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MONTHLY REPORT, LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
JAN. - JULY 1946

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP

CONFIDENTIAL

8 August 46

REFERENCE: 40/14

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT - JULY 46.

TO: See distribution.

A. GENERAL.

1. The main concern of the population is the draft of the Peace Treaty, especially in regard to TRIESTE and the re-adjustment of the Franco-Italian border. The question of the pre-Fascist colonies is also causing grave disquiet, whilst a much more lenient view is shown regarding the disposition of the territory acquired during the Fascist Regime.

2. From a political point of view, there is little change in the attitude of the masses who are still awaiting some signs on the part of the Government that they are really taking up the reins of office and getting down to concrete plans for the well-being of Italy, particularly regarding the unemployment problem and the high cost of living.

3. A meeting was held recently at the Prefettura requesting the enforcement of the Government's decision regarding the employment of Reduci by Privato Firms. They demanded that a local bye-law be brought into effect to ensure such employment. There was considerable opposition to this by the owners of Privato Firms. As is usual at such meetings, no definite decision was arrived at.

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4. The status of Allied Merchant Seamen is one which is still causing great confusion. Cases occur almost daily of smuggling by Allied seamen, who, if fined by the Italian Authorities, refuse to pay such fines, and the matter then becomes one of adjustment between the Master of the ship and the Italian Authorities. A definite ruling from Higher Authority is very urgently needed.
5. PUBLIC SAFETY.
5. All Police Agencies in Liguria Region continue to function reasonably efficiently. The Vigili Urbani have now been issued with their summer uniform, consisting of khaki shirt, trousers and solar topees. These are of good quality and well fitting, with the result that they are certainly the smartest looking police agency in summer kit in Liguria.

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6. The Carabinieri have been issued with summer uniform which is ill fitting and made of extremely poor quality khaki material, and as it will not stand up to washing, it is futile and an eyewore. The building up of the Carabinieri now under the Republican Govt. is one of the most important factors in the Public Safety of this country, and the issue of such indifferent uniform cannot tend to uplift their morale or esprit de corps. Having examined this uniform it would appear to be a complete waste of Government funds.
7. Law and Order. The position remains satisfactory.
8. Security. No security problems.
9. Prisons As satisfactory as the overcrowding allows.
10. A.C. Personnel. The departure of Capt. Cough to TRIESTE and of Major Kane to the U.K. on release caused very real and deep regret amongst all branches of the Italian Police Agencies as well as the Allied Forces with whom they had been in touch.
- C. ECONOMIC SITUATION. No change.
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F. DISPLACED PERSONS. Nothing to report.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH.

13. In the Province of IMPERIA there has been an outbreak which at first was thought to be dysentery but later found to be Typhoid Abdominalis. The epidemic was investigated by the Medico Provinciale and is now under control. No further cases have been reported.

H. TRANSPORT.

14. Connections between CAMPASSO and BIVIO SUCCURSALE and between CAMPASSO and BIVIO RIVAROLO to be put into operation on 5 Aug 46.

15. Connections between S. BENTIVO and CAMPASSO through MULO NUOVO and BIVIO ASSERETO TUNNELS. Digging and masonry work proceeding to open the tunnels.

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6. TORTONA-ARQUATA LINE. Progress in opening the double line between STAZZANO and ARQUATA is now approx 50% complete.

17. The laying of the second line between RECCO and S. MARGHERITA end of the siding at MULINETTI have been completed.

18. Table showing tonnage loaded for A.C. and civilians in the Stations of GENOVA, SAVONA and IMPERIA (exclusive of Maritime Platforms).

	<u>GENOVA.</u>	<u>SAVONA.</u>	<u>IMPERIA.</u>
A.C.	307	-	-
Civilian	67209	6591	5585

19. Table showing tonnage loaded on account of A.C. and civilians by the Maritime platforms of GENOVA and SAVONA and by the other stations of the District during the month of July 46.

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LIBERIA LIAISON GROUP
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1st JUL 1966

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REFERENCE : AQ/14

SUBJECT : LIBERIA TURNOUT - JUNE 1966

TO : See distribution.

A. SUMMARY

1. The elections on the land and had took place in an atmosphere of complete, but not universal calm, no incidents occurred in the whole of the Region. The results were awaited with great interest and received with lively comment and no demonstrations.
2. The official procession to claim the Republic was held on the morning of the 6th. Organized units of the Italian Army, Police, Civil dignitaries all took part and the orderly crowd who lined the streets showed little, if any enthusiasm.
3. Following the elections, the general feeling amongst the population was the desire to get together and work towards reconstruction. This landless sentiment received a severe set-back by the decision of the 4 Power in regard to the Italian position.
4. As long last the Italian Government have issued orders that clandestine Camero are to be closed forthwith. This has caused a loss of interest from the black marketeers who were running these "shops". It is now being said they may be allowed to remain open as they are giving an such employment to the highest and also giving considerable financial assistance to the local municipal authorities. In fact, to close down these clandestine Cameros would, in their opinion, be a sad day in the history of the country.
5. On 4th June the 1/7. "MILITARIA" of 800 tons (somewhat resembling a corvette), flying the flag of the Italian Republic, arrived in GBAOYA from 10th 10th, with a crew of 31. The vessel, commanded by Jerry. LUCIANI, called the ship sailed.

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1. The elections on the 2nd and 3rd took place in an atmosphere of complete, but rather unnumbered calm, no incidents occurred in the whole of the region. The results were awaited with great interest and received with little comment and no demonstrations.
2. The official procession to solemnize the Republic was held on the morning of the 5th, mechanized units of the Italian Army, Police, Civil Authorities all took part and the orderly crowd who lined the streets showed little, if any enthusiasm.
3. Following the elections, the general feeling amongst the population was the desire to get together and work towards reconstruction. This laudible sentiment received a severe setback by the decision of Sir A. Packer in 1935 regarding the Italian position.
4. As long last the Italian Government have issued orders that clandestine Garinos are to be closed forthwith. Their aim is to deprive of supplies from the Black Marketeers who were running these "joints". It is one thing that they may be allowed to remain open as they are giving so much employment to the Redoubt and also giving considerable financial resources to the local municipal authorities. In fact, to close down these manufacturing Garinos would, in their opinion, be a bad day in the history of the country.
5. On 4th June the 1/7. "MILITARY" of 20 tons (weight resembling a corvette), flying the flag of the Russian Republic, arrived in SAVANNA from NEW YORK, with a crew of 34. The vessel, captained by J. J. LUTHERAN, called in GULFICA to put ashore a member of the crew who was sick. He then sailed to SAVANNA. The firm of Messrs. ALLI all carried out certain work on board.
6. Reports from one witness state that a truck, loaded with civilian drivers came alongside the vessel and the loads are placed on board. These proceedings aroused the suspicion on the authorities of SAVANNA who believed that the ship was about to embark clandestine goods.

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7. On 18th June, the Captain of the vessel asked the Harbour Master of YACOLA for sailing orders to PORT SAID and at 2100 hrs. that day the ship left S/VOG. I.O. agents notified, however, that the vessel, instead of sailing due north for PORT SAID, took a westerly course and entered soon afterwards the coast of YACOLA Harbour. The Officer immediately left for that place and arrived just in time to be present at the arrival of a number of civilian troops, who discharged 120 Jews, who are immediately taken on board the vessel by the boats belonging to the "Mediterranean".

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8. These Jews had no documents and declared that they were coming from the Russian Concentration Camp. The P.S. officers, together with a few agents of the Guardia di Finanza, tried to prevent the Jews from going on board, but on account of their small numbers, they were unable to do so. Consequently, the boat got safety short, whereupon the crew of the vessel at the morning and the vessel sailed.

9. An American Journalist, Mr. J.H. Stone, reported to be a former War Correspondent, stated that he would have accompanied the Jews, but missed the ship.

10. This would seem to be a case where the experience obtained in LA SPEZIA, when the last group of the illegal immigrants left, were used to the full.

11. It has been impossible to ascertain by whom these clandestine sailings are organized, as neither is the "Order of the Day". Whoever is responsible for it have at their command very ample funds.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY.

12. All Police Agencies of Liguria Report are functioning reasonably efficiently, taking into consideration the difficulties of the present time. They experienced a testing time over the issue of the Constituent Assembly, and all arms of the Police acquitted themselves completely. Pilest police must be given to the responsibility of these for the success of the arrangements during the period.

13. Law and Order. The position is satisfactory, and serious offences committed have been largely reduced by arrests of persons responsible. Crime statistics generally show a reduction over the last figures. Crimes of importance are as follows:-

- a) In LA SPEZIA, locality "Olma" (Savona) on 12th June, four armed masked men entered the dwellinghouse of LUIGIO CUNEO, and killed him by shooting. Deceased was a former Republican Fascist and the crime is attributed to political motives. To date no arrests have been effected.
- b) Armed robbery in the LA SPEZIA area, on 30th May, 15,000 lire, by two masked individuals, who stole 12,000 lire from EDUARDO MARINO. No arrests yet effected.
- c) Armed robbery in the LA SPEZIA, 15,000 lire 12.13 June 46

11. It has been impossible to ascertain by whom these clandestine meetings are organized, or sources in the "Order of the Day". Whoever is responsible for it has at their command very ample funds.

12. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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- 5) Armed robbery in the LA SPEZIA area, on 30th May, 1946 locality, by three masked individuals, who stole 2,000 Lire from ROMANO MORINO. No arrests yet effected.
- 6) Armed robbery in the LA SPEZIA, MARCO locality on 17 June 46 by masked individuals, who stole 260,000 Lire from a motor car, the property of the "Giusti" Italianists. Resident under 22.12.46, wanted the arrest of two well-known criminals for the robbery.

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14. Security. - No security problems.

15. Political. Pollino, the situation, during which all parties behaved in an exemplary manner, there is no great change in their conduct and discipline. There appears to be a calm about or all concerned to assist in the Government and reconstruction of the country.

16. Italian-English relations. In the Liguria region of the area, little apparent participation in the Italian situation. It appears to be generally accepted that there will be a close cooperation of the Italian and English.

17. Prisoners. All prisoners are just now Italian satisfactory.

19. The general picture from the angle of Public Safety is satisfactory.

C. WORKING SITUATION.

19. The following are the latest available figures. All classes show an increase:-

- a) Farm workers - 250, an increase of 51.
- b) Industrial workers - 15,534 an increase of 1,050.
- c) Marine workers - 11,525, an increase of 521.
- d) Office workers - 5,354, an increase of 422.
- e) Tradesmen - 3,753, an increase of 371.
- f) Unclassified - 7,792, an increase of 1,236.

N.B. The figures for unemployed Marine workers include those who may have found temporary employment ashore.

The total registered unemployed are 39,914 of whom 7,155 are women. The total increase is 5,559 of whom 1,207 are women. (These figures are not included in these figures).

D. FOOD SITUATION.

20. Little change is to be reported in the general outlook. Meat still remains plentiful. Fresh fish supplies are still maintained. The cost of living has increased slightly.

21. The following items have been distributed during the month:-

	SAVED.	RECEIVED.
Bread.	200 tons	200 tons
Rice.	500 "	500 "
Sugar.	100 "	100 "
Olive oil.	100 "	100 "
Evap. Milk.	441 " (so all)	441 "
Dried Soup.	322 " (0-3 tons)	322 "
Jer.	100 "	100 "
	200 "	200 "

2. AGRICULTURE.

23. The weather has remained very cold, windy and with considerable rains. These conditions have afflicted the lands and farm crops. Potatoes have been decimated by a fungus (Phytophthora) and the excessive moisture. This applies particularly to the Irish seed potatoes from England, the Dutch imports having resisted the outbreak better. The hay cutting has been held up by the weather. Fruit crops are normal but not of good quality. There is still a great need for concentrated fodder. Part of the loan allocation was diverted to E. Africa to help in the fight against the locusts there, as a result there has been no distribution this month. Fertilizers allocated for the month were as follows:-

Perphosphate 250 tons.
Ammonium Sulphate 50 tons.
Ammonium Nitrate 105 tons.

24. The price of fodder is now 600 to 700 lire per animal, down 45 lire per kg.

25. The general agriculture situation continues to improve. Harvesting has already begun in the coastal areas. Small outbreaks of cattle disease (African Epizootics) are reported, they are sporadic and not serious. The same remarks apply to outbreaks of a throat complaint among poultry (Loringotumvirite).

F. DISPLACES PERSONS.

Refugee situation proceeding smoothly.

G. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Considered satisfactory.

H. TRANSPORTATION.

26. The following figures show the tonnages that passed through the principal ports and stations during the month:-

Ports.	CEGSA.	SAVOIA.	OTHERS.
A.C. Civilian.	134,288	15,845	1,986
	20,324	2,435	131,630
Milit.			
A.C. Civilian	625	103	-
	34,624	5,136	3,121

27. Figures for shipping using the port of GE. ONA.

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Rail.			
A.C.	625	103	-
Civilian	54,524	5,436	3,121

27. Measures for shipping using the port of GE OVA.

All vessels including 19 towing barges 170

Of the above 102 schooners.

28. The total of goods unloaded in the Port was 341,631 tons.

29. Recovery of Ballast.

a) The relations between G. PASSO and SAVO GENOVA, and between G. PASSO and SAVO GENOVA are expected to be completed within a few days.

b) The construction between SAV GENOVA and G. PASSO through the tunnels at MOLO MARINO and SAVO GENOVA is not yet finished. Excavation and the construction of walls proceed.

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c) Line TORONTO-ALBANY, the work of doubling the line between
BRAZZANO and ALBANY was begun on 18th June. To date some 500 metres of
track have been laid.

d) The work of doubling the track at HALIFA Station was finished
on 23rd June. Similar work at KIRYA Station is expected to finish by 5th
July. Work on the doubling of the track between KIRYA and S. ABYSSINIA
was commenced on 1st June. To date some 1,200 metres have been laid.

1. SUMMARY.

30. The railways position is good and improving daily. Repairs are
being carried out wherever labour and materials permit.

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W. TURNER-COOKES

Lt-Col.

Chief Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
C.M.P.

CONFIDENTIAL

1st June 1946.

REFERENCE : 10/14

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT - MAY 1946.

TO : See Distribution.

A. GENERAL

1. The month has been fraught with rumors of every sort resulting in a war of nerves amongst the political parties. Naturally the infection spread amongst the general public, who were so dazed that calm prevailed.

2. In the early stages of the electioneering, the Communist Party already flooded the countryside with posters, and the usual paintings on the walls. The Socialist Party were a good second, with the Christian Democrats a very bad third. Just as they were approaching the finishing post, the Monarchist Party put on a spurt and came to the front with meetings and propaganda. It is interesting to note that these were the first public meetings held by the Monarchist Party.

3. A surprise visit to GENOVA was made by the King, Umberto III on the 31st of the month. He arrived in the late afternoon by aeroplane, toured the city by car for about an hour, then called at the Prefecture, where he awaited the arrival of various Italian Officials, who were sent for hurriedly. The Monarchist Party got word of his arrival and demonstrated outside the Prefecture. Later, anti-Monarchists came on the scene and put up a counter demonstration. When H.M. left by car, through the narrow entrance of the Prefecture, he received a mixed reception and mixer scuffles occurred. However, his supporters surrounded the car and he got away without serious trouble. He spent the night at the Villa ORFELLO, where he received various local celebrities and supporters, leaving the following morning at 0530 hrs for MILAN. There were no incidents at the villa during his stay.

4. Although this report covers only the month of May, I feel a brief comment that the elections were carried out in a state of almost unbroken calm in the whole of LIGURIA is not out of place. A very high percentage voted, and the outcome was a very close one.

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5. The number of clandestine Casinos which have sprung up is now quite fantastic. On the infamous coast line there are now eight, all of which are run for the sole purpose of gambling, and give no other facilities for entertainment, such as theatre shows, cabarets, dancing, dining etc.

6. There was a holiday by 15 armed men at the Clandestine Casino at GENOVA on the night of 31 May. The patrons lost all their money and valuables, and the management were "bilked" of 2 million lire. (Who said "Don't eat Don's"?)

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7. The fishermen complain of the lack of fuel for their skiffing craft and quote the number of luxury cars and diesel driven motor coaches which are considerable distances to serve the District only.

2. Under your definite action is taken by the Islands Commission to allow in administrative matters, a public hearing will come. 3. The requested reference to the Administrative Council of the Islands.

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D. Conditions for the Region must be considered fairly objectively, in view of the prevailing uncertainty, and must be based on the functioning well against the evidence of political, social, moral and the law of public order. The chief points to be taken into account are as follows:-

c) Capricornio Reef. Historically, certainly, better-implicated than any of the other "cases", in participating in maritime wars, the reputation of the term "Reef" is however, in direct contrast to popularity in Northern Italy, where the majority of the working class still imagine they are the special police of the Royal Household.

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c) GCWV. This service is according to last meeting, allegedly
handpicked by Luke of course. But I don't see what in the history
of SAVIN, CHICK, LA SALLE, or previously reported. It is still
not clearly related by all the old pot smokers that were in a group
where who went off on a trip to Las Vegas, or 11-12-86
and a still in Nevada. The measured - a difficulty to get
GCWV, but together service of the Nation committed have been
most responsible and the distributed awarded.

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In CIGAHUA (Gama) on 1 May 46, a crowd of 130 persons invaded the Municipio, and allowed down the office administration, later handing the keys to the CC. RR. This was due to the action of the Puget in dissolving the Sindicato, for organized election non-participation; the administration having a report in his favour by sympathizers. A resolution was affected by the Puget the following day, and the situation stabilized.

b) Summary. No problems apparent.

11. Political. All political parties are behaving excellently, the probable exception being to ignore the electoral prior to the elections. All Parties have had any electoral success in each Province, and no public disorder has resulted. Since the abdication of V. B. and the suspension of the crown by URUGUAY, it is apparent the Communist Section is showing greater signs of activity. Informed circles predict a disappointment to Communist prospects at the election.

12. Strike - Prison conditions. Other than the incident of the suspension of R. A. L. between the two countries as reported in this R. C. LOP 555 of 17 May 46, no incidents of a political nature have occurred. Prison propaganda does not appear to have been active.

13. Economic. Conditions satisfactory in all Provinces, - in

14. Conclusion. Satisfactory, but is anticipated by the Italian Administration that should the Constituent election results show a "right" wing, there will be demonstrations and strikes organized by the "left" group. Arguments are in hand to deal with the problem should it arise.

C. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

15. The following are the latest available figures, the general trend being towards increases and unemployment.

- a) Farm Workers - 150, in increase of 13%.
- b) Industrial Workers - 16,144, an increase of 2,849
- c) Urban Workers - 10,905, an increase of 96.
- d) Office Workers - 13,542, an increase of 731.
- e) Tradesmen - 3981, an increase of 843.

12. Italy - Postal Service men. Other than the incident of the suspension of mail traffic between the two countries as reported in this R.O. LCP 555 of 17 May 46, no incidents of a political nature have occurred. French propaganda does not appear to have been active.

13. Prisoners. Conditions satisfactory in all Prisons, - no incidents.

14. Generalization. Satisfaction, but is anticipated by the Italian authorities that should the Constitution election result show a "right" swing, there will be demonstrations and strikes organized by the "left" groups. Arrangements are in hand to deal with the problem should it arise.

C. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

15. The following are the latest available figures, the general trend being toward increased unemployment.

- a) Farm Workers - 165, an increase of 15%.
- b) Industrial Workers - 15,141, an increase of 2,849
- c) Civilian Workers - 10,905, an increase of 20.
- d) Office Workers - 3,512, an increase of 724.
- e) Unemployed - 3581, an increase of 845.
- f) Unemployed - 3,356.

16. The figures for unemployed living workers include those who may have found temporary employment elsewhere.

The total registered unemployed are 39,367 of whom 5,943 are women. The total shows an increase of 6,302. There are several thousand non-registered unemployed as well.

D. FOOD SITUATION.

17. The general situation remains about the same. Food stocks of the more essential types are fairly easily obtainable. Black market bread is noticeably scarcer. Vegetables and fresh fruits are plentiful, as is also fresh fish. These have helped the poorer classes to cut out their rations. The general shortage is reflected in the fact that thousands cut at the same population in spite of the generally poor quality and small quantity of the food.

18. The following items have been distributed during the month:-

SANCTUARY

Bread. 200 lbs.
 Raisins. 250 "
 Sugar. 100 "
 Lard. 100 " (45 commens)
 65 " (remainder)
 Stockfish. 100 " (4 commens)
 65 " (remainder)
 St. codfish. 200 " (4 commens)
 150 " (remainder)

EXPERIA

200 lbs.
 -
 100 "
 -
 300 "

Condensed Milk
 Dried Soap
 1000

100 (On steel screen)
 500 lbs
 500 "

GENERAL

Bread. 200 lbs
 100 "
 Stockfish. 200 "
 Lard. 100 "
 Oil. 1 quart
 Sugar. -
 Dried Soap. -
 1000

LA STAMPA

200 lbs
 500 "
 125 "
 150 "
 -
 100 "
 500 "
 350 " (special issue to small
 being upholds)

Condensed Milk

1 tin

10. Flour stocks are as follows:-

Genoa has sufficient to maintain the bread ration until 12 June 46.
 Imperia " " " " 12 June 46.
 Savona " " " " 14 June 46.
 La Spezia " " " " 14 June 46.

A grain ship is expected to arrive about 10 June 46.

REMARKS

19. The cumulative rainfall of the past few weeks has only been of benefit to the vegetable and forage crops. Grain crops, except those on the high ground have been beaten down, a fact which will increase harvesting difficulties.

DISPLACED PERSONS.

24. The handover of 71 Camp in GENOVA to U.N.R.E.A. has been completed.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

25. The general health of the public in LIGURIA can be considered extremely good, the only instance of prevalent disease is one or a number of measles cases. Typhus has not as yet been encountered, possibly due to the low temperature of the last few weeks.

TRANSPORTATION.

26. As from 1 June the Transportation Office of this Office will close down. All the staff have been transferred and Capt. E.G. TONER will deal with all problems which arise.

27. Rail. Once in comments for the month dropped below those of April, partly due to the diminished number of vessel arrivals. Movements into Genoa area and the rest of Italy were not substantially with no difficulties arising.

28. Reconstruction. Work on the doubling of the line between Livorno Portofino and Fiumicino was commenced on 2 July. This is one of the most important lines leading to the North. Work on the railways leading to the port which are at present closed continues and estimates largely of clearing rubble and constructing new walls.

29. On 3 July part of the line GENOVA and ALESSANDRIA was opened, and transportation now exists between CA TILIAZZO, CASASCHIERE and ALESSANDRIA.

30. On the line GENOVA - LA SPEZIA, the doubling of the track has been completed between LAVINIA and RIVA TRIESTE. Comments for the doubling of the line between GENOVA and SANA MARINERITA have been given up and will be started in the near future. Work on this part of the track is not completed, in the interim these two stations are closed down.

31. Rail loads in the Ports of GENOVA, LA SPEZIA and others during July.

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File completed and moved.

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27. Refill. Once each month for the month dropped below those of April, partly due to the diminished number of washed animals. Some animals into the Corps area and the rest of Italy were not successfully with no difficulties arising.

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31. Rail loads for the ports of GENOVA, LA SPEZIA and others during May 45.

	GENOVA.	SAVOIA.	OTHERS.
A.O.	236,327	22,844	2,327
Civilian	25,847	1,650	124,046
			339

Plans requested and moved.

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A.O.	1,928	833	
Civilian	25,379	3,955	3,952

32. Port. During the first 20 days of May only 4 collisions occurred in the port of GENOVA and SAVOIA carrying a total of 49,051 tons of L.I.R.R.A. coal. This resulted in practically complete stoppage of labour; the stevedores in GENOVA being idle for 10 days, in SAVOIA for 12 days on coal.

33. The usual method of cargo control used to continue with no increase over April.

34. The situation situation is still on hold in the port of GENOVA and complete stoppage of labour has been indicated on the coal. Even effort is being made to obtain working hours from the port.

area and contracts have been drawn up with the Italian Military Authorities to lease warehouses not in use by the Army. Foodstuffs are also suffering from a lack of storing space, but no endeavor is being made to reach an agreement with the main Provincial warehouses to store items not requiring special permits (canned, butter, soup, powdered milk etc.). This would allow an immediate clearance of 2,000 tons from the port.

35. Past experience proves that the port capacities of general cargo are in excess of its present 120,000 tons per month.

36. The following are the main figures for the month of May 65:

Vessels arrived. 12
Goods arrived. 175,440 tons.

Commercial traffic.

Ships arrived. 24
Goods arrived. 13,452 tons.

Total: 190,892 tons.

General

Vessels arrived. 23
Goods arrived. 167,849.

Commercial traffic.

Ships arrived. 24
Goods arrived. 14,016

Total: 181,865 tons.

37. Based on the above figures, it is apparent that the port is not able to handle the cargo which is arriving during the month and that the port is being overloaded.

Based on the above figures, it is strongly urged that the Italian Govt. should Pool - A.S.A.S. be established. An investigation into the situation of this Pool will, it is felt, confirm this opinion.

I. RECOMMENDATIONS.

Reinstallation and repair work continuing satisfactorily, with the results that the port is functioning well and efficiently.

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SUMMARY.

Goods ordered	13,652 tons.
Goods received	13,652 tons.
Goods ordered	23
Goods received	147,849.
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Goods received	151,855 tons.

37. Reed. No important changes have occurred during the month and most business has proceeded normally.

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Information on result.

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HEAD QUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
NIGERIA REGION GROUP
C.M.F.

CONFIDENTIAL

5 May 1946,

- 9 MAY 1946

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 1946.

TO : See Distribution.

A. GENERAL.

1. The month has been punctuated by "festas", the main celebration being "Liberation Day" on 25th April, when a large number of ex-partisans and pseudo-artisans paraded the town, carrying red flags, many of them communist, and a certain number "Garibaldi". The smartest detachment were the Boy Scouts. The day passed without incident.

2. Conditions are improving slightly in the Port, in spite of the abundance of "festas". There has been an increase in the number of arrivals and a slight increase in the number of passengers carried. There still remains a considerable amount of repair work to be done to bring the Port installations back to their peacetime basis. On 28th April ANSALDO Works launched a motor ship "GIORGIO ROMEO", tonnage 100. 3.200 at LA SPEZIA. A tanker "PUNTA VACCAR" (dead weight 9,500) was also launched at Genoa on the same date.

3. The British Director of Merchant Ship Repair, Western Mediterranean, reported that he had lodged a complaint with Higher Authority, submitting that the increasing number of local and National Holidays was interfering seriously with urgent ship repairs. The British Government was financially involved to the extent that a large percentage of the repair work now in hand will over Italy is for British Government accounts. As these holidays are "paid" holidays, it would appear that indirectly the British Taxpayer is financing these fiestas, in which they themselves do not participate.

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4. General condition of Public Safety in the Region can be considered satisfactory, and the various police agencies are functioning efficiently, bearing in mind the present difficulties. The Chief points in each agency are as follows:-

- i) Carabinieri Royal. This force is now better equipped and disciplined than it was prior to the liberation, and is winning for itself its former prestige and public esteem.
- ii) Polizia Siciliana. Due to indifferent clothing, lack of arms and transport, this arm of the Police is not efficient, and the Ministry of the Interior appears to do little to improve conditions. There is a preponderance of partisan personnel in GENOA and SAVONA sectors, most of whom are members of the Communist Party. They are in fact very inefficient and unsuitable agents, and it would be for the good of the country to have them removed. This was the intention.

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comment in the March report and a letter was sent to the Ministry of the Interior asking for an Inspector General to be sent to take necessary action. No date so far in appears to have been taken by the Ministry.

iii) Guardia di Finanza. An efficient force, badly hampered by lack of motor-patrol boats to patrol the harbours of GENOA, SAVONA & LA SPEZIA. This is an important point, because a great deal of black market activity from the French coast, converging on cargo ships waiting outside the harbours, and with the convenience of ships' crews, they take away oil, cotton, coffee, sugar etc. Efficient motor patrol boats manned by G.F. would check this racket.

iv) Vigili Urbani. A well equipped force, especially in the larger cities, who are well versed in traffic control. Efficiently administered.

v) Vigili del Fuoco. The Brigades in the Region are efficient and well equipped. On Sunday 26th April the GENOA Brigade gave an exhibition of fire-fighting on an impressive scale. The Prefect, Provincial Officer, S.I.C. Italian Green Officers were invited to watch the display which consisted of fire fighting equipment (ancient and modern), drill demonstration, the methods of carrying unconscious persons, hook ladders and other means of climbing up the face of a building, rescue methods, and lastly a demonstration of fire extinguishing with water and foam, which brought a very interesting and well organized display to a close. The teamwork and efficiency of the fire fighting services. The proceedings were terminated with an appeal from the Brigade that they return to General Administration and sever the control of the Ministry of the Interior. The spokesman stated that prior to 1942 when they were controlled locally, they were better administered, and received greater consideration than they have received at the hands of the Ministry.

5. (a) Law and Order. The general picture of crime is satisfactory, no serious crimes are recorded, and the number of general crimes less than in March. Public order has been well maintained with no incident of note. At MASSIMA (La Spezia) on 21 April 46, the Sindaco was forced to resign by a group of communists who founded the Partito, following general dissatisfaction with his administration. No public disorder followed, and the Prefect later appointed a Carabinieri to deal with the problem of a new administration.

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6. Political. All parties appear to be behaving correctly with a view to influencing favourable public opinion for the forthcoming constituent elections. "Liberation Day" and "Labour Day" passed without incidents in the Region; the processions in each case consisted mainly of Communist Party Sections and the public response was apathetic. Many rumors continue to circulate about the future movements of the Communist Party, particularly that an attempted "coup d'etat" may be attempted after the elections should the Communist Party not be successful in obtaining a majority. From normal PSS/CIC sources, there is no concrete evidence of any such possibility, although on 10th April 46 a report was submitted by CC.RR "S. d. d. Investigativa" GENOA, to the Commanding General CC.RR. ROMI, in which was envisaged such a possibility. The chief reasons for their assumption are the reformation of the Communist Party for their assumption and the reformation of the place little evidence in the contents of the report.

7. Frontier Zone. No apparent activity by pro-French sympathizers in the VENTIGLIA Italy-French frontier zone, except for a few pro-French slogans pinned on the walls of houses in the Comune of PIENA, near VENTIGLIA on the night of the 19th April 46.

8. Prisons. No problems have arisen from prisons in the Region, following the revolt in S. Vittore Prison, Milan, more stringent security measures have been taken by Italian Prison Authorities.

9. Jews - La Spezia. The arrival of 1,614 refugees by Army Landing at LA SPEZIA on 10th April 46, has caused considerable interest. The party consisted of 614 men, 400 women and 3 children, who, on arrival, boarded a small coastal vessel named "VALLER", which had been partially converted to take passengers, and in which a considerable quantity of rationals had been stored. Speculation are proceeding regarding the alleged use of V.D. transport and expounding the origin of these rationals.

Accommodation was offered to the Jews immediately on their arrival at LA SPEZIA, in a specially reserved camp in CHIARI, but this was flatly declined.

The refugees went on hunger strike at dawn on 8 April 46, which terminated on 10 April 46, as a result of an address given to them by Prof. Harold Ladd, who promised to take up their case and endeavour to obtain permission for their entry into PALERMO. About this time, they had threatened to stage mass suicide if the required permission to enter Palestine was not granted.

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To date no decision appears to have been reached as to the ultimate fate of these people.

10. ECONOMIC SITUATION.

10. Farm workers. In this category, there is very little unemployment. The majority of these are employed in the flower industry, which is at its peak at the instant. They usually work on a contract for an 8 hour day, being paid in the region of 26 lire per day plus food and lodging. Agriculture is the only work that offers any hope of employment at the moment.

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12. Marine workers. There are more than 10,000 unemployed sailors, stevedores and other seafaring personnel. The future prospects are reasonably bright, but the likelihood of immediate employment is small. Lists of prospective workers are being prepared in the port.

13. Office workers. The number out of work is slightly under 3,000, and the prospects of their employment in the near future are practically nil. Even those who have a job are badly paid, particularly the State employees, and there is consequently great discontent.

14. Tradesmen. The high prices in the shops, which have led to an almost complete stagnation of trade, have reduced some 2,735 out of work. Those who deal in authorized goods suffer far more than the black-market traders. Paradoxically the unleashing of new goods and the general easing of controls have increased unemployment since many people who managed to make a living by dealing in black market goods can now no longer do so.

15. Professional workers. The legal profession is the only one that is flourishing at all. Doctors, chemists and engineers are finding work.

very difficult to obtain. Governmental aid of this type of work is nonexistent.

16. General. The total unemployment in the Republic is approximately 60,000. They feel that the Government are not doing as much as they should for the unemployed or black. It is the intent there is a great number of the black, due to the fact that the unemployed are not being helped. When they are employed, there is every possibility of discrimination.

D. FOOD.

17. The month has passed without a single famine. There have been days when the flour situation has reached a critical point, but the situation has always failed to materialize. The present situation is that all over the world sufficient stocks to ensure the bread ration until 5th May. In April, until the 9th May. Four ships are expected to arrive within the next week, which will give enough flour to last until 23 - 24 May.

18. The following items were distributed during the month :-

GRAIN

500 lbs Rice
30 lbs Corn
150 lbs Sugar
300 lbs Pasta
200 lbs Polenta
1/40th Lit Olive Oil

MEAT

1 kg Canned Milk (Borden)
500 g Pasta (Borden 4/5)
500 g Rice
500 g Jam (Borden) and over 65 yrs)
100 lbs Starch (Borden)
50 lbs Sugar
100 lbs Borden Pasta (Borden) and
200 lbs Pasta (Borden)

MEAT

500 lbs Pasta
75 lbs Sugar (Borden)
100 lbs Starch (Borden)
& 200 lbs Rice

MEAT

500 lbs Pasta
150 lbs Sugar
50 lbs Olive Oil (20 lbs)
100 lbs Starch (Borden)
150 lbs Powdered Milk
200 lbs Canned Milk

E. AGRICULTURE.

19. The weather conditions have been very good and all kinds of cultivation have benefited. The olive crop continues to show excellent promise as the trees have flowered abundantly and early. Green crops are very good and some of the grain crops, especially wheat, are already in ear. The fresh potato crop has begun, together with broad beans and peas.

20. Cattle conditions are better, in fact break of disease having been noticed in the herd. Solder is now 1/2 - 2,000 lbs, but is not expected to be more than 1/2 - 2,000 lbs.

LAKEVILLE

1/18 Condensed Milk (Coke) 1/18
500 lbs Pasta (Harve 1/18)
500 lbs Milk
500 lbs Jam (1/18) and more (5 yrs)
100 lbs Starch (1/18)
50 lbs Sugar
100 lbs Baked Beans (1/18) SPREAD on
candy (1/18)
200 lbs Powdered Milk

GENOA

100 lbs Rice
100 lbs Cheese
150 lbs Sugar
300 lbs Pasta
200 lbs Potatoes
1/40th lbs Olive Oil

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19. Cattle conditions are better, in fact breed of disease having been nipped in the bud. Fodder is now 1.5 - 2.00 per ton, but is expected to decrease. Concentrated fodder is scarce, and the price of hay remains very high (45 lire per Kg). There has been distribution as follows:-

per head of Cows - 20 Kg.
Oxen 40 "
Bulls 60 "
Horses 50 "
& mules 50 "

20. Agriculture in Liguria could be much improved by irrigation, better stock cattle, better distribution of technical information, and the increased use of scientific methods.

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22. The average number registered to BELGIAN and N. A. EUROPE has dropped, as anticipated, to one hundred and twenty per week. This may be explained partly by the fact that repatriation to BELGIUM has been postponed during half of the month. This postponement was ordered by the Belgian Authorities who sent a special Mission to investigate future procedure for transit through FRANCE. This Mission is at present in PARIS.

23. The French Liaison Officer, who was last heard by the French Mission when it closed, has now been recalled to FRANCE and will not be replaced. It is understood that the French Authorities intend revising the procedure for registration to FRANCE, which it is anticipated, may allow the flow of Registrars to that country.

26. Capt. J. TAPLEY, U.S. Comandant, finally boarded over Camp 74 to Mr. THAINSON of UNRA on 24 April 45, and has now left Geneva on release.

PUBLIC POLICY

25. During the month, grossly exaggerated reports of an epidemic of malaria have circulated in the Province of CIMOVA. Official sources give the figure as six since January 1965. The Molino Provinciale having taken energetic measures to encourage mass vaccination, this "scare" has had the good effect of a remarkable increase in the number of persons who have presented themselves for vaccination.

THIS SECTION

26. On 15th April, both the A.C. Hall and Port Vessels were closed. Lieut. Farrington ex A.C. P.L.C. has, however, returned to Egypt the Syrian Section informed us to the movement of vessels in the ports of LIBYRIA.

24. Bell. Movements for the month dropped in relation to March, but no differentials are encountered by I.S.R. other in the North of the 15th Census area.

28. Reconstitution. The doubling of the life between HAVIE POLCHIVERA and 1970 has been planned and will officially open on 4 June. That will be celebrated the bottom at Boten, GENOA and the NORTH, which has ordered since the liberation. For on the doubling of the 1970-1980 to give you a final in 1980.

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H. TRAFFIC SITUATION.

26. On 15th April, both the A.C. Rail and Port Offices were closed. Mount. Portico, ex A.C. P.I.C. has, however, agreed to keep the Port Office informed as to the movement of vessels in the Ports of LIGURIA.

27. Rail. Movements for the month dropped in relation to March, but no difficulties were encountered by I.S.P. either in the North or in the 13th Corps area.

28. Reconstruction. The doubling of the line between SAVIGLIANO and GENOVA has been planned and will officially begin on 4 June. Thus will be eliminated the bottleneck between GENOVA and the NORTH, which has existed since the liberation. 10336
on the doubling of the line from GENOVA to LIGURIA has been started. Materials for the enlarging of PARCO CAMPASSO have been requested. The MULO NUOVO and MARGO ASSERVO stations are still incomplete. Materials required for the completion of PARCO RIVI S.C. have been requested from Servizio Lavori.

29. Ports. A large increase in the arrival of collisions during the first 25 days of April resulted in burning at GENOVA and SAVIGLIANO. It was decided to reduce the unloading of these ships within the lay-days and to pay a full premium, and a certain amount of fuel was saved. The Port Office is considering difficulties in the unloading of coal. The reason is that they wish to store all coal at GENOVA and retain it there until June. The coal which is being used from GENOVA, however, the present coal is distributed all over within a week. This distribution will allow the port to proceed. The results will be a further unloading of coal, but the port will be able to handle it.

30. The following are the main items discharged in April at the ports of GENOVA and SAVONA.

Coal, Grain, P.O.L. Nitrites, Salt, Cotton, Pyrites, Steel, Metals and Sulphur.

31. Cargoes for Switzerland numbered 6 vessels.

32. Road. As from 1 April, EIAC in GENOVA officially closed down; haulage by road is now uncontrolled, any tickets having been abolished. The head office of EIAC in MIIE hope to close on 15 May. P.O.L. is however, still issued to trucks by EIAC on a basis of 1 litre per carrying capacity. The distribution of tyres is also carried out by EIAC in the case of trucks and for those purposes a skeleton staff is still employed.

33. Everything possible has been done to break the deadlock which exists between the Ministry of Transport and possessors of G.E.M. trucks. The Ministry will not issue orders for the licensing of these vehicles, which means that the possessors, after spending large sums on repairs, cannot recuperate expenses by operating their vehicles. No action has yet been taken by the Ministry of Transport in Rome.

34. The Italian Government Truck Pool, A.S.A.I., has had a complete change of directors and it is hoped that this will improve the functioning and road discipline of that organization. The sub-pool at LA SPEZIA is now working smoothly but difficulties are still being encountered at GENOVA. It is felt that ASAI has outlived its usefulness; the main tank of Port Clearance not justifying its existence.

35. Air. Two requests to transport fish by air from SARDINIA to GENOVA were submitted to this office for consideration and action. The idea is to transport fresh fish by air to GENOVA and return with mail to SARDINIA. It is felt that the scheme is sound and would greatly reduce the high price of fish. The plans and requests were forwarded to A.C. N. 7 and to the Ministry dell'Aria Div. Gen. Ilmo Aereo Civile, after being endorsed by A.C. N. 1241 on 15.4.50.

36. RAIL loads from the ports of GENOVA and SAVONA for the month of April 1/6 were:-

Port Clearance.

GENOVA.

A.C.
Civilian.

290,230 tons.
18,871 tons.

SAVONA.

A.C.
Civilian

28,410 tons.
2,505 tons.

The Ministry will not issue orders for the licensing of these vehicles, which means that the possessors, after spending large sums on repairs, cannot recuperate expenses by operating their vehicles. No action has yet been taken by the Ministry of Transport in Rome.

34. The Italian Government Truck Pool, A.S.A.I., has had a complete change of directors and it is hoped that this will improve the functioning and road discipline of that organization. The sub-pool at LA SPEZIA is now working smoothly but difficulties are still being encountered at SAVONA. It is felt that ASAI has outlined its usefulness; the main task of Port Clearance not justifying its existence.

35. Air. Two requests to transport fish by air from SAVONA to GENOVA were submitted to this office for consideration and action. The idea is to transport fresh fish by air to GENOVA and return with mail to SAVONA. It is felt that the scheme is sound and would greatly reduce the high price of fish. The plans and requests were forwarded to A.O. R.C. 3 and to the Ministero dell'Aria Mr. Gen. Linco Arose Civili, after being endorsed by A.O. MILAN OFF. 30.

36. Rail loads from the ports of GENOVA and SAVONA for the month of April 1946 were:-

Port Clearance.

	GENOVA.	SAVONA.
A.C. Civilian.	290,530 tons. 18,874 tons.	A.C. Civilian 28,440 tons. 5,605 tons.
37. <u>PORT Figures for the month of April 1946.</u>		
<u>GENOVA.</u>	Vessels arrived Goods carried Coastwise traffic	106 405,253 15,866
Total tonnage arrived.....422,863 tons.		
<u>SAVONA.</u>	Vessels arrived Goods carried Coastwise traffic	36 241,243 5,000
Total tonnage arrived.....245,243 tons.		
Coal unloaded at PORTS OF GENOVA AND SAVONA FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1946.....178,984 tons.		

I. COMMUNICATIONS.

28. Telegraph service has improved within the Region as a result of further repairs and overhauling of several routes. GENOVA-PARIS international circuit has been connected and is now clearing traffic. More telephone circuits have been put into operation with BOSE, MILAN and NURE. Trunk dialling systems are working efficiently. In the Provinces of LA SPEZIA and SAVONA all Telegraph Offices have been repaired. Teams are very active all over the Region, carrying out their work quickly and efficiently.

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4. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. A slight increase is noticeable in the desire for unity in the various branches of industry, an example being the meeting held on 2nd March by the Ligurian Regional Group of "UNIONE REGIONI ITALIANI" at which about 200 persons attended. The President Dott. Ing. Giuseppe IAPPA asked for all technical men, without distinction, to join the Group and become learners in the work of reconstruction. He invited all workers to submit proposals which they think would assist reconstruction.
2. The general order which has been referred to in the two previous Monthly Reports still continues and the Municipal Elections have taken place without incident.
3. Black market prices are falling slowly but steadily and queues are appearing in the shops.
4. There are a large number of "Reduci" located in GENOVA - a great percentage of whom show no real desire to obtain work. (An estimate report on Reduci is being submitted.)
5. On the 14th March at MASSIMO a demonstration by 300 workers who had been employed in road construction, and who had been suspended through a lack of funds, were organised by the Sindaco that they would be re-employed from funds coming from the local Caritas (charities).
6. At GENOVA (I PELLE PROV) on 6th March, about 150 persons demonstrated as a protest against the refusal to open a casino.
7. The coming of an increasing number of clandestine German calls for urgent action on the part of the Italian Government in order to suppress them immediately.

During the month of March the following have taken place:

1. A slight increase in noticeable in the desire for unity in the various branches of industry, an example being the meeting held on 2nd March in the Nigerian Regional Group of 'UNIONIZING THE INDUSTRY' at which about 100 persons attended. The President Dett. In. Glucose LPPA asked for all technical men, without distinction, to join the Group and become leaders in the work of reconstruction. He invited all members to submit proposals which they think would assist reconstruction.

2. The general rule which has been deferred to in the two previous paragraphs still continues and the Municipal Elections have taken place without incident.

3. Stock market prices are falling slowly but steadily and more now are coming in the zone.

4. There are a large number of "medium" located in CEN, -- a great percentage of mine owns no real desire to obtain work. (A separate report on Z-mol is being submitted.)

5. On the 11th March at 11.30 a demonstration by 300 workers who had been employed as road construction, and who had been awarded through lack of funds, were organised by the Stacco that they could be re-employed from Staco coming from the local Casino (Casinotown).

6. A CONGREGATION (I think Prov) on 6th March, about 11.00 hours, demonstrate as a protest against the refusal to open a Cadet.

7. The granting of an increasing number of educational facilities for vocational action on the part of the Italian Government in order to absorb them immediately.

During the months of March the following have taken in their new apartments:-

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TAVERNA PROVINCE.

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PUBLIC SAFETY.

5. Police organization. All agencies of the Italian Police service are functioning fairly efficiently in view of the difficulties of the present time. Points of particular interest in respect of individual services are as follows:-

(1) Carabinieri. Due to the efforts of I.M.I.A. they are now fairly well equipped from the very important standpoint of transport. They are efficiently administered, and are rapidly becoming the only arm of Police in whom the public have confidence.

(11) Public Security. The efforts of this branch are sadly hampered by lack of arms and means of transport, as already reported to Public Safety Sub-Committee. In G.S.M. and S.M.T. Provinces there is still a prevalence of "partisan" police in these two units; which is undisciplined, with no clear background and unlawful tendencies. Local Prefectures, moreover, are afraid to take the necessary action to eliminate these elements, owing to the fact that most of them are Communists and are supported by the Party. It is recommended that an efficient Federal Inspector General of P.S. be sent first, and to let him initiate the necessary steps for elimination.

(11a) Control of arms. An efficient organization, but hampered in their work by lack of arms, and in transportation of motor vehicle costs for the supervision of the harbours of GENOA, LA SPEZIA and SAVONA.

10. Law and Order. The general situation for the month can be considered satisfactory, which is not high for the present period and public order has been exemplary. An interesting crime reported is the attempt to murder three G.S.M. at LA SPEZIA, by hand grenade and all arms fire; unknown persons on the 2 March 46 (reported to A.I. P. 11a) S.M.T. Sub-Committee on 25 March 46 via correspondence IGP. 121).

Strikes have been few and unimportant, and public demonstrations confined to the "REACT" demonstrating better treatment.

11. Security. No evidence of any forces existing that can be considered a threat to Allied security.

6. POLITICAL.

12. All parties are working for position without, as far as

Salvador Province there is still a prevalence of "partidismo" Police in these two districts; which is undesirable, owing to their inexperience and unskillful tendencies. Local Prefectos, suspected, are afraid to take the necessary action to eliminate these elements, owing to the fact that most of them are Communists and are supported by the Party. It is recommended that an efficient Inspector General of P.S. be sent from 1953 to put into action the necessary steps for elimination.

(iii) Guardia de Fronteras. An efficient organization, but no more in their work by lack of arms, and a insufficient number of motor patrol boats for the supervision of the harbors of GUAYMA, LA GUAYMA and MATAGUA.

10. Law and Order. The general picture for the month ends as considered satisfactory, crime is not high for the present period and public order has been exemplary. An interesting crime reported in the attempt to murder three O.D.R. at LA GUAYMA, by hand grenades and small arms fire by unknown persons on the 21 March 46 (reported to U.S. Public Safety Sub Com. Letter on 25 March 46 vide correspondence LRP. 121).

Strikes have been few and unimportant, and public demonstrations confined to the "partido" demanding better treatment.

11. Security. No evidence of any foreign plotting that can be considered a threat to Allied security.

C. POLITICAL.

12. All parties are looking for position without, as far as we can see, committing their various parties to any definite position, which makes for weakness in all but the Communist and Socialist parties.

Belisario returned from Havana on 1 March in the size of the Communist and the converted action by these ex-prisoners would deal a very heavy blow to the Italian Communist Party. To date no party has attempted to use this influence for their own benefit.

Reports have been received that within a few days after ex-prisoners from Brazil have arrived at their homes.

When they have been visited by members of the Communist Party and warned that if they make unfavorable comments on the U.S.S.R. or the conditions in that country, they will be "dumped off".

13. Two interesting reports from:-

(i) L. PUEL on 12th March 46. PUEL has visited the offices of the "Noro del Norte", and distributed leaflets and manifestos.

(ii) J. VILA. On 15th March 46 at 2:00 p.m. a bomb was exploded inside the "Noro del Norte" offices in that city, causing slight damage to property.

D. ELECTIONS.

14. On 17, 24 and 31 March 46, communal elections have been held in all the four Provinces of Liguria, and have been remarkable for the discipline and good conduct of the public. Police arrangements were good and no incidents have marred the picture. From present indications, it would appear that in the towns the swing of electors is to the "left" whilst the villages are much more moderate in tone. A noticeable feature is the large number of women voters.

E. PROHIBITION ZONES.

15. No trouble has been experienced from the Italian-French Gamble, but it is apparent that a strong underground French propaganda drive is in being.

A report in the "Giornale Libero" of 21 March 46, that the Sindaco of Doliole 46, Antonio Simonini, and the President of the C.I.M. Enrico Luigi, had been arrested for the formation of a secret Pro French Society, was incorrect.

16. The general situation is satisfactory, but it is essential that the respective Italian Ministries should promptly act upon the needs of their Police services, especially regarding (a) arms (b) petrol and (c) transport.

F. ECONOMICS.

17. The Sindaco of GNO. estimates the deficit in the 1945-7 budget at 1 milliard 400 million lire.

18. The canned fish industry is in serious straits for a number of reasons. During the war fish was packed in tins, iron wrapped containers, and other improvised methods, which were sufficient to keep the industry in a working state. After hostilities ceased, an influx of Allied canned products caused practically all local products to disappear. Now the increased price of containers etc. is making it almost impossible for the local manufacturers to compete with importations. Consequently, local enterprises have nearly ceased and only imported canned foods are selling, and there is limited quantities due to import regulations.

19. Stockfish is now available from imports, surplus. However, as usual there is the "market" angle. Local importers sell the stockfish to retailers at the established official price providing that the buyer also purchases other goods up to 50 per cent of the value of the fish from an "associated" firm. These other goods are generally oil, jam, beans etc. which are sold at prices as much as 40 per cent above legal rates. As a result the retailers are absorbing the fish, the price of which, on the

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16. The general situation is satisfactory, but it is essential that the responsible Italian businessmen should promptly act upon the needs of their Italian services, especially regarding (a) arms (b) petrol and (c) transport.

7. ECONOMICS.

17. The Sindaco of GRC estimates the deficit in the 1946-47 budget at 1 milliard 400 million lire.

18. The canned fish industry is in serious straits for number of reasons. During the war fish was packed in tin, then in wooden containers, and other improvised methods, which were sufficient to keep the industry in a thriving state. After hostilities ceased, an influx of Allied canned products caused practically all local products to disappear. Now the increased price of containers etc. is making it almost impossible for the local manufacturers to compete with imported tins. Consequently, local enterprises have nearly ceased and only imported canned goods are selling, and these in limited quantities due to import regulations.

19. Stockfish is not available from imports. However, however, as usual there is the "rocket" angle. Local importers sell the stockfish to retailers at the established official price providing that the buyer also purchases other goods up to 40 per cent of the value of the fish from an "associated" firm. These other goods are generally soap, jam, beans etc. which are sold at prices as much as 40 per cent above legal rates. As a result few retailers are accepting the fish, the price of which, on the black market, has dropped from 1,000 to 500 lire a kilo. It remains to be seen whether in the meantime the population can get the fish which is available.

20. The food industries in Liguria are hampered by the amount by

- a) Lack of materials, lime, etc. and sugar.
- b) High cost of these &/or materials when available.
- c) Unsettled labor conditions.
- d) The resulting high price of goods which makes them regarded as luxuries. The population meanwhile converts more to fresh foods.

Notwithstanding this depressing outlook, the manufacturers are making every effort to remain active. The recent Governmental decree, obliging them to retain 50% per cent of their foreign currency holdings has helped a great deal.

21. The French Economic Mission has arrived in GEOL on its way to the Engineering Base in BURK, after which it will return to GEOL to open discussions.

6. FEEDING THE PEOPLE.

22. The month has been remarkably free from "insufficient food season". The Region holds floor stocks to maintain the bread ration until the 10th April in GEOL, B. BIL and S. VIL. La. SPOL has sufficient until 23rd April. Grain stocks are low on lat and 4th April.

23. A distribution of 70 grs of Jan was made throughout the Region, and one of 400 grs of 3rd.

24. Early in April there will be a distribution of the following items, as part of the March ration:-

Barley 2 sh-250 grs.
Sugar 250 grs,
rice 500 grs.

25. Supplies of American tinne milk have been selling locally at a fairly high price (50 - 90 lire). In view of the possibility that there is no present chance of U.S.A. supplies, the matter has been reported to HQ.

26. Some comparative prices are given below:-

ITEM	OFFICIAL PRICE	BLACK MARKET
Wheat	16	130
Rice	25	120
Beans	25/50	70
Sugar	150	900/1000

27. As from lat April the price of bread in GEOL will be increased to 20 lire per kilo, by authority of the Prefect. This is meeting with considerable local opposition.

7. AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS.

28. The weather has been favorable towards practically all branches of cultivation. As a result of the rains the meadows, pastures etc. are growing rapidly. In fact, some of this year's grass has already been cut.

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21. Early in April there will be a distribution of the following items, as part of the March ration:-

Dried fish 200 grs.
Sugar 250 grs.
Rice 500 grs.

25. Supplies of American tinmed milk have been selling locally at a fairly high price (51 - 52 lire). In view of the possibility that these represent a source of U.S.A. supplies, the matter has been reported to U.S.A.

26. Some copper coins of which are given below:-

ITEM	OFFICIAL PRICE	BLACK MARKET
100	18	130
50	25	150
20/50	27/50	70
100	100	200/1000

27. As from 1st April the price of wheat in G.S.O. will be increased to 20 lire per kilo, by authority of the Government. This is meeting with considerable local opposition.

1. AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS.

28. The weather has been favourable towards practically all branches of cultivation. As a result of the rains the cereals, pastures etc. are growing rapidly. In fact, some of this year's grass has already been cut for fodder. The prospects of a good hay crop this season are bright. The fruit crop also promises well, the trees have all blossomed well, and no great harm has been done by the heavy rain or winds. The outlook is good for the all in regard olive crop.

29. The distribution of Dutch seed potatoes has followed the supply of English ones for some time. However, the season is now a bit late and the Dutch is becoming off, G.S.O. received 500 cwt, of which 200 have already been distributed.

30. Some 244,000 young trees have been allotted to Liguria, mainly coniferous. These are being distributed through the Corps delle Foreste. These are now in young old trees which are being planted on the replanting hills. Local firms have some young olive trees for sale at reasonable prices.

34. Rumors that CASTILLO, Sardinia, has a surplus of phosphate are causing much talk amongst farmers in LIGURIA.

35. A disease for which no cure is known, is spreading amongst chestnut trees, many of which are seriously damaged.

3. LABOR CONDITIONS.

36. The Prefect has opened a public works programme to employ about 2,000 people. He has also issued an order that the proportion of ex-soldiers and partisans employed must be raised from 8% to 10%.

37. A demonstration of the usual "spare a Livorno" type took place recently. There were no incidents. The Prefect of GENOA has issued instructions re compliance with the 50 hour week for workers.

38. CASTILLO have two tankers each 9,000 tons and two coastal vessels on the stocks. More labour would be employed by this time if they could obtain firm orders.

39. The main difficulty amongst labourers is the ratio of wages to the cost of living.

K. DIPLOMACY PRESSURE.

40. Registration. The average number registered to France and North West Europe was approx 2500 two hundred a week and it is anticipated that these numbers will not increase in the future.

41. Administration. The UNRRA representative who is now in residence is expected to take over the Camp as soon as definite instructions are received in writing for him to do so.

42. The new Prefect of GENOA visited the Camp on invitation and was very interested and pleased with everything that he saw, particularly with regard to the feeding of the refugees.

43. The "Registriere" is very concerned at the fact that UNRRA is not taking over financial responsibility yet. He doubts whether his minister will be able to carry on much longer. It is understood that he is taking up this matter through his own official channels.

L. PUBLIC HEALTH.

44. Public Health in the Region is satisfactory. There have been no instances of epidemics.

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36. The main difficulty amongst labourers is the ratio of wages to the cost of living.

3. DISEASE PREVENTION.

37. Registration. The average number registered to France and North West Europe was approx. 2500. It is anticipated that these numbers will not increase in the future.

38. Administration. The M.O. representative who is now in residence is expected to take over the Camp as soon as definite instructions are received in writing for him to do so.

39. The new Project of C.M.O. visited the Camp on inspection and was very interested and planned with everything that he saw, particularly with regard to the feeding of the refugees.

40. The "Regiment" is very concerned at the fact that M.O. is not taking over financial responsibility yet. He doubts whether his administration will be able to carry on much longer. It is understood that he is taking up this matter through his own official channels.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH.

41. Public Health in the Region is satisfactory. There have been no instances of epidemics.

5. TRANSPORTATION.

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42. Transportation, U. S. Milan have decided to close the M.O. Office and the Port Italian Office section during the month of April.

43. Rail. The Italian State Railways have had a successful month. The month's functioning of the G.P. Porti into is the almost entirely to Ing. P.M. III, head of this Section.

44. During the first fifteen days of March 1945 into 15th Corps Area were allocated through A.C. Rail Office. However during the second half of the month only transportation for movement to VARESE, GALLI, and VARESE/CAVISO were necessary. The transportation for transport over these lines is now being printed direct to MILAN. The have made arrangements that at the closing down of A.C. MILAN, GALLI will be made direct from VARESE, GALLI, and VARESE to Capo Cavourto, GALLI.

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45. Bids into 13th Corps Area are as follows:-

FORWARDING INTO 13TH CORPS AREA

Provision of Trains	153	tons.
" " Vehicles	76	"
" " Trains	28	"
" " Vehicles	10	"
Railway Line Uline-Torvisio	5	"

46. Loads from the ports of GENOA and SAVONA from February 26th. to March 26th., 1946

NOTE ON FORWARDING - GENOA AND SAVONA

A.C.	329,461	tons.
Civilian	61,204	"

LOADS RECEIVED AND SHIPPED

A.C.	Civilian
Genoa	324,685 tons.
Savona	15,383 "
Imperia	4,376 "

47. Genoa. The coal situation at S. Giuseppe da Cairo is still in a state of uncertainty. In spite of the fact that the holidays called for three different days. The present state of coal at S. Giuseppe is 13,000 tons. There have been no strikes during the month of March, but Italian Railway employees are still working for an increase in pay. A number of political organizations have been reinstated and the Commissione di Garanzia is doing everything possible to finish its work quickly.

48. Movement of coal from S. Giuseppe during the month is as follows:-

MOVEMENT OF COAL FROM S. GIUSEPPE DA CAIRO

6547 tons.
75512 tons.
2792 daily average tons.

49. Reorganization. The doubling of the line between GENOA and SAVONA is now completed and all material for the finishing of the tracks has been supplied. The doubling of the lines between GENOVA and CIVICO SPONDIABLE and GENOVA and CIVICO SPONDIABLE will only be initiated after work has been completed on the line GENOVA-IMPERIA. Materials have already been used. The Servizio Inverdi have been asked to supply urgently all

RECEIVED AND INDEXED

		Civilian
Genova	38,085 tons	90,743 tons
Sevres	15,343 "	9,267 "
Imperia		4,576 "

47. Genoa. The coal situation at S. Giuseppe di Cairo is such that in spite of the fact that the Pirella called holidays on three different days. The present stock of coal at S. Giuseppe is 11,577 tons. There has been no strikers during the month of March, but Italian coal strike (people) are still working for an increase in pay. A number of political organizations have been reactivated and the Commissione di Emergenza is doing everything possible to finish its work quickly.

48. Movement of coal from S. Giuseppe during the month is as follows:

WEEK END OF COAL FROM S. GIUSEPPE DI CAIRO

4567 tons.
72612 tons.
2732 daily average tons.

49. Reconstruction. The doubling of the line between GENO and IMPIERO is 75% completed and all material for the finishing of the tracks has been supplied. The doubling of the line between GENO, SSO and DIVIO SUCCHIELLO and GENO, SSO and DIVIO SUCCHIELLO will only be finished after work has been completed on the line GENO-IMPIERO. Materials have already been analyzed. The Serevile Inverri have been asked to supply urgently all materials required for reconstruction work in the Departments of Liguria.

50. Port. March has been another successful month for the ports of GENO and S. THO. It has been noticeable that all grain and coal discharged is now 85,000 tons. Cargo and no longer "A.C.". General merchandise however continues to be "A.C."

51. The total amount of coal discharged at GENO and S. THO. exceeded the estimated figure of 500,000 tons by 10.

52. Reconstruction - Genova. General repairs have proceeded in the port, particularly in the Staliole pier.

53. Sevres. No further trouble has been reported in the work on the ships during the hours of darkness. The Italian ship-by-ship system is working satisfactorily.

54. In Spezia, the only arrivals arriving at this port are dispatched from coastal vessels. No information is available as to the date for opening of the port to sea going ships.

55. Marchionni. Owing to the improvement in weather conditions the situation has become easier but there is still a great shortage of workmen.

56. The following are the main figures for the month of March:-

<u>GENOA</u>	
Vessels arrived	95
Goods entered	357,002
Consolidated traffic	19,800
Total tonnage arrived	575,802 tons.
<u>SAVOIA</u>	
Vessels arrived	36
Goods entered	195,686
Consolidated traffic	6,848
Total tonnage arrived	202,534 tons.

57. BO D.

In accordance with instructions received from the Superintendent, Italian Settlements U.S. on March 14th, all trucks operating in L.uria were issued with trip tickets valid for twenty days, thus eliminating the necessity of issuing a trip ticket for every journey. On March 27th the Ministero dei Trasporti issued instructions that with effect from 1st April, all trip tickets issued by the Ufficio Trasporti would be abolished. P.O.L. will be issued on a basis of litres per carrying capacity. The above is the largest step yet taken to restrict competitive hauling in Italy.

58. Further agreements between the Italian Government and Black Pool "I.S.A.L." and the truckers of the Ufficio Autotrasporti of L. SPEZIA, have occurred. With the institution of free circulation in Italy it is doubtful that any further changes between truckers and "I.S.A.L." will take place.

59. Transportation by sea, rail and road have all shown great improvement during the month.

60. CO. MINISTRIES

Improvements have taken place in the inter-connections in GENOA, where also parts have been moved from one exchange to another in order to balance the traffic.

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Vessels arrived 198,666
Goods carried 6,813
Container traffic

Total tonnage arrived..... 207,484 tons.

37. NO D.

In accordance with instructions received from the Administration Italian Stationing 2.S. in from March 1st, all trucks operating in Liguria were issued with trip tickets valid for twenty days, thus eliminating the necessity of issuing a trip ticket for every journey. On March 27th the Ministero dei Trasporti issued instructions that with effect from 1st April, all trip tickets issued by the Ministry of Transport would be abolished. P.O.L. will be issued on a basis of letters per carrying capacity. The above is the latest step yet taken to restore competitive business in Italy.

38. Another disagreement between the Italian Government and Truck Pool "S.A.L." and the truckers of the Ufficio Autotrasporti in L. SP321. In SP321 have occurred. With the first ruling of free circulation in Italy it is doubtful that any further clashes between truckers and "S.A.L." will take place.

39. Transportation by air, rail and road have all shown great improvement during the month.

40. CO-MUNICATIONS.

60. Improvements have taken place in the air-exchanges in OMAG. where some parts have been moved from one exchange to another in order to balance the traffic peaks. L. SP321 auto exchange has been increased by 200 numbers. SAN RSC auto exchange is now ready with 1400 numbers. Long distance traffic is increasing in the Region, and it has already reached a figure higher than that of previous days. The number of inter urban circuits has been increased and long distance dialling system is being set back into operation every where in the Region. Telegraph traffic is being resumed all over the Region and the services is improving greatly.

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A. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

1. The unnaturally calm atmosphere still exists in the area, despite the undercurrent of discontent which permeates throughout the working classes. Their main grievance is that wages and the price of food do not meet.

2. More shipping is arriving in the port of GENOA but the condition of the warehouses damaged by bombardment still leaves much to be desired. The bottle neck which delayed the distribution of cotton from the port has been somewhat cleared and it is hoped that this improvement will continue.

3. A full report on the contravention of customs regulations in the port was forwarded to the Office of the Executive Commissioner on 25 Feb 46 (Talia H.Q. reference 40/76.)

4. There is at present sufficient grain and/or flour in the Region to cover the next fortnight.

5. The funeral of Cardinal Pietro Bortolo took place in GENOA on 4th Feb 46. The Rome cortege, representative of all walks of life, passed through the town to the Cathedral where Pontifical Mass was celebrated. The C.I.C. and I.R.S. attended. The Cardinal is a grandson of GENOA as he was very highly esteemed by all, and it was mainly through his efforts that the Germans did not do more damage to the City.

6. The first through train from LOM to GENOA arrived in GENOA on 14 Feb 46 at 1315 hours, having left LOM the previous night at 0930 hrs. The train consisted of sleeping car, restaurant car and other coaches. The train was met at CHIAPARI by many Italian Officials who boarded it there on its way to GENOA. The C.I.C. and Train Office were present.

10. The Party "Azione" is regarded as virtually finished owing to the maneuvering of its leaders, and former supporters are now turning to the Republican Party for guidance.

C. SECURITY.

11. No security problems are apparent in this Region. F.S.S. and S.C.I./ have every confidence that no subversive elements are operating against Allied interests.

12. The recent investigation of Squadra Azione Anselmi (Bari) by the MILAN Authorities, which might have presented a serious security angle is now thought by G.S.I. (R) No. 2 District to be of little importance, and the facts have been distorted by the Agents of Questura, (allegedly Communist), who are investigating the matter.

D. LAW AND ORDER.

13. Questura, CC.RR., Guardia Finanza and Municipal Guards are functioning as efficiently as can be expected in view of the present difficulties in their services.

14. The chief difficulty that presents real efficiency is the lack of transport, in the case of the Questura the tardiness of the Prefetto to permit Questura to requisition efficient vehicles, and the rigidly system of the Regionari of the Prefetto in limiting finance for the purpose of patrol for the P.S.

15. The CC.RR. of this Region are handicapped also by lack of transport, in spite of the efforts of MLI. This is apparently due to an order from No. 2 District diverting a number of motorcycles assigned to the CC.RR. by MLI in another manner. However this should be adjusted in the near future. Guardia Finanza, who have a serious problem in dealing with "Black Market" and coast guard on Allied ships in the Port, are at a loss to deal with the offenders, the small boats and meet ships whilst they are waiting to enter the Port. With the collusion of the crew large quantities of goods are passed overboard into the waiting boats. The Guardia Finanza have one motor boat only to deal with this problem, and as there are frequently several ships waiting outside the port at the same time one motor boat is obviously incapable of taking preventive action, and it is essential that two extra motor boats are utilized in this service.

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16. Question and CC.BA. are sadly deficient in arms, but their respective Ministries have been informed, and have promised to remedy the matter.

17. Crime statistics for the month are compared to January and detected crime figures are satisfactory. No serious crimes are reported.

E. ELECTIONS.

18. See para 13.

F. ECONOMICS.

19. Ports. February has been the best since 1940 since the Liberation both for the port of GUAYA and SAVANA. The main increase of tonnage covers the following: coal, grain, cotton, oil and phosphates for agricultural purposes. Most from these main items a large number of miscellaneous industrial products have been discharged, during previous

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months cargo has been limited to bulk such as coal and grain. The reason for the increase of tonnage is as follows:-

- a) A.C. and USSR cargo.
- b) Transit traffic to Switzerland.
- c) Commercial cargoes, mainly cotton to be manufactured in Italy and exported to Sweden and Norway.

20. Reconstruction. Genoa. Work sweeping in the port has now been completed, making available additional berths. A fourth sucker has been repaired on the Grain Elevator pier and 4,000 tons per day can now be unloaded. An additional berth equipped with four overhead travelling cranes has been returned at PORTO RUSSO. This quay is unloading colliers up to 5,000 tons. Repairs on a berth equipped with three cranes for Liberty ships carrying general cargo having been completed. The Bersane dry dock which was urgently needed for schooners and small crafters is now functioning.

21. SAVOIA. The main cargo discharged at SAVOIA is coal and as long as the port can maintain an average of 200,000 tons no further reconstruction work is likely in the near future. Up to the present the main difficulty in averaging the prescribed figure has been the turn around of vessels. To overcome this an Italian standby order for moving ships at night time has been employed, making it possible for the conveyor Hopper Plant to operate 24 hrs per day.

22. LA SPEZIA. A joint decision by the Navy has been arrived at by which no sea going vessels will enter the port of LA SPEZIA. During the month about 5,000 tons of cargo was discharged by small steamers and coastal vessels.

23. WAREHOUSES. The lack of warehouses inside the port of GENOA has been temporarily overcome by using small sheds outside the port area, but within easy distance of motor vehicles thus releasing rail cars.

24. The following are the main figures for the period 1 to Feb 46:-

GENOA - Vessels arrived: - 49 (plus 100 schooners and barges loaded by barge)

Goods carried: 380,000 tons.

SAVOIA - Vessels arrived: - 27 (plus about 25 schooners)
Goods carried: 200,000 tons.

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GENOVA - Vessels arrived: - 69 (plus 100 schooners and barges towed by tugs)

Cargo carried: 360,000 tons.

SAVONA - Vessels arrived: - 27 (plus about 25 schooners)
Cargo carried: 200,000 tons.

G. FEEDING OF PEOPLE.

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25. After one or two strikes due to late arrivals of grain ships, the bread supply for the Region is assured until about the 15th March in the cases of three of the Provinces. LA SPEZIA, owing to an allotment of 500 tons from MILANO, has sufficient for its needs until about 25th March. The 500 gr. ration of "G. di Alimentazione" has been distributed to all Provinces, in the case of GENOVA taking the form of half rice and half polenta. SAVONA has also received 500 grs. of polenta in addition to its 500 grs of rice to make up for rations not received previously. Sugar has been distributed at the rate of 200 grs per head throughout the Region. Margarine of U.S.A. Origin has been issued at 100 grs per head in GENOVA and LA SPEZIA, supplies for the two other Provinces subject to hand. GENOVA Province has had an issue of 250 grs of dried beans, and in this Province also there has been an issue of Condensed Milk to children of 0 - 3 years, and to old people.

26. The shops contain a surprisingly large amount of high priced meats and meat products, as well as chickens and fats and it also appears that a large amount of flour is used in the manufacture of cakes and pastries.

H. DISPLACED PERSONS.

27. Refugees of French nationality continue to be sent to France. The number increased slightly towards the end of the month. It is hoped that the preliminary arrangements which had been made in order to convey these refugees by train to NICE rather than by road, which will incur a considerable saving in petrol and tyres, will be put into effect in March. At a meeting between the C.I.B., and Italian and French officials concerned which took place in Maffiolini on 24.7.46, it was decided that there would be no difficulties from either the police or customs point of view. French and Italian authorities requested that they be given 48 hrs notice of the arrival of such trains in order to make the necessary arrangements. They anticipated that, with the provision of a complete list of passengers, the work could be carried out very expeditiously.

28. U.N.R.R.A. however, yet taken over the refugee camp but the arrival of their officials is anticipated in the next few days.

29. The policy by U.N.R.R.A. that Jewish refugees who are receiving relief will in future have to be concentrated in camps is naturally causing considerable concern in existing camps, and it would appear that at least one additional camp will have to be opened either in this region or in Florence.

I. AGRICULTURE.

30. The food potatoes here are nearly all being distributed to the actual users, at a price varying from 10 to 15 lire per kilo, according to whether they were bought by the user or loose. However, the amount received was not sufficient for the needs of the region, unless as it was.

31. Several articles in the local Press have appeared for an increase in the production and rearing of cattle. Their reasons are given as three; (i) the increased milk yield (ii) the increased meat supply (iii) the increased supply of animal manure that would be provided. The last reason is very important because the soil of Liguria is heavy and clayey and does not hold water. It is an important thing here that rainfalls are never over-

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1. AGRICULTURE.

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32. The present season promises well, the weather has been kind and the crops are coming along very well. An outbreak of disease among Chestnut trees is causing some alarm. The Food Officer is visiting the plantation which has been thus attacked.

33. The price of hay remains lower with the result that meat is scarcer and is therefore a little dearer. The farmers naturally are unwilling to kill beasts when they are cheaper to fatten.

2. LIVELIHOOD CONDITIONS.

34. The situation at the moment is not so good as it was, although the official present a picture and demonstrations have been hinted at. In all provinces the same story is told - if more coal and raw material were provided, there would be employment and the need to grow or grow to provide the means of livelihood would diminish.

35. The strike of the State and Local Govt. personnel in IMBRIA, which began on 21 Feb 46 ended on the 15th Feb. A meeting was held in the IMBRIA Town Hall and a lively discussion followed, which brought to light two opposite tendencies, one to go on with the strike, and the other to get back to work. Later the State personnel was informed that their request (an increase of the bonus for high cost of living similar to the one granted to larger cities) would be satisfied at the end of the month. It was then decided that the strikers would return to work. On the afternoon of the 15th Feb all personnel returned to their offices and schools opened on the 16th Feb.

36. Espresso di Napoli Strike. Agreement was reached in IMBRIA on 8th Feb 46 and work has been resumed in all branches. Another meeting is to be held in IMBRIA within the next few days.

37. Insurance Companies Strike. After discussions in IMBRIA between employers and employees, the strike which began on 4th Feb terminated on 11th Feb 46.

38. Theatre and Cinema Strike. On 17th Feb notice was posted at the entrances of theatres and cinemas in IMBRIA informing the public that after Northern Italy Theatre and Cinema, acting in accordance with the Federation of Public Shows, Employees had come to the decision to declare a lockout starting on the 18th Feb at a protest against the reduction in closing hours ordered to theatres and cinemas without previously consulting the interested organizations. After discussion theatres and cinemas on night on 20th Feb 46.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

39. Both telegram and telephone services have improved as work has been carried out on routes and exchanges. The number of circuits has been largely increased, many administration offices have been resumed and traffic is being cleared with less delay. Efforts are being made to resume the maximum possible number of trunk diallings in an endeavour to cut down the delay in long distance calls. By 15th and 16th Feb trunk dialling will be functioning.

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E. COMPARISONS.

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L. TRANSPORT.

Road.

41. The hand over of the Provincial Autotransport to E.A.S.G. has been completed. The results of the audits which were carried out by auditors appointed by the Local Authorities and endorsed by this Section, have been finished. The reports obtained from E.A.S.G. are being forwarded to A.G. Transportation, MILAN.

42. During the first fifteen days of February all bids for haulage by road were successfully carried out. On 14th February the Local Council of Geneva stated that the allocation of P.O.L. for the 2nd and 3rd periods of the month had not arrived. The matter was referred to ROME who stated that the shortage of P.O.L. both in FRANCE and LISURIA was due to strikes in LISURIA and a lack of tankers. This situation persisted for a week. On the 20th, word was received from

C.I.F. that tankers had arrived at MARLES and all the coal was stock at C.I.F. disposal was issued. Despite this drawback, the situation returned to normal and by the end of the month there were no outstanding bids in all the four countries.

43. The Italian Government Truck Pool "ASST" was fortunately able to carry out port clearance in spite of the P.O.L. shortage. The Sub-Pool at LA SPEZIA is encountering all manner of difficulties from the local truckers who strenuously object to the idea of trucks drawing tyres and P.O.L. from the Italian Government. This has caused truckers employed to the office to transport to carry out trips at a cheaper rate than laid down in Table 4 of Executive Order No. 42. The matter has been dealt with by the Directors of A.S.A.I. and A.S.A.C. and it is felt that there is a great deal of smoke but little fire in the negotiations and counter negotiations of the bodies concerned. The situation is not serious and will resolve itself.

Rail.

44. The I.S.F. have had an excellent month and no difficulties have been encountered with movements into the Hill Camp Area and traffic South of BOLOGNA. Authorization for movements has come in regularly and with no delay.

45. The coal situation at the GIUSEPPE DI GIRO is normal and the present stock held there is 4,065 tons. A large quantity of coal arriving in SAVONA is not transported by rail via to the GIUSEPPE but is distributed direct from SAVONA to industries in LIGURIA. During the month a percentage of coal arrived has been despatched to SUTZGERIA.

46. Reconstruction. The doubling of the line between GENOA and SAN REMO is one third completed and it is hoped that by the first week of April the entire line will be doubled. The lack of material is still causing delay. Work on the doubling of the line from CAMERASSO to the junction has been delayed until completion of the line GENOA to MONTEBELLUNA. Material recently arrived from AMERICA will be used, but there is still a shortage of 5,500 sleepers. The marshalling yards at CAMERASSO now number 14 tracks. Material for the continuation of work at CAMERASSO is not available and the quantity required is very large. Work has been started on the line joining CAMERASSO to S. BERNINO and the reconstruction of MOLA NUOVA and PLACIO ASSERETO on the line should be finished in July.

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47. Loading from the ports of GENOA and SAVONA from 17 Jan to 25 Feb 46 is as follows:-

Port Clearance:	C.D.	Civilian	259,389 tons.	47,305 "
	GENOA	SAVONA	1.54%	4.54%
Bids accepted and moved	4,674 tons	239,552	36,153	
Bids accepted and moved	Civilian	67,472	8,909	

R. FRONTIER REPORTS

48. On 1 Feb 46 the first train from GENOVA arrived at VENTIMIGLIA with several French authorities aboard. They were escorted by the local authorities and speeches were made mostly concerning Italian-French friendship.

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49. During the night of 2/3 Feb, inscriptions were made on the houses in the main streets of BOICZASALA and CLARUJEN. Small French flags were hoisted in the main squares of both places. During the same period a similar event took place in PHUA and SUCILO where a French flag was placed on the War Memorial. On 6 Feb pyromaniac leaflets were alleged to have been posted on the walls in S. PIATU CIMA COMANA (THERIA). In all instances these were removed by the Carabinieri early the following day, without incident.

50. It has been impossible to obtain copies of the alleged leaflets and it is considered that most of the French propaganda is worth a 50 cent of living will be cheaper under the French, there will be more food etc. etc.

51. Taken 'bye and large' the general situation is calm.

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4. POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

The outstanding impression one receives of the Ligurian situation is its calmness. Any evaluation of the effects of the changeover, however, should take into consideration the fact that Allied Officers have been in the various Provinces every day during the month of January.

31st January finds A.M.G. Officers finally reassigned and February marks the real beginning of Liaison.

Newspapers have followed the usual line. L'Unité stresses the guarantee of the Provincial Secretary of the Communist Party that elections will be orderly and will demonstrate Italian Political maturity. The news organ of the Republican Party interjects a novel note. They ask their readers to express their opinions on the issue "Shall Genoa be a free city or a free port?"

The Central Government has offered the Prefect of Genoa a post as a career Prefect in a different Province. The Prefect proposes to decline the offer.

There has been a lot of uneasiness about the French Border but investigations have disclosed no basis for concern. This situation remains under close observation. The main cause of this uneasiness is the unfounded reports published in both Italian and French daily papers. A statement was published by the SEACIO LIGURIE on the 28th inst. as follows:-

NEW ITALO-FRENCH BORDER CLOSED.

Paris, 28th Jan. 1945. The French authorities in Nice have been notified that the Franco-Italian Border is to be considered closed until new orders are issued. The order for the closing up of the border has been issued by the Allied Command of the occupational troops in Italy. No reason has been given for this order.

Enquiries were instituted and no foundation for the statement could be found. A contradiction by the Italian Government appeared in the papers of 31st Jan. quoting a denial made by the Chief Commissioner.

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inserted a novel note. They ask their readers to express their opinions on the issue "Shall Genoa be a free city or a free port?"

The Central Government has offered the Prefect of Genoa a post as a career Prefect in a different Province. The Prefect proposes to decline the offer.

There has been a lot of uneasiness about the French Border but investigations have disclosed no basis for concern. This situation remains under close observation. The main cause of this uneasiness is the unfounded reports published in both Italian and French daily papers. A statement was published by the SECOURS LIGURIEN on the 28th inst. as follows:

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It is now quite evident that owing to the lack of supervision of the Press by the Allies, no reliance can be placed in any statements made by the Italian papers.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The provincial administration of SAVONA is weak and should be strengthened in the near future. Both the Quarters and Prefect should be changed.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY.

FOOD.

Importation of Allied food stocks has been turned over to UNRRA as of the end of January. The Food Liaison Officer is in daily contact and everything seems to be moving well. The Italian authorities, on the whole, appear to be capable.

Rice is in short supply as a substitute for pasta. Sugar has been issued as per schedule. Soft cheese, powdered eggs and milk have been distributed in nearly all localities.

The Region is operating on a 6 day flour reserve

INDUSTRY & COMMERCE.

Industrialists feel keenly the uncertainty of Italy's future. Nationalization, monetary exchange, location of foreign markets, effective date of reopening of international trade, and availability of coal and raw materials are the keynotes of most conversations. In every area there is only uncertainty which does little to ease the tormented mind of the average industrialist.

In the present difficult situation, industrialists are doing as well as can be expected. Work stoppages due to lack of power or materials are accepted quite philosophically.

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The season now ending has been a poor one for olive oil, but great hopes have been expressed that the crop next autumn will be good. On the whole there is a note of optimism in the expectations for the coming year. Seed planting is well forward and the weather has been mainly very favourable to good germination. Such rain as fell arrived at the ideal time and produced very beneficial results.

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E. LABOUR. - Nothing to report.

F. FINANCE. - Nothing to report.

G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

The decree on the rationing of electricity has been enforced.

H. LEGAL. - Italian Judiciary. Functioning efficiently, but slow

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in procedure, causing prisons etc. to become overcrowded owing to the long periods allowed to elapse between arrests and sentence, or release on bail.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY.

a) Police organization.

Quantum, CC.RR., Guardia di Finanza and Municipal Guards are functioning efficiently, although handicapped by lack of efficient means of transport, adequate arms and clothing. This is hoped to be ameliorated in the near future if the supplies promised by the Ministry of the Interior and M.M.I.B. arrive.

A Ministry of Interior telegram, to Quastore, given authority to dispense with the services of surplus auxiliary agents. However, present conditions do not permit the discharge of these auxiliaries unless they are replaced by career agents. The efficiency of the P.S. will not be attained until all auxiliaries have been dispensed with, and experienced career agents re-introduced. Legion of CC.RR. is under the command of Col. Andreoli, who is a zealous and capable officer.

The Quastore of SAVOM, Sig. Isotivo has been ill for a long period and it is rumored by the CC.RR. Command that his illness is a subterfuge to cover his inability to handle a difficult post. His subordinate officers have little faith in his rehabilitation, and it is recommended that a letter be forwarded to the Ministry of the Interior suggesting his removal.

b) Crimes and arrests.

The number of crimes for the month are less than for December and can be regarded as satisfactory. No serious crimes are reported.

c) Public Order.

The situation is generally tranquil, although each Commune is experiencing the general difficulty with "REBUCI" demanding employment and the dismissal of female employees from certain offices.

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b) Prisons and Penitentiaries.

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As judged by Italian standards satisfactory, "MARASSI" Prison is now in a calm condition following the execution of three "Brigate Noire" Partisans, and an alleged Partisan "PIAZZA", who was sentenced to death by an A.M.G. Court.

e) S.A.M. (Squadra Azione Massimali)

No direct evidence has been obtained to connect any activity by S.A.M. in the Region, although a late report from SAVONA Questura indicating the arrest of 21 persons may show connection with this movement. P.S.S. and C.S.I.B. 2 District are being informed forthwith of the development.

f) General.

Attention is drawn to the urgent needs of the CC.M. and other police agencies, all of whom are desperately in need of clothing, arms and transport. The issue of these items will greatly strengthen the morale of the public safety forces.

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J. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

General health throughout the Region continues to be good and welfare organizations are operating.

K. REFUGEES - Nothing to report. *See appx 'A'.*

L. COMMUNICATIONS.

Circuits have been improved by the fixing and balancing of cables and general repair work is being carried out where ever possible.

Automatic exchanges in the Western Riviera continue to be installed. From SAN REMO Exchange the trunk dialling system is now functioning with GENOA, and SAVONA. BORDIGHERA Exchange will be in operation shortly.

There appears to be a great shortage of telephone instruments throughout the Region.

M. TRANSPORTATION.

a) RAIL. For the first time since the opening of the railway line from SAVONA to S. GIUSEPPE DI CARNO the coal stocks of the latter have been successfully cleared. During the period commencing 2nd to 24th January, an average of about 90 wagons per day left S. GIUSEPPE, totalling 23,500 tons. At the present rate of clearance there should be a permanent reserve of coal of approximately 8000 tons at S. GIUSEPPE.

The Company's management of GENOA has taken over the functions and procedures set down in item 7; progress is satisfactory.

Movements into XIII Corps Area experienced some difficulties before the 15th inst. due to the authority for tonnage arriving too late. However, since then this difficulty has been overcome.

Less than the ports from 31 Dec 45 to 31 Jan 46 are as follows:-

GENOA.

Bids accepted and moved A.C. freight.	268,531 tons.
" " Civilian "	142,995 "

IMPERIA.

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" " Civilian "	5,747 tons.

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Loads from the ports from 31 Dec 45 to 31 Jan 46 are as follows:-

<u>GENOA</u>			
Goods accepted and moved A.C. Freight.	268,531 tons.		
" " Civilian "	112,095 "		
<u>IMPERIA</u>			
Goods accepted and moved A.C. Freight	Nil.		
" " Civilian "	5,717 tons.		
<u>SAVONA</u>			
Goods accepted and moved A.C. Freight	18,630 tons		
" " Civilian "	6,616 "		

LA SPEZIA - NIL.

b) RECONSTRUCTION. - The doubling of the line from GENOA to NIGLIAREGO has proceeded another 500 metres, but due to bad weather, work has been held up from time to time. It is hoped however, to finish the work during the month of February. This will mean that the bottle neck which has existed between GENOA and the NORTH will be abolished. The marshalling yard at CANTOMASSO is being held up by lack of material. Work between S. BENIGNO and CANTOMASSO is progressing satisfactorily, but due to the difficulty in clearing the tunnel at

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WLO NUOVO a period of 6 months is anticipated before this line is operating. The retelling yard at PARCO DI NOVI is also being held up by lack of material and 3 months will be necessary for the completion from the time the material arrives. Work on the line from S. MARZANO cannot be started until the spring due to weather conditions. The opening of the line from S. MARZANO to GENOVA was to be completed by the end of this month but difficulties have been encountered in the reconstruction of the bridge at ZOFOLI.

c) PORTS. - During the month 76 schooners carrying foodstuffs and 63 ships carrying general cargo have arrived at the Port of GENOVA. These figures up to 31 January show an appreciable increase over December.

During January the repairs of the Ethiopian Quay and rail lines thereon were completed making all berths there available for shipping. The cranes on this quay are being repaired satisfactorily. The work of clearing the port continues but no further mines have been located.

SAVOIA. The Port of SAVOIA continues to discharge all ships scheduled there normally.

LA SPEZIA. The Port of LA SPEZIA has been opened since the beginning of December but apart from schooners, no large ships have discharged there.

GENOVA. The Province of IMPERIA is in urgent need of facilities of a Port and for this reason the immediate reconstruction of the Port of GENOVA is suggested.

GENOVA	Total tons discharged	297,592.
LA SPEZIA	"	2,615
IMPERIA	"	Nil.

d) ROAD. - On 21st January "E.N.A.C." officially started taking over the Provincial Ufficio Trasporti. Upon completion of this handover the results of the audits and receipts of the Ufficio will be forwarded to A.C. MILAN.

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The Italian Government Truck Pool (A.S.A.L.) is now entirely without supervision by A.C. and during the month an inspector from the Italian Ministry of Transport paid a visit and decided to open two Sub-Pools, one at SAVONA and the other at LA SPEZIA. These two Sub-Pools will deal principally with port clearance and for this purpose only ten trucks have been allocated to each port.

The following are the figures for road haulage in the Provinces of Liguria for the month of January:

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SPAIN.	935,451 quintals
SAVONA.	147,817 "
LA SPEZIA.	118,482 "
IMPERIA.	78,782 "
Total for month -	<u>1,272,522 quintals</u>

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H. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the first two weeks of January the work of "C" Group was not heavy. The number of Refugees passing through steadily declining. For the latter half of the month however the number rose considerably; this was mainly owing to the large increase in Italian Nationals previously living in Belgium having obtained visas to return.

The largest single convoy of refugees left the Camp for Nice on Wednesday 31 January when thirty-five trucks carried 515 persons to Nice.

- a) The statistics for the month of arrivals and departures are as follows:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
1141	1050

b) Ex prisoners of War (Italian)

The following numbers passed through the Bordighera Camp during the month:

Military	558
Civilians	104



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