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PREFECTS OF ASTI, ALESSANDRIA, CUNEO, NOVARA, VERCELLI AND TORINO PROVINCES
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF VALLE DA AOSTA AND THE RESPECTIVE QUESTORE
ON 1st FEBRUARY 1946 AT TORINO.

The C.L.O. welcomed all present and stressed that the meeting aimed at ensuring firstly that all members present may thus get to know each other well, and secondly to discuss round the table questions of importance regarding governmental matters.

This is the first meeting of its kind since handing over of territories to the Italian government, and it appears that governmental authorities have carried on well although problems are still many and great. Lt. Col. Green and the Questore retired during the meeting to hold a conference of their own regarding public safety matters.

The first speaker was the Prefect of Turin. He first stressed the goodwill that had been shown by C.L.O. towards the Italian authorities, which will not be forgotten. On the whole the situation in Turin is fair and satisfactory, with complete harmony among all parties; and any future troubles will not be of a political but of economic nature. The only matter which may disturb the tranquillity is the food position. Flour stocks are only sufficient to cover demands up to 22nd of February and it is not known when future supplies will arrive. Distribution however will go through the normal channels. The meat position appears to be the same as in all other provinces. Livestock is increasing, but slowly. If stocks had been put into cold storage, as was originally suggested, the present supplies which are fairly satisfactorily would have decreased and prices would have risen. As it is sold through municipal stores it is carefully rationed and shortage appears improbable; although butchers asked for unreceived supplies which had originally been scheduled for distribution in February. Sugar is in short supply and carefully rationed. Distribution was facilitated through additional UNRRA supplies; also through deliveries received from a committee in Switzerland for distribution to children. With regard to rice and pasta, assignments only appear on paper and have not been fully received. A cable from Rome urged a reduction to 500 grams per person per month; but the Prefect stated that he would have been only too happy if this amount was available. Plans are being discussed in Rome for a more regular distribution of rice. The milk position has not been bad and wholesalers and distributors now seem to be in agreement after previous dissension among each other. However, as producers were in the habit of serving their own clients direct, a Commissario was appointed for the amassing of milk on a bigger scale and it is hoped to have milk for everybody in the future. Evaporated and powdered milk is held in reserve to ease the position. Other feedstuffs are not rationed and are satisfactorily sold in the open market without any apparent shortage.

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The electricity rationing has already caused shorter working hours, but to make good the Cassa in Rome has agreed to compensate workers for their loss. 5% will have to be dismissed on the 5th of February, to be increased to 8% at the later date. In order to employ these people a Public Works program is being devised

which provides for the construction of bridges and roads. In the Construction Industry there is slight agitation among workers. At present there is a strike involving 3000 men. The Prefect has had a meeting with employers and has pointed out that if this strike is not satisfactorily concluded at the earliest possible date there is the danger of workers, especially skilled ones, drifting over the frontier to France where higher wages are paid for such work. Piemonte thereby losing its skilled working potential. It is hoped the question will be satisfactorily settled within the next few days. With regard to bids for Public Works contractors have often bid on a lower basis than the minimum laid down by the State, thus finding themselves in financial trouble at the conclusion of the contract. In future such offenders will be excluded from bidding.

Prefect of ASTI. Food position is satisfactory, and political activities normal. There is sufficient grain amassed to last to the end of March, although supplies have been made to other Provinces. Supplies of meat are in storage for distribution in March 250 - live p.kg. Pigfarming is satisfactory and there is sufficient land for distribution. The Rice and Pasta problem is the same as in Turin Province. Milk is also in good supply, thanks to deliveries from Cuneo Province, with evaporated and powdered milk in reserve. UMRRA has also contributed with supplies. There is practically no unemployment with only the Commune of Canelli making an exception; but the trouble will shortly be removed.

The only problem in Asti Province is the freight transport question. It is laid down that freight cannot be carried over 60 Km in road transport. As the railways are not working all freight has to be carried in trucks, which involves big distances. The freight regulations are therefore causing hardship especially to the wine industry.

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Public Welfare is therefore the most important question and includes the urgent need of reconstruction of hundreds of homes, a very difficult matter at present in view of the snow and general weather conditions. The matter is further aggravated by the fact that the Italian government promised compensation for damages created by ordinary warfare. This however does not include damages caused by German reprisals against partisans. In other words people who actively took part in the struggle against the Nazis are now actually worse off with regard to compensation than those who merely looked on. An appeal has been made to the Italian Government for payment of damages to those unfortunate. Cuneo province also had many soldiers fighting against Russia and it is known that these Italian divisions were partly wiped out. Therefore a great number of fatherless children and orphans (roughly twice as many as in other provinces) add to this strain on Public Welfare.

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Industry is seeking for an outlet of its goods, especially woollen materials of which there is a stock of 16 billions Lire value. In this connection an appeal made at the end of the meeting by the Prefect of Turin is mentioned. It concerns the high productive potential of the North Italian industries, who in the past did a flourishing export trade especially with their neighbouring countries. There is at present a great surplus of goods, especially woollen materials for which the domestic market is insufficient. It would be greatly appreciated if the Allied authorities could contribute towards disposal of these stocks by facilitating exports regulations. Colonel Jordan promised to broach the matter on his next visit to Rome and pointed out that he had recently listened to a radio broadcast in which unrestricted exchange of goods between Italy and USA was urged.

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This surplus of goods, especially woollen materials, in Northern Italy appears rather abnormal, if one considers the real shortage that still prevails in the South of the country. A more regular distribution for the needs of the entire Italian domestic market may open up better prospects for the disposal of such goods than could be achieved through exports to countries which are still all labouring under the export licensing and quota regulations and have practically no money for imports. The North Italian industries probably hope for better prices when exporting their goods, which of course is an unfair attitude towards the needy Italian population.

Council of Valle d'Aosta. Problems are very much the same as in other Provinces, but additional difficulties occur as it is the first time that separate autonomy has been tried out. Four main points require careful attention:

- (1) Organization of the administration.
- (2) Substitution and creation of offices.
- (3) Introduction of the decree of 7th September 45 and other legislative decrees.
- (4) Submission of proposals to the council in regard to elections.

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Telecommunications - It was announced that Italcable is now authorized to handle AM messages on behalf of troops.

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M.F.A.A. - It was announced that this Division had closed as of 15 Oct. All MFA matters are to be handled by the Italian superintendents in the provinces.

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Public Safety - The R.P.S.O. reported that orders have been issued by 7 AGPA regarding procedure in applying for troops in case of civil disturbance. As far as P.O.'s are concerned, they must apply to the Regional Commissioner.

Industry - Coal allocations for northern Italy have been made and will shortly be sent to the provinces.

3. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Evacuation - Cases have been reported from Turin in which persons who have been evacuated and released have been unable to return to work because of pressure by the CIN. Isolated instances have also occurred in other provinces and the Regional Commissioner advised that the CIN's be called in and told that they cannot continue this prejudiced treatment. The only legal evaporation at the moment is that authorized by G.O.46 and once a person has been found guiltless or harmless under this order he should be permitted to assume his former duties.

Italian Government Communications - Communications from Ministries in Rome continue to be addressed directly to Prefects, despite numerous representations to EC, Alcom in Rome. The only effective procedure is to speak to the Prefect in each province, reminding him that Italian government decrees cannot be effected without reference to AMG.

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Telecommunications - It was announced that a telephone circuit from Milan to Paris is now open for civilian use.

Displaced Persons - P.C.'s were urged to see that Displaced Persons personnel are familiar with the ruling which limits luggage to 40 kilos. According to the Regional Displaced Persons Representative, 12 Yugoslav slaves recently arrived from a province in 40 trucks with what appeared to be a high percentage of the province's assets.

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All P.C.'s, - To search for any place which might possibly be making arms. Report by Oct 15th.
To forward list of captured enemy vehicles to Regional Transportation Office. Due on Oct 12 (cr 19).

inf. - To investigate the APF officials, and ascertain if they have been elected by a fair election, or whether it has been a case of self-appointment.

P.C. Torino - Food - To present a case regarding the shipments by rail of wine from Brullia, citing the cases of merchants who have been assured transportation only to have it withdrawn.

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1. Provincial Commissioners

Cuneo - P.C. Cuneo reported that all Sindaci have been duly appointed except three, which are expected to be taken care of today by the Prefect of that province.

Alessandria - P.O. Alessandria reported all Sindaci appointed and confirmed.... It was reported that the wood Commissariato is not serving its intended purpose.... The post of Questura is not yet filled, the appointee having shot himself.

Isti - All Sindaci in Isti have been confirmed.

Iosta - All Sindaci in Iosta province have been appointed.... The wood Commissariato is not functioning satisfactorily in this province, the Italian official in charge trying to get the wood to Turin rather than meet the needs of the province.... It was also reported that many partisans in this area are still wearing Allied uniforms, with no marks to distinguish them from British or American soldiers.

Vercelli - Sindaci appointed and confirmed.... 3 truckloads of hidden arms have been impounded.

Novara - All Sindaci confirmed.... Six Fascist prisoners were executed on Sunday.

Torino - Nothing of interest to report.

2. Special Divisions

HQ Commandant - The HQ Commandant reported that the civilian mess at Headquarters will close as of the 30th of Sept. Civilians may eat the mid-day meal at one of the Mense di Guerra in the vicinity.... It was requested that payrolls in respect of civilian employees be reduced to a bare minimum before 30 Sept., so that no one remains after that date who is not absolutely essential.

Labor - The Regional Labor Officer announced a rather strong bid by the Consiglio di gestione for recognition. The Labor Officer will prepare a report for the Regional Commissioner on the movement, which is an attempt to place organized labor in the administrative and financial posts of industry.

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Food - The Regional Food Officer reported that the food situation is about the same. Although the regional amassing campaign has been a success, this wheat will not supply the demands of the region for the winter. Three inter-provincial trade is therefore encouraged, and will in fact be required, so that surplus provinces may aid the deficient until such time as an import plan goes into full operation. Prefects and Army civilian officials of food-handling agencies must be impressed with the importance of this trade with other provinces, and made to understand that it is all a part of a national program.

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Money - The Regional Commissioner requested the Finance Division to urge cooperation of the banks in creating a greater respect for the currency. It appears that reluctance to accept this currency is widespread, because of forgeries in 1000 lire denominations, and faith is not encouraged among the population when the banks themselves are wary of the notes.

Amassing - The E.C. congratulated P.O's. for their part in the amassing campaign, which has been successful to date. Better than 65,000 quintals as a result of the campaign have been amassed as of 20 Sept, and this figure will rise until the final day of the campaign, 25 Sept. The general opinion has been that the services of the Italian soldiers in this regard has been desirable, and some provinces are considering carrying on under the plan after turnover to the Italian government.

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