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I forward herewith a report in duplicate for the week ending 23rd June 45. It is regretted that the report is late in despatching but the lack of clerks and typists has necessitated this delay.

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La Monper
Colonel,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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WEEKLY REPORT - WEEK ENDING 23 JUNE 45.

1. POLITICAL.

In Trieste area there has been no political activity. The various political parties found in every town and comune in Italy are not in evidence and there are indications that they have been driven underground and are more or less inactive.

This latter remark does not apply to the Communist Party which is undoubtedly active but so far nothing is known of its organization or officials.

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The processions and demonstrations however were small and subdued and no trouble resulted.

Undoubtedly there is a small proportion of people in favour of various forms of Yugoslav domination varying from complete annexation to the formation of an Italian - Slovene State allied to Jugoslavia.

In Gorizia Area the Slovene Committee of Liberation makes the most of the political situation.

The basis of their political belief is Communism on Russian lines inspiring Slovenes with a sublime disregard of local facts. The whole position is false and the ignorant rulers as represented by the Slovene Committee of Liberation are pretending to control a situation created by fear and sustain by effervescence of power now being dissipated by hard fact.

1. POLITICAL (Cont'd).

On the 19th June a demonstration assembled in front of the Prefettura and for three hours several thousand people, mostly women, with bovine stupidity and insistence bellowed "Tito" alternately with "Tito, Stalin".

The President of the Committee was informed by the Area Commissioner that if in thirty minutes the people did not disperse the military would take the matter in hand. As in thirty minutes there was no change, tanks and vehicles began slowly to converge on the crowd who quickly broke up and were soon dispersed without further incident. No one was injured but nine men were arrested.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(a) Trieste.

The Area Commissioner of Trieste reports as follows :-

The system of local government in force prior to the liberation of the area, i.e. about 2nd May, no longer exists, it having been supplanted by the Yugoslav Authorities during their occupation. It is undoubtedly on Communist lines, has every indication of having been hastily formed, and the Officials appointed, in place of the Italian Officials, are in many cases Yugoslavs and Slovenes without, or with little, previous experience in local government. I feel certain that experience will prove that it is unworkable and undemocratic. The question of permitting Yugoslavs with no claim whatever to citizenship of this area being permitted to occupy positions of responsibility, or, for that matter, any position in the local government in Occupied Territory, is one that must be given early consideration. I have no hesitation in saying that their presence in local government here will be an embarrassment to A.M.G. and is indeed an insult to the inhabitants of the area and to the Allies.

I have been in close touch throughout the week with the President and Secretary of the Regional Committee of Liberation and I have no reason to feel that they are in any way obstructive. On the other hand, I am convinced that they have little knowledge or control over the local government organization in the area. They appear in fact to be figure-heads only.

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It is daily becoming more obvious that this system is grossly inefficient, and will have to be altered in many particulars.

As the whole system appears to centre round the Secretary of the C.P.L., Dr. Marcovich (who is really Political Commissar) I consider that his removal will be essential if normal Governmental Administrative methods are to be resumed successfully.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont'd).

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The Area Commissioner of Gorizia reports as follows:-

For almost two weeks with the greatest patience and perseverance I have endeavoured to get these Slovene elements to believe in the use of the best forms of Italian administration known to us all. Any Italian term or official title is anathema to them from a sheer stubborn obstinacy and utter lack of commonsense or sound judgement. So far the position of local government has been dominated by Slovenes and disallowing Italians a share in such government. The Italian Red Cross organization was disbanded because it was Italian and its property and funds confiscated. In the Sepral organization the 15 Italian officials were suspended but allowed to sit in their offices and replaced by Slovenes who are small shopkeepers of the town and who are stated to be working in Sepral all day without pay. When issuing clothing ration coupons Italians were refused any because it was stated they had benefited under Fascist control and the Slovenes had suffered. Slovene cupidity and juvenile intellect must be appropriately handled. The Slovene Committees endeavour to influence and to darken every mind against Italians and everything Italian. They can not nor will not see anything useful, I do not say good, in Italian administration. AMG is only concerned with orderly effective administration. It is my desire to retain the best elements of the Italian form rather than to adopt or try to learn a crude mischievous abortion with as many holes as a colander and which allows for dictatorial suffocation of a machine which we must restore in its better elements.

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In such a form of administration we shall avoid contention and all concerned recognise there will not be external interference and they will be responsible entirely to AMG. This form appears to be gladly accepted by all concerned and details are now being settled. There will be no Commissioners at any stage or in any office. I have asked for a complete list of all officials, their duties, and dates of employment together with a list of the joint central committee when settled.

By attrition we have over the past two weeks eliminated certain unnecessary officials and got the Sepral, ECA., Chamber of Commerce and similar regular and necessary institutions going and the last to resume activity is the Red Cross under joint control - Slovene and Italian.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY.

- (a) Constant liaison made with Allied MP and Security organisations in the area and many conferences attended with view to bettering the policing area, a duty now undertaken by MP - these conferences have produced good results.
- (b) The usual Italian Police services, i.e., CC.RR, GG.PP, non-existent and it was found that their normal duties were being undertaken by a very questionable although reasonably well organised body known as the Difesa Popolare.
- (c) Repeatedly, at the commencement of the week information was received of improper arrests, detentions and larcencies on a large scale by members of this organisation - discreet investigations revealed that the leaders had lost control. Consequently, by order of the S.C.A.O. all personnel were confined to their billets. This order was not obeyed, many members were found by MP and AMG officers fully armed parading the streets.
- (d) Numerous complaints were received of threats to and intimidation of public officials co-operating with AMG - undoubtedly, the activities of the Difesa Popolare. To the best of our ability with the forces at our disposal the complaints were attended to and appropriate action taken.
- (e) These criminal and subversive activities resulted in the issuing of Notice No.2 dissolving all existing police services including the Difesa Popolare. This Notice was posted throughout the Territory at 1000 hours 23 June 45, and a standing down parade has been ordered by 24 June 45.
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(h) Activities in connection with the new Police Force are under way. As ordered, a plan of campaign has been formulated for the institution of this force - the force has been planned on the known administrative and executive organisation of the London Metropolitan Police.

(i) Great strides have been made in putting the plan into effect, ex-CC.RR, ex-GG.PP, have been screened and a committee of AMG Officers, Provost and Security Officers, has been formed for final interviewing.

(j) Needless to say, the efficiency of this Division has been seriously hampered by the lack of Officers and O.R. personnel - we have not one OR. There has been much waste of time as officers have been compelled to be their own clerks; such work can not as yet be entrusted to civilian clerks owing to the classified nature of the materials passing through the Division.

(k) The general situation, particularly in Trieste, can be described as "calm but tense".

4. LEGAL.

- (a) Proclamation 1, 2, 3 and 4 have now been posted.
- (b) General Order No.1 and Notices 1 and 2 and Order 1 (Curfew) have been posted throughout the territory.
- (c) Military Courts have commenced sessions.
- (d) All Civil Courts, Italian as well as those set up by the previous regime continue inactive.
- (e) Draft Proclamations and General Orders have been prepared to :-
 - (i) Establish a Gazette for Territory
 - (ii) Repeal Anti-Jewish Laws
 - (iii) Control motor vehicles and the issue of P.O.L.

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5. ECONOMICS A. SUPPLIES (Including Road transport).

(a) Food Arrivals.

Five hundred tons of flour were borrowed from the Army on 21/22 June to be repaid within a fortnight.

Supplies of locally produced rice and tomato sauce were brought in by Sepral from Venezia Region. A rice ration of 500 grams monthly has been authorised.

(b) Food Distribution.

Three hundred tons of supplies were sent to Pola on 19 June. This should be sufficient for one month following the established ration scales.

(c) Food Ration Scales.

Sugar has been allocated to this area from Venezia Region and the sugar ration will be :-

500 grams per month	children aged	0 - 4
250 "	"	" 4 - 15
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(d) Food Prices.

C.L.T. and Sepral have furnished proposed price lists. Both are being studied. Assignment of Export Price Control Officer to Supply office staff has been requested.

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(f) Fishing.

An excellent department dealing with Fishing Fleets of Trieste, Muggia, Pola, Capodistria, Pirano, Grado and Marano Laguna has been functioning as a department of Sepral. From figures produced over previous years, by respective months, ample supplies of fish for civil population and for 2/3 canning factories are expected and a meeting of vessel owners and representatives of Sepral has been arranged for Tuesday, 26th June 45 in this office to make clear arrangements for P.O.L. and marketing of fish.

(g) P.O.L.

4,000 gallons Petrol and 4,000 gallons Derv with suitable percentage lubes for Trieste. 2,000 gallons Petrol and 2,000 gallons Derv percentage lubes each for Gorizia and Pola have been received from 13 Corps.

Until C.I.P. arrangements completed, S.I.A.P., (Standard Oil) storage is being utilised and releases issued from them.

5. ECONOMICS & SUPPLIES (Including Road Transport) Cont'd.

(h) Road Transport.

A vehicle licensing scheme has been drawn up which will come into effect from 1st July, when no vehicle which has not been issued with AMG licences will be allowed to circulate. In the meantime essential needs are being met by issue of temporary permits.

The Consiglio Liberazione Trieste, Transport Section, has been informed that its function is purely advisory and they have been invited to provide a representative on the Committee formed to "vet" applications for permits. It is proposed to limit issue of vehicle licences for all purposes to 450 in Trieste area.

Figures from Gorizia and Pola not yet to hand, but probably 250 in Gorizia and about 100 in Pola will be ample.

The Consorzio Autotrasporti is being supplemented by enlisting other small concerns and private owners into this organization, which has a Commissario appointed by Consiglio dell'Economia and approved by this Division. The concern will be controlled by this Division and P.O.L. issued to it as required.

(i) FUEL.

Coal, charcoal and wood stocks in Trieste are very low. A detailed report on the fuel situation is being prepared and will be ready shortly. Coal may be secured if the Navy will allow us to salvage 4,000 tons which is in 3 sunken ships in the harbour. This office is contacting N.O.I.C., Trieste, on Monday, 25th June to get his O.K.

It will be necessary to get supplies of charcoal and wood from Udine Province, although if the Yugoslav Government will permit exchanges we can get ample supplies from the portions of Trieste under their control, and from Istria.

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6. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

(a) Materials.

No difficulties have been met at this early stage and generous offers of assistance from Army supplies for urgent work have been received.

Early blocking of local resources is essential if they are not to be frittered away.

(b) Transport.

Contractors deficiencies have been made good by C.E. 13 Corps and 397 DCRE Works. There has been no delay through lack of transport.

(c) Highways and Bridges.

(1) State Roads. On orders of CE 13 Corps, work started on painting white lines at bends on SS14.

Projects prepared by Capo Compartimento for repairs to tunnel on SS14 at H779793. Contractor selected and instructed to commence work on 25 June. Arrangements made for transport of workmen; plant and materials.

U.S.V.S. instructed to prepare estimate for six months road maintenance.

(11) Provincial Roads. Provincial Engineer instructed to prepare work programme for Provincial roads.

Provincial Engineer instructed to prepare design and estimate for rebuilding bridge on Muggia road at H834676.

2. PUBLIC HEALTH

(a) Administration.

Discussions have taken place with those concerned to reestablish a Public Health Service in Trieste Area. These discussions have been wholly friendly and it is hoped that agreement will be reached very shortly and that this service will be able to function properly again.

A visit was paid to Gorizia and the situation there explored. When the position in Trieste is settled it is hoped to clarify the position in Gorizia.

(b) Veneral Disease.

A scheme has been worked out in conjunction with the civil hospital and in association with the medical and police military authorities to deal with women suspected of having conveyed these diseases to troops.

A number of hospitals in the Trieste area have been visited, their chief needs discussed, and information collected on their administration and services.

(c) Medical Supplies.

The distribution of these medical supplies brought into the city on 12th June has been completed. They have been divided between the major hospital of the territory and certain medical institutions. The total quantity was very small and does not represent any reasonable proportion of the needs. Much time has been spent in gathering information as to actual needs.

(d) Refugees.

The medical services for the Refugee Camp to be established have been formed.

LABOUR.

(a) Civilian Labour Offices.

The former Fascist Collocamento (hiring hall) was found to be in operation with staff, less the Fascist director, who had fled. Operation of the office was ordered to be continued by present staff and screening initiated. Staff had not been paid and their back bills and salary claims for May and estimate for June were audited and sent to Area Finance for unblocking of funds. The Fascist Sindicati, roughly corresponding to trade unions, had been replaced by Yugoslav personnel who claim to represent all the workers. No rival trade unions have appeared so far but the change in the Police Force is expected to improve the situation, removing at least part of the intimidation that has been reported. Publication of the Labour Relations General Order has been withheld until the Police Force change, as the workers at present are afraid to move contrary to Yugoslav wishes. "Freedom" to organize is not possible at present.

(b) Military Labour.

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9. FINANCE.

(a) Banks and Post Offices.

Re-opened in Gorizia Commune, Trieste City and Monfalcone on 21st June 45.

Reports so far received satisfactory and no abnormal developments.

Area Finance Officer, Pola, proceeded to that area on 23rd June 45. The Banks and Post Offices etc., had already been closed and Area Finance Officer will re-open after study of position. Preliminary figures received disclose a not unsatisfactory position.

Banks etc., in Grado (Trieste Area) will be re-opened on 26th June 45.

(b) Currency.

Shipments of AM Lire received as follows :-

From Allied Financial Agency, Milan Lit.	301,760,000
Rome "	201,600,000
From R.F.O. Padova.	15,000,000

Of these, Lire 98,752,000 deposited with Banca d'Italia Trieste, for immediate currency requirements.

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Gorizia Area had already ample currency reserves for 2/3 months.

(c) Insurance.

Commercial Companies are allowed only to receive premiums on existing policies and to pay current wage, salary rolls, and day to day administrative expenses.

Major SEVERN of the Insurance Sub-Section, Finance Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Commission arrived on 24 June 45 to advise on Insurance matters. He will be here for some days, and upon the basis of his reports appropriate recommendations will be made to the S.C.A.O. for the future conduct of Commercial Insurance Companies.

Social Insurance activities continuing normally and future policy under consideration.

(d) Government Debt.

The service of the Government Debt was resumed on 21st June 45. This includes redemption and sale of Italian Government Treasury Bills and payment of coupons maturing on securities of or guaranteed by Italian Government.

No other service permitted.

10. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Port.

No ships discharged civilian cargos during the week. Arrangements were made to accept 9230 tons bagged wheat and 1700 tons flour from 2 ships due 23rd June 45. (These ships are now discharging).

(b) Warehouses.

The arrangement whereby Magazzini Generali receive and issue supplies on behalf of Sepral is working satisfactorily. Sheds 6 and 9. Porto V. Emanuele are operated for this

purpose by Magazzini Generali, with their own staff and labour. Miscellaneous stores, including food, removed from

railcars found loaded in Trieste railyard, or sent back from Sesana, are being stored by Magazzini Generali on behalf of AMG.

(c) Rail.

Liaison is kept with Movements, Trieste, who are ready to deal with applications from AMG for movement of civilian stores by rail.

Rail communication with Cervignano and Udine will be established at 0001 hrs 25 June 45.

Passenger services are in operation as follows :-

Trieste - Pieris.	Trieste - Monfalcone (workers)
Trieste - Redipuglia.	Trieste - Yugoslav Territory via Sesana.

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11. PROPERTY CONTROL.

(a) Real Property.

(i) Provinces of TRIESTE, POLA and PIUMÉ. Administered by Istituto di Credito Fondiario delle Venezie, Verona. Branch office in Trieste; Agencies in Pola and Piume at respective Casse di Risparmio. C.P.C.O. visited Verona on 13/14 June and gave instructions as to the future administration of such properties in the area covered by AMG and arranged for production of detailed information required respecting each property. Total number of properties: TRIESTE 216.

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(ii) All those in Piume and a small proportion (exact figures not yet available) of the remainder are outside the AMG area.

(iii) Instructions have been given as to the preparation of schedules of war damage, and their presentation to the appropriate civil authorities.

(iv) Posting of properties with the Property Control notices has been started but is handicapped by the fact that no transport is yet allocated to this Division.

(b) Industrial and Commercial Concerns.

A total of about 80 are known to have been placed under sindacatore, sequestrated or put into liquidation in TRIESTE area. Full lists demanded from Consiglio dell'Economia may disclose further cases. Investigation of individual businesses is now in progress but will involve much detailed work.

(c) Miscellaneous Moveable Property, Securities etc.

The Intendente di Finanza of Trieste states that approximately 2,200 individual sequestrations of allied property in this category were made and has been instructed to provide full lists giving information required by C.P.C.O.

(d) General.

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(iii) Instructions have been given as to the preparation of schedules of war damage, and their presentation to the appropriate civil authorities.

(iv) Posting of properties with the Property Control notices has been started but is handicapped by the fact that no transport is yet allocated to this Division.

(b) Industrial and Commercial Concerns.

A total of about 80 are known to have been placed under sequestro, sequestered or put into liquidation in TRIESTE area. Full lists demanded from Consiglio dell'Economia may disclose further cases. Investigation of individual businesses is now in progress but will involve much detailed work.

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12. DISPLACED PERSONS AND WELFARE.

(a) Displaced Persons.

(1) Estimate of Situation in AMG 13 Corps Area.

In Trieste, during the week, approximately 1,500 Displaced Persons were evacuated to UDINE and to 13 Corps Refugee Camp near Monfalcone. Although the estimates vary greatly, and there is no reliable information, the present number of refugees and displaced persons (non-residents) are believed to be small. Ente Comunale di Assistenza has about 1,200 such persons in the Refugee Centers they are operating, and a list of approximately 700 that are living in private dwellings throughout the City. Most of these are Italians whose homes are in Italy or that section of Venezia Giulia occupied by Yugoslav troops.

Gorizia.

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Polg.

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All Yugoslav and other civilians coming into Trieste are going into the Area occupied by Yugoslav troops or going through Jugoslavia into the Balkans are being handled through the Refugee Center, which is operated by the Yugoslavian Red Cross under our supervision. The Yugoslavian Red Cross is providing free transportation to such persons.

(iii) Repatriation.

Arrangements have been completed with Venezia Region whereby civilians in Refugee Centers in Udine, Treviso and Mestre, who have homes in this area, may be returned and repatriated.

2. DISPLACED PERSONS AND WELFARE (Cont'd).

(iv) Vatican.

The Vatican requested authorization to import food into the Trieste Area and to establish 8 messes for feeding the people. After careful investigation and consideration authorization was not given.

(v) Bishop.

The Bishop of Trieste was contacted and advised of the interests and activities of the Welfare Department in the civilians in this area. The Bishop is concerned mainly with two welfare problems; Refugees (particularly from ZARA), and the repatriation of ex Prisoners of War and civilians in this area. He is pleased that both problems are receiving consideration through the Displaced Persons Organization by this Department.

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WEEKLY REPORT - WORK DURING 7 JUL 47

1. POLITICAL SITUATION

Outwardly the week has been quiet but in spite of little political activity on the surface there has been much underground activity in the spheres of politics and labour.

Two important visitors are reported to have been in Trieste during the week, Signor Pellegrini of the Roman Communist Party and Signor Cecconi, secretary of the C.L.S. for Italy, from Milan. Their discussions with Mario Solferi, chief of the Trieste Communist Party, apparently centred around the question of the Trieste Communist Party joining the local C.L.S. (Italian). The possibility of forming a single Committee of Liberation for Trieste was explored but no satisfactory agreement has yet been reached. Discussions are still going on. In addition the Italian Committee of Liberation claimed to be in touch with the Central Committee in Rome.

The new party in Pola "Comitato Unitario Poliese" defined its aims as:- Collaboration with allies reconstruction and rehabilitation of the town, and return to Italian sovereignty.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In Trieste there was little change during the week but it is noted that the Regional Committee of liberation will leave the Prefecture and the normal provincial officials be installed there during the coming week. In addition the plan for local administration under AUC, outlined in last week's report has been accepted by Slovenia and Italians. This plan is composite in that it carries on the Slovene form of Districts instead of the individual communes but otherwise is on the basis of Italian law and customs. In Pola there have been alterations in several departments. The Public Safety Dept of C.L.S. has practically completed its reorganization and the Department of Food, Finance and Public Works are in the process of reorganization.

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The prison situation showed great improvement. Conditions within the Fire Brigade remain unsatisfactory and the arrival of the experienced fire officer is urgently awaited.

4. LEGAL

Legislation. General Order No. 2, has been published. Order No. 7, has been published.

Allied Military Courts.

Courts functioning. An officer has been borrowed from A.F.M. to assist with prosecutions.

Italian Courts. Are ready to function and will be opened next week without waiting for the screening of personnel to be completed.

Operation of Fascists.

This is one of the most urgent problems confronting AGC in this territory.

No decision has been given by AGC in the matter of the Special Court of Assise. This matter is urgent.

5. ECONOMICS & SUPPLY

Food. General situation fairly good although ECLA has still an inadequate supply.

Fishing. Has commenced and fish is coming on to the market. The import of food from Italy was hampered by financial restrictions.

The price of bread was raised from

11. DISPLACED PERSONS A BELPARE.

Approximately 1100 displaced persons entered the assembly centre and the same number were evacuated.

The Yugoslav Red Cross took in 162 persons and despatched 175 to Yugoslavia or Yugoslav occupied territory.

Red Cross Messages. Arrangements were completed for the transmission of inquiry and message forms through the Swiss Consulate in Milan and direct to Switzerland.

Clothing Distribution. A local committee has been formed to supervise the distribution of American Red Cross clothing and an additional Red Cross worker has been requested to assist in the distribution from this HQ.

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