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SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Emilia Region - June 1946

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1. Reference letter 10/200/1946 dated 8 May 46. I submit the following report on Emilia Region for the month of June 1946.

POLITICAL

The elections for the Constituent and Regional Assemblies took place on 2 June and 3 June 1946. In 1946 there was much less excitement than at the local government elections in April. There is still a doubt that the population was really interested; the heavy polling took place without any excitement.

As was expected the Communists and fascists were victorious in this region and generally the population was satisfied with the results. Some fascists were shown however, at the failure of the Communist Party to do better with the whole country.

Great interest was shown in the results of the elections, and the fascists expressed their interest in the Communist Party was viewed with a feeling of surprise. The Communist Party had the advantage of the first round of the elections, but had the first round and the second round itself still further concentration, which is of course a very big advantage.

Public holidays to celebrate the victory of the people, passed without incident.

Since the election time in the first half of the month, there has been little or no political activity. The

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Paraguay	1,000
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agriculture work has been suspended at present. There is every prospect of a good winter crop, and sugar beet production will.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Each province has a public works program, and even bigger programs are planned for the second half of the year in order to relieve unemployment. There are no indications of delays in obtaining funds from the Government in Bologna.

The supply of water was adequate, although there appears to be some shortage in Bologna.

Supply of electricity is satisfactory. For far as gas is concerned, the same difficulty, lack of fuel, remains.

DISPLACED PERSONS

All camps in Emilia Romagna are under A.G. control and the work is proceeding satisfactorily. Naturally, speaking, all Jewish refugees are being kept safe by the Italian Government, and camp is being used for students and displaced persons. The other has been prepared for a possible influx of refugees from Yugoslavia.

At Reggio Emilia, the only Italian displaced persons camp of all European origin, Italian, Yugoslav, and other displaced persons are being kept safe by the Italian Government.

There have been no extraordinary incidents during the month. Health in the camps is good. All displaced persons have been reported; the most recent list of displaced persons is as follows:

A children's hospital camp has been opened at Bologna, with a capacity of about 100. The hospital will allow the children to be kept for treatment at the camp.

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As usual, complaint to have been received of a short-
age of P.C.D. This shortage, however, did not prevent a
day of motor cycle racing and another of motor car racing
at Modena.

Post telegraph and telephone service is to improve.

LEGAL

Italian Courts have continued to function in the
same slow manner. There is, however, some hope that an im-
provement in the speed of dealing with cases will result
from the plans of the new Procuratore Generale.

EDUCATION

Most schools have now reopened for the summer, and
it is hoped that by the time they re-open, the repairs to
school buildings will allow them to function more normally.

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9 June 1946

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report, Emilia Region for May 1946

TO : See Distribution

Reference letter 325/278/20 dated 8 Mar 46, I submit the following report on Emilia Region for the month of May 1946.

POLITICAL

Political activity during the month increased in intensity as the elections for the Costituente and referendum drew nearer. All classes took the greatest interest in such matters and it became the one topic of discussion.

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Three incidents of an obviously political character were reported during the month. (1) On 24 May, at Ravenna, two hand grenades were thrown into the premises of A.N.F.I. (2) On 16 May at L. Arco, Ravenna Province, fire hand grenades were thrown through the windows of a house in which were the secretaries of the local Communist and Socialist parties. (3) On 31 May in Bologna, two bombs were thrown one near the Casare del Lavoro and the other one at the entrance of the Casa del Popolo.

Some damage was done but no one was hurt.

The abduction of King Victor Emmanuel was expected and caused little comment beyond the fact that it



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were considered to be well timed.

Some disappointment has been expressed at the lack of progress towards a better security with itself.

Provincial administration has continued to be fairly satisfactory. One change in Prefects occurred during the month, Dottore Stella being substituted for General Zanetti at Modena. All the Prefects, with the exception of General D'Antoni, Bologna, were very apprehensive about the election period.

Some Prefects have expressed dissatisfaction with the work of the Sindaco who, they say, have no experience, lack of knowledge of their job, and have an exaggerated idea of the powers attached to the position.

The financial position of the Communes is still bad.

TURKISH SAFETY

The month of May showed little change in the Public Safety situation. While there was a reduction in the number of armed robberies, hold-ups, extortions etc., the number of murders for both political and non-political reasons has increased, in fact, it is the highest since November 45.

The figures for the month are as follows.

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Total number of arrests for such offences	24

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There is nothing fresh to report about the structure and other police agencies. The structure remains as inefficient and unreliable as ever; "Questori" are all faced with the same difficulties, untrained personnel, unreliable expert men elements, and the "no show" policy of most regular officials and agents who would like to a greater or lesser degree, comprised during the Fascist/Republican period. It is considered that the structure are so corrupt as they were under Fascism and much less efficient.

During the month there has been complete absence of escapes from the prisons in the Region. Two minor incidents only have been reported.

(1) At Bologna on 25 May, a guard was assaulted by a number of prisoners, who then released others some 350 being freed from their cells. A demonstration was then staged with demands for better food and medical attention. Order was restored

after 2 1/4 hours.

(2) At Ferreira on 3 May, a number of shots were fired at a CC.BZ. guard unit, outside the Judicial Prison. No one was hurt.

ECONOMICS

The grain situation in the Region did not improve during the month, but the bread ration was maintained. There was no distribution of a pasta ration in some provinces.

The 6th messaging programme yielded some 33,000 quintals of grain up to the end of May. This is not considered to be satisfactory by the Prefects.

Undoubtedly, there is still a fairly strong black market in grain and flour, despite the firm action of the Prefects and police agencies in stopping vehicles and impounding such grain. Pasta and bread is still on sale in all civilian retirements.

There is still plenty of meat - at high prices; indeed, every form of food can be bought by those who have the money. Cheese of all varieties, is in good supply.

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Industry is still in the same sad state due, as usual, to lack of raw materials and coal, and to a reluctance on the part of business men to buy. In addition the unsettled political situation in the country has hampered any progress in this field; it has been obvious that many business men have hesitated to finance industrial enterprises with the possibility of an extreme left wing Government being elected. The general opinion is that the Government must do much in the reconstruction of the industry of the country.

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The coronavirus epidemic is still causing much concern and may well effect the amount of grain consumed.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

There has been an increase in the amount of money released for public works, and some progress is being made. Delay is still occasioned however, by the lack of raw materials. A good deal of building is being carried out in the Provinces of Forlì and Ravenna.

Supply of water is adequate; in the Comune of Ferrara there is a shortage of chloride for the chlorination of the water supply, but an British troops are in the area, the matter is being dealt with by the military authorities.

Electricity supply is satisfactory. The gas position remains the same as previously reported, due to shortage of coal.

DISPLACED PERSONS

General movements during the month were as follows:

On hand 20 April	1,538
Intake during month	1,697
Evacuations during month	2,552
On hand 20 May	817

Following a conference in Rome it was decided that all camps in this Region will become A.C. Before this decision was made, refugees were being moved about a good deal and a clash occurred in Reggio Emilia between two different groups of people resulting in two deaths and wounded. Briefly, the affair commenced when about 200 Jews, newly arrived at the camp, decided to hold a Labour Day demonstration and hung Communist flags in the dining hall. This gave offence to other elements who were anti-Communist. The Camp Commandant remonstrated with them until thrown out. Stones were thrown, and a Carabinieri fired shots in the air. In the ensuing fight between the Jews and Carabinieri, one Jew was killed with a knife, and seven other persons suffered from concussion.

Trouble continued for some days, and two British officers and two Italian officers were roughly handled.

Eventually, the Gestapo opened fire, killing one person and wounding two others.

The Jews were moved to other camps in Milan and Rome, and Reggio Emilia camp is now empty.

The health in all the camps has been excellent, there was some whooping cough among children, and the prevalent diseases continued to be venereal and tuberculosis.

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Hospitals are now getting supplies of medicines and no further complaints have been received on that score.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing new to report, the improvement already reported has continued. Despite a shortage of P.O.L. transportation appears to be adequate.

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LEGAL

Italian Courts are operating as slowly and laboriously as ever. It has been noted that as the elections approached there was a very definite slowing up in the fixing of trials of persons with definite political attachments. This applies particularly to the trials of Communist partisans for such offences as murders, armed robberies etc.. This appears to have been the

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policy of the Department General in Bologna (he has since been replaced).

EVALUATION

Satisfactory.

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9 April 1945
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TO : See Distribution

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The population took great interest in the elections and the percentage of voters going to the poll was uniformly high, c. 80% in Bologna. Red flags, shirts and neckerchiefs were in great display, and here again the parties of the left were the most active.

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Two features of public opinion are noticeable; one is that Britain and America will prevent (by some unknown means) Italy becoming a Communist State, and the other, a general feeling that to hold the referendum before the constitutional elections is a mistake.

There has been some active propaganda in the Trieste problem, mostly in the form of students' proclamations in Provincial colleges.

Local Government has continued satisfactorily; the new Prefecture

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of Volynia, Heceria Emilia and Parma have settled in and have generally made a good impression with the population. All Communist budgets show heavy deficits and this is causing some concern.

Public Safety

Public safety conditions in the Region remain about the same; the improvement noted in "obrazki" was generally maintained in March, but the state of law and order cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Politically, murders and kidnapping still continue. The following are figures of serious crimes as reported to police agencies; they are of course not a complete picture, as many crimes are not reported for fear of reprisals.

murders, wounding or attempts for political motives	15
kidnappings	5
murders etc., for non-political motives	11
armed robbery and extortions	96
total number of arrests for such crimes	23

There have been no cases of public disorder during the month. Steady improvement has been shown in the quality of actual police work; particularly by the CC. The Communist in the provinces are doing their best to reorganize their forces, but the difficulties are great and progress is slow.

The equipment of the CC, has been improved. The prison situation is still unsatisfactory as over a hundred men were still in the Volynia prison on 10 March and a serious attempt at escape was made by over 60 prisoners in Novosibirsk Province on 24 March.

On 30 March at Parma, some 20 prisoners attempted to escape, two were killed.

Food Situation

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Production

The food situation from an official point of view is not good; there is enough grain on hand in the region to last until the end of the month, but supplies do depend still upon the arrival of grain ships.

Unofficially the population are living on the stocks of grain which have been hoarded. All other foods except sugar, etc. are rationed, but prices are such as to prevent the major part of the population from buying. No sugar is available at present. The cost of living is high and even the richer elements are feeling the pinch a little.

Some industries are functioning but at a greatly reduced rate, due to lack of raw materials and fuel, and a reluctance to do business.

Unemployment is still a grave problem, there has been no reduction in the number of people out of work and already local poli-

Officials are using those for the purpose of unemployment. Agricultural work is, for the moment, static, but it is hoped that some of the unemployed will be absorbed in the near future. Weather conditions have been favorable so far for a good harvest. There is some need for fertilizer and insecticides. The economic problem is still unsolved, and I expect some that he is supposed to make this at a provincial level.

WATER, POWER AND UTILITIES

Water supply works have been authorized by the Ministry, but some delay is experienced in obtaining the necessary funds. UNRRA is helping much in providing transport as a facilitation scheme.

Supply of water in camps is, as a rule, and the supply of electricity has improved considerably. Sufficient gas is available for domestic cooking, supply being maintained to 3 1/2 to 4 hours daily.

DISPLACED PERSONS

During the month some 1725 refugees were evacuated. The Medical Department at the various camps have been running smoothly, and further immunization has been carried out at all camps except for typhus. Typhus immunization has been suspended pending arrival of new vaccine. The arrival of supplies for distribution to the camps showed a vast improvement over February. UNRRA officials are producing infiltration into the administration of the camps but as for the administration has not assumed financial responsibility.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The public health of the region remained good during the month. There were no epidemics reported from any Province but there was a general increase in the number of cases of measles and whooping cough in the Eastern half of India during the latter part of March. Cases of malaria have been reported from various Provinces.

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Hospitals have functioned satisfactorily but here again there is a need for funds. Supplies of medicines need to have been adequate, although there is a continuous demand for penicillin. On the welfare side, an important one, so far as public health is concerned, a good deal of work has been carried out in the repair and renovation of clothing which is often distributed in the Provinces. Supplies of milk, etc., to children, the sick, and aged, have also been made.

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There are no public libraries in the town, but there is a library for the needs of the population, but there is a shortage of books. The railway transport facilities are satisfactory although the service is slow. Telephone communication would study improvement.

LOCAL AND EMPLOYMENT

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ARMED COMMISSION
ELECTION OFFICE
BOLOGNA

9 April 1946

Ref : AS/BOG/15A.13

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Emilia Region, March 1946

TO : See Distribution

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POLITICAL

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Generally speaking, the results show the Communists and Socialists in the majority, but there is a healthy opposition from the other parties.

Two features of public opinion are noteworthy: one is that Emilia and Liguria will prevent (by some unknown means) Italy from a Communist State, and the other, a general feeling that it held the referendum before the constitutional elections is a mistake.

There has been some active propaganda on the Trieste problem, mostly in the form of students' demonstrations in Provincial capitals.

Local Government has continued satisfactorily; the new Prefects

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of Toloma, Regio Lillo and Tarma have settled in and have generally made a good impression with the population. 301 Guatemal budgets when heavy difficulty and this is causing some concern.

Public Safety
Public safety conditions in the Region remain about the same; the improvement noted in Tarma was generally maintained in Tarma, but the state of law and order cannot be regarded as satisfactory. Politically, murders and kidnapping still continue. The following are figures of serious crimes as reported to police agencies; they are of course not a complete picture, as many crimes are not reported for fear of reprisals.

murders, wounding or attempts for political motives	15
kidnapping	5
murders etc., for non-political motives	11
armed robbery and etc. etc.	26
Total number of arrests for such crimes	29

There have been no cases of public disorder during the month. Steady improvement has been shown in the quality of actual police work; particularly by the G.P.R. The situation in the provinces are being their best to re-organizing their forces, but the difficulties are great and progress is slow.

The equipment of the G.P.R. has been improved. The prison situation is still an unsatisfactory one; a serious situation is still in the Tarma prison on 16 March; and a serious attempt at escape was made by 60-65 prisoners in the same province on 24 March.

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 of grain ships.

Unofficially the population are living on the stocks of grain
 which have been hoarded. All other food except sugar, are un-
 rationed, but prices are such as to prevent the poorer part of
 the population from buying. No sugar is available at present.
 The cost of living is high and even the richer elements are feel-
 ing the pinch - little.

Some industries are functioning but at a greatly reduced rate,
 due to lack of raw materials and fuel, and a reluctance to do
 business.

Unemployment is still a grave problem, there has been no reduc-
 tion in the number of people out of work and already local poli-

ticians are using them for the purpose of administrative agricultural work is, for the moment, static, but it is hoped that some of the unemployed will be absorbed in the near future. Other conditions have been favorable as far as food and housing went. There is some need for fertilizer and insecticides. The electric problem is still unsolved even to the extent that it is supposed to solve this on a provincial level.

WATER, POWER AND UTILITIES

Water works have been authorized by the Ministry, but some delay is experienced in obtaining the necessary funds. Efforts to helping much in providing transport or rehabilitation schemes. Supply of water is adequate; and the supply of electricity has improved considerably. Sufficient gas is available for domestic cooking, supply being maintained to 3 1/2 to 4 hours daily.

DISPLACED PERSONS

During the last year 1962 refugees were evacuated. The Medical Departments of the various camps have been running smoothly, and further immunization has been carried out at all camps except for typhus. Typhus immunizations have been suspended pending arrival of new vaccine. The arrival of supplies for distribution to the camps showed a vast improvement over 1961. CHINA officials are gradually transferring into the administration of the camps but so far the administration has not assumed financial responsibility.

TRAFFIC MATTERS

The public health of the region remains good during the month. There were no epidemics reported from any Province but there was a general increase in the number of cases of measles and whooping cough in the Davao area of Mindanao during the latter part of March. Cases of scarlet fever have been reported from various Provinces.

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PUBLIC HEALTH

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Ref : AG/COE/15.17

SUBJECT : Monthly Report, Emilia Region, APRIL 1946

TO : See Distribution

Reference letter 625/276/32 dated 8 Mar 46.
I submit the following report on Emilia Region for the
month of April 46:

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order"; this is said to be non-political, or rather com-
prised of persons of all political creeds. An offer of
armed assistance has been made to the Italian Military
Authorities.

The meeting of Foreign Ministers in Paris evoked
much interest, and the program headed by the British Min-
ister assumed much glow, dignity, and importance. The general
opinion was (1) that the Allies are not keeping their pro-
mise of warlike treatment to Italy and do not recognize
the aid given by Italians to final victory, and (2) the
philosophic view that Italy lost the war and
should be prepared to pay.

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Reverend is shown in the attitude of the people who are inclined to increase their already somewhat anti-Allied sentiments. Even the well-to-do are asking why the Allied do not get out of Italy and leave her in peace. Summed up briefly, the extreme left feel they would have a firmer hand if we left, while the others feel that we are doing nothing to prevent Communism.

A serious state of affairs came to light in the Quastore at Reggio Emilia during the month; a lieutenant employed as an auxiliary agent was dismissed, he then called the meeting of the auxiliary ex-partisan elements and told them that on the 2nd June they would not take orders from the Prefect or Quastore but from a "special commission" set up by the Communist Party.

Provincial administration continues to be satisfactory, but the new Quarter Prefecture states they have more difficulty and opposition because they do not follow the policies of their political predecessors.

There is no change in the financial position of Communes.

PUBLIC SAFETY

During the month of April there was little change in the situation with regard to crime and public order, arrests, armed robberies, and cases of extortion continue unabated. The following is a brief summary of the more serious crimes reported to the police authorities:

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Murders and wounding for non-political reasons	6
Armed robberies and attempts	25
Arrests for these types of crime	24

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There is little to report about the Guesters, as police agencies, they are rather more than usual, all being riddled for the infiltration of unscrupulous, untrained and violent elements.

There were no serious demonstrations during the month. At the places in Madras Province, Christian Democrats' meetings were broken up by the Communists; blows were exchanged until order was restored by S.I.R.

The prison situation shows little or no sign of improvement; five minor breaks or outbreaks being reported in Modena and Bologna.

ECONOMICS

The grain situation has become more acute in the Region: Ravenna and Parma Provinces have sufficient grain to cover their needs up until the next harvest, that is 15 June. The other six provinces are depending on imported grain. The Regional Director of Allocation has been very concerned during the middle of the month as his allocation of imported grain was cut from 30,000 quintals to 15,000; later, the latter figure was increased to 20,000. Decrease, ordering the crossing of 5% of producers ration, have been issued.

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Unemployment has increased, due to the number of refugees; this is undoubtedly becoming a major problem, some demonstrations, all quite orderly, have taken place and more can be expected.

Agriculture work has proceeded satisfactorily and recent rains have increased the prospects of a good crop.

The dispute on the "rationalization" problem system is still unresolved.

we indicate in the supply of gas has been possible owing to shortage of coal.

DISPLACED PERSONS

In camps in this Region, 560 persons entered and 671 were evacuated. On hand on 20 April were 1,498. The health of the camps during the month has been excellent. The epidemic of measles in Reggio No 40 has subsided and there were no deaths. Chief diseases found, except for minor ailments are, T.B., and venereal disease; it is becoming increasingly difficult to find beds for tubercular refugees in Italian sanatoria.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The public health in the Region has remained good, and no epidemics were reported during the month.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

A slight improvement in all spheres. Still a shortage of P.O.L.

LEGAL AND EDUCATION

Nothing outstanding to report.

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Civil Affairs Section

10 March 1946

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15 March 1946

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for FEBRUARY 1946

TO : See Distribution

PART 1

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9. Public Safety. Great improvement in the situation; nearly 50% reduction in crime. Some neo-fascist activities. No demonstrations leading to disorder.

10. Public Health remains good.

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PART IIPolitical Reactions and Popular Opinion

All the political parties have intensified their activities, many meetings have been held and all were orderly. The Communist Party is undoubtedly the best organized and is doing everything possible to stop the rot in its ranks; however, many former adherents have gone over to the Socialists. There is a split in the Socialist Party on the question of fusion with the Communists.

The Action Party seems to be on its last legs. The compulsory vote has been well received by all parties except the Communists. Many people believe that to hold the referendum and the elections almost simultaneously is a mistake.

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The local Director of Alimentation describes the situation as grave; and also that the reduction in the pasta ration was received badly by the population.

There has been no distribution of fats; a ration of 100 grammes of oil; the sugar ration has been reduced to 150 grammes.

Meat is free of the ration and is plentiful; prices are so high as to be beyond the reach of all except the very rich.

In Commerce and Industry there is no change; one large pasta factory, employing 1,200 workers at Parma, has to close down.

POL supplies are short and late in arriving in the Province.

Agriculture

Much concern was shown at the continued dry weather during February, and fears of a poor harvest were expressed. The present wet weather however, have made farmers more optimistic.

The ploughing by the Swiss in the mountain areas south of Bologna, has been held up for lack of petrol.

There is still a need for more fertilizer and insecticide.

The drainage of flooded land in Ferrara continues.

Labour

Unemployment is still a grave problem and one which may well lead to disorder. Some idea of the numbers of unemployed may be obtained from the following figures, based on a census which was compiled on 28th February:

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	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bologna	6,326	5,872	12,198
Ferrara	1,691	1,273	2,964
Forli	-	-	1,279
Modena	1,293	1,387	2,680
Parma	3,574	1,194	4,768
Piacenza	1,261	1,826	3,087
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Finance

Reports are still coming in of less money in circulation; bank deposits remain high. Prices remain high but in some instances there has been a slight tendency to reduction, e.g. textiles.

Communal budgets show deficits in every case.

Public Works and Utilities

Public works programmes are being carried forward,

but a good deal of delay is caused by the painfully slow machinery for obtaining the necessary funds. An example of this occurred in Rimini, where the roads were in such a deplorable state that G.O.C. No.2 District complained owing to damage to military vehicles proceeding over them. The matter was taken up with the authorities concerned and the two months delay was explained by the difficulty in getting funds.

Electric power is in very short supply, all being out off for two days per week. One district reported a shortage of water.

Legal

Italian Courts are functioning satisfactorily but very slowly. Prisons are badly overcrowded but no effort seems to be made to try cases more expeditiously and so, possibly, reduce the number of inmates.

Military Courts for the trial of war criminals commenced on 8th February, one prisoner, GOTTARDI, Ernesto was found guilty of the murder of Lieut. Lyon Williams; and ~~sent~~ sentenced to death; another, TOMELE, Alessandro arraigned on the same charge, was acquitted.

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Arrests	35	48

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CC.RR. continue to improve and their activities against the criminals are praiseworthy.

There were ~~no~~ disorderly demonstrations; 4,000 unemployed persons, mostly ex-F.O.s demonstrated in the Communal Theatre, Reggio Emilia, for assistance to be given to them to find work. No disorder.

On 23rd February, Socialist Minister, NENNI spoke to a crowd of about 15,000 persons in the Piazza Vittoria, Reggio Emilia. No disorder.

On 14th February, at 1600hrs at sea, about a kilometre from Cesenatico (Forli) a fishing boat was blown up by a sea mine. Boat completely destroyed, crew of 5 killed.

Public Health

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Public Health remains good, no reports of serious outbreaks of infections, or contagious diseases have been received.

Education

No change. Having regard to the conditions, scholars have got through the winter with a minimum of discomfort.

Communications

All communications are improving, particularly telephone services. At Bologna, work on the provision of 2,000 lines on the automatic exchange is almost completed.

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for January 1946

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- 8. Legal. Italian Courts functioning satisfactorily but slowly.
- 9. Public Safety. Further increase in major crimes, murder, armed robbery etc.. Prison breaks at Forli. No serious public demonstration. Police agencies - CC.PP. improving; Questura slowly eradicating partisan elements.
- 10. Public Health, good. Some incidence of Chicken Pox, diphtheria, malaria in Ferrara Province.
- 11. Education. No change, position fairly satisfactory.

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12. Communications steadily improving.

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PART II

Political Reactions and Popular Opinion

With the approach of the election political activity is increasing. All parties have held meetings and there is a good deal of propaganda on the part of the Communists, Socialists and Demo Christians. Other parties are not so active.

The Communist Party, which is undoubtedly the best organized, is reported to be losing ground slightly to the Socialists.

All parties desire to have the elections in an orderly manner, so it is announced - certainly all meetings held during January were quite peaceful.

The Squadra Azzura Mussolini seems to be getting more active; cases have occurred where young men have (1) forced a man at pistol point to swear allegiance to S.A.M., (11) robbed another man of a car in the name of S.A.M. Nothing definite has been ascertained of this organization so far but it does exist.

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Lack of Communal funds is also a problem, every commune carrying a deficit on its budget.

Economic Resources and Supply

The situation with regard to food is not so satisfactory. Stocks of grain held in the Region are only sufficient for about 15 days. Thereafter the population will depend entirely upon imported grain. Assignments from shipments which have already arrived at the ports, or due to arrive shortly, will be sufficient to maintain the ration until the end of February.

There will probably be considerable reaction to the reduction in the pasta ration, as the poorer people

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rely upon their bread and pasta ration almost entirely.

Oil and fats are available but at high prices, far beyond the means of the mass of the population. The sugar ration of 200 grams a month has been maintained. There is a scarcity of milk.

Meat is practically free from rationing but prices are very high; fish is in good supply but again it is only within the means of rich people.

Hoarding of Parma cheese by the producers in order to get the advantage in a rise in price has led to considerable difficulty in that Province.

In Commerce and Industry there is little change, lack of coal, electric power and raw materials is having an adverse effect upon rehabilitation.

Agriculture

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Except in the mined battle areas, the work generally is completed. Some insecticides and fertilisers are required.

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In some areas there is less money in circulation. The change in the lire-sterling rate has had no repercussions yet, and none is expected; it is of interest to note that the daily newspapers quote a "free exchange" figure for all currency, and before the official alteration in the rate, the figures given for sterling paper money varied from 1,140 to 1,150 lire to the £1.

Public Works and Utilities

Public Works continue slowly so far as bridge, road and rail repairs are concerned. Lack of raw materials and the exceedingly slow release of funds from Rome cause such delay.

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A speeding up would do much to alleviate the unemployment problem.

The shortage of electricity continues and is causing inconvenience and hardship in industry and in the homes.

Gas is still in short supply; water situation satisfactory.

Legal

All Italian Courts are functioning satisfactorily but in the usual slow manner. There are no outstanding AND cases.

The Special Courts of Assize are still working and every effort will be made to clear up outstanding cases by the date set for the expiration of term, viz 1st October 1946. Some speed up in dealing with the cases is necessary however, if the good intention is to be carried out.

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Armed Robberies	150	
Soundings	26	
Total number of arrests	48	

The CC.MI. are working as well as can be expected having regard to their many handicaps, and are having some success.

The Questura shows no great improvement but in two provinces undesirable ex partisan elements are being eradicated.

Some reports of gun running from the Dolomites and Albanian coasts to Forli, Ravenna and Ferrara have been received and are being dealt with by the appropriate

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police agencies.

Prison breaks occurred at Bologna and Forli and generally weakening the prison situation is as bad as ever.

There has been no public disorder or serious demonstration during the month, this is probably due to the bad weather.

Public Health

Public Health is generally good; there were no serious epidemics during the month.

There was a considerable amount of chicken pox in Bologna and Reggio Emilia Provinces; some diphtheria particularly in Bologna; and malaria in Ferrara. Also some foot and mouth disease in the west end of the Region.

The Medici Provinciale state that they have no reason to suspect or fear epidemics at present and the situation is well under control.

Hospital services are suffering from lack of funds in some instances. Distribution of clothing from UNRRA have helped the welfare side of the administration.

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1. Political activity still increasing. Many public meetings and demonstrations, particularly following the Italian Government crisis. Some strikes as a gesture of solidarity. Communists and Socialists still strongest parties.
2. Provincial administration continues to be as satisfactory as possible; but authorities lack strength to enforce the law.
3. Food situation is fairly satisfactory. Due to movements of grain from the Region, it will be necessary to import grain or flour from 15th January. Regional Commissioner for alimentation reports issues of foods without authority. Still lack of fats, oil, sugar and milk in all provinces.
4. Commerce and Industry - no change. Lack of raw materials main problem.
5. Unemployment has increased, peak expected by end of December or January.
6. Financial position of banks unchanged. Plenty of money available but little investment possible. Prices high; fixed prices in theory but not in actual fact.
7. Public works programmes being carried on but lack of funds and materials causing much delay. Amount of domestic electricity cut down.
8. Italian Courts functioning slowly. No special cases tried by extraordinary Courts of Assize. Some dissatisfaction by populace on number of prisoners discharged because of lack of evidence.
9. Public Safety situation steadily becoming worse. Increase in murders, armed robbery, kidnapping and wounding. Groups of criminals becoming larger; at least two gangs of between 50 and 60 persons operating in Bologna and Ravenna. Increase in political crimes. No instances of serious public disorder.
10. Public health remains good. Some diphtheria and typhoid but nothing alarming. Decrease in malaria.
11. Education - no change.
12. Roads good; railways still improving. Posts, telegraphs and telephones satisfactory.

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All the political parties are as active as ever, in fact such activity is increasing. Communist and Socialist parties seem to be the strongest and are certainly the better organized. There is no doubt that the Communists are prepared to use force to gain power; and with only say so; there is a strong underground movement in this soil. Reports have been received of a properly organized semi-military organization in Bologna; and of 2,000 armed Communists in Parma province. The Italian Government crisis caused a good deal of concern; among the leftist parties a certain amount of resentment was shown and among the thinking people the lack of a stable government in Italy is deplored. There was no great excitement over the crisis but many public meetings were held to show "solidarity", (whatever that may mean in this country) and in support, strikes of short duration were organized by the Camera del Lavoro in some places. A demonstration was held by schoolboys and students in Bologna, first to protest against the lack of heating in schools and University, and shouts of "Trieste for Italy" started. Communists or workers intervened and broke up, with some slight disorder, an otherwise peaceful, orderly procession; enquiries showed that this intervention was organized beforehand and was not, as the Prefect and Police would have us believe, spontaneous.

There has been some increase in the "poeter" activities of the anarchist party, but this organization does not appear to have much following.

Local Government - Provincial.

Provincial Government is functioning as satisfactory as possible having regard to all the difficulties at present encountered. It is unfortunate that the authorities have not sufficient power to enforce the law. Under such circumstances each Province, and indeed each Comune, tends to become a more or less independent republic.

The completion of the electoral list continues apace; some delay is being experienced in obtaining "certificato di nascita" from other provinces due to delays in the post, otherwise progress is satisfactory.

Domestic Resources and Supply.

The alimentary situation in the Region is good at present, but it will be necessary to import supplies of grain from the middle of January, owing to exportation of locally grown grain to other provinces.

Wheat is fairly plentiful (at high prices), as is fish. Fat, oil, sugar and silk are in short supply. There is barely sufficient milk to provide for infants, sick as well as the adult.

Grain raised to date in Emilia region totals 1,200,000 quintals; during the month 244,892 quintals were garnered.

The difficulties of commerce and industry remain the same; that is, shortage of raw materials, coal and transport.

There can be no doubt that many industrialists and merchants are anxious to resume normal production and trading but are prevented by present conditions.

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Except in the areas of the Region where mines are still in great abundance, agricultural work has progressed very well; the ploughing and seeding have been completed and it is felt that, given reasonable weather, next year's production should be up to standards.

Flooded bonifide areas in Ferrara have been, or are being drained; this has been done before the rains start so production here should be good.

There is not a great deal of forestry in the Region but it is important so far as the fuel supply to the people is concerned; it is proceeding satisfactorily, the main problem being transport.

Fishing again has been fairly good; there has been a fair amount of fish on the markets, but at high prices.

The dispute between landowners and contadini or the mezzadria system continues; this is undoubtedly promoted by the Communists and is political rather than economic ~~SALES~~ in character. Communist speakers have promised farmers 60%, 65% and even 70% of their production.

Contadini obviously fear the Communists in this matter for instances have occurred where only 40% of the crop has been handed to the owner in public, but the other 60% has been delivered secretly.

Labour.

Unemployment has increased during the month and continues to be one of the gravest problems to be faced. It is expected that the peak period for unemployment will be reached at the end of December or during January. The increase over the figures given in the last report submitted is not great and is made up mainly of seasonal reduction in agricultural requirements and returning Prisoners of War.

Finance.

The financial situation again remains unchanged. There is plenty of money in the banks but little scope for investment. Prices remain at a very high level; many prices are fixed in theory but in practice evasion rather than observance is the rule.

Public Works and Utilities.

All provinces have many public works projects in hand, but many are hampered by lack of funds or raw materials.

The amount of electric power for domestic use has been cut down upon orders from Rome; this appears to be causing some hardship to the people and there is some resentment shown; also the supplying concerns feel that they are being hit unnecessarily.

The water situation is satisfactory but gas is in short supply.

Legal.

Italian Courts continue in the usual dilatory manner. No major cases have been dealt with by the Extraordinary Courts of Appeal during the month;

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no death sentences have been carried out during the month.

No cases of disorder at these courts have been reported during the month, but some dissatisfaction has been expressed at the number of persons being discharged for lack of evidence. This is not surprising having regard to the fact that many persons are arrested upon the denunciation of one man, who is probably actuated by personal enmity: such a system of accusation must lead to abuses and corruption.

It must be added that because a person is discharged by the Courts it does not follow that he is at liberty: there have been several cases of kidnapping and shooting of these persons on their return home.

In order to deal with this situation the police control system "confinio della polizia" and "ammonizioni" (Art. 164 Capo III, leggi di Pubblica Sicurezza) have been revised as far as Bologna Province is concerned.

Public Safety.

The public safety situation is getting steadily worse. Serious crimes, murder, kidnapping, armed robbery and wounding, have shown a considerable increase.

There was a noticeable increase in political crimes during the month. Figures of reported crimes are as follow:

Murder and attempted murder for political motives	- 21
Murder for non-political motives	- 10
Woundings for political motives	- 12
Other woundings	- 9
Armed robbery and attempts	- 172

Total number of arrests for such crimes	- 34
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A serious aspect of the situation is the increasing number of gangs operating, and the increase in the number of men in the gangs. At least two groups of between 50 and 60 men, all well armed with authentic weapons have been and are operating in the southern mountainous areas of Bologna and Modena Provinces. Vehicles in transit are being held up and plundered and houses entered and robbed.

A particularly serious case of mixed politics and banditry occurred at Caggio Montano, Bologna on 16 Nov 45, where the mountain village was entered by a band of 40 men, and held up for six hours. One inhabitant was shot on the spot, three men and a woman were kidnapped and later found shot. A number of buildings were entered, food, cash, clothing and valuable stolen. This was an exceedingly well planned operation, and carried out efficiently.

The CC.RR. continue to work well in view of their deplorable conditions. Lack of adequate transport, communications and not restrict the activities of what could be a strong law enforcing body.

Questure are poor, and are not improved by the employment of communist - partisan elements with no knowledge of law or police duties. 285 public have no confidence in the Questura.

The employment of partisan police, Pattuglie Cittadine, Volontari in ausilio ai Carabinieri is to be deplored and leads to the legitimate arming of most undesirable elements.

No general improvement in the prison situation can be reported; while there was no actual prison break during the month one serious attempt was made at Ferrara Prison. This was averted by prompt and effective action on the part of the local British C/O troops upon whom the Questore called for assistance.

Public Health.

Public health in the region remains good on the whole; some typhoid and diphtheria has been reported but the incidence of neither is alarming. There is the usual seasonal decrease in malaria. No cases of rabies have been reported.

Refugees.

There was a slight increase in the number of refugees passing through the Region during the month; the largest numbers of transit personnel have once more been Italian passing through Bologna. These include some from Russia.

Refugees evacuated during the month totalled 11,960, comprising 1,577 Allied Nationals; 10,145 Italians and 138 other nationals.

Health in the camps has generally been good but there was an epidemic of measles among children in the Bologna camp.

Education.

No change; the difficulties of inadequate accommodation, lack of heating and glass for windows remain.

Communications.

Road communications are still good, but in the early part of the month some interruption with the north due to high water in the Po putting bridges out of action.

Rail communications are improving.

Telegraph and telephone services are as satisfactory as possible.

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PART I.

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12. Refugees. Numbers of transit refugees reduced. Number of Serbs and Croats, coming from Yugoslavia without documents.

13. Roads excellent; railway transportation improving. Posts, telegraphs and telephones satisfactory.

Political Meetings and Popular Celebrations

During October political activities of all parties were intensified, many meetings were held - all without disorder. Demonstrations in connection with the "Constitution" took place in all the provincial capitals on 14th October; these were all supported by the "leftist" parties. On 20th October, the Republicans held their meeting in Bologna. Although the crowds were large, there was very little real public interest.

The Commandants are losing ground and the Fascistists seem to be gaining. Notwithstanding P.G. from Russian hands are helping this trend. Two incidents occurred which confirm this; at Livorno (Port Province) a number of ex P.G.s attempted to organize Communist slogans and were fired on, one killed, one wounded. At Veroli, Partisans greeted a train load of returning P.G.s by singing the "Red Flag". Disorder broke out and caused only when Polish troops fired a few rounds in the air and the Partisans departed.

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Fish supplies have been fairly good, but prices have been higher owing to increases in wages.

The amount of grain amassed up to 25th October - 1,778,167 quintals, 42,041 quintals being garnered during the month.

Some anxiety has been expressed by the Prefect of Forlì as to grain supplies after the end of January. Bologna has sufficient grain unless quantities are exported.

The authorities in Bologna have shown considerable foresight by stockpiling four months supply of food in mountainous areas in the south of the Province which will be cut off in bad weather owing to destroyed bridges.

The chief commercial shortages are the same as before, i.e. coal, wood, lignite, POL and transport. Terrare has not had sufficient POL for navigation.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Agriculture work is well advanced, although the rains have been responsible for some delay in seeding. Ploughing has been satisfactory, although in some areas, notably Terrare, flooding, ice and lack of POL has hindered it.

No change in forestry work.

Fishing has been fairly good and supplies have been fairly plentiful.

Labour.

The unemployment problem has now reached serious proportions and will continue to increase as more S.G. returns and winter causes agricultural work to decrease.

The figures given are as follows:

Belogda	50,000	Madama	30,000
Forli	15,000	Rayana	15,000
Terrara	50,000	Deaglo Lalla ...	15,000
Piacenza	12,000		
Terra	4,000 (exclusive of agriculture)		

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Public Works and Utilities.

All provinces have some public works projects in hand. In some cases delay has been caused by lack of funds in others, particularly those in the western part of the region, by lack of materials.

Water and electricity supply is fairly satisfactory, but the supply of gas is limited by coal being in short supply.

Local.

No special features to report. All outstanding A.S.G. cases have been concluded. The Extraordinary Courts of Justice continue their work, not always to the satisfaction of the public. More death sentences have been carried out, 2 at Valencia and 1 at Havana.

Duration.

The Duration Commission appears to be working well.

Public Safety.

The public safety situation is becoming more serious daily; armed robbery has increased to alarming proportions and the position, even in the towns, is that no man or woman will go out in the evening wearing jewelry or carrying money, and to open one's door to unexpected visitors is considered the height of foolishness.

The following are the numbers of crimes reported:

Murder for political reasons	-	12
Murder for non-political motives	-	10
Armed robbery or attempts	-	135
Soundings	-	3
Kidnappings or attempts	-	5

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Public Health.

The health of the Region is generally good. Malaria has shown a decrease; there is no typhoid but no more than normal. Some dysentery has occurred in certain provinces but is stated to be under control. No cases of rabies reported. There has been some incidence of V.D. in Rhodes.

Some complaints have been received about lack of necessary drugs and medicines in hospitals; and in one case to high prices.

Another interesting feature has been the number of persons, both medical and lay, who request pills from allied military sources; it is regarded as a cure-all by everyone.

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Refugees.

During the month there has been a reduction in the numbers of transit refugees.

Some 23,411 refugees passed through the region; 13,107 have been evacuated.

The refugee flow is small and unsteady. A number of Serbs and Croats are coming down from Yugoslavia with no identification cards or documents. It is thought that this may be the beginning of a large exodus by persons wishing to get away from the Tito regime.

Patriots.

Work in connection with patriots by AC/ASST personnel has, at long last, come to an end.

Communications.

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Rail communications are fairly satisfactory, but have again the position may be adversely affected by continued rainfall.

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13. Refuges, work in region satisfactory.

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PART II.

Political Reactions and Popular Opinion.

Outwardly there has been little increase in political activity during September, but the parties have been continuing their propaganda. So far as actual membership of Parties is concerned the order is Communists, Socialists and Democratic Christian. The feeling is that the bulk of the people who are not on any party roll will vote Democratic Christian. On the other hand there are persistent reports of a campaign of 'fear' by Communists, in an effort to obtain votes by terrorism.

Communist and Socialist parties are in agreement in some provinces; in others the former is undoubtedly losing ground.

The meetings of sig. Henri held in the Region during the month did not meet with any great enthusiasm despite intensive propaganda beforehand.

There have been some Anti-Allied speeches and L'Unita has carried anti-ally articles.

Local Government - Provincial.

Provincial government continues to be as satisfactory as can be expected. It is notable that the work of the career Prefects is more efficient and impartial than the political nominees of the CIMA.

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The chief commercial shortages are coal, wood or lignite and transport. Coal allocated to Ferrara from Porto Marghera, for industry two months ago has not been moved owing to lack of transportation.

Fruit pulp, acetate concentrate, and fuel is available, and sugar has been allocated, sufficient to produce some 2,500 tons of jam as soon as the factory concerned is requisitioned; steps to have this done have been taken.

Representations have been made to C.O. 217 Area for the de-requisitioning of factories in the Ferrara district.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Agricultural work has proceeded satisfactorily; practically all the ploughing has been completed. The grape harvest was not so large as normally owing to the drought but the quality of the wine is stated to be high.

The long argument about division of crops between owners and contracted contractors, but in some cases private agreements have been made.

Such forestry work as necessary in the region has been carried out. Some supplies of wood have been brought into towns for the winter but there is still a lack of transport.

Fishing has been fairly good and the catches have helped to ease the food situation.

Labour.

The unemployment problem increased during the month and is a source of danger. Some of the figures given are Navarra Province 15,000, Aragon Province 40,000 to 25,000, Valencia Province 52,000, Terri Province 30,000.

In Terri there has been wild talk of blowing up factories occupied by Allied troops. Efforts are being made to get such places better guarded.

Finance.

Banks still have an excess of deposits over withdrawals. There is no doubt that the public is fast losing confidence in the lire. Prices for manufactured goods are falling, and farmers particularly are reverting to barter, their complaint being that they cannot buy anything for the crops they grow and sell at controlled prices.

Public Works and Utilities.

Public works have continued during the month but each Prefect has stressed the need for money for such projects. Public Utilities are fairly satisfactory, there being sufficient light and water in all main centres.

During September there were 95 reported cases of armed robbery; 14 murders for political reasons, 4 murders for non political reasons and 19 woundings. Total arrests for such offences were 11.

Raided by CC. in Ferrara Province netted a large quantity of arms and ammunition. The hunters of this Province was shot and wounded and his son killed by unknown persons.

Such meetings as took place during the month were orderly, in fact there is no sign, at present, of any organized trouble.

During the month two serious prison breakouts occurred at Bologna and Modena, both as a result of collusion between guards and partisans (both ex-partisans). Prisoners also escaped from institutions at Ferrara, Budrio and Montecchio Emilia. Prisoners are all overcrowded and poorly guarded.

Morale of CC. is not high, due to a variety of reasons, e.g. attacks in the press, lack of uniforms, arms, transport and PCL.

The security situation is worse due to an influx of ex-partisans, untrained in police work and the law. This is stated to have been authorized, in Bologna Province at any rate, by the Italian Government.

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Public Health has been generally good throughout the month. Malaria has decreased; there has been some typhoid but this also is declining.

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Public Health	<i>Public Health</i>	<i>17/10</i>	
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Local Government - Provincial.

There have not been many changes in Provincial Administration following the change-over to Italian Government. Mr. Giuseppe Piccoli, Prefect of Modena resigned and has been replaced by Gen. Lanetti, a career prefect from Macerata.

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The preparation of electoral lists is going ahead and the latest date for completion given by any Prefect is the end of October.

Economic Resources and Supply.

The food situation is generally satisfactory and no complaints have been reported from any source. Prices for food remain high except in one or two instances. Sugar and fats are in short supply.

There are complaints of shortages of fuel, one reported from Piacenza Province proved to be without foundation. Several reports are urgent need for agriculture. Generally, however, supplies are sufficient for essential needs.

Most types of industry are still hampered by lack of coal but some allocated for sugar refining and food processing arrived during the month.

Due to prolonged drought this year's vintage will be well below normal in quantity, but the wine will be of excellent quality. Processing is proceeding satisfactorily. Total assessed 1,605,125 qli. or 64.5% of expected total.

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Forestry - no change; the stockpiling of wood for fuel is still held up for lack of transport.

Labour.

Unemployment is still a problem at the moment not a serious one but it will become increasingly serious due to further de-escalating, more labourers returning from Germany, lack of ... for industry and the fact that employers will not be continuing to pay employees who are not working after 30 Sept.

Finance.

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The response to the National Loan has been very good. The financial operations of the Post Office remain about the same.

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Public Order and Utilities.

Public works have gone ahead as well as may be expected having regard to shortage of materials, and there will be a need for increased speed in the allocation of funds by the Italian Government.

Lack of fuel for making tiles and bricks is also having a retarding effect.

It is feared that the reconstruction of the bridge over the Po in Macugnese Province, not yet started, will not be completed, and that high water will render the present pontoon bridge useless.

There was some panic on the part of the Italian authorities when British troops took a motor, used as a substitute if the electric power broke down, from a power pumping station. It eventually came to light that the motor had been used as an auxiliary to save power.

Local.

All A.S.C. Courts having closed down, nothing to report.

Summary.

Upon the closing of A.S.C. Milan Region, separation came to a standstill. The delegates of the High Commissioner have not yet been appointed. This should be done as early as possible.

Public Safety.

The general public safety situation is substantially the same as when the Region was handed over. It is not satisfactory as there is a considerable increase in the number of cases of armed robbery, usually by parties of from 2 to 30 well-armed men. Cases of this type have been reported with arrears in 11 instances.

There have been three outstanding incidents. (i) a shooting affray at Bolzano between G.C.N. and unknown persons who attempted to rescue a prisoner from a prison. Fight lasted 6 hours - no casualties, no arrests. (ii) at Montebello, partisans used guns of some abandoned German tanks to shell the houses of a Fascist. No casualties, no damage. (iii) at Torino a large crowd demonstrated against the arrest of partisans for crimes; all work in the town ceased for one day. No serious disorder. There have been no disorderly demonstrations except that mentioned above, and no meetings beyond the usual political gatherings.

The morale of the G.C.N. has improved considerably but they still lack sufficient numbers to cope with the situation.

11 A.M. 6. Courts having closed down, nothing to report.

Summary

Upon the closing of A.M. 6. Mills region, operations seem to be satisfactory. The delegation of the High Commissioner have not yet been appointed. This should be done as early as possible.

Public Safety

The general public safety situation is substantially the same as when the region was handed over. It is not satisfactory as there is a considerable increase in the number of cases of armed robbery, usually by parties of from 2 to 20 well-armed men. Cases of this type have been reported with arrests in 11 instances.

There have been three outstanding incidents. (i) a shooting affray at Enagano between CC, RN and unknown persons who attempted to rescue a prisoner from a cage. Fight lasted 6 hours - no casualties, no arrests. (ii) at Montersano, partisans used guns of some kidnapped partisan tanks to shell the house of a fascist. No casualties, no damage. (iii) at Brilla large crowd demonstrated against the arrest of partisans for crimes. All work in the town ceased for one day. No serious disorder.

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The morale of the CC, RN has improved considerably but they still lack sufficient numbers to cope with the situation, transport and C.G.I. The mobile battalion is being formed, fourteen tanks having arrived or due to arrive; personnel, all volunteers, are being recruited.

Current conditions are not so satisfactory. Lack of trained personnel being the difficulty.

There is a continual demand, in press and speeches, that partisans be recruited into the police agencies.

Italian courts are functioning but with their usual slowness.

Public Health

This is generally good. One case of typhus has been reported from the Refugee Camp, Colagari. There is some typhoid but nothing serious; an increase of malaria in certain regions due to flooding; no rabies.

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Refugees

The number of refugees passing through the Region during August was 65,231.
Conditions in the camps have improved to some degree but the usual difficulties have been encountered.
General health of those in the camps remained good.

Patriots

The Regional Office has continued to function in Mexico under the Patriots Officer I.S.T.
Payments of grants has progressed satisfactorily.
Some 19,918 Certificates have been issued to date and there are 15,603 outstanding.

Communications

Food conditions throughout the Region are good; rail communications are improving.
Telecommunications are improving, slowly but surely.
Posts are operating satisfactorily.

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