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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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12 September 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S
MEETING - 10 SEPTEMBER 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- a) - 1 (c) - Press Attacks on Allies - EC stated that no letter had been sent to (RHC) about the Press attacks on Allied Drivers in Rome. RHC had issued a communique to the Press and this he considered sufficient.

B.C. further stated that a letter of apology had been received from the Italian Government referring to the recent attacks in the Italian Press regarding the alleged murder by a Polish soldier of a British Red Cross Girl.

Polad (A) asked what the Allied Policy was against such Press attacks and was informed that individual attacks were ignored, but definite Anti-Allied Campaigns were passed to the Italian Government, on SACRE's instruction, for their action.

Polad for Annex - M. Of. (B) stated that there was sufficient room to house all the A.C. in the main building. This means moving Dispersed and 12 B.L.S. from the annex to the sixth floor. This move had been arranged and will be completed by the end of September.

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He further asked if the Italian decree limiting the number of courses served at any meal had been issued and was informed that it had been reported a failure.

Port Dues. EC stated that there had been recent correspondence on this subject and asked if British Merchant Vessels were paying Port dues. Polad B said that he would check.

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Italian Peace Treaty. 33 stated that a photostatic copy of the original draft of the Italian Peace Treaty as printed in the New York Times had been received and directed PRO to obtain extra copies for distribution to Heads of Sections.

Food. A.V.P. Zoon, Sec. stated that there was a slight decline in the wheat situation due to a falling off in harvesting.

Surplus wheat was held for 128 days or until 13 January 1947.

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6. Fuel. A.V.P. Zoon. Secd. stated that last months coal imports had reached the post war high of 944,000 tons and that there is 800,000 scheduled for next month.

The first coal train from Poland is reported to be on its way.

W. Turner
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S
MEETING
- 2 SEPTEMBER 1946

7 September 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (c). Press Attacks on Allies. EC stated that a letter had been prepared on the subject of bel driving. Letter was also in preparation re the interview by "L'ENTRA" with Signor SCOCCHI AUTO, Minister of Piacenza, on the subject of his attack on the UDEE. Representations have also been made to the Italian Government re press attacks on Polish troops.

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Staff Changes. EC stated that the reorganization of the HQ Commandant's Office is now complete. Major Bentley is also carrying out the duties of Air Transport Officer (B). Major Martin L. Dray has moved to the ground floor next to Camp Commandant's Office and is performing duties of Adjutant and G 1 Civilian Personnel. EC (B) stressed that all matters concerning British HQ should be referred to Major Lyons, MTO (B), and not to Major Bentley.

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Personnel Strength - British. EC stated that a telegram had been received from Major Martin L. Dray re strength of British troops in AG by November 1 1946 and January 1 1947. G-5 had since telephoned that this referred to 15 per cent only. Col. Findlay was asked to follow up.

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Staff Changes - Base Area Command. EC announced that as from 1 September command of Base Area Command passed from Brigadier Low to Colonel Decker (A). Lt. Col. Tullin (B) would be his Deputy.

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Accommodation. EC stated that Italian Government were still pressing for requisition of hotels in Rome. A meeting is to be held this week between EC, Dr O. (B) on this subject.

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Move of AHC. EC said that there was no further news about the move of AHC and stated that if they moved to UDEE or PAVIA we had been assured that there would not be a great change in the requisitioning of premises. Col. Findlay stated

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Move of AMHQ. DC said that there was no further news about the move of AMHQ and stated that if they moved to UMBE or PADIJA we had been assured that there would not be a great change in the requisitioning of premises. Col. Mindlay stated that D.P. & R.S.C. was interested in PADIJA owing to the location there of the DP Camp under Italian Government control for the reception of refugees from ISRAEL and that if AMHQ moved to that location he was afraid the camp may have to be closed. DC stated that this should be taken up with AMHQ from the Commission saying that we are interested in UMBE and PADIJA, Col. Mindlay would look after this matter.

Displaced Persons. Colonel Mindlay gave a resume of what had taken place during Professor Royce's visit to this HQ. Professor Royce had visited AMHQ in company with Col. Mindlay and had also visited camps in the Naples area.

DP & RSC had been ordered to feed all DP Camps on British

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ratius which would be replaced by Italian Government in bulk. Italian Government had been asked to supply the ratius direct from Post-Italian sources. Col. Pindley asked that Economic Section should discuss the whole feeding problem with D.P. & R.S.C. A meeting would be arranged mutually between Col. Pindley and Brigadier Carr.

I.C. announced that pressure was being brought to bear on AC for the handover of the Refugee Camp at BOLOMEL to the Italian Government. Col. Pindley stated that this camp was used for the reception of refugees from ISRAEL. IC said that a strong case would have to be put forward by IEP & NSC if this camp was to continue under AC control.

7. Fuel. EX O. (A) stated that we had enough fuel to heat the AC building less the Annex throughout the coming winter. He said that all AC offices at present situated in the Annex should be moved into the main building where office space was available. After discussion IC asked Mr. C(A) to consult with Camp Commandant and prepare an overall plan for the move of offices from the Annex to the main building.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFPO 724

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref.: 240/30

29 August 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S
MEETING - 27 AUGUST 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 4(a). Food Situation - Brig. Carr reported an increase in arabul during the past week amounting to 100,000 tons. Total collections were close on 2 million tons which was 85% of the provisional target figure. The premium being paid to farmers which had been extended until 15 Aug. was now being paid for all wheat delivered to the census within 8 days of being threshed. Stocks of food in the country were sufficient for 135 days but if the census continued at the present rate it was anticipated that this would ensure stocks up till 15 Febr. 47.
- (b) - 1(b). Civilian Restaurants. EC said a letter has been sent to Alto saying that the AC, after discussion with the Studeco of Rome, A/High Commissioner for Food, and UNRRA, were of the opinion that the order should not be rescinded.
- (c) - 1(c). Press Attacks on Allies. EC said that PAC had submitted a summary of criticism made against the Allies in the Italian press. These did not appear to be particularly virulent and it was not considered necessary to forward them to APTR. With regard to bad driving, EC said that strong disciplinary action should be taken against bad driving within the Commission and directed Lt.Col. Wilber-Jones and Colonel Ross to pay particular attention to this matter.

(d) - 3.

ITALYAN CIVILIAN Electoral Rolls. EC said that the present position was that the US Govt did not want the electoral rolls to be compiled; the British Embassy had received no instructions but did not feel that the time was appropriate; the Chief Commissioner felt that the work of compilation could be carried out. These views were being submitted to UNRRA.

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(b) - 1(b). Civilian Restaurants. 23 said a letter has been sent to Ally Savin, that the AC, after discussion with the Sindaco of Rome, A/High Commissioner for Food, and UNRRA, was of the opinion that the order should not be rescinded.

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2. Staff Changes. 23 said that the appointment of Headquarters Commandant AC was abolished. In its place, Major Bentley (or) was taking over the duties of Camp Commandant and Major Davy, Adjutant, AC.

23 directed that the Executive Officer A & B should liaise on this matter.

3. DISPLACED PERSONS. Col. Minday who has just returned from London gave a brief resume of the future of Displaced Persons as far as UNRRA and the IGOR were concerned.

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He further stated that there is a move on foot to change the status of certain SAs to IEs.

DO was informed that this would make very little difference as far as D.P. and R.S.C. was concerned.

W. Turner - (S)
 Chief Staff Officer,
 to the Executive Commissioner.

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21 August 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S
MEETING - 20 AUGUST 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4(a).

Food Situation. Brig. Carr reported that the ammassi had dropped off during the past two weeks and only 52,000 tons had been amassed. The total amassed as at 15 Aug was 1,863,327 tons which was 73% of the target figure. There was a remark that the ammassi target figure would be raised as a result of the excellent figures already achieved.

EC said that he had read in an UNRRA report that the food position in the country was bad and that there were only stocks sufficient to last until the end of the year. This conflicted with AC information and he suggested that Eoon Sec should ask Mr. Cleveland to clarify the UNRRA statement.

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Civilian Postponements. EC said that this matter had been discussed with UNRRA who were not in favour of lifting the restriction on service personnel. The matter had also been discussed with the Sindaco of Rome and the Acting High Commissioner for Food and AC had gained the impression from them that it was undesirable to reverse the order. The question was raised as to whether, in view of UNRRA's point of view on the matter, the order should not also apply to Allied civilians employed by UNRRA. EC directed that the matter be taken up with UNRRA.

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2. Staff Changes. EC informed the meeting of the following staff changes:

Brig. Carr was to combine the duties of VP, CAS and A/VP soon.
Sec. Col. Wolton was proceeding on leave to US immediately.

Major Mounds had been replaced by Major Tarnock as LO TENDA.

The appointment of HQ Commandant had been taken over by Major Bentley with Major Davy as his assistant on the US side.

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3. VENETIA GIULIA Electoral Rolls. Brig. Carr said that AMHQ had informed 13 Corps that the General Order on electoral rolls was not to be promulgated until the views of the US and UK Governments had been received. A further signal had stated that in the meantime the compilation of the electoral lists would not be interrupted. CAS took the view that the work of compilation of lists could not be carried out until the General Order had been legally promulgated and AMHQ had been informed of this opinion.

Lt. Col. R.A.

Lt. Col., R.A.,
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to the Executive Commissioner.

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ADJUTANTS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 210/ED.

15 August 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 13 AUG 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton reported that the food situation was good and the messing going extremely well. Prices of bread and pasta in Rome had gone down recently, but the price of oil had increased. A good oil crop was anticipated.

(b) - 1(d). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported that the coal position was quite satisfactory. July arrivals had been 525,000 tons and present estimated August arrivals were close on 700,000 tons.

2. Conservation of Petrol. EC impressed upon the meeting the necessity of making every effort to conserve petrol.

3. Travelling Expenses - Civilians. Col. Walton said that he had received a recommendation from G-1(B) and 2675 Regt. that travelling expenses paid to Italian civilians on official duty be increased. He was inclined to regard the matter favourably and EC ruled that a recommendation be put forward to the Wages & Labour Committee for consideration.

4. Civilian Restaurants. Col. Walton said that RAC had put forward to APC the suggestion that the ban on military personnel eating in civilian restaurants be removed, and APC had referred the matter to AC for an opinion. Col. Walton was in favour of the lifting of the restriction. EC agreed with Col. Walton but said that before replying to APC the matter should be discussed with the High Commissioner for Food and the Sindaco of Rome in order to obtain their views.

5. Administration - PG Camps. Lt. Col. Pethergill said that Disper had been asked verbally by G-5 APC to be prepared to discuss the administration of PG Camps South of the Appennines after all military installations had been moved to the North. He said that as long as there were units in the PG Valley, Disper could draw supplies in bulk from those sources and distribute by rail and road to their camps in the South. EC said he was of the opinion that supplies should be drawn from Italian Government sources but Lt. Col. Pethergill said he had already investigated this and found that different items of the ration were located in different dumps and this would mean a considerable amount of transport. He said that vehicle maintenance also

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6. VALLEIA GIULIA - Evacuation of Personnel. Lt. Col. Rothergill reported that a Commission from the Italian Government had been in 13 Corps area investigating the evacuation of the Italian population from the disputed areas, particularly FOLA. EC said that the real problem was the resettlement of these people on the mainland and before any scheme of movement was contemplated, particulars should be obtained from the Italian Government of their scheme for resettlement. It was undesirable that these people should be placed in DP Camps. EC said that the matter should be taken up very strongly with the Italian Government.
7. Press Attacks on Allies. EC reported that there had been several attacks on the Allies in the Italian press during the last month. Such things as accidents, robberies in which Allied deserters were involved, trouble in the US or British Bafire, were used as excuses for big headlines and attacks on the Allies. Such attacks had commenced immediately after the rulings made by the Big Four. EC said that the matter should be drawn to the attention of AFHQ.

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8. WE - Land Forces S/C (MIA). Col. Pidlley said that the Land Forces S/C (MIA) War Establishment had been considered at AFHQ and it had been decided to make no change for the time being.

9. Admin of MIA's. Col. Pidlley reported that he was still pursuing this matter but very little progress had been made. One of the difficulties was the question of payment to the Italians and EC suggested that he discuss this with Col. Eatherby of APA. Col. Pidlley said that he had been assured of every cooperation by the Italian Ministry of War.

10. Property Control. Col. Walton said that Don See had received several queries regarding property control and he was not sure of the competent authority to deal with these matters. EC said they were the responsibility of the Submarine.

11. Communications. Lt. Col. Hubert reported that the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications had been experiencing difficulty in maintaining its vehicles because of shortage of spare parts, but it was hoped that there would soon be an improvement as a two months supply of spare parts for vehicles had now been promised.

The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications had requested authority to repair the Italcable submarine cable from BARIOLINA to VALLICA (on the ROME-MILAN circuit), and from VALLICA to ROMA. This matter had been referred to the Combined Communications Board.

Lt. Col. Hubert stated that the telephone circuits between ROME and CORTELA had been improved resulting in more calls being completed.

Lt. Col. R.A.,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

1 August 1946.

Ref: 249/ED.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 30 JULY 1946

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton said that the Ammasi was still going well. Zoon Sec had pointed out to UNRRA an error in their weekly Ammasi report which showed VERGELLA GIULIA as being below their target figure, whereas VERGELLA GIULIA had already passed their allotted figure.

(b) - 1(b). CIP Strike. Col. Walton stated that the CIP strike had resulted in gasoline being made available to consumers at higher prices.

(c) - 1(d). Liaison Groups. EC said that he had made a tour of all Northern Liaison Groups and the closing down was proceeding smoothly. Ex.O(P) said that on his recent tour he had found that the main problem seemed to be the settling of outstanding accounts and matters being referred to AG which were originally handled by military formations. EC said that he thought that in all cases Liaison Groups had inserted notices in the local newspapers stating that the Groups were closing and asking for all outstanding accounts to be submitted by a certain date. He also said that he would ask the CC to inform the Italian Government of the closing of the Liaison Groups in order that the Italian Government might inform the local Prefects.

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VENEZIA GIULIA - POLA. EC said that practically all the Italian population of POLA wished to leave the city and economic life was at a standstill. He had discussed the matter with AEF 13 Corps and he said that should any requests for evacuation of personnel from POLA be received within the Command, Disper should consult with him regarding the action to be taken. It was a matter of highest policy and we should admit direction from higher authority.

4.

Electric Power. Col. Walton reported that there had been a reduction of power in Central and Southern Italy. There was to be a 15% reduction in power for industry and a daily 4-hour shut-down in each of six sectors in Rome. This was due to the shortage of water and the curtailment would continue until the rains came later in the year.

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5. CEA Branch. Col. Walton said that AHA were issuing revised instructions on CEA which provided that all units now in possession of CEA dumps would immediately withdraw such material as they required and declare the surplus ready for the handover. Instructions also provided that units in possession of miscellaneous quantities of CEA would hand them over direct to the Italian Government. In view of the time which it would take for the publication of these instructions and the preparation of reports, it was probable that CEA would remain an AC responsibility for a further period.
6. Civilianisation. Ex.O(A) reported that a memorandum had been received from AFOLIA saying that it was the War Department policy to replace American Officers and En by War Department civilians wherever possible. An allocation of 33 had been made to AC and a report was to be submitted to AFOLIA by 10 Aug.
7. AC Telephone Lines. Col. Hubert reported that at the direction of RMAC it was necessary to cut down to the minimum the number of direct dial lines from offices in the AC building to the Italian telephone system. As a result of this the number of lines was being reduced from 24 to 8. Ex.O(A) would examine the matter of a possible reduction in the number of telephone lines at present installed in billets.

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Lt. Col. H. H. Smith

Lt. Col., RA.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 JULY 1946

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J. W. Hind-Lewis

Lt. Col., RA.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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J. W. Kent - Lm. H.

Lt. Col., RA.,
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24. July, 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 JULY 1946.

Brigadier Carr presided in the absence of the Executive Commissioner.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Polad (B)	1	Archives Branch	- 1	
CA Section	4	Public Relations	- 1	
Econ. Section	6	Liaison Division	- 3	

19 July 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - 9 JULY 1965.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton reported that so far the ammassi had been very successful and the total ammassed as at 6 July was 625,000 tons. There had been some impatience on the part of the population for the return to a higher ration and it had been reported that the Prefect of MILAN had already raised the ration to 350 grams. It was expected that the first ammassi would reach a fairly high figure and UNRRA were using a tentative figure of 2,107,000 tons on which to base their future import requirements. EC stated that the CC had recommended to SACEM that a full programme of imports be maintained in order to bring the ration to its proper level.
- (b) - 1(d). CA Agreements. EC stated that he understood that the Italian Govt. had prepared its first comments on the two agreements and these would shortly be forwarded to British and US Authorities.
- (c) - 1(e). Mid-Shift Meal. Col. Walton reported that the Allied Forces Labour & Welfare Committee had recommended to AFHQ that the mid-shift meal be readjusted to effect a saving in flour by reducing the bread element and increasing other components of the meal. EC stated that AC were not represented at the meeting and directed Boon Sec to ask Mr. Bradie, Chairman of the Committee to advise AC of the date and agenda of future meetings so that a representative might be sent.
- (d) - 7. Administration of HQ's etc. Col. Pidsley stated that the meeting called by AC on this subject had not yet been held. Land Forces S/C were trying to obtain further information from HQ 3 District. EC directed that the meeting be held as soon as possible in order to clarify the position.
- (e) - 8. Medical Officers. Ex.O(A) said that application had been made to HQUSA for a medical officer and he was hopeful of success.
- (f) - 9. Aliens in Camp near MONTE. Col. Findlay stated that a copy of the report on the visit to this camp had reached G-5 AFHQ who had expressed the opinion that IFA S/C should not screen the

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2. CIP Strike. Col. Walton gave the latest news on the projected CIP strike which he said had been called off pending rehabilitation of the Government.

3. Amnesty. EC stated that in connection with the Amnesty Decree issued by the Italian Govt, the CC was making representations to AFHQ that we should make the amnesty applicable to internees recently removed from TURI to RIOTONE, and also to cases tried by AMC and Italian courts for offences against Allied military interests. With regard to the internees, G-2 AFHQ had reported that 85% of these had been informed for ~~release~~ and 15% for sabotage. SAC-MED had ruled that the 85% were to be progressively released.

4. IPW Section. EC raised the question of the future of IPW Section. MTOUSA had ruled that no American officers would be provided for this Section. He had discussed the matter with Brig. Drew and Col. Parsons who had stated that it

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was not a residual function of the AC and was work which could quite easily be taken over by AFHQ or the Submissions. Col. Parsons had suggested that the British officers of IPW Section be transferred either to "A" Branch, GHQ GPF, or seconded to the British Embassy. With regard to PW in the hands of other nations such as France and Russia, AFHQ took the view that the Italian Govt. should take up the matter of their repatriation with the respective Embassies. A letter to AFHQ had been drafted previously to the discussion with Col. Parsons. This was now with the CS and if he decided to send it on, EC suggested that Col. Pidsley take up the matter on his forthcoming visit to AFHQ.

5. Preparation of Electoral Lists in Venezia Giulia. Brig. Carr said that the position at the moment was that a General Order which embodies the Italian electoral law was before SCAO VG for approval and signature. He asked whether in view of recent developments in Paris and the fact that elections of a sort had already been held in Zone "B", it was appropriate to go ahead with the publication of this order and the preparation of electoral lists. The feeling of the meeting was that the lists should be compiled and CA Sec were instructed to put up a strong letter to 13 Corps to this effect.

6. Demilitarisation of Islands. Col. Pidsley drew attention to the recent letter from AFHQ regarding the demilitarisation of PALLERSTAD, ALBERTUS, LINDSA. Col. Fiske had been appointed chairman of the Committee and the Italian Govt. had been asked to appoint an Engineer to be a member of the Committee.

7. Police Mission. EC said that there was a divergence of opinion within the Commission on this subject and suggested an early discussion with Poland, Land Forces and CA Sec.

Col. Walton asked whether it was the intention for the proposed Police Mission to reorganise the whole of the Italian civil police force. He mentioned particularly the Port Guards, who under Fascism had been an efficient organisation but were now composed of partigiani and odds and ends.

8. Control of Arms Production. Col. Pidsley asked whether under the proposed new organisation for Service S/CS, the new Service Sub-Sections would be asked to take on duties such as control of arms production, or whether these would be carried out by a separate section. EC replied that this was to have been decided by the Chief of the new Section, but in view of recent developments in Paris it was to be presumed that until the Peace Treaty was signed, arms production would be controlled as at present by the Service S/CS. After the signing of the Peace Treaty it would presumably be controlled by the Council of Four Ambassadors.

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10. Italian Govt. Decees. Col. Walton stated that the Economic Adviser to the British Embassy had asked for translations of old decrees issued by the Italian Govt. These were not available in Rome Sec and he wondered if other Sections had copies of the decrees. VP GAS would look into the matter.
10. US Requisitioned Vehicles. Ex.O(A) reported that orders had been received from WFOUSA that all US requisitioned vehicles were to be released by 3 Aug.
11. Civilian Wage Scale. Ex.O(B) stated that a new wage scale had been issued for civilian employees by AFHQ. The old wage scale would remain in force for present civilian employees, but any new employees would be paid at a considerably lower rate.
12. Civilian Employees. EC stated that there were at present 898 civilian employees in AC and during the last 6 weeks a reduction of only 200 had been effected. He directed Heads of Sections and 3/Cs to give this matter careful and urgent attention and to submit their proposals for further reductions by Monday 15 July.

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12. Correspondence. CSO to EC said that a great deal of time was being wasted owing to files and letters for signature being submitted in the wrong form. He read a list of the main irregularities and EC directed that a memorandum should be prepared and circulated to S/Co.

J. K. Hind. Smith

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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27 June 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 JUNE 1946.

The Executive Commissioner introduced and welcomed to the Meeting Mr. PAVITT, Political Adviser (E), who had replaced Mr. Halford at the British Embassy.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

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EC raised the question of supplies to UDBE and VENEZIA GIULIA and asked whether the non-fulfilment of requisitions was in any way due to the fault of AG. Col. Walton replied in the negative and stated that only 55% of the requisitions had been filled. EC directed that Soon Sec should follow up continually with ARBQ with a view to requisitions being filled on time.

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It was anticipated that the pasta ration would be restored at least to a level of 1000 grams monthly as from 1 July, and also that the bread ration, which had in some instances been reduced to 150 grams, would go back to the 200 gram level.

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The coal situation was unchanged and allocations for
July were 390,000 tons.

Four cargoes of coal from the Ruhr had been notified
for use in UDRE and VENEZIA GIULIA.

1(c) - 1(c).

Future of AC. EC said that the CC wished Liaison Groups to
continue at least until the new Armistice Terms had been
signed. In any event Liaison Officers would remain at TENDA
and BOLZANO.

1(d) - 2.

CA Agreements. EC said that the CA Agreements were now being
considered by the Italian Govt and it was understood that they
had raised several queries. The matter would presumably now
be handed over to the new Government.

- 1(2) - 7. Mid-Shift Meal. Col. Walton reported that he had made a spot-check with the HQ Mess and found that there was no issue for complaint. The meal was good and the kitchen in no way insubordinate.
- 1(2) - 8. Duty Officers. Ex. C(4) said that he had drafted orders for one officer only to be on duty in the CC's office on half-days and Sundays, and one officer for night duty. All Sub-Communications were included in the scheme. The orders would be submitted to the EC for approval today.
2. Approval of appointments in new Government. There was discussion regarding the desirability of Allied approval being obtained for the appointment of certain Ministers and Government officials in the new Government. EC asked Polada to discuss the matter with him further at a later date.
3. Signal Section. EC reported that the AC Signal Section was being abolished and all signals would in future be handled by RASC.
4. Venezia Canal. EC stated that a categorical denial had been put out by SACMID with regard to the rumours alleging that Allied troops had moved the Morgan Lane 9 kilometres to the East. This denial had been relayed to all newspapers.
5. Diplomatic Relations. Polada(B) reported that direct diplomatic relations had now been established between Italy and Greece.
6. DMTO. EC said that he had had a visit from General Hower, Head of DMTO. Gen. Hower had told him that he was fairly happy about the transportation situation in Italy with the exception of rolling stock. Italy was short of 44,000 wagons. The Italian repair shops were in excellent condition and there was plenty of labour, but raw materials - particularly coal - were short. Gen. Hower was trying to persuade UNRRA to make a bigger allocation of coal to the Italian railway authorities in order to get the repair shops working at something like normal capacity.

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6. EURO. EC said that he had had a visit from General Hoyer, Head of EUTO. Gen. Hoyer had told him that he was fairly happy about the transportation situation in Italy with the exception of rolling stock. Italy was short of 4,000 engines. The Italian repair shops were in excellent condition and there was plenty of labour, but raw materials - particularly coal - were short. Gen. Hoyer was trying to persuade URSAL to make a bigger allocation of coal to the Italian railway authorities in order to get the repair shops working at something like normal capacity.

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8. Displaced Persons Staff. Ex.O(a) reported that 20 additional American personnel had been allocated to Displaced Persons. EC requested Ex.O(a) to renew his efforts with regard to the provision of a Medical Officer.

9. Aliens Camp near MOENH. Col. Findlay reported the existence of a camp near MOENH where the Italians are holding a number of aliens, chiefly for illegal entry into the country. Displaced Persons S/C had been asked by the Ministry of Interior to assist in the screening of these persons. There had been some complaints about conditions in the camp but Col. Findlay had received a report from one of his officers that the camp was, in fact, extremely well run and the food was excellent. Col. Findlay said that he would provide EC and the Embassy with copies of this report.

L. B. Hunt-Smith
Lt. Col., R.A.
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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20 June 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

1(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton reported that UNRRA on making a revision of wheat stock holdings had found a total of 94,000 tons on 1 June. Amassing, previously estimated at 15,000 tons was now believed to be in the region of 79,000 tons. This, with 190,000 tons June arrivals, would give a stock for the month of 303,000 tons and with consumption estimated at 228,000 tons, left a stock at 1 July of 75,000 tons. The very promising crop now being harvested gave a more optimistic tone to the food situation.

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1(f) - 2. Exposition by General Hamlen. EC reported that the visit of Field Marshal Montgomery had been cancelled. He would, however, like Heads of Sections to submit their expositions which he would forward to AMN.

1(g) - 3. Future of AC. EC said that the EC, EC and Heads of the Service Sub-Coms were going to AMN today to attend a conference on the setting up of the new Special Section of AMN to deal with the Italian Armed Services, as envisaged in Clause 3(a) of the revised Armistice terms.

VP GMS raised the question of the control of production of armaments and suggested that it might be desirable to form a separate sub-section to deal with this matter. EC said the matter would probably be raised at the conference today but

that the organization of the Section would most likely be in the hands of the Head of the new Special Section.

Liaison Groups would be retained for the time being but owing to shortage of personnel they may be reduced to 2 officers and in all probability would be withdrawn entirely by the end of the month.

Discussions with General HAMILTON had elucidated the fact that in all probability there will be a successor to the AC in the form of some kind of Liaison Office or CI Section in Rome which will deal with the AC in USINE and VITELLA CIVILIA, displaced persons, and many of the functions that cannot be taken over by the Embassy.

- 1(n) - 6. Medical Personnel. Brigadier Carr had mentioned the matter to C. I. Fricelle but he was unable to help. DO(2) explained that there was a possibility of 10 officers being added to the US TO in which case he would apply for one medical officer to be assigned.
2. Civil Affairs Agreements. DO reported that US and UK Civil Affairs agreements had been handed to the Italian Govt. one of which had been described in the newspaper 'Unita'. The other document is a secret document and a signal had been sent to AMM suggesting that this document be declassified.
3. Economic Advisers to Embassies. DO said that Sir Quintin Hill and Mr. Winock were returning to Italy from UK this week to set up the Office of Economic Advisor to the British Embassy. Polid(1) said that the US Embassy would utilize existing staff with the addition of one or two experts.
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5. HUK Files. Col. Walton asked whether a replacement could be found for Lt. Col. Cameron-Curry who was shortly leaving CEM Branch. He also asked for the provision of an American officer to assist with the HUK files. DO's (1) and (2) would examine the matter.
6. Relocation of Civilians connected with HUK Files. DO directed that HQ Comdt find accommodation for these civilians who will shortly be evicted on the declassification of the Colonia Hotel.
7. Mid-Shift Meal. Col. Walton reported complaints regarding the inadequacy of the mid-shift meal provided by AC and of insanitary conditions in the kitchen and dining hall. HQ Comdt to inspect and report to DO.
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9. Telephones. Col. Scudder reported that in view of the fact that the new CA agreements contained clauses providing for indemnification of occupational costs, and the cost of the telephone service in ROME alone amounted to 4,000,000 lire a month, telephones connected with the ROME system would have to be cut to an absolute minimum by the end of the month. EC's 3/8 to submit proposals for reduction to EC after investigation.

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Lt. Col., RA,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Ref: 210/EC.

12 June 1946

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 11 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Food Situation. Col. Walton (ECN Sec) said there was little alteration. Although the situation was critical the indications were that there was no threat of famine. A very good crop, estimated to be in the region of six million tons, was expected. UNRRA were endeavouring to persuade the Italian Government not to make the armistice retention greater than it was last year.

(b) - 1 (c). Coal Situation. Col. Walton reported no change from last week. 300,000 tons of coal were still expected for arrival in June. Should arrivals exceed the anticipated figure there would be an increase in allocation.

(c) - 1 (e). C.I.P. Col. Walton said the position regarding POL was unchanged. There was an armistice in the CIP strike, it having been agreed that negotiations would not take place until after 15 June.

(d) - 1 (f). Archives. Col. Walton had spoken to Major Harrison about non-acceptance of files and was satisfied there had been a misunderstanding. The matter was now in order. Ex C said he had arranged a meeting on archives to-day.

(e) - 3. Allied Section. Brig. Carr (CA Sec) stated that a telegram had been sent to AFHQ suggesting that the clause protecting allied aeronaut schemes should be omitted from the new armistice terms.

(f) - 4. Derogation of Hotels. Ex C said a letter had been prepared for AFHQ which was based on a letter received from the Italian Hotels Union. The formation of a Central Organization was suggested, consisting of Allied Officers and representatives of the Italian Government and Genio Militare. This organization would lay down the policy for requisitioning and deal with appeals against requisitioning of property. There was some discussion and Brig. Carr considered that it would be difficult for a Central Organization to control this matter and that hotels should be dealt with separately from other requisitioned property.

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(g) - 5. Reinstatement of Insurance Company Officials. Ex C stressed the importance of getting this matter settled quickly and directed Col. Walton to take up at once with the Italian Government.

2. Exposition by Brig. Gen. Hamblen. Ex C announced that Brig. Gen. Hamblen was preparing an exposition on the work of G-5 on the occasion of the visit by Field Marshal Montgomery to AMHQ. He had asked VPB and Heads of Sections for a short memorandum and would like to have this by 15 June so that he could brief Brig. Gen. Hamblen.

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2. Future of AC. Ex C stated that although there had been a full conference yesterday, the actual future of AC was still undecided. A staff study on the subject was being prepared by AFHQ.
4. Transport for Seen Sea Officers. Col. Walton said that two of his officers had to take many trips around HMAS and were having great difficulty in obtaining transport. Ex C (S) said these officers could have a car assigned to them on a daily basis provided the vehicle was needed for essential and official business. Ex C stated he would give a ruling later on this matter.
5. Responsibility for Displaced Persons. In answer to Col. Findlay (Disper S/C), Ex C said that the future of displaced persons was covered by the Civil Service agreements. There was some discussion on this and the duties of the Civil Affairs agreements were examined. Ex C said that in fixing future responsibility, the financial commitments of the Italian Government must be taken into account. He would discuss further with Col. Findlay.
6. Medical Personnel. Col. Findlay reiterated the scarcity of Allied medical personnel in Disper camps. Ex C asked Brig. Carr if Col. Prizella could help.
7. Italian Air Lines. Ex C (A) raised the question of maintenance of Italian air lines when Liaison Groups had ceased to function. Ex C said that an extension to BOLZANO was necessary and Air Forces S/C must be warned that Liaison Group help would soon come to an end. It was necessary to keep the lines in operation for Disper S/C and the Italian Government. Ex C suggested that PC UDDE should take over the responsibility and directed Ex C (A) to take action.
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J. B. Findlay
14 June 1945

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSION

NO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 240/20.

5 June 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 JUNE 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Food Situation. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said the harvest prospect was the one bright spot in a gloomy picture. Supplementary marketing had produced less than 50% of the Italian target figure. The new ammassi decree had been published offering prices for next year's crop which would have the effect of farmers hoarding their remaining stocks to obtain the new prices. There had been an increase in the cost of certain essential items of living. Shipments of wheat from outside sources were less than was anticipated.

(b) - 1 (b). National Elections. Major Temple (Local Government S/C) reviewed the results received to-day. Returns had been received from 9,867 precincts out of a total of 35,236 and just over 5 1/2 million votes were accounted for, roughly one-quarter of the total votes cast. Of these votes, the Communist Party had obtained 1,227,859, the Socialist Party 1,364,742 and the Christian Democrat Party 2,054,338. Results so far received from some of the Colleges were as follows:

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College No. 2, CUNEO, ALBA, ALESSANDRIA, ASTI.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	128,000. 74,000. 46,000.
College No. 3, GENOA, IMPERIA, SAVONA, GENOVA.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	160,000. 127,000. 138,000.
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HOME	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist	49,000. 17,000. 22,000.
College No. 26, SILENO, AVELLINO.	Christian Democrat Socialist Communist Democrat del Lavoro.	30,000. 6,000. 4,000. 8,000.

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CATANIA,) MESSINA,) REGGIO,)	Christian Democrat	76,000
	Socialist	24,000
	Some Qualunque	17,000
	Communist	15,500
College No. 30, Palermo	Christian Democrat	38,000
	Some Democratic Nazionale	17,000
	Communist	9,000
	Some Qualunque	9,000
SARDINIA	Christian Democrat	56,000
	Some Qualunque	27,000
	Communist	22,000
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Ex C said the LOS' reports coincided with reports received from the Ministry of the Interior. He had sent a short telegram to Jiff yesterday and would send another today emphasizing the good order that had prevailed and the speed with which results were being received.

Regarding the referendum, Major Temple said it was the intention of the authorities not to publish spasmatic returns but to wait until the complete result was available. Ex C thanked Major Temple for the report and for the excellent work he had done and directed him to telephone the figures received to CC.

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(e) - 4. C.I.R. Col. Walton said stocks of IOL were improving. There was a possibility of another C.I.R. strike but it had been agreed there would be no cessation of work until after 15 June. The Government had made a statement that in the event of a strike materializing essential services would be operated by C.C.R.

(f) - 7. Archives. Col. Walton reported that work was being held up because Archives Branch were not ready to digest further files. Ex C directed his CSO to take this up with Major Harrison.

(g) - 9. Telephones. Col. Scudder (Communications S/C) said there had been a marked improvement in the service following the recent drive on illicit use of telephones by Italian civilians. A watch was being maintained on calls.

2. Whitsun Holiday. Ex C said he would obtain a ruling from OC as to what holiday, if any, would be given at Whitsun.

3. Requisitioning of Hotels. EX C said that as reported in the press he had delivered the draft of law revised and revised terms to the Italian Prime Minister. A summary of the document had appeared in the London "Times." The draft was not being published and would not be circulated until the next step had been reached, i.e., negotiation of the Civil Affairs agreements.

4. Derequisitioning of Hotels. In answer to ailed (..), EX C stated that a letter was being sent to the Italian today. He said that Brig. Low, RAC was pressing for the derequisitioning of the Colonna Hotel and directed EX C (..) to take action.

5. Reinstatement of Insurance Company Officials. EX C said the two men concerned were directors of leading insurance companies. They were in Rome when the occupation of Trieste occurred and were suspended by order of CCS for espionage and later set free. The U.S. Embassy maintained that it was still undesirable that they should be reinstated and paid (..) said both men had had records of cooperation with the enemy. He said the decision regarding them was the responsibility of the Italians but they had asked JAG permission to return and resume business. If that permission was granted it would possibly lead to strong criticism of U.S. Embassy and JAG.

EX C directed Col. Walton to take the matter up with Dr. DeBenedictis on the lines that we wished to see the full operation proceedings on these men.

6. Redeployment of U.S. Personnel. EX C (..) said he had received an order that all U.S. officers and men to be redeployed in June would be at LESTERON by Sunday night. Co. "J", 2675th Regiment had been disbanded and personnel transferred to 88 Division.

7. HQ Building. EX C said that in order to retain the building it was the wish of CC that other organizations be invited to share accommodation. As far as possible they should be self-contained on a separate floor or annex and be made responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of their portion of the building.

8. VERGILI GIULI, Press Reports. EX C stated that he had written to Italian editors reminding them that there was an "X" in the North.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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31 May 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 28 MAY 1946.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Food Situation. Ex C stated that Mr. Keeny and Mr. Legg of UNRRA had visited him and asked for the loan of 25,000 tons of flour from military stocks. Because they had been unable to persuade the Italian Government to reduce the bread ration, supplies would run out completely in certain regions between 31 May and 14 June. The massi and imports might take time over for about eight days from the latter date, but distribution would present difficulties.

UNRRA had been informed by signal. Mr. Legg had approached the British Ambassador asking for assistance and had been promised that a recommendation would be made to LONDON.

Ex C said it would be interesting to see if political parties made capital out of the food situation and future events might disclose the truth or otherwise of reports that ITALY had hidden and undisclosed food reserves.

Ex C had sent a DO letter to AC LON explaining the situation to date.

Col. Walton (Secn Sec) stated that crop prospects were excellent and the Government had increased its estimates of the harvest. In terms of all grain it was anticipated there would be a two million tons increase over last year's harvest.

The grasshopper blight was a handicap in SARDINIA. Steps to combat it were being taken.

(b) - 1 (c). National Elections. Ex C said the CC would like to have an AC representative in every province to give an overall picture. ILLAs were reporting for Land Forces S/C and Liaison Officers in the North could borrow from Areas. Officers were available at HQ.

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Col. Walton (Zoon Sec) stated that crop prospects were excellent and the Government had increased its estimates of the harvest. In terms of all grain it was anticipated there would be a two million tons increase over last year's harvest.

The grasshopper blight was a handicap in SARDINIA. Steps to combat it were being taken.

(b) - 1 (c). National Elections. Ex C+ said the CC would like to have an AC representative in every province to give an overall picture. ALIs were reporting for Land Forces S/C and Liaison Officers in the North could borrow from Areas. Officers were available at HQ.

(c) - 1 (e). Coal Situation. Col. Walton said there was no significant change. Deliveries of about 300,000 tons of coal were expected from various sources by the end of June.

(d) - 4. Conservation of Petrol. Ex O (B) stated he had discussed with Ex O (A) the question of instituting a "car-less" day and they were of the opinion that it would not be a great help. Tightening up of present regulations could achieve economy and at the present time there was no waste of transport. Col. Pidsley (Land Forces S/C) said a "car-less" day had proved economical to Land Forces S/C. Ex C would consider Ex O (B)'s recommendation.

(e) - 5. Refugee Centres. Col. Pidsley (Disper S/C) stated that skeleton military organizations had been provided for the camps taken over, with the exception of ALGERIA, where it was hoped to provide personnel tomorrow. He stressed the shortage of allied medical personnel, none being available for the camps. Ex C suggested that UNRRA could help in this matter and directed Disper S/C to draft a signal to AFHQ.

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2. Situation in Milan. Ex C had received a report from AC GLO LONGHEDIN. of a large Monarchist meeting in Milan on 26 May, which passed off quietly. A report had been received of a plot by neo-fascists to make trouble by assassinating a British Military Policeman. The Military Commander had taken all necessary precautions.
3. Allied Section. Poles (A.) said he was being pressed by the State Department for a decision on jurisdiction over Allied seamen. Ex C had written a DO letter to Brig. Gen. Law, RAC, on Allied nationals not subject to military law, but was uncertain how this affected Allied seamen. His personal opinion, with which Poles (A.) concurred, was that all Allied nationals not subject to military law should be subject to Italian jurisdiction. Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged with Poles on the return of Lt. Col. Mansford.
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7. Archives. Col. Walton said the appointment of a Records Officer was presenting difficulty. Ex C ruled that the appointment must be held by an officer who could, however, supervise the Chief Clerk in each Section.
8. Italian Civilian Employees. Ex C (2) said a cat had been made in the number of cleaners at H. and employees at the Super Garage. The number of clerks was being reduced. Arrangements were being made to clear one floor of HQ building and Ex C said that INCA, UNIPA and associated bodies should be put on one floor and make their own arrangements for office cleaning. Disyer S/O were in need of personnel and Land Forces S/O were short of translators.
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10. Memorial Day, 30 May. Ex C ruled that this would be a holiday for all American personnel, and directed Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions to release their American employees on that day. The normal work would be carried on by British and civilian personnel.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S MEETING - 21 MAY.

Brigadier Dunlop was present at the meeting. Ex C stated that Brigadier Dunlop would shortly be leaving AC, and expressed appreciation of all the good work done by him since the very early days and said all joined in wishing him well.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1 (a). Food Situation. Econ Sec gave a brief review of the present situation, which was gloomy. Balancing estimated arrivals against consumption, stocks would be very low by 1 June. The extra 6% arising campaign had not been a success. UNRRA had suggested a cut in the bread ration on 23 May. Ex C stated that AFSA should be informed if there was any likelihood of a cut in the bread ration, and directed Econ Sec to prepare a draft telegram incorporating the figures quoted.

- (b) - 1 (a). Civilian Wage Scales. Ex C had received a letter from Mr. Argine explaining that the UNRRA figures quoted included all allowances and were gross rates. There was therefore very little difference between UNRRA and Allied Forces rates of pay, the essential difference being in UNRRA food and clothing allocations. It was decided that no further action could be taken in this matter.

- (c) - 2. National Elections. Ex C stated that CC was anxious to receive reports from AC CIOs immediately after the elections, and directed Ca Sec to take necessary action.

- (d) - 3. Pro-Fascist Newspapers. Colod (A) stated that the Italian Government had been approached with regard to "Steghele."

- (e) - 6. Coal Situation. Econ Sec outlined proposals made by the European Coal Organisation at a recent meeting, at which Mr. Scriven, of UNRRA, ILLS, was present. Estimated arrival figures were read by Econ Sec and UNRRA figures for shipments of coal to ITALY. In general the situation showed an improvement.

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Consular representation was now in full swing throughout the North, and working well.

The agricultural situation was good, there had been an excellent hay harvest, and prospects for crops were promising. The industrial outlook was not so bright; factories were working below capacity owing to lack of raw materials and the goods were not being sold, but were accumulating in stores and warehouses.

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Public order was highly satisfactory, and demonstrations which took place were invariably well measured and restrained. There seemed to be a strong feeling among the Indians that the elections must be carried out in an orderly manner.

Surrounding the position, Brig. Danlop stated that in the North the agricultural side was promising, politically they were getting on well, but certain hidden financial difficulties might come to light in a few months time.

3. War Establishment. Ex O (B) stated that the War Office had ordered a review of the War Establishment by 23 May and a new War Establishment was submitted to C.I.M. on Saturday last. G.H.Q. had, however, now decided to cable War Office suggesting a further postponement of review.

4. Conservation of Petrol. Ex O (B) stated that on the British side a rationing scheme had been introduced for the purpose of reducing waste. A daily quota was allotted for each vehicle, and Land Forces S/C were working a somewhat similar scheme.

Ex O (A) had introduced a scheme of rationing for the civilian and V.D. pools, which should cut down consumption. He stated that in view of the larger amount of gasoline used by jeeps and armoured cars it was more economical to use civilian cars wherever possible. The proportion of vehicles to jeeps was two to one.

Ex C directed that Ex Os (A) and (B) examine the possibility of instituting one "car loan" day a week.

5. Refugee Centres. Lt-Col. Petherall (Dispers S/C) stated that seven of the eight refugee centres taken back by U.N.R. would have a camp commandant by tomorrow. The eighth refugee centre, at AFRS., would have a camp commandant by 27 May.

10/12,000 refugees from India now are under the control of Dispers. They would be informed of this by signal and Ex C directed that G should be shown the signal to this effect.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 14 MAY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) reported very little change. The target figure for additional ransing undertaken by the Italian Government had been reduced to 68,000 tons and during the period 1 - 8 May only 2% of that figure had been collected. There had been a delay in publishing the decree. The Italian Government planned to proclaim an amassing law for the next harvest similar to last year, except that greater retentions would be permitted. A decree for restaurant control was under consideration. Ex C referred to a memorandum received from AG CLO WARLES which was in effect an attack on Italian administration and policy, alleging that large reserves of food were available and that the Italians were mislending their own authorities, AC and UNRRA. Ex C had passed this memorandum to Lt. Col. Gower and would discuss it with Col. Walton. Col. Walton stated that crop conditions appeared promising.

- (b) - 1(b). Jews at LA SPEZIA. Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) stated that certificates had been provided and all Jews had sailed.

- (c) - 1(c). Elections. Brig. Carr (Ca Sec) said that instructions laid down that Allied observers be as inconspicuous as possible, which was not always practical. Attendees at local elections did not bring to light any major points for the attention of the Italian Government. Some suggestions were offered on minor matters of distribution etc. Ex C stated that the directive to LOS in respect of local elections would apply to national elections.

- (d) - 2. Civilian Employees. Ex C (E) had completed a list of all civilians employed at AC HQ, including cleaners, fitters, drivers, mechanics, etc., and the total number was 1,219. The first step to be taken was a reduction in the number of cleaners, to be followed by a reduction in typists, the latter being bound up with the new M.E. C. Sec were making further reductions on 15 May and Ex C directed that Econ Sec check over their civilian personnel.

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 The matter would be reviewed again in conjunction with the new
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(e) - 3. Civilian Wage Scales. Ex C had received a letter from Mr. Braine
 giving relative figures for Allied and UNRRA employees. It was
 apparent that the allowances granted by UNRRA made the difference
 in the wages scales and Ex C directed Leon Sec to get gross
 figures from Mr. Braine.

(f) - 5. Petroleum. Col. Wilton stated that the present C.I.P. strike
 did not adversely affect Allied military supplies but civilian
 supplies were affected to some extent, resulting in the curtail-
 ment of transport services. Col. Halsey (Land Forces S/C)
 raised the question of petroleum supplies to the Italian Army.
 At present they had no reserves and the Allies were lending
 their petrol. Affairs were being approached on this matter.

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(g) - 6. Purchases by Italian visitors in Italy. Col. Walton stated that a reply had been received from UNRRA stating that shipments were not being arranged for lire /4 the rate reported by the Italian Government.

(h) - 7. Illegal Entry. Col. Findlay stated that illegal entry was continuing, although this might be lessened by the fact that permits were being issued.

2. National Elections. Ex C said that pressure had been brought to bear from many directions for postponement of the 2 June elections and he read a telegram which was being sent to AC CIOE asking them to report on any activity of this kind. Poland (A) asked if provision had been made for the guarding of ballot boxes during the night. Land Forces S/C stated the War Ministry had been requested to provide one man for each polling place (approximately 10,000 men) and this had been agreed.

3. Pro-Fascist Newspapers. Polak (A) expressed concern at the reappearance of certain newspapers and said it was reported last week that Stephanie planned a revival. The matter had been discussed at the American Embassy and it had been suggested that AC should approach the Italian Government. After further discussion, Ex C directed PEO to get more information about ownership and background of the newspapers involved.

4. Control of Manufacture of arms. The implications of this matter were discussed in some detail and Ex C directed that a committee be set up presided over by Ex C. Capt. Smith Service and other interested Sub-Committees, to investigate the whole question.

5. Administration of UNRRA (UNR). Col. Findlay asked if any arrangement had been made with regard to administration of UNR in the field when British facilities ceased to exist. CIO to Ex C stated that an interim reply had been received from UNR, but a decision had not yet been given.

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7. Foreign Trade. Col. Walton said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had a meeting on Italian foreign trade and had asked for a working committee to assist, AC to be a member. Ex C approved this.

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9. Future of Disper. There was discussion on the ultimate responsibility for Disper. It was decided to defer to the opinion of the U.S. Government and Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged before the end of the month.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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1 May 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 30 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - (a). Food Situation. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said there were certain changes in the situation. April arrivals were estimated at 130,000 tons and May arrivals at 190,000 tons, which would make the stock position at 1 May 131,000 tons and 1 June 45,000 tons. The Italian Government had started a drive to obtain more grain from last year's harvest and had set a target figure of 150,000 tons. They were planning to take away from the producers a proportion of their allowances and were paying an incentive above the regular price for wheat obtained in this way and by supplementary harvesting. Two grain ships had been diverted to ITALY and another six ships with UNRRA supplies were on the way.

(b) - (c). Jews at LA SIBELA. Col. Findlay (Disper S/C) stated that 679 visas had been issued. He did not know whether the holders of the visas had departed and thought that the Jews remaining would probably go to a Disper camp.

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(d) - 4. Travel Orders. After discussion of this matter, Ex C ruled that the present Directive would stand and that closer scrutiny be given to travel orders submitted.

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2. Civilian Employees. Ex C stressed the necessity for a very drastic cut, if necessary up to 75%, of civilian staff at HQ AC. He directed Ex Os (a) and (b) to consider this matter carefully and to draw up a comprehensive plan.

3. Civilian Wage Scales. Ex C (a) reported he had received a letter from AC Chief Liaison Officer MILES on the disparity between AC and UNRRA civilian wage scales, the UNRRA figures being much higher. Ex C directed Ex C (a) to take this up with ARHQ through Mr. Reine, of the British Embassy.

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4. UDINE. Col. Walton gave a brief resume of the meeting held at UDINE with Brig. Gen. Hamblen, G-5 and representatives of AG UDINE and XIII Corps. Brig. Gen. Hamblen was of the opinion that there should be some direct dealing between AGD territory and AMHQ on supply and legal matters, and the main question was whether it would be better to deal with AGD XIII Corps or two separate AGDs, i.e. XIII Corps and UDINE. It was stated that G-5 would depend upon AG to make necessary contacts in AGD with the Italian Government and UNGA. Brig. Gen. Hamblen proposed to draft a directive and send it for comment to those represented at the meeting at UDINE.

5. Petroles. Col. Walton stated that a change in the composition of the C.I.P. had been proposed by the Italian Government on several occasions but this had been viewed with disfavor by the Embassy, AG and UNGA. The Italian Government had made another application but at a discussion which took place yesterday they had agreed to consider further the continuance of C.I.P. in its present form for several months. Ex C considered that AG should take no part in this matter but leave it to the Embassy and UNGA. Col. Walton would bring up to Ex C when the correspondence from the Minister of Industry and Commerce was received.

6. Purchases by Troops visiting ITALY. Lt. Col. Timmons (CMA) stated that the Prime Minister had expressed concern at purchases of goods in ITALY by Allied troops from AMSTRL. and GERMANY and had asked the position on exchange rates. The whole question had been referred to AMHQ for a decision from GCS.

7. Illegal Entry. Col. Windley stated he had discussions with the Joint Distribution Committee ITALY and AMSTAL. and they were of the opinion that as a result of the decision to issue 100,000 permits illegal entry into ITALY would lessen.

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24 April 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(4). Food Situation. Lt. Col. Pilsone (Zoon Sec) said that UNRA had approached the Italian Government pointing out the grave wheat position and suggesting that a cut in the bread ration as from 24 April be considered. If the present ration was maintained stocks would be as low as 12,000 tons on 1 June. 60,000 tons would be saved by a cut in the ration to 150 grams. The amount of estimated arrivals for April and May was approximately 170,000 tons in each month. The Prime Minister had a meeting with UNRA on 20 April, at which AC was not represented. A complaint had been received from ARGENTINA, through the Italian Embassy, that UNRA was taking all shipping and therefore wheat could not be delivered, but it was considered by UNRA that the real difficulty in ARGENTINA was to get the wheat to the ports.

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(d) - 5. Elections. Brig. Carr (C. Sec) stated that there was no indication when elections would be held in the large cities. He showed a sample of the referendum paper to be used in the elections on 2 June.

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Coal. Lt-Col. Parsons reported that March and April arrivals should be something between 900,000 and 1,000,000 tons. While the present U.S. strike continued, there would be no loadings after 30 April. The Italian Government had made a promise for a consumption of 300,000 tons of coal per month for April, May and June against the average need of 450,000 to 500,000 tons a month. The position would be serious if the strike continued beyond 15 May.

2. National Elections. Following on a signal received from AMHQ for information, Ex C had written to Liaison Officers asking for a picture of local conditions and the possibility of political disorder during the holding of the national elections. He asked for reports from other sources on this subject before the end of the month. Ex C had asked AMHQ for permission to pass on to the Prime Minister the reports we received.

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17 April 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 APRIL.

Ex C introduced Sir Quintin Hill, Economic Advisor to the British Embassy.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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This had been brought to the attention of UNRRA, who were cooperating with the Italian Government.

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Col. Walton said this store had been turned over to the Italian Government, and was their responsibility.

(b) - 1(c). Report on Italian War Industries. Col. Walton stated that the additional information was still awaited. Econ Sec and Land Forces S/C were pressing the Italian Government for it.

(c) - 2. Chief Commissioner's Tour. Ex C announced he had received a telegram from CC, stating he hoped to be back on 26 April.

He was optimistic of the results of his mission.

(d) - 7. Jews at LA. GENOVA. Ex C would show Col. Findlay a report received from the Naval Officer who was sent to take charge of the vessel. He asked Polad (A) to clarify the channel of contact between Professor Laski and the Jews' representative.

2. UDHE. Ex C announced that on 24 April a meeting would take place to discuss the handover of JAG in VERONA. CIVIL. and UDHE to come under the direct operation of XIII Corps through AFHQ. Discussion would take place later to-day after Ex C had seen Laski from VPS.

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- (c) - 2. Chief Commissioner's Tour. Ex C announced he had received a telegram from CO, stating he hoped to be back on 26 April. He was optimistic of the results of his mission.
- (d) - 7. Jews at La Spezia. Ex C would show Col. Findlay a report received from the Naval Officer who was sent to take charge of the vessel. He asked Polad (B) to clarify the channel of contact between Professor Lami and the Jews' representative.
2. UDINE. Ex C announced that on 24 April a meeting would take place to discuss the handover of IIG in VERONA, TRIESTE, and UDINE to come under direct operation of XIII Corps through AFHQ. Discussion would take place later to-day after Ex C had seen memoranda from Vps.
3. Socialist Congress in F.L.A.M. (C). Polad (B) gave a brief account of this. Although on the surface things were running smoothly he considered that Menni's position as leader was precarious, and this might result in a change of policy in the party.
4. Pressover. Polad (A) said a communication had been received from the State Department asking that Jews in displaced persons camps receive pressover bread. Col. Findlay would investigate this matter and inform Polad (A).
5. Elections. In answer to Polad (A), IRO stated that final tabulations of local election results were given in the Weekly Bulletin. Ex C directed that Local Government S/C confirm that elections in the large cities were to be held after the formation of the Constituent.

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2 April 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 9 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (d). Food Situation. Col. Walton (Exec Sec) reported that the present factual position was bad. Stocks would be extremely low on 1 May and lower still on 1 June. UNRRA had suggested to the Italian Government several changes in the present ration to conserve existing stocks. Ex C said it was important that the Italian public should be prepared for these changes. So far little had been done in this direction except the High Commissioner for food speaking on the radio.

No sugar was available for distribution.

The dried vegetable supply was adequate for April. AD had approximately half a month's supply, which would be turned over to the Italian Government.

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(d) - 6.

Italian Mail from U.S.A. Correspondent 3/3 stated that they were cooperating with UNRRA on this matter.

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- (c) - 3. Civilian Restaurants. Brig. Dear (G. Sec) stated that no action by Italian police was legal, except possibly at the request of restaurant proprietors, as Italian law was not contravened.

- (d) - 6. Italian Mail from U.S.A. Communication: S/C stated that they were cooperating with OMAR on this matter.

- (e) - 8. Report on Italian War Industries. Col. Walton stated that no further information was yet to hand.

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3. Explosion at NOLA. Ex C drew attention to a report in the "Stars and Stripes" of a landmine explosion at NOLA, and directed that Public Safety S/C obtain a full report from AFHQ.

4. Textiles in the North. Col. Walton said that a number of the American Embassy had reported a large accumulation of textiles in the North. The manufacturers were unwilling to do anything to cooperate in any way. A report was being prepared.

5. Reserved Commodities List. Col. Walton. A number of reports received from Mr. Minnoworth and Mr. Simpson, and the list which had been sent.

6. Loan from Import/Export Bank. Col. Walton said it was now doubtful if more than one-quarter of the amount of the original loan would be granted to Italy. It was possible that to compensate for this they might receive the balance of the U.S. suspension account (Troops Pay Fund).

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2(a). Food. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) stated that he was preparing a report on this matter. The powdered eggs were not AC stocks, but belonged to the Italian Government.

(b) - 2(c). Police. Ex C said that reports indicated a fairly satisfactory state of affairs. Col. Pidsley (Land Forces S/C) stated that distribution had been the trouble with CC.R. equipment in the past. Supplies were now being made available on the Italian Army system.

(c) - 2(e). Civilian Staff. Ex C (a) stated that reductions had been carried out and a survey was now being made of all civilian staff at HQ.

(d) - 4. Food Situation. Col. Wilton reported that the outlook was a little brighter. The Italian Government had stated that with the promised shipments forthcoming a further reduction in the ration for April would not be necessary. There would be no distribution of sugar to normal consumers in April. Dried vegetable supplies would carry throughout May. Crop conditions remained the same. 55,000 tons of phosphate a month was being received from North Africa.

(e) - 6. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C reported that up to last Friday 33,000 of the target figure of 45,000 had been enrolled.

2. Petrol Supplies. Brig. Carr (Ca Sec) drew attention to a MFOEA order authorising American vehicles to draw petrol from civilian sources and asked if similar arrangements had been made for British vehicles. Ex C (a) stated that the order referred to American vehicles and was for emergency use only. Petrol could be taken in containers on special orders if application was made. There was discussion on how to overcome the possibility of reduction of the ration of petrol for civilian petrol.

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3. Civilian Restaurants. Col. Walton asked if relaxation of the "Off Limits" rule could be made. There was some discussion and Ex C stated that after consultation with Brig. Low, R.I.C., it had been decided that the rule must remain. He directed Ex C (..) to take up the possibility of R.I.C. providing a restaurant for American officers and civilian guests on the same lines as British Officers' restaurants. In connection with this matter, Ex C directed that Public Safety S/C clarify the regulations regarding powers that the Italian police had to enforce "Off Limits" regulations.

4. Coal. Col. Walton reported that shipments from U.S.A. and South Africa had been advised and the situation showed some improvement.

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5. FOL. Col. Souther drew attention to the optimistic figures given of POL in UNRRA. "Economic Notes," in view of the difficulty being experienced in obtaining supplies. Col. Walton stated that the Notes gave a true picture.
6. Italian Mail from U.S. Col. Souther stated that mails loaded in NEW YORK for KALLES were sometimes received at GHQ. owing to diversion of steamers and it was difficult to deal with them. Econ Sec suggested that Communications S/C coordinate with UNRRA (Ports and Warehouses) to get advance information of divergences of ships. Ex C directed Communications S/C to contact UNRRA accordingly.
7. Italian Army. Col. Piddley had returned from a tour of the North and reported that he was highly satisfied after his inspection of Italian Army commands. Gen. Bromberg was at present in LONDON to discuss the future of the Italian Army.
8. Report on Italian War Industries. Col. Walton said that additional data had been promised on machinery. This was not to hand and JHQ were pressing for it. Econ Sec were endeavouring to get the information.
9. Blankets. In answer to Econ Sec, Ex C said this matter had been taken up with JHQ, who had ruled that the blankets were captured enemy material. Land Forces S/C stated they had not received their allocation of blankets provided last September. Ex C directed that they furnish a factual report so that the matter could be taken up again.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 26 MARCH.

Ex C welcomed Colonel Ross, Ex C (.), who was replacing Colonel

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c). Hotels in MCR. In answer to Poland (.), Ex C stated that this matter could be taken up with Ex Cs (.) and (B) and HQ Comdt.

(b) - 2. Foreign Trade. Col. Walton (Moon Sec) reported that as a result of the conference in MILAN the Italian Government had prepared a decree that gave the exporter greater freedom. Lt. Col. Timmons (C.A.) would report on this decree when it was published.

(c) - 5. Officer Board. The file had been passed to Ex C, who would discuss with C.A.

(d) - 6. Elections. Brig. Carr (C. Sec) stated that the elections had proceeded smoothly on the third Sunday. He did not think Local Government officers were needed as observers at national elections.

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- (b) CEM Branch. Ex C said the CEM Branch was too watertight and it came into the general groups of Liaison Officers. He would discuss with Lt. Col. Campbell, (Director CEM Branch).
- (c) Police. The CC.R. showed great improvement, although they were still short of equipment and P.O.L. Public security agents were lamentably short of P.O.L. the allocation granted by the Ministry of Fuel being quite inadequate. Ex C directed that Public Safety S/C take up this matter with the Italian Government.
- (d) Liaison Groups. These were functioning well and doing an adequate job of work.
- (e) Civilian Staff. Ex C was not satisfied with the reductions made. In this connection he directed Ex C (J) and (H) to furnish him data on the civilian staff in H. C.

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3. Medical Supplies. Ex C directed that C. Sec take up with UNRRA the whole question of distribution.
4. Food Situation. Col. Walton referred to Dr. Hoover's visit to ROME. An endeavour was being made to get more wheat from North AMERICA. Comparisons had been made of nations, in caloric value, between various countries in EUROPE. There was no actual information available on April 1945, but it was anticipated that there would be low. Sugar was in sufficient quantity to carry through July. The planting of sugar beet was greatly in excess of last year. A gradual overall reduction in prices was reported, due to improved transportation and distribution facilities.
5. Customs Control. CFA reported that customs control on the Morgan Line had been put into operation by AIC VAREZA. CHULL.
6. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C reported that the call up was progressing satisfactorily and the standard of intake was considerably higher than had been anticipated.
7. U.S. Personnel. Ex C stated he had received a letter from JMW that the reduction program of 50 per month would be stayed for the time being. It was pointed out that parity could not be maintained.

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20 March 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 MARCH.

Brief. Capt was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1(g). Textiles. Col. Walton stated that this matter referred to a clothing factory in the North, the owners of which were undertaking to sell for export only. A report had been submitted.
- (b) - 2. Italian Nation. Col. Walton said this matter was being pursued. The calorific value of the Italian ration plus non-rationed foods available is estimated as between 1,500 - 1,600 calories per day.
- (c) - 3. Hotels in Rome. Ex C(a) had given figures to Poland (B) and passed a copy to Poland (A) for information.
- (d) - 7. Reduction of Guards Telephone Lines. Col. Souder stated that HQ Commandant had circulated to Sections numbers of the telephones in their offices and further action was now awaited.

2. Foreign Trade. Col. Walton gave a brief record of what transpired at a conference he attended in Milan, where the question of relaxation of controls was discussed. A report would be furnished.

3. Visit to TRIESTE. Lt. Col. Timson reported briefly on the impressions gained during the period of the recent strike. There was some discussion by Poland on the points raised.

4. Refugees. Col. Pridley said that very limited resources were available should a refugee problem arise in VERCELLA GIULIA. 2,000 to 3,000 a day could be dealt with at the present time, provided they were got away quickly.

5. Officer Board. Ex C (a) drew attention to the fact that some members of the Officer Board recently met up on rationing in hotels were due to leave the theatre soon and action should be taken on the findings of the Board before this happened. CSO to Ex C was directed to attend to this matter.

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- (c) - 5. Hotels in HOME. Ex O(A) had given figures to Poland (B) and showed a copy to Poland (A) for information.
- (d) - 7. Reduction of Outside Telephone Lines. Col. Scudder stated that HQ Commandant had requested to Sections numbers of the telephones in their offices and further action was not omitted.
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12 March 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S MEETING - 12 MARCH.

Land Forces Sub-Commission (ALIA) were not represented.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1(a). Economic Section. Ex C stated Econ Sec would remain in their present location on First Floor. He directed that Econ Sec consult both Ex C (a) and (b) on the question of establishment.
- (b) - 1(c). Elections - Policy. Brig. Gair said that no communication had been received from the Italian Government. Reports from ALIA indicated that elections were on the whole proceeding smoothly. Ex C said ALIA had confirmed this in a discussion.
- (c) - 1(d). Food Situation. Econ Sec said that owing to the changeover a detailed report was not available for this meeting, but would be sent to Ex C to-day. Ex C directed that a special report be prepared by Econ Sec for Chief Commissioner by Friday morning. He mentioned a press report that UREA did not produce much more food for Italy.
- (d) - 2. Electricity. Ex C again stressed the need for economy.
- (e) - 3. Summer Time. Ex C announced that subject to confirmation by Army and Italian Government would introduce Summer Time at 0200 hrs, 17 March.
- (f) - 6. Shirts and Clothing. Ex C directed Econ Sec to pursue this matter in collaboration with Generalisations S/C.
- (g) - 7. Textiles. Ex C directed that Col. Walton (Econ Sec) bring up this matter at the next meeting.

2. Italian Ration. Pol-d (e)

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- (a) - (a). Emergency Session. Ex C stated soon Sec would remain in their present location on First Floor. He directed that Sec Sec consult both Ex C (A) and (B) on the question of Seaboard.
- (b) - (c). Elections - Policy. Ex C said that no communication had been received from the Italian Government. Reports from ALCA indicated that elections were on the whole proceeding smoothly. Ex C said also ALCA had confirmed this in a discussion.
- (c) - (d). Food Situation. Ex C said that owing to the changeover a detailed report was not available for this meeting, but would be sent to Ex C to-day. Ex C directed that a special report be prepared by Sec Sec for Chief Commissioner by Friday morning. He mentioned a press report that UNRRA did not require much more food for Italy.
- (d) - 2. Electricity. Ex C again stressed the need for economy.
- (e) - 3. Summer Time. Ex C announced that subject to concurrence by ALCA the Italian Government would introduce Summer Time at 0200 hrs, 17 March.
- (f) - 4. Ships and Clothing. Ex C directed Sec Sec to pursue this matter in collaboration with Commissioners S/C.
- (g) - 7. Textiles. Ex C directed that Col. Walton (Sec Sec) bring up this matter at the next meeting.
2. Italian Ration. Point (B) the content of the Italian ration expressed in terms of calories. Ex C estimated the basic ration at 750 calories but said it was difficult to give the actual amount owing to different ways in which the ration could be supplemented. He directed Sec Sec to contact ALCA technicians and obtain an answer.
3. Hotels in Rome. Point (B) referred to an article in "The Times" of 18 February which Foreign Office had asked to be followed up. Ex C stated that the policy of AF was to forgo acquisition and directed Ex C(A) to furnish Point (B) with figures, especially comparison between July 1944 and the present time. The question of hotels being taken over by UNRRA would be raised by Ex C at tomorrow's meeting.
4. Coal. Ex C said the situation showed a slight improvement. Imports had been up to schedule for the months of January and February, and were expected to be maintained during March. The question of extra coal required for food industries was under consideration.

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5. UNION Telegrams. In answer to HQ C, London stated they were getting all UNION Telegrams on land, although they were not receiving them very promptly. HQ C directed Brierley to turn this up with Mr. Cleveland of UNION.
6. Communications. Col. Scudder stated that 3 District were to remain in UNION, regulations for telegraph and telephone would be much the same as they were today. The Italian Government were exercised at the number of telegraph and telephone circuits requisitioned by the Army, although conditions in the North were better, the link between North and South was very weak. HQ C directed Col. Scudder to prepare and send to him today a memorandum for HQ C, UNION, and HQ C.
7. Reduction of Outside Telephone Lines. Col. Scudder had suggested a reduction in the number of outside telephone lines at HQ AD and although HQ C Commandant had circulated a memorandum to Heads of Sections, little action had yet been taken. HQ C directed HQ UNION to follow up.
8. TRIESTE. HQ C directed HQO to send him copies of news reports received.
9. Table of Organization. HQ C (UNION) stated that the reduction of personnel was 25 on 1 basis.
10. Personnel (Pr). HQ C (UNION) gave a brief review of the progress made in the disposal of surplus officers. On 9 March total officers on strength was 1. Dependably strong strength HQ C, or direct to other units was proceeding satisfactorily. There was some delay in posting orders being received from HQ C. With regard to UNION, there was a shortage of clerks and no replacements would be expected. By 31 March it was anticipated that HQ C would be at about 100 strength, but otherwise the number of HQ C would be at full strength.
11. Brierley. Mr. C. Brierley said UNION was making progress in taking over the work, although hindered by shortage of key personnel. The personnel drawn up for HQ C, UNION, and UNION was awaiting assignment of HQ C.

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8. TABLETS. Ex O directed HQ to send him copies of news reports received.
9. Table of Organization. Ex O (A) stated that the reduction of personnel was 38 on 1 March.
10. Personnel file. Ex O (B) gave a brief review of the progress made in the disposal of surplus officers. On 9 March total officers on strength was 1. Disposal, other than 2 H.D. or direct to other units was proceeding satisfactorily. There was some delay in posting orders being received from HQ. With regard to HQ, there was a shortage of clerks and no replacement could be expected. By 31 March it was estimated that HQ would be at 100% strength, but otherwise the number of HQ would be at full strength.
11. Dispersal Camp. Lt. Col. Polingall said UNDA was making progress in taking over the camp, and was being gradually by the change of key personnel. The contingent given up by HQ, and UNDA was admitting members of HQ.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2. Economic Section. Ex C stated that CC had approved the new set up of Econ Sec. Col. Walton said the new organization in 1943 was on conventional lines with the seven branches (formerly Sub-Commissions), operating on a reduced scale. No provision had been made for a Liaison Branch. There were two food officers and a transportation officer in VARIOUS. Efforts had been made for parity in Econ Sec staff but this was difficult as the economic situation was much smaller than the British. Ex C said that the WADA part of the former Econ Sec would move to the WADA building at the end of the week and he had directed the Commandant to contact Col. Walton on the question of office accommodation for the new Econ Sec.

(b) - 4. Italian Air Survival. Ex C stated that a letter was being sent to AFHQ containing the proposals on this matter. He would inform the French Representative to AS of these proposals.

(c) - 5. Elections - Policy. Brig. Carr stated that the directive to AFHQ had been sent out. The Italian Government had been advised of this directive in Memorandum and Polada had been given copies. Ex C thought that AFHQ should be asked to send a warning order to Commanders that Allied troops must not participate in any way in the elections. Brig. Carr would draft a letter to AFHQ.

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Summer Time. Ex C reported that the Italian Government had requested that summer time should be introduced on 4 March. AMHQ were sympathetic but as the Italian Government had agreed to cooperate with European Summer Time implementation could not be taken. Ex C had telephoned Brig. Fellows, who had been very helpful and had rung up LONDON. Ex C was meeting the Minister of Transport with Brig. Fellows this afternoon and hoped to be able to give him a reply.

4.

Duty Officers. Brig. Carr asked if one officer could do duty for Col. and Gen. Bace on Sundays and half-holidays. Ex C stated that Gen. Bace should keep his own duty officer in the present stage of reorganization and ruled that the following officers be on duty:

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One R4 Duty Officer (in Adjutant's Office)
One Officer for Exam Sec
One Officer for Chief Commissioner's Office

The roster for the latter duty would be made up from the CO's and Ex C's staff, Co. Sec and Est Sec.

5. UNSCA. Ex C stated that Mr. Kenny of UNSCA was very concerned about UNSCA (distribution of medical supplies). He reported that large supplies were available but had not been distributed for various reasons, one of which was that payment was insisted upon. Mr. Kenny asked if Ex C would take the matter up with the Prime Minister. Ex C stated that he would get the Italian Government to issue these medical supplies quickly before they became useless. He directed Co. Sec (Public Health B/C) to coordinate with UNSCA and put up a memorandum to the Prime Minister.

6. Shoes and Clothing. Col. Sandhu stated that one of the chief factors in the rehabilitation of the public services was the supply of shoes and clothing. He reported that in a warehouse near JMS there was a large consignment of shoes and clothing from USA which had been there since June 1945. Col. Walton said that full distribution had been indicated for these goods but for some reason delivery had not been effected. Ex C directed the matter to be followed up by Exam Sec.

7. Textiles. Ex C said a report had been received that a firm in the North were making large quantities of suits for a private relief organization. Col. pointed out that a transaction of this nature would not be permitted if the material was going out of Italy. Ex C directed Col. Walton to contact Lt. Col. Henderson who possessed more complete information on the matter.

8. Deacquisition. Ex C directed that Exam Sec should deal with the whole question of deacquisition. Col. Walton would arrange accordingly.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 26 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 3. Reports from AC Liaison Officers. Ex C had received letters from all Liaison Officers except the Liaison Officer at Prague, and the position with Liaison Groups was on the whole satisfactory.

Ex C always wished to see AC Chief Liaison Officers whenever they visited HQ and directed Ex C (A) and (B) to inform him of any such visits in the future.

(b) - 7. AC Table of Organization. Ex C (A) stated that CC and Gen. Lee had discussed this matter. The present AC strength was 500 officers and EA which would be reduced by 50 on the 1st of each month, starting 1 March. It was hoped to obtain some replacements.

2. Economic Section. Ex C stated that CC wished a resident of Doon Sec to be kept at AC under Col. Walton to deal with AC responsibility and supplies to VERMIL, GIML, and UDHS. Ex C would hold a meeting this afternoon with Doon Sec to discuss the matter.

3. Transport. Ex C stated that Liaison Officers were complaining of shortage of transport on the British side. The new British establishment was low, but it would have to make the best of it, and cuts would be made in HQ transport. The position on the American side was more satisfactory.

4. Italian Air Services. Col. (A) said that Air Forces S/C had raised the question of regular air services to PARIS and LONDON. The Foreign Office and State Department were not in favour of regular services but had no objections to individual flights provided prior agreement was obtained. Ex C stated that permission was necessary from AHC and the letter would be sent by this HQ to AHC setting out the proposed 1946.

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There was considerable discussion of the advisability of AC officers entering polling booths even on invitation. Ex C considered this to be a matter of high policy, and would discuss with CC.

6. SICILY Disturbances. Brig. Carr referred to a Public Safety S/C report dealing with the recent disturbances in SICILY, which he considered to be rather misleading. His view was that the trouble was caused by a slight increase in bandits in the usual trouble spots of SICILY, aggravated by economic conditions. Land Forces S/C stated that only part of the Folgore Division were sent to quell the disturbances.

7. Food Situation. Ex C stated that he wished Zoon Sec to prepare a brief review of the food situation to be presented each Tuesday at his meeting.
8. Guards for UNRRA Supplies. Ex C referred to Zoon Sec's letter and stated he had received a telephone message from AMHQ saying they wanted the point raised although they expected a negative reply. Ex C considered the best solution of the problem was to operate a warehouse and use commercial methods for protecting stores. He referred to a report from AJ Liaison Officer, BARI and directed his CSO to show this to Col. Walton, Zoon Sec.
9. Closing of Despatch Office. Ex C (B) stated he had received a request from HQ Government that Despatch Office (Tpt) be closed on Sundays. Ex C agreed that this could be done.
10. PAB Weekly Bulletin. EHO asked if copies of the Bulletin could be sent to Allied correspondents, provided we received an undertaking from them not to use items which were marked "Not for publication." There was discussion on this and Ex C said he would put the matter up to OJ for decision.
11. Eputation. CZ. raised the question of two businessmen awaiting trial. Ex C stated that an eputation tribunal at VENEZIA GIULIA had not been set up and the ruling was that such people should be sent to UDINE. CZ. asked if the men would be reinstated in VENEZIA GIULIA by us in the event of their being acquitted. There was much discussion on this point and Ex C directed CZ. to show him the file on the case. Land Forces S/C raised the question of army officers held by the Italian Government even after acquittal, possibly because they were on the War Crimes list. Ex C would discuss this matter with Land Forces S/C. Communications S/C stated they were still compiling every fifteen days progress reports of eputation in various Ministries. Ex C agreed that these reports could now be discontinued.
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20 February 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Hotels. Ex C stated that a letter to RALC was being sent to-day. Ex O (A) had declined the offer of the Boston Hotel from RALC and this building would revert to civilian use.

1729 (b) - 1 (d). Rations for Civilian Drivers. Mr. Cleveland (Econ Sec) raised this question again. He read a letter from Ex O (B) agreeing that the allowance paid was inadequate and suggesting that the remedy was to use rail or air services or WD vehicles with Allied or Italian military drivers. Ex O (A) stated that in special cases it could be arranged for a military driver to undertake a long trip in a requisitioned vehicle.

(c) - 2. Coal. Mr. Cleveland said that this had not been finally settled. He agreed with Ex C that it was inappropriate for the Yugoslavs to have the coal when Zone B wanted to trade with ITALY.

(d) - 4. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that call up of the 1924 class in March was now being implemented all over ITALY, including UDINE.

(e) - 5. Feeding of the Italian Army. Ex C stated that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister on this subject and also on the general position for all services of the Italian Government.

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3. Reports from AC Liaison Officers. Ex C stated that in some cases Prefects were being invited to attend all day meetings with Liaison Officers. He had directed Liaison Officers to cease this practice. The Office of the AC Liaison Officer at BARI was situated in the Prefecture. Ex C considered this to be undesirable and had written suggesting that alternative accommodation be found. Great difficulty was being experienced in BARI in avoiding entanglement in politics.

4. BOLZANO. Polad (B) reported that the new Prefect of BOLZANO was having a meeting to discuss local autonomy. He was experiencing difficulty because of the non-cooperative attitude of the German element. Ex C said this was borne out by a report received from the Liaison Officer enclosing a copy of a letter from the German speaking people's representative refusing participation.

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5. Italian Planning. Mr. Cleveland stated that he had discussed with the Italian Government the functions and set up of a proposed technical commission for reconstruction and planning. Some preliminary work was being done on a three years plan starting in 1947 for public utilities industries. Shortages of raw materials and lack of transport were proving great handicaps and the Italian Government had asked for our cooperation in the matter. Two suggestions had been made, firstly, that the Italian Government might ask for economic and technical missions from U.S. and U.K. for help in planning, and secondly, they might hire the services of private technical organizations.
6. CROONE. Ex C had received a report of collaboration in this town from No. 3 District. It was alleged that no sugar or pasta had been received for some considerable time. Ex C directed Col. Walton to investigate.
7. AC Table of Organization. This had been discussed at ARHQ and Ex O (a) said there were hopes of being able to retain the figure at 500.
8. New AC War Establishment. Ex O (B) said the effective date was 4 February 1947 and the total number of officers was 217. On paper this meant there were some 160 officers surplus, but the actual figure was considerably less as progress was being made in disposal. It was inevitable that some officers had to go to BAD HENEVERTO for reallocation but dispersal was a speedy process. Ex O (B) asked that G-1 (B) be kept informed of all movement of British officers to UMRA so that the appointments could be deleted from the WH.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

DISCUSSION:

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War Establishment. Ex C gave a view of the progress made. The HQ agreed on the British side provided a reasonable staff to run it whatever its future might be. Ex C directed Ex O (a) to provide a nominal roll showing counterparts on the American side. The WG for Liaison Groups had been agreed, although some difficulty was being experienced in filling American officer posts. The Liaison Office at ZAGREB would be discontinued temporarily. A separate WG had been allocated for YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE and UGANDA and a recommendation had been made by Ex O that police officers in YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE should come on the HQ WG. Ex C directed Ex O to consult MAJOR VENEZIA, GREECE on the question of appointment of Chief of Supply Division.

(d) - 4.

Notions for Civilian Drivers. Ex C said he did not consider that the extra pay allowed to civilian drivers on making long trips was adequate. He directed Ex O (a) to discuss with Finance S/C.

(e) - 5.

Reports on Vehicles. GSO to Ex C stated that Finance S/C said there would be no difficulty in reporting bills presented for payment and did not consider it was necessary to issue special authorization forms. Finance S/C stated that a GSO had been agreed on 4th October.

(f) - 7.

Economic Section Files. Ex C said he had discussed with Archibald Gordon, who was satisfied that the files were being compiled correctly and efficiently.

2. Coal. Ex C had received a report that Yugoslavs were entering into a contract with a LONDONER steel works at ABRA to import coal at a price of 4000 lire per ton. He did not think that we could raise any objection to this except possibly on the question of price and directed Ex O to take action.

3. Report from HQ GSO LONDON. Ex C said a report having an account of the preparation for elections and economic conditions in LONDON. He would send a copy to Ex O (a) and expect to hear from Ex O. Ex C had received reports from other Liaison Officers and on the whole things were going smoothly. Ex C was covering the home situation HQ Liaison Officers.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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13 February 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a), Hotels. In answer to Poled (a), Ex C stated that he had not yet received the list of demobilized hotels from RAC. He directed his CSO to send a reminder to RAC.

(b) - 1(c), War Weekly Bulletin. Ex C stated he had sent a letter to Liaison Officers directing them to give all the news they could for the Bulletin. Officers in HQ were asked to cooperate in the same manner. It was desired to continue the Bulletin and it could not function without an adequate supply of news.

(c) - 2, War Establishments. Ex C gave a summary of the progress made. The W2 agreed on the British side provided a reasonable staff to run HQ whatever its future might be. Ex C directed Ex C (a) to provide a nominal roll showing counterparts on the American side. The W2 for Liaison Groups had been agreed, although some difficulty was being experienced in filling American officer posts. The Liaison Office at FROGNET would be discontinued temporarily. A separate W2 had been allocated for VENEZ, GULLA and UNGE and a recommendation had been made by Ex C that police officers in VENEZ, GULLA should come on the HQ W2. Ex C directed Ex C to consult SC.O VENEZ, GULLA on the question of appointment of Chief of Supply Division.

(d) - 4, National for Civilian Drivers. Ex C said he did not consider that the extra pay allowed to civilian drivers on making long trips was adequate. He directed Ex C (a) to discuss with Finance S/C.

(e) - 5, Repairs to Vehicles. CSO to Ex C stated that Finance S/C said there would be no difficulty in honoring bills presented for repair and did not consider it was necessary to issue special authorization forms. Land Forces S/C stated that a GPO had been issued on this matter.

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Mr. Estabrook. Ex C gave a summary of the progress made. The W3 agreed on the British side provided a reasonable staff to run it whatever its future might be. Ex C directed Ex C (a) to provide a nominal roll showing counterparts on the American side. The W3 for Liaison Groups had been agreed, although some difficulty was being experienced in filling American officer posts. The Liaison Office at WASHINGTON would be discontinued temporarily. A separate W3 had been allocated for VENEZUELA, CUBA and URUGUAY and a recommendation had been made by Ex C that police officers in VENEZUELA, CUBA, should come on the AC W3. Ex C directed Econ Sec to consult ACLO VENEZUELA, CUBA on the question of appointment of Chief of Supply Division.

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Rebates to Vehicles. CSO to Ex C stated that Finance S/C said there would be no difficulty in honoring bills presented for payment and did not consider it was necessary to issue special authorization forms. Lord Finance S/C stated that a G20 had been formed on this matter.

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Economic Section Files. Econ Sec had discussed with Archibald Brown, who was satisfied that the files were being compiled correctly and efficiently.

2. Coal. Ex C had received a report that Yugoslavs were entering into a contract with a LOMBARDO steel works at ARSA to import coal at a price of 4000 lire per ton. He did not think that we could raise any objection to this except possibly on the question of price and directed Econ Sec to take action.

3. Report from ACLO LOMBARDO. Ex C read a report giving an account of the preparation for elections and economic situation in LOMBARDO. He would send a copy to Polad (...) and extracts to Econ Sec. Ex C had received reports from other Liaison Officers and on the whole things were going smoothly. Brig. Carr was touring the North visiting AC Liaison Officers.

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4. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that posters were now displayed for the call up of the 1924 Class in March. Demobilization of the older groups was continuing.
5. Feeding of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C were still not satisfied with the position. Ex C said the matter was being pursued and a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister, but it was a difficult situation.
6. Transport for Coal Officer, MILAN. Moon Sec said their coal officer in MILAN had no transport and it was necessary for him to make many trips to neighbouring towns. There was some discussion on the transport situation generally, Ex O (B) pointing out that serious cuts had been made in motor transport and we had a number of cars that were due to be turned back. Moon Sec had no allotment of cars as a whole. Ex C directed that a RV should be transferred from WOKS for use in the North.
7. Personnel. Ex O (B) had asked Heads of Sections and Sub-Commission to let G-1 (B) have lists of officers they wanted nominated on WE and also surplus personnel. Ex C directed that these lists be in the hands of G-1 (B) by Saturday morning at the latest. Land Forces S/C asked if some of the surplus OR personnel could be made available for them. They were particularly short of drivers. Ex C directed them to discuss this with Ex O (B).
8. Transit Facilities. Mr. Holstein (Moon Sec) asked if transit facilities would be continued after closing down of military formations. Ex C said that if adequate notice was given to Liaison Officers of a proposed visit no doubt accommodation would be made available. He directed Ex O (A) to ascertain from Liaison Officers what facilities would be available in the North.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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6 February 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Hotels. Polad(a.) raised this matter again. Ex C said he had discussed it with Brig. Low and he would furnish Polad(a.) with a list of hotels which had been taken back to the Italian Government.

(b) - 15. Officer Accommodation. Ex O(a.) stated that all moves had been completed. Ex C said that Brig. Low had offered to make the Boston Hotel available for A.C. American officers as from 20 February. He directed that Ex O(a.) consider this proposition.

(c) - 17. RRB Weekly Bulletin. Ex C had discussed with O., who had ruled that the Bulletin be continued for the time being.

2. War Establishments. Ex C said meetings had been held yesterday and discussions were continuing to-day. Brig. Carr (C.A. Sec) suggested that police officers at VENEZIA CIVILE should be included on the A.C. Ex C said this point would be brought up at the A.C. meeting.

3. French Consulate at TRIESTE. Polad (a) asked if there had been any reactions on this. Ex C showed him a draft letter which had been prepared in which Polad(a.) had concurred.

4. Civilian Restaurants. Ex C said it had been asked that civilian restaurants be under limits to all troops. Discussion had taken place with R.A.C. and O.C. and it had been agreed that it was aiming to remove the present ban for various reasons. In fact, it was proposed that a more stringent enforcement of the Off Limits rule should be made in future. Ex C directed Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions to cooperate in this matter.

Land Forces S/C reported that they had received authority from AFHQ to take an Italian officer on duty accompanied by a British officer into a British hotel or restaurant.

The question of rations for civilian drivers was discussed and Ex C directed Ex O(a.) to examine this.

5. Repairs to Vehicles. Land Forces S/C raised the question of repairs to vehicles and Ex C directed that the question be referred to the Allied

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The question of rations for civilian drivers was discussed and directed Ex O(a) to examine this.
5. Repairs to Vehicles. Land Forces S/C raised the question of repairs to vehicles on long journeys, bearing in mind the absence of Allied workshops en route in the future. Ex C suggested there might be authorized garages in large towns. He directed his CNO to ask Finance S/C to examine the question of authorization of repairs.
6. Reports on Sub-Commissions. Mr. Cleveland (Econ Sec) asked if it was contemplated that each Sub-Commission would be asked to submit a first report reviewing achievement and general remarks on the future of its special functions. Ex C agreed that this should be done by all Sections and Sub-Commissions of AC and said such reports would be of guidance to the Italian Government.
7. Economic Section Files. Mr. Weinstein (Econ Sec) said there might be a gap between the close of Econ Sec and handing over to UNRRA. To avoid this a duplicate set of files was being prepared. Nevertheless, it might be necessary for UNRRA to borrow certain Econ Sec files. Ex C said this point had been covered by Archives Section who were willing to lend files provided they had assurance that any files so borrowed would be returned to AC. He directed that Econ Sec consult Major Harrison, Archives Section.

8. Piles in FOLIAHO. Col. Walton (Zoon Sec) said he was examining the situation regarding files in FOLIAHO. At present these files were being looked after by a staff of 25 people. Zoon Sec was putting up a letter for CC's signature. There was discussion on this and Ex C suggested that the files could be microfilmed. Polad(N) raised the question of ownership of the files and possible claims that might arise. Ex C said the matter would be pursued on receipt of Zoon Sec's letter.

9. Storage Plant for Medicine. Zoon Sec said a plant at MERRINO containing a considerable amount of medical stores was being handed over to the Italian Government on 16 February. The Italian Government had appointed a receiver for this property and it was hoped that an equitable distribution of medicines would be made. Ex C said that a medical officer should accompany Lt. Col. Campbell at the handover. Land Forces S/C said they had been corresponding on this matter for some time and raised the question of stores being handed back to the Italian Government and the difficulty of the Italian Army getting its share of supplies even though it had priority. Ex C suggested the matter could be taken up by CC in a letter to the Prime Minister.

10. Handover of Drugs. Zoon Sec said this was moving fairly rapidly.

11. Telephones. Communications S/C asked if HQ Commandant could be informed when officers left so that telephones could be removed.

12. American Promotions. Ex C(.) said new regulations had come into force which greatly extended the term of service for each grade of officer. Officers were being notified of this.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 194

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 210/EE.

30 January 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 29 JANUARY 46.

Land Forces 3/4 were not represented.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - (a). Legislation in BELGIE. Brig. Carr (CA Sec) stated that JO UDINE had raised the question of the amendment of Decree 143, which dealt with the operation of Knacksta. Ex C directed CA Sec to contact JO UDINE and explain that there were no exceptions regarding the implementation of Italian decrees in BELGIE. JO UDINE has asked for previous notification of decrees as often their publication in the newspapers was the first he saw of them. CA Sec pointed out that the decrees did not become law until fully implemented.

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(b) - 1(a). Hotels. Ex C stated that nothing had been put up to RAC in writing because he had discussed the whole question with Brig. Low, who had the matter in hand. RAC were even more anxious than AC to settle the hotel deregulation situation.

(c) - 2. Reorganisation of AC. Ex C stated that nothing further had been received from OCS.

(d) - 3. Liaison Groups. Ex C proposed to answer the letter from JWS on the lines that most of our Liaison Groups were centred where Allied interests lie and he did not consider that a reduction could be made in the present number of 77. Ex C pointed out that this figure would be reduced on transfers to UMER. Ex C expressed agreement with Ex C's point of view and noted (B) said that Italians generally had the wrong conception of AC Liaison Officers, regarding them as "observers." Ex C suggested that JWS should prepare a release setting out their true functions and responsibilities.

(e) - 5. Reading of Italian Armed Forces. A letter had been sent to the Italian Government and another letter was being prepared by Ex C.

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UNICE had raised the question of the amendment of Decree 149, which dealt with the operation of Fascists. Ex C directed CA Sec to contact SO UNICE and explain that there were no exceptions regarding the implementation of Italian decrees in UNICE. SO UNICE has asked for previous notification of decrees as often their publication in the newspaper was the first he saw of them. CA Sec pointed out that the decrees did not become law until fully implemented.

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(e) - 5. Building of Italian Armed Forces. A letter had been sent to the Italian Government and another letter was being prepared by Exon Sec.

(f) - 6. Allied Publications Board. EHO had seen PG (UNICE) and explained the duties of AG Officer to him.

(g) - 7. Organization - VENEZIA GALLIA. Ex C had further discussed this matter with Brig. Parsons. The matter of organization would have to wait until future of AG was known.

(h) - 8. Survival Personnel from the North. Ex C(1) stated that Col. Herman was going on leave and would return to his present job. Col. Marboe had gone to PINEWIT. Ex 1 would continue to press the desirability of rapid reappointment of the 53 surplus British officers.

2. Closing down of Regions. In answer to Ex C, Ex C(1) stated that this was practically completed on the American side. Ex C(3) said that (UNICE) would not sanction the removal of ORE in AG.27 and accommodation was provided until the time came for their release.

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3. Plans of Ex 3 expressed concern at the shortage of cars in M.T. 3 and elsewhere, due mainly to the switchover of U.S. cars and the non-existence of British cars in replacement. He would discuss with Ex C(1) and (3) with a view to finding a solution to the problem.
4. Correspondence. Ex C stated that the British Post Office wished names of Regions to be retained to avoid confusion. Ex C directed him to discuss this matter with Communications S/B. Ex C(1) stated that the estimated info in answer to Mr. Cleveland (Ex C) Ex C(1) stated that the number of cars of the American DM was uncertain but would depend on the number of persons remaining in the theatre. Communications S/B reported that while civilian mail was good to and from throughout the American situation was not so satisfactory.
5. Return of M.H. Ex C stated that at the present time all the MHA of Land Forces S/C were in Rome and this provided a good opportunity for Brig. Carr and himself to put forward their views to Gen. Browning. He stressed it was important to remember that the OC.B. were primarily policeman and could not be organized on exactly similar lines as a military force.
6. VENEZIA GIULIA. Mr. Cleveland (Ex C) had received a reply from AFHQ stating their view was that VENEZIA GIULIA should be considered economically as part of ITALY if that could be done by the Italian Government. If a ruling could be obtained to that effect the everyday economic problems of VENEZIA GIULIA would be simplified.
7. Supply to UFFIC. Mr. Cleveland said that no reply had been received from AFHQ, but he understood that the matter had been set up to CCB. Ex C and told CCB that UFFIC was to be regarded as part of AFHQ and not as a separate entity.
8. Customs. Mr. Cleveland stated that authorization had been received from AFHQ for the setting up of central lines and customs barriers on both sides of UFFIC. Actually there would be a customs line on the Margan line and a central line differentiating between exports and imports in VENEZIA GIULIA.
9. Alfred Miranovich Agency. Mr. Cleveland reported that on 15 January 1945 AFHQ had come under the control of and formed part of AFHQ.
10. Private Trading. Mr. Cleveland stated that an agreement had been made with the Italian Government for resumption of private commercial trade on 15 February 1945. A press release was being prepared.
11. Economic Notes. Mr. Cleveland stated that this weekly publication

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12. Lima Exchange Rate. There was discussion between Zoon Soc and Salal(3) on disparity in lira rates of exchange. Ex O stated that the matter was under consideration in WASHINGTON and LONDON.

13. Imports - PERU Programme. Mr. Cleveland gave a brief resume of imports of flour, coal and other commodities. He said that schedules were being maintained.

14. Appreciation. Ex O paid a tribute to the work of Col. Denmore (Zoon Soc) who was leaving AFHQ today.

15. Officer Accommodation. Ex O(A) reviewed the hotel situation. By 1 February AFHQ private houses would be maintained for American and British personnel. Transit officers and civilian staff were provided for. In answer to Salal(3) Ex O promised to take up with AFHQ the question of VIRM staying at the Grand Hotel.

16. Facilities for Italian Journalists. HRO said that whereas facilities for Allied journalists were under the responsibility of the E. C. cases, Italian journalists expected them from EMB. Ex C agreed that a letter should be sent to editors of Italian papers stating that facilities did not exist for Italian journalists.
17. EMB Weekly Bulletin. HRO asked if this could be discontinued owing to shortages of (a) authors, (b) news and (c) staff. Heads of sections stated they would be sorry to see the end of the Bulletin, but agreed with HRO's views. Ex C would discuss with OC and obtain a decision.
18. French Frontier. Poles (B) referred to a report in "Liberte Stampa" to-day that the French frontier had been closed on the Italian side by order of the Allied military authorities. Ex C directed CA Sec to investigate.
19. French flag at TENDL. Poles (B) referred to protests at the continued flying of the French flag at TENDL although the American and British flags had been withdrawn some time ago. Ex C would take up with French Rep.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To His Executive Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 210/EC.

23 January 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 22 JANUARY 46.

Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty in England. Land Forces S/C were not represented.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Legislation in Udine. Brig. Carr stated that the Chief Commissioner had signed an order which had the effect of implementing Italian decrees in the Province of Udine.

(b) - 1(c). Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Nothing further had been heard from AFHQ. P. Giff (B) said that one officer had been withdrawn and the other was expected out shortly.

(c) - 1(d). Hotels. CSO to Ex C stated that an approach had been made to RAIG but the answer was non-committal. Brig. Carr directed that the matter be put up to them in writing.

2. Reorganization of AG. Brig. Carr stated that nothing definite had been received on this matter.

3. Liaison Groups. Brig. Carr said that a letter had been received from AFHQ commenting on the large number of Liaison Groups. It was suggested by AFHQ that liaison groups were only necessary where Allied military interests were involved and they asked for a reduction in personnel, particularly police officers. This he would take up with Brig. Lush on the latter's return to Rome.

4. Basic Programme. Mr. Cleveland (Zoon Sec) reported that the U.K. side of the interim programme was behind schedule - only 1,000 tons had come in. The matter was being taken up by Col. Tooby in London with a view to increased supplies being made available to Italy. The U.S. schedule would be completed, so far as loading was concerned, by the end of January.

5. Feeding of Italian Armed Forces. Col. Walton (Zoon Sec) stated that a letter had been received from AFHQ asking for a date by which the Italian Navy and Air Force could be fed from their own resources. A report had been received from the Technical Mission that the wheat

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6. Allied Publications Board. PRO stated that a meeting had been held on Friday, at which the functions of the APB were determined. In answer to Polad (B) he stated that it had been arranged that PC Udine would take over the duties of APB officer in that province.

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7. Organization - Venezia Giulia. Mr. Cleveland asked if it was proposed to set up a G-5 at XIII Corps to coordinate Italian and Venezia Giulia. Brig. Carr stated that this matter had been discussed with Brig. Parsons some time ago and he understood that directions were now awaited from OCS.
8. Surplus Personnel from the North. In answer to Brig. Carr, Ex Off (B) stated that a number of officers had been declared surplus. The remainder would stay where they were for the time being. Brig. Carr stated that he would discuss the whole matter of surplus personnel from the North with Brig. Lush on his return.
9. Blankets at Disper Camps. Ex Off (A) stated that 2675 Regt were taking inventories at disper camps of U.S. Government property. A number of blankets had been discovered, the ownership of which was in doubt. In answer to Polad (A), Ex Off (A) agreed that they might have been purchased from the Army as salvage. Brig. Carr said he would take the matter up with Disper S/C.
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For Mr. Cleveland's Review
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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2 January 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 8 JANUARY 46.

Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty in England.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government.
Brig. Carr confirmed that the Italian Government had given the undertaking in writing.

(b) - 5. Legislation in Udine. This matter was being dealt with by Legal S/O and CA Sec would pursue it.

(c) - 6. Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. CSO stated that a reply had been received from AFHQ to the effect that the matter was being taken up with Secmed.

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5 December 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 Dec 45.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) 2. Ex Com referred to the establishment of the Economic Commissioner in the North and said that a cable had been received from AFHQ which the CSO read out to the meeting. AFHQ objected to any kind of economic groups being set up in Northern Italy. Ex Com said this matter would be discussed with General Hapelin on his visit here tomorrow.

(b) - 4(b). Italian Air Service to London and Paris. Ex Com said he had discussed this matter with Brig. Parsons and instructed CSO to follow up.

(c) - 5. Polzano. The Italian draft decree setting up a Commission and laying down the rules regarding nationality was discussed. CA Sec said that they were awaiting the submission of detailed comments by LS S/C. Ex Com instructed that a meeting should be held to discuss this matter with the Polads.

(d) - 11. Situation on Receivers. CA Sec said they would like Liguria Region to have a firm answer on this. Zoon Sec was directed to clear the position with the Region.

(e) - 12. Transport for the North. Ex Com said he was disappointed over the reply he had received from Transportation S/C on this matter and wondered if some arrangement could be made by the Italian Railways. There was no reason why the railways should not carry on the existing services and at the same time provide the facilities required. Ex Com said he wanted this discussed at the RC's meeting on 11 Dec.

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3. Political. Poland (B) reported that De Gasperi had now formally undertaken to form a Government. Agreement had been reached between the parties and the Lieutenant of the Realm had charged De Gasperi with forming a Government on a six party basis. This was expected to be announced today.

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5. Italian/French Frontier. Ex Com stated that AMHQ have laid down that Allied troops will be withdrawn from the Italian/French frontier, and that under present arrangements there will be no Italian troops within a fifteen mile radius of the frontier. Ex Com asked LG S/C to let him know what the police strength is in that area. He did not think there were many CC.RR there. In reply to Egon Sec the Ex Com stated that the normal Customs posts would remain on the frontier.

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6. UNRAI Appropriation by US. Zoon Sec reported that a telephone call was made last night from WASHINGTON notifying that the UNRAI Congressional appropriation had not yet been made. This would not affect January loadings but concern was felt that with further delay there would be a gap in supplies sometime early in the new year. Ex Com instructed that all the necessary information should be forwarded to the Ambassador and to AFHQ, so that the matter could be taken up with the respective Governments and CCS.

7. Amnesty - JMS Court Sentences. Ca. Sec said that the proposal for an amnesty had been refused by AFHQ. Ex Com asked the Polads for their views on this subject. Polad (A.) said that legal opinion here seemed to indicate that an amnesty was desirable and that this was an old Italian custom. Polad (B) said he rather reluctantly agreed. Ca. Sec was requested to submit file on this subject.

8. Spurition Decree No. 715. Ca. Sec reported that the Italian Government had issued this decree without the knowledge of JAC, which granted them the power to dismiss Grade V officials and higher, without the right of appeal. Ex Com said that this decree placed the civil servants in the hands of any political leader. He instructed Ca. Sec to bring this decree to the attention of the Polads.

9. Electoral Lists. Ca. Sec reported that the percentage of electoral lists completed and approved is now 5%. Ex Com asked if the US and British Governments realized how far behind the Italians were with this work. Polads replied that it appeared they were not, but would be kept informed of the position.

10. Personnel. Col. Barkin reported that 100 E.M. would be arriving this month, but that 65 would be leaving, thus giving the HQ an increase of 35.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 NOVEMBER 1945

29 November 1945

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) Poled (A) wished to know whether the welcome and acceptance expressed by the Italian Government on our comments to the new election laws had been given orally or in writing. Mr. Section stated that they had been oral but that they would seek a follow up in writing.

(b) - 2. Executive Commissioner referred to his recent meeting at Milan where the plan for the reorganization on the Economic side was discussed. The plan appears suitable and should shortly be put into effect. The Office of the Representative of the CE, in Northern Italy is to be abolished and the Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region, will assume the functions of Economic Commissioner in Northern Italy. Executive Commissioner gave further details of the draft.

(c) - 7. Lord Pereg's Subordination requested that Min. 7 should be cancelled as inaccurate. The following is substituted for Min. 7 of Executive Commissioner's meeting of 20 November 1945.

"Lord Pereg's Subordination stated that, in accordance with orders received, the administration of the Italian Army had been handed back to the Ministry of War on 15 November 1945 together with the command of those units in territory under the Italian Government. Command of units in territory under Allied control remain in the hands of the Allies."

2. Present Status of CEET.

Executive Section's (encl. 1, 2) of 21 November 1945 on above subject is attached as Appendix A.

3. Italian Representatives on Economic Committee.

Domestic Section (Mr. Cleveland) is continuing to press the question of Italy's right to send representatives to the various European Economic Commissions. Executive Commissioner said that it was clear that Mr. Pereg's wish was that Italy should be awarded membership to those. Colonel Dunscombe is preparing a full report on the present situation.

4. Italian Travel Facilities.

(a) Economic Section (Colonel Walton) said that great difficulty was being

where the plan for the reorganization on the Economic side was discussed. The plan appears suitable and should shortly be put into effect. The Office of the Representative of the G. in Northern Italy is to be abolished and the Regional Commissioner, Lombardy Region, will assume the functions of Economic Commissioner for Northern Italy. Executive Commissioner has further details of the draft.

(a) - 7. Land Forces Subordination requested that Min. 7 should be cancelled as inaccurate. The following is substituted for Min. 7 of Executive Commissioner's meeting of 20 November 1945:

"Land Forces Subordination stated that, in accordance with orders received, the administration of the Italian Army had been handed back to the Ministry of War on 15 November 1945 together with the command of those units in territory and the Italian Government. Command of units in territory under Allied control remains in the hands of the Allies".

2. Present Status of UNRRA.

Economic Section's memo 5.13/TS of 24 November 1945 on above subject is attached as Appendix A.

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4. Italian Travel Permits.

(a) Economic Section (Colonel Wilton) said that great difficulty was experienced due to the slowness of getting permits for Italian businessmen to travel abroad.

(b) Palma (E) asked whether it would be possible to get permission for a limited Italian Air Service to be established to Paris and London. This would be invaluable.

(c) Both these points will be brought up to the public persons, 6-5 45HQ on his visit to Allied Subordination today.

5. Bolshevik Situation.

Executive Commissioner said that the Prefect of Bolzano had put in a good report on the local situation including also proposals for Bolshevism autonomy. Policies are studying it, but until the new Italian Government is formed little can be done.

6. Northern Economic Groups.

Consular Section (Mr. Cleveland) had had discussions with various Northern Economic Groups and was definite that it is essential that the Italian Government get into closer contact with them. At the present the groups are controlled by AMI but a post AMI plan should be made and a conference between Government Representatives and the Northern Groups should be considered.

7. Electric Power.

Mr. Cleveland had been under the impression that electric power was one of Italy's minor problems but, in fact, it is now sufficiently grave, due to the increase of the winter and a complexity of causes. At the present, in the North, there is a rationing plan, in the form of an AMI order, which is not entirely satisfactory. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to revise it shortly. The electric problem is likely to continue until April.

8. Economic Information.

Mr. Cleveland stated that he had found in the North on both the Italian and the Allied sides a great demand for more precise economic information. He would like to consider the possibility of periodic publication of detailed information. Executive Commissioner suggested that Economic papers and publications and PMG arrange the distribution. Difficulties were discussed and it was concluded that Consular should attempt to nominate an officer to prepare publications. Economic and PMG will discuss further.

9. Italian Foreign Trade.

Mr. Cleveland said that the efforts to establish foreign trade relations with Italy had suffered a temporary setback due to the Consulate's non acceptance of the degrees for the appointment of an under Secretary for Foreign Trade; their reason being that the appointment was not wide enough and that a Ministry was needed. He did not disagree with this view but hoped that some settlement would shortly be reached.

10. Wheat Situation.

Consular Section said that the wheat situation appeared more satisfactory and that the requested allocation will be received. Executive Commissioner said that Secretary had brought up the question as to whether Italy had over imported so much wheat; he wished that this question might be examined. Consular Section will include this in their report.

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12. Transport.

(a) Executive Commissioner and Colonel Denstone discussed the possibility of a coach service to the North in view of the possibility of future bad flying weather. Colonel Denstone will submit a report.

(b) Advisory Council is stated to be turning in their British Staff case; Colonel Jones will discuss the possibilities.

(c) Colonel Purdin stated that all 50 vehicles are being turned in as from today.

13. War Debt.

Economic Section (Colonel Walton) brought up the subject of German funds paid to Italian firms for work never completed. Mr. Cleveland said that this was closely bound up with the whole subject of war debt and is a very high level policy. Any action should be suspended and a more general to the Committee.

14. Italian M.T.

Land Forces Subcommission requested that Economic Section take up with Transportation Subcommission the question of the vehicles to be allotted to the Italian Forces.

15. Status of Belluno.

CA Section wished to know whether the take over of Belluno by 13 Corps affected the AG status. Executive Commissioner replied that it would remain under Venezia Hospital.

16. Public Health Subcommission.

CA Section enquired as to the position of the Public Health Branch in Venezia Giulia when the Public Health Subcommission closed down in Allied Commission; Executive Commissioner replied that the problem would not arise until the new M. was approved, which will be some time; however establishments would watch.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Appendix "A"

Ref: 5.13/MS

24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Present Status of UMIT (Ufficio Recupero Materiali Tedeschi)

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. This organization was formed by Commissioner Tremelloni of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (I.R.I.) under the Central Economic Commission of the Committee for National Liberation of North Italy (CEUNI) on 17 May 1945 and its functions were confirmed by Colonel Poletti, Regional Commissioner of Lombardy Region, in Regional Order No. 5 of 15 June 1945, which provided that all persons holding materials, machinery, or other property, except war materials, belonging to the German Army or organization depending thereon, should declare the same to UMIT which was to act as custodian and dispose of the same in accordance with Allied instructions. Its activity was extended to other Regions of the North with permission of this Headquarters (letter of Economic Section 8 August, ref: 5.13/MS). Underdate of 7 August a letter was sent to AFHQ asking for approval for UMIT to act as custodian of such materials as had already been taken over subject to military demands, which was agreed.

2. At present UMIT is being absorbed by the ARAR (Azienda Risanamento Industrie Residuate) an organization which will replace the Italian State Railways as receiver for Captured Enemy Materials and will operate directly under the Ministry of Transport. The head of ARAR is Ing. Valerio.

3. All materials formerly the property of the Italian Armed Forces are passed to MRL before being released to UMIT (ARAR) by Allied Commission or No.2 District. Dumps are surveyed jointly by representatives of Captured Enemy Material Branch and ARAR and are released to the latter on approval from CEI Branch after No. 2 District has removed such materials as are required for Allied Military Use.

/s/ Charles W. Walton
/t/ CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, LC
Chief, Supply Group

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/s/ Charles W. Walton
/t/ CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

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26 November 1945

MEMO to : Distribution below.

SUBJECT : Executive Commissioner's meeting on 27 Nov 45.

Brigadier Parsons will be visiting this HQ on 27 November 45.

If there are any particular points for discussion with him, the Executive Commissioner requests that they be brought up at the meeting tomorrow.

ed B. Parsons
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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21 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 NOV 45

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2(b) Italian Manufacture of Warlike Stores. Ex Com stated that a letter to 1700 had been prepared on this subject and was being submitted for signature.

(b) - 4(c) Election Laws. Ex Com stated that our comments on the new election laws had been welcomed and accepted by the Italian Govt and that the matter was now in the hands of the Italian Govt.

(c) - 4. Ex Com's Visit to Milan. Ex Com stated that Ex Com's visit to Milan had been a great success and has had an excellent effect on Allied relations.

(d) - 4. Transport. Ex Com stated that 100000 were not anxious to change their directive training transport by motor over a distance of 100 miles. Ex Com stated that he understood that it covered staff cars had been obtained for the northern regions who were extremely short of suitable vehicles for operating in winter.

2. Ex Com's Tour of the North. Ex Com gave the meeting a brief description of the conditions he had found in his tour of the northern regions. He praised the officers who were continuing to work under difficult conditions, shortages of staff, etc, and said that although so handicapped they were still carrying on the administration of the territory under their control in a most satisfactory manner. He proposed that in view of the future handover of territory to the Italian Govt and the difficult conditions now existing in that area an expedient regional and transport that the three regions, Lombardy, Liguria and Piemonte, should be united into one region with its in Milan. The Regional Commissioner would, under this proposal, have under him three Deputy Regional Commissioners, one for each of the present regions. A meeting was to be held on Friday, 23 Nov at Milan between Ex Com and the Regional Commissioner to discuss this arrangement. Ex Com asked for heads of subdivisions, sections etc, to submit their views to him in order that they may be presented at the meeting. This arrangement would not affect the two North-Eastern regions which came mainly under 17 Corps. 12 Venetia Region was sending down his Regional HQ into liaison group size and would move to Treviso and set up HQ there about 1 Dec.

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3. Conferences between P40 and Press Attaches. P40 (b) spoke of articles which appeared in the Italian press bringing different charges against the Allies and asked if these charges could not be answered more quickly than they are at present. It was decided by the meeting after discussion that P40 of this HQ and the Press Attaches from the two Brigades should meet each week and go through these matters as they arise. Ex Com instructed P40 to arrange.

4. Visits of Italian Civilians. Ex Com explained that visitors to officers in this Commission, some of them under Art Government orders, were not being allowed to proceed to offices in this HQ after the hours of 1300 and 1700, and asked if this could not be changed. Ex Com instructed that Sec to change the present hours to 1400 and 1800 provided there were no security or other serious objections.

5. Clothing for Italian Prisoners. Ex Com stated that there was a considerable amount of clothing in the North, which if released would clothe the entire Carabinieri force. Land Forces 3/3 stated that they had not frozen any material and that the only items at present frozen were captured enemy material, which was frozen by Distec. A discussion followed on the various distributing and receiving agencies of the Italian Govt. Ex Com was instructed to notify Mr Cleveland, who was at present in the North, to look into this matter and forward his comments to Ex Com.

6. Provision of GORR for Guard Units. Ex Com asked CA Sec what had been done in answer to Primo Minister's request for 1,000 additional GORR to guard dumps of captured enemy material. CA Sec stated that GORR were not available for this function and troops should be used.

7. ASLA Liaison Groups. Land Forces 3/3 stated that they now had small liaison groups with each territorial command of the Italian Army. The Italian Army was now under the operational command of the Cinc, Italian Army but forces employed by the Allies were under the command of the various District Commanders and the Cinc, Italian Army, passed all orders for these forces through the liaison groups.

8. All Weekly Bulletin. EPO asked permission to take the All Weekly Bulletin off the restricted list and make a wider distribution. Ex Com stated that he would consider this matter further.

9. Payment of AGS Employees. Ex Com stated that he had been informed during his tour of the North that AGS employees in military areas were not receiving the same pay as their counterparts in the Italian Civil Service. Ex Com asked Ex Com Sec to look into this matter.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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15 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S MEETING - 13 NOV 45

Col Risk was in the Chair in the absence of Ex Comm on duty.
Laid Before J/C were not represented.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 2 (b) Italian manufacture of early type stores. Ex Comm stated that a meeting had been held in 1st week with J/C interested J/C's present and the possibility of conducting a survey had been discussed. Ex Comm pointed out the fact that if survey was conducted by Italian Govt they may think that this was to be used as a means of seeing what was available for operations. Ex Comm asked that a reply should be prepared to J/C's enquiry and Ex Comm agreed to do this.

(b) - 4 (c) election. Ex Comm stated that a meeting had been held on 6 Nov to discuss the Italian Govt's decree and that a reply had been sent to Prime Minister on 9 Nov, a copy of which had been sent to all interested sections.

(c) - 3 Employment of ex enemy Nationals by J/C. Ex Comm had had a survey conducted of how many ex enemy Nationals would be affected if the Italian Govt's decree was enforced. Only a small number was employed at the moment and he thought that as a general rule they should not be employed. J/C (A) and (B) agreed. Ex Comm said that Public Safety J/C would look after this question.

2. Aliens in Italian area. Ex Comm said that correspondence had been received from Italian Govt on the registration of German and French aliens now present in Italian area. Ex Comm stated that there were a number of Germans to be repatriated, that the question of French repatriation on scheme had not yet been brought up. Ex Comm said he should go ahead with repatriation of people who had opted for German nationality. J/C (B) had received memorandum from J/C stating that small groups consisting of 1 Italian Security Officer, 1 J/C agent and 1 German speaking typewriter were covering the villages and villages remaining up German front and as can be seen to be important; this was having considerable success.

3. Administration in Northern Provinces. J/C (B) asked what northern provinces were still being administered by J/C. Ex Comm said that with the exception of Palermo, Trapani and Venezia Giulia most provinces now contained only a few Italian officers, 1 provincial Commissioner and

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(b) - 4 (c) Election Laws. Mr. Que stated that a meeting had been held on 6 Nov to discuss the Italian Govt's desire and that a reply had been sent to Prime Minister on 8 Nov, a copy of which had been sent to all interested nations.

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2. Albans in Solihull area. Les Ego Corn said that correspondence had been received from it since 1967 on the registration of German and French citizens now present in Solihull area. Les Ego Corn said that there were 3,000 of Germans to be registered i.e. that the question of French registration on which had not yet been brought up. Les Ego Corn said we should go ahead with registration of people who had come over German nationality. Poland (a) had received information from some stating that Polish groups consisting of 1,000 Security Officers, 1,000 Gent and 1 German speaking Tyrolers were covering the villages and villages surrounding up German East to and as far to be reported; this was having considerable success.

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Dr. Carri's visit to Berlin. Baird () asked if any mention to Carri's speech at Union on 10 Nov had been received. Rep. Loe Corn had received signal from Post-Office, etc to express, stating that he had not Carri could not be discussed with him degree problem affecting Varenic family. The meeting was very cordial in such a situation which had been derived from it.

6. Bill... meeting is to be held this afternoon between Boon See and those together with all interested representatives to discuss the supply of POW in the north after the turnover.

7. UNRRA Supplies. Mrs. Egan recalled receiving a letter from Verafina Gladin re distribution of UNRRA supplies in that area and asked if military responsibility were to be turned over to UNRRA. Mr. Tugoulovskii put forth a proposal that a meeting of the Joint Economic Committee and Verafina Gladin should be supplied by UNRRA. It was agreed that it was not advisable to hand over the military responsibility of supplying Verafina Gladin to UNRRA at present.

6. Transport. Gen Lee stated that considerable difficulty was being experienced by their officers riding to the bar imposed on travel over 100 miles in the transport. With the coming of winter it was going to be very difficult, if not impossible, to use aircraft for those trips. Dep Sec Gen promised to look into this question and instructed Satish to look into the possibility of obtaining ready gear which could be declared surplus owing to redeployment of military units.

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To the Executive Committee.

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Executive Director
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AGO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 210/EC

7 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 NOV 45

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

(a) - 3 Inter-Regional Trade. Eoon Sec said that Ministry of Agriculture was preparing a National Distribution Scheme for food. It had not yet arrived here but it was expected that the details of the scheme would be available by the middle of the month. Ex Comm stressed the fact that with winter approaching this scheme should be completed as quickly as possible. Eoon Sec further stated that a cable had been sent to Agriculture Officer of Lombardy telling him that details of Milan allocation should be made available now. Instructions have been sent out to all RO's saying that there will be no blocking. Eoon Sec will pursue this matter.

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(c) - 4 Election Laws. VP, CA Sec stated that the report on the local election laws was circulated last night. We have to inform Prime Minister of our comments by 12 November and asked that a meeting should be held between sections concerned. Excon said that this meeting should be held on 9 November and VP CA Sec agreed to arrange.

(c) - 6 Venezia Giulia Personnel. Excon said that RG Venezia Giulia had visited him yesterday and was quite happy about the proposal made at last week's meeting to treat Venezia Giulia on the same basis as the other northern regions. Col Bowen will be going to US for 45 days leave on Dec 1 and Col Robertson would act for him. Venezia Giulia were short of Industry Officers. Excon stated that when northern regions closed down there would be one or two Industry Officers who could be sent to Venezia Giulia but that most of Indust personnel were now American civilians.

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(c) - 9 Imports. Eoon Sec had spoken to Washington by telephone on the coal situation and stated that 59 ships for coal, November loading, would be available. Half a million tons of coal would be sent to Italy which was better than last month. Also stated that American and British Mediterranean HQ had asked for 200,000 tons to be sent from Germany and that he, Mr Cleveland, had asked Washington to follow this up through War Department. We were ready to send freight cars up to Germany for this shipment.

(f) -10. Wheat. Mr Cleveland stated that the wheat outlook was not good. Figures show that 125,000 additional tons in November-December loading were expected but that unless they arrived it might mean that the bread ration would have to be cut. However if the promised amounts arrive we shall have enough to carry on until end of January. Washington had said that the delay was due to internal transportation in the United States and not to any difficulty in obtaining ships for Italy. There was a possibility of getting wheat from Holland.

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3. Deployment of ex-Enemy Nationals by AMG. Col Piske stated that he understood that Distwo had sent out directive saying that these would not be employed in their area. Ex Com said that he thought that this question would depend on the past record of the ex-enemy nationals employed. He would take the matter up with Distwo and Regions during his trip north.

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7. MARSA. Ecom Sec stated that Washington had informed them that the new US appropriation would be considered by Congress on Monday next, and the British and Canadian Govts would give their approval when the US Decision was made. It was hoped that a decision would be reached before Congress adjourns for 40 days on December 10th in order that supplies for Italy would be assured. If the appropriation was not forthcoming it would mean that goods would reach the ports and then be shipped to other countries and not to Italy. Ex Com asked if our January loadings were assured. Mr Cleveland replied that they were not, and would not be before the US decision on the appropriation was known.

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8. Visits of Civilian Business Delegations to Italy, Mr Cleveland stated that there was an American Delegation in Rome who were over here to discuss foreign trade with the Italian Government Ministries. The question arose as to whether these delegations were allowed to eat in military messes and live in military hotels. Col Scudder said that there was a MONSA directive stating that these delegations could be fed, accommodated and have transported provided for a certain fee. In reply to questions as to whether anything was provided for British Delegations, Col Jones said that there was nothing to provide that such delegations could be fed and accommodated, but that he would take the matter up with GAC, GAF and see if some directive could not be put out on the same basis as the MONSA order.

9. Turnover of the Italian Army. Col Fidsley stated that MILA had received a directive from AFHQ last evening stating that the Italian Army would be returned to Italian Govt control on 14 November. Col Fidsley would send copy to G2 today but hoped that no changes would be made to it as this document had taken many weeks before appearing in final form and it has already been discussed and agreed on. The question of the equipment being at present used by the Italian Army has been fixed.

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1 November 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 30 OCTOBER 45.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 9 Handover of Ports. Ex C said it had been recommended to AFHQ that we were in a position to hand over the ports but he had not yet received a reply.
- (b) - 12 Clothing of Italian Army and Police Forces. CA Sec stated that clothing was in production, and delay was on the Italian side. They would continue to pursue the matter.

(c) - 17 Notification of Shipping. Beon Sec had reviewed this situation. PRO said he had written to AFHQ for permission although Beon Sec considered that this matter did not come under AFHQ jurisdiction. Ex C ruled that if AFHQ did not reply within a week we should proceed.

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Major Williams stated that in regard to national elections a period of seventy days must elapse before the proclamation of the decree and the holding of the elections. For local elections the period was somewhat shorter. There was discussion as to whether it was better to send our amendments on the national election law now in view of the fact that the Council was meeting to-day or wait until recommendations on both laws were ready and send all our amendments together. The general consensus of opinion was that it was better to follow the latter course, and Ex C said that CC would discuss the form of their presentation with the Ambassador.

5. Statement in Italian Press. Ex C referred to a statement made by the Action Party in an Italian newspaper and said that CC considered that certain points contained therein should be brought to the attention of the Prime Minister. HRO read extracts from the report, which was not considered to be a departure from the previously expressed line of the Party of Action.

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6. Venezia Giulia - Personnel. Ex C referred to signals which had been sent regarding the critical personnel situation in Venezia Giulia. Lt. Col. McCleary was on a visit to Venezia Giulia and would discuss the situation. In answer to Econ Sec. Ex C stated that AC was still responsible for supplying personnel for Venezia Giulia and therefore had the right to screen their personnel requests in the light of the overall shortage of personnel. He had made AC's position clear to Gen. Lemnitzer and would tell G-5, AFHQ tomorrow that we had to maintain AMG in the North as well as Venezia Giulia, even at the expense of personnel for Venezia Giulia. Ex C directed Est Sec to treat Venezia Giulia in the future on an equal basis with Northern Regions for the purposes of personnel requirements in view of the priority treatment which Venezia Giulia had been receiving.

7. British Officers - IMAF. VP CA Sec said that a return had been asked for British officers due for IMAF and all his staff officers were eligible. Ex C said he had sent a telegram to AFHQ asking permission to postpone at CC's discretion sending officers on the last available IMAF if it did not prejudice their chances of having leave at a future date. No answer had yet been received and Est Sec would follow this up.

8. Communications - Cardinia. Communications S/C reported that as a result of the IMAF liaison officer leaving Sardina the radio link would close down. Some delay would take place in communications as civilian channels would have to be used. Since the radio had only been handling an average of six high priority cables a day, the cessation was not considered serious.

9. Imports. Econ Sec stated that due to strikes in America there would be temporary shortages of imports of coal and PGL. A signal regarding coal had been sent to Washington stating that the effect would be the unemployment of one million people during the period of the shortage. Discussion had taken place with the American Embassy which will make representations to the State Department. It was suggested that SACRED should take up with GCS on the "diagnosis and unrest" basis. Ex C said he would take the matter up with Gen. Morgan.

10. Wheat. Econ Sec said the situation had deteriorated, due to the fact that production is below the original estimates, and shipping had not come up to expectations. Increased shipments of wheat for December and January had been asked for. There was some prospect of what being received from the Argentine, although this was problematical and would not affect the overall situation.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 OCTOBER 45.

24 October 1945

Ex C welcomed Mr. Marian Cleveland, A/VP, Leon Sec, on his return to AG, and warmly thanked Brig. Gen. McKinley for all the valuable help he had given the Commission.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Veneria Giulia - Supplies. Leon Sec said the programme was progressing and the situation was satisfactory.

(b) - 2. Poligone Division. Col. Fiske said it had been decided by GOC No. 2 District to remove the Poligone Division from Bolzano. A Sub Area had been set up in Bolzano and British troops were being moved to replace the Division.

(c) - 5. UNRRA Stocks at Ancona. This matter was still under discussion between Leon Sec and UNRRA.

(d) - 13. Monthly Reports, Regions, Sub-Commissions and Liaison Officers. Ex C was still considering this matter.

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8. American Personnel. Det Sec reported that the only replacements received to date were four teletype operators. Present American strength was 344 officers and 723 AM. 382 of the latter, however, were due to leave on 1 November. They stated that the request for replacements had been given high priority by AFHQ. It was confirmed that Venezia Giulia officer strength is almost at parity and Ex C directed that the SCAC should be informed of this.
9. Handover of Ports. CA Sec reported that they had received a telegram from AFHQ suggesting that the three ports should be turned back before the main handover. There was fairly general agreement that this could be done but Ex C pointed out that the varying dates of the proposed handover were causing confusion. He directed Det Sec to inform him know details of the reviving staff.

10. Channels of Communication. CA Sec had received a report from RS Piemonte Region that the Italian Government were communicating directly with the President. Although the President not in touch with AMG straight away, a certain amount of embarrassment was caused and CA Sec asked if the Italian Government could be told of this. Ex C said he was not in favour of doing this unless similar reports came in from other Regions.
11. Administration and Training of CC, RS. Ex C said this was now in progress of being turned over to MIA. He would discuss the question of staff requirements with Land Forces S/C.
12. Clothing of Italian Army and Police Forces. Ex C directed CA Sec to prepare a report for CC on the clothing of police agencies other than CC, RS.
13. Pay of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C said the pay rates of pay were due to consequence on 1 December, but so far the Ministries of Finance and War had not got together. Ex C directed Land Forces S/C to draft a letter to the Prime Minister for the CC's signature stressing the necessity for immediate action.
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 OCTOBER 45.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.

(a) - 1. Incidents in the North. Ex C said it would appear that the report on Genoa had been exaggerated.

As regards the incidents between the Press and AMG, SCs had been instructed to cooperate more closely with Press officers.

(b) - 6. Venezia Giulia - Slovenes. Ex C had discussed the supply situation at AMG. Our telegram had been received and would be transmitted to GSG, AMG commented the political importance of differentiating between Italian and Venezia Giulia.

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Slovenia - Food Situation. Gen Sec said the situation had eased. A food ship had arrived. They had harassed sending a representative to inspect Italy, but it was felt that this was inadvisable, as there was little he could do.

(a) - 8. Hotels. Zet Sec was purchasing this matter and was now arranging to put American officials in the Excelsior Hotel. Ex C said we should have officers' messes integrated as far as possible.

2. Felgore Division. AC Venezia Region had written again raising the question of the removal of this Division. Land Forces S/C said they were in full agreement with the proposed move of the Felgore Division.

3. American Officers' Personnel. Ex C said that Gen. Hamilton had agreed the figure of 700 and that as far as he was concerned it could go ahead with the 72 on that figure. He had already received instructions to proceed on the British side.

4. Elations. There was some discussion on this question and VP AM Sec held out little hope of their being held this year.

5. UNRRA Stocks at Arcore. Gen Sec reported that large stocks were being held at Arcore which would be cleared by UNRRA. This matter would be taken up.

6. Attacks on Camp Pavia. Polad (b) referred to a report of attacks on Pavia round Genoa. Ex C said that according to information they had received these reports were exaggerated. Ex C directed AM Sec to obtain a report from Public Safety S/C.

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7. UNRWA Stocks at Amara. Soon Sec reported that large stocks were being held at
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8. Attacks on Canal Ports. Point (B) referred to a report of attacks on Port
Suez. Ex Sec said that according to information they had received these
reports were exaggerated. Ex C directed CA Sec to obtain a report from Public
Safety S/C.

9. General of Italian Industrial Plant to Germany. Point (C) said the Minister for
Foreign Affairs wrote to the Embassy on 20 September on this question requesting
that the Allied authorities in Germany seek out, identify and guard plant which
had been removed from Italy until arrangements were made for its return; that
the Italian authorities be given access to German archives in Bolzano Province
which covered the removal of Italian industrial plant. Poland (E) asked that all
the Italians wanted to know was where the plant was located. Soon Sec said that
Industry S/C had sent representatives to Bolzano to examine the German archives
and were of the opinion that it had complete information regarding the disposal
of the machinery. Communications S/C remarked that a considerable quantity of
material had been recovered for the Telecommunications Ministry by agents to
these records. Ex C directed Soon Sec to follow up.

10. Representation from Balkans. Poland (A) said that a number of representatives was
arriving in Italy. All came by air to Bari, where they were either put in a
displaced persons camp or sent to the British Consul for help. This was a heavy
burden on the Consul who had to cope not only with British subjects, but also with
Bosnian, Serbian and other nationalities. Ex C suggested that APHQ be asked to write
to the Area Commander directing him to make accommodation available for these
people and he was willing to take this up with APHQ on a no basis. Poland (H)
would give Ex C a memorandum on this subject.

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9. Retention of British Officers. Ex D sent a warning order from AFHQ which had been followed by a letter from HACO ordering the retention for four months of British officers from Group 21 onwards.
10. Medical Officer. 10. In answer to Ex C, Ex B said that a replacement was due to arrive shortly.
11. San Marco Regiment. Ex B said it had been agreed that the San Marco Regiment should revert to the Navy by the end of the month. The attention with Guard Battalions was proceeding satisfactorily.
12. Monthly Report - Piemonte Region. Ex B said that Ex C referred to certain extracts from this report.
standing back of Fiat Vehicles, Tyres and Tubes. It was reported that 1,484 Fiat vehicles, 851 Michelin Tyres and 539 Michelin tubes had been released during the month.
Ex C directed Exon-Geo to follow up whether correct release procedures had been followed.
13. Monthly Reports, Regions, Sub-Commissioning and Italian Officers. Ex B was asked that these should be sent to the Italian Government. Ex B said pointed out that they would need editing before being passed. Ex B said and Point (B) were duplicate of similar those reports to the Italian Government. Ex B said it would be wise to leave out the additional side of reports. Ex B would consider the matter.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 9 OCTOBER.

1. Incidents in the North. Ex C asked VP CA Sec if he had any news of the arrest of the Quartiere and his Deputy at Genoa, a report of which had appeared in the press. CA Sec would follow up.
CBO to Ex C was taking up with IC Liguria the question of the speech made by it. Col. Nicholls at Spezia.
Polad(B) referred to a report that in Turin the editor and leader writer of an Italian paper had been arrested and sentenced to imprisonment for writing an article criticising AMG.
PBO mentioned that there had been several incidents recently between AMG and the Partito in North Italy where AMG officials had taken action against newspapers for publishing offensive articles without first consulting the Regional Press Officer. It was agreed that Regional and Provincial Commissioners should be instructed once more to consult with their press officer or chairman of APB before taking action against a newspaper.
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7. Sicily - Food Situation. Ex C stated that CC had agreed that the Sicilians must look after themselves. He suggested that Col. Toscani might make a trip to Sicily to see if things were satisfactory. Ron Sec would look into this.

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8. Hotels. Est Sec proposed to abandon the use of the Milano Hotel, and to accommodate a certain number of junior officers in the Piom Hotel. There were also fifty beds available for AC in the Excelsior Hotel. Ex C said the whole question of hotel accommodation wanted reviewing, and directed Est Sec to arrange for HQ Commandant to set up a small committee to look into the question; Land Forces S/C should be represented. Polada asked that they be notified when it was proposed to derequisition a hotel.
9. AC/AGO Press Review. Polad(B) said he had read several favourable comments in London newspapers. It had already been recommended by Polad(B) that the review be published as a White Paper and Ex C would also follow up with War Office.
10. Salvaged War Material. CSO to Ex C read a telegram from the Mayor of Venice expressing alarm at the theft of salvaged war material and asking for immediate action. The matter should be dealt with by WD S/C.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 OCTOBER 45.

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1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 1(c). Release of American Officers. Ex C stated that a memorandum had been prepared by Est Sec showing the status of all American officers in AC/AUS. A direction had been issued that officers retained would be only those in Class A (term of service duration of emergency plus six months) and Class B (term of service until 6 March 46 or until such earlier time as the officer wished). Est Sec reported that up to the present there had been no great response to this.

(b) - 2. Sicily. Ex C stated that unfortunately the Liaison Officer had discussed the matter with the High Commissioner and the local police. A telegram had therefore been despatched ordering him to cease enquiries.

(c) - 3. Press Digest. RSO considered that it would be difficult to coordinate the British Embassy and AC press digests, but he would discuss the matter with Mr. Stewart of the British Embassy. Field (B) suggested that one of Public Relations' press readers should go to the Embassy and work with the staff there.

(d) - 4. Venezia Giulia - Sanions. Ex C read a letter from AFHQ which stated that the ration deals in Venezia Giulia should not be increased. He would pass the file to Econ Sec for action at their meeting this morning.

2. Handover of Territory. Ex C reported that CO had received and rejected a request from RCO in the North for a partial handover of territory in view of the shortage of staff. A telegram had been sent to RCO telling them they must stay on and that AFHQ had been requested to send a follow up to CCS.

3. Naples. Ex C said the situation had improved. On Saturday evening 600 USAR had visited the village of Jola, arrested a number of people, and took possession of a quantity of Allied arms and ammunition.

4. AFHQ - Reorganization. Ex C stated that as from to-day AFHQ was divided into three parts. Col. Parkin would deal with MUNSA; Col. Jones would deal with Central HQ staff, and AC would deal with AFHQ staff.

- (b) - 2. Sicily. Ex C stated that unfortunately the Liaison Officer had discussed the matter with the High Commissioner and the local police. A telegram had therefore been dispatched ordering him to cease inquiry.
- (c) - 3. Press Digest. PRO considered that it would be difficult to coordinate the British Embassy and AF press digest, but he would discuss the matter with Mr. Stewart of the British Embassy. Told (B) suggested that one of Public Relations' press readers should go to the Embassy and work with the staff there.
- (d) - 4. Venezia Giulia - Relations. Ex C read a letter from AFHQ which stated that the ration scale in Venezia Giulia should not be increased. He would pass the file to Eoon Sec for action at their meeting this morning.
2. Handover of Territory. Ex C reported that CC had received and rejected a request from BDA in the North for a partial handover of territory in view of the shortage of staff. A telegram had been sent to BDA telling them they must stay on and that AFHQ had been requested to send a follow up to CCS.
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5. Exterior Hotel, Marston. VP CA Sec said there was a possibility that we should leave the use of this hotel on the turnover. Ex C directed that Sec to look into this and to ensure that at least five rooms were reserved for AF. Ex C told Foted (B) that the Metropole Hotel, Naples, had been handed back to the Italians.
6. Consular Representation in Venezia Giulia. (West of the Morgan line). Ex C said that XIII Corps had confirmed the desirability of a British Consular Representative active in Trieste. Foreign Office had proposed the title "British Political Officer." U.S. title was "Representative of the U.S. Political Adviser at Caserta." Ex C agreed no further action necessary.
7. Venezia Giulia - Population. Ex C referred to the alleged deportation of Italians and their replacement by Yugoslavs. A telegram was being sent to AFHQ on this matter suggesting the possibility of establishing liaison officers in the ports on the West coast of Istria. It was also being pointed out in this telegram that AF were not in a position to supply the liaison officers.

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6. III Corps Liaison Officer for Rome. Ex C stated that SCAD Venezia Giulia had proposed that a liaison office should be set up in Rome. Room Sec thought it was desirable to have a liaison officer on the economic side and all were in agreement that representation would be useful. CSO to Ex C was directed to follow up.
9. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Room Sec confirmed that Venezia Giulia was included in the plan for the North. There was considerable discussion on the economic and political implications of military responsibility for supplies for Venezia Giulia and Udine. Ex C and Polad emphasized the importance for Venezia point of treating Udine and Venezia Giulia as separate entities. Ex C directed Room Sec to send him the telegram on the supply side and he would deal with the political side.
10. Handover of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C had no further news of this. Gen. Morgan was discussing with Gen. Browning to-day.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 210/20.

29 September 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S MEETING - 29 SEPTEMBER 45.

Exec Sec and Land Forces S/C were not represented.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Use of German POW. Ex C reported that the situation was now calm.

(b) - 2. Officer Hours. Communications S/C asked if the ruling for Italian civilian employees in the minutes of the previous meeting (para 2) applied to local Allied civilian employees. Ex C confirmed that this was the case.

(c) - 6. Release of American Officers. Ex C said it was important to find out if we were to get replacements up to the existing 70. At present this did not seem likely. Ex C had collected names of officers for the liaison groups. Col. Parson was going to Caserta on Monday to follow up the requisition for replacements.

2. Italy. Poland (4) referred to a press report. Ex C stated that the Italian Government decided to arrest certain prominent Separatists for offences against the State arising out of the recent disorders. This information had been passed to AFHQ. Ex C directed his SSO to hasten the reports awaited from Liaison Officer.

3. Press Digest. Ex C had suggested that there should be one press digest for Allied Commission and the Embassy. Coordination would save time, labour and paper. Ex C directed IAC to contact the British Embassy with a view to possible coordination.

4. Venezia Giulia - Nations. Ex C stated that GOC VIII Corps had written to AFHQ suggesting that the ration scale in Venezia Giulia should be raised. It was generally agreed that there should be no increase in the basic scale but that there might be allowed an increase in supplementary items, e.g. beans, dried vegetables, etc. Ex C would give further consideration to the matter and bring up again at the next meeting.

5. Food Stores, Dares. Ex C said complaints had been received in the past of

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5. Food Storage Demos. Ex C said complaints had been received in the past of untidiness at the depots in Naples and elsewhere. The situation had now improved. After inspecting the depots with Col. Danmore, Ex C expressed himself as being quite satisfied.

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Ref: 210/EC.

26 September 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 SEPTEMBER 45.

Ex C introduced to the meeting Lt. Col. McCleary, his new GSO, vice Lt. Col. Talbot, also Lt. Col. Gillmore, who has recently joined Land Forces S/C.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Propriate Rock. Ex C directed Moon Sec to bring the French representative of AC into the picture, as this might help matters.

(b) - 2. Use of German POW. Ex C stated that Gen. McFarney and staff officers had met the Heads of the Labour Delegation in Naples yesterday, where it was agreed that there should be a gradual reduction in the number of POW employed. Col. Pennyquick had reported that the members of the labour delegation went away from the meeting quite satisfied and further trouble was not anticipated at the moment.

(c) - 5. Venezia Giulia. Ex C said that excellent reports had been prepared by Brig. Anderson, Col. Gripps and Major Temple, and Lt. Col. Scudder. The complete report would be sent to AFHQ to-day.

(d) - 6. Handover of Territory. Ex C reported that a telegram had been sent stating that the impetus of AMG was decreasing because of the delay in coming to a decision about the handover, and asking that at least we be told the date in time to enable us to make an announcement before 30 September.

(e) - 7. Greek Delegate's Request. Moon Sec stated that the written request had not yet been received. Polad (B) said the British Embassy was of the opinion that the request should be dealt with by AG and should not be submitted through the Advisory Council as was originally suggested. Polad (A) agreed with this view. Ex C directed Moon Sec to approach the Greek delegate and ask him to put his request in writing to GC.

(f) - 9. Local Resources Board. Moon Sec stated that the Local Resources Board would hold one more meeting, after which it would cease to function, with the exception of the Labour and Wages Sub-Committee which would continue depending from AFHQ.

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Office Hours. Ex C stated that OC had now decided. The position was that Sunday was a holiday for all personnel, and there were two half holidays for military personnel, Italian civilians to work every day except Sunday. Heads of Sections and Sub-Committees were to take their half days on Wednesday and Saturday.

3.

Visit of Chief of Police - Venezia Giulia. Ex C announced that Col. Thorne Thorne was visiting Rome to-day; VI CA Sec would look after him. Ex C wished to meet him.

4.

Pay of Italian Army. Polad (B) stated that he understood that when the Italian Government regained control of the Army the standard of rations would be impaired since they would be drawn from Italian and not Allied sources. He thought that this, coupled with a reduction in pay, would have a bad effect on morale. Land Forces S/C were directed to study this matter.

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5. Turnover of Vehicles. Zoon Sec raised the question of turnover of vehicles from present users to the Ministry of War and the allocation of them by MILA. Ex C pointed out the practical difficulties that would arise were the stipulations of the Land Forces S/C strictly observed. He directed Zoon Sec to arrange a meeting with Land Forces S/C with a view to a possible modification of some of these stipulations.
6. Release of American Officers. Ex C said the latest ruling was that American officers with a point score of 75 or more were due for immediate release. The effect of this was that there would be 105 American officers against the 230 budgeted for. Officers could volunteer to remain but the period required was duration of the emergency plus six months. Col. Denison pointed out that many officers would probably be willing to extend their service for a short while but who were unwilling to sign on as at present required. Ex C said that Col. Parkin should make a list of American officers required for the theatre, with the names of those who wished to volunteer, and take the matter up with AFMUSA. He should copy his letter to AFMUSA to Polad (A) who would press the matter through diplomatic channels.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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Ref: 240/22.

12 September 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE - 18 SEPTEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Office Hours. Nothing further has been decided on this matter.

(b) - 1(b). Reduction of A2 MI. Ex C stated that this had been the subject of a meeting yesterday afternoon, and a letter was being forwarded to AFHQ. It was considered that the reduction of a large economic group in Milan could not be reconciled with FAJ 487, and wanted the economic group reduced below 25 by 1 December.

(c) - 1(d). Phosphatic Rock. Section were submitting a follow up of the message to OCS and were also preparing a letter to the Ambassador.

(d) - 1(c). Fleet Policy - Signals. USG to Ex C reported that concerning to-day eight fleet files, four involving and four outgoing, would be circulated. These were under four main headings, East Sec, Transportation and Fuel, Displaced Persons, and General.

2. Coal. Ex C said that it was under the impression that the Italians had been allowed representation on the European Coal Committee. Soon after this was not so; until the Peace Treaty Italy would be represented by Allied representatives. The letter to Mr. Kirk would be resubmitted.

3. Reports on Polish Trade. Ex C stated that a letter had been received from Gen. Anders protesting against the allotments of Polish troops to Italian Poland (A) and an objection to this letter being sent on to the Polish Minister.

4. Presentation of Awards. Ex C announced that Field Marshal Alexander was presenting British awards to U.S. officers tomorrow evening at 9 at Caserta and there was an open invitation to officers who wished to be present.

5. Italian Election law. Ex C read a letter from the U.S. Ambassador to the Italian Government regarding the election law, and stating

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being forwarded to AFHQ. It was considered that the inclusion of a large economic group in Milan could not be reconciled with FAI 457, and wanted the economic group reduced below 25 by 1 December.

(a) - 1(4). Phonetic Book. Zorn Sea were submitting a follow-up of the message to GCS and were also preparing a letter to the Milanese.

(d) - 10. Mount Wilson - Signals. GCS to Ex C reported that tomorrow, today, eight first files, four incoming and four outgoing, would be circulated. These were under four main headings, Ex C, Transportation and Fuel, Displaced Persons, and General.

2. Coal. Ex C said that D) was under the impression that the Italians had been allowed representation on the European Coal Committee. Zorn Sea said this was not so: until the Peace Treaty Italy would be represented by Allied representatives. The letter to Mr. Kirk would be returned.

3. Benefits on Polish Troops. Ex C stated that a letter had been received from Gen. Anders regarding against the allegations of Polish troops activities. Polad (2) was in objection to this letter being sent on to the Prime Minister.

4. Presentation of Austria. Ex C announced that Field Marshal Alexander was presenting Italian medals to U.S. officers tomorrow morning at 9 at Caserta and there was an open invitation to officers who wished to be present.

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5. Italian Election Law. Ex C read a letter from the U.S. Ambassador to the Italian Foreign Minister referring to Italian election laws, and stating that GCS's previous recommendations had the full support of the U.S. Government, she urged the Italian Government to take prompt action in amending the 1945 law. Mr. Kirk asked, however, that he hoped the Italian Government would hold local elections by the end of the year, even if the law was not amended.

6. Report on Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that Col. Origen had almost completed the initial stages of the report on Venezia Giulia, and said every endeavour would be made to have the complete report ready by Friday.

7. Italian Observers in Venezia Giulia. Polad (4) said a request had been received from the Prime Minister for the establishment of Italian observers on both sides in Venezia Giulia. Polad (3) was in favour of forwarding this request to AFHQ with the recommendation that it be disapproved owing to the present situation in London. Polad (2) was in favour of forwarding the report to AFHQ without comment. Ex C would discuss with GCS and point out the necessity of explaining to the Italian Government the entirely non-political liaison functions of the American Mission in AFHQ Venezia Giulia.

8. Italian Citizenship in Bolzano. Phild (B) drew attention to Eric Carr's notes of his tour of the North on the question of the legal status of Italian citizenship. Eric Carr said there was some controversy on this point; the Chief Legal Advisor held that only those Italians who opted to go to Germany and actually left the country had lost their citizenship, but the view of the local prefect was that all those who had opted to go to Germany would lose their citizenship. G. Sec would take it up with local Government S/C and the matter would be handled.

9. Austrian/Italian Trade. Ex C stated that a letter had been received from an Austrian, Herrn Wadner, regarding Austrian/Italian trade. Points advised that no action should be taken as the Austrian Office in Rome was not recognized, and Ex C said he would inform G. Sec accordingly. Ex C had already contacted the Italian Government with regard to trading with Austria.

10. Timber. Ex C said that he had been informed that Veronica Giulini was in need of timber for the winter. He directed Ex C to take the matter up with Agriculture S/C with a view possibly of sending an expert up to inquire into and arrange the matter on the spot.

11. Italian Import Programme for 1946. Ex C said that good progress had been made with this, which was planned to effect 85% full employment by 30 September 1946.

12. Quota Lists of Exports. Ex C said that Heads of Sub-Commissions should keep lists of exports to the North, particularly of those in which the Italian Government had been given undertakings, so that when personnel changes were made they were not overlooked. Ex C asked that Heads of Sections express this upon their Sub-Commissions.

13. Films. Ex C said that the Italian Government were not implementing the agreement regarding film distribution and priorities made between the Government and the Temporary Film Board. The result was the distribution and showing of American and British films was being held up. This was a matter Ex C would recommend G. Sec to take up with the Prime Minister verbally in the first instance.

14. Return of US/IMI Personnel. Lord Forster S/C stated that it was the policy of AFHQ to have the American supervised Italian personnel. Lord Forster S/C proposed to send 5,000 US/IMI personnel who were Italian Slovaks by train to Trieste, where they would be disembarked and sent to their homes. XIII Corps had raised no objection to this but Diaper S/C had asked that the personnel should not be moved. Ex C suggested that the Diaper S/C objection be overruled and directed G. Sec to take up with them. He said that it was important to get definite compensation from XIII Corps, as the soldiers would be arriving in Trieste in uniform, and directed Lord Forster S/C to send the correspondence to G. Sec for consideration.

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15 September 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 SEPTEMBER 45.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Office Hours. Ex C had received the draft instruction from Est Sec and considered that the suggestion of staggering the two half holidays was not practicable. He would discuss with Est Sec.

(b) - 1(d). Reduction of AC HQ. Est Sec reported that a signal had been received from WUSA concerning deployment, which meant that AC would lose 329 Hs by 29 September 45. Ex C directed Est Sec to review the position in the Regions and to transfer surplus personnel, if any, to HQ. Est Sec had asked WUSA if the deployment programme could be staggered, but had little hope that they would adopt this suggestion. Est Sec mentioned that US officers eligible for promotion could only get promotion if they signed on for extended service of the duration of the emergency plus six months.

(c) - 1(e). Refugees (non Personnel). Lord Porson 3/5 said this matter was still outstanding and Ex C directed OA Sec to pursue it vigorously.

(d) - 10. Therophate Rock. Lord Sec had not contacted the French representative of AC, as he was away from Rome and they expressed some reluctance at consulting him in view of the present stage of the negotiations. There was discussion on the possibility of a satisfactory settlement and Ex C said that pressure should be put on both the French and the Italians. It was so important for the Italian economy that phosphate be procured immediately that it might be necessary to get the Italians to make an unprofitable deal. This was, of course, to be avoided if possible. Lord Sec were directed to approach the Emergency Economic Council for Europe to enlist the support of the French representative on the Council.

(e) - 13. Personnel for WUSA. Ex C had spoken to Col. Findlay on this matter and had asked him to discuss with Mr. Henry the loan to WUSA for the detailed studies of WUSA 3/5 personnel (en bloc

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2. Handover of Territory. Ex C stated that approval had been given for the handover of Livorno, Pisa, Colise Salvetti and Naples and CC had recommended that they take place at the same time as the main handover, about which no fresh news was to hand. In answer to Ex C, Ex C said that Livorno and Pantelleria were not included in the territory to be handed back to the Italian Government, and the supply position for these islands would remain unchanged.

3. Foreign Minister's Visit to North. Pohl (B) stated that Dr. De Gasperi wished to go North to make a speech mainly dealing with the economic situation. Ex C said he had received an official application and no objection had been raised by CC. The matter would be cleared with DC Venice.

4. Brig. Carr's Visit to the North. VP CA Sec reported that public security conditions seemed to have improved. He said that little headway had been made in re-equipping Carabinieri and considered the time had now come to send a letter to AMO on this subject. CA Sec were still being issued with obsolete weapons and Lord Vernon S/C stated that all the good weapons were required for the Internal Security Groups. Ex C said the question of priority for arms was important and should be taken up. It was reported that the Italian Army and the G.M. had identical arms, or at least weapons of the same calibre. Poland (B) said he knew the Foreign Office would lend their support in this matter. Ex C said there was considerable reluctance to supply British weapons to a foreign power in peace time, especially for internal security. Poland (A) reported that he had been asked by the US Ambassador about the increase of colling of CB.M. Ex C said the proposition had been put up by the Prime Minister, asking for an increase of 10,000 to 75,000. Previous requests of a similar nature had been turned down but another approach would be made to AMO. In answer to Ex C, Lord Vernon S/C stated that terms of reference with regard to the future military mission had not yet been drawn up.
5. Public Safety Report. VP CA Sec read extracts from a Public Safety report submitted by Col. Miller. CA Sec would pass this report to Ex C.
6. Italians Deported from Venezia Giulia. CA Sec reported that contrary to the agreement no Italians had been repatriated from Yugoslavia. Point (B) pointed out that 151 Italians had in fact come back. There was discussion on Yugoslav atrocities and the question of publicity being given to reports of returning Italians. Ex C said this should be dealt with on the diplomatic level.
7. General Order No. 11. VP CA Sec said that EMAG Venezia Giulia had gone ahead with the implementation of this order in Trieste, without leaving Slovenia and Yugoslavia on the Council.
8. Bombing Raids. CA Sec reported twelve cases of bombing raids at Taranto, four of which were fatal. All came off one ship. Vigorous steps had been taken, medical supplies had been sent and the situation was under control.
9. Honours and Awards. VP CA Sec drew attention to Establishment Memorandum No. 26 prohibiting AC personnel to accept honours and awards. Ex C said that American personnel could accept decorations after clearance by WFOUSA, all personnel could accept President of Claret, but honours and awards and honorary degrees could not be accepted. He directed Ex C to draft a new Establishment Memorandum incorporating these points.
10. Float Film - Signals. Ex C said a considerable time was spent in looking through float film of signals, many of which were merely routine, and most of which were illegible. They asked if these films could be screened. Ex C said he agreed in principle but was not prepared to throw an

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8. Bombing Plague. CA Sec reported twelve cases of bubonic plague at Toronto, four of which were fatal. All came off one ship. Vigorous steps had been taken, medical supplies had been sent and the situation was under control.
9. Honours and Awards. VP CA Sec drew attention to Establishment Memorandum No. 26 prohibiting AC personnel to accept honours and awards. Ex C said that American personnel could accept decorations after clearance by KICUSA, all personnel could accept Freedom of Cities, but honours and awards and honorary degrees could not be accepted. He directed Ex C to draft a new Establishment Memorandum incorporating these points.
10. Lost Files - Signals. Ex C said a considerable time was spent in looking through lost files of signals, many of which were merely routine, and most of which were illegible. They asked if these files could be recovered. Ex C said he agreed in principle but was not prepared to throw an additional burden on the Message Centre, which was already exceedingly understaffed. Ex C suggested that the signals could be classified under separate headings, such as Personnel, Map, Transport, etc. Ex C said this might be done provided it did not involve extra work in the Message Centre. His L.S.O. would take up.
11. Communications. Communications S/C reported that as a result of a recent meeting, a large block of telegraph circuits had been released, which would improve the situation. On the civilian side more telegraph circuits were in operation in some cases than before the war and Ex C said this fact should be given wide publicity.
12. Press Correspondents. PRO asked the position regarding communications for press correspondents after the war, and this is well as their rationing and accommodation, was discussed. Ex C suggested that PRO hold a meeting with the Ambassador and Press representatives on the subject of their future position with a view to eliminating within the next three months all AC responsibility for their maintenance or removal from facilities.

13. Adverse Press Reports on Italian Army. Land Forces S/C asked if the press could be restrained from making attacks on the Italian Army. It was pointed out that recently some favourable notices had been given and Ex O stated it was a matter for the Italian Minister of War to take up with the Italian Press Bureau.

14. Railroad Transportation Units. Land Forces S/C had received a letter from the Minister of War to say that there could be no railroad transportation units in the Italian Army. 5,000 personnel were involved. Land Forces S/C would send Ex C the correspondence.

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11 Sept. 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 11TH
SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

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Ex C said that a telegram had been received from AFHQ requesting unfavourably to our suggestions for Liaison Groups to be left in the north. It was considered by AFHQ that the figures given were too high, and that skeleton staffs only were necessary. CC agreed with AFHQ that the figures given were on the high side and would like them reviewed and reduced.

There was discussion on possible reductions and Leon Sec said they could cut down on the Industry side.

Ex C agreed CA Sec's point that public safety officers should be kept up to full strength and said the numbers of other

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Liaison Officers would depend upon the policy to be followed in regard to elections. Sections were instructed to review and report through Bat Sec.

3. REDUCTION IN TRANSPORT.

Ex C said that about the middle of last month AMHQ had sent in a telegram calling for cutting down of transport. He said that at a meeting yesterday it had been decided to reduce the number of civilian cars used in Regions on Sept 15. 75% and by Sept 29 by a further 25%. Bat Sec were directed to review the number of cars held by Col. Piske's group. Cars sent out on daily despatch would also be reviewed by Bat Sec with a view to reduction and a 25% cut in civilian cars would be made at HQ.

Ex C asked officers to ensure possible inconveniences and urged that misuse of cars should be closely scrutinized.

4. GEN. CLARK'S VISIT TO MILAN.

Ex C said a report had appeared in the home press that General Clark's visit to Milan had been postponed owing to public security, and that a number of British soldiers had been killed by civilians. This report was untrue and a denial had been issued. One British soldier only had been killed in a truck which failed to stop at a road block. Gen. Clark was taking the review on 15 Sept as at present arranged.

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Brig. Gen. McKinley was concerned as to the efficiency of the civilian agencies, due to lack of personnel and experience. Ex C suggested that a representative with first-hand knowledge of this ex be sent to Washington. Brig. Gen. McKinley said that Mr. Cleveland was away in U.K. at the time of his visit, but he had a good knowledge of the situation.

Ex C stressed the importance of building up a civilian supply group in Italy while the military was still here and which would be available for UNRRA.

6. COAL DUMP AT SAVONA.

Ex C referred to a telegram reporting a large coal dump

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at Savanna and urging that the coal be moved. Egon Sec would look into this matter.

7. BRIG. ANDERSON'S VISIT TO THE NORTH.

Brig. Anderson stated that economic conditions in the north had definitely improved. Vehicles were being produced at Fiat at the rate of 30 a day but tyres were the problem. Fiat could get up to 3,000 vehicles a month. Production at other plants had improved.

8. TRIDENT ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

Ex C said CC had expressed concern at AC representation. Brig. Ratchio was new Chairman. Egon Sec were satisfied that there was enough to AC representation on the Council.

9. SUPPLIES TO VENEZUELA, GUATEMALA.

Brig. Gen. McKinley mentioned that the feeling in London and Washington was that this was a military responsibility. Ex C emphasized that AC must take technical responsibility for the supply programme for Venezuela, Guatemala.

10. PHOSPHATE ROCK.

Egon Sec said that negotiations between the French and Italian Governments had broken down. The French said they could buy pyrites cheaper from Spain and Portugal and could not take Italian pyrites and as a result phosphate rock will not be available from N. Africa. Ex C directed Egon Sec to take up this matter with the French representative of AC.

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13. PERSONNEL FOR UNRA.

UNRA had made applications for personnel to Boon Sec and Ex C stressed that all such actions must be cleared through Est Sec. Ex C directed Est Sec to ask AMQ if it was possible to request to UNRA at their request officers who were not eligible for release - these officers to remain in uniform.

Boon Sec pointed out that UNRA had only a short-term policy and would not hold such individuals as a civilian career to officers.

24. DEMobilization of ITALIAN ARMY.

Land Forces S/C had agreed that certain classes be demobilized, which would greatly increase the morale of the Italian Army. Demobilization of the 1917 class would commence on 16 October on demobilization of the 1918 class and the 1919 class would probably take place in November and December respectively.

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4 September 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION'S MEETING - 4 SEPTEMBER.

Ex C introduced Brig. Parsons, of G-5, AFHQ, to the meeting.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) - 4. Review of AC/AFG. PAC stated that the first copy would be off the press tomorrow. Major Bergin was waiting for priority to go to U.S. and U.K. to see press representatives.

(c) - 5. Vehicles in the North. Ex C had discussed this matter with GAG, AFHQ, who told him that there would be no German vehicles available for AC for the time being. They were being used by German units and by cannibalization there were only enough for this purpose. When German units had left the country there was a possibility that some vehicles would be available for the Italian Government. Ex C pointed out that assembly, vehicles in dumps were being cannibalized and rendered useless, and he asked Brig. Parsons to raise the matter again on his return to AFHQ.

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Ex Sec raised the question of imports of supplies and the control of distribution. Ex C directed them to prepare a draft to AFHQ on this matter, which could be forwarded with the letter regarding General Order No. 11. Going to the charge of administration in Venezia Giulia, many civil servants were out of work, and the Italian Government considered it their responsibility to pay them. At present they had no means of doing so. CA Sec suggested that as there was a shortage of civil servants, employees could be moved to other parts of the country. Brig. Parsons said this was now being considered at AFHQ and promised to press the matter further on /sic....

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his return.

Brig. Perams was asked to arrange that XIII Corps G-2 reports be sent to MG.

3. IRON and Mine Clearance. Lt C had discussed this matter with G-5, AMHQ. Going to the failing out of CA Sec, OC considered that IRON and mine clearance should go over to Land Forces S/C (MIA) on 30 September and OC was sending a letter to Gen. Perams on this.

4. Elections. Field (5) mentioned that appeared to be an inspired press report from London on the question of elections stating that the Peace Treaty would not be signed until an elected government was in power. This was exactly opposite the view expressed recently to Field (5) and he was telegraphing to London on the matter. Field (A) said the U.S. view was that it would be advantageous to have an elected Italian Government sign the Peace Treaty, but no official statement had been made on this. Col. Donarum observed that he did not seem to be getting any further with the question of the holding of elections because he had failed to get the Italian Government to allow the 1945 law which he considered was framed in such a way as to preclude a truly democratic election. Lt C fully agreed that he had become rather weakly on this subject, and stated that he was preparing a memorandum for OC, with the suggestion that OC should speak on this subject at his political meeting tomorrow.

5. Reduction of AC HQ. Lt C directed Lt Sec to give him a statement and if possible a graph showing the reduction of HQ by release groups on both the British and American sides, so that future planning could proceed.

6. Refugee Camp Personnel. Land Forces S/C said that 6,000 military personnel from exiled groups had been allocated to assist with refugee camps and only a small portion of this number had been taken up. They asked if there was more still required, as they were anxious to get combat groups together. Lt C instructed CA Sec to clear with Major S/C.

7. Law and Order. Brig. Perams stated that AMHQ were getting communications from No. 2 District and Fifth Army expressing uneasiness at the state of public order and the existence of hidden arms. It was realized that everything possible was being done but the tentative suggestion was now made that the Italian Government be given the benefit of the assistance of Allied troops in carrying out searches for arms. This assistance must come from a high level since otherwise Allied troops would do all the work and the CA Sec would do nothing, which was exactly what was not wanted. If it was done at Area Commander level it might possibly be a help. The suggestion was purely explanatory at this stage and suggestions were welcomed so that G-5 could make recommendations to G-3 and consult with Field. CA Sec pointed out that one of the chief difficulties encountered was the reliability of information.

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21 Aug. 42.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE - 21 AUGUST.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a)- 1(a). Office Hours. Let Sec confirmed that civilians would be paid for the afternoon off duty. If Government had arranged for the railway meal to be provided.
- (b)- 1(b). French Liaison Officers. Ex C said the position should be checked with HQs and then taken up with A740, with a copy to No. 2 District.
- (c)- 1(c). Strength of Carabinieri. CA Sec said that the pre-war strength of the CA was 50,000, or 80,000 including personnel in the Colonies. 65,000 might be considered sufficient now if the other police agencies were up to strength, and CA Sec said that they were sure using the liaison with the Italian Government on these lines. Ex C asked CA Sec the position regarding payment of auxiliary police when the turnover took place, remembering that these auxiliaries were not entered for in the Italian Budget. There should be an overall policy and the problem should be taken up with Sec.

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(e)- 12.

Passengers in Paris. Let Sec stated that this ruling stood. Exceptions might be made in special or urgent cases on receipt of a signed note from the officer sending the civilian.

2. Maintenance of Cars in Milan.

Col. Padoa said that his office in Milan had no facilities for the maintenance and servicing of vehicles of visiting officers and officials. Ex C suggested that Col. Padoa's office should take over the Regional Motor Pool in anticipation of the turnover, since one motor pool should be sufficient in Milan.

3. Mugoslav Activities.

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Unusually Activities. Point (B) referred to an Italian press report of subversive activities by Yugoslavs, including the movement of large numbers the Abruzzo in exchange for grain. Ex C said that this was really a matter for the Italian Coastguards, and the matter should be taken up with Navy S/C.

Review of 10/2/50. Ex C stated that this would be off the press this week and outlined the distribution it was proposed to make.

Vehicles in the North. Ex C read a report from the Italian press about captured enemy vehicles in the North that were rapidly deteriorating and the report asked why these could not be sold to private individuals. Col. Piske confirmed that there was a large amount of looting and considerable deterioration and said that the reason for the delay in the turnover of vehicles was that AMHQ wanted to screen the inventories to see what they required. Ex C said that he was it should be possible to get a statement from AMHQ on the actual position, especially in regard to running vehicles. He directed Ex C to let him have the file and he would discuss it with AMHQ tomorrow.

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6. Telecommunications. Communications S/C reported that the Venezuelans had cut all city communications between their part of Venezuelan Guayana and core, including between El Guapo and Peta. S/C had been informed that Leon Sec were holding a meeting on this. Leon Sec directed Communications S/C to inform AMEQ at once.

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28 August 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 28 AUGUST.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a)-1(a). Office Hours. Ex C stated that CC had ruled Wednesday and Thursday afternoons would be the place of the second day a week off. The training parade for 215 would be on Thursday instead of Wednesday in future. Est Sec pointed out certain complications in regard to midday meal and payment of civilian employees. Ex C directed that HQ Commandant be instructed to clear these.

(b)-1(b). French Liaison Officers. Ex C said the French Liaison Officer was still at Badlia, and this should be reported to AFHQ.

(c)-1(c). Italian Government Election Law. We were still waiting to hear from the Prime Minister. After discussion with Polade, Ex C said he would recommend to CC that the letter prepared by CA Sec should go forward.

(d)-1(d). Hidden Arms Dumps. Ex C said that AFHQ were very concerned over this matter. They had instructed No. 2 District to take every step to recover hidden arms. Ex C directed CA Sec to send a paraphrase of the AFHQ signal to RCs. CA Sec pointed out the difficulties encountered by reason of shortage of police and staff. Ex C suggested a DO letter might be sent to RCs asking them to get in touch with military commanders with regard to hidden arms.

(e)-1. Future of Italian Army. Ex C said No. 2 District wanted to know about future relations with the Italian Army and had asked who was going to guard the dumps if the Italian soldiers were engaged on this duty were withdrawn for other employment. Ex C would discuss with Gen. Browning this morning.

(f)-1. AFHQ & IPR S/C. CA Sec raised the question of allocation of staff, stating that most of the staff were going to Gen Sec. Ex C agreed that Est Sec should hold a meeting on the reorganization of this Sub-Commission at 1000 hrs on Thursday, 30 August 45.

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(b)-1(b). French Liaison Officers. Ex C said the French Liaison Officer was still at Modica, and this should be reported to AFHQ.

(c)-1(c). Italian Government Election Law. We were still waiting to hear from the Prime Minister. After discussion with Polada, Ex C said he would recommend to CC that the letter prepared by CA Sec should go forward.

(d)-1(f). Hidden Arms Drops. Ex C said that AFHQ were very concerned over this matter. They had instructed No. 2 District to take every step to recover hidden arms. Ex C directed CA Sec to send a paraphrase of the AFHQ signal to ROM. CA Sec pointed out the difficulties encountered by reason of shortages of police and staff. Ex C suggested a DC letter might be sent to RCE asking them to get in touch with military commanders with regard to hidden arms.

(e)-4. Future of Italian Army. Ex C said No. 2 District wanted to know about future relations with the Italian Army and had asked who was going to guard the dumps if the Italian soldiers now engaged in this duty were withdrawn for other employment. Ex C would discuss with Gen. Browning this morning.

(f)-8. 23D & IPW S/C. CA Sec raised the question of allocation of staff, stating that most of the staff were going to Leon Sec. Ex C agreed that Est Sec should hold a meeting on the reorganization of this Sub-Commission at 1000 hrs on Thursday, 30 August 45.

(g)-9. ICW Camp at Modena. Lord Purcos E/C said that this camp had not been promised to the Italian Government. AFHQ were offering an alternative camp near Pisa.

Ex C directed CA Sec to inform G-5 AFHQ that they had heard this unofficially and to try to obtain the camp before the handover.

2. Ex C's Visit to the North. Ex C stated that he had sent round notes of a tour of his tour. In General Regions and their Staffs were fully appreciative of the necessity for the turnover. He impressed upon Sections and their Sub-Commissions the importance of giving all possible help to make the turnover as tidy as possible. He drew CA Sec's attention to the very good job Brigadier Graham, AFHQ, was doing in his area, which was worthy of study. From the economic point of view, the supply of coal was helping stability and prospects generally had more confidence in the future.

3. Economic Italian Groups. RCE had sent in recommendations by names for Italian Groups to be set up in the North after the handover. CC was not anxious to tackle HQ. Two out of 25% could be made at intervals or the thinking out could be a more gradual process. Taking care of the officers made surplus after the handover was an important point which CC did not wish to be overlooked and there was discussion on this. Ex C would meet Est Sec on Thursday to discuss the matter in order to clear the air for Ex C's next meeting on Friday.

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4. Strength of Carabinieri. Arising out of statements made by the Prime Minister on Italian elections, there was discussion on the possibility of increasing the strength of the CC.RR. Ex C thought that up the CC.RR were not too popular in the North, other police agencies should be strengthened as an alternative. Ex C directed them to obtain the views of Public Safety S/C. Toland(B) stated that Parri had been making speeches containing vague infer-ences and Ex C said he would discuss this matter with CG.
5. Office Accommodation in Milan. Col. Pisko said that his officers in Milan were being asked for by the Town Mayor and there was difficulty in finding alter-native accommodation. Ex C said he would recommend to CG that Col. Pisko's office should move into the Lombardian Region building soon after the turnover. Difficulties in respect to telephones were discussed and Ex C directed Communications S/C to take up this matter.
6. Derogation of Hotels for the Italian Government. Ex C had now taken over this matter. Pisko had been caused because of the failure of the Italian Government to let us know what accommodation they required in various towns. Ex C would submit draft letters to Ex C to-day.
7. Oil Refinery at Piuma. Ex C had received a letter from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs asking us to intercede in respect of an oil refinery at Piuma. There was discussion on the procedure to be followed in such matters and Ex C said this raised the whole question of Italian Government approach to the Yugoslav Government. Ex C directed Ex C to write to the Embassy giving them full particulars of the case so that they could take necessary action.
8. Director of Coal Field. Ex C said that ten months ago a director of a coal field made a visit North and was taken prisoner by the Yugoslavs. Ex C directed that the matter be passed in the Embassy with full details.
9. Pay of Civil Servants in Venezia Giulia. With reference to a previous discus-sion with Ex C, Ex C now ruled that this matter be put up to the Embassy.
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11. Allied Business Representation. Col. Pisko raised the question of finding and accommodation of Allied business representatives. The case of a group of ten men who had come to Italy on special invitation had been authorized. Ex C said that in principle the case would be recovered from the business interests involved, but how this was to be done was a matter for the Embassy to decide. After discussion, Ex C directed Ex C to go into the question of derogat-ing rates in certain hotels so that they could be made available for commercial visitors on a cash basis.
12. Prisoners in Italia. Communications S/C had been informed by Dispatch Office that Italian civilians could no longer ride in taxis during the day unless

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12. Passengers in Taxis. Communications S/C had been informed by Dispatch Office that Italian civilians could no longer ride in taxis during the day unless accompanied by military personnel. Ex C directed that Sec to take up.

13. Red Transport. It was said that under a recent AFHQ ruling no car would be despatched on a trip if a courier service was available. This affected officers who had to make journeys involving several stoppages. It was not possible to break the journey when travelling by train or plane. Ex C directed that Sec to represent this to AFHQ.

14. Clothing of CC.RR. Lord P. said that the supply of green battle dress for CC.RR was in hand, and there were sufficient available now to supply Florence.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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25 August 1945.

MINUTES OF JOINTLY COMMISSIONED MEETING - 24 AUGUST.

Col. Pike was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Office Hours. There was further discussion on the second day a week off. Ex C asked Sections to consider the suggestion of VP CA Sec that Wednesday and Saturday afternoons be off duty periods. No stress on the importance of uniformity throughout the HQ.

(b) - 1(b). French Liaison Officers. Ex C stated that AFHQ had now approved French Military Liaison representation at District level. There would be one French Liaison Officer at Turin.

(c) - 1(d). Italian Government Election Law. CA Sec were still waiting to hear from the Prime Minister following the recent discussion in Rome.

(d) - 2. Correspondence to and from Prime Minister. Ex C had discussed this matter with CG, who considered that while we should endeavor to keep correspondence on a lower level, it was not advisable to approach the Italian Government on this matter.

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- (f) - 5. Hidden Arm Depos. A letter from Samel had been passed to CA Sec. There was discussion and CA Sec agreed that considerable quantities of arms were still hidden, and energetic measures were required to find them. Ex C arranged to confer with CA Sec, Polaris and Lord Percen S/C after the present meeting.
- (g) - 7. Camp for ex-Balkan Troops. IPW S/C raised the question of the Tuzla Camp, Tuzla, pending from control of Lord Percen S/C. Ex C confirmed that the responsibility for this camp should now pass to IPW S/C.
- (h) - 8. U.S. Consular Staff. Peled (A) had ascertained the position regarding U.S. Consular and Diplomatic Staff. If accommodation was available at military hotels they could go in on a commercial basis.

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(1) - 10. Survivors for Venezia Giulia. Leon Sec said the consensus of opinion was that military responsibility for supplies to Venezia Giulia should not be withdrawn. There was discussion on how the withdrawal of AG would affect the situation.

2. Scientific Section Representation in Milan. Brig. Anderson had received a message from Brig. Smith concerning the Economic Board in Milan. The question of coordination between Milan and Sub-Commission at AG was discussed and it was agreed that the situation was satisfactory.

3. Disposal of Surplus Military Material. The Army and Navy liquidation Commission had conferred with Leon Sec and asked if AG wished to exercise controls over the distribution of surplus goods which the Italian Government might buy from that Commission. There was discussion on the several factors involved, including the hygiene of goods by other nations, and the financial aspect. Ex G said that on principle AG should not attempt to exercise controls.

4. Future of Italian Army. Lord Forbes G/C reported that Gen. Branding felt that the Italian Army should be handed over to the Italian Government concurrently with the hand back of territory, and the hand back of the latter should be postponed until 30 September to insure this.

Ex G said this point had been covered at the recent Regional Commissioners' meeting, and he had then expressed the same view as Gen. Branding. Owing to the formalities involved in the hand over of territory, the transfer of the Italian Army and territory should practically coincide.

5. Check on Visitors to AG. EHO asked if it was still necessary to have recognitions of the AG at the main entrance checking visitors to AG. Leon Sec said some measure of control must be exercised to keep out unauthorized callers and Ex G ruled that the present practice should continue.

6. Belgian Material. EHO G/C reported that they had now received a list of material, and with Army were handling this over direct to AG by 30 August. A meeting was being held at JHQ regarding disposal of the material held at Livorno.

7. Restoration of Italian Property. Leon Sec had received a letter asking for a car to be restored to an Italian family, this car having been taken by the enemy. EHO G/C explained the procedure for making claims for return of property, and Leon Sec said that the letter to them for action.

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It was stated that Lord Sec were receiving a large number of requests
for trucks from people who had lost their vehicles due to the war.
This matter was discussed and it was agreed that all such enquiries
should go to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
8. AS & IWM S/C. Lord Sec asked if a meeting could be arranged to discuss
the reorganization of the AS & IWM S/C. Lord Sec said he would see Lt.
Col. Campbell after the recent meeting and let Lord Sec know when a
meeting would take place.
9. RAF Camp at Modena. Lord Sec said that arrangements had been made for
the Italian Government to take over a large camp at Modena for the
accommodation of neo-fascists. It had been found that the camp had
been completely dismantled on 20 August, three days before the hand-
over was due to take place. Lord Purves S/C would take action.

10. The Crime Commission. Mr. Soc stated that AMQ had asked that AS will be responsible for transport and coordination of War Crime Commission. Proposal of a Temporary War Crimes Commission had been forwarded to AMQ for consent, and had been returned as a study study. AMQ asking for our views. Mr. Soc considered that the responsibility for War Crime Commission belonged to AMQ and would like to discuss the whole matter when Palani at an early date. Dec 6 approved.

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Wm. B. Brewster, Chief-Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commission.

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21 August 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 21 AUGUST.

Col. Pike was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1(a). Office Hours. VP CA Sec said that he was having difficulty in arranging for the second day a week off and suggested that two separate afternoons off be given as an alternative. Ex C stated it had been ruled that Sections should make their own arrangements regarding time off.
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- (d) - 3. Italian Government Election Law. CA Sec said the Prime Minister discussed this matter in Milan and asked for a few days to consider it. They had not yet heard from him and would follow up.
- (e) - 5. Reports from Emilia. To date no written report had been received, but the latter was in hand.
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(f) - 8. Veneria Giulia - AMG Personnel. Est Sec reported that parity was almost reached, there being a difference of five only between U.S. and British officers out of a total number of 411.

(g) - 9. Clothing and Equipment for Italian Police Armies. There was discussion as to which category of clothing this came into - captured enemy material, or privately owned stocks. Ex C said if it was captured enemy material it might be able to get it released from the Italian Army by AFHQ. If it was privately owned stock we could arrange to have it unblocked. CA Sec were directed to look into the matter.

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(b) - 10. Confidential German Clothing. WMD 3/C had referred the letter to AFM, who said that all the material was being inventoried. They would follow up.

2. Correspondence to and from Italian Minister. Ex C was concerned at the amount of correspondence being handled at Prime Minister level, and said this should be cut down. There was discussion and it was pointed out that the fault lay with the Italian Government as much as ourselves. Ex C would take the matter up with CE.

3. North Albanian Battlefield. Ex C raised the question of the handling of this matter. Doon Sec stated that when the territory was part of AMG and the Region a plan was formed for housing and relief for the coming winter. A copy of the plan was sent to PW & U 3/C, who approved, and Ex C wrote a letter with the plan to the Minister of the Interior, recommending it, and saying we were willing to give any advice. Nothing had transpired, so it seemed to be the impression of the Italian Government that we were going to carry out the plan.

Ex C said it was entirely a problem for the Italian Government and ruled that the matter should be dealt with by Doon Sec through PW & U 3/C dealing with the Minister for Reconstruction.

4. Activation of Albanian Troops. Ex C read a letter from AFM quoting reports that Albanian troops had occupied the Italian island of San Marino. Those reports were not confirmed or denied. Polad (A) had been trying to get some information, but none was forthcoming. It was probable that the matter would be taken up at a high level.

5. Hidden Arms Issues. Land Forces 3/C had been informed by No. 2 District, in a recent visit, to the North, that they knew there were considerable numbers of arms hidden underground and asked by them if it was advisable to head back all the territory to the Italian Government at one time. Ex C said this matter had been carefully considered at the recent meeting on the handbook of territory and we were now awaiting a decision from CES.

6. Frontier Limits. Land Forces 3/C said it had been requested that the 15 miles border limit be removed at the same time as the handover of territory took place. Ex C said a ruling had been made at the Regional Commanders meeting that no Italian troops be allowed while Allied troops were available. He directed his office to check the minutes of that meeting and send a letter to No. 2 District, telling them the position.

7. Camp for ex-Yugoslav Troops. Land Forces 3/C stated that the Tukva Camp, Taranto, was no longer required by them. It was agreed that responsibility for this camp should pass to District 3/C and that the military staff should be carried against AG coding.

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8. U.S. Consular Staff. Lt Sec raised the question of feeding and accommodation of U.S. Consular Staff. There was some discussion on this and the position seemed obscure. Ex C asked Polad (A) to take up the matter and let him know the result.

9. AG Civilian Employees. Lt Sec pointed out the difficulty of feeding Italian AG Civilian employees on their visits to Milan. Accommodation could be arranged, but the employees could not be fed by military personnel, either Allied or Italian.

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10. Operation for Venezia Giulia. There was considerable discussion on the question of supplies for Venezia Giulia if military responsibility was withdrawn. It was generally agreed that it was undesirable to hand over the responsibility of feeding to the Italian Government. A U. S. aid the military should continue supplies for areas that remained under AUSA.

11. Reduction in Establishment. A C ruled that Sections should furnish to the Sec an estimated establishment following the turnover and then a phase establishment for, say, 60 days ahead. It was desirable to do this by now so that officers could be advised of their position.

John F. Kennedy
 To the Chief Staff Officer,
 To the Executive Commissioner.

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10 August 1945.

MEMORANDUM OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 AUGUST.

Ex C announced that CC had been awarded the DSM. He had been invested with it yesterday at AFHQ and an announcement would appear in the Bulletin.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

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VP CA Sec raised the question of duty personnel. Ex C said it was desirable to have an officer on duty in each Section on Sundays and scheduled holidays.

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French Incidents in the North. Ex C informed Polad (3) that a letter had now been sent to HQ Piemonte Region.

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3. Italian Government Election Law. Ex C directed CA Sec to take up again with the Italian Government the question of the revision of the 1915 election law.

4. Law and Order in Italy. Ex C stated that he had prepared for CC's consideration a memorandum regarding the state of law and order in Italy now and in the future. Ex C said the paper would be passed to Polad and Sections for their comments before being submitted to CC.

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5. Reports from Emilia. Ex C said that he should have regular reports from Bologna on the effect of the handover of Emilia. CCO to Ex C to arrange.
6. Reports on Incidents affecting Law and Order. It was ruled that Public Safety S/C was the channel for all reports of incidents affecting law and order.
7. Coal. Following his visit to London, Brig. Anderson reported that the coal situation was healthier. It was likely that Italy would get 350,000 tons a month, which was about one-third or one-quarter of normal consumption and would result in about 50% production and the employment of approximately 50% of the normal number of workers. Brig. Anderson referred to the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe and stated that Italy was not represented and could not be until she was a member of the United Nations. The Foreign Office, supported by the American Embassy in London, had suggested that Sarned should have an observer on this Committee and also on the European Coal Organisation, this observer to have a small staff and office in London.

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8. Yemenis Civilis - AMC Personnel. Ex C said a telegram had been received from XII Corps regarding parity of U.S. and British officers. If parity had now been established, Int Sec were instructed to inform XII Corps and G-5, AMHQ.

9. Clothing and Equipment for Italian Police Agencies. VP CA Sec stated that clothing and equipment of CC.III was an Army responsibility, but no such responsibility existed for Guardia di Finanza and Public Safety Agents. He asked if Moon Sec could give first priority for reserves in the North.

Bri7. Anderson pointed out that a large part of the clothing in the North came from private warehouses and was privately owned. It was stated that the Ministry of the Interior would be responsible for payment.

Ex C said we should approach AMHQ asking for early release of the clothing in the hands of the Army.

10. Captured German Clothing. Land Forces S/C had received a letter from the Italian Government asking that German clothing be allocated to civilian use. They were instructed to send this letter for action to WMD S/C.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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Chief Financial Advisor	1
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10. Captured German Clothing. Land Forces S/C had received a letter from the Italian Government asking that German clothing be allocated to civilian use. They were instructed to send this letter for action to WED S/C.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 7 AUGUST.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

- (a) - 4. Regional Personnel. VP CA Sec said that EC Piemonte Region had complained that he was 25% under strength in personnel. Ex C directed Est Sec to study the matter and report.
- (b) - 5. Transport in Milan. Est Sec confirmed that Verona Civilia were getting top priority for transport. Ex C directed them to look into the question of drivers. Ex C wanted to see the plan of disposal of ex-Milizia transport, which he had asked Est Sec for at the last meeting.
- (c) - 6. Office Hours. Ex C announced that it had been decided to have a day and a half off per week instead of one day. Est Sec to work out a plan and submit it to Ex C.

2. Handback in the North. Est Sec had not yet received the proposals from RCG (except Liguria and Emilia) on the retention of liaison officers in the North, and Ex C instructed them to press for those. Ex C would go through with Est Sec the ideas they had at the moment and hold a meeting with VPs on Friday, 10 August, to get out a directive for RCGs. Subject to Ex C's approval he would call a small meeting of RCGs on Monday, 13 August, to discuss the whole problem of the handback of territory.

3. Visit to the North by VP CA Sec. VP CA Sec reported that the general feeling was that if RCG did not continue for another six months the turnover should take place as soon as possible. On the surface there was a great improvement in law and order, although some observers considered this was a lull before the storm.

4. French Liaison Officers. VP CA Sec asked the position. Ex C stated that he had recommended to ARHQ that there should be no French military liaison representation below District level.

5. French Incidents in the North. Pelad (B) asked if more detailed reports could be given by RCG Piemonte Region regarding the alleged incidents following the desertion of French troops, so that we could give more information to the French. Ex C agreed and directed that a letter be sent to the EC.

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3 August 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 3 AUGUST 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C stated that this matter had been discussed at AFHQ. A wire was being sent to AFHQ recommending that the interim Italian Army would be maintained at a strength of 140,000, plus 65,000 OC.RR. and that operational and administrative control of that Army would pass to the Italian Government between 30 September and the end of the year. CC had said that the Prime Minister would not press for the increase of strength to 160,000. Ex C pointed out, to Moon Sec in particular, that the feeding of the Italian Army was based on the assumption that food would be made available for the Italian civilian population. We had no assurance that supplies would be available after the August loadings. No definite policy had been laid down in Washington and London, and Brig.Gen. McIndley was going to London tomorrow to present the facts. It was emphasized that when the Italian Government took over the responsibility for their army food and supplies should have top priority over civilian requirements, and should be included in the "disease and unrest" programs.

(b) - 1(b). Hotel Accommodation. Ex C stated that the Continentale Hotel in Milan had been handed over to AC as from 2 August 45. Dep Ex C said this would be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, one half for civilians on a purely commercial basis, and the other half for AC officers. Polad (B) pointed out that the Continentale would thus have the only civilian restaurant in Milan, and there might be certain political repercussions. Dep Ex C took note of the comments of Polad (B) and thought the matter could be satisfactorily arranged. The Diana Hotel was to be handed over by Fifth Army to No. 2 District as from 15 August 45.

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- (c) - 5. Food Situation in the North. Leon Sec reported that the meeting had been called and AC Lombardia Region had been asked to furnish accommodation and office space. Dep Ex C said that the AC should not be called upon to provide accommodation and facilities for HQ meetings. Ex C agreed and asked Leon Sec to note this for future reference.

- (d) - 6. Dep Ex C's Office in Milan. Dep Ex C stated that with the change to the new building office accommodation was now adequate. Ex C stated it had been decided to call the office "The Office of the Representative of Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission."

2. Decorations awarded to U.S. Officers. Ex C offered congratulations to Colonel's Plaque and Bonaparte on their awards. He directed that an announcement be made in the Daily Bulletin of all awards given.

3. August Bank Holiday. Ex C announced that OC had ruled 6 August 45 to be a holiday for all British personnel in AC at HQ and in the Regions. US personnel would be on duty. Let Sec to take the necessary action.

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4. Regional Personnel. Ex C pointed out that Emilia Region was being banded back to the Italian Government to-day and he required from Est Sec a list of all the officers from that Region and what had happened to them. Ex C directed Est Sec to press for proposals from Est Sec on the retention of Italian officers in the North. So far the only replies had come from ACE Liguria and Emilia Regions. Ex C said a strong appeal had been made at Sacconi's meeting for Allied supervision over elections which, if approved, would mean retention of more officers. He directed Est Sec to work out a plan to deal with the problem of the reduction of Regional and HQ staff following the handback of nearly all Italy to the Italian Government.
5. Transport in Milan. Rep Ex C said he was having difficulty with transport. In addition to visiting AC officers, his small motor pool was taking care of war correspondents, which was a great strain on the resources available. It was suggested that transport in Emilia should be sent to Milan but Ex C pointed out that Venezia Giulia should have the first pick of this transport. Est Sec was directed to submit a plan of disposal of ex-Emilia transport to Ex C for approval.
6. Hotel Accommodation for Italian Government for Commercial Visitors. A reply was still awaited from the Ministry of the Interior. Ex C stressed the urgency of the matter and directed Dean and CA Secs to coordinate in getting at least an interim reply this weekend.
7. Office Hours. Ex C directed Est Sec to find out the exact office hours and "time off" in operation at AFHQ for British and American personnel.
8. Repatriation of Italian Displaced Persons. CA Sec reported that all Italian displaced persons (about 400,000) would be repatriated from Germany, Austria and France by 1 October 45. Ex C directed CA Sec to check that this did in fact include all the Italians in the South of France. Ex C said Col. Findlay was now in London meeting with UNRPA representatives on the question of displaced persons in Germany and Austria. It was important that we put a policy from AFHQ regarding 30,000 disarmed Yugoslavs. Poland (B) raised the question of the London Government Poles. The position was complicated and he would ask Mr. Helford to discuss with CA Sec.
9. Archives. Ex C instructed his GSO to see that a directive was issued to the Northern Regions setting out exactly what was to be done with Archives. Ex C said that it would be necessary to expand the Archives Section temporarily and wanted recommendations. He stressed that the question of Archives was one of major importance.

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21 July 1945.

MINUTES OF ALLEGED COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 31 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C stated that AMHQ had sent an approved copy of the Log Plan on the administration of the Italian Army after it had been handed over to the Italian Government. A briefing meeting had been arranged for 1500 hrs. Wednesday, 1 August 45, with Gen. Browning and Leon Sec, prior to the meeting at AMHQ on 2 August 45, at which CC and Gen. Browning would represent AC. Ex C said he would appreciate the presence of the Political Advisors at this meeting. CC was seeing the Prime Minister this morning. It was stated the Prime Minister had requested the strength of the Italian Army be increased to 160,000 men. Ex C said any such request must be made officially by the Ministry for War. Lord Parsons S/C had this matter in hand.

(b) - 1(c). Hotel Accommodation. Set Sec reported that Dep Ex C had made a temporary arrangement, pending final decision by AMHQ, that the Continentale in Milan be an AC hotel. Ex C said it was hoped that this matter would soon be settled and when AC had gained control of the Continentale part of the hotel would be for civilians.

(c) - 10. Commercial Considerations. Leon Sec referred to signal T44 640 dated 22 July 45. They pointed out that certain classes of commercial communications would still have to be screened but apart from that the intention of the signal was to put commercial relations into Italian hands. Ex C directed that Leon Sec circulate the signal referred to to Polada and VP CA Sec. Leon Sec had prepared a letter to the Italian Government for signature of CC based on the T44 640.

2. Retention of AMS. Ex C read a letter from Gen. Haddon referring to T44 536 dated 28 April 45, in which CC had decided that AMS should be retained in certain territory in N.E. Italy. Ex C would discuss with Polada and CA Sec.

3. Elections in Venezia Giulia. Polad (3) reported that Tito had asked for local elections on both sides of the border.

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3. Mentions in Venezia Giulia. Poles (B) reported that Tito had asked for local elections on both sides of the border.

4. Northern Italy Industrial Council. Leon Sec said that the first meeting had been held yesterday in Milan.

5. Food Situation in the North. Leon Sec reported that the Italian Government had requested a meeting in Milan between Regional and Provincial food officers, prefects and Serpals, to iron out a number of food problems. Ex C agreed to this meeting being held.

6. Dep Ex C's Office in Milan. 2nd Sec reported that Dep Ex C's office in Milan was now 16, Via Buonaparte, the old IV Corps HQ building.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Coordinator.

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28 July 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of last Meeting.(a) - 4. Ex C's Visit to Venezia Giulia.

Summary of Communication. ASHQ had prepared a directive supplementary to that sent to Fifth Army. Ex C had told ASHQ that he thought the present directive was sufficient.

Remarks in Action. Ex C had ruled that this matter be dropped.

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(b) - 6. Maintenance of Italian Army. Leon Sec had written a memorandum to Land Forces 3/C and Ex C asked that a copy of this be sent to him.

Land Forces 3/C pointed out that the 65,000 men would have to be taken into account in addition to the 120,000 Italian Army. Leon Sec agreed this would be done and stated that unless the civilian ration was impaired a large amount of food would have to be imported.

(c) - 8. Requisitioning of Hotel Accommodation for the Italian Government. A letter had been sent to the Ministry of the Interior asking that accommodation they required.

Ex C had arranged that a telegram should be sent to Fifth Army asking for release of the Diana Hotel, Milan. Ex C asked ASHQ that this telegram had gone.

2. Prisons. Ex C was directed to send a weekly telegram to 9-5, ASHQ on the requisitioning of prisons.

3. Hard Back of Territory. Ex C stated that approval had been given by ASHQ for the hunting back of Emilia Region, and the provinces of Imola and Ancona on 1 August 45.

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Improvement in Prison. CC had ruled that this matter be dropped.

Personnel. Ex C had circulated a list of officers ex Italian Region requested by SSAs Venezia Giulia. Ex C wanted all these officers to be transferred if this could be done and not let them be directed to let them know the names of any who could not be sent. Let Sec were arranging for the transfer of IV/22.

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4. Prison II. CSO to Ex C was directed to ask G-5, AFHQ to send Fifth Army a telegram stating that they had no AFHQ jurisdiction as from 15 July 45.

5. Liaison Officers in Emilia Region. He had recommended that six officers be left behind. Ex C would send a copy of HC's letter to Heads of Sections for comment.

6. French Liaison Officers. Field(5) reported that No. 2 District had asked for a French Liaison Officer in Aosta, Ventimiglia and Tenda. Local AFHQ were not in favour of this. CSO to Ex C was directed to send telegram to No. 2 District, HDs and AFHQ.

7. Italian Government Archives. Polesis raised this subject again. (See Minute 6 of Ex C's Meeting of 17 July 45). CA Sec reported that the movement of archives down to Rome was well in hand, and the Italian Government had been requested to make the archives available to any inspecting Allied agents. It was also intended to recommend to AFHQ that the archives held by IVB and

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GSS should be handed over to the Italian Government and that similarly they should make them available to investigating Allied agents.
Poland (A) pointed out, however, that there might be some confusion held by the GSS and GSS which should be seen by the Allied before being handed over to the Italian Government.
8. Italian Army. Lord Porosa S/C raised the question of the handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government. Lord G said it had already been recommended that the Italian Army be handed over at the same time as the handover of territory.
Lord Porosa S/C suggested that a special instruction would be necessary from AMHQ which would certainly have to include an operational paragraph from MIA. Lord G agreed and thanked Lord Porosa S/C for drawing the matter to the attention of the meeting.
9. Regulations regarding Foreign Trade. Lord G reported a visit from Italian journalists on this matter. Lord G directed that PRC should see journalists before they went to see a Director of a Sub-Commission.
10. Commercial Communications. Comins S/C said a lot of pressure was being brought to increase commercial communications. The only commercial communications communications permitted were to US and UK and these were severely restricted.
Lord G was directed to put up a memorandum in consultation with Comins S/C to AMHQ and the agencies, and ask for action by all three, pointing out how the question of commercial relations was lagging behind.
11. Liaison Officer at San Marino. Lord G asked if the Liaison Officer was to be retained. Poland said there was no need for this and Lord G agreed.

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25 JULY 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Administration. Est Sec had started to order out vehicles and personnel from the Fifth Army and soon Sec had been furnished with a list of Fifth Army officers.

2. Ex C's Visit to Venezia Giulia. Ex C was of the opinion that a considerable degree of stability in administration in Venezia Giulia had already been achieved. There had been a well organized general strike on the day he arrived but no trouble.

Ex C was favourably impressed by the work being done by the Area Commissioners. On the economic side there had been confusion in regard to food but the situation had now been cleared.

Channels of Communication. Ex C had discussed this matter with VIII Corps and obtained agreement that we could work on the directive sent by AFHQ to Eighth Army.

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Special Police Force. A special force composed of Allied Military Police and Indige Civil Police was being formed. The force would be under the command of the Corps Commander for administration and training but under the SCAG, through his Area Commissioners, for operations. This point had been specifically cleared with the VIII Corps who was in agreement. The scheme was a good one, but would want careful watching.

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Communications S/C had asked for a private line from HQ AG to Trieste but it was thought this was not justified.

Udine, Treviso and Venice. On 25 July 45 XIII Corps would take over from Eighth Army the Provinces of Udine, Treviso and Venice in addition to Venezia Giulia. The AM side of XIII Corps would not, however, be extended outside Venezia Giulia and it had been agreed that it be known as AMG Venezia Giulia.

3. Rossini Civil Prison. Gen Sec stated that order had been restored and a large number of the prisoners were being evacuated. Ex C said the situation provided a first class opportunity of asking AFHQ to return the fourteen prisoners to the Italian Government, and he directed QA Sec to send a signal in strong terms.

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5. Imports. Exon Sec had received a paper from Mr. Marlan Cleveland setting out a tentative plan on the spending of \$400 million on food, fuel and coal. This paper was being interpreted and would be distributed for comments. Exon Sec stated that there was no world shortage of wheat but transport was the problem. The shipping situation was getting more acute. They said that from about the amount of shipping was required to maintain a soldier in the Pacific as to maintain a soldier in Europe. Exon Sec had instructed their Sub-Committees to stress the realities of the situation in their conversations with the Italian Government.
6. Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C said that the interim Italian Army of 145,000 men would have to have priority of civilian supplies. It being the responsibility of the Italian Government to feed their army, men at the expense of the civilian population. It was agreed that the army ration would have to be cut, but Ex C said this should be done gradually. Exon Sec were working out a plan on these lines.
7. Italian Town Agreements. PEO stated that permission had now been obtained for representatives of three Italian town agencies to go to Trieste.
8. Reconditioning of Hotel Accommodation for the Italian Government. Ex Sec read a memorandum from OC on this subject which showed that AFHQ were sympathetic towards the Italian requirements. Ex C said it was necessary to ask the Italian Government which hotels they required and in which towns and the information could be passed to AFHQ. He directed CA Sec to contact the Ministry of the Interior on this matter and liaise with Exon Sec.
9. Archives. CA Sec said they were getting an increasing number of communications from AFHQ on the subject of Archives. Ex C said these should be referred to Archives Section, who would have to be given increased staff if necessary.
10. Rehabilitation of Devastated Areas in Emilia Region. Ex C instructed CA Sec to put the matter up to the Italian Government, pointing out to them that the area would thereby be under their jurisdiction.
11. Devotee of Directorate of Directors and Management. CA Sec reported that the Italian Government would give that directorate in seven to ten days.
12. Handling camp of POWs. VP CA Sec had discussed this with the Italian Government, and it had been agreed that the internment camp at Padua would be handed over.
13. Movement of Officers. Ex Sec reported that all moves had now been completed.
14. Visit of Inspector General MESSIA. Ex Sec stated that a check was being made on all funds and records, including Messia.
15. U.S. Officers. In answer to Ex C, Ex Sec said that most of the U.S. officers who would be on duty on the hardware of the Northern Regions would go to U.S.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
17 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

(a) - 4. Administration. Although 5 Army AEG ceased to exist on 15 July, they had stated that they would still retain certain AEG functions. The Ex.Com said that on his visit to AFHQ yesterday he had discussed this question with the CAO and G-5 Sec who had stated that 5 Army AEG would have no jurisdiction whatever under Phase II and if necessary an order would be issued to this effect. Personnel would be re-designated from 5 Army and 1st Sec was instructed to compile a list of officers required, for submission to AFHQ.

2. Future of the Commission.

(a) Ex.Com reported that he had discussed this matter with the CAO and G-5 Section who agreed that until the peace treaty is concluded be desirable for the AEG to carry on, though in a progressively liquidating form and they endorsed the recommendations made in the CC's paper. The CAO also endorsed the recommendation that some Allied officers should be retained in the field to assist with the elections. CA Sec was instructed to put up recommendations in this respect.

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3. Allied Publications Board. Mr. Hopkinson reported that the A/RB had been closed down by A/RK without prior notification to CC with the result that the newspapers in the North were at the moment uncontrolled. Ex.Com stated that the CC had asked that the matter be raised at the next SACRED's Political Conference. Holids and PRC would brief the CC before this meeting.
4. Check-up of arms held by civilians. Mr. Hopkinson said that G-2 A/RK had suggested that there should be a check-up on the number of arms held in against the number estimated to have been held. It was considered that this information may prove useful in the future and it was agreed that G-2 should be asked to carry out the check.

5. Entry into Italy. CA Sec said that a suggestion had been put forward that the Italian Government should be made responsible for the reconstruction and feeding, etc., of private citizens entering Italy. AC had no facilities for looking after such people and neither had the Italian Government. It was suggested that anyone wishing to enter the country should be required to sign a statement to be attached to his visa to the effect that neither AC nor the Italian Government would accept responsibility for his welfare whilst in Italy, and soon sec were instructed to draft a reply on these lines to include a statement that the two Embassies agreed with the suggestions.

6. Italian Government Archives. CA Sec reported that the British and US Governments propose to send out missions for research work in connection with Fascist Government archives found in the North and instructions were to be issued to formations in the North to freeze any such archives until the arrival of the missions. CA Sec were instructed to reply to LHM to the effect that such archives were already in process of being turned over to the Italian Government who would be asked to place all available information and documents at the disposal of the research missions. No freeing of archives in the North could be contemplated.

7. Price of Bread in the North. M.Com said that the CA felt very strongly that we should tell the Italian Government quite definitely that if they wish to control the economic price of bread in the North it will be a matter entirely for their own budget. It will not be possible for the AC to raise the ration. Soon Sec were instructed to write to the Italian Government to this effect.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 14 JULY.

MCs Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte (Col. Birchett representing Col. Marshall), Venezia, and Emilia were present at the request of Ex C. Ex C said he would arrange distribution of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's meetings to MCs in future.

Minutes of Last Meeting.

1. (a) - 8. Polish Coal for Italy. Ex C directed MCs to delete this item of news from the Weekly Bulletin.

(b) - 13. Boots for Carabinieri. CA Sec had written a letter on this matter and Ex C would take up with Gen. Browning.

2. Ex C's visit to London. Ex C gave a brief report of his visit to London. Matters were still very much sub judice. It was planned that UNRRA were to take over the procurement and distribution of food and raw materials as from 1 October 45. In order to do this UNRRA would have to alter their charter and Ex C thought it very doubtful if they could be ready by that date. There was agreement in London as to the broad policies contained in CC's paper regarding the problems of Italy. We would doubtless have a clearer picture after the Potsdam meeting. Ex C had particularly stressed the importance of AC being told of any developments at an early date.

AFHQ representation in London to work with the Supply for Liberated Areas Committee had been proposed. This would include AC. Ex C would discuss with G-5, AFHQ.

3. Visit of MP. Pol Adviser (B) reported that Mr. Ivor Thomas, a British Labour MP and Chairman of the Anglo-Italian Committee of the House of Commons, had arrived in Italy. He wanted to visit the North, including Trieste. Ex C did not think there would be any objection to Mr. Thomas going to Trieste, and would recommend to CC that this be allowed.

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Ex C directed Est Sec to take up the question of disposal of 15 Army Group personnel and transport.

5. Venezia Giulia. There was discussion on the appropriation of coal by the Yugoslavs. Ex C stated that he would put the matter on paper for the Pol Advisers to consider.

6. Giunta Comandante. CA Sec said that in some provinces there were more Giunta Comandante personnel than was authorized by law. It was important that the number should be reduced to the correct amount before the territory was handed over to the Italian Government. Ex C directed PCs to take action.

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7. Elections. Ck Sec said that electoral lists were progressing satisfactorily. MOs were being asked to send fortnightly reports on the situation.

Ex C stated that interest was being shown in London in Italian elections and it had been urged that pressure be put on the Italian Government to hold both local and national elections this year.

Ex C mentioned that a very good U.S.I.S. paper on educating the Italians regarding elections had been issued and he asked Pol Advisor (H) to send a copy to London to catch Mr. Michael Stewart there since a similar paper from M.O.I. was desirable.

8. Closing of PNB. PNB stated that PNB were closing down on 15 July 45, with the exception of APB and the Film Section. A U.S. film representative was due to arrive here on 1 August to arrange film distribution throughout the country and a period of 60 days after that would be necessary before the Film Section could close.

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The opening of MFI offices was discussed and Ex C stressed the importance of their early functioning. It might be arranged for MOs to allocate some transport for the use of MFI. This should be taken up with ARHQ.

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