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13 June 1945.

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 13 June 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier General McKinley, Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, Colonel Parkin, Mr. McBride, Mr. Halford, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Barren, Major General Kislenko, Lieutenant de Roue, Mr. Brown.

1. Political Crisis

The Executive Commissioner presiding, informed the meeting that the Chief Commissioner regretted he would be unable to be present. The political crisis which had arisen with the resignation of Prime Minister Bonomi necessitated the Chief Commissioner's immediate attention. There have been meetings of the political parties and today the Lieutenant General of the Realm has called together the leaders with the hope that a new Government may be formed without delay.

2. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

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3. German POW's

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Although Venezia Giulia will be eventually set up as a separate region with Colonel Monfort as Regional Commissioner, at present his position is SCAO XIII Corps. Communications should be addressed to AMG XIII Corps.

5. Economic Barrier

Referring to para 5 of Minutes of 6 June 1945, General McKinley reported on his trip North. The list of items which AC now controls will be cut drastically

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in a few days to about ten. However, after we lift our restrictions, it is possible that the Italian Government will maintain control in an effort to effect an equitable nation-wide distribution at low cost.

6. Chief Commissioner's Representative in North Italy

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 6 June 1945, the Executive Commissioner stated that Colonel Fiske is now in office at Milan. The Lombardia Regional Commissioner has placed a number of cars at the disposal of officers of AC who go North on official business.

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Colonel Bonham-Carter reported that the compilation of the electoral lists can be started directly. The Italian decree number 201 has now been implemented for Military Government territory in the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 68 of 7th June. It is anticipated electoral lists will be ready by the middle of July. For example in the provinces of Toscana which are to be turned over on the 19th June, they did not implement Executive Order 29 until a few days ago, and are now starting to compile the lists.

The Executive Commissioner directed that a telegram be sent to the regions urging them to start with all haste the compilation of these lists. The Executive Commissioner would like to have the date of completion of electoral lists to be moved up to 1 July, which should be the target date. This is considered a matter of great urgency. When the forms are ready, Colonel Bonham-Carter was directed to contact Air Vice Marshal Brodie who offered the use of planes in getting the 30 tons of forms to the North.

8. Defascistization

With reference to para 13 of Minutes of 6 June 1945, Admiral Warren, Air Vice Marshal Brodie and General Browning stated that the defascistization was going along as rapidly as can be expected.

9. Political Resume

Mr. Halford gave a brief review on the general political situation. The crisis has now broken open. For sometime the running for Prime Minister seemed to be between Nenni and DeGasperi however Parri now appears as the compromise leader. It seemed that agreement had been reached that the President of the Council should be Christian Democrat and the Vice President of the Council, Socialist. However, the Socialists refused to agree, insisting on a Socialist for President of the Council, which resulted in the crisis.

10. Refugee Situation.

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11. Allied Publications Board

Mr. Brown stated that on Monday there was an Allied Publications Board meeting regarding the cessation of PWB in the North and at which proposals were drafted for use of APB press officers who will take over. PWB wants to get out 1 July, although this will depend on early approval of the proposal by AFHQ. Press Officers will represent the Allied Publications Board and will work with Regional Commissioners.

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12. Civilianization of Commission

The Executive Commissioner advised the War Office in London had released details on the civilianization of British officers of the Commission. Colonel Parkin is to follow this up.

13. Wage Increases

The Executive Commissioner stated that he had been informed that AMG 5th Army, through the Labor Officer, had authorized increase over and above the terms laid down by wages agreement of the Local Resources Board. General McKinley reported that he understood that a 50% increase had been allowed only for personnel employed by 5th Army and not by AMG. General McKinley is to check further on this.

CORRECTION: TO MINUTES OF 6 JUNE 1945

At the request of Brigadier Anderson, the Executive Commissioner directed that the following change be made in paragraph 12 of the Minutes of 6 June 1945: Line 4, delete the phrase "and are to come under AMG,".

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1. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

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With reference to paragraph 4 of Minutes of 29 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner asked if any further information had been obtained from the Italian Government. Brigadier Anderson stated that the matter was being handled between the various Ministries of the Government and the service sub-commission of the Commission. It appears that the Italian Government does not expect to use more than 16,000, with 10,000 to be used on mine clearance and 6,000 in the Sardinian coal mining, the latter figure being considered sufficient for the transport available. Brigadier Anderson further stated that some information has already been passed on to AFHQ. Admiral Stone therefore requested that a concise statement, tentative if necessary, be obtained from the Italian Government so that one inclusive report could be submitted to AFHQ. It was agreed that Brigadier Anderson would ask the Italian Government to submit an interim estimate of 16,000, with provision that perhaps an additional number will be necessary.

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4. Italian Industrial Advisory Board.

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 23 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that a telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff has been prepared at AFHQ upon the decision of SACMED to report the Commission's final recommendation for their approval before taking up the question of Italian Production Boards with the Italian Government. Nothing further is to be done pending receipt of reply from the Combined Chiefs.

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5. Economic Barrier

With reference to the second subpara of para 6 of Minutes of 23 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner reported that all restrictions against civilian travel up to the Piave were removed the 28th May. The Chief Commissioner further stated that on his recent trip North, in meetings with the Regional Commissioners and IV Corps, the necessity was stressed for working out a plan quickly to cover the movement of goods between the North and the South. This was a reasonable request because apparently G.O. 41 had not been adequately implemented by subsequent instructions as promised. Mr. Antolini and others are in the North to work this out.

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7. Confiscation of Fascist Property Decree

The Chief Commissioner reported that the Confiscation of Fascist Property decree had been forwarded to the Embassies for their comments.

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Mr. Halford gave a brief review on the general political situation. The running for Prime Minister at present seems to be between Nenni and De Gasperi. They both appear confident that they will be acceptable to the Allies. Bonomi is not yet out of the running, however. In his most recent move, Bonomi sent a letter to the other parties reminding them that he had kept his pledge not to precipitate a crisis while they on the other hand had accomplished little towards forming the new government. Accordingly, it was necessary now for him to be getting on with the work of the government.

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The Chief Commissioner expressed to Major Bergin his thanks and appreciation of the excellent Daily Rome Press Digest and the AC Weekly Bulletin that the Public Relations Branch is putting out. The Chief Commissioner went on to say that the PRC news bulletins have settled down to the kind of publication

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10. Refugee Situation

Brigadier Upjohn reported that the forward refugee headquarters had been established with Fifth Army. He also stated that a system of "walking camps" from Florence to Rome had been set up, located every ten miles along the route for those who cannot get motor transportation which it is hoped will be successful.

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11. Local elections.

The Chief Commissioner expressed concern over the delay in compiling electoral lists in AMG territory. This work must be pushed with all possible speed because the holding of local elections here is a very necessary measure as a safety valve to relieve the political tension. Brigadier Upjohn is to follow this up.

12. Coal Situation

The use of the 6,000 German POWs may ease the situation so far as the Sardinian mines are concerned, Brigadier Anderson stated. Mr. Hopkinson, political advisor, is looking into the Istrian mining problem. These mines are said to produce a million tons of coal a year, and are to come under AMG, although they are east of the so-called "Morgan Line."

13. Defascistization

The Chief Commissioner brought up the question of dealing with officers of the Republican Fascist Armed Services who remained free after the Armistice. He stated that it may be that insufficient vigor is being displayed by either the Italians or the Allied Armies of Occupation. It was stated that the members of the Italian Republican Army are being treated as prisoners of war, although the people in the North are anxious to try them before People's Courts. The Chief Commissioner expressed his concern over finding that high generals of the air force who went North with the Fascist Government were able to be at large. Air Vice Marshal Brodie stated that the officer whose case he had discussed previously with the Chief Commissioner was now in hand and that action was being taken. Rear Admiral Warren stated that as far as the Navy was concerned certain people were being sought but many are getting away by using some sort of a patriot's certificate, although how they get those certificates is not known. Admiral Warren went on to say that most of the Italian Fascist Navy personnel had been apprehended but many of the leaders had not yet been captured. Prisoner of war camps for Fascist servicemen were being set up at Milan.

The Chief Commissioner stated that it was the duty of the Allies under the Armistice to apprehend these people and that we would come under criticism if the Commission, as an enforcing agency of the Armistice, does not do everything possible in collaboration with the intelligence services to see that these people are apprehended. Bogus patriot certificates must be detected.

It is the Commission's responsibility to forward Fascist lists to the provost marshals and other military police authorities in the North to enable them to get on with picking up these people.

The Chief Commissioner requested the three service subcommission heads to get in touch with the ministries of the Italian Government on this matter, bringing to their attention our joint responsibility for this under the Armistice to which we as well as they are obligated.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

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23 May 1945.

29 MAY 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 23 May 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier General McKinley, Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, Lt. D'Avenas, Major General Kislenko, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Warren, Mr. Stewart Brown, Colonel Parkin, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Antolini.

1. Civilianization of Allied Commission

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner briefly reviewed the civilianization of AC and stated that applications of interested officers had been reviewed and approximately 37 had been found to possess qualifications acceptable to FWA. The American Embassy had been consulted with reference to interviewing possible applicants for State Department Foreign Service posts. The plan now being undertaken to civilianize American officers of the Commission has been sent forward to London with the recommendation that a similar arrangement be worked out for British officers. Mr. Antolini reported that of the 37 qualified applicants only six were available for interview in headquarters; the rest are in the field. The Chief Commissioner suggested that Mr. Lehman be sent at once to the field to complete the necessary interviews. The progress of the entire program has to be reported as soon as possible to Washington.

2. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

Referring to para 3 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the views of the CG 15th Army Group had been received on this matter; they were not favorable. 15th Army Group objected that by reason of extensive military installations throughout the North that turnover of additional areas to Italian Government should be delayed. The Chief Commissioner expressed the view that, since much of the present area in Italian Government territory was turned back while it still contained large military installations, SACMED would undoubtedly approve the early restoration of five or six additional provinces. Subject to SACMED's final approval, it is hoped that such an announcement would be made at an early date.

3. Visit of Italian Government Party to North

Referring to para 4 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the CLNAI Delegation which had been brought to Rome from Milan had returned, and that a representative group of the Italian Government consisting of the Prime Minister and eight Ministers of the Cabinet, plus two representatives each of the Action and Socialist Parties, had gone North. The Prime Minister has already returned and the remainder of the party is expected to return to Rome by Thursday, 24 May.

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4. German POWs.

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Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner briefly reviewed the civilianization of AC and stated that applications of interested officers had been reviewed and approximately 37 had been found to possess qualifications acceptable to FBA. The American Embassy had been consulted with reference to interviewing possible applicants for State Department Foreign Service posts. The plan now being undertaken to civilianize American officers of the Commission has been sent forward to London with the recommendation that a similar arrangement be worked out for British officers. Mr. Antolini reported that of the 37 qualified applicants only six were available for interview in headquarters; the rest are in the field. The Chief Commissioner suggested that Mr. Lehman be sent at once to the field to complete the necessary interviews. The progress of the entire program has to be reported as soon as possible to Washington.

2. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

Referring to para 3 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the views of the CC 15th Army Group had been received on this matter; they were not favorable. 15th Army Group objected that by reason of extensive military installations throughout the North that turnover of additional areas to Italian Government should be delayed. The Chief Commissioner expressed the view that, since much of the present area in Italian Government territory was turned back while it still contained large military installations, SACMED would undoubtedly approve the early restoration of five or six additional provinces. Subject to SACMED's final approval, it is hoped that such an announcement would be made at an early date.

3. Visit of Italian Government Party to North

Referring to para 4 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the CLNAI Delegation which had been brought to Rome from Milan had returned, and that a representative group of the Italian Government consisting of the Prime Minister and eight Ministers of the Cabinet, plus two representatives each of the Action and Socialist Parties, had gone North. The Prime Minister has already returned and the remainder of the party is expected to return to Rome by Thursday, 24 May.

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4. German PCWs.

Referring to para 6 of Minutes of 16 May 1945:

a. The Chief Commissioner stated that there had been some improvement in the situation particularly relative to the concentration of German PoWs in the Rimini area. It was further stated that the initial reports were too pessimistic; the original figure of 25,000 Italians to be evacuated was found to be nearer a thousand as a result of shifting the boundaries of the proposed concentration area.

b. The Allied proposal to make available to the Italian Government some 100,000 to 200,000 German PoWs was inadvertently released by the Italian authori-

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ties to the press and there had been some repercussions from the U.S. and British authorities relative to the responsibility for maintenance of these POWs. U.S. and British authorities would retain full control. The Italian Government is to report on what rehabilitation areas and numbers of POWs that can be usefully employed.

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8. Economic Position in North

Mr. Antolini gave a brief review of the economic conditions in the North that were observed on his recent trip. In general the economic picture was

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found to be good. Production was much higher than had been anticipated, in fact he estimated it to be 80% of normal capacity. The principal industrial damage was in the steel and certain other heavy industries used in connection with fascist war effort. The most serious situation in the North was lack of coal, and effort was being made to relieve this by substituting electric power wherever possible.

Mr. Antolini stated that in his opinion the economic barrier had been most successful. It had definitely offset the impact of the speculative interests which otherwise would have run rampant.

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6. German POWs

a. The Chief Commissioner reported that a plan was in existence and shortly to be implemented whereby large numbers of German POWs would be settled

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in the vicinity of Rimini thereby entailing the eviction of some 10,000 Italians. It was the Chief Commissioner's hope that this eviction and consequent damage to crops and dislocation of life could be avoided.

b. The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the Allied authorities were proposing to make available to the Italian Government between 100,000 and 200,000 German POWs to assist in rehabilitation. These Germans would continue to be prisoners of the U.S. and the U.K. Armies and would continue to be fed and be maintained by them. On work projects they would be guarded by the Italians who would also furnish materials, tools, etc., for their work.

No reply had as yet been received from the Italian Government to this proposal.

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13. P.R.O.

Mr. Stewart Browe informed the Chief Commissioner that he had secured permission for a party of Italian correspondents to go North, a move which had given great satisfaction to the Italian press.

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14. The Executive Commissioner gave an outline of progress and movements of the Regional Commissioners in the North.

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to deal with this pressing problem.

7. Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, informed the meeting that:

a. Courts are being established in the North for the punishment of Fascists;

b. The dispersal of Patriots was going well;

c. UNRRA wished to send a representative forward with Colonel Peters, Head of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. The Chief Commissioner said that he could see no objection to this.

8. Air Forces Sub-Commission

Air Vice Marshal Trolle suggested that it might be possible to use certain units of the Italian Air Force as transport planes to the Northern cities. The Chief Commissioner took note of the offer and directed that details for carrying both freight and passengers should be worked out between the Executive Commissioner and the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

9. Posts and Telegraph

The Executive Commissioner pointed out that in the North there was a central administration for posts and Telegraphs and he asked the Chief Commissioner if he saw any objection to continuing such a central administration. The Chief Commissioner replied that he saw none.

10. Movement to the North

The Chief Commissioner stated that the political situation must stabilize a little before he permits the movement north of Italian Government representatives, and that for the time being the movement of Italians should be confined strictly to certain technicians and functionaries.

11. Public Relations Branch

In reply to a question of the Executive Commissioner's, Mr. Stewart Brown said that at present Italian journalist were not allowed to go to the North but that he was trying to obtain permission for representatives of Italian agencies to go forward.

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12. Combined Industrial Board

The Executive Commissioner reported that he had attended a meeting at AFHQ where the setting up has been generally approved for a Combined Industrial Board which would be operative over all Italy.

13. Guarding of Frontier

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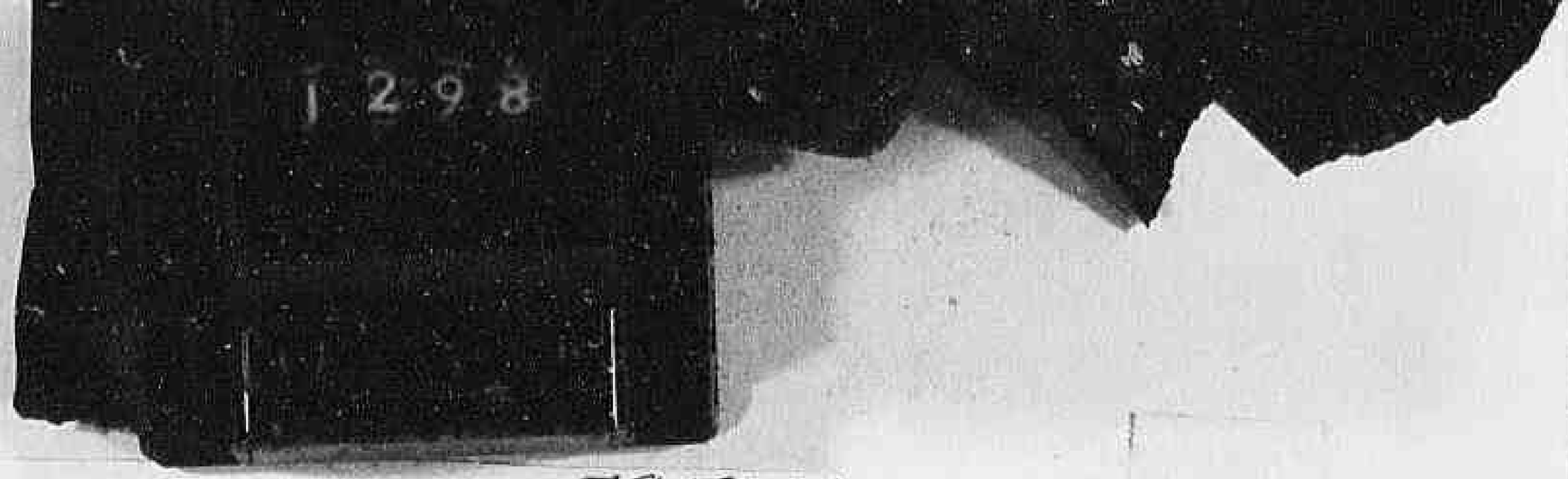

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The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a request from the Minister of Occupied Italy that he be permitted to make daily broadcasts to the North had been submitted to the Supreme Allied Commander. Field Marshal Alexander had ruled that the broadcasts might take place but that all members of the Government should speak as well as the Minister for Occupied Italy; further, that the series should be inaugurated by the Prime Minister. Owing to the military implication which such broadcasts might have, the Supreme Allied Commander had charged PWB and the Allied Commission jointly with the screening of the scripts.

This decision, Admiral Stone said, had been communicated to the Prime Minister and to the Minister for Occupied Italy.

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The Chief Commissioner said that as a result of a suggestion by the Combined Chiefs of Staff an order had been given by Field Marshal Alexander that Patriots working in the North were to wear a distinctive emblem, thereby complying with the Hague Convention.

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At the same time it had been recommended to the Italian Government that a statement be prepared demanding for Patriots treatment as Prisoners of War in the event of capture by the enemy.

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Referring to para 3 of the Minutes of 18 April, Air Vice Marshal Brodie confirmed that agreement had been reached at a MAF conference whereby the proposed reduction of machines in the Italian Air Force would be made less drastic. The new plan, the Air Vice Marshal said, was expected to prove entirely satisfactory to the Italian Government.

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6. Restaurants

Referring to para 5 of the Minutes of 13 April, the Chief Commissioner asked Colonel Fiske what action had been taken to issue an order prohibiting troops from entering civilian restaurants in the Northern cities on their liberation.

Colonel Fiske replied that a letter had gone from this Commission to AFHQ requesting that the attention of all troops be called to the orders already existing and which had been framed subsequent to the depletion of foodstuffs in Rome after the liberation of that city.

7. C.I.P. Decree

In reply to a question of the Chief Commissioner's in which he referred to para 6 of the Minutes of 18 April, Mr. Antolini confirmed that the new C.I.P. decree was published and in effect. He pointed out however that a supplementary letter was expected today from the Prime Minister. He explained that this letter might be regarded as a step in the implementation of the C.I.P. decree rather than a part of the decree itself.

8. Ministry of Occupied Italy

Referring to para 12 of the Minutes of 18 April, the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the Italian Government had officially disavowed responsibility for the distribution of the pamphlet and disassociated themselves from the views expressed therein. Admiral Stone stated that the question of its further distribution was being handled further.

9. UNRRA

Mr. Antolini, in reply to Admiral Stone, stated that UNRRA had received approximately 12,000 tons of food stuffs in this country. There was no record that they had received any medical supplies. Three ships were now en route for Italy.

10. Civilianization of AC Personnel

Referring to para 6 of the Minutes of 11 April, Admiral Stone asked Colonel Parkin what response had been received from American officers of the Commission to the circular informing them of the possibility of working as civilians for FEA or the State Department.

Colonel Parkin replied that out of a total of 560 officers, 200 had shown interest, and that steps were being taken to interview these individually. The Chief Commissioner urged Mr. Antolini to pursue this matter vigorously as Washington were anxious to proceed with "civilianization".

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b. The recent Separatist Congress in Palermo had also given rise to much press comment. Several papers, not only those of the Left but also independent organs, had been advocating suppression of the Separatist movement in Sicily if necessary by force.

c. Speculation and interest continued to focus on the San Francisco Conference.

12. Italian Relations with Yugoslavia

Referring to paragraph 7a of the minutes of the 18th of April, Mr. Halford told the Chief Commissioner that he had been informed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that feelers had been put out by the Italian Government by way of resuming relations with the Yugoslav Government, but that so far these had been ignored by Mr. Smodlaka.

The Italians, Mr. Halford said, had now issued instructions to their representative in Moscow that he was to attempt to resume friendly relations with his Yugoslav counterpart in Russia.

13. Change of Status of Italian PCWs in Italy

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a general formula of agreement had been reached by the interested Allied organizations whereby the status of Italian Prisoners of War now working in this country would be changed but their services remain available to the Allied Forces. A proposal based on this agreement had been forwarded to the Italian Government whose acceptance was expected.

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Brigadier Lush asked if the proposed road blocks would not put an embargo on the movement of commodities from North to South. Mr. Antolini replied that this was the case. When the Chief Commissioner pointed out that if the embargo was maintained for too long the desired deflation in the South would be retarded and there would be a considerable outcry in this part of the country, Mr. Antolini replied that the period of control was only envisaged as lasting for a fortnight or so.

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16. Italian Civil Aviation

Air Vice Marshal Brodie said that he would shortly submit to the Chief Commissioner an interim report on the subject of Italian civil aviation. He said that discussion of this subject with the Italian Air Ministry had

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hereto been prohibited by AFHQ. The Chief Commissioner requested from Mr. Antolini such memorial as he had available on this subject and said that he would shortly hold a meeting with Mr. Antolini and the Head of the Air Forces Subcommission. Admiral Stone pointed out that the Italian Government were already negotiating this problem with foreign governments and that the matter needed clarification in Rome.

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Mr. Stewart Brown gave a short report on the tour Northwards on which he had accompanied the Acting President.

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Colonel Fiske reported that the most recent reports on conditions in newly liberated towns in the Po Valley were encouraging; public utilities were but slightly damaged and the food situation was not immediately critical.

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Colonel Fiske stated that as the Commission was considerably over-strength in officers there would be only a few promotions possible from major to lieutenant colonel and none at all from captain to major.

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The Chief Commissioner noted that this letter had been referred for action to Civil Affairs Section and pointed out that it should properly be handled by the Executive Commissioner whom he directed to take up this point with the respective Army Commanders.

6. C.I.P.

Admiral Stone asked the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, if he could inform him of the present status of the new C.I.P. decree as both the

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American and British Embassies were expressing anxiety over its passage. Mr. Antolini stated that it was at present held up in the Ministry of Justice. Admiral Stone directed Brigadier Upjohn to put pressure on the Ministry so that the decree could be issued quickly.

7. Political Resume

Mr. Halford stated that the news of the death of the President of the United States had been received by the Italian Government and people with a sense of very deep and sincere loss, and that this news had overshadowed all others in the past week in Italy. Mr. Halford drew attention to two points which had emerged from the last meeting of the Council of Ministers.

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Mr. Halford commented on the offer which was reported to have been made by Argentina to give to Italy 100,000 tons of wheat.

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Mr. Dowling said that a similar offer made many months ago had been sidetracked by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, since at that time it had been considered undesirable to give publicity to an offer of assistance from a somewhat pro-Axis neutral, and C-in-C Mediterranean had been opposed to the presence of Argentine ships in the Mediterranean. These objections, Mr. Dowling considered, would no longer obtain.

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10. Employment of Italian Troops

In reply to a question of Colonel Kerr's the Admiral stated that a decision had been taken by Field Marshal Alexander at his last Political Con-

Florence that Italian troops would not be employed outside Italy, except in most exceptional cases and only when required by urgent military necessity. A directive to military formations implementing this decision would no doubt issue shortly.

11. Colonel Fiske reported:

a. That this Headquarters had been directed by AFHQ to produce a report stating progress in the implementation of FAM 467. A reply was now ready for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

b. That 5th Army were preparing to turn over Florence to AMG control.

c. Arrangements had been made for Mr. Antolini and other senior members of the Economic Section to hold meetings with representatives of 4th Corps and 15 Army Group late this week.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report - Pressed Olive Oil

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Lucania	4/4	8.438	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	56	56
Puglie	12/4	222.665	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	49	48
Campania	11/4	14.466	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	28	26
Campobasso	31/3	4.335	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	66	66
SOUTHERN	-	306.437	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	45	45
Lazio-Umbria	10/4	39.518	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	67	65
Abruzzi-Marche*	10/4	8.654	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	50	50
Toscana	7/4	58.129	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	53	50
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS	-	412.738	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	48	47
Sicilia	6/4	9.698	57,000	-	-	-	17	17
Sardegna	5/4	15.780	35,000	-	-	-	45	43
GRAND TOTAL		438.218	951,100	-	-	-	46	45

*Not including Campobasso
In addition 124 qls in Forli province, making a total of 438.340 qls in all Liberated Italy.

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	31/3	4.335	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	66	66	23	54
	-	306.437	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	45	45	42	79
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	7/4	58.129	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	53	50	8	47
	-	412.738	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	48	47	32	70
	6/4	9.698	57,000	-	-	-	17	17	41	70
	5/4	15.780	35,000	-	-	-	45	43	12	54
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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The next Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held Wednesday,

18 April 1945, at 1000 hours, in the office of the Chief Commissioner.

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11 April 1945

EXECUTIVE

16 Apr 1945

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 Hours, 11 April 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Welford, Brigadier General Hawkesley, Mr. Acts 1.1, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Tuvin, Major General Slobodko, Rear Admiral Torrey, Colonel Barnum, Major General Browning, Lt. Colonel Holdridge, Mr. Stewart Brown, Col. Fleck.

1. Non Italian Draft Decree

Referring to para 1 of minute of 28 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that he had received a new draft from which reference to 'Corporations' had been withdrawn and that he would submit it to the Chief Commissioner for his perusal.

2. Import Program

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 27 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that permission had been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the departure of the Italians and that they were leaving for Washington on Saturday, 14 April.

3. Carabinieri

Referring to para 3 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn confirmed that the appointment of General Taffe as Deputy Commander of the Carabinieri had not been effected.

4. Reduction of Italian Air Force

Referring to para 4 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, the Chief Commissioner reported that conversations were still going on with the object of securing modification of the orders reducing the Italian Air Force.

5. Trucking Charges

Referring to para 5 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that 25,000 lire had in fact been charged for the transportation of school books from Rome to Modesto and stated that while the charge was technically correct, steps would be taken to remedy the tariff scale.

6. Civilianization of AC Personnel

In order that a properly correlated reply could be sent to AFHQ [illegible] question on the program of civilianizing AC personnel, the Chief Commissioner directed that Colonel Fleck, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Pelzer should coordinate the answer.

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The Chief Commissioner also directed that an amendment should be issued to the circular whereby American officers were informed of the possibility of working as civilians for FEA or State Dept., as the original circular has not made it clear

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Walker, Brigadier General Hawley, Mr. Ante L.I. Brigadier Upjohn, Major General Mc. Sevin, Major General Middleton, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Parkin, Major General Browning, Lt. Colonel Talbridge, Mr. Stewart Brown, Col. Pinna.

1. The Italian Fruit Issue.

Referring to para 1 of Minutes of 26 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that he had received a new draft from which reference to 'Corporations' had been withdrawn and that he would submit it to the Chief Commissioner for his perusal.

2. Export Program.

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 26 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that permission had been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the departure of the Italians and that they were leaving for Washington on Saturday, 14 April.

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6. Civilianization of AC Personnel.

In order that a properly correlated reply could be sent to AFHQ 6303 question on the progress of civilianizing AC personnel, the Chief Commissioner directed that Colonel Fiske, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Parkin should coordinate the answer.

The Chief Commissioner also directed that an amendment should be issued to the circular whereby American officers were informed of the possibility of working as civilians for FBI or State Dept., as the original circular had not made it clear that salaries could be discussed.

7. Political Resume.

In a resume of recent political developments, Mr. Dowling made the following points:

a. The Council of Ministers had rescinded the discriminatory racial laws.

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b. Caraggs had been officially appointed Ambassador to Paris.

c. The press was occupied with speculation on the developments subsequent to the liberation of the North and insistence upon Italian representation (as observers) at the San Francisco conference.

d. The Communist party had held a meeting as a result of which the party's position was considerably clarified.

9. Institutional Question

The Chief Commissioner stated that questions had been raised by the Head of the Communist Party regarding the obligations undertaken by the present Government that they would carry out all the Armistice terms and that they would not reopen the institutional question until the North was liberated and the people of Italy had themselves decided the form of Government which they desired. He had been asked by one of the Ministers if the institutional question could be [illegible] as soon as liberation occurred. He replied that liberation was only one of two conditions which had to be met.

10. Reduction of Powers of the Italian General Staff

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a decree was now under consideration by the Council of Ministers to reduce the powers of the Italian General Staff (formerly Comando Supremo) to rendering of "service and consultation to the Prime Minister". This decree would have the effect of restricting the Italian General Staff to its pre-war functions and regularizing conditions which now in fact existed.

11. U.S. Army and Navy Liquidation Board

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of the arrival in Italy of the United States Army and Navy Liquidation Board. He stated that this Board proposed to make a very considerable sale of surplus property to the Italian Government who could then apportion it and sell it as they thought best. The effect of this sale would be healthily deflationary as the amount of equipment to dispose of was substantial and the profit which would be made by the Government would go far to offset its big Budgetary deficit--for the current year at any rate. The addition of these materials to the limited supplies now in the country would be deflationary in itself.

12. Anti-Inflation Committee

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the latest recommendations of the Anti-Inflation Committee had been forwarded to Sig. Bonomi. While the Allied Commission could no longer request that these measures be acted upon, yet the Prime Minister had been advised that aggressive action, along the lines of these recommendations, would be needed to cope with the present inflationary trend.

13. Navy Sub-Commission

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13. Colonel Fiske, A/Executive Commissioner, gave a report of meetings which the Regional Commissioners had held with Civil Affairs and Economic Sections, 15th Commander-in-Chief 15th Army Group, and with General Crittenberger, CG0 IV Corps. He informed the meeting that it had been decided to withdraw the olive oil 'tegas' from Southern Italy on the 15th of this month in view of the present operations and the possibly imminent liberation of the North.

Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - 1600 hours, Wednesday, 18 April 1945

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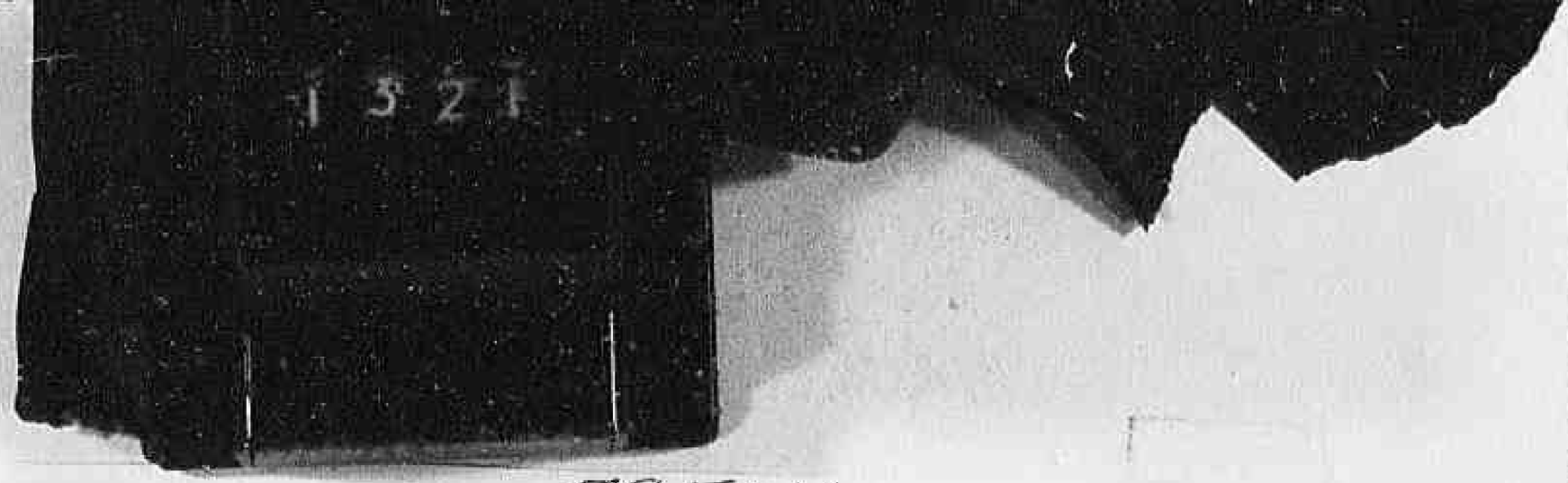

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Sicilia	9/4	9.677	57,000	-	-	-	17	16
Sardegna	31/3	15/634	35,000	-	-	-	43	41
GRAND TOTAL		430.617	951,100	-	-	-	45	44

*Not including Campobasso

* Due to a correction, the new figure is lower than that of last week.

In addition 324 qls in Forli province, making a total of 430.741 qls in all Liberated Italy.

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4 April 1945, at 1000 hours, in the office of the Chief Commissioner.

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28 March 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 March 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General Kislenko, Lieut. de Noue, Col. Parkin, Mr. Brown, Rear Admiral Warren, Lt. Col. Baldrige, Colonel Kerr, Colonel Fiske.

1. New Italian Draft Decree

Referring to Para 3 of Minutes of 19 March 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that he had been informed by Sig. Bonomi that Minister Pesenti had withdrawn from his draft decree all reference to "corporations". Written confirmation of this withdrawal had been asked for, but not yet received.

2. Import Program

Referring to para 6 of Minutes of 19 March 1945, the Chief Commissioner expressed his congratulations to the Economic Section for having completed the screening of "A" and "B" programs--the "A" Program having been dispatched to AFHQ and the "B" Program now being taken to Washington by Mr. Harlan Cleveland.

Mr. Antolini drew the attention of the Chief Commissioner to the fact that no permission had yet been obtained from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the Italians to accompany the Mission which was taking the import program to Washington.

3. Carabinieri

Reference para 9c of the Minutes of 19 March 1945, Brigadier Upjohn reported that as yet the Italian Government had still not appointed General Taddei as Deputy Commander of the CC.RR., and undertook to follow through on this point.

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5. Trucking Charges

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Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

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6. Political Resume

Mr. Hopkinson stated that beyond the appointment of a number of Ambassadors there was nothing new in the political field.

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7. Olive Oil

Mr. Antolini produced the latest olive oil amassing figures and the Chief Commissioner repeated his ruling (para 6c of the Minutes of 19 March 1945) that the olive oil "teams" were not to be withdrawn from Southern Italy so long as they were doing useful work.

8. Miscellaneous Points from Civil Affairs Section

Brigadier Upjohn reported:

a. That the proceeds of the Art Exhibition at the Palazzo Venezia had amounted to 1,600,000 lire and that this sum had been handed to the Italian Government as a contribution to the restoration of damaged monuments.

b. That the Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome had been closed on Monday, 26 March 1945, and that other Royal Yugoslav Missions in Italy were to be closed shortly.

9. Press Plan for Northern Italy

The Director of the Public Relations Branch informed the meeting that agreement had been reached by the Psychological Warfare Branch, the Allied Commission, and the Italian Government on the proposed press plan for Northern Italy and that this plan had now been submitted to AFHQ.

10. Deserters

Colonel Kerr reported that there still were complaints from the Italian Government against the alleged enticement of Italian soldiers by the Yugoslav Military (Partisan) Mission in Rome. The men were alleged to have been sent to Bari, but it had been impossible, Col. Kerr said, to apprehend any of those alleged deserters.

11. The A/Executive Commissioner stated:

a. That the withdrawal from the South was proceeding smoothly,

b. That Umbria-Marche Region had been established, and

c. That the GOC IV Corps had been requested to give permission for the moving forward of the Northern Regional teams.

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Next Vice Presidents Meeting - Wednesday, 4 April 1945, 1000 hours.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Russian Representative, ALCOM
Executive Officer, Economic Section
Staff Officer, Economic Section
G-5, AFHQ (5)
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Toscana	16/3	46,276	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	42	40
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS	-	378,641	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	44	41
Sicilia	22/3	9,219	57,000	-	-	-	16	15
Sardegna	15/3	12,095	35,000	-	-	-	34	21
GRAND TOTAL		399,955	951,100	-	-	-	42	39

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 124 Qtls in Forli' Province.

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Director

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	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of			Percent of Amassable, Amassed According to		1942-43 Season, Percent of Total Amassing Completed	
				Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Present Report	Report Last Week	on 31 Dec. 42	on Feb. 43
	23/3	49,134	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	34	28	31	65
	23/3	8,123	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	54	51	15	62
	22/3	217,784	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	48	46	50	86
	23/3	11,868	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	23	20	28	64
	23/3	4,244	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	65	53	23	54
	-	291,153	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	43	40	42	79
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24 March 1945

Subject: Vice Presidents' Meetings

To: All Concerned

1. This will cancel notification of 21 March to the effect that future Vice Presidents' Meetings would be held on Fridays.

2. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, 28 March 1945, at 1000 hours, and the meeting which was scheduled for Friday, 30 March, is hereby cancelled.

3. Until further notice, all future Vice Presidents' Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 1000 hours.

J. A. QUAYLE, Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to Chief Comm'r.

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VP, Establishment Section	:	Political Adviser (Br)
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Director, Air Forces S/C	:	
Chief, Naval Subcommission	:	
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21 March 1945

Subject: Vice Presidents' Meetings

To: All Concerned

Effective Friday, 30 March 1945, when the next Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, the regular day for these meetings will be Friday instead of Thursday. The time will be 1000 hours. Notification will be made to all concerned by this office in the event of any deviation from this schedule.

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19 March 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 19 March 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Erma.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Hopkinson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General ~~Klieperer~~, KISLENKO Commodore Circle, Colonel Fiske, Air Vice Marshal Foreau-Biscoe, Major General Browning, Brigadier Gunn.

1. Political Advisers.

The Chief Commissioner suggested that at future meetings a brief statement on the week's political developments might be given by the Political Advisers alternately.

2. Naval Subcommission.

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a new directive for the Naval Subcommission had been received which was altogether satisfactory.

3. New Italian Draft Decree.

The Chief Commissioner stated that the Council of Ministers had been and were still considering a proposed draft decree which had been submitted by Minister Gasperi. The decree, an anti-fascist measure, was aimed not only against individuals but also would strike at many large industrial plants the socialization of which might affect the Allied war effort. For this reason a copy of the decree has been forwarded to AFHQ with a request for guidance in the matter.

Mr. Hopkinson pointed out that not only might short term military interests be affected by this decree but also long term interests were concerned in that several foreign nations had considerable interest in many of these great industrial concerns---Edison, Viscose, Fiat, Pirelli, etc. These long term interests, it was agreed, were more for the consideration of the Embassies than for the Allied Commission.

4. Political Resume.

Mr. Hopkinson gave a short resume of recent political developments in Italy, drawing attention to the fact that none of the parties had tried to use the Roatta incident as a lever to overthrow the Government.

5. A Fresh Aspect of the New Deal.

Mr. Hopkinson said that he was submitting a draft memorandum for circulation to heads of Sections and Independent Subcommissions urging these to exercise their good offices in assisting diplomatic representatives of those United Nations' Governments who had not yet established direct relationships with the Italian Government in their dealings with the Italian authorities when they were unable to reach satisfactory arrangements with the Italian Government direct.

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6. Olive Oil.

a. Mr. Antolini gave the latest figures for the amassing of olive oil and estimated that 45,000 tons would eventually be collected, thereby ensuring a minimum oil ration in Italy.

b. Referring to para 6 of the minutes of meeting CC 131/9 of 22 February,

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Mr. Antolini reported that there was no truth in the allegation that unsuitable containers were being used and that this was merely a ruse on the part of the farmers to retain their own crop.

c. The Chief Commissioner gave a ruling that the olive oil "teams" were to be kept in Southern Italy as long as was necessary in spite of the general withdrawal from the South.

7. Prison Rations.

When the point was raised by Mr. Antolini, the Chief Commissioner gave a ruling that the ration scale in Rome prisons was not to be reduced at the present. The Executive Commissioner suggested that the proposal should be reviewed two months from now. This was agreed to.

8. Import Program.

Brigadier General McKinley spoke of the great difficulties in screening the "A" and "B" import program chiefly owing to the complexity of the work and the scarcity of skilled requisition officers. The General said that he well realized the need for speed on which the Chief Commissioner laid much emphasis, but refused to commit himself to a firm date when the import program would be ready prepared. The Chief Commissioner again stressed the need for completing this work at the earliest possible date.

9. Miscellaneous Points from Civil Affairs Section.

Brigadier Upjohn reported:

a. That H. E. FERRARI, was not to be removed from his post as "Chief of Police" but that his Deputy was being evicted from the force instead;

b. That General Brunetti had assumed command of the CC.RR. and that first impressions of him were good;

c. That the Italian Government were being dilatory in appointing General Taddei as Deputy Commander of the CC.RR. The Brigadier asked if the Chief Commissioner would speak to Signor Bonomi on this score and he undertook to submit a memorandum;

d. That the Minister of Justice had paid another unauthorized visit to the forward areas, as a result of which he, Brigadier Upjohn, suggested that Signor Tupini's resignation from the Government be requested. It was decided to discuss the matter further out of the meeting.

e. That there was a general improvement in the distribution of medical supplies;

f. That Lieut. Colonel White, returned from a tour in Tuscany, reported that good preparatory work had been done in epuration.

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The Executive Commissioner suggested that in order to speed up the epurative machine first priority should be given to collaborators since the Armistice.

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10. Personnel.

Colonel Fiske reported that the personnel of the Commission are now being withdrawn from Italian Government Territory and are being re-allocated to the military government regions. Twenty-five U.S. officers, chiefly from the 5th Army, are at present undergoing a two weeks course of instruction in Rome in matters of military government on completion of which they will be returned to their units and will be available later for military government duties.

11. Reduction of Italian Air Force.

Air Vice Marshal Tedder-Buscarlet reported that pending a final word on the subject from AFHQ, he was not implementing the MAAF decision to reduce the Italian Air Force. The Chief Commissioner undertook to raise the matter at CAC'ILL's Political Conference if it should prove necessary.

12. Report by HOC, Land Forces Subcommission (LFS).

General Browning gave a short report on various matters concerning the Italian Army. There had been a gratifying improvement in equipment, morale, and achievements. He hoped and expected that by the end of April the Italian Army would be up to its ceiling of 310,000, that five combat groups would be in the line, and that the Ministry for War and Army generally would be a properly organized, administered and going concern. The Garibaldi Division were now back in this country from Yugoslavia and numbered three or four thousand out of the original 17 or 18 thousand. First impressions of the Garibaldi Division were very good, and an attempt would be made to retain the remains of the Division as an entity. He also mentioned the matter of "cooperatore" being absorbed into the Italian Army and the proposed solution of this intricate problem which has been forwarded to AFHQ.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Friday, 30th March, 1000 hours

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, D.A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Executive Commissioner
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VP, Economic Section
VP, Establishment Section
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Naval Subcommission (C)
Land Forces Subcommission (BPLA)
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Executive Commissioner
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VP, Economic Section
VP, Establishment Section
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Political Adviser (B)
Naval Subcommission (S)
Land Forces Subcommission (LFS)
Air Forces Subcommission
Liaison Office (Executive Comm'r)
French Representative, ALCOM
Russian Representative, ALCOM
Executive Officer, Economic Section
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G-5, AFHQ (5)
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N O T I C E

The Vice Presidents' Meeting scheduled for Saturday, 17 March 1945, is hereby cancelled. Instead, it will be held Monday, 19 March 1945, at 1030 hours.

DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Commissioner
VP, Civil Affairs Section
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VP, Establishment Section
Political Advisers
Director, Land Forces S/C
Director, Air Forces S/C
Chief, Naval S/C
DCCAC, Colonel Benfort
Soviet Representative to Allied Commission
French Representative to Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner (Liaison)

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N O T I C E

The next Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held Saturday,

17 March 1945, at 1100 hours, in the office of the Chief Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:
Executive Commissioner
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VP, Economic Sec.
VP, Establishment Sec.
Political Advisers
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DCCAC, Colonel Monfort
Soviet Representative to AC
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Capt. The Earl of Renfurly (Liaison).

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VP, Civil Affairs Section

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22 February 1945

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MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 22 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Dunmore, Brig. General McKinley, Mr. Schott, Mr. Helford, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieutenant de Meue, Major General Kislenko, Rear Admiral Warren, Commodore Cirolli, Wing Commander de Bean, Major General Browning, Mr. Brown, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Lush.

1. SACMED's Political Conference

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of certain points which had arisen at SACMED's Political Conference on Tuesday, 20 February, including (a) the issuance of a new directive to the Air Forces Sub-Commission, and (b) SACMED's ruling that cipher facilities could not be granted to the Italian Government at present. Bag facilities, however, would be permitted.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Political Section to draft a letter to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign Secretary informing them of this decision.

2. The New Directive

The Chief Commissioner stated that on Saturday, February 24th, there would be a special meeting of the Advisory Council to discuss the terms of the new directive, following which the A/President accompanied by Admiral Stone would call on the Prime Minister and inform him of the new relationship. In the late afternoon Mr. Macmillan would hold a press conference and would give a fairly detailed explanation of the situation.

A time was arranged for the meeting with the Russian and French representatives on the Allied Commission when the Chief Commissioner would explain to them the terms of the new directive. (Saturday, February 24th, after the Advisory Council meeting--approximately 1200 hours.)

3. Bread Ration

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting that all of liberated Italy would be on a bread ration, or bread equivalent, of 300 grams effective March 1st. A short announcement had been jointly released by the Italian Government and the Commission.

4. Call-Up

The Chief Commissioner commented on the excellent progress of the Italian Army call-up in Sardinia. Admiral Stone, while conceding that this was almost entirely an Italian matter, urged that utmost publicity be given to this success.

5. Price of Bread

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 22 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

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6. Olive Oil

Colonel Densmore reported that 25,000 tons of olive oil have now been amassed, or 30% of the target.

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Lieutenant de Moss reported that he had received information that the farmers in the area of Rimini and Terni were not handing over their olive oil since they believe it would be ruined in the containers which were being used for the cmassing. Colonel Bandmore undertook to look into this.

7. Political Developments

Mr. Schott gave a resume of the week's political activities commenting that Italian disappointment at the result of the Crimea Conference had been partially offset by the invitation received by Italian labor leaders to attend the Labor Conference in London.

A newsprint shortage in Naples had been followed by a similar shortage in Rome.

Plans for local elections were progressing; the elections would probably be held during May.

8. Rehabilitation Program

When the Chief Commissioner asked when the big rehabilitation program would be ready for submission to Washington, Brigadier General McKinley replied that that depended in part on processing at AFHQ. Brigadier Lush urged that the program be submitted to Washington direct without processing at AFHQ, which he considered redundant. The Chief Commissioner stated that the presence of General McKinley in the Commission was expected to ensure minimum delay at AFHQ.

9. Epuration

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, reported that Sig. Pellegrini had been epurated (Pellegrini: high official in the Naples telephone system for whose retention AFHQ have in the past made strenuous efforts).

10. Requisitioning of Schools

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, reported that substantial progress had been made in the derequisitioning of school buildings in Rome although 21 elementary and 3 secondary schools were still occupied by the Italian Army. General Browning undertook to look into this and see if there was any way to effect a further reduction.

11. Russian and French Representatives

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the members to the fact that matters concerning either Russian or French interests should be discussed by sub-commission heads with the Russian or French representatives on the Commission -- that it was not sufficient to keep their respective Embassies advised.

12. Attacks on Serving Officers

W/Cmdr de Mesa reported two more attacks in the press on Italian serving officers, but the Executive Commissioner stated that the measures which had been taken should definitely bring these to an end.

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The Executive Commissioner protested strongly against the extravagant and irresponsible use of paper in Italy and contrasted the situation in this country with the U.K. where it was difficult to buy a newspaper. Brigadier Lush said that he considered the importation of newsprint into this country a waste of shipping space and recommended that the Italians be made to rely on their own production of newsprint or do without.

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Brigadier General McKinley stated that he was collecting accurate figures on this subject and would shortly put up a recommendation.

14. Planning for Austria

Colonel Fiske reported that a difference with AFHQ on the subject of officers allocated to Austria would be cleared with Brigadier General Gofford when he visited Rome.

The Executive Commissioner made the point that the number of specialists allocated should be proportionate to the gross number being taken from the American strength. The Chief Commissioner concurred.

15. Meeting of Regional Commissioners

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that it was proposed to hold a meeting of Regional Commissioners on March 8th. The agenda would be circulated later.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 1 March, 1000 hours

J. A. QUAILE
Major, R.A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
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VP, Establishment Section
Joint VP's, Political Section (2)
Naval Subcommission (3)
Land Forces Subcommission (FNIA)
Air Forces Subcommission
Liaison Office (Ex. Com'r)
French Representative, Alcom
Russian Representative, Alcom
Ex. Officer, Economic Section
Staff Officer, Economic Section
G-5, AFHQ (5)
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Land Forces Subcommission (PBIA)
Air Forces Subcommission
Liaison Office (Lt. Comm'r)
French Representative, Allcom
Russian Representative, Allcom
Lt. Officer, Economic Section
Staff Officer, Economic Section
G-5, AFHQ (5)
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The next Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held Thursday, 22 February 1945, at 1000 hours, in the office of the Chief Commissioner.

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15 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 15 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Duncore, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Rolford, Mr. Schott, Brigadier Upjohn, Captain de Vere, Major General Gielenko, V/Cdr du Mesn, Colonel Kerr, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Warren, Mr. Dreis, Brigadier Lush.

1. Bread Ration

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that as a result of good February shipments he was pressing for the implementation of the 300 gram bread ration north of the Garigliano as from March the 1st.

2. Call-Up

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the Chief of Staff and Land Forces sub-Commission (AFHQ) to the request of the Prime Minister that the call-up in Sicily should not be resumed until March 15th.

3. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner said that the status of the agreement between UNRRA and the Italian Government was still confused. Mr. Keeny believed apparently that the Italian Government had accepted the terms and had signaled Washington to this effect; the Italian Government on a high level, on the other hand, was not satisfied with all the terms of the agreement.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with Mr. Keeny and straighten out the matter.

4. Attacks on Serving Officers

The representatives of the service sub-commissions stated that there had been no further attacks recently in the press on serving Italian officers.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to speak to Colonel Astley with a view to tightening the military censorship to prevent attacks on serving Italian officers.

5. War Criminals

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention to the fact that the Yugoslav radio had announced a list of those names whom the Yugoslav Government considered as war criminals and demanded should be handed over for their trial. Amongst the names was that of General Gudeo Orlando. The Admiral stated that the Allied Commission would take no action in this matter unless requested officially by higher authority as a result of action by the War Crimes Commission sitting in London.

Meeting, 1000 hours, 15 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Lemmore, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Kelford, Mr. Bennett, Brigadier Upjohn, Captain de Maus, Major General Kislenko, W/Cdr de Haan, Colonel Kerr, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Perron, Mr. Brown, Brigadier Cain.

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6. Local Elections

Referring to item 12 of the minutes of the CP meeting held on the 14th inst. the Chief Commissioner said that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister requesting clarification of the forthcoming local elections.

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7. Radio-Telegraph Service to U.S. and U.K.

Referring to the resumption of radio-telegraph communications between Italy on the one hand and U.S. and U.K. on the other, the Chief Commissioner said that in view of failure to establish service, the Italian Government had now proposed to employ the regular radio facilities of Italcable and that the system should follow the same pattern as had been used in establishing communication with Moscow. The proposal had been forwarded to AFHQ.

8. Olive Oil Amassing

Colonel Densmore reported that 30% of the target of 80,000 tons had been amassed. The main difficulty being encountered was the lack of transport for the police force.

9. Artificial Rubber

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that he had heard authoritatively that there were large quantities of artificial rubber available in the States for shipment to Italy should it be possible to get any of the Italian tire factories into working order. The Admiral commented that he naturally realised that this could have no immediate effect on the great shortage of tires in the country but requested the Economic Section to follow through.

10. Activities of Sig. Secondari

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, referred to item 6 of the minutes of the VP meeting of 25th January and stated that he had spoken to Sig. Secondari and had forbidden him to continue making subversive speeches in AMG territory.

11. Education

Brigadier Upjohn informed the meeting that in the Commune of Naples all education functions had been handed over to the Italian authorities.

12. Planning for Austria

Colonel Fiske reported that 45 officers had been designated and would be immediately transferred from the Allied Commission to form a permanent planning staff for Austria. Additional officers had been ear-marked but would remain at their present duties until called for.

13. Italian Army Rations

Colonel Kerr stated that AFHQ had received a signal from the Combined Chiefs of Staff approving a daily increase in Italian Army rations of 3 oz. of flour and ½-oz. of olive oil. As to the latter, Colonel Kerr stated that it was likely to be only theoretical since, owing to acute transport difficulties, the Italian soldiers were not now in receipt of a full quota of olive oil already allotted to them.

14. Northwest Planning

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting of the progress which had been made in planning for the Northwest Provinces and made the following points:

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14. Northwest Planning

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting of the progress which had been made in planning for the Northwest Provinces and made the following points:

a. It would be six or seven weeks after the liberation of the port of Genoa before ships the size of a Liberty ship could enter the harbor, though smaller vessels could doubtless begin unloading somewhat earlier.

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b. As far as 15th Army Group was concerned, there was as yet no firm and approved operational plan and therefore planning for the establishment of Allied Military Government was delayed.

c. AFHQ, 5th Army, and 15th Army Group also, were taking the line that the Allied Commission was responsible for the moving of civilian supplies in the Army Area. This was an old bone of contention and the Chief of Staff stated that Colonel Comfort would be instructed to clear this disagreement on the lines that the moving of civilian supplies in Army area was not an A. C. responsibility.

d. Owing to the great scarcity of transport which we should find in the North, the authority to requisition vehicles by AFHQ was needed more urgently than ever.

e. The Chief of Staff was satisfied that we had a sufficiency of officers standing by ready to carry out the duties of military government immediately upon the liberation of the Northwest Provinces.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 25 February, 1000 hours

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1 February 1945

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 1 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome .

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Halford, Mr. Schott, Colonel Denmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Roue, Major General Susloparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush, Major General Kislenko, Colonel Robertson.

1. Bread Ration

Admiral Stone informed the meeting that though nothing new had been heard from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the question of increasing the bread ration, the February shipping program was stated to be sufficient to warrant an increase up to 300 grams for a period of 45 days, from February 15th to March 31st. The Admiral had recommended to AFHQ that this should be done.

The Admiral said that he understood that AFHQ were waiting for assurances from the Combined Chiefs of Staff that this tonnage could be maintained before authorising the increase.

2. Call-Up

Admiral Stone directed the attention of the meeting to an error in the minutes of the last conference. General Browning on that occasion did not say that Phase 3 of the call-up in Sicily would be resumed on February 15th. What he said was that he had proposed to the Italian Government that the call-up should be resumed on February 15th.

General Browning stated that as yet he had had no reply to this request, but that he understood unofficially that the call-up was likely to be postponed until the end of February. He did not object to this as considerable numbers of patriots were coming forward for enrollment in the Italian Army.

3. UNRRA

a. Colonel Denmore reported that the contract arrangements between UNRRA and the Italian Government were still in process of negotiation and that the sum of 50 million dollars had been earmarked by the Italian Government for reimbursement for supplies.

b. Admiral Stone stated that he did not consider that the Italian Government should be responsible for the payment of the salaries of UNRRA personnel in Italy and he directed Colonel Denmore to bring to him the contract between the Italians and UNRRA as it stood, no matter what stage of negotiation had been reached.

c. On a suggestion by the DCOS Civil Affairs Section, the Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with Mr. Keeny of UNRRA

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1. Bread Ration

Admiral Stone informed the meeting that though nothing new had been heard from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the question of increasing the bread ration, the February shipping program was stated to be sufficient to warrant an increase up to 500 grams for a period of 45 days, from February 15th to March 31st. The Admiral had recommended to AFHQ that this should be done.

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d. Colonel Densmore reported that UNRRA had received a signal 6303 that 5,000 tons of UNRRA stores had been called forward.

Admiral Stone said that if it could be confirmed that the stores were not only called forward but actually on their way to this theatre, then he was perfectly ready to advance 2,000 tons from AC stores to UNRRA as agreed.

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4. Attacks on Serving Officers

a. The Chief Commissioner reported that he had left an aide-memoire with the Prime Minister protesting against the frequent attacks in the press on serving officers.

b. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet confirmed that there was no sign of the proceedings against Colonel Pomerune ceasing, in spite of the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Italian Government requiring that it should be stopped.

c. The Chief Commissioner said he would pursue the matter.

5. Votes for Women

The Chief Commissioner recorded his pleasure and satisfaction that the Council of Ministers had decided to grant the vote to women, and that the decree was to become effective before the first elections were held. The Admiral stated that this act would, in his opinion, have a stabilising effect on Italian politics.

6. Requisitioning of Schools

Brigadier Upjohn pointed out that while Allied authorities had taken action to de-requisition school buildings, exactly the reverse was the case with the Italian authorities who were requisitioning more and more.

The Chief Commissioner directed the DCOS Civil Affairs Section to prepare for him a letter on this subject which he regarded as of high importance.

7. Non-Participation of Allied Forces in Italian Politics

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting to an order which the C-in-C had issued at the time of the Paris Conference last year which read as follows: "As a matter of general principle members of Allied Forces must refrain from any participation in Italian politics."

The Chief Commissioner directed the heads of Sections to impress this on officers and men serving under them in view of the interest which had been displayed in the Separatist movement in Sicily by members of Allied Forces -- not, however, members of the Commission -- and the interest which they might be tempted to take on the liberation of the northern provinces.

8. Price of Bread

Colonel Demaree reported that Minister Soleri had put up a plan to the Council of Ministers proposing a scheme for an increase in the price of bread. The Chief of Staff, while agreeing that this was primarily a matter for the Italian Government to decide themselves, stressed that careful coordination with the Allied Commission would be necessary since both AMG territory and territory about to be liberated would be affected.

The Chief Commissioner directed Colonel Demaree to examine the proposal carefully in consultation with his Food and Labor Sub-Commissions as well as the Finance Sub-Commission.

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9. Feeding of Civilian Employees

The Headquarters Commandant, Colonel Robertson, reported that means have been found to provide a meal for civilian employees of this Headquarters and that service would begin in a week's time. The price of the meal would be 10 lire.

10. Information and Reception Desk

Colonel Robertson informed the meeting that steps were being taken to improve the information and reception desks in the entrance hall of the Headquarters building.

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The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to publish an order instructing any Section or Sub-Commission which was holding a conference to furnish this information to the Information Desk so that outside visitors attending the conference could be directed to the room where the meeting was being held.

11. Motor Pool

The Headquarters Commandant maintained that the Motor Pool had been a success and in support of this stated that there had been a great reduction in payment of overtime to drivers as well as a saving in petrol of over 2,000 gallons a month.

12. Local Elections

The DCOS Civil Affairs Section drew the attention of the Chief Commissioner to the fact that although local elections were to be held in late spring it was not clear precisely what they were being held for. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to put up a letter to the Italian Government on this subject for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

13. Epuration

In reply to a question of Commodore Warren's, the Chief Commissioner confirmed that as a matter of general principle the Allied Commission left to the Italians their own task of epuration or retirement of officers, and that it was a process in which it was generally not our policy to interfere unless definitely counter to Allied military interests.

14. Planning for Northwest Italy

The Chief of Staff reported that several conferences had been held at Allied Commission Headquarters, at AFHQ, and at 15th Army Group to plan the establishment of Allied Military Government in Northwest Italy as soon as it should be liberated, and stated that satisfactory progress was being made.

15. Olive Oil Amassing

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting that he had received a report from Brigadier Dunlop to the effect that the amassing of olive oil was progressing as well as could be expected in Southern Region and that he was reasonably satisfied with the results to date.

16. Austria

The Chief of Staff informed the Chief Commissioner that the Allied Commission was now being asked to provide many more officers for Austria than had been previously requested, and he stated his dislike for interfering with the lists of personnel already allocated to the northern Provinces.

The Chief Commissioner stated that he wishes to discuss this matter with both the Chief of Staff and Colonel Fiske, and pointed out that some of the required numbers for Austria might be found by reducing the strength of this Headquarters--a reduction which would be consistent with the "New Deal for Italy."

17. Establishment of G-5 Section at Hq 15th Army Group

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The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that by arrangement with General Clark a small G-5 for 15th Army Group was being established of which Colonel Monfort would be the Head with the title of ASSTCHIEF Chief of Staff. Colonel Monfort would assume these duties in addition to his present functions as Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 8 February, 1000 hours

J. A. QUAILE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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ITALY AVERAGE RATE-OF-YIELD

31 January 1945

REGION	Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (q.)	Agriculture e/ estimate (12 Sept. 44) (q.)	Percent of p/r estimate collected at		Percent of total as in 1942-43 collected	
				latest report	report preceding	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942
Calabria	10/1	188,844	280,000	67	67	91	92
Lucania	23/1	774,171	950,000	81	80	93	94
Puglie	15/1	1,903,452	2,470,000	78	78	95	96
Campania	23/1	262,218	250,000	105	105	88	90
Campobasso	15/1	217,963	300,000	72	82	94	95
SOUTHERN		3,050,755	3,950,000	77	77	92	93
Sicilie	20/1	1,302,490	2,000,000	65	65	93	95
Sardegna	20/1	275,316	300,000	92	91	93	94
Lazio-Umbria	15/1	1,619,326	1,500,000	101	101	93	94
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	25/1	2,458,523	2,250,000	107	107	95	95
Toscana	20/1	1,683,811	1,500,000	113	111	93	94
GRAND TOTAL		(.) 10,443,090	11,600,000	90	90	93	94

(*) not including Campobasso
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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE
FOOD ALLOCATIONS SECRETARIAT

31 January 1945

Average date of report	Collected at latest report (qtls)	Agriculture s/c estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qtls)	Percent of Agr. s/c tonnage collected at latest report	Percent of Agr. s/c tonnage collected at report preceding latest	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Jan. 1943	
10/1	188,844	250,000	69	67	91	93	94	
20/1	774,171	950,000	81	80	93	94	94	
15/1	4,578,153	2,170,000	73	73	95	96	96	
25/1	262,218	250,000	105	105	88	90	91	
15/1	277,363	300,000	82	82	84	85	85	
	5,050,755	3,950,000	77	77	92	93	94	
20/1	1,305,490	2,000,000	65	65	93	95	96	
20/1	275,516	300,200	92	91	93	94	94	
15/1	1,612,365	1,600,000	101	101	93	94	95	
25/1	2,458,528	2,250,000	109	107	95	93	96	
20/1	1,688,811	1,500,000	113	111	93	94	95	
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25 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 25 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Halford, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Noue, Major General Susloparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Zirelli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush.

1. Bread Ration

The Chief Commissioner reported that AFHQ had received a signal from the Combined Chiefs of Staff authorizing SACMED to increase the bread ration up to 300 grams so long as he bore in mind the current shipping program; virtually, therefore, responsibility for any increase was passed to Field Marshal Alexander.

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6. Activities of Sig. Secondari

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Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present; Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Helford, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Noue, Major General Susloparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Zirelli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush.

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6. Activities of Sig. Secondari

Brigadier Upjohn reported that a certain Sig. Secondari, a member of the staff of the newspaper "Partigiani", had been making a series of speeches in Perugia advising "Patriots" not to enlist in the Italian Army, and that there was no proclamation under which he could be specifically prosecuted for so doing.

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The Chief Commissioner authorized Brigadier Upjohn to send for Secondari and order him not to make such speeches in AMG territory. If this individual persisted in so doing after this interview, he could then be prosecuted under present standing proclamations.

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7. Patriots

General Browning informed the meeting that there had been a large voluntary influx of Patriots for enrollment in the Italian Army. He believed that this was partly due to the opportunity which was now being given them to travel forward control union. Brigadier Upjohn suggested that a contributory reason was the better treatment they were now receiving after crossing the line.

8. UNRRA

DCCS Civil Affairs stated informed the meeting that UNRRA would assume final responsibility for the management of the Displaced Persons camps on April 1st.

In reply to a question of the Chief of Staff, Admiral Stone stated that if the functioning of UNRRA proved efficient he was in favor of their being allowed to operate in AMG territory.

The Chief Commissioner instructed Colonel Demmore to find out whether UNRRA had completed their contract arrangements with the Italian Government and if so to find out what agreement they had arrived at for the reimbursement for supplies.

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DCCS Civil Affairs Section reported that Pisa University had at last been derequisitioned and was again functioning as a university.

10. Protected Monuments

Brigadier Upjohn informed the meeting that A.F.H.Q. Memorandum #[illegible] which permitted the use of protected monuments as welfare centers for troops, was being amended as requested by the Commission.

11. Attacks on Serving Officers

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet reported that there had been several attacks in the press recently on serving officers in various branches of service, the latest of which was an attack on Admiral de Courten carried in Avanti of 25 January.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to prepare a coordinated report on these various attacks so that steps could be taken to put an end to them.

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The Chief of Staff made a report on a short tour of Toscana Region in which he made the following points:

a. The greatest handicap to the work of the AMG officers was their extreme shortage of transport and tires, due in part to the new AFHQ order on derequisitioning of Italian transport.

b. Steps were being taken to set up soup kitchens in Livorno where, owing to the fact that there were no local resources to supplement the basic ration, food was extremely short.

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c. Local opinion on the prospects of the olive oil pressing was not optimistic.

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d. There was considerable unemployment of miners in the Valdone Valley.

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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

WEEKLY WASTAGE REPORT - WHEAT

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REGION	Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (q.)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (q.s)	Percent of agric. S/C estimate collected at		Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on		
				latest report	report preceding	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
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Lucania	3/1	762,309	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
Puglie	5/	1,877,711	2,170,000	73	73	95	96	96
Campania	15/1	261,492	250,000	105	104	88	90	91
Campobasso	31/12	246,399	300,000	82	82	84	85	85
SOUTHERN		3,436,377	3,950,000	87	87	92	93	94
Sicilia	5/1	1,259,778	2,000,000	63	63	93	95	96
Sardegna	31/12	274,110	300,000	91	91	91	94	94
Lazio-Umbria	3/1	1,512,255	1,500,000	101	101	93	94	95
Abruzzi-Marche(*)	3/1	2,411,422	2,250,000	107	107	95	95	96
Toscana	3/1	1,565,670	1,500,000	111	110	95	94	95
GRAND TOTAL		10,340,294(#)	11,000,000	89	89	93	94	95

(*) Not including Campobasso (#) Including Forli province (40,893 q.s)

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EARLY ASSESSMENT REPORT - WHEAT

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			latest report	recent crossing	24 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
	100,665	290,000	87	87	91	93	94
	762,509	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
	1,577,711	2,170,000	73	73	95	96	96
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	3,035,377	3,950,000	77	77	92	93	94
	1,209,779	2,000,000	65	65	93	95	96
2	274,110	300,000	91	91	93	94	94
	1,612,235	1,600,000	101	101	93	94	95
	2,411,422	2,250,000	107	107	93	95	96
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Lt. Gen. Wesley C. Clark
Vice Admiral Leon A. Edney
Brigadier Gen. Richard Scholtes
Major General Carroll H. Dunn
Major General Charles Gelini
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Colonel Tate

Rear Admiral (L) Arthur Hezlet (retired)
Colonel Edward Kenmore
Colonel Kenton
Lt. Gen. Herbert Thundt
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Vice President's Meeting, 2:00 Hours, 14 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hoffman, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Pieke, General de Orvin, General Quelquejay, Commodore Hall, Air Vice Marshal Bouquet-Buscarlet, Colonel Demmers, Colonel Kerr.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that the commercial news agencies had begun to function beginning January 13th.

2. Press Matter.

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the recent declaration that the British and American governments were in agreement on an increased ration for liberated countries. He said that the so-called Committee had received no specific information to support this statement.

3. Patriots

DCC Civil Affairs Section reported that the political situation for Patriots was in hand, but the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that he had recently made proposals to AFHQ, which he hoped would result in better handling of the whole patriot question.

4. Feeding of Civilian Labour.

Colonel Demmers spoke on suggestions that rations should be drawn direct from Caprel for the purpose of feeding civilian employees, to which the Chief Commissioner agreed, provided that the AFHQ directive on the subject was not contravened.

Admiral Stone suggested that a better use could be made of excess food from military messes--and from AC messes in particular. He pointed out that the Navy ran good soup kitchens for civilians with material obtained from similar sources.

It was decided that Colonel Demmers and Colonel Pieke should together work out a scheme incorporating both of the foregoing suggestions.

5. Medical Supplies

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the intolerable inefficiency of ENDIMA, the Italian agency for distributing medical supplies. He said that if the Italian Government could not make this agency function efficiently the Allies would be forced to take it over.

Brigadier Upjohn undertook to prepare an aide-memoire which the Chief Commissioner could leave with Sig. Bonomi.

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...Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, General de Levin, General Dunlop, Commodore Hall, Air Vice Marshal Foreman-Boscawlet, Colonel Demeree, Colonel Carr.

1. News Agencies

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2. Press Notices.

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3. Patriots

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4. Feeding of Civilians

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6. Film Board

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that SACMED had directed the setting up of a temporary film board on which Allied representatives would sit and whose object would be to revive, if not completely restore, this industry. The setting up of this board was connected with the withdrawal of PWB from this sphere

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of activity.

7. Promotion

The Chief Commissioner took note of the satisfying break of the "promotion block" of American officers.

8. Call Up

Colonel Herr gave details of the forthcoming and current call-up. Admiral Stone commented that the Ministry of War had failed to give an adequate publicity campaign prior to the call-up and emphasized the great importance of instructing the Italian people so that they should know what they were fighting for. Without a strong and coordinated press campaign, the Chief Commissioner stated, there was bound to be more trouble.

9. The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of the arrival of Commodore Capt. Tarrao, R.N. to relieve Commodore Palmer, DCO, R.N.

10. Admiral Stone offered congratulations on behalf of the meeting to General Susloparov on the striking Russian advance.

11. UNRRA

Brigadier Upjohn raised the point of the practicability of the UNRRA agreement with the Italian Government to AMG territory. The Chief Commissioner said he would discuss the matter later.

12. Sicily

The meeting took note that the situation in Sicily appeared to be quiet and Commodore Ziroli stated that both cruisers requested by the Italian Government would be available on the 22nd of January; they would visit Palermo and Catania respectively.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 25 January, 1200 hours.

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Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

DISTRIBUTION:
Mr. Harold Macmillan
Admiral Stone
Brigadier Lush
Brigadier Upjohn
General de Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Schott

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 28 January, 1000 hours.

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Staff Officer to CC

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Mr. Harold Macmillan
Admiral Stone
Brigadier Lush
Brigadier Gibbon
General de Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Schott
Mr. Hopkinson
Colonel Fiske
Naval Subcommission (3)
Army Subcommission
Air Subcommission
Colonel Densmore
Colonel Monfort
Mr. Harlen Cleveland
Lt Col Brown (Liaison)
[illegible]. AFHQ (5)
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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Puglie	3/1	1,576,465	2,170,000	73	73	95	96
Campania	5/1	260,729	250,000	104	104	85	90
Campobasso	31/12	246,393	300,006	82	82	84	85
SOUTHERN		3,033,575	3,950,000	77	77	92	93
Sicilia	2/1	1,297,560	2,000,000	65	64	93	95
Sardegna	31/12	274,113	300,000	91	91	93	94
Lazio-Umbria	31/12	1,611,732	1,600,000	101	99	93	94
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	7/12	2,403,660	2,250,000	107	106	95	95
Toscana	1/1	1,655,830	1,500,000	110	109	93	94
GRAND TOTAL		10,319,408 (#)	11,600,000	89	89	93	94

(*) Not including Campobasso
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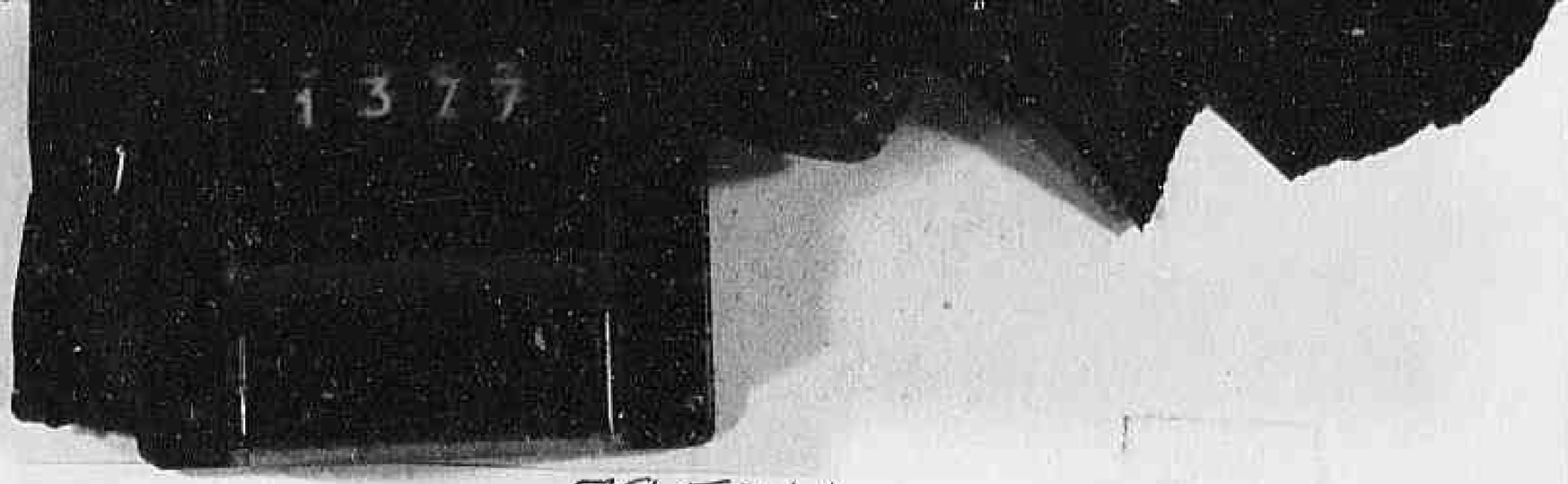

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31/12	245,399	300,000	82	82	84	85	86
	3,035,515	3,950,000	77	77	92	93	94
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31/12	274,118	300,000	91	91	93	94	94
31/12	1,611,732	1,800,000	101	99	93	94	95
7/12	2,405,650	2,250,000	107	106	95	95	96
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WEEKLY AMASSING REPORT - WHEAT

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Lucania	31/12	761,246	950,000	80	80	93	94	
Puglie	31/12	1,576,394	2,170,000	73	72	95	96	
Campania	30/12	259,918	250,000	104	103	88	90	
Campobasso	31/12	246,399	300,000	82	82	84	85	
SOUTHERN		3,031,350	3,950,000	77	76	92	93	
Sicilia	30/12	1,288,327	2,000,000	64	64	93	25	
Sardegna	22/12	272,518	300,000	91	91	93	94	
Umbria	15/12	1,585,686	1,600,000	99	99	93	94	
Abruzzi-Marche *	2/1	2,395,587	2,250,000	106	101	95	95	
Toscana	29/12	1,654,903	1,500,000	110	108	93	94	
GRAND TOTAL		10,249,069 #	11,600,000	89	87	93	94	

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...2	1,565,656	1,600,000	99	99	93	94	95
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4 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 4 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Densmore, General Browning, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, Commodore Miroli, Mr. Schott, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Field Marshal Alexander had given approval for Allied News agencies to operate in Rome commencing January 15th. He had also given approval for local Italian news agencies to sell news to the Rome newspapers. PWB, he stated, would continue to supply news to papers in AMG and forward regions. Radio Rome would not initially use the outside news service.

2. Bread Ration

The meeting was informed that Field Marshal Alexander had as yet received no firm reply from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the question of supplementing the 300 gram bread ration.

3. Food Situation in Rome

Colonel Densmore reported that the city held food stocks for 25 days--as against a short time ago when it had dropped to as low as two days' supply in reserve. Colonel Densmore undertook to furnish the Chief Commissioner with a report showing the daily tonnage of food importation into Rome.

4. Ministry of Occupied Italy

Brigadier Upjohn, DCOS Civil Affairs Section, reported that a new draft decree covering functions and responsibilities of the new Ministry for Occupied Italy had been received from the Italian Government. He stated that it involved many difficult questions which would almost certainly have to be referred to SACMED. The Chief Commissioner requested the CA Section's comments as soon as possible.

5. Clothing for Patriots

Brigadier Upjohn reported that a satisfactory quantity of clothing and mess tins for patriots in both 5th and 8th Army areas had been made available from different sources--chiefly from Land Forces Subcommission (M&IA).

6. Feeding of Civilian Employees

a. Colonel Fiske stated that the difficulties met in providing a meal for civilian employees of Allied Commission Headquarters had up to now proved insuperable, chiefly owing to the firm attitude of the U.S. Quartermaster, [illegible] in adhering strictly by the AFHQ memorandum on this subject.

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Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Densmore, General Browning, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, Commendatore Zirelli, Mr. Schott, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush.

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3. Food Situation in Rome

Colonel Densmore reported that the city held food stocks for 25 days—as against a short time ago when it had dropped to as low as two days' supply in reserve. Colonel Densmore undertook to furnish the Chief Commissioner with a report showing the daily tonnage of food importation into Rome.

4. Ministry of Occupied Italy

Brigadier Upjohn, DCOS Civil Affairs Section, reported that a new draft decree covering functions and responsibilities of the new Ministry for Occupied Italy had been received from the Italian Government. He stated that it involved many difficult questions which would almost certainly have to be referred to SACMED. The Chief Commissioner requested the CA Section's comments as soon as possible.

5. Clothing for Patriots

Brigadier Upjohn reported that a satisfactory quantity of clothing and mess tins for patriots in both 5th and 8th Army areas had been made available from different sources--chiefly from Land Forces Subcommission (NAIA).

6. Feeding of Civilian Employees

a. Colonel Fiske stated that the difficulties met in providing a meal for civilian employees of Allied Commission Headquarters had up to now proved insuperable, chiefly owing to the firm attitude of the U.S. Quartermaster, [redacted] in abiding strictly by the AFHQ memorandum on this subject.

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b. Colonel Densmore reported that he had good hopes that CRALOG, a church charity organization, would be willing to give help and thus make possible the feeding of these employees.

c. The Chief Commissioner stated that this was a disgrace to Allied administration, and directed that a memorandum should be sent to AFHQ pointing out the absurdity of an Allied military body, desiring to feed their Italian civilian employees, having recourse to the assistance of an Italian charitable body.

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7. Medical Supplies

The Chief Commissioner directed the attention of the DCOS, Civil Affairs Section to the fact that the most elementary medical supplies such as aspirin and cotton wool were unprocureable in the chemists' shops and that little was even reaching the clinics. Brigadier Upjohn confirmed that the stores were in fact being brought into the country by the Allies and the fault lay, as the Chief Commissioner suspected, with the weakness of distribution on the part of the Italian Government. He undertook to go into the matter energetically.

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The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Field Marshal Alexander would take the salute at a parade of Carabinieri to be held in Rome at 1030 hours, Saturday, 6 January. This was a matter to which, for security reasons, no advance publicity was to be given.

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AFC 394
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Weekly Processing Report Sheet

5 January 1

REGION	Average date of report	Collected at latest report (ql.)	Agriculture S/C estimate (15 Sept. 1944) (ql.)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 30 Nov. 1942	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on 31
Calabria	1/12	167,025	250,000	67	67	91	93	
Lucania	2/12	750,250	950,000	80	80	93	94	
Puglie	21/12	1,577,394	2,170,000	73	73	95	96	
Campania	19/12	353,651	350,000	101	103	88	90	
Campobasso	23/12	845,250	900,000	82	82	84	8	
SOUTHERN		3,693,460	4,650,000	75	76	92	93	
Sicilia	20/12	1,285,115	2,000,000	64	64	93	95	
Sardegna	22/12	272,518	300,000	91	90	93	95	
Lazio-Umbria	5/12	1,385,685	1,400,000	99	99	93	94	
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	20/12	2,270,505	2,250,000	101	100	95	95	
Toscana	15/12	1,516,561	1,400,000	109	107	93	94	
GRAND TOTAL		10,094,434	11,800,000	87	87	93	94	

(*) Not including Campobasso

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 350
Agriculture Sub-Committee
Weekly Harvesting Report Wheat

3 January 1945

Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (qls.)	Agriculture s/c estimate (Sept. 1944) (qls.)	Percent of Agric. s/c estimate collected at: latest report	preceding week	Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on: 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
1/12	187,025	280,000	67	61	51	93	94
25/11	720,252	750,000	80	80	92	94	94
21/12	1,571,394	2,170,000	72	72	93	96	96
19/12	258,511	250,000	103	103	88	90	91
23/12	245,250	300,000	82	82	84	85	85
	2,982,160	3,950,000	76	76	92	95	96
28/12	1,285,115	2,000,000	64	64	95	95	96
28/12	272,218	300,000	91	90	93	90	91
13/12	1,589,085	1,600,000	99	99	93	94	95
20/12	2,270,205	2,250,000	101	100	95	95	96
15/12	1,514,561	1,500,000	101	107	93	94	95
	10,096,436*	11,600,000	87	87	93	94	95

[illegible] Correspondence

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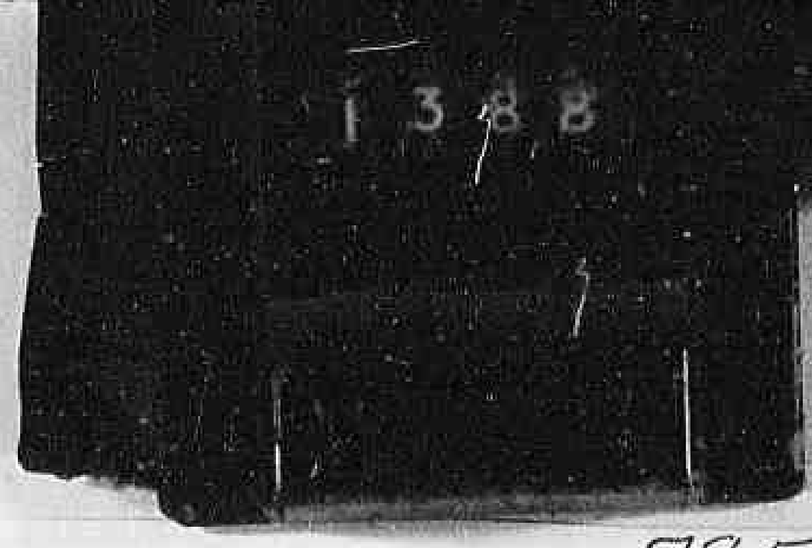

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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report Wheat.

3 Jan

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at		Percent of to in 1942-43	
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Lucania	23/12	760.262	950,000	80	80	93	
Puglie	21/12	1.573.994	2,170,000	72	72	95	
Campania	19/12	258.631	250,000	103	103	88	
Campobasso	23/12	245.250	300,000	82	82	84	
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Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 4820/COS.

3 Jan 45.

I am directed by the Chief of Staff to forward you copy of the attached paper on the amassing of olive oil which will be the subject of discussion at the Chief Commissioner's Vice Presidents' Meeting on 4 Jan 45.

P. Russell

PA to Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 4820/13/008. 3rd January 1944.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. The Italian Government, in the person of the Minister of Agriculture and Forests, has addressed a letter to you stating that it is feared that the amassing of olive oil will be a complete failure unless further action is taken by the Italian Government with the help of the Allied authorities, which is considered indispensable, to arrange for more vigorous police control.

2. The Italian Government propose to form a group of inspectors to exercise a stimulant on the provincial authorities and they have asked that the Commission should put at the disposal of the Italian Government 100 Allied officers, 100 N.C.O.'s, 40 cars and 40 lorries, with the necessary fuel and oil, for a period of 4 months ending 30th April.

3. The Italian Government conclude their letter by describing further measures which they intend to take such as propaganda, appeals to the political parties, direction to the Prefects, speeding up of judicial procedure, financial measures and extra police.

4. This letter was discussed at your Chief of Staff's meeting this morning. The Economic Section are naturally most anxious that we should give every assistance possible and made a very good case for overcoming political, administrative and establishment objections in order to save shipping. The amount required in order to provide an adequate olive oil ration for the whole of Italy is 69,000 tons, which is divided into 18,000 tons for Italian Government territory, 27,000 tons for presently occupied territory, and 24,000 tons for Kesselring's Italy. Unless this can be provided, either the population will go without oil, producing a disease and unrest problem, or extra shipping will have to be provided to bring fats and oils in substitution. Colonel Demmore would not commit himself to say that the provision of these officers would effect 100 per cent success but he thought that it would go far to prevent a complete failure which the Italian Government predict.

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5. The consensus of the rest of your Vice Presidents was against such assistance being provided. It was pointed out that it would be contrary to the policy of the Allied Nations which is to remove Allied officers from Italian Government territory and place full responsibility on the Italian Government, and that it would be ridiculous to remove 100 officers with one hand and implant 100 officers with the other. It was argued that unless

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Allied officers could employ force the value of their presence would be much discounted and in fact their bluff would be called. Officers also felt that unless a very large measure of success was absolutely ensured it would be unwise for the Allied Commission to be involved. For the odium of failure would then undoubtedly rest upon the Commission. It was pointed out that the presence of special Allied amassing officers in Sicily, which is also involved in the olive oil amassing, has not achieved full success.

6. This is a very difficult problem. On the one hand we have the absolute necessity of producing the oil if it is humanly possible to do so. Not merely for the Italian Government but in order to feed the Italians who will be under our administrative control for many months. The Italian Government has asked for help. We want the oil. Your economic advisers think that this proposal will produce at any rate a part of the amount required. There are precedents, as Mr. Hopkinson pointed out, for Allied help in this matter, not only in this country but in Persia, an independent state, and Syria. We have an example of the efficacy of organised Allied control in Foggia and Matera where the wheat amassing has been surprisingly good.

7. Are we to place the economic necessity of getting every litre of oil into our hands against the very grave difficulty of violating the accepted policy of the Allied Nations?

8. If the Economic Section and the Italian Government can convince you that the provision of a number of Allied officers, with vehicles (I will put the figure at nearer 50 than 100), will materially increase the olive oil to be amassed, and if they can submit a reasonable proposal for the organisation of this amassing assistance, then I think we should be wise to give favourable consideration to the proposal.

9. You may wish to discuss this matter with the Acting President and at your Vice Presidents' meeting tomorrow and if you agree I will circulate copies of this memorandum to Vice Presidents.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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28 December 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1130 hours, 28 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Densmore, General Susloparov, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, Major General Browning, Captain Butler, Mr. Schott, Sqdr. Leader de Hahn, Brigadier Lush.

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The Chief Commissioner said there was no change in the situation over the appointment of an Italian Ambassador to the United States, which was still not made.

4. Food Imports

The Chief Commissioner hoped that, as a result of the current discussions in Washington, the situation would be ameliorated.

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8. Food Situation

Colonel Densmore reported that the harvesting result was [illegible] on the last report. He was satisfied with the influx of food into Rome.

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9. Local Elections

DCOS, CA Section raised the question of local elections and was anxious to know what steps had been taken during his absence. He was informed that a circular letter had been sent to all Regional Commissioners asking for their views on when the elections could and should be held. The Chief Commissioner stressed the importance of holding these elections as soon as possible and said he hoped that women's franchise might be granted before the elections took place.

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DCOS, CA Section reported that Field Marshal Alexander would be asked to sign blank forms, in which Regional Commissioners could insert the names of towns if a rapid advance took place. The Chief Commissioner said he particularly wished to see this request before it was sent to G-5.

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17. Reduction in Enlisted Personnel Strength

Colonel Fiske reported that enlisted men of this Headquarters were going through an examination with a view to making them available for the front, and

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that approximately 50% of the present enlisted strength would be affected. The Chief Commissioner directed that strong protest should be made in the case of such men as had special qualifications in the way of language, etc., particularly in forward or AMG Regions.

18. Sicily

The Chief of Staff stated that Brigadier Carr had reported that the High Commissioner had reduced the Sicilian ration to 200 grams by the elimination of the paste ration.

19. Distressed Areas

DCOS, CA Section reported that quantities of Mr. Myron Taylor's relief supplies had been distributed and that conditions generally were getting better. He also said that he had good hopes of the new Housing Decree. He further reported that the Prime Minister's Committee for Distressed Areas had dissolved, which was a good thing, and that Prince Doria was forming another committee which looked likely to be more energetic and efficient.

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Weekly Amassing Report Wheat

29 December

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report processing week.	Percent in 1942 31 Oct. 1942
Calabria	15/12	186,934	280,000	67	66	81
Lucania	15/12	259,268	350,000	90	80	73
Puglie	15/12	1,512,638	2,170,000	70	72	75
Campania	17/12	257,157	250,000	103	103	88
Campobasso	15/12	214,856	300,000	82	82	84
SOUTHERN		3,023,183	3,950,000	76	77	92
Sicilia	13/12	1,276,779	2,000,000	64	63	73
Sardegna	12/12	270,443	300,000	90	89	92
Lazio-Umbria	10/12	1,485,070	1,600,000	99	98	93
Abruzzi-Marche*	13/12	2,256,768	2,250,000	100	*	95
Toscana	12/12	1,605,365	1,500,000	107	107	95
GRAND TOTAL		**10,658,501	11,600,000	87	86	93

* Not including Campobasso
** Including Forli' Province (40,893 qls)

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15/12	186,954	280,000	67	66	91	93	94
13/12	159,568	536,000	30	30	85	94	94
13/12	1,[illegible],698	2,170,000	72	72	95	96	96
17/12	257,[illegible]87	250,000	103	103	80	90	91
15/12	214,856	300,000	82	82	84	85	85
	3,029,193	3,9[illegible]0,000	76	78	92	93	94
13/12	1,276,779	2,000,000	64	64	93	95	96
13/12	570,443	600,000	95	89	95	94	94
10/12	1,[illegible]95,050	1,600,000	99	98	93	94	95
13/12	2,256,788	2,250,000	100	[illegible]	95	95	96
12/12	1,605,365	1,500,000	107	107	93	94	94
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*Including Foggia Province (1,0[illegible],899 qls)

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Puglie	15/12	1.573.638	2,170,000	72	72	95	9
Campania	17/12	257.757	250,000	103	103	88	9
Campobasso	15/12	244.866	300,000	82	82	84	8
SOUTHERN		3.023.183	3,950,000	76	76	92	9
Sicilia	13/12	1.276.779	2,000,000	64	63	93	9
Sardegna	13/12	270.443	300,000	90	89	93	9
Lazio-Umbria	10/12	1.585.070	1,600,000	99	98	93	9
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	13/12	2.256.768	2,250,000	100	99	95	9
Toscana	12/12	1.605.365	1,500,000	107	107	93	9
GRAND TOTAL		‡10.058.501	11,600,000	87	86	93	9

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Campobasso

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				latest report	report preceding week	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942
Calabria	5/12	186.435	280,000	66	66	91	93
Lucania	7/12	758.755	950,000	80	80	93	94
Puglie	5/12	1.570.355	2,170,000	72	72	95	96
Campania	5/12	254.890	250,000	102	101	88	90
Campobasso	7/12	243.680	300,000	81	81	84	85
SOUTHERN		3.014.115	3,950,000	76	76	92	93
Sicilia	3/12	1.265.724	2,000,000	63	63	93	95
Sardegna	27/11	266.047	300,000	89	88	93	94
Lazio-Umbria	27/11	1.554.739	1,600,000	97	97	93	94
Abruzzi-Marche (x)	5/12	2.209.745	2,250,000	98	97	95	95
Toscana	5/12	1.548.579	1,500,000	103	103	93	94
GRAND TOTAL		9.858.944	11,600,000	85	85	93	94

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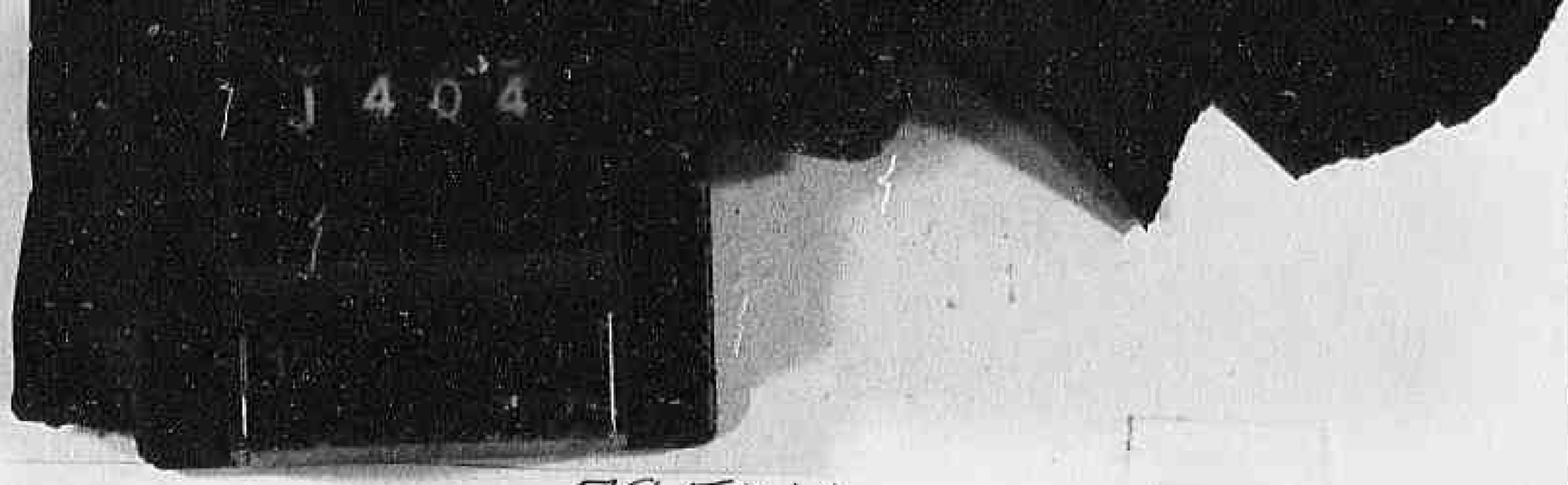

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Campobasso

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21 December 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Commodore Ziroli, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Noakes.

1. Outside News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner said that it was improbable that outside news-agencies would be able to operate by January 15 as SACMED wished to give more consideration to the matter.

2. Food in Jails

The Chief Commissioner expressed his reluctance to lower the bread ration in jails without further careful consideration. C.C.S. and Brigadier Parkinson would discuss further.

3. Political

Count Sforza had decided not to accept the invitation to become Italian Ambassador to the U.S.

4. Wheat

The Chief Commissioner read to the meeting SACMED's signal to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, which was expected to be brought personally to the notice of the President and Prime Minister. The gist of the cable was to press for the 300 gram bread ration and a firm shipping program with which to implement it.

5. Communications

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that dispute still continued on the question of the resumption of radio and cable communications between this country and the U.S. and U.K. He hoped that a recent concession on the part of the Italian Government might solve the deadlock.

6. Sicily

Brigadier Parkinson stated that the disorders in Catania had been caused by the call-up, and particularly by the shortness of notice before it was put into effect. The Chief Commissioner directed that the Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.A.I.A.) give ample notice in the forth-coming Sardinian call-up, and also keep this H.Q. informed of the proposed date of calls-up in future.

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When the C.C.S. reported that Brig. Dunlop was making a gradual withdrawal of personnel from Sicily, the Chief Commissioner directed that as far as possible the withdrawal should take place on an even-nationality basis.

8. Clothing for Patriots

Brig. Parkinson reported that the American Red Cross would allot clothing for 2,500 patriots. The Chief of Staff reported that Colonel Hern (G-5) was also raising the patriot clothing question at the C.A.C.'s conference.

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9. Transportation in Rome

When the C.C.S. reported that the Rome transport workers were going to take a week's holiday at Christmas thereby possibly endangering the city's food stocks, the Chief Commissioner directed that a letter be prepared for his signature to the Prime Minister should the situation seem to warrant it. (Colonel Densmore).

10. Hardships for Civilian Population

The C.C.S. stated that civilians in the regions of Tuscany and Abruzzi would undoubtedly experience hardship there during the winter through lack of housing, owing to large number of troops going into winter quarters. The Chief Commissioner suggested that the Chief Administrative Officer AFHQ should instruct the District Commander to issue an order to troops that they should refrain from buying civilian food.

11. Motor Pool.

Colonel Fiske reported that Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization was already making use of the motor pool, and would be making heavy demands on it in January.

12. Requisitioning of Vehicles

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Admiral Stone
Brigadier Lush
Brigadier Upjohn
Brigadier Parkinson
General de Sevin
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Next Vice Presidents' meeting - Thursday, 26 December, 1000 hours.

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Staff Officer to CG

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Admiral Stone
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Brigadier Upjohn
Brigadier Parkinson
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Sir Noel Charles
General Spofford
AVM Bowen-Buscarlet
Commodore Ziroli
Colonel Noakes (Army Subcom)
Captain Butler (Naval Subcom)
Colonel Densmore
Colonel Monfort
Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Colonel Mitchell, G-5 AFHQ
Lt Col Brown

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Puglie	12/12	1.572.729	2,170,000	72	72	95	96	96
Campania	13/12	257.226	250,000	103	102	88	90	91
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SOUTHERN		3.020.634	3,950,000	76	76	92	93	94
Sicilia	12/12	1.271.027	2,000,000	63	62	93	95	95
Sardegna	5/12	268.658	300,000	89	89	93	94	94
Lazio-Umbria	5/12	1.574.254	1,600,000	98	97	93	94	95
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	7/12	2.219.503	2,250,000	99	97	95	95	96
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14 December 1944

MINUTES

Vice-Presidents' Meeting, 1600 Hours, 14 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Captain Butler, USN (for Naval Subcommission), Colonel Noakes (for Army Subcommission).

1. Outside News Agencies in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that this question would be taken up at the next AFHQ Political Committee meeting and that there seemed to be no objection to the use of uncensored news sources by the Italian press.

2. UNRRA

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3. National Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy

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Brigadier Parkinson said that he had discussed the matter with Colonel Amon. The Chief Commissioner said that he would like to see any recommendations on this matter before they went out, and before the ration in the Rome prisons was cut it should be given very serious consideration.

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The Chief Commissioner said that regarding the political situation little could be added to what had already appeared in the newspapers. He felt that Bonomi had done well and that the distribution between parties had been fair. The appointment of Ministers to the Ministries directly engaged in the war had been satisfactory to the Commission and no pressure had been brought to bear on any other appointments.

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The Chief Commissioner read a letter which he had sent to the Supreme Allied Commander regarding the food ration for Italy. Brigadier Lush reported on a meeting which General Clark had held at AFHQ to consider this letter. The Brigadier said that A.C. now has a good deal of support for the conclusions drawn by the letter, but the meeting had decided that it would not be wise to send the proposed telegram to the Combined Chiefs of

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Antolini, General Dualoparev, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Captain Butler, USN (for Naval Subcommission), Colonel Hoakes (for Army Subcommission).

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this theater. The Brigadier said that he was hoping to get a draft of this cable from AFHQ today. Brigadier Lush said that the eight additional ships per month necessary to carry out the 300 gram ration in Italy would be asked for, as they could not be allocated from shipping already available to this theater. The Chief Commissioner said that the Italian Government would not be told of any impending decrease in the bread ration at this time.

7. Italian Prisoners of War

Mr. Benett said that a request had been received to make a documentary film of the treatment and living conditions of Italian Prisoners of War, steps involved in their repatriation, processing at reception camps and return to Italy. The Chief Commissioner said that he saw no advantage in making a photographical record of certain violations of the Geneva Convention.

8. Hemp Situation

Brigadier Lush said that great difficulty was being experienced in organizing the hemp industry into an efficient working unit chiefly owing to difficulties with the Rome Consorzio. It was decided that Mr. Antolini should go into the matter with the Chief of Staff.

9. Administration of Properties of Historical Value

Brigadier Parkinson said that the administrative memorandum put out by AFHQ on this subject had been changed by the AFHQ Army Educational Authorities and it may now convey a wrong impression as to availability of these properties for use. The Chief Commissioner said that this memorandum should be contested.

10. Repatriation of Italians from Eritrea

The meeting was informed that Brigadier McCarthy was in Rome to see if the repatriation could be arranged of considerable numbers of Italians from Eritrea.

11. Planning for Northwest Italy

Brigadier Lush said that AAI was prepared to open the port of Genoa as a military commitment and not to leave it to civilian responsibility as was earlier proposed. They were also prepared to open up some of the railway lines.

12. Italian Undersecretary of State for War

The Chief Commissioner requested that the Land Forces Subcommission inform him when they heard who was proposed as the new Military Undersecretary of State for War.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 21 December, 1000 hours.

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Mr. Harold Macmillan
Admiral Stone
Brigadier Lush
Mr. Antolini
Brigadier Upjohn
Brigadier Parkinson
General de Gavin
Commodore Virolí
Colonel [illegible]

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Mr. Hopkinson
Colonel Fiske
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
General Spofford
AVM Bowen-Buscarlet
Commodore Viroli
Colonel Noakes (Army Subcom.)
Captain Butler (Naval Subcom.)
Colonel Densmore
Colonel Monfort
Mr. Harlan Cleveland
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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at: latest report	preceding week	Percent of to in 1942-43 c 31 Oct. 1942	3
Calabria	5/12	186,400	280,000	66	56	1	
Lucania	7/12	758,750	950,000	80	61	75	
Puglie	5/12	1,370,325	2,470,000	72	72	95	
Campania	5/12	254,000	250,000	102	101	89	
Cam.oleese	7/12	243,680	300,000	81	71	84	
SOUTHEAST		2,814,155	3,550,000	79	77	92	
Sicilia	3/12	1,265,734	2,000,000	63	63	93	
Sardegna	27/11	262,347	300,000	87	78	93	
Lazio-Umbria	27/11	1,554,139	1,600,000	97	97	95	
Abruzzi-Marches	5/12	2,208,743	2,250,000	98	97	95	
Toscana	5/12	1,548,579	1,500,000	102	103	90	
GRAND TOTAL		9,353,344	12,600,000	95	85	93	

* Not including Cam.oleese

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/12	186,425	280,000	66	66	1	56	94
/12	258,159	350,000	80	81	22	94	94
/12	1,570,355	2,170,000	72	72	93	96	96
/12	254,690	250,000	102	101	88	90	91
/12	243,690	300,000	81	81	84	85	84
	2,514,125	3,350,000	75	75	92	93	94
/12	1,265,724	2,000,000	63	63	93	95	96
/41	266,943	300,000	89	88	93	94	94
11	1,554,339	1,600,000	97	97	93	94	95
12	2,209,740	2,250,000	98	97	95	95	96
12	1,348,379	1,500,000	90	90	93	94	95
	9,859,944	11,600,000	85	85	93	94	95

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these ministries mentioned

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You are requested to attend a meeting in the Chief Commissioner's Office at 1030 hours, Monday, December 11th, to discuss the food situation in the Italian theatre of war.

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Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 7 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Air Vice Marshal Bowen Buscombe, Commodore Ezrola, Brigadier Dunn, Sir Walter Monckton, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Scholte, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, General de Gaulle, Colonel Tickle, Colonel Spencer, Colonel Kern.

1. Mr. Braine

Brigadier Dunn stated that although the British Government had not yet released Mr. Braine for assignment to the Allied Commission as Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, it was fully expected.

2. Outside News Agencies in Italy

In explaining the present situation on the release of news in Italy, the Chief Commissioner said that all news, except that which emanated from TASS, came into Italy through the PWB. The Commission has as in the case in Italy, found it impossible to receive news from private sources to be censored and uncensored by PWB, but it was expected that on January 15, 1945, outside agencies will be permitted to bring news into Italy. This is subject to approval from AFHQ.

3. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner said that, on condition of repayment, he had agreed to loan UNRRA two thousand tons of supplies (one month in advance of the arrival of their own), when they could produce an assurance that supplies and shipping had been allocated to them for use in this theater.

4. Political Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization had not received their quota for distribution of some 1000 tons of relief supplies, clothing, special medical supplies, etc. Allied Commission has arranged for transport to the devastated areas. The Chief Commissioner said it is hoped it would be the forerunner of a great deal of supplies from outside sources which the Army could not furnish.

5. Political Situation

a. The Chief Commissioner said that the political situation was very thoroughly reported in the papers and that the only thing he could add was that S/G. Togliatti had informed the Commission that he could not form a government, that the six parties of the CLN were debating whether or not they might call in Signor de Gasperi (Christian

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Present: Commander Ellery W. Stone, Air Vice Marshal Lord Douglas, Commodore Lloyd, Mr. Acheson, Mr. Winant, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Caffery, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Hickerson, Mr. Bohlen, General Deane, General Strong, General Hilldring, General Fairchild, General Lutes, General Wedemeyer, Admiral Leahy, Admiral Cooke, Admiral Duncan, Admiral Conolly, Admiral Hall, Admiral Richardson, Admiral Cooke.

1. M. Erkine

Brigadier Lush stated that although the Russian Government had not yet released M. Erskine for appointment to the Allied Commission as Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, it was fully expected.

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4. Technical Committee for the Amelioration of Relief in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization had now received from America for distribution some 7500 tons of relief supplies; clothing, medical supplies, etc. Allied Commission had arranged the transport to the devastated areas. The Chief Commissioner said that he hoped it would be the forerunner of a great deal of supplies from outside sources which the Army could not furnish.

5. Political Situation

a. The Chief Commissioner said that the political situation was very thoroughly reported in the papers and that the only thing he could add was that in Sir. Norman Information the Luogotenente Blasi had said that if a government, then the six parties of the CLN were debating whether or not they might fall in behind de Gasperi (Christian Democrat).

b. The Chief Commissioner said that since direct diplomatic relations had now been established with the Italian Government, the only concern which the Allied Commission and in the opinion of our own government was in those ministries directly engaged in the war (War, Navy and Air Forces) and to other ports which affected the war effort (Undersecretary of State for Communications, Director General of Railroads). These five ports were the only ones at this time

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Commission, on behalf of the Supreme Allied Commander, would take a position.

6. Force Situation in Italy

Brigadier Parkinson drew attention to the fact that in the last month food for prisoners' ration had been cut by 50% in other parts of Italy to ration of 900 grams. As a result of certain prisoners being removed elsewhere from the Regina Coeli jail trouble had broken out due to the cuts of the ration. It was getting worse. Disturbances and deaths of Italian persons had already been effected. Commodore Stone requested that Brigadier Dunn and Brigadier Parkinson should give him a recommendation on the matter with a view to deciding whether a 900 gram ration was in fact necessary.

Brig. Dunn
Brig. Parkinson

7. Special Carabinieri

Brigadier Parkinson said that a special mobile striking force of Carabinieri, 600 strong, had been formed in Sicily. He also reported that four percent of the intake into the Italy Army was to be diverted into the Carabinieri.

8. Patriots

To a question from Colonel Spicer that he should be established an Undersecretary of State to deal with Patriots, the Chief Commissioner replied that this was likely to be done if Sig. Bonomi formed a Government. Brigadier Dunn suggested that the proposed new Ministry should not concern itself with problems in A.V.G. territory.

9. Diplomatic Relations

Brigadier Dunn read a cable from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to SACMED which stated that the American and British Ambassadors were to handle only political questions of specific interest to their respective governments. Economic and Administrative matters were to be handled by Allied Commission. The Chief of Staff pointed out that this signal left undefined the handling of such political questions as might be of common interest to both governments.

10. Grain Situation

a. The Chief Commissioner said that he was not ready to accept the decision of the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander to ship no more grain to Sicily, as he believed that action to be unrealistic. The Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Archibald to explore this question with Sig. Alliata.

b. Mr. Archibald said that AFHQ had asked for the requirements in tonnage to implement the three months' ration for Italy and Sardinia.

11. Status of PW & WD Subcommission

Colonel Pinto said it had been decided to recommend that the Italian Prisoners of War Subcommission be transferred to Land Forces Subcommission. The transfer of the War Material Disposal half of the

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8. Patriots

In a suggestion from Colonel Sykes that there should be established an Undersecretary of State to deal with patriots, the Chief Commissioner replied that this was likely to be done if Sig. Bonomi formed a government. Sykes then said that the proposed new Ministry should not consider itself with problems in AMG territory.

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10. Psych Section

a. The Chief Commissioner said that he was not ready to accept the decision of the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander to send Psych Warfare to Sicily, as he believed the situation to be unrealistic. The Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Antolini to explore this question with Sig. Ambrosio.

b. Mr. Antolini said that AFHQ had asked for the requirements in tonnage to implement the three months preparation for Italy and Sardinia.

11. Status of PW & MG subcommission

Colonel Fisher said it had been decided to recommend that the Italian Prisoners of War Subcommission be transferred to Land Forces Subcommission. The transfer of the War Material Disposal Unit of the Subcommission was still under consideration. The Chief Commissioner said that he was opposed to attaching War Material Disposal to the Economic Section, and that it should remain an independent subcommission.

12. Headquarters Car Pool

Colonel Fisher said that the headquarters car pool was expected to be in full operation by the 15th of this month and perhaps by the

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Mr. Harold Macmillan	Mr. Alexander Kirk
Chancellor Stans	Sir Noel Charles
Brigadier Lyon	General Spofford
Mr. Arneman	Amb Bowen-Barcroft
Brigadier Ejdom	Commodore Zanelli
Brigadier Parkinson	Colonel Kerr
General de Beva	Colonel Demmore
General Burlyarov	Colonel Monfort
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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding month	Percent of [illegible] in 1943-44 [illegible] 31 Oct. 1942
Calabria	23/11	185,399	280,000	66	52	91
Lucania	30/11	157,467	250,000	60	75	93
Puglie	-/11	1,569,845	2,170,000	72	71	95
Campania	30/11	250,716	250,000	101	94	88
Campobasso	30/11	245,345	300,000	81	77	84
SOUTHERN		2,408,772	3,350,000	76	76	92
Sicilia	2/12	1,261,763	2,000,000	63	58	93
Sardegna	2/11	253,82[illegible]	300,000	84	82	95
Lazio-Umbria	2/11	1,551,650	1,500,000	98	94	92
Abruzzi-Marche*	2/11	1,125,89[illegible]	2,250,000	57	71	95
Toscana	2/11	1,[illegible]2,102	1,900,000	105	90	93
GRAND TOTAL		7,[illegible]45,772	11,300,000	85	7[illegible]	9[illegible]

* Not including Campobasso

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	23/11	185,399	280,000	65	6	91	93	94
	30/11	751,467	950,000	80	78	93	94	94
	7/11	1,56[illegible],345	2,[illegible]70,000	72	71	95	[illegible]	96
	30/11	255,716	250,000	101	98	88	89	91
	30/11	243,345	300,000	81	72	81	85	85
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	23/11	253,[illegible]	300,000	84	82	93	94	[illegible]
	23/11	1,551,650	1,[illegible],000	97	94	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
	2/11	[illegible],499	2,[illegible],000	87	77	93	[illegible]	96
	2/11	1,[illegible],100	1,500,000	102	99	89	94	95
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SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (1 Sept.1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent collected in 1942-43 by 30 Sept 1942
Calabria	15/11	183,990	280,000	66	65	87
Lucania	15/11	754,306	950,000	79	79	85
Puglie	16/11	1,565,251	2,170,000	72	72	94
Campania	15/11	246,422	250,000	98	96	84
Campobasso	15/11	240,821	300,000	80	78	79
SOUTHERN		2,990,790	3,950,000	76	75	88
Sicilia	15/11	1,252,671	2,000,000	63	62	88
Sardegna	5/11	256,750	300,000	85	85	86
Lazio-Umbrie	10/11	1,537,884	1,600,000	96	95	91
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	18/11	2,165,438	2,250,000	96	87	94
Toscana	11/11	1,488,637	1,500,000	99	97	92
GRAND TOTAL		9,692,170	11,500,000	83	81	90

*) Not including Campobasso

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MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 0930 hours, 23 November 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Monfort, Colonel Fiske.

1. Changes - Italian Government

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16. Visit of General Spofford

Brigadier Lush said that General Spofford would be in Rome on the 24th and that he would want to discuss the question of communication channels. The Chief Commissioner said he would like the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with the CA Section, Economic Section, Political Section and the Deputy Chief of Staff to submit a preliminary plan which he could discuss with General Spofford. The Chief Commissioner also said that he thought they might want to consult Colonel Henderson, not from the technical standpoint, but because the Communications Subcommission had recently been confronted with the need for direct communication with the U.S. State Department and Federal Communications Commission on resumption of international services.

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Weekly Wheat Threshing Report

21 November 1944

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total e in 1942-43 collect 30 Sept. 1942	31 O 1942
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Puglie	15/11	1,565,251	2,170,000	72	72	94	95
Campania	15/11	245,422	250,000	98	96	81	98
Campobasso	15/11	240,821	300,000	80	79	79	34
SOUTHERN		2,990,790	3,950,000	76	75	88	92
Sicilie	15/11	1,252,671	2,000,000	69	62	88	95
Sardegna	5/11	256,755	300,000	85	85	86	93
Lazio-Umbria	13/11	1,337,034	1,600,000	96	95	91	69
Abruzzi-Marche*	18/11	2,165,428	2,250,000	96	87	94	95
Toscana	11/11	1,488,327	1,500,000	99	97	92	93
GRAND TOTAL		9,492,470	11,600,000	82	81	90	93

* Not including Campobasso

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24 November 1944

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The Chief Commissioner opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Macmillan as Acting President and read a message from Mr. Macmillan to all members of the Commission.

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Mr. Antolini — Mr. Antolini undertook to have a rough estimate ready by Monday evening for Mr. Macmillan to take with him to London and a more detailed plan for General Spofford to take to Washington later in the week.

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5. Interview with Lieutenant General

Mr. Hopkinson said that the storm created by this interview had calmed down and there was nothing new to report.

6. Head of the Labor Sub-Commission

Mr. Hopkinson said that he had spoken to Sir Noel Charles who was quite willing to make Mr. Braine available to the Allied Commission, provided that he would still be available as advisor on labor matters for the British Embassy. Mr. Braine, however, was of the opinion that before a decision could be taken the matter should be cleared with London. The Chief Commissioner said that he under-
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12. Pantelleria

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13. Army Personnel - Italian Government Territory

The Chief Commissioner said he was circulating a memorandum to Vice Presidents of the Economic and Administrative Sections and the Chief of Staff on the functions which the Allied Commission might dispense with in King's Italy and what withdrawal of Army personnel we should make. The only recommendation from the Italian Government for suspension of supervision in King's Italy was in the educational field. The Italian Government also requested that we do not withdraw our personnel from Sicily for the time being. On the Mainland, they suggested January 1st as a tentative date for withdrawing personnel south of Salerno.

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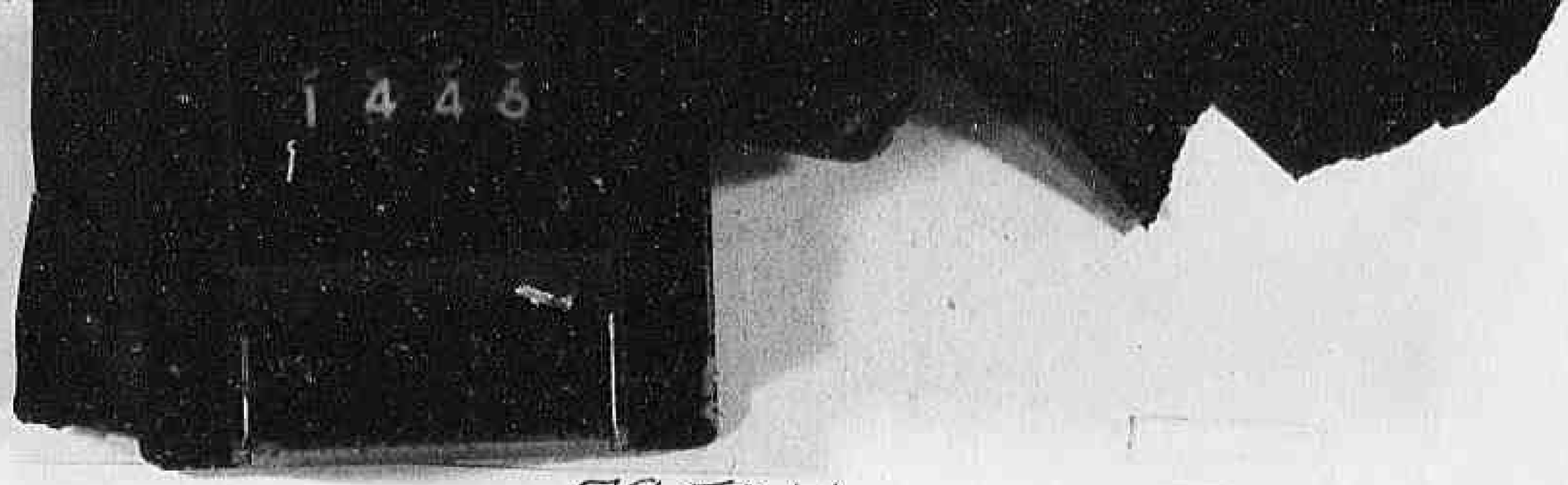

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	6/11	1,242,539	2,000,000	62	62	89	92
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SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

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Puglie	4/11	1,559,040	2,170,000	72	71	94
Campania	7/11	240,888	250,000	96	95	84
Campobasso	7/11	233,976	300,000	78	76	79
SOUTHERN		2,965,068	3,950,000	75	75	88
Sicilia	6/11	1,242,589	2,000,000	62	62	88
Sardegna	28/10	253,981	300,000	85	84	86
Lazio-Umbria	31/10	1,522,177	1,600,000	95	94	91
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A/CC 321-6 9 November 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1600 hours, 9 November 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort.

1. Finance and Economic Mission to U.S.

The A/Chief Commissioner said that the Italian Economic and Financial Mission, accompanied by Lt. Comdr. Lawler of this Headquarters, had arrived in New York on 7 November for their meeting with representatives of the United States Government.

2. Wage Scale

Reference wage scale for civilians employed by the armed forces, the A/Chief Commissioner said that General Clark, AFHQ, had accepted the recommendations made for an increase.

3. General O'Dwyer

The A/Chief Commissioner said that he had received word that General O'Dwyer was not returning. His successor had not yet been nominated.

4. UNRRA

a. A further meeting had been held with UNRRA on the question of advancing stores to them. The matter was being taken up with AFHQ.

b. An agreement has been reached between Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and UNRRA. A letter has been sent to AFHQ referring to them points outside the scope of this Commission.

5. Dollar Credits

Further word had been received from the State Department and had been passed on to the Italian Government regarding dollar credits to be placed at the disposition of the Italian Government for imported supplies for Italy. Present information is somewhat more exact than any hitherto received. The A/Chief Commissioner read aloud the communication from the State Department.

6. Interview with Lieutenant General

Mr. Hopkinson stated that the outstanding political development of the week was the storm created by the report of the interview given by the Lieutenant General of the Realm to Mr. Matthews of the "New York Times".

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7. Italian Representative to London

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Count Carandini, the Italian Ambassador, has now informed the Political Section that he wants to leave for London on the 20th of November and has submitted a list of his staff.

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8. Head of the Labor Sub-Commission

As the result of a question of Mr. Antolini's as to what action had been taken to replace Colonel Bain, Mr. Hopkinson undertook to speak to Sir Noel Charles and recommend to him that Mr. Braine should duplicate the position of Head of the Labor Sub-Commission as well as Labor Adviser to the British High Commissioner.

9. Food Distribution Plan

Mr. Antolini informed the Chief Commissioner that the plan for food distribution would be ready for review by November 12.

10. Anti-French Literature

General de Sevin brought up the question of the sale in Italy of anti-French books and literature. The A/Chief Commissioner stated that he had already sent a letter to Maj. Monod on that subject.

11. Public Health, Naples Area

a. Brigadier Upjohn reported that 359 cases of smallpox had broken out in the province and city of Naples. It was not a serious epidemic, nor was it a serious type of smallpox. The matter was well in hand.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said that a watchful eye should be kept on the typhus situation in Naples, ready for the first indications of an outbreak of this disease. If this should be the responsibility of the Italian authorities, then AC should be prepared to bring pressure on them to act quickly in case of an emergency.

12. Patriots

Brigadier Upjohn reported that the Italian National Patriots Committee were proposing to issue a further set of certificates. They felt that those issued by General Alexander were, in many cases, wrongly distributed. Brigadier Upjohn said he had referred the matter to General Alexander through Colonel Monfort before recommending any action.

13. Italian Troops from Greece

Colonel Fiske reported that the first shipload was expected in about one week. They number around five thousand.

14. Civilianizing of AC Personnel

On the question of demilitarization of AC, Commodore Stone said that an interim report had been sent to AFHQ and that a letter was in draft form setting out the full situation and recommendations to AFHQ. The A/Chief Commissioner had recommended against anything but a gradual infiltration before the ceasing of hostilities.

15. Siena Conference

It was decided to hold the Siena Conference on Friday, November 17, unless the condition of roads prohibited it, in which case the meeting would be held at Perugia.

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Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

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Campania	31/10	237,925	250,000	95	92	84	8
Campobasso	29/10	220,409	300,000	76	76	79	8
SOUTHERN		2,947,092	3,950,000	75	74	85	9
Sicilia	31/10	1,235,574	2,000,000	62	61	88	9
Sardegna	26/10	251,824	300,000	84	80	96	9
Lazio-Umbria	29/10	1,510,720	1,600,000	94	93	91	9
Abruzzi-Marche*	31/10	1,880,137	2,250,000	85	77	94	9
Toscana	29/10	1,368,133	1,500,000	91	90	92	9
GRAND TOTAL		9,193,790	11,800,000	79	77	90	9

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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7 November 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 2 November 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Fiske, General de Sevin.

1. Russian Mission.

The A/Chief Commissioner announced that General Vasiliev had been detached from his position on the Advisory Council and was being temporarily replaced by General Susloparov, who will continue as Russian representative on the Allied Commission. Commander Grischinsky had also been detached and was returning to Moscow.

2. Finance & Economic Mission to U.S.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the Italian Government representatives were leaving this week for Washington and would be accompanied by Commander Lawler.

3. Wage Scale Strikes.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the strike threatened by civilian workers employed by the Navy at Palermo had been resolved. An officer representative was being sent up from the base today or tomorrow to see the Labor Sub-Commission and the Naval Sub-Commission. The The strike had arisen from the discrepancy between wages offered by the Armed Forces and Civilian Employers.

4. Infant Mortality.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the figures for September were finally proved at 90 per thousand as against 96 per thousand for September 1943, which was very satisfactory. DCOS, Civil Affairs Section undertook to obtain statistics from Naples, Bari, Palermo and Taranto. It was reported that the PWB was preparing a statement for the Press.

5. Release of Colonel Temperley.

The A/Chief Commissioner announced with regret that Colonel Temperley was returning to the U.K. to take up a post there. Southern Region would be temporarily administered by Brigadier Dunlop.

6. Civilianizing of American Personnel in A.C.

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7. Vice-President, Political Section.

The A/Chief Commissioner welcomed Mr. Henry Hopkinson as new Acting Joint Vice-President (S) in place of Mr. Caccia who had been sent to another theatre, and might or might not return.

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8. Wheat Situation.

DCOS, Economic Section asked if a copy of a cable on the wheat requirements of the country had been received from AFHQ, as he had heard rumors of its contents which were disquieting. No copy had yet been received.

Copies of the Amassing Reports were distributed. Chief of Staff reported on a meeting between the DCOS, Economic Section and Brigadier Carr on the wheat situation and the request for increase in price of olive oil in Sicily. These subjects would be reviewed with the A/Chief Commissioner, and the question of the Transportation Sub-Commission was also to be discussed later.

9. Palermo Riots.

DCOS, Civil Affairs reported on the recent incident at Palermo. Much of the trouble was due to the handling of the situation by the Italian military. The casualties were 26 dead and 156 injured. DCOS, Civil Affairs undertook to draft a memo for C.S to present to Army Sub-Commission on the matter of specific drill and instruction being issued on the use of troops in civil disturbances.

DCOS, CA Section

10. Italian Soldiers from Greece.

The Chief of Staff reported that 3,700 Italian soldiers from Greece were expected shortly. AFHQ had sent instructions as to how they should be handled. A party from the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and IXXW were to proceed by ship to Greece to escort the repatriated soldiers back to Taranto where they will be dealt with. DOS undertook to draft a memorandum for A/Chief Commissioner's signature for the benefit of Army Sub-Commission in dealing with these men.

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11. UNRRA.

The Chief of Staff reported the visit of 8 members of UNRRA to the Commission to discuss future activities. He read the agenda which raised questions of supplies and transport which were likely to affect the Commission and would have to be carefully watched. The Chief of Staff said there was to be a meeting held that afternoon and he would report on the results.

12. Rehabilitation of Northern Regions.

DCOS, Economic Section reported that he and Colonel Fiske had attended a meeting on this question with some Italian Ministers. He was submitting a Report.

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2 November 1944.

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Abruzzo	23/10	271,240	300,000	90	89	86
Lazio-Umbria	21/10	1,493,879	1,600,000	93	92	91
Abruzzi-Marche *	21/10	1,739,052	2,250,000	77	75	94
Toscana	21/10	1,355,232	1,500,000	90	87	92
GRAND TOTAL		8,974,850	11,600,000	77	76	90

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23/10	241,240	300,000	80	79	85	93
21/10	1,493,879	1,600,000	93	92	91	93
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21/10	1,355,232	1,500,000	90	87	92	93
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f. The A/Chief Commissioner asked the DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, what was the position about sending representatives to AFHQ to discuss Refugees from Devastated Areas and also Repatriated POW. Brigadier Upjohn replied that representatives from AFHQ were coming to Allied Commission HQ to discuss the problems on the spot.

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Mr. Schott

2. Economic Section:

a. Mr. Antolini said that the American Ambassador had asked for Minute 4(a) of the Vice Presidents' meeting of 18 Oct to be corrected.

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The A/Chief Commissioner directed that the last sentence of this minute be deleted.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said strong protest should be made against the export of coal from Sardinia outside this theatre. Mr. Antolini said this was done on a directive from the COS and that until Civitavecchia was opened no more coal could be handled. The A/Chief Commissioner said that even if bottle-necking at Northern ports and haulage difficulties prevented Sardinian coal reaching Northern areas, at any rate it should be imported into southern ports such as Taranto or Bari so as to provide fuel for the South.

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c. Brigadier Upjohn reported that Colonel Poletti was not holding Epuration Committees in Rome but in Perugia. (Reference para 7 (c), Minutes of 18 October).

d. Brigadier Upjohn said that a large meeting, presided over by the Under-Secretary of State for the Interior had been held on the Devastated Areas, and gave a resume of its findings. Commodore Stone directed that Allied Commission should endeavor to obtain release of building materials such as glass and cement, now blocked by the Military, and also to bring about dorequisitioning of houses. The DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, recommended that a team from the non-activated Northern Regions should be sent down to organize the work, Regions IV and V being understaffed for the task. COS agreed but pointed out that this could only be on a temporary basis. The Acting Chief Commissioner approved the recommendation.

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Colonel Monfort said that two officers from each of the non-activated Northern Regions were to be attached to General Mares' staff at 2 District for planning.

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b. The COS reported that AFHQ had given an informal ruling that repatriated POW and Internees should be treated as Displaced Persons. He was of the opinion that they should come under the care of the Army Sub-Commission whose charter was not binding except in the matter of rations. The COS undertook to recommend this to AFHQ.

Brig. Lush

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c. The CCS reported that on the A/Chief Commissioner's instructions no team would be sent to Sicily to deal with the massing. The A/CC said that the Italian Government had not requested our assistance, and that it must learn to handle its own problems.

General Susloparov said that in his opinion Allied officers should not be sent to the assistance of the Italian Government: save where their absence would detract from the efficient prosecution of the war.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting, Thursday, 2 November 1944, 1000 hours

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SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

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Campobasso	15/10	224,317	300,000	75	73	79
SOUTHERN		2,900,868	3,950,000	73	72	88
Sicilia	13/10	1,207,861	2,000,000	60	59	88
Sardegna	12/10	238,923	300,000	79	78	86
Lazio-Umbria	12/10	1,471,307	1,600,000	92	90	91
Abruzzi-Marche*	16/10	1,722,021	2,250,000	76	72	94
Toscana	12/10	1,315,438	1,500,000	87	84	92
GRAND TOTAL		8,856,418	11,600,000	76	74	90

* Not including Campobasso

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18 October 1944.

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 18 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, Lt. de Roue (for General de Sevin), Lt. Comdr. Grishchinsky (for General Suslaparov), Colonel Parkin, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner.

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the Meeting that as a result of his telegram of 5 October and in view of the statements emanating from Washington, General Wilson had sent a telegram to COS recommending that there should be no reduction in the bread ration, but rather that an increase up to 200 grams should be made. A copy of his message may be expected shortly. The A/Chief Commissioner arranged to hold a small meeting at the end of the VP's Meeting, with the Head of the Economic Section and the Chief of Staff to discuss an immediate release of more paste - its area and extent.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said he had received on behalf of General Alexander a full and unconditional apology from the Minister of Justice for his behaviour in visiting forbidden areas and his activities therein.

c. The A/Chief Commissioner said he had had a conversation with General Clarke during which the General told him that AFHQ would re-issue AAI's orders which placed all civilian restaurants in Rome out of bounds to Allied troops. The Chief of Staff said he had already written to PWB recommending this measure on the understanding that it should be applied to all the large towns in Italy and that the ban should be rigorously enforced. Brig. Lush The Chief of Staff also undertook to ask General Clark to issue a statement to the troops explaining that the reason for this step was the acute food shortage in the country and the approach of harder times during the winter months.

d. The A/Chief Commissioner said that AFHQ were working on the final plans for the application of AMG in the Northwest provinces.

e. In the future Vice Presidents' Meetings are to be held once a week on Thursdays at 1000 hours.

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b. In reply to a question of Mr. Caccia's, Commodore Stone said that neither AFHQ nor ACC had received explication of the recent statement from Washington on "Trading With the Enemy Act." He said that in view of questions already asked by Italian Ministries enquiries of exact Mr. Antolini scope of measures intended should be sent to AFHQ. No reply had yet been received on our query as to the exact meaning of repayment of lire in dollars.

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3. Mr. Schott.

a. Mr. Schott reported that after several months delay Signor Morsillenghi, Italian Ambassador to Portugal, was sailing in about 4 days with his family and staff.

Mr. Schott

b. Mr. Schott was asked to expedite the persuasion for Signors Quintieri and Natteoli to proceed to US. where they would represent the Italian Government on Financial matters, as soon as their formal application was received.

4. Mr. Antolini.

a. Mr. Antolini said that there had been a request from Washington that five Italian technicians be sent on a visit to the Chamber of Commerce in USA. This request had not come through the ACC. The A/Chief Commissioner pointed out the irregularity of the approach and instructed that is be brought to the notice of AFHQ.

Mr. Antolini

b. Mr. Antolini produced a chart of the missing figures. He undertook to send a telegram to Brigadier Gary in Sicily asking for a settlement on the exact position with regard to the L.100 bonus. It was decided that no action should be taken until full information was received.

c. Mr. Antolini reported that the transportation situation in Sicily was very bad. This was an Italian responsibility under our supervision. Mr. Antolini said drastic action should be taken with the Italian Government on this.

The A/Chief Commissioner requested that Section Heads should produce points for discussion with the Italian High Commissioner in Sicily, who would be seeing him tomorrow.

The A/Chief Commissioner said that there had been a broadcast from Algiers denying reports that the United States Government supported the Separatist movement. Political Section were asked to arrange with PWB to have this publicised in Italy.

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5. Brigadier Upjohn.

a. Brigadier Upjohn said that orders from AFHQ that 5,000 soldiers of the Italian Army should be released to implement numbers of the Carabinieri had been objected to by A.I, and that MMA had been instructed to do nothing pending consideration of an alternative plan suggested by A.I. The A/Chief Commissioner said this should be reported at once to AFHQ.

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Brig.Upjohn b. Brigadier Upjohn said that some communes in S. Region had held elections to the Giunta Comunale, which was irregular as appointments must be made by the Sindaco. He undertook to inform the Italian Government.

6. Lt. de Rose.

Lt. de Rose asked for complete information on the Taranto incident to be compiled (see Minutes of Meeting, 13 Oct 44, para 6). He was directed to apply to the COS Office.

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7. Brigadier Lush.

a. Brigadier Lush reported that he had discussed the question of Viscount representation at SCC at Washington with Colonel Mitchell of G-5 (See Minutes of Meeting 13 Oct 44, para 8c). He had been informed there were already two representatives there and Colonel Mitchell's opinion was that visits from high level officials at SCC would be more valuable than low level permanent representation.

b. The COS reported there was a possibility that AFHQ would be asked in the near future to assume responsibility for collection and classification and sifting of evidence in connection with war crimes. Hitherto the Judge Advocate General's Department at AFHQ had dealt with this. It was agreed that no action should be taken till it could be more clearly seen what part would be involved.

c. The COS said that the Imperial Orders were still referred to by the Ufficio Stampa as being issued in the name of Colonel Poletti. The A/Chief Commissioner said the Ufficio Stampa should be informed that the incorrect and older circular be stated as being issued in the name of the Italian Government. Brigadier Upjohn stated he had just received a report that a Committee of Function set up by Colonel Poletti was continuing to function in Italian Government Territory. He would investigate the matter further.

Brig. Upjohn

d. The COS drew the attention of the VCs to a recent directive of PWB concerning the Partisans. This was considered acceptable.

e. The COS reported that General Marks had asked for a high powered liaison officer from SCC who will come under the DCOMO forward. The COS undertook to consult Colonel Norfort on this.

Brig. Lush

f. The COS reported that Sir Frank Brooks of UN Constabulary had just completed a tour and expressed his appreciation of the arrangements for him to meet working in SCC.

g. Brigadier Upjohn stated he had arranged with Sir Frank Kent Colonel Young would not leave the Commission before the liberation and re-organisation of the North Italian Provinces.

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Colonel Fiske
Mr. Schott
Mr. Alexander Park
Mr. Brooks Macmillan
Sir Paul Charles
General Stafford
Colonel Commore
Colonel Lanfort

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Campobasso	7/10	211,679	293,000	72	70	89	92
SOUTHERN		2,887,049	3,950,000	72	71	88	92
Sicilia	7/10	1,192,212	2,000,000	59	57	83	93
Sardegna	7/10	235,587	300,000	78	75	86	93
Lazio-Umbria	2/10	1,441,270	1,600,000	90	89	91	93
Abruzzi-Marche *	2/10	1,621,387	2,250,000	72	67	94	95
Toscana	2/10	1,256,960	1,500,000	84	83	92	93
GRAND TOTAL		8,616,385	11,600,000	74	72	90	93

* Not including Campobasso

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Wheat Acreage Report

Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on 30 Sept. 1942	Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942
7/10	173,394	280,000	62	61	87	91
7/10	728,952	950,000	76	75	85	93
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8/10	313,412	350,000	85	78	84	88
7/10	21[illegible],679	3[illegible],000	73	70	79	86
	2,867,049	3,950,000	72	71	88	92
7/10	1,192,212	2,000,000	59	57	88	93
7/10	435,587	570,000	75	73	85	93
8/10	1,441,270	1,600,000	90	89	91	93
7/10	1,621,302	2,250,000	72	67	94	95
6/10	1,258,360	1,[illegible],000	74	81	87	93
	8,616,383	11,600,000	74	72	90	93

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SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent collected in 1942 - 30 Sept 1942
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Lazio-Umbria	2/10	1,441,270	1,600,000	90	89	91
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	2/10	1,621,307	2,250,000	72	67	94
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Wheat Amassing Report

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MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 13 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Suslaparov, Colonel Riske, Lieut. de Rouc, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Commodore Stone said that at General Wilson's weekly Political Meeting at AFHQ there had been discussion on the problem of the food situation in Italy in view of the political repercussions involved. Commodore Stone said that although the import program, so far as we have been advised, was inadequate to maintain for long the 300 gramme bread ration, yet he had pointed out that SACMED would appear to be relieved of the need to cut back the ration in view of the President's statement that rationing was to be increased. A signal would be sent from AFHQ to Combined Chiefs of Staff to pose the question.

Mr. Caccia mentioned that possible alterations in the bread ration had been discussed with General Hume and other authorities in Florence where demonstrations had already taken place. Their opinion was that if the ration was reduced to 200 grammes in the South there would certainly be civil disturbances; with a ration of 235 grammes there would quite possibly be trouble, and only with a ration of 300 grammes were the prospects fairly good.

b. Commodore Stone emphasized the need for making the most, and encouraging the Italians to make the most, of local resources. He cited the blocked pulses, and Colonel Polotti's suggestion of mixing chestnut with wheat flour.

c. The Commodore urged Mr. Antolini to press for the relaxation of restrictions on fishing. It was pointed out that it seemed paradoxical for restrictions to be so much more severe on the West Coast than on the East. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that he would take the matter up with C-in-C Mediterranean if Mr. Antolini could not clear it through FOWIT.

d. Commodore Stone expressed concern over transport "bidding". He had been informed, he said, that Q Movements of AFHQ stated that they were able to make a bigger civilian supply lift than was at present being asked of them. He drew Mr. Antolini's attention to this in relation to the olive oil situation.

e. The Acting Chief Commissioner spoke at length on the text of the President's recent statement on Imports for Italy.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia referred to the inadvisability of Italian Ministers being allowed to visit Army (as opposed to AMG) areas. On this point, he said, General Hume and Group-Captain Benson were in agreement. In the event of dispute [illegible]

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Brig. Lush

Brigadier Lush said that he would put up a memorandum on the subject to the Acting Chief Commissioner and also a draft letter to President Bonomi.

3. Mr. Antolini:

Mr. Antolini stated that the Economic Section were fully alive to the emergency of the present food situation, to meet which they were now working on a

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radical plan which included the lifting of many controls, and which they would have ready by Sunday evening.

4. Brigadier Hogohn:

a. The Brigadier referred to various points from the minutes of the last meeting on October 9th.

(1) Para 4a. The Salvation Army had been informed that they could not send two more representatives.

(2) Para 4b. With reference to the Central Medical Depot, he was submitting for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature a letter to AFHQ embodying an alternative plan.

(3) Para 3a. A plan for approving Italian Government Decrees had been worked out with Finance and Legal Sub-Commissions, and was now before the Chief of Staff.

(4) Para 1a(2). There were difficulties in the way of increasing the rations for Police agencies up to the scale of the Army and Carabinieri. The matter was still under discussion.

b. The Brigadier said that a conference had been held between members of ACC, the Italian Government, the Allied and Italian Red Cross, and the Vatican, on the devastated areas of the Abruzzi-Naples Region. He would send the minutes of the meeting to the A/CC for his consideration.

5. Colonel Fiske:

Reported that A.F. Headquarters had not been able to move into Monte-catini for operational reasons, and that Caserta was to remain as Headquarters and transit camp for surplus personnel.

6. Lieut. de Noue:

Said that before leaving for France, General de Sevin had heard that the sentence imposed on the Italian sailors involved in the disturbance at Taranto on July 31, in which one French sailor had been killed and several wounded, had only been one month's imprisonment. General de Sevin had instructed him to tell the Meeting that this light sentence would produce a most unfavourable impression in Paris. Till the return of General de Sevin, however, no further action was requested.

7. General Susloparov:

Said that the arrangements were satisfactory for attaching as observers the officers of his mission to sub-commissions.

8. The Chief of Staff:

a. Brigadier Lush reported that Colonel Spicer had been sent to Florence with a directive for the guidance of A.C.C. officers in their relations with the Comitato di Liberazione. The Brigadier pointed out that it was not to be expected that clashes between Prefect and Committee of Liberation would not take place in other areas.

It was agreed that Regional Commissioners were to be encouraged to suggest Prefects from local personalities rather than call on candidates produced

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b. The Chief of Staff said that General Robertson had held a meeting after the Siena Conference at which he had described the expected developments of the occupation of north-western Italy. He said that civilian interests would be of first importance. General Mares' Headquarters would probably be in a different town from those of the Regional Commissioners.

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c. The Chiefs of Staff reaffirmed October 14's statement at the Quebec Conference that we should go for shorter and bolder for the cross-Channel attack which would be mounted as early in May as possible. It was decided that this operation should be supplied but that supplies were not to exceed an average of 16 LSTs per month. Arrangements needs should be fulfilled first. It was necessary that ACC be reconsulted at Washington by would advise our case formally and assure that our decision of October 14th. Action to follow up this matter.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting, Tuesday, 19 October 1943.

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Note - Dated, Wednesday, 18 October 1944.

Brig. Upjohn

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9 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 9 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Cripps, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

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Brigadier Upjohn undertook to see that the Italian Government were informed of the measure as well as our own Regional Commissioners.

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Col. Fiske General Susloparov said that he had submitted proposals for their employment to the Liaison Officer, but had as yet received no answer. Colonel Fiske said he would check with Lt Col Brown on this point.

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The Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance had received the news of the proposal with dismay. The Prime Minister had stated that the political effect on his Government would be "disastrous." Commodore Stone said that he had represented their point of view to AFHQ and that he expected the implementation of the Memorandum to be indefinitely deferred.

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b. The Acting Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Antolini to make sure that Regional Commissioners had advance advice of the itinerary of the Russian Trades' Union Delegation, and also requested General Susloparov to pass the word to the Chief of the Delegation that he should choose non-working hours for holding meetings at works, dockyards, etc., so that important war-work was not dislocated. He explained that the reason for this request was the serious delay caused by the recent American and British delegation which held a meeting at Taranto in the middle of a work-shift.

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c. As a result of a general discussion it was agreed that, while allowing greater freedom to the Italian Government, it was necessary to clarify the ACC's position as regards its authority and jurisdictional level in approving appointments. This matter was to be discussed at COS meeting.

d. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that SACMED had posed certain specific questions to the Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the implementation of the recent statements on Italy made by the President and the Prime Minister.

General Wilson has given orders that pending the receipt of a reply the name and functions of the ACC would not be altered.

2. Mr. Caccia:

Mr. Caccia stated that the authentic text of the statement recently made by the British Foreign Secretary on the subject of the Italian colonies was not at hand, but that it had been asked for by Sir Noel Charles.

3. Mr. Antolini:

Brig. Upjohn

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Brig. Upjohn

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a. The Brigadier said that the Salvation Army wished to send two additional representatives to Italy to look into their interests. He would go into the matter further before giving a reply.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - 1000 hours, Friday, 13 October 1944.

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Lucania	30/9	718,878	950,000	75	61
Puglie	30/9	1,597,874	2,170,000	73	89
Campania	30/9	194,652	250,000	78	62
Campobasso	30/9	212,909	300,000	70	64
SOUTHERN		2,895,576	3,950,000	73	76
1	29/9	1,152,376	2,000,000	57	67
4	29/9	1,431,537	1,600,000	89	83
5	30/9	1,513,784	2,250,000	67	89
6	23/9	227,601	300,000	75	64
8	30/9	1,221,262	1,500,000	81	77
TOTAL		8,442,336	11,600,000	72	79

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29/9	1,431,637	1,600,000	89	83	91
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23/9	227,401	300,000	75	64	85
30/9	1,221,268	1,500,000	81	77	92
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These proposals were equally obviously prompted by the Quebec declaration. The third referred only to territory under Italian Government control.

f. Captain Stone discussed Executive Memorandum No. 31. It was, he said, doubtful if the Italians would react favorably to the question of establishing a lira account since it would increase the government deficit and would be considered as not in keeping with the Hyde Park declaration. He proposed to discuss the question with AFHQ.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia was assured by the acting Chief Commissioner that the Italians referred to by Captain Stone would be attached--if at all--to sub-commissions and not sections.

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7. Colonel Fiske:

Reported that Regions IX and XII were going well and put in a plea for better living conditions for Prefects--the Prefect of Ancona, for example, whom he had just seen, was living in extremely difficult conditions.

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8. The Acting Chief Commissioner: said that it had been reported to him that Priscatty, where there was an orphan's home, had been without milk since June. It was a Region IV matter and he requested Brigadier Lush to look into it.

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Those civilians were at present using the old "prodding" method of mine detecting. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to find out if it was not possible to produce a more scientific means with the help of Italian Army and Navy engineers.

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Brigadier Lush here asked if NMIA were co-operating by providing mine-clearance units, or if they were regarding these as outside their scope. Brigadier Upjohn replied that the latter was the case. Brigadier Lush then requested that a letter be sent immediately to AFHQ requesting that NMIA be instructed to lend all possible help at once in this most urgent matter. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to draft the letter.

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Brigadier Upjohn also stated that a representative of the Public Health Sub-Commission was or is in the devastated area now to make recommendations for the health and welfare of the inhabitants during the winter.

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Brigadier Lush requested that a short memorandum be sent to officers in the field making clear to them the gravity of the situation and the urgent need to collect and conserve all wheat and grain found in newly liberated areas.

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

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Campobasso	23/9	203.550	300,000	67	64
SOUTHERN		2.820.433	3,950,000	71	76
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The President and the Prime Minister held further discussions Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th at Hyde Park on subjects dealing with postwar policies in Europe. The result of these discussions cannot be disclosed at this time for strategic military reasons and pending their consideration by our other Allies. The present problems in Italy also came under discussion and on this subject the President and the Prime Minister issued the following statement:
"The Italian people freed of their Fascist and Nazi overlordship have in these last twelve months demonstrated their will to be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take a place among the United Nations devoted to principles of peace and justice. We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who are standing for a political rebirth in Italy and are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies. The American and the British people are of course horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. An increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission. The British High Commissioner in Italy will assume the additional title of Ambassador. The United States representative in Rome already holds that rank. The Italian Government will be invited to appoint direct representatives to Washington and London. First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the UNRRA conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commended itself to other members of the UNRRA Council. At the same time first steps should be taken toward the reconstruction of an Italian economy. An economy laid low under the years of the misrule of Mussolini and ravished by the German policy of vengeful destruction. These steps should be taken primarily as military aims to put the full resources of Italy and the Italian people into the struggle to defeat Germany and Japan. For military reasons we should assist the Italians in the restoration of such power systems, their railways, motor transport roads and other communications as enter into the war situation and for a short time send engineers, technicians and industrial experts into Italy to help them in their own rehabilitation. The application to Italy of the Trading With The Enemy Acts should be modified so as to enable business contacts between Italy and the outside world to be resumed for the benefit of the Italian people.
We all wish to speed the day when the last vestiges of Fascism in Italy will have been wiped out and when the last German will have left Italian soil and when there will be no need of any Allied troops to remain, the day when free elections can be held throughout Italy and when Italy can earn her proper place in the great family of free nations."

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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21 September 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, General Susloparov, General de Sovin, Colonel Denanero, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle.

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b. Mr. Caccia explained that the Italian Government was recalling the men in foreign posts who in the past had represented Fascism. These representatives were being instructed to stand down pending the arrival of new men to take their place. There would thus be a short period when the country affected would have to be represented by junior officials. This was especially the case in Spain and Portugal. Mr. Caccia presumed that the ACC had no objection to this. It was agreed that there was none.

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3. Mr. Schott:

a. Mr. Schott quoted from what he called an unofficial and preliminary message from American sources whereby AFHQ had approved the transportation in Allied ships of certain relief commodities despatched from the Argentine, with the proviso that the Allied authorities would reduce those supplies entering the Vatican from their own resources to an extent comparable with the amount of supplies brought in from Argentine resources.

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6. Colonel Monfort:

Colonel Monfort reported that the group representing ACC at H.Q. A.A.I. would be ready to move early in the coming week, and that a draft directive had been prepared.

7. Colonel Demmore:

Colonel Demmore reported that the High Commissioner in Sicily

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had made an alteration in the price of wheat by way of granting a transport bonus, and the Italian Government was not seeking the approval of ACC on this measure. The matter was under discussion between Economic and Administrative Sections.

Col Denamore — Captain Stone directed that reference be made to the original correspondence which passed on this subject between the Government and General Mason MacFarlane.

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e. Mr. Caccia spoke of the request from members of the Italian Government that they be permitted to visit Northern Italy as soon as it was liberated and Allied Military Government had been set up. Captain Stone stated that there was no objection — though this of course depended on the military situation.

When Brigadier Upjohn requested clarification of policy on this point in view of the fact that permission had been granted for Signor Bonomi to visit Florence whereas a similar request from the Minister of Justice had been refused, it was pointed out that the difference lay in that while the Prime Minister was making a governmental visit, that of the Minister of Justice would have been to some extent a Party affair.

f. After a discussion in which Mr. Caccia pointed out the awkwardness of a situation created by the publication in the Italian press (including a PWB controlled paper) of an article which had appeared in the British press concerning the Armistice terms for Italy, it was decided that the matter should be referred to AFHQ.

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a. Mr. Antolini stated that 1500 Italian soldiers now assigned to the Refugees Sub-Commission have been ordered released 1 Sept 44 by AAI, and that he would like to employ them as drivers, etc for 500 trucks promised by G-5, AFHQ by the 15 October 44. The Acting Chief Commissioner agreed to this in principle with the proviso that Mr. Antolini check these facts.

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b. Brigadier Upjohn requested that twelve of these trucks be allotted to the Italian Red Cross.

Admin & Eco Sections

c. Latest crossing report was discussed, and it was decided that it be sent weekly to G-5 Section, AFHQ (see copy attached as appendix "A").

Mr. Antolini

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a. Brigadier Upjohn inquired whether the Allied Control Commission would permit the Italian Government to effect the interchange of judges in Tripoli, as it presented a question of policy. The Acting Chief Commissioner replied that an answer would be given after the next Political Meeting, when the matter would be discussed.

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c. Brigadier Upjohn gave a description of the scenes which took place this morning at the court of justice prior to the Caruso trial down to the time that he left at 0945 Hrs and pointed out the supine performance of the Carabinieri.

5. The Acting Ch of Commissioner:

a. Said that with the liberation of Northern Italy becoming imminent, plans were being formulated whereby there would be an Advanced Forward Echelon at AAI. Until Colonel Monfort was sufficiently recovered to take it over this Forward Echelon would probably be under

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

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2	1,530,000	960,925	7 Sept	63	54
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3	350,000	128,801	9 Sept	37	54
4	1,400,000	1,141,956	4 Sept	81	78
5 (Including Campobasso)	2,550,000	1,063,357	10 Sept	42	78
6	430,000	208,392	4 Sept	48	63
7	280,000	157,629	7 Sept	57	54
8	1,000,000	1,092,496	6 Sept	109	78
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Region V (Less Campobasso) 895,914

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3. Col. Cripps:

a. With respect to question of turning over to Government certain AMG functions at Naples. No changes to be made at present.

4. Col. Densmore:

a. Wheat Amassing - Presented report as of 11 September 44. Copy attached hereto Appendix "A".

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Col. Densmore

b. Economic Section directed to check into matter of intensifying bridge construction and replacement of temporary bridges on Adriatic side. Possibility of moving construction facilities from Southern and Central Italy to North-East sector.

5. Brig. Lush:

a. Reported on Northern Regions.

b. Discussed need of personnel.

c. Discussed need of transport.- 400 vehicles short.

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d. All Vice Presidents to check assignment of transport to their Sections and Sub-Commissions and report any that can be released.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 31 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

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a. Congratulations to General De Sevin on the liberation of Paris.

b. Welcome General Susloparov to meeting.

c. Acting Chief Commissioner commended Reorganization Committee on report and work done.

Capt. Stone

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Mr. Caccia

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a. Stated that he would send a letter to the Commission on behalf of the French Government which will request ACC to obtain permission from the Italian Government to recruit a maximum of 2,000 specialized Italian workers to send to France in order to increase to the maximum the participation of France in the war effort.

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5. General O'Dwyer:

a. Called attention to the desirability of again informing ACC representatives and military formations of the responsibilities of ACC in territory turned over to Italian Government as distinguished from AMG responsibilities.

All VP's. b. Acting Chief Commissioner asked all section heads to again review with their staffs and officers the AAI directive on ACC relations in territory under the Italian Government.

c. Gave report of results and conduct of Press conferences held by Economic Section.

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28 August 1944

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

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a. Congratulations to Brigadier Upjohn on promotion, as per AFHQ message FX 87505, 25 Aug 44, which stated: "Under War Office authority Msg. 70466 of 22 August approval is given to appointment Colonel G. R. Upjohn as Vice President Administrative Section, Allied Control Commission, with acting rank Brigadier vice Lord Stansgate relieved. Dep Mil Sec is arranging appointment".

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c. Discussion was had relative to press release quoting U. S. visiting labour representative. The Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had informed G-5 Section, AFHQ, relative to the matter.

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d. Discussion had relative to directive AG 387/045 GEG-O, AFHQ, Office of the Chief of Staff, dated 23 August 44, subject: Relations between Allied Control Commission and Italian Government". The Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss further with Political [illegible] Section.

Capt. Stone

e. Discussion had with respect to AFHQ message F 88080, dated 26 August 44, relative to Soviet Representative with the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner to take up with Soviet Representative, pending further instructions from AFHQ.

f. Attention was directed to the fact that no new villas are to be requisitioned in Rome.

g. Labour legislation. General O'Dwyer stated that he had written letter on situation to the Acting Chief Commissioner.

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h. Proposed creation of Ministry of Supply - Italian Government. General O'Dwyer to follow through as matter is now in hands of Economic Section.

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i. Question of restriction of import of unrationed and rationed goods discussed. Mr. Antolini reported matter under control of Italian Government in turned-over territory, and is being handled through committee of three ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Reported that General De Sevin is ill.

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b. Reported that both Mr. Atlee and Sir James Grigg are in Rome.

c. Gave brief report on political developments.

Brig. Lush — d. Delivered list of Consuls to Brigadier Lush for publication.

Mr. Caccia — e. Question as to regulations and requirements for people who want to leave Italy, discussed. Mr. Caccia to handle with AFHQ. Mr. Caccia - See Executive Memo. No. 61, of 25 May 44, Ref/328/23/CA. Hq. ACC.

f. Italian officials desiring to know regulations for travel in Italy, to see Security Branch, RC & MG Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

a. Reported on recent visit to AFHQ.

4. General O'Dwyer:

a. Wheat amassing report dated 28 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

Gen. O'Dwyer — b. General questions affecting wages, price of bread, and rations are under review by Economic Section.

Gen. O'Dwyer — c. Brigadier Upjohn brought up question of low wages for Italian judiciary. Economic Section to consider matter.

d. Question of personnel for the Labor Sub-Commission discussed. Brigadier Lush to take up with British officials.

5. Brigadier Upjohn:

a. Reported on situation in Florence.

Brig. Upjohn — b. Brigadier Upjohn to talk to Italian government relative to Signor Phillipson.

c. In order to relieve congestion on court dockets Sicily, Italian government has issued order judges of civil court will try amassing cases.

Gen. O'Dwyer — d. Brigadier Upjohn will pass to General O'Dwyer correspondence re War Damage Commission.

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Reported plans for northern regions are based on assumption that AMG will operate in those parts of Italy, which are occupied, until territory is turned back to the Italian government, whether occupation is by force of arms or enemy collapse.

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Region X (less Liguria)	360
Liguria Province	120
Region XI	360
Region XII (less Istria)	360
Istria	120
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Brig. Lush

c. Discussion had on additional turn over of territory to Italian government. Brigadier Lush to start work on matter.

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21 August 1944

23 AUG 1944

NOTES

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Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, General O'Dwyer, Brigadier Lush, General De Sevin, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

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a. Item 1 d. of notes on VP's meeting of 18 August 44, reference transport permit for Vatican. Brigadier Lush to follow through.

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c. Acting Chief Commissioner stated that he had been informed by the Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy that Mr. Nosworthy had been reappointed to Rome with the rank of Minister to organize the Economic Wing of the British Embassy; that Mr. Nosworthy desires to cooperate more closely than has heretofore been possible with the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner requested General O'Dwyer to contact Mr. Nosworthy and Mr. Charles Livengood of the American Embassy and arrange for cooperation between these two gentlemen and the Economic Section.

Captain Stone

d. The question of permitting "The March of Time" to take moving pictures of the Regional Commissioners meeting discussed. It was considered that the Commission should in every way cooperate with the suggestion, but it was felt nothing should be done which will interfere with or distract from the meeting. The Acting Chief Commissioner to clear with P.R.O.

Col. Upjohn

e. The Acting Chief Commissioner brought up the matter of a proposed decree by the Italian government relative to entrusting to a Commissioner the administration of those private enterprises which involve the public services or which engage in an activity recognized to be of general interest under certain conditions. Col. Upjohn to follow through and obtain report from Finance Sub-Commission as soon as possible.

Gen. O'Dwyer

f. Memorandum 1/285 dated 19 August 44 from Minister of Foreign Affairs together with translation of proposed "Legislative Decree on the Constitution of Regional Bodies for the Most Urgent Repairs and Reconstruction Works" referred to Economic Section for appropriate action in coordination with Administrative Section.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Gave review of current political situation..

Brig. Lush

b. Called attention to statement which will be made by Patriot Branch at Regional Commissioners' meeting with respect to Allied and Italian Government activities with reference to Patriots on the liberated side of the combat line.

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Captain Stone

c. Mentioned P.R.O. is having some difficulty in connection with publishing "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents" Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with P.R.O.

d. Discussion had on providing Italian press with more information as to efforts being made by the Allied Control Commission to solve critical Italian problems.

3. Colonel Upjohn:

Col. Upjohn

a. Question of payment by Italian Government to employees who were suspended. It was announced that they will continue to be paid, unless they are within one of the three accepted classifications. Colonel Upjohn to follow through.

4. General O'Dwyer:

c. Reported on program with respect to feeding of Rome.

Gen. O'Dwyer

b. Called attention to the large tonnage of food being provided by the Italians to Allied Forces as one of their contribution to the war efforts. It was agreed that specific information as to the extend of food furnished by the Italians should be brought to the attention of the Allied Forces.

Mr. Antolini

c. Economic Section will follow through on the question of disposing of ten buses for lease by the Rome Allied Area Command.

Mr. Antolini

d. Mr. Antolini reported, that in lieu of authorizing the importation of rationed goods that the limit be increased from 10 to 15 Kilos on unrationed goods. Mr. Antolini to follow through.

Brig. Lush

e. General O'Dwyer again mentioned the fact that the contractor who is clearing the mouth of the Tiber river was exceedingly slow. Brigadier Lush to follow through on the matter with Region IV.

f. Wheat amassing report dated 21 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

5. Brigadier Lush:

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a. Called attention to message Q 3958 from AAI dated 19 August 44 which follows: "Disthree signal forwarded to you for information on request of ACC. Difficulties arising in and around Naples Central Station from considerable numbers refugees from southern Italy unable proceed further by train. No action appears to have been taken through ACC transportation Sub-Commission for provision of trains for removal from Naples and request that orders issued MOVWIT to provide stock. MED concerned possibility outbreak epidemic further to request ACC be asked to take urgent action to prevent unauthorized travel to Naples." In connection with this emigration problem the Acting Chief Commissioner suggested that consideration be given to recruiting of Special Police Force to handle the matter and in the interim to obtain 2000 carabinieri on loan. Brigadier Lush to discuss the entire matter with General Browning,

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Brig. Lush — b. Problem of safeguarding places of great economic importance in the Po Valley by partisans was discussed. Brigadier Lush to discuss with Colonel McCarthy and Brigadier Mainwaring, and bring forth a recommendation for the Acting Chief Commissioner to put up.

Next Vice Presidents' meeting - 1000 hours, Friday, 25 August 1944.

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Region	Amassing in Quintals Agric. S/C total estimate Aug 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Normal 31
1	2,210,000	553,000	17 Aug	25	16
2	1,530,000	597,371	15 Aug	39	28
Foggia	1,590,000	915,421	12 Aug	58	21
3	350,000	65,161	15 Aug	18	21
4	1,400,000	450,765	10 Aug	32	32
5	2,550,000	579,940	12 Aug	23	32
6	430,000	167,788	19 Aug	39	12
7	280,000	111,900	12 Aug	40	21
8	1,000,000	251,000	16 Aug	25	32
	11,340,000	3,692,346		33	24

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APPENDIX "A" 21 August 1944

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350,000	65,161	15 Aug	18	21	54
1,400,000	450,765	10 Aug	32	32	78
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22 AUG 1944

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 18 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

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1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Relative necessary changes in Administrative Instructions No. 36 (1961 Q1 HQ AAI) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Area Command, etc" occasioned by transfer of territory to Italian government. Brigadier Lush reported that conference has been had on the matter and that it is in hand.

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b. Acting Chief Commissioner reported that Soviet Representative to the Allied Advisory Council for Italy had on 16 August written a letter to Rome Allied Area Command with copy to the Allied Control Commission protesting relative to "Polish Anti-Soviet Propaganda", complaining particularly about a poster shown at a Polish exhibit. The Acting Chief Commissioner also reported Soviet Representative had made oral protest to him. Exhibit has been closed and Soviet Representative will be informed.

Brig. Lush

c. With reference to item 1 d. notes of Vice Presidents' meeting of 14 August, relative to channels for dealing with Vatican, Brigadier Lush reported that AAI had issued a new directive on the matter. Brigadier Lush will follow through on this.

Brig. Lush

d. Matter of transport permits for Vatican discussed. Brigadier Lush will prepare letter for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature to Msgr. Carroll.

Brigadier Lush

e. Marchese Farace to be attached to Political Section for liaison work, and not to C& Branch. Brigadier Lush to clear.

General O'Dwyer

f. Publicity on "Transportation". General O'Dwyer is working on this.

Mr. Antolini

g. Mr. Antolini stated he would report later on the question "can limit of 10 kilos of unrationed goods be applied to rationed goods?".

Colonel Upjohn

h. Colonel Upjohn to report on question of continuing to give rations to the R. Guardia di Finanza--see par. j. of notes VP's meeting of 14 August.

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Colonel Upjohn

i. Question of strength of Carabinieri. Colonel Upjohn to follow through.

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d. Matter of transport permits for Vatican discussed. Brigadier Lush will prepare letter for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature to Msgr. Carroll.

Brigadier Lush

e. Marchese Ferrace to be attached to Political Section for liaison work, and not to CA Branch. Brigadier Lush to clear.

General O'Dwyer

f. Publicity on "Transportation". General O'Dwyer is working on this.

Mr. Antolini

g. Mr. Antolini stated he would report later on the question "can limit of 10 kilos of unrationed goods be applied to rationed goods?".

Colonel Upjohn

h. Colonel Upjohn to report on question of continuing to give rations to the R. Guardia di Finanza--see [illegible] j. of notes VP's meeting of 14 August.

Colonel Upjohn

i. Question of strength of Carabinieri. Colonel Upjohn to follow through.

j. The Acting Chief Commissioner pointed out that as a result of the fall of Rome and other cities, and the consequent increase in Italian (and neutral) journalistic and literary activities, the following points, which concern all officers, should be stressed:

(1) Pursuant to Executive Memorandum 47 of 1 April 1944, the Public Relations Branch ACC is the sole channel through which information relating to ACC/AMG may be given

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to the Press. No officer is entitled to give information, on or off the record, to press correspondents, unless such interviews have been arranged through the Public Relations Branch.

(2) The PWB (Psychological Warfare Branch) of AFHQ controls the dissemination of Allied propaganda; it is not a part of ACC and its agents are not authorized to publish information concerning ACC/AMG operations without first checking with Public Relations Branch.

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Colonel Upjohn — a. Reference to labour decree being held up by Legal. Colonel Upjohn to clear.

b. Reported plan in cooperation with Italians for survey of general conditions in Italy. It was understood that in making the survey the facts relative to matters handled by Administrative Section would be secured.

c. Gave report of progress of the Rome situation and stated that first 1-1/2 hour per day gas would be available about 28 or 29 August.

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a. Also reported working arrangements with Region IV now very satisfactory.

Brig. Lush

e. Question of clearing sunken ships from mouth of Tiber river. Brigadier Lush will look into the matter.

5. Brigadier Lush:

Brig. Lush

a. HQ not getting full requirements from Regional Commissioners. Will be taken up at RC's meeting, also ACC not giving AAI full information and details on requirements.

Brig. Lush

b. Necessity for more frequent visits of Regional Commissioners to HQ and contact with section heads. Brigadier Lush to handle.

c. As of today Province of Florence under Region VIII. Communication via AAI Adv.

Brig. Lush

d. Brigadier Lush to draft letter for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature relative channels Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees. Brigadier Lush to give the Acting Chief Commissioner terms of reference of I.G.C.R.

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 August 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Cocais, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

Captain Stone

a. The Italian government has requested publication of Armistice terms and application of Lend Lease. Acting Chief Commissioner referring matter to AFHQ (W. 1/203--Aug 10).

b. Acting Chief Commissioner announced that he had had a conference with Major Keyes of the International Aid Division, War Department, who with Major Ellis, Mr. Dollar Dort, and Mr. Workman have completed their visit to Allied Control Commission to obtain information from and exchange views with Allied Control Commission concerning problems involved in gradual shifting of ultimate responsibility for civilian supply in Sicily, Sardinia, and Southern Italy from military to civilian hands. The purpose of the mission was to obtain Allied Control Commission views as basis for report and recommendation by AFHQ. It is understood report will be submitted to Allied Control Commission for final review and comment.

Brig. Lush

c. With additional territory, including Rome, to be transferred to Italian government as of 0001 hours 15 August 1944, Brigadier Lush to check Administrative Instructions No. 26 (1061 Q1 HQ AAI) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Command with R&C and AAI for necessary changes".

Col. Upjohn

d. The matter of channels for dealings with the Vatican discussed. Colonel Upjohn will, in coordination with the other sections, work out something on this matter. Allied Control Commission, Rome Allied Area Command and Region IV all affected.

Mr. Antolini

e. Mr. Antolini to follow through with respect to Publicity on transportation.

Brig. Lush

f. Brigadier Lush to follow through with respect to de-requisitioning of buses.

g. Discussion was had on the question of emigration out of Rome.

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h. Mr. Antolini to provide information with respect to permission to export. The question being "can limit of 10 kilos of unrationed goods be applied to rationed goods?"

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i. Colonel Upjohn to look into question of how Italian doctors and drug stores obtain medical supplies.

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Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Duncan Lindsay, U.S.N.R., Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Cassin, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Densmore.

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c. With additional territory, including Rome, to be transferred to Italian government as of 0001 hours 15 August 1944, Brigadier Lush to check Administrative Instructions No. 36 (1061 Q1 HQ AAI) dated 28 June 44, subject "Establishment of Rome Allied Command with RAAC and AAI for necessary changes".

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j. Question of continuing to give rations to the R. Guardia di Finanza. Letter I 2124/2--9, from H. E. Bonomi, 9 August, to be referred to Administrative Section, who will draft reply for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

1. Two memoranda dated 13 August, "Food for Rome" and "Cooking Gas for Rome" from General O'Dwyer. Acting Chief Commissioner to discuss with Mr. Antolini.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

Mr. Caccia — a. Gave review of current political developments. Political Section to prepare memorandum for AFHQ.

Mr. Caccia — b. Draft with respect to AMG relations San Marino now in hands of Political Section to be coordinated with Legal, Finance, and RS & MG.

Mr. Caccia — c. Question of Italian Military Mission to Tito's Forces, being handled by Army Sub-Commission, who will coordinate with Political Section.

3. Mr. Schott:

Mr. Schott — a. Announced establishment of additional recognized consulates. Political Section to provide list of all recognized Consuls and notify AFHQ on new changes.

4. Colonel Haighn:

a. Reports indicate monuments in Florence not destroyed.

Col. Haighn — b. Mid East has requested assistance with respect to "text books". Request to be made that Lieutenant Colonel Smith, Education Sub-Commission, be sent to Near East for 10 days or 2 weeks. Allied Control Commission has no objection.

Col. Haighn — c. AFHQ direction with respect to release of Count Pellegrini carried out. Allied Control Commission to send HQ AAI copies of correspondance.

5. Mr. Antolini:

a. Wheat crossing report dated 12 August 44 discussed. Copy attached as Appendix "A".

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Brigadier Carr has taken over Region I. Colonel Hancock will be here in a few days to take up his new assignment.

b. New Regional Commissioner Southern Region will take over 22 August. Turn over period 15-31 August.

Brig. Lush — c. Island of Elba to be for the present administered as a part of Region VIII. Brigadier Lush will clear with AAI.

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ATTACHMENT #2

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Region	Agric. S/C total estimate Aug 4	Amassing to Quintals Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Normal Pre-war 31 July
1	2,210,000	350,674	8 Aug	16	16
2	1,530,000	476,754	8 Aug	32	28
Pongin	1,590,000	810,965	5 Aug	51	21
3	350,000	35,350	9 Aug	10	21
4	1,400,000	224,255	7 Aug	16	32
5	2,550,000	37,093	5 Aug	1.5	32
6	430,000	147,458	12 Aug	34	12
7	280,000	111,900	12 Aug	40	21
8	1,000,000	42,127	7 Aug	4	32
	11,340,000	2,238,776		20	24

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APPENDIX "A"

Information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Amassing in Guistele

Reports from Various	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Normal Pre-war percentage by 31 July	31 August
350,874	8 Aug	16	16	62
473,756	8 Aug	32	28	54
510,965	5 Aug	51	21	54
35,350	9 Aug	10	21	54
234,255	7 Aug	16	32	78
37,093	5 Aug	1.5	32	78
147,458	12 Aug	34	12	63
111,900	12 Aug	40	21	54
42,127	7 Aug	4	32	78
2,238,778		20	24	60

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NOTES

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1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Announced that Colonel Monfort was in 73 Station Hospital --broken arm.

Col. Upjohn

b. Message No. F-81103 has been received from AFHQ relative to the arrest of Count Pellegrini. Colonel Upjohn to obtain facts and call G-5.

c. Name of "Comando Supremo" changed to "Stato Maggiore Generale" (Italian General Staff). Epurations matters of the services are to be handled by the three service ministries.

2. Mr. Caccia (Political Section):

a. Gave report on present political developments.

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b. Asked for clarification of notes Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944. Note para 3 c which indicated that Mr. Caccia in co-ordination with Brigadier Lush and Colonel O'Dwyer to prepare memorandum for AFHQ. Clarified with understanding Brigadier Lush and Col. O'Dwyer will draft material to be co-ordinated by Political Section.

c. Called Economic Section's attention to PRB/RIO Hq ACC, 6 August, "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents", which follows:

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"Representatives of the General Confederation of Italian Labour called on Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, and made strong appeals for urgent measures to be taken to relieve unemployment in liberated Italy. The delegates said that the real solution of the problem lay in sponsoring public and private works of reconstruction of devastated villages, towns and cities, but that if the Government delayed beginning works on a large scale their organization would be forced to demand exceptional provisions 'to guarantee the unemployed the elementary right to existence'.

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"The representatives also mentioned that salaried workers in Rome were in a deplorable condition because of the rising prices. Wages did not suffice to buy even rationed goods."

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3. Colonel Upjohn (Administrative Section):

a. Reference made to correspondence between Acting Chief Commissioner and H.E. Bonomi relative transfer of administrative functions to Italian Government Naples- Colonel Upjohn to draft further reply to H.E. Bonomi for Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

4. Brigadier Lush (MC & MG Section):

a. Requested correction of note para 1 a of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944, stating that medical supplies referred to had to do with Ancona.

b. The matter of atrocities covered by AFHQ Directive. No action required--see note para 4 h of Vice-Presidents' meeting of 7 August 1944.

c. Reviewed latest report on situation in Florence.

d. Reported Manpower Committee now at work.

e. Conveyed appreciation from the Pope for work being done by ACC.

5. Colonel O'Dwyer (Economic Section):

a. Reported that Commission's policy to deal with organized labor through Italian Government and not direct had been laid down, also that situation with respect to labor legislation was being clarified with Italian Government and that a further examination would be made of General Orders No. 28.

b. Reported the establishment of a Statistical Branch in the Finance Sub-Commission. Cooperation of other sections requested. All sections indicated full cooperation.

c. Gave a most encouraging report on progress being made with respect to food, fish, gas and coke affecting Rome. Discussed a constructive program.

d. Progress report on amassing to be given at Monday Vice-Presidents' meeting.

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e. Question of continuation of military rations for some 60 ACC civilian employees, specialists brought to Rome from Bari, Salerno and Naples discussed. Brigadier Lush to arrange for issue to be continued until request can be submitted to AFHQ.

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NOTES

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b. Medical supplies general - Brigadier Lush to clear with A.A.I.

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d. Colonel Densmore directed to review correspondence had with Allied Force Headquarters with respect to notice and approval of visiting delegations, missions, etc and to report to Acting Chief Commissioner.

e. In line with decision taken at last Vice-Presidents' meeting the Acting Chief Commissioner made the following announcement with respect to the Manpower and Reorganization Committee:

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Regions I, VI, Southern Region, and XII - British Regional Commissioners

Regions IV, V, VII, IX, and XI - American Regional Commissioners

c. Brigadier Lush gave a general report with respect to situation in each region.

d. Attention was called to the fact that AMG officers in Army areas had been under heavy duty and strain for three months and that reports from SCAO's Armies indicate possible health problem. Brigadier Lush was instructed to look into the matter of establishing a rest camp for ACC/AMG officers.

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5. Colonel O'Dwyer:

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Urged all section heads to read PRB/RS, Public Relations Branch "Daily Digest of Rome Press" and PRB/RIO Public Relations Branch "Trend of Copy Filed by Correspondents".

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APPENDIX "A"

7 Aug

SUBJECT: Wheat Ammassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on ammassing of wheat:

Region	Ammassing in Quintals: Agric. S/C total estimate Jun 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	311,490	6 Aug.	14
2	1,530,000	354,532	31 Jul	23
Foggia	1,590,000	648,783	29 Jul	41
3	350,000	26,831	2 Aug	8
4	1,400,000	110,437	4 Aug	8
5	2,550,000	20,497	22 Jul	1
6	430,000	108,757	5 Aug	24
7	280,000	83,500	5 Aug	30
8	1,000,000	20,289	22 Jul	2
	11,340,000	1,685,166		15

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31 July 1944

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4. Mr. Caccia:

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5. Colonel Upjohn:

a. Regional Commissioners' Meeting - Brig. Lush instructed to give

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Regional Commissioners warning notice that August 22, 1944, is probable date of next meeting in Rome.

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Brig. Lush requested approval for a change to be made in Office Memorandum No. 14, July 29th, "Billeting - ACC Officers - Officials", by permitting officers of grade of Commander (Navy) Lieut. Colonel (Army) to assume the responsibility for Villas or Apartments under present regulations except that authorized military messes for less than 20 officers will not be established for Villas or Apartments over which Commanders (Navy) Lt. Colonels (Army) assume responsibility. Approved.

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e. Improvement in Amassing program in Sicily.

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a. Question of method of distribution of gasoline discussed. Col. O'Dwyer to follow up.

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See ACC/051/PWU, 14 July 1944, Report. 6303

d. Following amassing report given:

29 July 1944

Wheat amassed on Date indicated

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Calabria	52,000	278,900	27 "

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Report on Wheat Amassed (Continued)

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Apulia	501,203	2,800,000	22 "
Campania	11,940	704,600	25 "
Sardinia	54,750	545,700	27 "
Lazio	61,150)	931,000	23 "
Umbria	6,520)		23 "
Tuscany	3,200	1,051,000	15 "
Total reported	855,803		
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28 JUL 1944

NOTES

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Present: Acting Chief Commissioner Captain Ellery W. Stone, Colonel O'Dwyer, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Colonel Densmore.

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3. Colonel O'Dwyer:

a. Assessing program - system of reporting - set up.

b. Electric Program (see 1f.) - Committee Program not yet approved by AAI - will be clear this week.

c. Report of survey on requisitioned plants sent to General Robertson through Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Minutes of Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 24 July 1944.

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b. No particular political developments in Italian Government. The Epuration Decree, finally approved in a form which, as far as we know, is acceptable to us, awaits Lieutenant's signature.

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f. From now on HQ Region V would be AQUILA.

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3. Colonel Upjohn.

a. Bad overcrowding in Sicilian prisons. It could only be relieved by solution of military prisoner problem. He was waiting for General Browning's return to speak with him on this.

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b. Provisions of letter AAI/5058/A (PS) dated 28 June from Hq. AAI, subject: "Accommodation Policy-Rome" discussed.

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They asked for every support to be shown by CAO's in forward areas and Provinces to the present Italian Government. Need was felt for bigger and stronger teams of Italian officials. After discussion it was thought that certain suitable Italians might be found in the towns when they were captured who could be employed and that therefore it would be more suitable to have a pool of officials rather than a team. Admin Section listed the officials required, and would take action.

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ACTION

5. Patriots.

(a) Col. McCarthy handed out copies of the new memorandum giving a general directive on Patriots and the terms of reference of the Patriots Branch. He explained briefly this document to Armies and Regions, who had no comments. 2,000 of the new Patriot Certificates were also distributed to each Army. This would be enough for immediate needs and further supplies were being printed.

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Measures taken at present consist in the employment of two mine lifting Coys of the Italian Army, one in Region IV and one in Region V. There is none to spare at present for Region VIII. These Coys are training two Italian Army Inf Coys who will eventually replace them. It was suggested that a school to train young volunteer Partisans in these duties was started. It was hoped that the Army might loan instructors and equipment. Executive Commissioner said he would talk to General Browning on this point.

R.C.& M.G. Sec.

7. Admin. Section.

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Econ.Sec. help over this and supply all requirements of Region V in POL if AAI
Col.French approved. Col. French to take up with Col. Adams in ROME.

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MEMORANDUM TO: All Vice Presidents

Vice Presidents' meetings will be held regularly on Mondays and Thursdays at 1000 hours commencing Monday, 17 July, and at any other time when the situation demands discussion either at the request of any Vice President or at the direction of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

All proposals affecting policy should be brought up for discussion at such meetings.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
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This fits in well with our views of Mondays & Thursdays

Do you wish to change the hour of our Conference to 0930 or 1000 hrs

I suggest 1000 hrs.

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(2) Ambassador M. Alexander M. Sobolov is appointed the Plenipotentiary Representative of the U.S.S.R. to the Advisory Council for Italy.

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