (6) On 31 October 45 no less than 113 Communists out of the 350 in this region were under the charge of a Commissario Prefettizio instead of a Sindaco. This amounts to 31.4%.

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(8) The local branch of the Partito del Radice in NOCI has claimed a seat on the Giunta Comunale on the grounds that it is the largest political party there. No decision has yet been given by the Prefect, to whom the matter has been referred by the Sindaco.

ELECTORAL LISTS

(9) Steady progress has been made in the preparation of electoral lists which are now complete in the case of BARI and LECCE and

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heavily complete in the other five provinces. Only about 1/3 have however been served by the Cor. isioni Elettorali Fondamentali.

ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY

- (10) The stocks of grain are all but exhausted. On 21 October the Provinces of BARI, POTENZA, FOGGIA and LECCE had sufficient to last a fortnight, BRINDISI and TARANTO three weeks, and MATERA three months. In most provinces it has been necessary to cancel the Pasta ration.
- (11) Prices are still rising. Economic pressure is driving people to "take the two ends meet" by taking part in the Black Market or some other form of dishonesty.
- (12) Industry and Commerce are paralyzed for lack of goods and transport. Transport is the key to the situation in this region.
- (13) The wine trade alone is booming.

AGRICULTURE

- (14) The drought has resulted in :-
- (a) a small vintage of good quality, highly alcoholic, expected to yield about 3,000,000 Quintals in Apulia,
 - (b) an olive crop of small olives expected to yield about 300,000 Quintals in Apulia.
- (15) Autumn sowing has been retarded by dryness of the ground except in the provinces of LECCE and POTENZA.
- (16) POTENZA and FOGGIA continue to report shortage of fodder.
- (17) There is a scarcity of seed-wheat and seed for other cereals in POTENZA and BRINDISI. In the latter case the trouble is due to transport.
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LABOUR

(20) The labour market has been swollen by the return of prisoners of war and by reductions in the number of civilians employed by the Allies. But owing to the harvest season and the inauguration of Public Works Schemes, unemployment has only slightly increased.

(21) Strikes have been few.

(22) The increase in the salaries of Government Officials is generally considered to be inadequate.

(23) In spite of unemployment, farm wages reach 250-350 Lire per day for males and 150-200 Lire per day for female or juvenile labour. The hire of a horse for a day's ploughing in BRINDISI Province costs 1200-1500 Lire.

FINANCE

(24) The financial position of communes and of Benevolent Institutions is growing worse owing to the steady rise in salaries.

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and wages, without any corresponding increase in income.

RUSSIAN NOTES

(25) All provinces have begun to carry out the repairs to roads and other reconstruction. Works authorized last month by the Central Gov. Council. The general opinion is that these works only touch the fringe of the unemployment problem.

(26) No large scale disorders occurred this month.

(27) DI GATTANO, the ring leader in the June riots at ANVERIA and CINGERVINO (Bari Province), was located and arrested early in the month.

(28) Further attacks by armed gangs were made upon goods trains in the BISCIONE area (Bari Province) notably on the night of 15/30 Oct. when light automobiles were used. A strike of the train employees was averted by increasing the strength of the train guards. These raiding gangs are being gradually broken up by successive arrests.

(29) During the second half of the month anti-communist demonstrations in a number of villages in Bari Province ended in damage to Communist headquarters, destruction of documents and some personal violence, but no deaths. The participants were mostly ex-soldiers and returned prisoners of war. The chief cause appears to have been:

(a) The spread of knowledge as to the treatment of Italian prisoners in Russia.

(b) The rumor that the Allies would cease to send supplies unless the Italians took measures against the Communists. (This rumor has since been officially denied in the Press by the Ministry of the Interior).

(30) On 24 October the arrest of the persons responsible for the forcible occupation last August of the Malodis farms at LIVERIA (PARMA Province) gave rise to a very large demonstration of peasants, who felt that, by virtue of an old will, the property rightly belonged to the Comune. Reinforcements of CC.RR. and SAN PABCO forces were dispatched to LIVERIA. The Prefect interviewed a delegation and was able to arrive at a temporary settlement.

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(31) Banditry occurs in parts of the Region at night. The remote Gargano Peninsula (FOGGIA Province) has been the scene of a pitched battle in the darkness between peasants, and as many as 200 sheep were carried off by the victors.

(32) For railway police see para 40 (c).

PUBLIC HEALTH

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(33) Leptospirosis Nine new cases of plague occurred at TARANTO during the month, bringing the total since the beginning of the outbreak to twenty-seven, of which thirteen have been fatal. All these new cases occurred among Italians. The epidemic is still confined to a small area.

(34) In general the health of the population remains good.

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EDUCATION

(35) Education has suffered heavily from requisitioning. Children who would normally have been at school are roaming the streets and juvenile crime is prevalent. In BRINDISI and TARANTO requisitioning of schools is in progress. In LECCE province, BARI and FOCCA, the position is still very serious. In POTENZA the lack of school buildings is due, not to requisitioning, but to still unrepaired damage by bombing.

REFUGEES

(36) During October No. 1 Transit Camp BARI, received a total of 1213 Refugees and passed on 1626. On 31 October there were 2833 in the Camp.

(37) 2481 persons were shipped by rail from this region during October, a decrease of nearly 3000 compared with last month. ^{12/18}

(38) Definite proof now exists that unauthorized Jewish refugees are being smuggled by small luggers from this region to Palestine.

(39) A riot occurred at the refugee Camp at SANTA CESAREA on 6 October 1945 between Greek and Yugoslav inmates. In response to a request for help, 32 Area sent British troops, who fortunately did not have to intervene. No deaths occurred.

COMMUNICATIONS

(40) Rail

(a) Numerous additional trains have been added to the schedule during the month.

(b) 38,440 Tons of freight were moved in the BARI Department during the month.

(c) The LECCE Section of the Ferrovie del Sud Est is sponsoring the formation of a special corps of railway police recruited from patriots.

(41) Ports

On 1 October 143 the ports of TARANTO and BRINDISI were handed back to the Italians, and BARI became a class "C" port.

(42) Shipping

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(42) Shipping

Two ships containing 11,394 Tons of food were discharged at BARI during the month, while exports amounted to only 120 Tons.

MOVEMENTS AND THE ARMS

(43) Repairs to the roof of the Basilica di San Nicola BARI have been completed. Work is still in progress in BARI Cathedral, which was damaged by the harbor explosion in April 45.

RELATIONS BETWEEN ALLIES AND CIVILIANS

(44) A certain longing for the departure of the Allies is being more openly expressed in the press, but personal relations between troops and civilians remain good though less cordial than in the North. Deaths were few. One Indian soldier was wounded by an Italian civilian. One

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Italian youth, mistaken for an escaping German prisoner, was shot and killed by two British soldiers on duty.

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ABRIDGED REPORT
SEPTEMBER 45

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- (10) Relations between civilians and the Allies continue to be good.
- (11) Public Health : Eighteen cases of plague occurred in 1941 and at TARANTO including one British soldier. Nine cases, all civilian proved fatal. The state of public health is otherwise good.

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MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1945
PART II

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(5) There is general disappointment at the failure of the London Conference.

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ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY

- (9) The economic situation is serious. The cost of living is rising steadily and in all Provinces the working classes are open signs of discontent and impatience.
- (10) There is a strong feeling that the South is being milked for the benefit of the North and that the South receives nothing in return. The Northerners are buying up the oil and the wine, but they are not exporting their finished products such as clothing and machinery, which are so badly needed in the South. Moreover the prices which the Northerners have been willing to pay have caused a marked rise in the cost of living.

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(11) The distribution of bread is satisfactory, but owing to scarcity and high prices it is extremely difficult for the poorer classes to obtain sufficient olive oil, meat, vegetables and wine. The price of wine is now 60 Lira per Litre, and olive oil about 150 Lira per Litre on the black market.

(12) There is only enough grain in the zone to last until the end of October.

(13) A period of acute and wide-spread want is to be expected and will coincide with the onset of winter.

(14) The Secretaries of State for Food and Public Works accompanied by the Undersecretaries for Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, Labour, and Public Works payed a combined visit during the third week in September to discuss economic and labour problems.

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LABOUR

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INDUSTRY

(19) Industry is almost at a stand still for lack of material and transport. The food preserving firm "Pitta Tarocco e Dadi", has not received its quota of sugar and will therefore have to close shortly.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

(20) Plans are in course of preparation in all provinces for the relief of unemployment. They include repairs to roads, drainage, construction of new roads (e.g. Autostrada Bari - Naples), construction of houses for the homeless. These works are to be financed partly by the State and partly from local funds.

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LEZIAN

(21) Italian Courts appear to be functioning satisfactorily if slowly. This defect is in part accounted for by a shortage of magistrates in the "Preture Mandamentali".

(22) At the trial, before the "Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Guerra" at TARANTO, of 74 civilians charged with large-scale theft of WD property from railway wagons in transit at TARANTO the following sentences were passed:-

<u>Sentences</u>	<u>No. of persons so sentenced</u>
11 years	1
8 "	4
7 "	3
6 "	2
5 "	7
4-4 "	20
less than 1 year	19
acquitted	6
Omitted from list	3
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(25) A certain number of the wanted men resorted to the hills and have formed an armed band. They raid the train between BISOZZE and TIRANI (Bari). They have had one brush with the CC.RR. but escaped under cover of darkness.

(26) Incidents at LECCE 6187

Throughout the month there have been minor outbreaks of disorders and small strikes due to the high cost of living in proportion to wages. These culminated in Lecce on 24 Sep. when the masons' league struck in protest at the high cost of living. The Camera del lavoro organised a procession, called to 5000 people. These broke a triple cordon of police and invaded the Prefettura. They demanded:-

- a) double ration of bread and oil.
- b) blocking of wine export in order to effect exchange for foodstuffs and goods from the North.

- c) Batteries to be requisitioned and managed by workers' cooperative.
- d) Intensified action against the black market.

The Prefect sanctioned certain ration increases and the crowd dispersed. On 25 Sep. a crowd of 10,000 gathered to enquire whether the demands were being met. CC.AA. under provocation, opened fire killing three civilians. Since then the city has been most orderly.

(27) Incidents of this kind must be expected to continue in this zone until:-

- a) The gap between wages and the cost of living is reduced.
- b) Unemployment is reduced.

(28) Cases of forcible occupation of land and farms still occur from time to time.

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In general relations between the Allies and civilians remain excellent. The number of trials have been few. Two Allied soldiers and one seaman were murdered and two civilians were killed by Allied Troops.

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Curfew was lifted throughout 52 Area with effect from 11 September 45. It remains in force in 54 Area.

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The SAN MARCO Regiment of Marines, which is now stationed in this Area and therefore called upon to preserve order in moments of crisis, cannot be regarded as an unbiased instrument of Public Order. It is strongly monarchist and anti-communist. Its members, when off duty, have on several occasions entered Communist Headquarters, removed all communist signs and documents and forced the communist officials to

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PUBLIC HEALTH

(33) Outbreak of Plague in TAPANTO

- a) Plague broke out at TAPANTO in the middle of the month and is continuing sporadically.
- b) There have been 18 cases, all but one confined to workers in the Naval Arsenal. Of these 9 were fatal. One British MP became infected and is recovering.
- c) It is expected that the epidemic will drag **6186** fruitlessly through the winter.
- d) All precautionary measures were taken by 52 Area. Public Health Sub-Commission AC assisted by despatching DDT powder, sulphur, blankets and a power-spray. Vaccine and serum are still needed, however.

(34) In general the state of public health is good. The incidence of infectious diseases is normal.

EVACUATION

(35) Evacuation still suffers from the inevitable requisitioning of school buildings for use either by the Allies or by the homeless.

REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

(36) 5271 persons were shipped by rail from this entire Zone during the month of September.

(37) UNRRA report that repatriation should be virtually completed by 15 October, leaving only a residual refugee population of 425 unrepatriables. In three of the Provinces these latter are estimated to number :-

BAHI	2000
MATERA	300
LECCE	1600

DEREGISTRATION

(38) The subject is under constant revision and the fullest cooperation is being afforded by both 52 and 54 Areas. Eighty deregulations were effected in 52 Area during the month.

Gm Ready May

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to number :-

BARI 2800
NAPLES 300
LECCO 1600

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17th August, 1945

21 AUG 1945

Ref : LB/11.

SUBJECT : De-Requisitioning of Premises.

TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION, C.M.F. - (for Executive Commissioner).
HQ, M.M.I.A., Allied Commission, C.M.F.
Director, Communications Sub-Commission, ALLIED COMMISSION, C.M.F.

With reference to para. 13 of my June Report and para. 12 of my report for July.

1. The Executive Commissioner asked to be informed of the progress of de-requisitioning in this area.

2. The following are extracts from the replies of HQ, 52 Areas:-

(a) "Five schools have been released in the BENDISI Province since the beginning of July.

In addition some 26 villas at CASALE (a suburb of BENDISI) and one hotel, 6 offices, one wine factory and 4 shops in the town itself have been returned to the owners."

(b) "With regard to the position of LEOCS, HQ MIA have been asked to make the Casermette Funzionale available for occupation by Polish Tps in which case Istituto Magistrale Agricole and R. Scuola Artistica could be released. Application is also being made to HQ MIA for the Martano barracks MAGLIA to replace the Liceo Capree and also the Casermette Funzionale at GALATINA to replace the Scuola Elementare. If these barracks can be used for the accommodation of Polish Tps both the schools can be released."

(c) "At MATERA, Polish Base have agreed to vacate the school at Via Lerpo Protizfada 24 and the school at Via Piazza Vittorio Veneto 17 by 29 Aug 45."

(d) "With regard to para (b) above it would be of assistance if you could recommend to MIA that the barracks, all of which are at present unoccupied, be made available for Polish Tps so that the schools can be released."

(e) "With regard to the Post Office, TARANTO the matter has been investigated and it has been found that none of the accommodation which is occupied by the APO can be released and it is not possible to say when this can be done."

3. I attach a list showing premises de-requisitioned in 54 Area during July, sent under the following covering letter:-

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It is confirmed that certain properties which are still under requisition are vacant and the position is now under review, to ascertain which properties can be relinquished."

4. I have ascertained on the telephone that good progress is being made in FOGGIA Province.

5. It is clear that serious steps are being taken to de-requisition property and to meet the needs of the civil population where possible.

6. Will M.M.I.A. kindly consider the recommendation at para.2 (b) and if possible meet it. Schools are urgently required.

7. Will Director, Communications Sub-Commission kindly note para.2 (e) which is a reply to his letter No. T.82.49 / CS, of 4th August, 1945.

(Orig. Hq. B. Ex Comm)

S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Liaison Officer, A.C.,
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A. Property De-Requisitioned in the month of July 45.

12, Via Argiro	Garage
38, Via Cognetti	Top floor left
57, Abate Gimma	Restaurant
52, " Celentano	2nd Floor
12, " Pietro Ravanis	2nd floor
18, " Niccolò dell'Arca	3rd floor
50a, " Abbrescia Scala B	Mezzanin flat
61, " Imbriani	First floor right
16, " Lailla	Hallway
178, " Re David	Warehouse
Largo San Sabino	Square
Via Napoli	Mill
" "	Nuovo Macello
" "	House
43, " Giuseppe Bozzi	3rd & 4th floor
36, " Montenegro	4th floor left
5, " Corso Sicilia	Villa
431, Via Principe Amedeo	1st floor
8, Abate Gimma	2nd floor
62A, " De Giosa	2nd " right
54, " De Romita	3rd floor right
13, " Die+a di Pari	Ground floor right
26, " De Giosa	2nd floor left
54, " Cerulli	4th floor right
67D, " Cognetti	1st floor right
44, " Bozzi	" "
51, " Corso Sicilia	Paint Factory
70, Via Miranghi	Warehouse
25, " Abate Gimma	3rd floor left
62A, " Celentano	Flat No. 9
64, " Corso Trieste, Scala 'A'	1st floor right
6, " Via De Rossi	" " left
209, " Carulli	Shop
67D, " Vittorio Veneto	3rd floor
121-125, " Piazza Eroi del Mare	4th floor left
13, " Via Cairoli	2nd floor left
85, " Andrea da Bari	1st floor left
141, " San Francesco d'Assisi	" "
7, " Pietro Ravans	Ground Floor
141, " San Francesco d'Assisi	2nd floor left
7, " Abate Gimma	Ground floor
35, " Venezia	
18, " "	

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32, " " Darazzo	2nd " "
23, " " Abate Gimma	3rd " left
40, " " Corso Cavour	2nd " "
40, " " "	" " right
61A, " Via Calefati	4th floor right
190, " " Capruzzi	2nd floor
200, " " Dante Alighieri	" " left
45, " " Imbriani	4th " "
11-15, " Bozzi	Garage
5, " " Crisanzio	Appar+amen+ No. 3
35A, " " Vitt. Veneto	1st floor
18, " " Salerno	Store
33, " Corso Vitt. Emanuele	2nd Floor right
74, " Via De Rossi	1st floor right
68, " " Quintino Sella	1st " "

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LIAISON OFFICE

BARI

LB/65.

10th August, 1945

ABRIDGED REPORT

July 1945

PART I

13 AUG 1945

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I. The result of the British Election has been hailed by the BARI press as a Leftist victory. There is hope that our democratic Government will strongly support the democratic principles now being re-born in ITALY.

2. There is a reluctance on the part of farmers to assess their grain this year.

Uncertainty regarding the future value of the Lira has been bearing on this situation.

3. The trial of General BELLOMO took place at BARI between the 23rd and the 28th July without incident.

4. Action by the Italian Government to follow up the MINERVINO-ANDREA disorders by arresting the ring leaders, recapturing liberated prisoners and confiscating illegally held weapons has met with poor success, which is chiefly due to the half hearted measures adopted.

5. Unemployment is rife in S.E. ITALY. (The possibility of giving uncultivated ground to the unemployed is under consideration).

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VP/CA Sec	<i>Quarta</i>	<i>10/7/48</i>
Public Safety		
Public Health		
Legal	<i>16/8</i>	<i>16/8</i>
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PLEASE PASS QUICKLY

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10th August, 1945

WEEKLY REPORT

JULY 1945

PART II.

1. GENERAL.

(a) Of supreme importance to all Italians is the announcement that the Big Three is preparing a peace treaty for ITALY, the conclusion of which will make it possible to support her membership to the United Nations. Such recognition of the country's war effort has been received with gratitude.

(b) A note of satisfaction appeared in the press at the result of the British General Election. As democracy is now being reborn in ITALY, the feeling exists that our new democratic Government will stretch out a hand to help ITALY through her teething troubles.

(c) The trial of General MUSSOLINI by an Allied Military Court took place at PARI between the 23rd and the 28th July. The duties of security were carried out by the Civil and Military Police, to such purpose, that not a single incident occurred during the trial.

An anonymous letter was received containing a warning the Court would be blown up, and this was treated with the respect it deserved.

(d) All parties are preparing for the coming election. Some difficulty is being experienced in appointing the Gaule Comarali, as each party wants to appoint its own Sindaco, who would be very useful at election time.

(e) Sig. LANTERNUCCI has replaced Sig. PALADINI as Prefect of MODENA Province.

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to support her membership to the United Nations. Such recognition of the country in war effort has been received with gratitude.

(b) A note of satisfaction appeared in the press at the result of the British General Election. As democracy is now being reborn in India, the feeling exists that our new democratic Government will stretch out a hand to help India through her troubling troubles.

(c) The trial of General MILLER by an Allied Military Court took place at AGU between the 23rd and the 26th July. The duties of security were carried out by the Civil and Military Police, to such purpose, that not a single incident occurred during the trial.

An anonymous letter was received containing a warning the Court would be blown up, and this was treated with the respect it deserved.

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(b) **ADRIA-MERUVINO** - (i) Increased activity by the Carabinieri, together with the presence of the Carabinieri Regiment at Mazda, has kept this area free from violence during July. I think it is only a lull, and until all dispersed persons have been disarmed, and their ring leaders arrested, there will be no real peace in the area.

(ii) Arms have not been handed in as directed. Up to 7th August, 1577 arms had been collected, of which 1275 belonged to once 182 took no part in the disturbance. This means the receipt of only 302 arms from persons concerned with violence.

(iii) Many prisoners illegally released from ADRIA prison on June, 26th have voluntarily returned to complete their sentence.

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3. ~~TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONERS.~~

about 1,000 soldiers were transported during the month, and 700 are remaining, viz.:-

Sick (not in hospital)	-	304
Sick (plus sick in hospital)	-	205

These will be gradually sent home.

4. ~~TRIAL.~~

(a) The examination of witnesses in the ~~TRIAL~~ case has taken longer than was anticipated. The trial will commence soon.

(b) The case against ~~ITALIANS~~ has been dropped as N.O.I.C., ~~TRIAL~~ does not wish to prosecute.

(c) The principal offender in the case of the bounding of L/Cpl. ~~FITCHER~~, G.M.P., at ~~BRINDISI~~ has been arrested.

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A report was then made to the Albanian Mission, where auto-shipment was expressed at the conduct of the men concerned. The Mission agreed to take over the prisoners and arrange for their deportation to ~~ALBANIA~~.

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6. MILITARY POLICE.

(a) The following are some of the charges preferred by the Military Police during July:-

Speeding	-	352
Being in improper possession of Allied stores	-	251
Theft	-	68

(b) The value of WD property recovered is:-

	£	S.	d.
52 Area (TALLANT)	1720	15	4
54 Area (BARI)	7554	5	11

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7. ARMY

(a) The 14th CC.MA. have been rein-armed and ready are operating in the ACHIA-
MAGRITA area.

(b) Owing to threats by organized bands, an officer and 30 Carabinieri have been sent to MILDIA, where, in co-operation with the Military Police, they have done much to restore order. They are running there temporarily at the request of Ex. 52 Area.

(c) Driving over, petrol and ammunition are urgently required for the 14 tanks now in MILDIA or Internal Security Duties.

These AFVs would have been invariable in the recent disturbances, and I strongly urge their full equipment without delay.

(d) There is a lamentable shortage of uniforms, undershooting and boots for the Carabinieri. Perhaps the time is approaching when the claims of the Civil Police will be considered an insult to those of the Italian Army.

(e) Relationship between the Civil and Military Police is excellent.

8. LABOUR

(a) In MANTUA Province, even to building installations, unemployment is rife. The Minister of Labour has assigned Lire 224,500,000 for expenditure on

public works.

(b) In BRESCIA Province there are about 25,000 unemployed and this number will be increased when workers now employed by the Allies are dismissed.

(c) In LECCE Province unemployment figures are:-

Partially unemployed	36,234
Totally unemployed	4,404

* This figure includes 35,032 women workers in tobacco factories. The season is over, but the women will be probably re-employed later on.

(d) Complaints are general that bands of unemployed men are performing duties on farms without the owners' knowledge or consent. In many cases payment by threat is demanded.

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Partially unemployed - 36,331
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(e) The GIOVEBAZZO Steel Works have been released.

(f) Regarding the reconstruction of local industries at RHINISI from war to peace production, please see para. 10 (g) of my June report. This would do much to solve the serious unemployment problem existing in this area.

10. AGRICULTURE AND PASTORALISM.

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(a) Persistent drought has been very seriously affected crops, and in some cases ruined them. Olive trees and vines have also been ruined.

(b) PASTORALISM. Lack of winter supplies now in order to stock villages now bound and inaccessible in winter. This seems reasonable.

(c) The fish market is active. There is a serious shortage of fishing implements and nets throughout AFULLA. It is desirable that the maximum food supply should be taken from the sea. More fish could be obtained if the fishermen were properly equipped, and it is recommended their requirements should receive a high priority.

(d) Owing to a shortage of fodder and water, cattle are being slaughtered in large quantities.

(e) A revised forecast of the harvest has now come in from the Agricultural Inspectorate. It is less optimistic than the original one:-

	WHEAT	BARLEY	OATS	PEAS
QLO.	250,000	42,000	137,000	23,500
QLO.	1,300,000	65,000	252,000	120,000
QLO.	75,000	22,000	70,000	6,300
QLO.	90,000	9,000	50,000	26,000
QLO.	10,500	9,000	30,000	17,000
QLO.				1,300
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QLO.				20,000
QLO.				1,000
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(f) Threshing is nearly finished.

11. FOOD SITUATION

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(ii) Sugar - - 100 gr. a month.

(iii) Olive Oil - 200 gr. a month.

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I am pressing for replies to these complaints.

Part of the Post Office at BERGAMO is requisitioned and application has been made to HQ, 52 Area for its release.

13. TRANSPORT SITUATION.

ROAD.

(a) Main roads are very good.

Practically all secondary roads are in poor condition and their maintenance will provide work for many unemployed.

(b) All W.D. vehicles operated by SIMA and SUD-EST have been handed over to the Italian Government, viz.:-

101 x 3 tonners
50 x 1½ tonners

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- (c) The allocation of the above vehicles to provinces will still be controlled.
- (d) The allotment of petrol to the Provinces by the Italian Government appears to be inconsistent. In some cases where the estimate of ENIC for August is less than for July, the allotment has been INCREASED, and where it is greater it has been DECREASED. This is being investigated.

RAILWAYS

- (a) A new system of traffic limitation is being tried out, control being by train rather than by carriage.
- 100 wagons a day have been allotted to RAIL Compartiments so that care must now be taken in allotting priorities. It is too early yet to say if the system will result in the better use of available rolling stock.

- (b) The movement of freight traffic continued to be less than projected, viz:-

Tonnage Programmed - 65,451
Tonnage Moved - 41,391

SHIPPING

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- (b) Eleven ships containing 39,512 tons of food were discharged during July, whilst exports were:-

by sea - 5,160
by rail - 11,104

This increase in exports has relieved the storage congestion. Limited storage space for some 3,000 tons will shortly be available in BARDIN, whilst Federations of RAIL have 15 new Romney huts ready for erection.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

General condition of public health is good with the following reported exceptions:

	Parviti	Enteritis	Typhus	Measles	Malaria
POTENZA	11		11	14	10
LECCE		19	39	3	97
BRIINDISI		1	21	2	25
MATEZA		12	12	12	16
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15.

REFUGEES

- (a) The following refugees have been moved by rail during July:-

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Bari	Brindisi	300
Potenza and Brindisi	Brindisi	253
Brindisi and Lecce	Brindisi	400

- (b) A programme of refugee trains is issued each week by HQ, Allied Commission, which gives the barest indication of the destination or concentration of the train, e.g. "BRINDISI for the South" or "RAIL for the South" means just what it says. It would be of considerable help if a breakdown showing numbers and destinations could be given.

16. DISPLACED PERSONS.

- (a) A total of 2,902 Displaced Persons arrived at No. 1 Transit Camp during July and 2,791 departed. The increase consists chiefly of Greek and stateless Jews.

- (b) The Government of the Camp has taken energetic steps to stop the stealing of blankets and clothing and his efforts have met a deserved success.

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17. ENCLOSURE.

(a) Education is hampered owing to the continued occupation of schools by the Allies.

(b) I am ascertaining the names of schools so occupied and will forward report in due course.

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MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 1945

1. GENERAL.

(a) The resignation of Sig. BONCHI provided the political thunder this month. The new Government has been well received and confidence exists in Sig. PASTRI's ability to lead his country into greener pastures. His early broadcast to the people was much appreciated and it brought him before the public as no amount of propaganda could have done.

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(c) The situation in the AGRERA Valley appears to be of little interest to Southern Italy.

(d) Many Italian Officials have expressed their interest in the British elections and their admiration for our two party system. They fear that their own elections, which are approaching, are likely to be influenced not so much by the will of the people as by the pressure of armed local political parties.

2. OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have visited all Prefects during the month and received new evidence of their friendship and co-operation.

3. CIVIL DISORDER.

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(b) During this disturbance the Secretary of the Communist Party at ANDRIA appointed himself Food Commissioner and seized various non-ratified commodities for distribution amongst his squads, whilst at MINERVINO bands of men made the most of their opportunity by searching houses, farms etc. for food, grain and olive oil, quantities of which were stolen.

(c) To provide employment in this area the Prefect of BARI has approved an expenditure of 6 million Lire for public works at ANDRIA, 15 million Lire for MINERVINO MURGE, and a further expenditure of 20 million Lire for the reclamation of ground in the MINERVINO area.

4. REPATRIATION OF JUGOSLAVS.

Some 1,600 soldiers were repatriated during the month, and on the 7th July 400 wounded were sent home in a hospital ship. This leaves about 1,600 Yugoslav soldiers in the area which should be cleared during the next few weeks (except for a small addition).

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5. LEGAL.

- (a) Instances of "Harboring Deserters" have increased and of those brought to trial before the Italian Courts the majority have either been dismissed or treated with leniency. I have drawn the attention of the Procuratore Militare to this fact and to the desirability of treating those found guilty with the severity the offence deserves.
- (b) The MONTE in VULVER case is for trial at the end of July.
- (c) The case of theft in which 67 railway employees are concerned at TARANTO is still pending.
- (d) The case of theft of W.D. petrol for use by the Consorzio Agrario in BRINDISI is still being investigated.
- (e) The case of PERARAZZON for not disclosing engineering material has been sent to the M.O.I.C., TARANTO for decision.
- (f) In the case at BRINDISI where a M.C.O. of the Military Police was shot and seriously wounded, the arrest of the principal offender, who is still at large, is expected shortly.

6. ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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	£.	S.	d.	6175
52 Area (TARANTO)	2030	14	2	
54 Area (BARI)	5238	12	0	

- (c) Relationship between the Allied and Italian Police is excellent.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

(a) In the FOGGIA area there are some 10,000 unemployed and an increase is expected after the harvest. The Prefect is endeavouring to obtain the necessary funds from his Government to put in hand a programme of public works.

(b) In the BARI area there are already some 4,000 unemployed labourers and the number is likely to increase by another 5,000 labourers and 2,000 technicians when they are dismissed from employment with the Allies. The problem will become more acute with the eventual return of some 8,000 Italian P.O.W. to the Province.

9. STRIKES.

On 7th June at the RANIERI Tobacco Factory at LECCE some 150 female workers went on strike for two days as a protest against the non-payment of a cost of living bonus. Non strikers were threatened and the Police had to intervene to prevent violence.

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- (a) The harvest is poor and owing to the shortage of fodder many farmers have had to sell or slaughter their cattle. The harvest forecast for the APULIA Region is as follows:-

PROVINCE	Grain quintals	Oat quintals	Barley quintals	Broad beans	Green peas
BAVI	250,000	137,000	42,000	13,000	1,000
FOGGIA	1,320,000	300,000	88,000	240,000	5,000
LECCE	60,000	50,000	20,000	6,000	13,000
BELLUNO	100,000	63,000	10,000	38,000	2,000
TARANTO	150,000	90,000	40,000	17,000	1,300

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These figures have been confirmed by Prof. Raffaele FABRICE, the Agricultural Inspector, to-day.

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(b) All Prefects and the Agriculture Inspectorate have expressed the view that the missing of grain will be difficult this year as farmers hesitate to part with it in existing circumstances.

(c) In POGGIA the land owners, led by "Guardie diurne", are forming volunteer squads to collaborate with the Police in defending agricultural property.

12. FOOD SITUATION.

Distribution of National Food (except for sugar of which there is a shortage) has been satisfactorily carried out.

Fruit, vegetables, meat and fish are available in substantial quantities.

13. REQUISITIONING.

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(b) Fifty 30 cwt. vehicles arrived in BARI yesterday and are allocated as shown:-

BARI	-	10
BRESCIA	-	5
LECCE	-	5
MATERA	-	10
TARANTO	-	10
POTENZA	-	10

These vehicles, together with the 104 x 3-ton vehicles already operated by Sub-Set and SITA, will be handed over to the Italian Government by the 1st August.

(c) Tonnages lifted etc. during June, 1945 are as follows:-

	BARI	TARANTO	BRESCIA	LECCE	MATERA	POTENZA
Tons moved	1264	360	212	372	332	904
Kilometers run	95,000	27,000	16,000	23,000	25,000	57,600
Petrol (litres)	38,000	11,000	4,000	7,000	6,500	25,000

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Rail.

- (a) From the 15th July the Italian State Railway accepts responsibility for loading programmes and the receipt of Rail Bids. The Allied Commission will still decide priorities, and will screen bids.
- (b) The tunnel between OGDRO and ANCONA was opened on the 30th June, 1945.
- (c) The movement of freight traffic continued to be less than programmed, the percentage being 62% for the previous four weeks. This percentage compares not unfavourably with the movement in other areas. Figures are:-

TONNAGE TRANSPORTED	-	53,200
TONNAGE MOVED	-	55,605

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 The problem is still very acute.

15. PUBLIC HEALTH.

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	MALAYA	TIBET
LABOR	32	21
POTENTIAL	21	5

16. REFUGEE.

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17. DISPLACED PERSONS.

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(b) Commencing 26th June, 1945 arrangements were made to repatriate 600 Greeks by air at the rate of 100 a day. This was satisfactorily carried out.

E. C. O. J. S.

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Subject: Monthly Report for May, 45.

Reference para: 19 of the above report. Any discussions on the subject of refugees should be held with Brigadier UPJOHN and not with the Executive Commissioner. This paragraph has been drawn to the attention of Brigadier UPJOHN.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Colonel S.P. Miller,
Liaison Officer, A.C.,
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MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 1945

1. GENERAL.

Little of outstanding importance occurred in the Regions of APULIA and LUCANIA during the month of May.
The cessation of hostilities in EUROPE, and the liberation of NORTHERN ITALY was received with relief by all communities. The larger towns were illuminated with coloured lights and hung with numerous flags, and crowds paraded the streets throughout the day and night. There are few incidents to report.

2. OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have seen the Prefects and principal Officials of all Provinces who showed a keen desire for friendship and co-operation, and a sincere feeling of regret at the passing of A.H.G. from this Area.
I have also called on the Commanders of 52 and 54 Areas, leading judiciary and Police authorities, the British and French Consuls, UFFRA, and many others, and have received calls in return.

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I wish to place on record the co-operation I have received from the British Consul Mr. G. VAUGHAN.

5. IMPORTANT OUTSTANDING LEGAL CASES.

(a) The case of RICHARD in VULTURE (POTENZA) in which an American soldier was killed by members of a procession has been sent for trial to POTENZA and the Procuratore Generale has promised to dispose of it without delay.

(b) The case of theft of American military watches valued at approximately one million lire comes before the Italian Military Court at BARI on 7th April 1945.

(c) The case of theft of Allied food, clothing and cigarettes at TARANTO in which some 67 railway employees are concerned is still pending at the Military Court, TARANTO.

(d) The case of SUSANNA Giuseppe and ten others alleging the theft of U.S. petrol for use by the Comando Agrario at S. ANDREA is still under investigation. Cases is being expedited.

Legal Cases cont'd.

(a) The case of FERRARINI for failing to disclose engineering material etc. (see letter No. AQ 4051/Y/L of 10th May, 1945) was sent to the Questura of TARANTO on May, 14th with a request for early prosecution. On visiting the Questura on 3rd June I found no action had been taken and have pressed for it.

6. "INCIDENTS" OF GENERAL INTEREST.

(a) On May, 8th at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA (MURISIL) two brothers named Francesco and Salvatore CHIGNA were seized and killed by an excited crowd, and their bodies burnt in the public square of the town. Reports allege the dead men mocked at a passing procession, and this was aggravated by the fact that Francesco CHIGNA, who wounded four communists last March, had been released from gaol only the day before to await his trial.

(b) On May, 8th at TRANI (BARI) during a public meeting a certain Giuseppe GROCE threw a hand grenade which, exploding prematurely, seriously wounded his and three Italian soldiers from the local Transit Camp.

(c) On May, 14th at CASARANO (LECCE) a number of civilians protested against the disorderly conduct of three Polish soldiers with a prostitute. One of the soldiers opened fire at the civilians with a Tommy gun and killed a certain MARCHIANIZZO GIOVANNI. Arrests have been made.

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(b) Being in improper possession of Allied stores etc.	100	81
(c) Breaking and entering Allied premises	7	-
(d) Contravening Curfew regulations	65	17

8. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALLIED AND ITALIAN POLICE.

Allied and Italian Police are working together in harmony.

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9. CURFEW.

The Commanders 52 and 54 Areas are of the opinion that curfew should continue, but agree to relax the hour of commencement until midnight.

10. REQUISITIONED PROPERTY - EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC.

All civilians rendered homeless by the explosion have now been accommodated, but this has meant a degree of overcrowding. There are many unoccupied buildings in this Area, but until the future policy regarding troop concentrations and embarkations is known, it is impractical to de-requisition any of these buildings. I have spoken to the Area Staffs about it, and they are in sympathy with the problem.

In this connection I draw attention to the following:-

- (a) Education at both FOGGIA and BARI is hampered owing to the requisitioning of schools.
- (b) The Prefettura at FOGGIA is occupied by Allied troops. The Prefect has been working from LUCERA but has now moved into makeshift quarters in the town.
- (c) The Court of Assizes at TARANTO is occupied by Allied troops.

11. SALE OF CATTLE MULES TO FARMERS.

The decision of A.F.H.Q. to sell to the poorer farmers in this Area one thousand cattle mules at one third the cost price is much appreciated.

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14. RAIL SITUATION.

(a) Satisfactory progress in the handing over to the Italian State Rail-way of all work in connection with Bidding for Rail Transport and the preparation of Loading Programmes has been made. This work is now done by ICR Officials with a minimum of assistance by A.C. Officers whose main and almost sole function is to supervise the screening of Bids.

(b) The movement of freight traffic was not satisfactory when compared with the traffic programmed. The difference is not, except in a few cases, due to ~~badly~~ wagons but to the failure of bidders to load; this failure being due to a variety of causes such as:- over-bidding, lack of transport to rail head, failure of vegetable crops, etc.

The figures are	TONNAGE PROGRAMMED	TONNAGE MOVED	DIFFERENCE
	54,746	34,593	20,153

15. FOOD SITUATION.

(a) Food distribution is satisfactory.

(b) When in POTENZA the Prefect reported to me that his grain supply would be exhausted by 15th June. I took this up with Dr. De PASQUALE, the Zone Food Director, who went at once to ROME to discuss the situation with the Italian Food Commission.

The report was found to be correct, and to-day, 6th June, 1,000 tons of grain have been allotted from a consignment due in BARI on 10th June. Arrangements to transport 250 tons at once to POTENZA by the narrow gauge railway have already been completed, and the remainder will follow in the normal course.

(c) Soon after my arrival Mr. GIBSON (UNRRA) reported his inability to obtain the A.C. Supplementary Ration for various classes of refugees, viz., school children, invalids, etc.

This too was taken up with Dr. De PASQUALE and I am to-day informed that authority has reached him to issue this Supplementary Ration to all entitled persons.

(d) Dr. De PASQUALE is doing a good job of work.

16. PRICE CONTROL.

At the suggestion of Prime Minister BONOMI a meeting of the Prefects of APULIA, LUCANIA and CALABRIA was held at BARI on the 24th May, to discuss price control.

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Report for the month of
April 1945

(I) INTRODUCTION

(a) Staff - I effected a hurried take-over as A.C. Liaison Officer, Bari, from Lt. Col. Turner-Coles during the afternoon of 6 April '45. Acting upon orders I returned the next day to Rome via Naples and having completed my duties there and had the two motor-vehicles which had been used to convey us to Rome repaired I finally returned to Bari on Thursday 12 April '45. The officer staff at the moment of writing is as under:

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- Capt. A.L. Jones, Assistant to A.C. Liaison Officer
- Capt. R.L. Woodcock, Transportation Officer
- Capt. J.C. Hall, Transportation Officer
- Lt. E. O'Leary, Port Liaison Officer
- Lt. P. Dugobiano, (for discipline purposes), Transcription-tic Mail Section

Lt. Col. L.F. Dawson will hand over to Lt. Col. J.S. Miller in the course of the next few days.

(b) Calls and Visits - Soon after my assumption of duty here I called upon Rear Admiral Morgan, R.C.F.A.I.I., the Area Commanders of 92 and 54 Areas and their principal Officers, and in the absence of the C.O., upon the and I/C Adriatic Base Command. To all of these Officers I explained the reasons for my presence and the duties and powers attaching to the post of Allied Commission Liaison Officer. I have also made contact with the 15th A.A.F. Service Command through Lt. Col. Marshall. I have received calls from the Prefect of Bari, Col. Francesco Tuccari, the Comandante della Legione dei Carabinieri for South Eastern Italy, the Prefect of Potenza, Lt. Col. Genoul, the Greek

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(c) Tours - I have personally visited and addressed the Prefects and their principal officers of the provinces of Foggia, Bari, Brindisi, Lecce, Taranto, Matera and Potenza. At these meetings the provincial chairmen of the Committee of Liberation and the leaders of the political parties comprising the present Italian Government have been present at the invitation of the Prefects. At one or two provincial capitals the Church was represented by the local Bishop or by a representative of the Archbishop.

In the course of my addresses I explained the meaning and purpose, functions and powers of the Allied Commission Liaison Officer.

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Officer. After each general meeting I arranged with the President concerned to furnish me with a weekly report under certain subject headings designed to enable me to carry out the terms of A.C. H.C. directive No. 7002/23 dated 24 March 1945. I at the same time interviewed the principal members of the Judiciary both military and civil in each province and requested them to furnish me with weekly returns to enable me to give effect to A.C. H.C. directive No. A.C./4135/2 dated 8 April '45. Although this latter directive mentions monthly reports I took the liberty of asking for weekly statements as the Judiciary had already become accustomed under the Southern Region Legal Organisation to submitting such information weekly and for the further reason that a weekly report will enable me to take such more effective action when necessary than would a monthly one.

Generally in the extremely short period that I have been allowed to remain here I have done everything possible to organize the new post and to make it a going concern. The A.C. Liaison Office's H.C. now occupies four rooms in the Bari Prefettura. The Adria Hotel and Mess previously occupied by the Zone Commissioner and his staff have been handed over on the instructions of the Town Mayor to the American Red Cross Officer. The present Mess is located in a flat not far from this H.C.

(II) POLITICAL SITUATION

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deed in Bari the May Day atmosphere closely resembled that of an ordinary sabbath day. In the Comune of Rocchetta G. Antonio in the province of Foggia the Prefect reports that the Communist Party took advantage of the May Day celebrations to occupy the municipal building and to appoint their own sindaco in the person of one TINGARILLO. This incident led to three Carabinieri being injured and to the rest being besieged in their barracks by some 500 people. The Carabinieri refrained from using their arms and reinforcements to the number of 70 Carabinieri under the command of a Captain were immediately dispatched to restore law and order and to re-establish authority. The Prefect with whom I discussed this matter at some length appears to have the position in hand.

Upon the whole the great bulk of the people seem to be little interested in party politics it having been pointed out to me by several Prefects that the inscribed membership of all parties certainly does not exceed 20% of the total population. One or two Prefects have put it as low as 10%.

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(III) STRIKES & INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Generally the labour situation is normal owing to the amount of employment which the Allied Forces have been able to afford the population throughout the Liaisonate. There have never been two strikes in Brindisi and one in Taranto as under:

(a) On April 18, 1945, at Brindisi the workers of Matte Metallurgiche S.A. and La Rinascenza which employ about 1000 people, failed to turn up to their work and assembled at the Camera del Lavoro. Representatives of the workers requested the Prefect's intervention to obtain for them an increase in their wages. This was agreed to, the wages were raised from 90 to 160 lire per day, the workers returned to their work and no breach of public order occurred.

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(b) During the week ended 28 April '45 the workers in 6 cork factories demanded an increase of 20 lire per day in their wages. Four factories immediately granted the increase while two refused. As a result a two day strike occurred during which negotiations took place ending in the workers' demands being satisfied.

(c) At Paranto what is termed by 410 Port security section a "white strike" took place on the 21st of April '45 in the R. Arsenal as a protest against the non-inclusion of an Italian delegate to the San Francisco Conference.

(IV) THE CASES AFFECTING ALLIED PERSONNEL OR PROPERTIES

For the arrangements made to keep in touch with the general position please see para (I) (c) of this report.

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result of an accident which occurred through the failure of the brakes at a critical moment.

In Bari there have been several extensive thefts of U.S. military watches valued at between half a million and a million lire, while in Taranto some 67 persons are under arrest and are awaiting trial on charges of the theft and receiving of large quantities of Allied clothing, coffee, sugar, cigarettes, etc. The value of the stolen property is in the neighbourhood of some 4000 pounds sterling.

(V) ACQUISITIONS & DEMONSTRATIONS BY A.M.A.

In general requisitioning has practically ceased but the course of de-requisitioning is proceeding slowly. The Prefect of Foggia is particularly affected in this connection. Although he is proposing in the course of the next few days to remove his H.Q. to Foggia he says that he himself will have to be satisfied with a few rooms in a flat which he has requisitioned whilst the rest of the offices falling under his supervision will have to be scattered about all over the town. In addition he states that all telephone lines have been requisitioned by the Allies and that it is a matter of great difficulty if not a practical impossibility for him to communicate by telephone with anybody. I have tried to remedy this situation by asking Capt. Billinghamst, the A.C. Transport Officer in Foggia, to assist personally and also to secure the help of the Town Major.

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These are excellent. In some provinces, for example Fano, the Guardia has attached certain M.C.O.s and men to the Allied Police patrols and together they work in the closest cooperation particularly in the combating of prostitution and the spread of venereal disease. The Comandante della Legione dei Carabinieri for south eastern Italy has appointed an Officer namely Capt. Aldo Diamante to act as liaison officer between this H.Q. and his own H.Q. Nowhere have I heard any complaint from either the Military Authorities or the Italian Police Commanders of a lack of cooperation between the two bodies. Here again the matter is sometimes one of rapid telephonic communication and I have accordingly at the request of the Coman-

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dante arranged with the A.P.M. 54 Area to give the former all the assistance in this connection in his power.

(VIII) CONCLUSIONS

At the time of writing this report I have not received reports from two Prefects owing to the short notice I was able to give them as to my requirements and to difficulties of communication. I think, however, that what I have said above may fairly be taken to apply to their provinces also. These provinces are Matera and Potenza. Wherever I have gone I have emphasized the urgent need for combatting the black market in all its forms and have urged upon both judicial and administrative officials alike the urgent necessity which exists for the vigorous administration of the law directed against black marketers and for the adoption of the strongest possible measures for the suppression of the black market. All have assured me that they are doing their best and indeed the Prefect of Foggia has set up special administrative and executive machinery to check black marketeers.

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to come to the aid of the people of the world. I am sure that the people of the world will be glad to see you in the land of the living.

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