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ROUTINE

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RESTRICTED. 8 Special Sitrep. Situation PALERMO calm total casualties from incident of 19 Oct according latest information from Italian authorities. 26 dead 156 injured. This is last daily Sitrep on PALERMO situation any new developments will be reported.

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MINERIA but strikers returned workers occurred at MINERIA but
strikers returned 21st without incident.

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21 OCT 1944

RESTRICTED. Ref our 726 of 20 Oct. 70 Sub Area report further incident PALERMO today. Mob approx 1000 attacked Italian Gd at US Naval Base with stones. Italian Gd replied by throwing hand grenade and fired shots. No serious casualties. Local anti-Italian TV feeling high as result incident yesterday. Italian Gds on British installations returned to barracks and replaced by British Unit personnel. US Navy taken similar action except for Gds within port perimeter. Feared funeral civilians killed yesterday will occasion further incidents. For ACC our O 723 of 20 Oct refers.

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SECRET. Reference disturbances at PALERMO 19th Oct. Situation remains under control but with some unrest in PALERMO. Resentment exists against Italian Troops. Complete facts have not yet been ascertained. Inquiries by Italian Authorities to determine responsibility are proceeding. Latest casualty report 16 dead all civilians, wounded 104 civilians, 11 military or police.

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21 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Disturbances in Rangoon

TO : H.Q. A.C.C. RCM -

CCF TO: Public Safety Sub-Commission
Labour Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
22 OCT 1944
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1. With reference to the serious incident which occurred at Rangoon city on the morning of 19 OCT, the following interim report is forwarded based on information at present available to this Headquarters.

2. During early part of week there were sporadic strikes and demonstrations against high cost of living, low rate of wages and unfulfilled expectations regarding cost of living bonus which has been discussed in the Press. On the morning of 19 OCT some strikers endeavored to call out on strike other elements. There was some raiding of food shops and such routine and boys joined the demonstrators. About mid-day crowd collected outside the Prefecture which is in a main street but the street at this point is narrow. Present information is that an official at Prefecture then called for assistance of Indian military to protect the Prefecture, building which request was met by dispatch of one officer and 30 men to the Prefecture.

On arrival at the Prefecture, it is alleged that two hand grenades were thrown by the mob and that they exploded under the trucks coming in the troops, wounding 9 soldiers. The troops replied with hand grenades and some rifle fire. The high casualty rate appears to have been due to the use of hand grenades in a confined area which was crowded. As no other point in Rangoon city was any major force used, no casualties elsewhere in the city have been very small and of a minor nature.

Posters and leaflets, believed to be of Communist origin, of a definitely inflammatory nature have since been appearing in the city. One line of this propaganda in the two troops employed belonged to the Suburban Division, thus giving the impression that the demonstrators are behind the employment of troops against civilian liberties.

3. The High Commissioner has arrived back in Rangoon 61st and I have discussed all aspects of the situation with him. I have suggested his proposal that Headquarters of the Suburban Division should be asked to obtain, if possible, evidence as to the printing and distribution of alleged posters and pamphlets.

Two inquiries into the incidents on 19 OCT are being made. One of these is Judicial Inquiry and the

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On arrival at the Prefecture, it is alleged that two land weapons were taken by the mob and that they exploded under the trucks coming in the troops, resulting in soldiers. The troops replied with hand grenades and some rifle fire. The high casualty rate appears to have been due to the use of hand grenades in a confined area which was crowded. No other point in Palermo City was any major force used and celebration elsewhere in the city have been very small and of a minor nature.

Protesters and leaflets, believed to be of Communist origin, of a definitely inflammatory nature have since been appearing in the city. One line of this propaganda is that the troops are being ordered to the Island Division, thus giving the impression that the Monarchists are behind the employment of troops against civilian liberties.

3. The High Commissioner has arrived back in Sicily 610' and I have discussed all aspects of the situation with him. I have suggested his proposal that Headquarters of the Security Movement in Palermo should be asked to obtain, if possible, evidence as to the printing and distribution of illegal posters and pamphlets.

Two inquiries into the incidents on 19 OCT are taking place. One of these is a judicial inquiry and the second is being carried out by representatives of the local authorities and of the local Committee of Liberation. Findings are expected in about two days time.

A full and detailed report will be rendered as early as possible.

Wm. Byrnes

Prisadier
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref:- AOC/17/2/CA

22 Oct '44

TO:- Public Safety.

SUBJECT:- Civil Disturbances PALERMO.

1. Ref. telegraphic reports (a) District 3 No.8613 dated 20 Oct
(b) Sicilia Region No.8669 dated 21 Oct
(action copies to you).
2. No further action will be taken by you in this matter without first reference to the Deputy Chief of Staff CA Section who will give further directions after consultation with the Chief of Staff.
3. You will of course continue to obtain and receive reports on the matter and will keep this Section advised with all up-to-date information.

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R.R. CRIFFS. Col.
For VP CA Sec.
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ROUTINE

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RECEIVED. Sitrep 1608 hours 21 October some unrest during day but situation under control some demonstration satisfactorily dealt Separatist Headquarters raided 10 persons arrested illegal printed material SEIZED to have been confiscated and Headquarters now under police guard.

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17 OCT 1944
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21 OCT 1944

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IMMEDIATE

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SECRET. Demonstration by several hundred persons started 1030 PALERMO today. Discontented public employees demanding higher wages and lower prices. Commenced parading on the streets closing and looting shops. Procession continued to the Government Offices (Prefect and High Commissioner) where the crowd was dispersed by Police Carabinieri and Italian troops. Hand grenades thrown by crowd caused (?) Italian troops to return fire with hand grenades and rifles. Present report 14 civilians dead 20 injured and 9 soldiers wounded. Situation under control of Italian police and military. Unrest quite widespread in city appears to be directed against Italian troops (not carabinieri). Further report will follow.

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