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CONFERENCES, GENERAL
OCT. 1944 - JULY 1946

82.

Exc Comm.

Please see folio 81 for info.

Seen by [illegible]

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Staff Offr to Chief Comm.

Please take necessary action on (a) & (b) of Folio 83. to enable the Office of [illegible] to reply.

15 July

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72.

CSO Ex-Com

Please see 71-73 for info - minutes of an Economic Section Italian Govt. meeting. Passages of interest are underlined. Expenditure A at 77-78 is interesting.

[illegible] 19/11 Ed. 17/11.

[illegible] 20/11

73.

CSO [illegible]

Ref 71: if you consider that it is worth while remarking the minutes a note to that effect is submitted for signature.

[illegible] 13/12

74.

Hesse

At 74-78 are the minutes of a meeting between ceo Liguria + the Prefetti + Questori of the various provinces. Passages of interest have been marked, though all the whole minutes are really most interesting

[illegible] 11/2.

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Previous Sum of Sem by Ex 6 [illegible] 12

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Ex Comm

To see folio 43 - Official Notes on Foreign-Combined Region-RAAC conference. 5 Mar.

MS/5/3.

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Dep. Ex. Com

Please see min 28 and folios 29 & 30

26 Feb.

33

Dep. Ex Com

In view of postponement, the Ex. Com may wish to preside.

26th Feb.

34

Dep. Ex Com

The Ex. Com wishes that Col Fiske preside.

1st Mar.

36

Executive Commissioner:

Conference presided over by Col. Pobelli. At (35) are notes of points discussed.

L Thoulouff

Ext Sec.
1 March 1945

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26th Feb.

34

Dep. Ex Com
The Ex. Com wishes that Col Fraser preside.
1st Mar.

36

Executive Commissioner!
Conference presided over by Col. Poletti, to (35) are notes of points discussed.
L Thiverlantz
Sd Sec.
1 March 1945

37

Ex. Com
To see folio 35 - Notes taken by Capt Montant at Fazio - RAAC Conference held 1st Mar. re 'turnover'.
1st Mar

38

CSO Some good solution But what does 'A' in para 10 mean? TTS/2/3.

39

Action taken see 40 & 41
Maj Stearns We spoke. Send copies to CAS & Sec Sec.
Re 38 Deeper Enquiry leads an application be made at Staff SS 3/3
5 Mar.

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CSO: to see Folio 13 re Working parties within various J.A.-Commes. [illegible] 6/12

also 14. [illegible]

16

CoS

You might be interested in 13 which is a very brief summary of a meeting between the Prime Minister and Sub-Commission of the Section on Joint Programming. There is nothing new in this, and the meeting was mainly preparatory and exploratory in nature.

[illegible] 7/12

20

CoS

17 + 18 are notes made by Lt Col White of the meeting called on 8 Dec 44 by RC Southern Region.
These notes were submitted to, + approved by, the RC except for amendments as marked.

[illegible]

20 Dec 44

[illegible] 21/12

24

CSO

To note for 23. [illegible] 23 June

25

Noted. Do you think there is anything in this?

[illegible]

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CoS

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9 Dec 44

21/12

CSO

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To note folio 23.

23 Jan

25

Noted. Do you think there is anything in this?
If so will you make proposals.

24/1

27

Ex. Com

43.

To see folio 26 - re conference between Supo-Unbrie Region + RAAC. Do you wish to delegate someone to attend in your absence?

24 Feb

Def Ex Com

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Please arrange conference + report for me

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3.

Col

Shad

Ref 2. I know nothing of any ETO Conference, to which we are asked to confirm agreement. Have you any information on this or shall I put a call through to SS?

[illegible] 19/10

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Chief Staff Officers:

meeting mentioned at 2. is being attended by Col. Adams. "European Internal Transportation Organization" of proposal by ATHQ is agreed to by Shaef, CCC representatives should be returning shortly.

[illegible] 20/10

Ref 6 seen [illegible]

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Chief Clerk

CSO has seen 6. Other Affairs Should have seen and PA & COS

[illegible] 9/11

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CSO

Ref 8 if a SO is making a visit about this [illegible] would be interesting to attend

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Ref 6 [illegible]

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[illegible] 9/11

9

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[illegible]

23/11

11

CSO

10 is for your information

[illegible]

24/11

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CR

To see 10

[illegible] 24/11

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HEAD ARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 535/37/80

30 July 1946

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meetings.

TO : War Office, S.I.2 (b)
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

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Reference your letter [illegible] of 25 June 1946, it is regretted that facilities under of the minutes of the various meetings are not available but enclosed are microfilms copies of minutes requested.

The dates of the various meetings are given in the attached appendix. It will be noted that until 10 February 45, the minutes of the Executive Commissioner's conferences are named minutes of the "meetings of Chief of Staff", the Executive Commissioner being the title from that date.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. W. Kinsely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encls. 1 microfilm as above.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S MEETINGS

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ED [redacted] COMMISS ON

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ARCHIVES BRANCH

REF. 55/05/02.

SUBJECT. Extracts from Regional Files for Reports for The War Office.

FILE No. 16/AF.

TO Offices of the Executive Commissioner.

18 July 1946

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Reference attached copy of the letter from THE WAR OFFICE dated 25th June 46, it is requested that more complete details are supplied and File Ref. Numbers quoted wherever possible.

N.M. Harrison
MAJOR
O.I/c ARCHIVES BRANCH

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Ref. : 535/SK/AC. 17 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Extracts from Regional Files for Reports for The War Office.

TO : Archives Branch,
A.C.

83

Reference the attached copy of letter from The War Office, GA2(b)/3/Misc, dated 25 June 1946.

May these reports be extracted from one of the Regional files held by Archives.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

A. W. Kinsely.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl. As above.

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Telephone: ADMIRALTY 1272. Ext.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office,
Hotel Victoria
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.
and the following number quoted.

Your reference C.A.P. 5/2/3/1.

THE WAR OFFICE, C.A.P.(in) 83
HOTEL VICTORIA,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

25 June, 1945.

7 AUG 1945

Sir,

I am directed to request that notice of the following meetings may be called from the Secretariat:

a) Vice President's meetings ✓ 516/E

b) Chief Commissioners conference ✓

c) Regional " ✗ 511/CA 422/CA

d) Executive " ✗ 210/CA 461/CA 1061

I am to say that if these meetings are available it would be appreciated if the dates could be given on which the various meetings were held, during the period in question.

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I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Bernadine Stoneel

SECRETARY OF CIVIL AFFAIRS.

Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section,
H.Q. Ex Forces,
B.A.O.R.

Seen by EC

(CWTK)

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Ex Comm 81

OUTGOING SIGNAL

DATE TIME
12 / 1700 B

FROM : NMIA

TO : 1 HLU 7 HLU
2 HLU 8 HLU
3 HLU 9 HLU
4 HLU 10 HLU
5 HLU 11 HLU
6 HLU 12 HLU

REF : O 252

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Seen by S.C. Cove 4/8/7

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]
Major A.A.G. (INTELLIGENCE)

INTERNAL: List 'A'
HQ Allied Commission for Austrian Occupation

PA

File G/33/3

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JUN 21 1946

MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ
39 AREA ON 18 JUNE 46 AT 0900 HRS.

ACTION.

2342. CONVERSION TO SUB AREA

Commander stated that orders had been received that 39 Area would become a Sub Area with effect from 15 June 46. An extension until Thursday 20th had been applied for but the reply was still awaited. All accounts would close with effect from midnight 20th and would be reopened as Sub Area accounts. Officers becoming surplus to Establishment would move to the Excelsior Hotel awaiting posting. He directed that PRO should amend all Area signs. — ALL AREA CMDS; CO/ MAJOR; PRO

2343. GERMAN CAMP 19 R.V.P.

Commander stated that he had visited the German Camp at 19 R.V.P. and given orders for certain R.E. work to be done. He directed that ORD release twelve 180 lb. tents, for use at the Camp. — CRE; ORD

2344. ORDNANCE STORES.

Commander enquired whether ORD had received the GHQ instructions for Polish troops to proceed to England. ORD replied that he had and that he would advise the RVP. — ORD

2345. REQUISITIONED PREMISES.

Commander enquired whether the TURIGMO had yet been de-requisitioned. DA&QM replied that it had not as a reply from the Americans was awaited.

2346. TRAIN SERVICES.

AA & QMG reported that the train services had vastly improved and that it would appear from the number of requests to proceed by road that Officers were not fully aware of these improved services. A Commander directed that an ARO be published.

2347. MOVES.

G 2 reported the following moves :-

177 Mobile Dental Unit to MILAN.

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2349. TRANSPORT - C of E Padre.

C of E Padre requested that he be provided with transport, to enable him to fulfill his duties, as the 15 cwt. which he had was unsuitable. Commander directed that application be made for a suitable vehicle. 445

2350. P.R.O. APM

APM reported 2 charges since the last Conference, but stated that a considerable amount of property, including American foodstuffs, had been recovered from civilians. Vice Squad was still operating, especially in Monza, where there was an alarming increase of V.D. amongst SCP. Commander directed that he be given a detailed report on this.

Lt Col.
A.G. (PD).

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON GROUP
PIEMONTE REGION

7 February 1946

File : PR/CLO/001

Subject : Minutes of Prefects - Questori

To : (Following list)

Herewith enclosed copies of the minutes of the Prefects - Questori meeting held at Allied Commission - Liaison Group Headquarters on 1 Feb 1946.

W. Bruce R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
Colonel - C.A.C.
C.L.O., PIEMONTE

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British Consul, Turin (2)
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" Asti "
" Alessandria (1)
" Cuneo "
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" Vercelli "
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Lt. Col. Green (1)

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FIRST MEETING OF C.L.O. PIEMONTE REGION WITH
PREFECTS OF ASTI, ALESSANDRIA, CUNEO, NOVARA, VERCELLI AND TORINO PROVINCES
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF VALLE DA AOSTA AND THE RESPECTIVE QUESTORE
ON 1st FEBRUARY 1946 AT TORINO.

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

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

The first speaker was the,

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

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

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

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

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

With regard to the Construction Industry the same applies as in Torino Province.

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The food position is similar to Turin and Asti. The flour question, however, is critical, and out of a necessary 375000 quintals only 275000 have been amassed. Hopes are based on US grain shipments of which 6000 quintals being unloaded at Genoa are assigned for Alessandria. The situation has been aggravated through faked ration cards. The forgery was only discovered after bakers presented them against flour supplies. It is assumed that 2000 to 3000 quintals of flour have thus been illegally obtained. Another matter which added to the dilemma is that the population have been using their ration cards in advance up to the end of February and additional ones had to be granted owing to hardship in the near future. Matters are now well under control again and no advance rations are allowed.

The unemployment question is not serious and although

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The food position is similar to Turin and Asti. The flour question, however, is critical, and out of a necessary 375000 quintals only 275000 have been amassed. Hopes are based on UN grain shipments of which 6000 quintals being unloaded at Genoa are assigned for Alessandria. The situation has been aggravated through faked ration cards. The forgery was only discovered after bakers presented them against flour supplies. It is assumed that 2000 to 3000 quintals of flour have thus been illegally obtained. Another matter which added to the dilemma is that the population have been using their ration cards in advance up to the end of February and additional ones had to be granted owing to hardship in the near future. Matters are now well under control again and no advance rations are allowed.

The unemployment question is not serious and although there are approx 7000 unemployed, and occasional strikes to occur, partisans and others behave well. Unemployment benefit contributions used to be borne by employers only until AMG issued instructions that part should be paid by workers, part by employers. This order was later suspended by the Italian authorities to the advantage of the workers. After the November increase of wages however, the AMG order was re-introduced and it appears that workers are now much dissatisfied with this decision. Workers' contributions are therefore being suspended for the time being until decision has been reached in discussions being held at Milan at present.

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Prefect of CUNEO The general position is much the same as in other Provinces except for the Partisans' and ex internee question. Cuneo Province used to have more Partisan activity than the other Provinces with the result that reprisals by the Germans have caused many homeless people and breaking up of families.

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

The food position is similar to that in other Provinces. Normally grain supplies are sufficient, but this year quantities had to be imported. There are at present stocks sufficient for only one week's consumption in the warehouses. Here again great hopes are based on grain arrivals from USA. The population has been using rations cards ahead of time and flour has now to be refused to those who have used up their rations. For the future it is ensured that rations are being issued on a daily scale.

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

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

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

The population is becoming more attached to this new experien although it has not yet given its approval, but it appears that since the creation of the autonomy the individual is becoming a more active member of the community. Hope is generally expressed that success will crown the new venture. Further details can be obtained on request. Public Safety is well under control and troub in the future is not expected. Partisans, exinternees, do not present a problem. Absorption of any unemployed in the future is hoped to be achieved by extensive public works programs (in collaboration with Cogne S.A.), which includes irrigation canals. This question is graver than in other Provinces owing to Aosta's high altitude.

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TO : Regional Commissioner,
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	Col. L. McPHEE	" " PIEMONTE
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	Lt.Col. W. TURNER-COLES	" " PIEMONTE
	Mr. Harlan CLEVELAND	A.C. Economic Vice-President
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a) The Office of the Chief Commissioner and Economic Group (Milan Office of the Allied Commission) was to be dissolved, and whatever might be the reactions of those present to what followed, there was no going back on this decision, which was final. The work, and some of the Officers, would be absorbed into HQ LOMBARDIA Region.

b) LIGURIA and PIEMONTE Regional HQs were to be dissolved and the matters affecting these regions would be handled by 2 Deputy Regional Commissioners whose offices would be at HQ in MILAN. A PC and PPSO, and possibly a CAO, would be left in each Province. There might have to be an amalgamation of some of the Provinces. Reps of the Economic Section would be attached to PCs at GENOA, TURIN and SAVONA.

The RC LOMBARDIA would have three deputies, and the administrative staff to look after the three Regions would be

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in one office in MILAN.

As the NIIC (CMAI) was in MILAN it was wise that centralisation on our side should be in MILAN. NIIC could then be supervised from one place.

Difficulties of communication with certain PCs would be overcome by D/PCs being mobile. The Officers and members of the Economic side would also be mobile.

3. The plan would mean a better centralised policy for time of hand-over. He was still without news as to when this was to take place, but he was now in a position to say that when it did take place BOLZANO would be returned with the whole of N. Italy (except, of course, the VENEZIA GIULIA area). He referred those present to the recent BEVIN statement which had appeared in the press, and which made him hope that the hand-over would take place before the end of the year, though there were possible hindrances.

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6. Mr. Cleveland then went on to discuss the question of organisation. He said that it was necessary that we should parallel our organisation with that which the Italian had set up for the allocation of these imported materials. This organisation, the NIIC, had been concentrated in MILAN. It was our duty to assist them.

We needed an economic inspectorate to check allocations, but this must be directed from a central point, with same criteria throughout the Regions. There would have to be coordination of priorities in allocations. A line of authority would have to be established through a central group in the economic side to work in very close relation with the economic side in FOAB. What the Italians did, even though we might not agree with it, we should have to follow.

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10. The D/HC LIGURIA, from the administrative point of view, felt that there would be no difficulty in moving records to MILAN, thus dispensing with an Adjutant. Whilst the admi-

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nistrative problems would be fewer, it would still be necessary, however, to have admin personnel there. Though the elimination of Regional HQ might reduce transportation problems, ration and PX troubles might increase.

Replying to the Executive Commissioner's question whether he thought that local government would suffer, D/RC said that anything increasing the difficulties in communications was bound to effect local government and would be reflected in our attitude towards the CLNs.

11. RC PIEMONTE stated he had only three officers on the economic side, Commerce, Industry and Food, TURIN requiring coverage in these three fields. As the military staff had been reduced, so more responsibility had been placed on the civilian staff. The gain in making more personnel available by putting the new plan into effect would be offset by the loss in travelling time.

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16. D/PC LIGURIA felt that owing to the loss in US and British personnel we should cut our garment according to our cloth.

17. PC PIEMONTE, however, thought that if we were to keep any semblance of AMG a change now would be a great mistake. He agreed with a change in the economic side, but he felt that Regional HQs should be kept as a symbol psychologically necessary.

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18. RC LOMBARDIA began by observing that MILAN had always formed the apex of the triangle MILAN-GENOA-TURIN, and that everything centred on MILAN. Add a few more Provinces to LOMBARDIA Region HQ and you would get more uniformity of policy. It was necessary to work through your key Italian officials, whilst a good RC would always keep you well informed of local trends.

On the economic side NICC was in MILAN and we should follow the Italian pattern. There had been no proper industrial plan as to what industry was to produce. We must decide what ITALY must manufacture for its internal economy and what for its export trade. Stagnant labour and inoperative machinery must be put to work in the general interest of Europe. He also pointed out how industries in other Regions, such as the woollen industry which was centred at BIELLA and Vicenza had their Association Offices in MILAN. For all these reasons he felt that the argument was strong enough for the centralisation of everything in MILAN.

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20. Summing up the discussion the Executive Commissioner suggested, and it was agreed, that the present set-up should be maintained (except that MILAN AC HQ should be absorbed into LOMBARDIA Region). RC Lombardia would now be the head for all economic matters in NW ITALY, and that the head of the economic side at LOMBARDIA Region would be the top representative of all the Regional Economic Groups. RC would have an Economic Staff Officer to coordinate the various branches.

Decision.

LOMBARDIA Region would look after domestic transportation of all the Regions and would have to arrange for a more even distribution of vehicles. RCs were invited to turn in all their non-runners so that they could be issued with replacements. A British and US G-4 would be sent to MILAN to deal with transportation problems and obtain a uniform policy.

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20. Decision. Summing up the discussion the Executive Commissioner suggested, and it was agreed, that the present set-up should be maintained (except that MILAN AC HQ should be absorbed into LOMBARDIA Region). RC Lombardia would now be the head for all economic matters in NORTH ITALY, and that the head of the Economic side at LOMBARDIA Region would be the top representative of all the Regional Economic Groups. RC would have an Economic Staff Officer to coordinate the various branches.

LOMBARDIA Region would look after domestic transportation of all the Regions and would have to arrange for a more even distribution of vehicles. RCs were invited to turn in all their non-runners so that they could be issued with replacements. A British and US C-4 would be sent to MILAN to deal with transportation problems and obtain a uniform policy.

On the economic side action copies of correspondence would be sent only to MILAN HQ, and specialist officers would take action only on instructions from MILAN HQ, though at times it would be left to the discretion of RCs for independent action to be taken. It was agreed that the same policy would apply to WMD, who would come under the Economic Section.

The plan to go into effect on 1 DEC 45.

A title for RC LOMBARDIA would have to be found in connection with Economic Section.

21. Other matters. The occasion was seized to discuss a few other matters, some of which had been touched upon by RCs in the morning before the arrival of the Executive Commissioner.

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a) Receivers (Commissari Straordinari) - Executive Commissioner promised to take up with Civil Affairs Section the question as to whether we should now hand these over to Prefects, and in what manner.

b) Electric Power - owing to serious situation in power supply RC LOMBARDIA announced that he had just signed a Decree severely limiting use of electricity as from Monday next, Nov 26. The decree had been drawn up after consultation with all concerned including 2 Dist Engineers, and it would affect all NW ITALY. 15 Corps area also involved. RC VENEZIA promised to look into the question in his area and that of 15 Corps.

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c) RCs reported that most of their non-career Prefects originally put in by the CLN had done extremely well, but that many were now anxious to return to their jobs because they were finding the work too heavy, especially as most of them were not men with any local government experience. RC VENEZIA stressed the need now of having career prefects, but NOT Southerners.

CLNs were still abusing their privileges, especially local CLNs. RC LIGURIA reported having discovered that in GENOA the CLN had been levying a 2 lire tax on all telegrams. RCs agreed that they had outlived their usefulness and were now a hindrance to the administration.

<u>NEXT MEETING</u> - 1100 hrs Dec 11 at LOMBARDIA Region HQ - first item on the Agenda "Discussion of Liaison set-up".

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APO 394
ECONOMIC DIVISION

Ref: C.10/22

C Revenue 3068

NOV 16 1945

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting of Inter-Ministerial Operation for Reconstruction

To : Mr. Bernstein, Chief

1. Attached Commission's comments and observations are in the process of being of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Operation for Reconstruction and the Allied Commission held on the 6th November 1945.

Harold Bernstein

Attached

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With regard to the sub-committee of this group, it was felt [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It was suggested that a representative of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from the sub-committee [illegible] [illegible] and that the [illegible] also participate.

The [illegible] will prepare a letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

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(1) [illegible] (Category [illegible] reports)

The [illegible] Allied [illegible] the Italian Government [illegible], [illegible] except in [illegible] relatively small [illegible] involving alleged special concessions. [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] to the [illegible] on the [illegible] activities [illegible] to the [illegible] of [illegible] organisations. [illegible] will be directed towards rapid elimination of the remaining reserved concessions, or the supply into [illegible] service.

(2) [illegible] of [illegible] by [illegible]

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(a) [illegible] of goods imported under [illegible]

(b) [illegible] military requirements in the theatre [illegible] before the [illegible] [illegible].

It is [illegible] that [illegible] Italian Government [illegible] the rehabilitation [illegible] to [illegible]. In the reduction of military personnel in this theatre, [illegible] little [illegible] effort [illegible].

(3) [illegible]

No [illegible] licences are [illegible] for the use of post-liberation [illegible] in Italy. In [illegible], both import and export private transactions [illegible] through the [illegible] licensing [illegible] in the [illegible] which are still subject to [illegible] licence.

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(See point 6 in [illegible] "[illegible] to Private Trading which appear to [illegible] action by Italian Government")

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25 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Conference for imports into Switzerland.

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. On 29th and 30th June 1945 a conference was held at Berne, Switzerland, between representatives of Allied Force Headquarters, and Supreme Headquarters, Allied ExpeditionaryForce, and representatives of the Swiss Federal Council.

2. The subjects discussed were :-

(a) Repatriation of displaced persons from and through Switzerland.

(b) Allied Military movement through Switzerland

(c) Resumption of Swiss import and export traffic through Italy and the ports of Genoa and Savona.

In addition, the Swiss authorities asked that urgent consideration be given by the Allies to the following points :-

(a) The relaxation of the present ban on the movement of Swiss nationals by road and rail between Italy and Switzerland. The Swiss Government could not take the responsibility of admitting Allied military movement through Switzerland while the border remains closed for the passage of its own civilians.

(b) The resumption of direct postal facilities between Switzerland and Italy.

3. Brigadier A.T. de Rhe Philipe, D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn) represented A.F.H.Q. at this conference.

4. I understand that the question of resumption of essential imports into Switzerland through the ports of Genoa and Savona, thence by rail, has been raised by the Swiss Federal Council on the highest diplomatic level through the Foreign Office in London.

5. In order that satisfactory decisions may be reached on all questions, and as it is apparent that the decision must be a diplomatic one, it is requested that an early conference be called by you with diplomatic representatives of the Governments concerned. These representatives should be empowered to take final decisions at the proposed conference.

6. Will you please advise me of your decision in this matter.

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Rear Admiral, USNR.

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I wish to hold 2 conferences with prefects and others, 1 about 7 August, 1 about 14 August. Can you please say if there are likely to be any conferences in ROME which would interfere with these dates

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS OF EMILIA, PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, LIGURIA, AND VENEZIE REGIONS

1130 3 JULY 45 PRIORITY

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YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUIRED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS TO MEET WITH THE INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR RECONSTRUCTION ON FRIDAY ONE THREE JULY TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL RECONSTRUCTION AND UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS IN YOUR REGION PD

PARER TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS EMILIA CMA PIEMONTE CMA LOMBARDIA, CMA LIGURIA CMA AND VENEZIE REGIONS FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACKKC PARER

MEETING SHALL LAST ALL DAY CMA THEREFORE YOU SHOULD ARRIVE ON ONE TWO JULY PD

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Urgent. Regional Commissioners conference with all Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions was held yesterday and Regional Commissioner had conference with 6 Prefects this morning. Following represents generally agreed opinion.

First. It is not possible to maintain General Order Number 41.

Second. It should be possible to exercise control at agreed higher levels on bread., minestra, flour, fats sugar and meat.

Third. Prices of other goods should be left to find own level subject to Special orders where necessary.

Fourth. There is necessity for immediate and definite scaling up of wages of Statal and Parastatal employees including Communal employees.

Fifth. Claims for increase in industrial and agricultural wages should be subject to normal methods of negotiation.

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IV CORPS RPTD FOR INFO 15 ARMY GROUP AMG VENEZIE REGION

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FOR ALL PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS VENEZIE REGION

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735 /s/ E.S. Merdon
Maj.

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FROM: ~~[illegible]~~ HQ VENEZIE REGION
TO: ~~[illegible]~~ 15 ARMY GP HQ ALCOM

9 JUN 1945

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A Regional Denazification Conference with attendance prob (?) from notal Commissions will be held at VARNA 1000 hours Monday 11 June, also to welcome any representative HQ ALCOM or 15 A GP group. An accommodation limited please advise number attending.

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5 March 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : VF, Civil Affairs Section

Further to our memorandum, file 535/40/EC, 3 March, we are enclosing for your information two copies of the official notes of the Amsic-Umbria-AAAC conference regarding turnover.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section

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To Executive Commissioner

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5 March 45

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TO : VP, Economic Section

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Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US Army

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SG/mrt
3 March 1945

SUBJECT: Conference held at HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region on Thursday 1 March 1945 at 1100 hours

TO : HQ AMG LAZIO-UMBRIA Region

1. Enclosed are 12 copies of notes on the Conference held at HQ AMG LAZIO-UMBRIA Region on Thursday 1 March 1945 at 1100 hours regarding the administrative arrangements to be made by Rome Area Allied Command on departure of HQ AMG LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
Deputy Commander

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission
(With 6 copies of enclosure)

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NOTES ON A CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ AMG
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION ON THURSDAY 1 MAR
45 AT 1100 HRS

Administrative arrangements to be made by Rome Area Allied Command on departure of HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region.

AMG Courts

1. Arrangements for setting up AMG Courts will be made through Legal Sub-Commission AC.

Discipline, Public Safety Police and Security

2. Major Green will be attached to Rome Area Allied Command as Public Safety Liaison Officer.

3. Civilian movement permits and control will be dealt with by Capt Wilson, who is being transferred to HQ Allied Commission. All applications from civilians will continue to go to the Questure in the first instance.

4. Permits for the use of WD tyres by civilians will emanate from the following sources only:

a. War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission AC

b. The Prefect - HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region will supply Provost Marshal Rome Area Allied Command with specimen of permit to be issued by Prefect.

Issue of Ordinances

5. These will usually be police matters and will be arranged through Public Safety Liaison Officer. Ordinances on other matters will be arranged direct or through the appropriate Liaison Officer.

Substitute for AMG Labour Office

6. Some substitute for the AMG Labour Office will be required for the American side. Rome Area Allied Command will examine this. British Labour Service will be unaffected.

Issue of Supplemental Ration Cards

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Control and Issue of Civilian Petrol

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8. With effect from 1 Mar 45 an allocation of petrol for civilian use is being made by AFHQ to the Liquid Fuel Office of the Ministry of Communications. The Chamber of Commerce, 137, via Buro, will screen all requests for circulation permits and permission to purchase petrol. Normally this type of user will not interest Rome Area Allied Command, but should the need arise, recommendation can be made by them to the Chamber of Commerce on the form of recommendation in general use. All such recommendations must be channelled through G-4 Section Rome Area Allied Command, and signed by Chief of Staff or Deputy Commander.

9. Arrangements for civilian contractors working for military remain unaffected.

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Roads

10. Present policy is that contracts for repair of military roads by civilian firms must be arranged with the Genio Civile through AMG. Rome Area Allied Command will ask AFHQ whether this policy can be varied in order that CRE may deal with Genio Civile other than through AMG.

Provision of Transport for Civilian Labour employed by Military

11. Road transport as requested by Rome Area Allied Command will be arranged through Dr Tanfani, head of the Uffici Trasporti di Roma, 16, via Sallustio.

12. Tram and train services as requested by Rome Area Allied Command will be arranged through Capt Dean, Transportation Sub-Commission AC.

Signal Communications

13. No difficulty is anticipated since Major Hawke is remaining in Rome for the present. It is not yet known whether he will be attached to Rome Area Allied Command as Signals Liaison Officer, or whether he will be transferred to the Allied Commission. HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region will inform Rome Area Allied Command when a decision is known.

Electricity

14. A civilian electricity commission has been set up which will screen civilian demands.

15. This Commission will also arrange running schedules for tramways and railways under CRE's direction.

16. The Electricity Companies will apply for petrol, etc, to the Chamber of Commerce and for tyres to the Prefect.

Medical

17. The changeover has been discussed by the Medical Branches concerned and no difficulties are anticipated.

Accommodation, Quartering and Requisitioning

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19. Comparatively few schools have been requisitioned by the Military, but are chiefly occupied by refugees and political parties. Since it is not anticipated that military requirements in this respect will increase no problem is envisaged.

Derequisitioning of essential farm buildings and experimental institutes etc, and encroachments and damage during military exercises

20. Rome Area Allied Command will deal with applications for the derequisition of property. HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region will arrange for claims in connection with damage arising from military exercises to be referred to Genio Militare.

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Local Purchase

21. There are no difficulties regarding Local Purchase at present. Major Cooper, Food Sub-Commission AC will be contacted should any problems arise .

Souvenirs for Troops

22. To avoid overcharging, HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region will provide Provost Marshal with a list of reasonable prices for souvenirs.

Date of closing down of HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region

23. HQ AMG Lazio-Umbria Region will cease to function by 1 Apr 45. It is understood that Rome and Viterbo Provinces closed down at midnight 28 Feb 45. Frosinone, Littoria and Rieti Provinces, and the Headquarters in Rome, will close on 15 Mar 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 535/41/BC

3 March 1945

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TO : VP, Economic Section

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Noted on Conference held 1 March 1945
Hq., Lazio-Umbria Region
re turnover to RAAC

1. Legal - setting up of AMG courts - to be handled under the procedure laid down in Executive Memorandum No. 72. RAAC, if occasion warrants, to make application for the appointment of an AMG court to Legal Sub-Commission at Hq. AC.

2. Public Safety - Lazio-Umbria Region is leaving behind a Public Safety liaison officer (Major Green), who will handle contacts with the civil police. Civil passes and movement control (permits) to be handled by Hq AC. Civilians would not apply direct, but would be screened by the Questura.

3. Permits - To be handled through the Prefect and the Questura.

4. Ordinances - are largely on police matters, and would be taken care of through the Public Safety liaison officer.

5. Supplemental Ration Cards - Handled through SHAEF, who will issue to requesting activity.

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11. Electricity - Screening of civilian demands for electricity to be done by the newly organized Italian committee. Special demands to be approved by RAAC, upon submission by AC or the Italian committee. Agreed that full responsibility for such screening to be shifted to the Italians as rapidly as possible, within the limitations of the APMG directive. Schedules for trams and railways to be prepared by the Italian authorities - approved by RAAC, as affecting peak load problem. Distribution of tyres, fuel, etc., to the power companies through the Camera Di Commercio and the Prefect.

12. Medical - a, b and c were in hand by RAAC. d solely an Italian problem.

13. Accommodation - No difficulties anticipated. AC MFA Sub-Commission available for advice, in the event of requisitioning of public monuments.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/6284 25 February, 45

(26) FEB 26 1945

SUBJECT: Conference

TO : Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command.

Reference your letter 1[illegible]A dated 23 February.

It would be appreciated if the Conference to which you refer could be postponed to 1100 hours on Thursday, 1 March 1945. The time previously suggested is already taken up with a Conference which cannot now be postponed.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. D. Bonham-Carter

A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

Copy: HQ. A.C.
Office of Executive Commissioner

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No.794, US Army

Ref: 12A

26 Feb 45

FEB 26 1945

Subject:- Conference

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Regional Commissioner,
LAZIO UMBRIA Region AC/AMG 29

Further to this HQ 12A dated 28 Feb 45.

Herewith principal points which seem likely to arise for discussion at the Conference proposed to be held.

ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
Deputy Commander
Rome Area Allied Command

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Copy to: HQ Allied Commission (for Brigadier M.S. LMSM, CB, CBE, MC)

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POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Legal Setting up of AMG Courts.

2. Discipline, Public Safety, Police & Security Since it is understood that a Public Safety officer is remaining, no problems are foreseen.

3. Issue of permits for e.g. circulation of vehicles, use of ND tyres on civilian vehicles.

4. Issue of ordinances concerning e.g. blackout, curfew, bounds etc. Will presumably be dealt with directly with the Sindaco or Prefect.

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(c) Distribution of tyres, fuel etc to power companies.

12. Medical
(a) Malaria control
(b) VD control
(c) Inter notification of infectious diseases
(d) Medical supplies

13. Accommodation, quartering and requisitioning particularly in relation to schools, museums and fine arts.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794 US ARMY

Ref: 12A

23 Feb 45

Subject: Conference

FEB 28 1945

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Lazio-Umbria Region

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Internal Security

19 January 1945
JAN 22 1945

Subject: Meetings, HQ AC Building
To : Chief of Staff

In order to provide a more efficient reception staff for this Headquarters it is suggested that wherever possible this office be advised of the time and location of the meetings to be held in the various offices.

For the Headquarters Commandant

C.A.PONGARZONE
1st Lt AUS
Internal Security Officer

see Minutes 24 & 25

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18 JAN 1945
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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN ITALY ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

R/1451

15 January 1945

JAN 19 1945

NOTES ON STAFF CONFERENCE HELD
ON 15TH JANUARY 1945

1. CONGRATULATIONS

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The Regional Commissioner gave details of the mass meeting of statal and parastatal employees which was held in Bari on 5th January. As a result of this meeting, a commission had left on 11th January for Rome to set the grievances of the workers before the Government. A further meeting would be held in Bari on 25 January when the commission returned. The Regional Commissioner said that he had represented to Rome in no uncertain terms the seriousness of the situation and was waiting for a declaration of a policy from H.Q. A.C. as to what action was to be taken by Southern Region should a general strike occurr.

5. STAFF ORGANISATION

The Regional Commissioner said that Staff reorganisation had

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so far not been implemented in full owing to the non-arrival of an officer to take over the Secretariat. He hoped that this officer would arrive shortly.

6. MONTHLY REPORT

The monthly report was in course of preparation. It was slightly altered in form, as Part I would now consist of a resume' written by the Regional Commissioner which would go to London and Washington. Part II, containing more detailed reports, would go as before, to A.C. H.Q.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

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W.E.F. 28th January, office hours would be from 0830 hours to 1730 hours, with one hour off for lunch.

10. MESSING ARRANGEMENTS

It was generally agreed that, once the new Public Safety Mess was open, all messing arrangements, both American and British would be satisfactory.

11. ITALIAN LESSONS

The Regional Commissioner drew the attention of all officers to the recent letter from H.Q. A.C.C. regarding officers learning Italian. He stressed the importance of this and mentioned the great potential

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danger of officers who came to rely too much on their interpreters. He said, that if interpreters were used, officers should use more than one and change them frequently.

14. The following points were then raised by Section Heads and Zone Commissioners.

FINANCE

Lt Col. Battersby asked that H.Q. A.C. might be approached to reconsider their decision that the Allies could give no financial assistance in Southern Region outside of Naples Commune. The Regional Commissioner agreed to represent these views to A.C.

SALERNO ZONE

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The treatment of the CC.RR. by Allied troops was then generally discussed. The Regional Commissioner said that his recent conference with 3 District, he had expressed strongly the importance of maintaining the morale of the CC.RR. by giving them all possible support.

LABOUR

[illegible] Sections that, at present, there is no English speaking employee in the labour supply office. He asked Sections to apply at least twenty four hours in advance when they made demands for the provision of civilian labour.

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NAPLES ZONE

Lt. Col. Simson stated that he was very short of cars. The Regional Commissioner agreed to investigate.

EDUCATION

Major Murphy referred to the transfer of all educational authority in Southern Region into Italian hands. To discuss with the Regional Commissioner.

He gave details of the proposed visit of the Boy Scouts to Vesuvius on 21 January.

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for Brigadier
Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

W/6.2/CA

19 Dec 44

20 DEC 1944

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference - Southern Region.

TO : CCS
Econ Sec
Int Sec

Lt Col WHITE of this Section attended the recent conference of Southern Region at Naples. I enclose copies of the notes that he made in case the same may be of interest to you.

R.R. CRIPPS Col.
for VP CA Section
DCOS AC

Agreed
Q.R.C.

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trucks.

(c) The Civil Order and Military Police should impound all vehicles found on the roads in an identifiable or unused condition and institute a drive against such offenders. The use of unused vehicles are absolutely essential to the continued economic life of the country at the moment and risk must not be accepted. The order must be issued. Legal arrangements must be made immediately to obtain the release of such vehicles impounded and return to owners. Instructions should be made as to when the order and the instructions could be made. Further, the order is an encroachment into the sphere of responsibility for civil administration.

8 URGENT.

The IMT Courts in Bari had proved quite difficulties as a deterrent not only in the provinces but they had had the effect of crippling the local Italian courts.

9 Education.

Cases of alleged discrimination against children in schools had been reported, the discrimination being either on the grounds of Italian or Fascist of the previous political history of the families. Commissioners were asked if they had heard of any such cases. Only one Commissioner in the affirmative and only in regard to one province.

10 MEAT.

The Palermo Ports. It is understood that the Town Major had stopped the use of this building. Confirmation could be obtained.

11 LABOUR.

(a) It was understood that the Italian Government intend to dismiss all employees on or the 31st December. Keep statement of their required until be made on 31st Jan. Take steps to enable one to that are supporting.

(b) The salaries of State employees is totally inadequate to maintain life. It was essential that their pay should be raised.

12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The new Prefect of Salerno (Muscolo) had not arrived. It was essential that the present Vice Prefect (Mancini) should continue in office until the new one had arrived.

11 PUBLIC HEALTH

The income of hospitals had remained stationary but their expenditure had gone up. They could not now even pay for the medicines they required. It was essential that they should have financial assistance.

12 The Regional Commissioner then indicated that his Divisional Officers would be available in their offices and the meeting closed.

Report of visit to "GA" Divisional Officers is appended. (See reverse sheet)

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VISITS TO DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Infant Mortality. Col. Mylon was visited and he reported that on the change over from evaporated to powdered milk the infant mortality rate had gone up. In one institute, out of 14 babies, 9 had died. He had that morning as a matter of coincidence had a courtesy visit from a Sub. L. Coggin, ATS, who was on a private visit to Naples. She was a dietician on the strength of Region Emilia, but was working temporarily with Region Lazio-Umbria. He had discussed the matter with her and she had expressed the opinion that powdered milk was quite suitable for babies if properly mixed. He earnestly desired the earliest possible attachment of Sub. Coggin for not more than two weeks, to conduct an investigation on the babies diet, to demonstrate how to prepare the powdered milk and to start a centre of instruction at one of the hospitals where nurses from other hospitals could come for instruction. Col. Mylon very much hoped that this could be arranged quickly.

Ambulances. Every single ambulance at his disposal was broken down. He was now handling cases to be transported in ordinary but borrowed trucks. As far as smallpox was concerned, the need for ambulances was particularly serious. He was forced to leave contagious cases three or four days in their homes before they could be moved and it just meant that a local epidemic started for every case.

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It was not appreciated how much clerical work was required. The monthly report on all hands which they were asked to report came to 77 pages. In addition they were required to make a return of certain particulars such as forged bankNotes. This month they had 800 to report and the preparation of that Appendix alone took two whole days. It was essential that paper work should be reduced if a smaller staff was to carry on.

Liaison. The military authorities in general were still too ignorant of the duties and functions of Allied Commission. Men who attended lectures and refresher courses were appreciative of these lectures and had a far better understanding of what cooperation and assistance they could look for. It was considered that such work should be extended.

LEGAL.

Legal was visited but had no comments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It was most important that Mancini, the Vice Prefect of Salerno who had been ordered to Naples should remain in Salerno until the arrival of the new Prefect.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

1 December 1944
4 DEC 1944

R/4336

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

TO : Zone Commissioners
Heads of Staff Sections.

1. Further to R/3190 of 20 November 1944.

2. Regional Commissioner's Conference will take place at 1000 hours Friday 8 December at the Provincia Building.

3. Zone Commissioners are invited to send forward matters for discussion to reach here not later than 1200 hours Wednesday 6 December.

4. Agenda will be available at this headquarters by 1600 hours Thursday 7 December.

5. Accomodation will be reserved for visiting Zone Commissioners at the Hotel Excelsior for night of Thursday 7 December and Friday 8 December.

By order of Brigadier Dunlop:

JOSEPH BELLOTTI,
1st Lieut., M.I.,
Asst Adjutant.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION, 24 NOVEMBER 1944, 1630, RE "QUICK PROGRAMMING OF CIVILIAN REQUIREMENTS."

4 DEC 1944

PRESENT:

H. E. Cerabona, Minister of Communications
H. E. Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labor
H. E. Soleri, Minister of Treasury
H. E. Bergami, Under-Secretary of Agriculture
H. E. Rossi, Minister Without Portfolio
H. E. Micoli, Minister of Public Works
Mr. A. G. Antolini, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, E/S
Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Executive Director, E/S
Mr. Leland G. Allbaugh, Director, Agriculture S/C, E/S
Col. W. R. Evans, Director, Commerce S/C, E/S
Col. A. F. Grafftey-Smith, Joint Director, Finance S/C, E/S
Mr. Wm. S. Vaughan, Director, Industry S/C, E/S
Col. L. A. Jerry, Director, Public Works & Utilities S/C, E/S
Col. R. A. Bartlett, Supply and Resources Division, E/S
Mr. Merritt Taylor, Chief, Priorities & Movements Div., E/S
Mr. A. L. Villa, Priorities & Movements Division, E/S
Maj. F. W. Tooby, Supply & Resources Division, E/S
Mr. Van Lear Woodward) Members of Ambassador Culbertson's
Mr. Max M. Friedlaender) Mission

NOTE

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Mr. Harold Cleveland, Executive Director, S/S
Mr. Leland G. Allbaugh, Director, Agriculture S/C, S/S
Col. W. E. Svede, Director, Commerce S/C, S/S
Col. A. P. Griffiths-Smith, Joint-Director, Finance S/C, S/S
Mr. Wm. S. Vaughan, Director, Industry S/C, S/S
Col. L. A. Jenny, Director, Public Works & Utilities S/C, S/S
Col. R. A. Martino, Supply and Resources Division, S/S
Mr. Merritt Taylor, Chief, Priorities & Movements Div., S/S
Mr. A. L. Wills, Priorities & Movements Division, S/S
Maj. F. W. Todd, Supply & Resources Division, S/S
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Mr. Wm. N. Friedlaender) Mission

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The Minister also requests, on the part of the Italian Government, that we consider the possibilities of broadening the credit mechanism by reviewing and possibly according a conversion of lire expenditures by the Allied Armed Forces for goods and services in Italy. This request has appeared before. The Minister

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has reviewed in broad terms the general outline of their approach. This outline, which is tentative and properly so, reflects priority allocation. The Italian Government lacks, however, two fundamental facts to establish a long term policy: It needs to know (1) exactly and specifically what is in Category "A", and (2) the prices of goods in Category "A" so that they will not be in the dark as to whether or not they are within the fixed limits of dollar credit.

Their tentative outline establishes priority allocation in this fashion:

1 - Transport
2 - Equipment for the Rehabilitation of Electric Power
3 - Fertilizers and Agricultural Equipment
4 - Raw Materials which could be applied to specific factories that now have productive capacity. (As an example, in Sardinia there are plants which have the facilities and power to start manufacturing immediately, but which lack raw materials.)

They also did what may be called a "contingency reserve" -- out of which, for example, goods for taxation purposes (e.g. coffee) might be purchased.

The Minister says he will hand the detailed information to us and then he would like the Sub-Commission to work on them with the appropriate Ministries.

ANDERSON: Should we set up within our work as Sub-Commissions a working party and request the Ministers to set up a counter part within the Government?

(This arrangement agreed to by Sub-Commission representatives concerned.)

ANDERSON: I explained our operating plan to set up a working party within each Sub-Commission and requested the Italian Government to do likewise. They have agreed. They have raised a question as to whether the working party should be large or small?

(Sub-Commission representatives agreed that working party should have 3 members on each side.)

Messrs. Serafini and Bozzi have been designated as Coordinators on the Italian side. On the AC side, coordination will be effected through the Economic Section, while Col. Evans will aid in "merchandising" the program in terms of end-products.

I am going to refer the Ministers to the press release

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ARTOLINI: Should we set up within our part as Sub-Commissions a working party and request the Ministers to set up a counterpart within the Government?

(This proposition agreed to by Sub-Commission representatives concerned.)

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I am going to refer the Ministers to the press release that they submitted to us regarding joint programming, and ask them to delay submitting it to the public.

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23 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Land Forces Subcommission
Director, Air Subcommission
Chief, Naval Subcommission

The Chief Commissioner directs me to invite you to attend his weekly conferences for Vice Presidents. This meeting is usually held every Thursday at 1000 hours in the Chief Commissioner's office. In the event of your being unable to attend, will you please arrange that your deputy or next senior officer attends as your representative.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 30 November, at 1000 hours.

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

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20 November 1944

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SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

TO : Zone Commissioners
Heads of Staff Sections.

1. The Regional Commissioner's monthly conference will be held in Naples on Thursday and Friday 7 - 8 December 1944.

Complete details and agenda for the conference will be sent out at a later date.

By order of Brigadier DUNLOP:

Paul Revere

PAUL REVERE,
Major, A.G.D.,
Adjutant.

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NOTES ON REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE.
NAPLES 3 NOVEMBER 1944.

Present: Region Headquarters

Col.	Temperley, Regional Commissioner
Col.	Hensley, Public Works and Utilities
Lt. Col.	Warren, Executive Officer
Lt. Col.	Battensby, Finance
Lt. Col.	Miles, Public Health and Welfare
Lt. Col.	Snodgrass, Economics and Supply
Lt. Col.	Giles, Transportation
Major	Revere, Assistant Executive Officer
Major	Richardson, Public Safety
Major	Riquel, Agriculture
Major	McSweeney, Welfare Officer
Captain	Kerr, Legal
Captain	Swale, Property Control
Captain	Botham, Labor.

Zone Commissioners

Lt. Col.	Simern, Naples
Lt. Col.	Orpwood, Bari
Lt. Col.	Bright, Foggia
Lt. Col.	Irish, Catanzaro
Major	Barre, Palermo
Major	Turner-Coles, Taranto
Captain	Sampson, Taranto (Supply)

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1. CHANNELS OF COMMAND: The Regional Commissioner referred to the new Headquarters Allied Commission directive on the channels of command; except for purely technical matters all communications in the future would pass from the Chief of Staff through the Regional Commissioner to the Zone Commissioners. In addition, the Chief of Staff had recently ruled that the Regional Commissioner would be responsible for the discipline of all Allied Commission Officers in the Region and for the supervision and control of their work and a Regional Directive to this effect had been issued. Zone Commissioners must remember that the purpose of the Directive was to help Allied Commission officers whose tasks had been set by HQ AC but whose work lay within the Region; they were from now on to be members of the Regional Team.

2. FOOD: In the early days the main problem was to get food, in whatever quantities available, to the local inhabitants. In these later days, the problem is to coordinate the distribution of food throughout Italy. The time has come when ration scales must be closely adhered to. Zone Commissioners should keep an eye on this.

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8. ACC versus AC: The Regional Commissioner pointed out that ACC was only authorized to advise and not to control. Accordingly, the change from ACC to AC was largely a matter of sentiment. No doubt, Zone Commissioners would still be able to safeguard Allied Interests by appro -

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priate "requests", when occasions arose. The Regional Commissioner foresaw that the functions of AC Officers would more and more become that of transmitting, through Region to Rome, particulars of all incidents in which the Italian Government failed to perform its essential minimum task - thus enabling HQ AC gradually to streamline the Italian Government into an efficient organization.

9. MONTHLY PROVINCIAL REPORTS: The uniform Monthly Reports from Provincial Authorities were generally welcomed. After some discussion it was decided to leave the present arrangement, whereby the reports run from the 21st of one month to the 20th of the next month, unless, on investigation, HQ sections considered another date would be much more convenient.

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13. GAS PLANTS: Col. HENSLEY stated that plans were in hand for reactivating the gas plants in Foggia and Catanzaro.

14. CIVILIAN AMBULANCES: The RPHC pointed out the urgent need for civilian ambulances in the coming winter months. The RC asked ZC's to cooperate in urging the Prefects to requisition the necessary vehicles.

15. CLOTHING: The Regional Welfare Officer stated that clothing was expected from America and that he proposed arranging distribution through the Ente Comunale Assistenza who had functioned well in previous issues.

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16. REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S DEPARTURE: The RC expressed his real regrets at leaving the Region when its tasks was but half done. He thanked all his officers for the remarkably quick way in which they had built themselves into a happy and cooperative Regional Team.

C.B. TEMPERLEY
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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4 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Provincial Commissioners' Meeting, Sicilia Region

TO : Executive Commissioner, RC & MG Section, ACC Hqs.

1. This headquarters will hold a Provincial Commissioners' meeting on 9 October 1944 at 0930 hours.

2. Inasmuch as the only Provincial Commissioner now serving is at Catania, he will meet with the Regional Staff at this headquarters.

3. This information is forwarded to you to invite any officers from ACC headquarters who may find it possible to attend.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

William R. Jordan
WILLIAM R. JORDAN
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