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Reference: RH/HQ/O/1/3

Subject : Regional Meeting - 28 July 1945

To : See Distribution

29 July 1945

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1. Provincial Commissioners

Modena - P.C. Modena reported peaceful demonstrations all over the province, which, because of the uniformity of demands (central control over SUTRAL - alteration in the Mezzadria pact) seem to indicate a central control. There has also been a great demand for grain instead of bread. The Regional Food Officer stated that the Italian Government would not approve a grain issue. 42 Sindaci have been appointed and confirmed at Modena, but the Prefettura still lacks senior officials.

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that the news of the turnover was received calmly, and no trouble is anticipated in this province.

Parma - The situation in Parma is quiet. Nothing was allotted to the province. They were peaceful and orderly, and in the opinion of the P.C., just another occasion to celebrate. The operation examinations are still operating and are expected to complete their work within 4 to 6 weeks. All police superintendents, including those selected from the ranks of the partisans, have been demobilized in preparation for the turnover. All OC IR stations are now armed, but a model was expressed for more officers and MO's. 30 cases of typhoid fever have been reported from Parma. Greater speed was urged by the P.C. in the matter of confirming death sentences handed down by the People's Courts. It was announced that 24 more Fascist murderers have been condemned to death in Parma, thus bringing to 29 the number of people who are in the jail awaiting confirmation of sentence. Legal advised that the hold up in with the Italian officials in the Ministry at Rome, who must make an extensive review in all cases.

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Parma, Pavia, Piacenza and Ravenna had nothing of general interest to report.

2. Special Divisions

Legal - The Regional Legal Officer published all present that Regulation

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Provinces - The situation in Palermo is quiet. Nothing has happened to the province since being out, creating a shortage in the past week. The P.O. reported that he had authorized milk delivery wagons to leave a small amount from August allotments.... The situation is satisfactory, and the work of the CC PR has greatly improved. Apprehension is reported in the province as to what will happen when all leaves, although the P.O. reported that there has been no evidence of large quantities of arms or of any arms carrying.

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Legal - The Regional Legal Officer reminded all present that Spontaneous Commissions have no power to function under CC 35 after 4 August. However, such Commissions are authorized to operate, after 4 August, any cases in which notices of suspension were served prior to midnight of 4 August. Provincial Legal Officers have been notified of this and instructed to advise all Spontaneous Commissions of the necessity of serving notices of suspension before the handover.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer announced that there will be a meeting of MEIC and Chamber of Commerce representatives at this Headquarters on Friday, 3 Aug, at 1415 hours.

Public Safety - The Public Safety situation is reported to be much better. The efficiency of the CC PR especially has been improving, and they have been making many more arrests, even of the partisans, who not too long ago were reported to be subjecting the Carabinieri to disarmament and other indignities.

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Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer reported that he had not received requests for certain vehicles as loan to the Region. These were requested as early as possible.

Oil Complaint - To visit Paris, Moscow, and London on Monday, 30 July, to examine the burning tank of 11 vehicles which have been used by the Region. E.O.'s were used to have the same present, if possible. The Government also mentioned that all American W's returning from the provinces at the time of the transfer can be accommodated at the 11 billets.

Food - The Regional Food Officer mentioned that the economic price of bread will go into effect as of 1 August. A list of consumer prices has been prepared, and 30 41 should be awarded accordingly. However, this is impossible in view of the short time which this Government has remaining, and these price changes will have to be effected by the Italian Government. ... E.O.'s (Luzon, Luzon, Bogota and London were asked to notify their surplus of a meeting in Luzon on 31 July at 1000 hours. This meeting will be held in the office of the Comodoro Interamericano del Alimento.

3. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Summary - It was mentioned that until the Region will cease operations as of 30th August 1952.

Reports - The Regional Commissioner mentioned that all Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions will be required to file two reports: a. Weekly Report - Due 1 August. As to the same as usual, except that special attention will be made to progress made in the preparation of Provincial Plans as referred to in 42/43/41G dated 11 July from the Local Government Sub-Commission.

b. Final Report - Not to be a history. Simply a report from each Division and Province on what material business remains and any other information which might be of interest or value to the Division Group which will remain in Luzon.

Allocation Materials - Additional allocation material has been, or will shortly be distributed to the provinces, in order to facilitate distribution to the provinces, E.O.'s were authorized to use 10 transport.

Revised Report - The Regional Commissioner mentioned that shortly after the closing of 4 Aug has been announced, 5th Army ventured the opinion that the provinces of Bolson, Bolson and Luzon were not in condition to be handled over because of unreported unrest. The Regional Commissioner asked to be notified immediately of any incidents which give strength to this report.

Transfer of - Because of the limited accommodations available at Baguio, all were urged to remain in the provinces until definite transfer orders arrive. These will be sent as quickly as possible, but only as accommodations in Bolson become available.

Summary - It was announced that Emilio Rendon will cease operations as of May 1968.

Reports - The National Commission announced that all Provincial Commissions and Heads of Divisions will be required to file two reports: a monthly report - Dec 1 August, to be the same as usual, except that specified reference will be made to progress made in the preparation of election lists as referred to in 42/15/1/16 dated 14 July from the Local Government Sub-Committee.

b. Final Report - Not to be a history. Simply a report from each Division and Province in the unofficial business running and any other information which might be of interest or value to the Liaison Group which will remain in Bogotá.

Electoral Materials - Initial election material has been, or will shortly be distributed to the provinces, in order to facilitate distribution to the campaign, P.G.N. was authorized to use its transport.

Reported Rumor - The National Commission announced that shortly after the election, one of the best has been rumored, 500 Army ventured the opinion that the Province of Bolívar, Cauca and Boyacá were not in condition to be headed other because of reported unrest. The National Commission asked to be notified immediately of any incidents which give strength to this report.

General - Because of the limited accommodations available at Bogotá, all were urged to remain in the provinces until definite transfer orders arrive. There will be sent as quickly as possible, but only as accommodations in Bogotá become available.

San Marino - The Political Liaison Officer to San Marino will cease operations with the turnover.

Trips - All trips, other than those of purely business nature, are forbidden until after the turnover.

Closing Instructions - Detailed instructions as to closing procedure, disposition of files, etc., are expected from Rome and will be passed to Provinces and Divisions as soon as they are received.

4. Action to be taken

Summary - The National Liaison Officer will try to locate the June 1968 elections from Bogotá which are alleged to have reached this HQ, but which were not received at HQ HQ.

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P.C. Poles - To write a letter to the S.M. regarding the ingo
discrepancies between these two provinces and others in northern Italy.

All Heads and P.C's. - To give civilian employees as much advance
notice as possible of the date when their services will no longer be required.

All P.C's. - a. To notify Projects officially of closing date.
b. To see that ROL and coal bids are submitted by 2 Aug.
c. To see that UNIC knows responsibilities and procedure.
Close liaison is urged between Provincial Supply Officers and UNIC officials
during these last few days.
d. To include in next monthly report a statement of what
they think will happen when all witnesses from the area.

Provincial Officer - a. To issue general instructions on the signing of
Alexander certification, giving special attention to licenses, where such re-
quires to be done.
b. To advise regarding status of Project Officers at time of turnover,
including a statement as to what arrangements have been made for their feeding
and housing.

P.C. Bolzano - To consult with his officers as to the disposition of
the Bologna Province Mass Camp.

Campania - To investigate matters gas shortage at Piacenza.

By order of Colonel Bailey:

Colonel Bailey

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Cameroon - To investigate matters and shortage at Pindou.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Reference: RM/MG/C/1/3
Subject: Regional Meeting - 21 July 1945
To: See Distribution
22 July 1945
JUL 24 1945

1. Provincial Commissioners

Modena - P.C. Modena stated that everything is quiet in that province, at least on the surface, and it is the general opinion that this is merely a period of waiting until the departure of the Allies from the zone. The trouble in busy confirming Sirovici, and in very short time there will be a steady administration in every province. Opposition in this work is being encountered from the G.I., who especially resent the reducing of the numbers of garrisons to the local limit. A parade of Italian soldiers was fired upon by Italians, which resulted in the death of one Italian. An investigation is under way. The P.C. objected to the sanctions which have recently been imposed upon Modena province by the Regional Economic & Supply Officer as the result of the failure of certain Italian officials to cooperate in the matter of inter-provincial trade. The Regional Commissioner ordered that, although these sanctions had been approved by this Headquarters, they should now be rescinded in view of our short proposed stay, and because of the fact that those who have been responsible for the violations in the past are the very ones who, through black market connections, stand to profit by the sanctions. The recent order regarding requisitioned vehicles causes a shortage in Modena, but the Regional Transportation Officer stated that if request for requisition had been made prior to 10 July, which had been done in a number of cases, the cars could be retained. Regarding petrol for minor clearance work, the P.C. was advised that it was available to the Italian Army through the R.E.O.

Bologna - A delegation of state employees have asked that the most recent decree for raises in wages (NO. 116) be applied to them. The Regional Labor Officer stated that he believed this decree will be implemented as of 1 August, but knows nothing of its retroactivity. The decree will automatically apply at the time of the holiday.

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Forlì-Parma - The P.C. of these two provinces reported discontent over the fact that deserters from the Revolutionary Fascist forces are still being held in prison, while members of the Black Brigades are being released.

Piacenza - The P.C. of Piacenza sought information as to how the personnel of an Italian Navy recruiting unit in Piacenza could draw salaries. He was advised that they were to contact DID.... Information regarding the compensation for members of the DID was also questioned. It was disclosed that there were 4 members on the board when ANI entered Piacenza, and there are now 8, with still more desiring posts. 9,000 lire a month was voted as compensation, and at one time there was a toll established at a bridge over the Po as a means of collecting funds.... It was announced that one Damini had been arrested as an accessory in the murder of Matteotti in 1924.... There are still quantities of surrendered arms in Piacenza which should be picked up.

Parma - Nothing of general interest to report.

Rovigo-Verona - P.C. Rovigo reported a peaceful week in that province. About one-half of the partisan police have been disbanded, and the remainder will be released by the 25th.

2. Special Divisions

Legal - The Regional Legal Officer urged patience in the matter of sentences by the People's Courts being confirmed. The findings and sentences must go to the Ministry in Rome for approval, and the investigations there take time.

HQ Commandant - It was announced that the C.O., Company I, and the Supply Sergeant would make a tour of the provinces during the next week for the purpose of checking on U.S. equipment which has been issued to the provinces.

Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer urged that P.C.'s. or P.O.'s check on the allotments of POL to ascertain if they have been received, and if so, if they have been properly distributed.

Labor - The Regional Labor Officer announced that since Parma and Piacenza are under 2 District, the flat 75 lire cost of living bonus applies. The other provinces which are under 1 District remain as heretofore, but it is anticipated that 1 District will shortly adopt a similar bonus.... With regard to the demand for workers in the Far East, it was announced that certain localities will receive quotas to fill, and in the absence of any action regarding the quota for Bologna and vicinity, applications should be taken, along with facts as to the applicant's qualifications, and advise them to wait until a definite call is received.... P.C.'s. may approve labor contracts which are in line with contracts previously approved by the Labor Office, but a copy of the authorization should be sent to the Regional Labor Office for information.

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Displaced Persons - It was announced that the Bologna station is to be used henceforth as a registration center for soldiers, and not for refugees. P.O.'s. were urged not to direct refugees to the Bologna station for processing.... A small quota of Austrian refugees may now return home. These people should be sent to the camp at Reggio.

Public Works - A representative of the Public Works Division complained of the slowness with which proposed public works projects are being approved. The Regional Commissioner urged that P.W.'s. check at once to see where the hold-up is taking place.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that 200 trucks will soon arrive in the Region for formation of trucking pools. In response to his query as to where pools were desired, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio and Modena all requested that their provinces receive a quota.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer announced that a letter is being issued by his office describing the operations of UNIC. This Agency will be responsible for the handling of all IOL and oval bills. Provincial Supply Officers need only forward bills and counsel the Italian officials on proper procedure, etcetera.... It was announced that there is no longer an Allied control over anything but plywood, leather and hemp.

Food - The Regional Food Officer urged that every means be employed to bring to the attention of the Italians the vital necessity of hoarding grain and strictly rationing flour. There will be a grain shortage in the area, and 1,300,000 tons are to be imported. But above this there will be none, and unless there is strict control exercised, there will inevitably be a bread famine in the area.

3. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Proposed turnover - The Regional Commissioner announced that no definite date has been announced for the termination of our activities here. The A.C. Weekly Bulletin stated that we may close on 31 July, but this has not been officially confirmed, and no statement, either official or otherwise, should be allowed to circulate. The R.C. has asked Rome for as much advance notice as possible in order that there may be a definite break with all concerted ending operations simultaneously. All present were urged to devote attention to getting everything in order, especially as regards vehicles and other requisitioned property.

Volunteers for continued service in Italy - The Regional Commissioner announced that he is distributing questionnaires to officers in an effort to learn who wishes to remain on duty in Italy. All were urged to expedite the return of these forms.

Elections - A slight change in the preparation of the electoral lists is necessitated, which will require the attention of all those concerned with their preparation. The eligible age for voters has been lowered from 21 to include those who will attain the age of 21 by 31 Dec 45.

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Partisan Police - The Regional Commissioner announced that R.C.'s should expedite the demobilization of partisan or any other police agents of supplementary nature as soon as possible. It is desired to have the entire public safety situation in the hands of the OC PR at the time of the turnover to the Italian Government.

4. Action to be taken

P.C. Forlì-Ravenna - To write letter to P.C. regarding the wage differences between these two provinces and the others in northern Italy.
Public Safety - To see that existing stores of unexpended arms and ammunition are picked up before the turnover.

Public Safety and Legal - All Provincial PSO's and Legal Officers are to insure that no AMG cases remain untried after the turnover.

Finance - To advise regarding extra payment in lieu of advance notice for AMG employees (civilian) at the time of the turnover.

Commerce - To consult Petrosi and CII with a view to relaxing the blockade on methanol gas which exists between Parma and Reggio provinces.

P.R.C. - To consult 246 Sub-area re the abandoning of the curfew in Bologna.

All P.C.'s - a. To see that POL and coal bids for Sept are submitted by 2 August.

b. P.C.'s, or PSO's to complete the signing of all Alexander certificates which are ready for signature before withdrawal from the provinces.

c. To see that all proposed public works projects are submitted at once, in order that they may be approved before we leave. All were advised that the chair of processing in from Genio Civile to the Intendente di Piacenza to the Provincial Finance Officer to the Regional Finance Officer. Many projects have been initiated, but are now lying along the line, and these must be expedited.

d. To ensure that Provincial Supply Officers and Italian successors get together and understand policy and future procedure.

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HEADQUARTERS UNILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ALG 394

Reference: RM/WM/G/4/3

15 July 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 14 July 1945

JUL 18 1945

To : See Distribution

1. Agenda - Colonel Thomas, Lt Col Park, Lt Col Levitt, Major Lammis, Capt Colucci, Capt Vandenberg, Lt Marshall, Lt Ash, Lt Hoffotto,

2. Provincial Commissioners

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that unknown difficulties are appearing in the appointment of Sindaci, since Italian law stated that certain people cannot hold this post. This is therefore needed to insure that only those eligible have been appointed.

Forli- Ravenna - The Provincial Commissioner of these two provinces stated that much difficulty is being experienced because civilian mail continues to reach these provinces through the channels. This is official mail which was authorized some time ago, but it was agreed by all present, including the Regional Postal Officer, that it should now be directed through the normal civilian postal channels.

Reggio - P.C. Reggio announced that since 2 May deposits in the banks of the provinces have exceeded withdrawals by 700,000,000 lire..... Greater compensation was urged for officials of the People's Courts. At a recent trial of 45 collaborators, just as the proceedings were drawing to a close, the judge fainted and a mistrial was declared. It was a very important trial, involving, among others, the former Prefect, and it is the general opinion that the fainting spell was a ruse..... 920 alleged collaborators are still being detained in Reggio, and the P.C. desires to set a deadline in these cases, at which time, if no charges have been brought against them, they will be released. Some of the charges are absurd, such as in the case of a woman who merely asked for the German, and many should have been released some time ago.

Parma - The P.C. of Parma reported that nothing has yet been done regarding the vehicles abandoned in the P.C. Many individuals wish to salvage some of these vehicles, and the Provincial Commissioner is in favor of letting them do so and have the use of the vehicles for awhile. It was agreed that Autotrasporti should have the use of these vehicles, but nothing has been done as yet, and it is feared that the flood season will arrive before salvage work can be accomplished. The Regional Transportation Officer stated that they should be taken by Autotrasporti, and that the individuals doing the salvage work should be taken by Autotrasporti, and that the indi-

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Forli-Ravenna - The Provincial Commissioner of these two provinces stated that much difficulty is being experienced because civilian mail continues to reach these provinces through A.S. channels. This is official mail which was authorized some time ago, but it was agreed by all present, including the Regional Postal Officer, that it should now be directed through the normal civilian postal channels.

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Verona - The P.C. of Verona reported that nothing has yet been done regarding the vehicles abandoned in the Po. Many individuals wish to salvage some of these vehicles, and the Provincial Commissioner is in favor of letting them do so and have the use of the vehicles for awhile. It was agreed that Autotrasporti should have the use of these vehicles, but nothing has been done as yet, and it is feared that the flood season will arrive before salvage work can be accomplished. The Regional Transportation Officer stated that they should be taken by Autotrasporti, and that the individuals doing the salvage work should be paid from a special fund set up by Autotrasporti for this purpose.

Piacenza - Trouble is being experienced with the Consorzio Agrario in Piacenza. Pressure is being applied to get rid of certain officials and have a "Consiglio dell'Amministrazione" to govern. The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that they cannot have a Consiglio unless there is an election, and an election cannot be held without shareholders. They therefore must have an appointed Commissario, and such an official is desired to act as a buffer between the Prefect and Director. The P.A.O. suggested a good Commissario in the case of Piacenza and urged that he be appointed by the P.C. A private concern submitted a plan to the P.C. for the removal of mines in certain areas, and although the plan seemed to be a good one, there was some doubt expressed as to the manner of payment. The Regional Finance Officer stated that this expense could be met by the province. The plan was handed to the P.C. Regarding suppressed fascist organizations, the Regional Finance Officer stated that all funds are to be handled by the Intendenti di Piacenza.

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Molise-Roma - Nothing of general interest to report.

3. Special Meetings

Public Safety - The Regional Public Safety Officer stated that members of the Black Brigade, unless there exists a charge more serious than nominal membership, are to be released in small numbers at a time.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer announced that all coal bids had been rejected because they were not submitted in the proper form. However, 4,000 tons will be received for industrial purposes, which is believed to be all that can be handled with the limited transport which is available.... The handling of demands for certain non-substantive materials is being handled over to Italian agencies. In this regard the Commerce Officer stressed the need for Chambers of Commerce to act as advisory bodies, and for UIC as an executive body. UIC will have the power to freeze goods for the Italian Government. IOL bids will be screened by UIC and forwarded to this Headquarters.

Public Health - Although it has been rumored that ENRISA is about to be discontinued and that medical supplies will be handled at discretion by the Italian Government, the Regional Public Health Officer stated that we will continue to operate through ENRISA for the time being.... R.S.A. were warned that the Region will soon be receiving hospitalized refugees, and it was urged that every effort be made to insure their proper handling. The Italian Red Cross will be the operating agency in this work.

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Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that he had received a signal from Rome stating that UIC officials are not to be arrested.... The prices of wheat, seed and wool are to be announced in a few days.... P.C.'s were urged to aid in the speedy establishment of Provincial Committees of Agriculture.... It was announced that the C.M. of Bologna had organized a meeting between representatives of the tenants and representatives of the landowners, at which the Muzzeria pact was discussed. The results were in many cases heartening, and it is expected that there will be a satisfactory understanding reached at another meeting which will be held in the near future.

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4. Comments by the Deputy Regional Commissioner

2. District - The Deputy Regional Commissioner announced that on 15 July No. 2 District will take over from 5th Army. Parma and Piacenza will be affected.

Borrowed civilian vehicles - It was announced that the arrangement whereby civilian vehicles are borrowed for AMG use is unauthorized and must cease. All were urged to hand such vehicles back and obtain a receipt which has been prepared by the Regional Legal Officer. These receipts will be distributed by the R.R.O.

5. Action to be taken

Postal - To consult with R.R.O. re the use of the civilian posts for civilian official mail.

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Col British - To ascertain if British personnel subject to release cannot take the necessary medical exam locally, instead of being required to report to this Headquarters.

Compro - a - To consult legal and issue a Regional Order regarding unblocked materials.

b. To bring shortage of transport for Chambers of Commerce to the notice of the Italian Government.

Exec Officer - To investigate telephone system and endeavor to improve the service.

All P.C's - To ascertain if Iran is escaping from the provinces and notify the Regional Agriculture Officer of their findings.

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Reference: REX/HR/4/1/3

8 July 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 7 July 1945

To : Regional Distribution

1. Abstracts - Lt. MacLach, Lt. Ash.
2. Provincial Commission

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported considerable dissatisfaction over the Mazzanti's report. There is considerable unrest at the moment, and demonstrations have occurred in two communes. It was reported to the Provincial Commissioner that in one case the Commune had issued receipts on a 50-50 basis, thus giving recognition to the unauthorized distribution, but the Regional Agriculture Officer stated that he had investigated and found no substantiation to this report. He further stated that differences arising from the Mazzanti can no longer be considered Agriculture problems, since the pact must remain in its present state and it is consequently the responsibility of the Civil Affairs Section to keep it so. The Regional Labor Director has gone to Rome to confer with the Ministry of Agriculture in an effort to obtain a more detailed explanation of the pact, which at present permits of too many interpretations. The Inspector of Agriculture is preparing a list of landowners who have fled from their homes through fear conceived by differences with tenants over this pact. It was announced that a maximum of 2000 permits have been authorized for vehicles of all types in the province of Bologna.

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Reggio - P.C. Reggio announced that death sentences passed on 7 June in the cases of 5 Fascist terrorists have been affirmed. He was advised by the Legal Officer that the Procuratore Generale at Bologna fixes the time and place of execution. The People's Court at Reggio has disposed of 60 cases to date, with two acquittals. These two acquittals were in the cases of members of the Black Brigade, and thus a problem arises over the remaining members of this organization.

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Modena - P.C. Modena reported disagreements over the Menzadria pact similar to those reported by Bologna.... No murders or disappearances have been reported in this province during the week. Six people have been arrested in connection with a murder case, and this is expected to have a good effect.... There is considerable agitation over the People's Court in Modena, arising from an article in the Communist newspaper which accused the judges of being ex-fascists and the prosecutors of sympathetic leniency. As a result, the judges and prosecutors submitted their resignations, but were ordered to carry on until replacements have been found. Although they will remain in

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office, it is now felt that fear for their personal safety might prompt them to pass sentences which will be too severe. Cases of intimidation are common in Honduras, affecting nearly every official and including the Prefect, who is usually a corrupt and but supported by the lack of career officials on his staff. . . . Unemployment is causing considerable unrest, and the P.O. requested that every effort be made to restore to industry in his province. The principal difficulty in this regard lies in the extreme shortage of coal for the factories. . . . H.O. Moxon complained that the ICI allotment for the province is insufficient. His P.O. presented an incident which had been out to the Ministry, but this was not an additional 20% in the general allocation. The Regional Governor outlined the proper procedure to be followed, but disclaimed any responsibility for the actions of others in making the demands. . . . The Regional Governor & Supply Officer stated that agricultural demands for fuel may be made as supplementary data, and it is felt that they will be filled.

Parana - P.O. Parana reported a large but orderly demonstration on 6 July, ostensibly against the price and quality of bread. . . . Regarding salaries for bank workers, the Provincial Commissioner stated that he had received information that increases were being offered retroactive to 1 Jan. and requested official confirmation of this. The Regional Labor Officer stated that he had received the same information, and if the banks were agreeable, the increase would be authorized.

Porcuna - P.O. Porcuna asked about the handling back of shotguns. The Regional Public Safety Officer is of the opinion that very few were handed in, but agreed to consult 5th and 8th Arzones in the matter. . . . It is desired to reactivate the Beneficio at Bondono, which normally employs about 450 people and is at present reduced to 19. There is much work to be done in the area by this agency. . . . The CEM in Porcuna submitted a request to form an arbitration commission to operate between landowners and tenants. The formality of forwarding the request was observed by the P.O.

Placencia - P.O. Placencia reported that returning rice workers are presenting a problem at the P.O. The Deputy Regional Commissioner stated that the question of transportation has been discussed, and concerning today 10 trucks per day will report to transfer these workers to the south. . . . Forty OJ RS and Guardia agents searched a train outside Placencia and much contraband was seized, but because of the general dissatisfaction and threatening attitude of the transporters, the contraband was returned. Evidence was thus obtained confirming the opinion of the P.O. that unauthorized movement of forestuffs is taking place. . . . The CEM in Placencia ordered a theater owner to evacuate in order that they might operate the theater and give the proceeds to needy and deserving participants. The Committee was not permitted to take this notice. . . . POL is needed in Placencia for wheat threshing.

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Edmonton - The District

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Education - The Regional Education Officer announced that both MIOUSA and 1 District have ordered that school buildings which are occupied by troops will not be requisitioned, after consultation, by other military units. P.O's. are urged to expedite the evacuation of school buildings by 1 August, wherever possible.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that 120 trucks have been made available to the Region for formation of trucking pools.

Patriots - Regarding AMT, the Regional Patriots Officer read a reply from the Patriots Branch, Local Government Sub-Commission, Bq. A.S., to a letter written by the former Regional Commissioner in which he objected strongly to the paragraph in the original decree relating to collection of funds. It was agreed by all present that the reply did not answer the question, since it stated that the Association merely has the right to accept contributions, not the right to ask. This does not preclude the probability that solicitation will be made, as it has in the past, by force. A further interesting observation on the part of some of the P.O's. is that many heads of this organization in the provinces are rogues, some of whom are suspected of murder.

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Displaced Persons - The flow of refugees continues, both from the north and south, but is being handled satisfactorily in most cases, although there from the south have caused a problem at Rimini, where, far from organizing their movement, the GIs are reported to be detaining and fining them for travelling on 10 vehicles. P.C. Rossi will investigate this case.... Regarding refugees and returning workers from Germany who are detained at Bolzano, it was reported by the Regional Welfare Officer that there is no truth to the rumor that conditions are poor at that camp. A delegation from the Italian Red Cross recently visited this camp and found conditions to be satisfactory. There is adequate medical attention, sufficient food, and transportation is receiving attention. It was pointed out that it is not the responsibility of provinces, communes or individuals at this end to send to this camp for returning refugees.

Food - The Regional Food Officer reported a general dissatisfaction over the 5% bread. Sgarbi has asked for 8%, with a smaller bread ration, and in this connection the Food Officer requested that he be supplied with figures on baking and milling costs in the various provinces.... It was reported that meat and butter are being consumed now which will be needed during the winter. Refrigeration facilities are available, and every effort should be made to direct meat to those units for preservation. At present a great deal is finding its way to the black market.

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Public Safety - Regarding the shortage of CC RR, the Regional Public Safety Officer announced that the ceiling for all of Italy was recently raised to 65,000. This means that Emilia Region may expect approximately 300 additional Agents, when and if they become available. In the meantime, plans are progressing for the establishment of mobile units of CC RR, one of which is expected to be stationed at Bologna. There will be about 300 Carabinieri in this unit, equipped with 42 armored vehicles.

Provisions & Supply - Regarding prices, the Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that Rome fixes producer prices, while the provinces should fix retail prices which are consistent with local conditions.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer stated that much of the difficulty experienced in obtaining POL is the fault of the Provincial Supply Officers. Bids are not being received here in time (the 2nd of the month for the next month's allotment), and in the case of POL for agricultural purposes, bids are often inadequate.... Regarding coal, it was announced that the supply is limited to what can be transported here by rail from Ancona. More liberal allotments can be expected if requests are based on individual requirements of the factories.

Public Health - The Regional Public Health Officer stated that reports of typhoid and rare-typhoid fever outbreaks are often exaggerated, since they indicate a time element. It was urged that any report of disease or epidemic indicate the number of cases reported or diagnosed within a certain length of time.... Provincial Commissioners were asked to urge their P.O's. to give preference to requests for IOL etc., for use in ambulances.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioners

Personnel - The Regional Commissioner presided the meeting by announcing the following regional and provincial appointments:

1st Col Radice	- P.O. Bologna
1st Col Walters	- P.O. Modena
Major Lomas	- Executive Officer, HQ
Major Young	- P.O. Reggio
Major Burbury	- P.O. Ferli-Bavenna
Captain Dells	- Reg'l Transportation Officer

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Winter Work - The Regional Commissioner announced that it is his intention to recommend at Rome that a civilian commission be set up to administer approximately 37 communes which were devastated during the winter along what is known as the "winter line". The damage in some of these communes approaches that at Cassino, and it is deemed necessary to establish a commission which will concern itself with temporary repairs, housing, and long-term reconstruction work.

5. Action to be taken

P.O. Modena - To write a letter recommending the suspension of one of his newspapers.

P.R.C. - To provide EM/ON replacements for Parma, if possible.

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Public Safety - a. To contact 5th and 8th Armies regarding advisability of returning shotguns to responsible persons.

b. To confer with legal regarding action to be taken in release of members of Black Brigade who are at present being held in prisons.

All P.C.'s, - a. P.C.'s. or P.S.O.'s. to submit individual bids for coal on behalf of each industry making a request. These bids should include the name of the plant, what it produces, and the amount of coal needed per month. The deadline for these requests is 12 July.

b. All previous delinquent in PCL bids for August are to submit bids at once.

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1. Absentees - Lt Col Luck, Capt Winterstetter, Lt Molofato, Lt Muelab, Lt Ash.

2. Provincial Commissioners:

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that a demonstration had occurred in that province during the week. It was suspected that it might have been encouraged by the mayor. A delegation was received and differences aired and suggestions received. The delegation represented industrial groups who are at present unemployed.... The Provincial Commissioner also asked regarding the question of recruits, and whether they could be appointed by Italian officials. Legal advised that this could be done in some cases, but that the appointment had to be approved by the Regional Commissioner.... Bologna Province needs more officers, but the Deputy Regional Commissioner stated that additional trained officer personnel was unlikely to be forthcoming.

Modena - P.C. Modena reported that the Quastore at Modena had been dismissed and a new man appointed. The entire Quastore staff was also dismissed, and 50 Partisans of the better class selected to replace them. It is reported that the department is now functioning efficiently.... P.C. Modena urged closer liaison between PWs and the Provincial Commissioner. Five newspapers suspected of being clandestine in Modena were, upon investigation, found to be authorized by PWs.

Parli - P.C. Parli has been advised that UFA organizations have received orders to disband. Additional information was requested, since the orders were sent directly to the Province.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza reported that due to the slowness with which the Operation Commission in Piacenza is functioning, a well-organized group of the better element of Partisans have been giving certain Italian officials five days to leave office. The Provincial Commissioner suspended the head of Social on the basis of information in his Social Forecasts. The CIZ have issued an appeal to the people to dispense with violence.... Information was sought regarding a recent appeal for laborers to go to East Africa. The Regional Labor Office stated that nothing official has been received as yet, but that records of all applications should be kept in case the appeal proves to be authentic.... P.C. Piacenza reported that wine is going to Milan because the merchants at Reggio are unwilling to sell it at the established price of 200 lire when it can be sold for much more at Milan. Many other contraband items are reported to be leaving the Province for the Milan area.

...the Provincial Commissioner also asked regarding the question of recruitment, and whether they could be appointed by Italian officials. Local advised that this could be done in some cases, but that the appointment had to be approved by the Provincial Commissioner. Bologna Province needs more officers, but the Deputy Provincial Commissioner stated that additional trained officer personnel was unlikely to be forthcoming.

Modena - P.C. Modena reported that the quarters at Modena had been dismantled and a new man appointed. The entire quarter staff was also dismissed, and 60 Partisans of the better class selected to replace them. It is reported that the department is now functioning efficiently. P.C. Modena urged closer liaison between PWB and the Provincial Commissioners. Five persons suspected of being clandestine in Modena were, upon investigation, found to be authorized by PWB.

Parisi - P.C. Parisi has been advised that USA organizations have received orders to disband. Additional information was requested, since the orders were sent directly to the PWB.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza reports that due to the slowness with which the Information Commission in Piacenza is functioning, a well-organized group of the better element of Partisans have been giving certain Italian officials five days to leave office. The Provincial Commissioner suggested the head of Bureau on the basis of information in his Police Personnel. The CIA have issued an appeal to the people to dispense with violence. Information was sought regarding a recent appeal for laborers to go to East Africa. The Regional Labor Office stated that nothing official has been received as yet, but that records of all applications should be kept in case the appeal proves to be authentic. P.C. Piacenza reported that wine is going to Milan because the merchants at Reggio are unwilling to sell it at the established price of 200 lire when it can be sold for much more at Milan. Many other commodities are reported to be leaving the Region for the Milan area.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio stated that there is a great demand for coal in his province, especially from foundries. Industry advised that all coal must go to cement and lime works until the immediate pressing demands from Public Works have been met.

Ravenna - Four trucks which were promised to Ferrara by Bologna have not arrived as yet. P.C. Bologna agreed to consult his Prefect on the matter. During the meeting, P.C. Ferrara received a telephone call from his headquarters which told him of riots which were going on in Ferrara. He received his request for additional 30 MR. 120 will be sent as soon as possible by Public Safety.

Parma - P.C. Parma requested information regarding leave for his SA/OR, and was informed that OR could be sent to Venice, Milan or Paris on temporary

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Duty (three days travel time and four days leave). Arrangements must be made through U.S. British Detachment, this HQ, and requests should be submitted at least a week before the expected date of departure.... Patrol company books are needed in order, but the Regional Commerce Officer stated that they would not be ready before 1 August.... P.M. Team reported that Public Health authorities from his previous tour to Bologna for supplies, but were told that lines were not acceptable, and that cheese was preferred in exchange.

San Marino - The Political Liaison Officer to San Marino reported that factory equipment requested from Lombardy had not been received. Industry stated that although Lombardy had secured two trucks between the Regions, that Region had been very slow to cooperate. It was believed that the equipment would be forthcoming shortly.

3. Special Divisions

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that Italian tires would shortly be available at the Pirelli warehouse in Bologna for use on civilian cars and trucks authorized by the Transportation Division.

Patriots - The Regional Patriot Officer announced that ALPI should be watched, as its activities seem to be progressing along lines which were not intended at the time of its formation.

Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer asked the P.C.'s, if they were satisfied with the "Mazzalini" pact as it now stands. The general opinion was that the pact in investment, but P.C. Forlì stated that an agreement had been reached after a series of conferences between owners and tenants in his province. The question of war damage is of great importance, since exorbitant demands for reconstruction have been directed at the owners. P.C. Ravenna stated that the Italian Government should be made to assume much of the rehabilitation expense.... The question of bomb-damage on farms is also of great importance, since the farmers cannot afford to fill them in. Public Works stated that they have received a decree regarding this work.

Public Works - The Regional Public Works Officer requested that P.C.'s control requests for projects as much as possible.... Regarding the Bologna water supply, it was announced that 2,000,000 gallons will be available within two days, and in another 2 weeks additional generator will provide an extra 2 or 3 million gallons, thus increasing the supply to 90% of normal, beyond which it cannot be increased further. There will still be a water problem, however, since the population of the city is about double the normal.

4. Comments by the Deputy Regional Commissioner

Personnel - The Deputy Regional Commissioner announced that the Regional Commissioner would shortly leave for the Venezia-Vigevano area to assume a new command. Lt Col. Roberts and Major Piroso will accompany him. It was further announced that Lt Col. Roberts and Major Piroso will also be

for use on civilian cars and trucks authorized by the Transportation Division.

Patriots - The Regional Patriot Officer announced that AMFI should be watched, as its activities seem to be progressing along lines which were not intended at the time of its formation.

Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer asked the P.C.'s, if they were satisfied with the "Memorandum" put as it now stands. The general opinion was that the part in manufacturing, but P.C. Parli stated that an agreement had been reached after a series of conferences between officers and towns in his province. The question of war damage is of great importance, since exorbitant demands for reconstruction have been directed at the officers. P.C. Reveron stated that the Italian Government should be made to assume much of the rehabilitation expenses.... The question of bomb-droppers on farms is also of great importance, since the farmers cannot afford to fill them in. Public Works stated that they have received a decree regarding this work.

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Elections - The R.P.C. announced that the forthcoming elections are local elections only.

5. Action to be taken:

a. Local - To write letters to Local Officers clearing the matter of the various types of property which require receipts.

b. Local - (1) To confer with Economics & Supply regarding price and movement of wine.

(2) To confer with Economics & Supply regarding advisability of providing receipts as a means of controlling the operations of Autotrasporti.

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1. Transportation - To report in needs of the Special Divisions before making a vehicle's statement of the Division, those which will soon be available.

2. Executive Officer - (1) To ascertain what hotel space at Salas-meriano is likely to be needed by Army.
(2) To compile the board showing names of Provincial officials.

3. All P.O.s - To check in Chief of Police were properly appointed by Prefects and report to this Headquarters by 10 July.

4. Public Works - To report on contents of Administrator Decree at next Regional Meeting.

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Subject : Regional Meeting - 23 June 1945

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1. Absentees - Lt MacNabb, Lt Ash.
2. Provincial Commissioners

Bologna - P.C. Bologna stated that he favored discontinuance of the curfew regulations in Bologna, and requested the views of Public Safety and of the other P.C.'s. The Regional Commissioner stated that as far as Army is concerned, the curfew regulations ceased to exist long ago, but that power to enforce curfew rules was left with Areas and local military commanders. The Regional Public Safety Officer stated that he favored continuance, since it afforded an excellent excuse to stop both civilians and military personnel, who might be guilty of other offenses which would then be discovered. The R.C. announced that there would be no Regional ruling, but that Provincial Commissioners might act on behalf of their provinces, after having considered the question from the Public Safety angle, and after consultation with military units in their respective areas..... Regarding the position of the Expropriation Commission acting upon the question of blocked accounts, P.C. Bologna was advised by the Regional Finance Officer that the Commission has no such authority. These decisions are reserved for the Provincial Finance Officer..... The posting of General Order No. 40 raised a question in Bologna, since there is no provision therein for grain to be sold to the so-called "transient agricultural class", who previously have always had the right to buy grain and do their own milling. The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that any exclusion of such classes in General Order 40 is intentional, and that Rome has advised that anyone not specifically covered by the Decree must have a ration card. The recent census of vehicle needs in Bologna Province reveals that there are 3,260 vehicles, in eight categories, which are considered essential to the proper administration of the province. P.C. Bologna stated that the POL allotment for the province is insufficient to take care of such a number of extra vehicles. The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that cars should not be licensed according to classes, and further that no vehicle which is, or ever has been, converted for operation on methane gas, can receive an allocation of POL. There is sufficient methane gas now, and vehicles must either use it or they may not be licensed. It is the opinion of P.C. Bologna that the shortage of Provincial Officers in Bologna Province renders impossible a strict adherence to General Order No. 29, in which it is stated that declarations of stocks and supplies must be made to "the officer in control or an agency designated by him". P.C. Bologna requested that this order be revised to permit designation by other officers, especially P.C.'s. The Regional Commissioner directed that Provincial Commissioners cause Italian agencies to be designated pursuant to the order and that, in the case of grain, this agency always be the Consorzio Agrario.

Modena - P.C. Modena inquired as to the possibility of appealing decisions which might be made by the Expropriation Commission under General Order No. 35. The

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Regional Legal Officer stated that the findings of the Expiration Commission acting under General Order 35 are not judgments, but merely suspensions. The "judgment", properly so called, is pronounced from Rome under DL 159, under which a prisoner does have the right to appeal. But these proceedings in effect provide a "second hearing", not unlike an appeal from a practical standpoint.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio stated that the phrase "... those who have collaborated in any way" as used in General Order No. 35, is too inclusive. The Regional Legal Officer urged that the Commission familiarize themselves with the instructions which were issued to them. This question is specifically answered in these instructions, as are many others which reach his office through the mails..... P.C. Reggio was told that his request for additional M.C.O's. in the CC RR is unlikely to be filled at the present time..... The removal from the province of Reggio-Emilia of a Communist leader who is a disturbing element was requested by the P.C. Reggio. The matter is delicate, but it is believed that sufficient evidence can be produced to persuade Army to take action against the man, as a menace to public security.

Parma - Refugees bound for La Spezia are presenting a problem in Parma, and the P.C. is anxious to have them moved. The Displaced Persons Officer advised that the 600 at present in Parma should be returned to the Refugee Camp at Modena for processing and transportation..... P.C. Parma reported that there is considerable interest in Parma in the Boy Scout movement, and requested a visit from the Regional Education Officer for aid and instruction regarding the formation of units.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza asked for advice regarding the halting and searching of a train bound for Genoa, which civilians are using to transport large quantities of foodstuffs from Piacenza. Both Public Safety and Legal Divisions stated that the search can be made, and legally, under Proclamation No. 1. During the week 300 people gathered in the square at Piacenza and staged an orderly demonstration for higher wages. P.C. Piacenza has submitted a request for an adjustment in wages to the Regional Labor Office. For information only, it was stated by the Asst. Regional Labor Officer that private wages could be adjusted to the Bologna level, i.e., 150, 165 and 180 lire per day for unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers respectively, by the Provincial Commissioners themselves. This information is verbal, allegedly received by the Regional Labor Officer, and the Regional Commissioner cautioned that no such adjustments should be made until written confirmation is received..... P.C. Piacenza read a letter received from a citizen embodying congratulations on the work of AME to date, a few constructive criticisms and the wish that our stay here would be long and happy.

Forli - P.C. Forli stated that it is the opinion in that province that EMAC transportation rates are too high. He desires to lower the rates, inasmuch as General Order No. 42, in which they are set forth, does not apply in that province. The Regional Transportation Officer stated that, according to a telegram from A.C. Headquarters, these rates are to apply in all of Italy. The Regional Commissioner stated that the EMAC rates are maxima, and the Provincial Commissioner may establish rates 25% less unless he receives contrary instructions from the Regional Transportation Officer..... It was disclosed that the Sindaci of 50 communes in Forli province had met, and as a result of some discussions, road-blocks appeared in three towns. The Regional Road Officer stated that free movement is

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now permitted except in the cases of certain specified items. Road blocks may be set up, but this should not be done on a communal level, and Provincial Commissioners should keep a close check to avoid abuse.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna was advised that the present laws governing the distribution of crop proceeds ("Mezzadria") must apply until the Italian government declares otherwise. The basis of division may not be altered on a provincial or communal level.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara asked if German prisoners could be used in mine clearance work. The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that it is one of the conditions of the surrender that they must give the locations of mine-fields and aid in collection.... Regarding the price to be paid for stocks of grain which were withheld from the last harvest, the P.C. was advised by the Regional Agriculture Officer that the farmers stood to gain by surrendering it now, since the new price of 750 lire applies to any grain handled after 15 June, 1945. P.C. Ferrara was advised that any vehicles abandoned by the enemy at the P.C. in "A.C. territory" are controlled by the War Disposal Sub-Commission.... The Provincial Commissioner asked that an engineer officer visit Ferrara for a few days to study the public works problems in the province.... The Benefiche at Ferrara are hampered by lack of coal, petrol and diesel oil. The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that the province received 500 tons of coal per month, from which the needs of Benefiche should be met. The Regional Commerce Officer stated that he felt that requests for petrol and diesel oil would be favorably considered by Petros, in view of the possible malaria hazard which exists in the present flooded areas.... The Provincial Commissioner of Ferrara stated that Commissioners were still needed, but was told that the positions would probably have to be filled locally, since the central Government is slow in filling requests for officials, and the personal history of one who did arrive recently indicates that the screening in Rome leaves much to be desired.

3. Special Divisions

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer handed an outline of a proposed salvage scheme to the Provincial Commissioners and invited their criticisms. A revised plan will result which is hoped to facilitate the gathering of immense quantities of scrap materials at present in the Region.

Food - Regarding the much-discussed grain surplus in Ravenna, the Regional Food Officer stated that 3,000 quintals in an inaccessible spot is to be distributed. All other remaining grain is to come to Bologna Province, where it is badly needed. A great deal has already been shipped out of the Region.... Inter-provincial trade has been encouraged in the Region, but it was remarked that both the Food Sub-Commission and 5th Army have ordered the export of certain commodities. At present this order affects meat in Parma and tomato paste in Piacenza.... Due to pressure of work and the shortage of personnel in the Food Division, communications from the Food Commissioner (Italian) to provincial civilian officials will be sent direct. Close liaison is therefore urged between Provincial Food Officers and Segret officials.

Education - The University of Bologna is operating. The University of Modena was opened by the Regional Commissioner last Monday.

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Public Safety - The Regional Public Safety Officer stated that when CC NR are shifted from one commune or province to another, it must be expected that those received may not be of the best quality.

Displaced Persons - Medical supplies have been ordered for use in the Refugee Camps.

Red Cross - The representative of the American Red Cross requested tires for the use of the Italian Red Cross.

Patriots - The Regional Patriots Officer stated that General Cadorna had issued a decree ordering the dispersal of all Patriots forthwith.

Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that owners of threshing machines in Bologna had received orders to turn them over to the workers. It was further stated that the CLN is issuing many such orders, but it has never been possible to find the actual signers.

Telecommunications - The Regional Telecommunications Officer stated that all German telephone equipment is controlled by Army, and should not be touched.

Postal - The Regional Postal Officer announced that postal rates will be the same as those in the south as of 1 July.

Economics & Supply - The Regional Economics & Supply Officer announced that his Division had taken action against the province of Modena in an effort to end the insular activities of civilian economic agencies in that province. It was announced that the Prefects and Special agents of the entire Region convened at this Headquarters two weeks ago and had the position of ASG explained clearly to them. At this meeting there was considerable protest on the part of the Italian officials, but it was felt that all departed with a clear understanding of the position and intention of the Economics & Supply Division of this Headquarters. Modena, however, has repeatedly failed to cooperate in any plan of inter-provincial mutual assistance. It has been learned that this province has been dealing directly, on an exchange basis, with Turin and Milan; that a warehouse which should contain 20,000 quintals of grain actually is empty; that considerable export of pigs and cattle has been taking place; and that sellers have paid no heed to price instructions. A directive has therefore been issued by the Economics & Supply Division which will cancel the allotment of soap, olive oil, rice, copper-sulphate, fertilizers, binder twine and insecticides immediately, and supplies of FOL as of 25 June. Decision as to the allocations for July is reserved by the E. & S. Division. It is further stated that if instructions from unauthorized sources continue to be followed, upon those agencies will rest the responsibility if the province does not receive its allotment of imported articles. Objections were raised by certain Heads of Divisions, who stated that the plan would affect their work, but it was generally agreed that this action should prove effective. The Regional Commissioner agreed that the prosecution of the plan may have an occasional regrettable consequence, but it is just such consequences which are expected to strengthen our hand. It is not proposed to punish the majority for the actions of a minority, but it is felt that when this action has been publicized, the majority will demand and receive from the few who are responsible a more legal and democratic representation.

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4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Administration - The Regional Commissioner prefaced the meeting with a few remarks regarding provincial administration, and expressed the hope that each provincial Commissioner would endeavor to have everything functioning smoothly in preparation for the handover to the Italian Government. It is regretted that there are many Sindaci in office in some of the communes who have not been properly appointed by Prefetti reggenti, but this is not surprising in view of the skeleton crew of Provincial Officers who have been at work in the provinces. A board has been set up in the office of the Regional Commissioner with the names of all of the most important civilian officials. P.C.'s were asked to check this roster, and keep it up-to-date each week by submitting the names of any newly-appointed officials or replacements.

Electoral lists - The Regional Commissioner announced that electoral list material and instructions to Prefetti have been sent to the provinces. It is the responsibility of ASG to distribute this material to the communes, but the Prefect is charged with any action required on the lists themselves.

Reports - Monthly reports for June will be brought to the Regional Meeting on Sat., 30 June. Sitrops for this week will not be required. P.C.'s. will also bring their efficiency report forms on American Officers to this meeting.

Communal elections - The Regional Commissioner announced that he had received a letter from the Civil Affairs Section, A.C. HQ, pointing out that elections are forbidden in ASG territory. The letter was occasioned by the publicity which was given an election held in the commune of Montiano, province of Arezzo. In this case the choice of the ASG and the result of the election were in favor of the same individual, and whereas the official appeared to have been elected to office, he was, in fact, duly appointed to office, in conformity with ASG instructions in such matters. P.C.'s. were warned, however, that elections are not to be held while territory is still under Allied Military Government.

Mine Clearance - It has come to the attention of the Regional Commissioner that the Mine Clearance squads have been establishing their priorities according to the private compensation which they can extract from individuals. P.C.'s. were warned that such cases are to be reported immediately to Public Safety.

Transport - Cases have been reported of civilian drivers taking advantage of their position by using transport for their own personal business or pleasure. The Regional Commissioner reiterated that Heads of Divisions are responsible for the cars assigned to their Divisions and announced that he is instituting a check-up campaign in an effort to curb this offense.

5. Action to be taken

a. All P.C.'s. (1) To bring their monthly reports for June to the Regional meeting on 30 June.

(11) To bring efficiency reports on American officers to Regional Meeting on 30 June.

b. Public Works - To send officer to Ferrara

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c. Commerce - During the next month to ascertain the amount of petrol drawn from CIP by Regional civilian transport, in an effort to check up on the black market, which is allegedly selling petrol for a lower price than CIP.

d. Food - (i) To confer with P.C. Bologna regarding the revision of the stock declaration decree.

(ii) To prepare a proposal for control of movement of foodstuffs, which will be discussed at a later meeting.

e. Transportation - To acquaint Transportation Sub-Commission with the unpopularity of RMB rates in Forli, and request permission to lower the rates in that province alone by 25 per-cent.

f. Agriculture - To issue an interpretation of "producer" as referred to in agricultural decrees and orders, there appearing to be some doubt as to whether the owner of the farm or the actual tiller of the soil is intended to be designated.

g. Displaced Persons - To confer with Mr. Gamble, British Red Cross, regarding the decree on Refugees which was issued by the Vice-Prefect of Bologna.

h. Legal-Postal - To confer regarding the necessity of provincial orders in the adjustment of postal rates.

i. Executive Officer - To clarify the position in respect of the duties of the deputations and giunte regarding the establishment of electoral commissions, and the compilation of electoral lists.

j. Public Safety - To obtain the 50 uniforms which have been allotted to the CC RR of the Region.

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1. Visitors

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Capt Cunningham - Local Government S/O

2. Absentees

Capt Piment, Lt Molfatto, Lt Ash

3. Reports from the Provinces

Bologna - P.C. Bologna emphasized the seriousness of the question of grain being moved from Ravenna to Bologna. Stocks in Bologna are running low, and are not expected to extend beyond the end of June. The Regional Food Officer announced that the movement of grain to Bologna is anticipated in a plan which is expected to be operating shortly..... Objection was raised to the plan used by Petsoo, wherein deductions for the current month are made in PGL requests, based upon the availability of methane gas. It was pointed out that such an arrangement disrupts the plans of the provincial offices, and seriously reduces an already meagre PGL allotment. P.C. Bologna also pointed out that in the allocations, Petsoo appear to be ignorant of the fact that many organizations and agencies are operating on a Regional basis, even though they may draw from one province. The amount of PGL allocated to such agencies is sufficient to permit operations within a province, but precludes any possibility of operating on a regional scale. It was pointed out that the carrying of shotguns is forbidden. The excuse that the bearers are supplying food is often used, but it has been found that this is often not true in fact..... P.C. Bologna urged closer supervision and censorship on the part of FWB, stating that a radio talk recently had been quite critical of the People's Courts, and a recent newspaper item regarding the Italian prisoners at Bolzano, though probably exaggerated, had painted a lamentable picture of conditions there.

Modena - P.C. Modena announced that he had recently sent to Reggio-Emilia for a release of cement, and the cement works had notified that the GIN had ruled that none was to be released to the Bologna area.

Parma - P.C. Parma again requested serious consideration be given to the question of removing ammunition to a place of safety. During the week an explosion occurred in Parma which injured 39 people, one gravely. The D.R.C. stated that military authorities will pay no heed to requests for removal unless they are accompanied by information stating the type and amount of ammunition, together with the exact location. The present problem is that the ammunition, not only in Parma but throughout the Region, is scattered over the countryside, and can even be found in places which are inaccessible to motor transport. D.R.C. will again

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approach the military authorities regarding this hazard..... Parma is anxious to have service restored on the La Spezia - Parma railway. The P.C. was advised that the Military Railway Service in Rome must be approached in this matter..... P.C. Parma stated that the article of the Regional Agriculture Officer regarding interference of the CLN had been published in the paper at Parma, but nothing in the nature of an order had been published for fear it might not be uniform with any which might appear in other provinces.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio advised that he favored the stationing of Italian Army garrisons in his province. It is his belief that, with the withdrawal of Allied troops, their presence would provide a desired steadying effect.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza inquired regarding the military cost of living bonus and was advised that a bonus of 50% was applicable as from 1 June..... He also stated that various agencies, especially agricultural, were receiving instructions from Milan. The Regional Commissioner advised that there is to be no change in our policy in this regard, i.e., such communications are to be ignored unless it can be ascertained that they emanated from the recognized government which might be operating in Milan. Anything which proves to be activated by the CLN is to be ignored completely..... Trucks have been stopped in Piacenza and the drivers found to be in possession of passes authorizing them to transport calves from Reggio-Emilia or Parma to Milan. It was ruled that the P.C. should be as obstructive as possible in such cases.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna presented an application for the reactivation of a bus line in his province and was advised to present it to the Transportation Division for their action..... It was announced that the Bishop of Faenza had applied for permission to resume publication of his diocesan organ, and the P.C. was advised that, like all publications, this must be cleared with the Allied Publications Board.

Rorli - Nothing to report.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara produced two newspapers which had been picked up in Ferrara and questioned their authority. The Regional Commissioner advised that all questions dealing with publications could be answered by Mr. Ellison, FWB Unit No. 15, APO 512.

4. Special Divisions

Public Works - The Bologna water supply will be increased by approximately 10-15% within the next few days, and by an additional 10% within another fortnight. Wire which is badly needed in reactivating the works has been found.

Executive Officer - Asked P.C.'s. to designate one officer on their teams as Autotrasporti Officer in an effort to coordinate the operations of this section. At present conflicting reports are received from various sources regarding the whereabouts or mission of a vehicle, and it is deemed desirable to have one officer in each provincial headquarters who will check on through on the individual requests and see that trucks are used for the proper purpose.

Economics & Supply - The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that the Price Advisory Board should be forming in the various provinces.

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Public Safety - The Regional Public Safety Officer disclosed that yet another jail delivery and massacre had occurred in the Region. At 0130 hours on 15 June at Carpi in the province of Modena a guard at a Mandamentali answered the bell and was told to open up for inspection. The proper password was given, but when the gate had been opened, he was confronted by masked men armed with machine guns, who rounded up and killed 13 political prisoners who were being detained there... .. It was announced that a few Public Safety agents were coming to the Region and would be dispatched to the provinces. These men are trained and have been screened at Rome, and should improve the quality of the law-enforcement in the Region.... Certain partisans who have been working with the police are being gradually mustered out of the service.... All P.C.'s. were asked to ensure that the Questore be prompt and accurate in submitting their weekly political reports to this Headquarters. All reports are required.... The Security Officer desires to compile a directory of persons who have been arrested, and asked the cooperation of the P.C.'s. in submitting any information which they may have.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer reminded the P.C.'s. that there is a supply of tires available for civilian use. At present the only sizes available are 7:50 X 20, and a few for 24 inch wheels, but a more complete stock is expected shortly.... It was announced that diesel oil is available at Faenza, but as yet the provinces of Reggio-Emilia, Parma and Piacenza have not drawn from this supply.

Telecommunications - The Asst Regional Telecommunications Officer announced that long distance service is open over the civilian system from Bologna to Piacenza. The service is not to be the best, but AMO calls will be given priority.... P.C.'s. were reminded that German telephone lines and equipment are not to be disturbed.

Postal - Foreign postal services are now open. Details will shortly appear in the papers.... Weight limits are to be increased slowly, with immediate preference given to banks and agencies paying pensions.

Food - Regarding the grain which is stored in Ravenna, the Regional Food Officer stated that it is destined for movement to Bologna, where it will be urgently needed by the end of the month. However, if it cannot be moved, it will be distributed locally against ration cards.

Agriculture - The price of wheat is now 750 lire, a figure which compares favorably with that which existed in all of Italy in 1943.... The price of hay in Ravenna is extremely high, but seems justified due to the high wages paid in that province.... A decree is shortly to be issued authorizing the revision of the Mezzadria system by means of provincial pacts between owners and tenants.... Of the 4,000 horses which left Austria for Italy, only 39 are reported to have reached their destination.

Public Health - The Regional Public Health Officer urged close liaison on the part of the Public Works Division with Mr. Metzger, the American Red Cross representative in charge of rehabilitation work in 29 communes which were devastated due to military operations.

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Labor - The Regional Labor Officer gave the following information on the various wage groups:

Army Wages - 50% cost of living bonus authorized as of 1 June.

Private wages - Adjustments have been approved in nearly every case submitted. The majority are in the cases of seasonal agricultural workers, where rates of 22 lire per hour are approved. Requests for adjustments to this figure may be approved by the P.C.'s., but anything over this amount should be referred to the Regional Labor Office.

State and Public Wages - There will be no implementation of Italian laws at the present time. However, bonuses will be granted as follows:

Heads of families - 2,000 lire or a month's salary, whichever is less.

Not heads of families, over 18 years of age - 1,250 lire

Not heads of families, under 18 years of age - 1,000 lire

This bonus applies for the month of June only, and is granted in anticipation of an adjustment in public wages.

Copies of Labor Sub-Commission letters LSC/414 on the Liberation Bonus in Northern Italy, and LSC/415 on the subject of payment of wages and/or insurance to Surplus Workers, Northern Italy, were handed to the P.C.'s. by the Regional Labor Officer.

Local Government - Capt Cunningham stated that no elections will be held in AMG territory. The preparation of lists may go on, however, in anticipation of the handover to the Italian Government.

Displaced Persons - The present refugee population in the Region is approximately 80,000. The Asst Refugee Officer requested that Milan be asked to hold refugees desiring to enter this Region until more dispersals can be made. It was further stated that most of all descriptions is being transported with these people, and much of it, especially foodstuffs, is having a serious effect upon prices. Much is now being impounded at the centers. P.C. Parli requested that Displaced Persons look into the operation of the Polish Camp in his province, but the Refugee Officer stated that this is the responsibility of Polcorps.

5. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Press Conference - The Regional Commissioner announced that another press conference would be held at 1700 hours, 16 June, and urged the Heads of Divisions to take advantage of these conferences to make statements of general interest to the public.

Autotrasporti Rates - The Regional Commissioner announced that he intended to raise the transportation rates on 18 June in order to offer reasonable tariffs to the owners and thus endeavor to halt the spiriting away of our vehicles to other Regions.

ANPI - The Regional Commissioner announced that there shortly will be established by the Italian Government, an association known as ANPI (Italian National Association of Patriots). The R.C. mailed a letter from the Regional Patriots Officer in which the organization and functions of this body were outlined, and asked for the opinion of the P.C.s, regarding para 5(a), which reads as follows:

"To attain its objectives, the Association will support itself on patrimonial incomes, social subscriptions, and the eventual contributions from the State, from other institutions or from private individuals and also with the help of Italian and foreign associations."

It was the opinion of all P.C.s that the language of this paragraph was too general and broad, and they were especially concerned with its reference to "....subscriptions.....from private individuals...." Cases of extortion and blackmail, usually by persons who were not true fighting Patriots, but who capitalize on the prestige and political power of the genuine article, have been all too frequent, and it is felt that with V of the decree would encourage such behavior. P.C. Bologna, while agreeing that the collection of contributions for this cause is commendable, insisted that it must not be done by a private organization. He recommended that it be carried out through the prefectures, if at all. P.C.s Forli and Ravenna stated that from their experience, "voluntary subscriptions" would be made at the point of sale, often to entirely- unauthorized persons, and recommended that the Association exist on funds received from three sources: State, governmental and solicitation of subscriptions through the Prefect.

6. Action to be taken

P.R.C. - In being cases of breaches of discipline on the part of Polish troops to the attention of Polcorps on the arrival of General Anders.

P.J. Parma - a. To investigate an alleged 5 lire surcharge on theater tickets which has been made in Parma without his knowledge or approval.

b. To get statistics on plant at Salsomaggiore with a view to reactivation.

All P.C.s - P.C.s are to investigate, and to prepare and submit lists of workers appointed by GIL, or of organizations which may be operating without receivers.

P.C. Ravenna - To submit facts of extortion case involving an Italian official in Ravenna to the Regional Legal Officer.

Transportation - Regional Transportation Officer to work out a plan of fares for local bus transportation.

Legal and Finance - To prepare a letter of instruction for the collection of taxes in Bologna. To be submitted to Regional Commissioner and P.C. Bologna.

Economics & Supply - To coordinate all bids from all necessary agencies in preparation for a demand from Potaro for more liberal PGL allocations.

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Food - a. To report on progress of grain collection program, and condition of the grain stored in Ravenna, at the next Regional meeting.

b. To prepare a proposal for control of movement of foodstuffs, which will be discussed at a later meeting.

P.C. Modena - To investigate Italian Artillery Officer who reported to his province.

Public Safety - To consider possibility of shifting OC RR from one province to another.

By order of Colonel BOWMAN:

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SUBJECT: Minutes of Prefects' Meeting.

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TO : S.C.A.O., G-5 Section, Fifth Army
(Attention: Col. Arthur R. Sutherland, Jr.)

1. The attached minutes of the meeting of the Prefects of Emilia held here June 2 may be of interest. The notes were taken by a bilingual reporter, and I hope you will understand that they are not truly verbatim. Many words are of course mis-translated.

2. However, the notes are, in certain respects, quite revealing, and you may find them of interest.

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APO 354

NOTES TAKEN ON THE CONFERENCE OF THE PREFECTS OF BOLOGNA, FORLÌ, RAVENNA, FERRARA, MODENA, REGGIO EMILIA, PARMA, AND PIACENZA (THE EIGHT PROVINCES OF THE EMILIA REGION), HEADED BY COLONEL ROMAN AND HELD AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOLOGNA ON JUNE 2nd, 1945.Time - 3:30 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.

COLONEL ROMAN

It is quite obvious that all the Prefects in this meeting do not have the same problems to discuss for their provinces, and therefore, I can readily comprehend that there can be no complete unanimity in all that is said. It is apparent that Piacenza and Parma, from their economical status, and from their geographical position, will have different ideas and problems to discuss. We're not going to solve all the problems concerning Emilia Region or even all Italy, in one day. The essential point is that to-day, at Bologna, eight free Italian representatives of eight free provinces, have been able to meet in free discussion and will attempt by argument to reach an agreement on such matters as may regard them. This, of course, won't be the last meeting. I hope that this will be followed by other meetings in order to discuss principally economical problems, and that in these meetings there will also take part eventually even commune leaders. With these meetings I hope that certain benefits will be derived for Emilia and for Italy. I know, though there has been some disagreement, that some conclusion has been arrived at in this morning's meeting. You will be asking questions and I hope that these questions will be answered; some will be answered now, others will be answered later, after having studied them. Forghese represents one point of view and cannot be completely in accord with other Prefects, inasmuch as he has taken a prominent part in the discussions of the problems in question. Being that Forghese in the Prefect of, what we can call, the capital of the Emilia Region, let us ask him to speak for first.

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HIRSCH - FERRARA

I don't believe we have agreed that the quantity to be furnished will be the minimum indispensable for the population of the deficit provinces, and insist on its correction; this "minimum indispensable quantity" cannot be furnished in full, it will be satisfied only in part.

BORGHESE - BOLOGNA

That is what I really had intended to say. The correction has been justly made.

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MINGOLA - PAVANES

I cannot agree to a levelling or uniform distribution plan confined for action to the Emilia Region, because Piacenza is so close to Liguria and Piemonte. While it is true that Piacenza has a solidarity view point in regards to Bologna, it is no less true that Piacenza has the same spirit of solidarity towards other provinces of the north in the same conditions as Bologna. At any rate, to confine our trade to only three provinces that are within the Emilia Region, would mean working against the principles of general welfare in regards to other provinces with insufficient food in other regions of Italy. This "mutuality" of the provinces of Emilia Region would mean bring about worse conditions in the needy provinces outside of Emilia Region.

COLONEL BOUAIN

I know that Emilia Region is a surplus region and that any agreement to consolidate regionally could be bound to fail in execution, and would be unfair to other needy provinces. However, this regional consolidation will be only a step towards national consolidation; I would be the last to set up regional barriers and in fact this meeting must be considered as having the purpose of breaking down barriers, beginning with the destruction of provincial barriers to commerce. My domain is in the Emilia Region and I must limit my authority to this region. I feel that by encouraging an inter-provincial trade policy in this region, it should be a step towards obtaining a national inter-commerce. Though the words may be simple, this is not a simple matter.

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At present Liguria is supplied by sea. What normally was sent to Liguria could now be sent to Bologna and other needy provinces. This would not disturb what was and what is being sent to Milan.

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MAJOR MELITTA

I have received mimeographed copies from A.G. Rome, stating certain quantities of grain and other materials to be exported to Liguria from provinces of this region.

PELLIZZI - ASOLO

At Milan wine costs about 10.000 lire per hectoliter, while at Reggio it costs about 800 lire per hectoliter. It is convenient to send cheese to Milan where it costs about 500 lire per kilo while at Reggio it costs about 60 lire per kilo. The exportation of goods from Piacenza to Milan would of course be very profitable for Piacenza. Piacenza, I know, is selling wine to Genova at a certain price, and is buying it from Reggio at regular prices. Bologna, Ferrara, and Pavia should be helped and I'm certain that they will show their gratitude. It must be understood that it would be better to exchange surplus products on a basis of barter, exporting surplus products and importing certain necessities such as raw material, food-stuffs, and manufactured goods.

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TACOLI - MODENA

The economical situation of Modena is just about in the middle, that is, between Bologna and Piacenza. Even Modena has had war-damages especially in certain regions. Modena agrees, however, with the order of the day, and believes in arriving at a conclusion. I would like to bring out the fact that when there are differences in prices which amount to 900 to 1,000 % within the same Region, there are only two ways of eliminating this state of affairs.

1. To eliminate all commerce and trade barriers.
2. To establish a 'Direct Economy Method'.

We can all comprehend that when a certain Province has a surplus article to sell to another Province at 1/10th its actual value, and then has to buy other goods at 'current' rates, this sort of trade cannot be acceptable to the former. Bologna, Ferrara, and others, are lacking clothing, leather, coal, and other items. Now, if we must sell our surplus grain at official rates, that is about 1/10th its actual value, we would be selling a granary for a pair of shoes. Therefore we must have prices set on a basis of goods for goods, or use a barter system even if this will be just temporary. In conclusion, either the 'Direct Economy Method' must be put into effect, or as I believe better, the barriers must be eliminated.

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CIPRIANI - RAVENNA

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COLONEL BORMAN

Would any other Prefect like to speak?
TORTORICI - FORLÌ

In view of the fact that this is just a transient phase of the real solution, we should take more into consideration the urgent character of the situation and the matters treated to-day.

HINSON - PARMA

I agree with Tortorici on the urgency of the matter and propose that something be done as soon as possible. I would have something else to bring into discussion, but considering the great importance of to-day's problem, will do so at a later date.

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COLONEL BOWMAN

We will have to refer higher authorities for a definite solution of this problem, but I'm glad to have had this reunion because we have been able to clarify certain viewpoints. We hope eventually, that the problem will be solved, and I believe that the solution will be about in the middle between the two extremes, considering that there will not be a complete elimination of barriers, and at the same time some of them will be opened.

I desire that Colonel RUCK, as economic and Supply Officer of Emilia Region, will speak on the matter.

LT. COLONEL RUCK

I agree with the Prefect of Modena. It is difficult, when trying to hold down the prices in this Region, to import goods from these other regions. We must therefore get goods from other regions at lower prices. I don't know whether this can be done through an exchange system, but the problem will be presented to the Economics Section of the A.C.

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MINOIA - TACENZA

I realize what Borgheese has said, but I still insist that trade and commerce relations should be on an inter-regional basis.

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COLONEL BOWMAN

While I think this is true, I think other provinces should regard with active as well as passive sympathy, the state of their sister provinces. I know I couldn't put a wall around the Emilia Region. What could be done must be done on a voluntary and good-will basis, by those who have a surplus.

Colonel Rack has undertaken the matter and will present it for consideration of higher authorities, to find a solution. Therefore, I'm appealing now, that these surplus provinces try to favor in whatever way they can those war-torn provinces.

MAJOR HUGH

Through my order, Bologna Province has bought from Parma, 1,000 head of cattle. I have also made an order in favor of Bologna for a certain number of head of hogs from Modena.

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TACOLI - MODENA

Certain regions of the province of Modena have also been without meat. In reference to the hogs, I wish to emphasize that they are small hogs, and that Modena needs grano-turco (horse-corn) to raise these hogs. Modena used to import 300,000 quintals of horse-corn annually and is now importing only 1,000 quintals. If they make me sell mine at 7 (nine) lire per liter, and I have to buy corn at current prices, I shall be getting only 1/10th the grain I should get. Therefore, it would be better for Modena. It is evident, to sell her small hogs and have someone else feed them with corn that has to be bought at such current prices.

MAJOR HUGH

I knew all these statistics a fortnight ago, through the Inspectorate of Agriculture, and the SERAAL. In normal times oil of the Emilia Region, imported, for industrial use, 300,000 quintals of grano-turco and 60,000 quintals of "crusca" (bran), yearly. I have phoned various parts of Italy, and have found out that only Naples is in position to furnish a certain quantity of crusca. Lombardy, Veneto, and Cremona have grano-turco. Now I ask, is it better to try a local exchange system where there is no grano-turco, or is it better, instead, to exchange with those provinces which have the grano-turco?

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I probably didn't explain myself well on that "middle way" and I didn't mean it in the way it has been interpreted. Colonel RUCHE is going to take the matter up with the A.C. Here we are making suggestions, and ultimately decisions will be taken by authorities of a higher level. Not being a cynic like Mr. Hirsch, I believe it can be done, with good-will and with the fact that we must not consider our self-interests, and I know that the Prefects wouldn't be Prefects if they were self-interested. I think that the economic situation is of extreme importance. I still have good faith in obtaining something through the men of good-will for the general welfare. Having no other ideas to propose for the moment on the subject, I'm afraid that as for to-day I must terminate this discussion on food with nothing more than this exhortation. I feel that when we have taken the matter more in detail, we'll be much better equipped to find a solution, and think from this viewpoint that the meeting has been worthwhile. I think the food problem concerns and engages all Prefects. Although I have given headway for the discussion of various problems, it seems that all of you have chosen the food problem and have agreed on the prime importance of this subject.

Conference of Prefects of Emilia Region, 2 June 45, Cont'd.

COLONEL BOWMAN

Within 3/4 of an hour supper will be served at the Baglione Hotel, and all the Prefects present are invited. I ask then if the Officers and Prefects present will adjourn.

MINOIA - PIACENZA

On this line, I believe that the food problem is very important.

COLONEL BOWMAN

The Sindaco, LOZZA, would like to meet the Prefects. Will you, Signor Borghese, please introduce him to the Prefects on the way out?

BORGHESE - BOLOGNA

I propose that there be another reunion, fixing the date now, and that the Prefects will have with them statistics and data at their disposal taken from the Ispettorato of Agriculture and the USSEA.

LT. COLONEL RUCZ

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Provincial Commissioner
AC HQ

Reference: RIX/MY/G/1/3

10 June 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 5 June 1945

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To : See Distribution

1. Absentees

Major Ayre, Major Sowers, Capt Rogers, Capt Wintersteen, Lt Molfetto, Lt Steiner.

2. Reports from the provinces

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that the head of Autotrasporti in his province had been arrested upon orders from the Prefect. It was understood at the time of his appointment that he had had Fascist connections, but at the same time it was agreed that he was the man best suited for the position. However, evidence against him was soon great enough to warrant his arrest..... Tax assessors in Bologna have presented tax collection lists which were prepared under Republican Fascist laws. Since the sum total of the collections would be roughly the same as if the lists had been compiled under our laws, and in view of the fact that it would take months of additional work to prepare new lists, the Regional Legal Officer advised P.C. Bologna that those in hand could be used, with adjustments being made at a later date in individual cases, if justified. It was agreed that a provincial order to this effect was unnecessary, as long as the instructions issued to the various communes were uniform..... P.C. Bologna wishes to raise the rates for street car fares, pointing out that the present rates are far too low. It was ordered that a flat 2-lire charge would be permitted..... The Provincial Commissioner announced that a meeting between the Sindaco and representatives of the CIP is soon to take place in Bologna Province. Among other points which are to be discussed will be the contributions to partisans, which in many cases have amounted to extortion, being directed for the most part against the richer elements in the province. The P.C. desires to make the Sindaco responsible for the proper handling of these contributions, but the Patriot Officer advised that this will be the responsibility of the Provincial Patriot Association..... P.C. Bologna announced that the Questore had been dismissed in Bologna. This dismissal, in addition to ridding the administration of an undesirable, also adds considerably to the stature of AMG, since this individual had let it be bruted about that, having been appointed from Rome, his position was quite secure..... Regarding Polish troops, P.C. Bologna stated that he is desirous of having their lack of discipline brought to the attention of the proper authorities. This wish was supported by the P.C.'s. of Forlì and Ferrara. The Regional Commissioner advised that Provincial Commissioners should do what they could at their own level, but should present a case to this Headquarters if their efforts should fail.

Modena - P.C. Modena reported that in some cases corporations are in the hands of the workers, the owners having been in the vicinity, but intimidated to such a degree that they do not dare appear on the scene. It was ruled that such

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cases constitute a straight Public Safety responsibility..... Modena needs more large trucks in Autotrasporti, and the P.C. requested a loan of such vehicles from other provinces. The Autotrasporti Officer stated that this was impossible, since every province is at present engaged in bringing in wood for the winter and every available vehicle of large capacity is in use. It was further announced that two G.T. Companies are coming to the Region, but they will be small companies of about 40 light vehicles each, and since they already lack rubber, it was not expected that they would be of great assistance after the demands of industry, especially heavy, had been met. The low rates charged in this area have been a discouraging factor as far as the owners are concerned, but authority to charge higher rates is expected from Rome on Wednesday.

Reggio-Emilia - People's Courts in Reggio began operations on 6 June. Six torturers were tried, five receiving a death sentence and one a term of imprisonment. Regarding the Black Brigade, the Regional Legal Officer stated that according to a directive issued from ASIS, they are not to be considered Prisoners of War, but are to be held for trial by the Italian Courts..... Regarding newspapers, P.C. Reggio was informed that it has been the policy of PWB to approve newspapers representing political parties.

Parma - P.C. Parma presented an urgent request for FOL for agricultural purposes and was reassured by the Regional Commerce Officer that this would be forthcoming within the next few days..... It was revealed that the Prefect of Parma had issued an order upon authority from CILIAI to disband USPA. Not only because of the principle involved, but also because of the fact that USPA has been most useful in the collection of ammunition and the disposal of bodies, the Provincial Commissioner immediately instructed the Prefect to countermand the order..... P.C. Parma reported further instances of headquarters personnel working and giving orders in his province without reference to him. The Regional Commissioner again urged better liaison in such matters.

Piacenza - The Operation Committee in Piacenza desires to appoint sub-committees to investigate special fields, such as education, banks, etc. Under Special Order No.35, this cannot now be done, since all committees were to be formed within three days after the posting of the Order. The Regional Legal Officer will inquire if this time element cannot be ignored..... FOL drawn for Piacenza must be drawn from Bologna, by an American soldier, and only in quantity sufficient for 24 hours. The Regional Commerce Officer stated that this procedure, though far from satisfactory, must be followed.

Forli - P.C. Forli reported that refugees had reported to the camp in Forli and were denied the usual accommodations because they were proceeding north. The Displaced Persons and Refugees Officer stated that this was not true to his knowledge, but stated that northbound refugees did present a separate problem and urged the cooperation of all P.C.'s. in the matter of transport for them.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna reported a supply of excess grain which is at present rotting in Ravenna. He stated that the people want this grain, preferring, for the most part, to do their own milling and baking. The Regional Food Officer stated that the grain cannot be distributed to the people, since they must adhere to the ration card system. He further stated that A.C. Headquarters intended to move the grain, but as yet nothing has been done. The Provincial Commissioner is desirous of having special action taken in this case, since the grain

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represents a two month supply, and will inevitably spoil if left in its present state. The Regional Commissioner ordered that a deadline be agreed upon between Food and Agriculture, beyond which the grain would be unfit for use, and stated he would advise A.C. of this deadline date and distribute the grain directly, as recommended by the P.C., unless it had been moved in the meantime..... Civil authorities in Ravenna desire to repair the methane gas line to the city, but the P.C. was informed that methane gas will not be available for household consumption for some time.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara reported a shortage of law-enforcement personnel in his province. The CC BR are about 100 under-strength, whereas there are about 90 surplus in Modena and Reggio-Emilia. Public Safety is to consider shifting some to Ferrara..... A request was made by the P.C. for troops to be stationed in the area as a token of our presence, with the statement that the Prefect of Ferrara concurred in this request..... Water trucks are badly needed in this province.

3. Special Divisions

Patriots - The Regional Patriots Officer stated that a directive organizing a new Patriots Association which will take the place of the cultural committees is at present awaiting approval by the Chief Commissioner.

Mines Clearance - The Mines Clearance Officer stated that his operations will not be as far reaching as had been anticipated, due to the fact that each of the two Italian Companies will be only 250 strong, instead of the anticipated 400. These companies will operate only in the provinces of Bologna, Modena, Forlì and Ravenna. It was also pointed out that this division needs four Auto-transporti trucks, and a passenger-carrying vehicle for the officer.

Education - The Regional Education Officer requested that General Order No. 35 be expedited in all provinces in regard to education.

HQ Commandant - HQ Commandant announced that American and British rations for the provinces of Modena, Reggio-Emilia, Parma and Piacenza will be drawn by the provincial teams from a newly-established warehouse in Modena.

Labor - The Regional Labor Officer stated that according to the Italian Government and A.C. the payment of the liberation bonus should not be considered as a violation of General Order No. 41. If employer and employee are in agreement, the bonus may be paid; in case of disagreement, the case should be referred to the Labor Office concerned..... A memorandum outlining and explaining the various wage categories was handed to the Provincial Commissioners.

Economics & Supply - The Regional Economics & Supply Officer urged the P.C.'s. to act in the matter of setting up price advisory boards. Details as to the formation of these boards are in the hands of the P.S.O.'s.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer stated that from the 15th of June 80 tons of POL will arrive daily at Parma. Two-thirds of this will be kerosene and one-third diesel oil. There will also be a daily allotment of 100 barrels of petrol. CIP will be responsible for the distribution, according to a plan which they will receive from Peteco.

Finance - The Regional Finance Officer urged that serious consideration on the part of every officer concerned with funds be given Establishment Memorandum No. 11, dated 1 June 45, on the subject of Controlled Expenditures.

Legal - It is the opinion of the Legal Officer that the Espionage Committees and People's Courts, although established, are not operating as yet on a scale which might be expected. Although it is the duty of the Provincial Legal Officer to supervise the operations of these bodies, P.O.'s. were urged to take a personal interest in the Committees and Courts of their provinces in an effort to obtain the desired results.

Public Health - The Regional Public Health Officer announced that there is an insulin manufacturing concern in Reggio-Emilia which can operate, but lacks the raw materials, principally beef pancreas. R.F.H.O. desires a statement from the provinces as to their monthly needs and urged that Medici Provinciali inquire as to sources of beef pancreas for the factory.

Public Works - Work on improving the water-supply system in Bologna is being held up by a lack of electrical power, which in turn is insufficient because of lack of wire. Industry stated that wire had been available, but had been taken by the Army. A representative of the Public Works Division stated that 5th Army Engineer is aware of the problem and of its seriousness.

Autotrasporti - It was reported that black market operations regarding the transporting of passengers on Autotrasporti vehicles are coming to light, and will be investigated. P.O. Bologna, having investigated a bit on his own, gave some interesting facts and figures which indicated that this racket might already have reached appreciable proportions..... The Autotrasporti Officer reported that CIT is charging fabulous prices for transportation by bus..... It was urged that rates be raised by approximately 30%, since owners cannot be expected to provide vehicles at the present low tariff, especially in the cases of charcoal-burning tractors, which are very costly to operate.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Press Conference - The Regional Commissioner announced that, commencing today at 4:00 hours, a weekly press conference will be held at this Headquarters. The purpose will be two-fold: to provide information and to educate those concerned in the meaning of a free press. Questions to be answered will be known in advance, and certain Heads of Divisions will be asked to attend to provide specialist advice.

Reports - The Regional Commissioner again asked the P.O.'s. and Heads of Divisions to be more specific in their weekly reports. More detailed information will be appreciated, and will be of more use to the Region.

Signs in Provinces - P.O.'s. were asked to see that the whereabouts of the various AMO offices be made known by a more liberal use of direction signs in the provinces.

Receivers - It was announced that the appointment of receivers is the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner. The R.C. asked P.O.'s. for a list of receivers appointed by the CLN, since the appointment must either be adopted by him or new appointments made.

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Visitors - The Regional Commissioner urged that more courtesy be shown visitors to this headquarters. Heads of Divisions were exhorted to be especially considerate of Heads or representatives of the various Sub-Divisions. It was pointed out that their time is valuable, and since their visits here are prompted by a desire to be helpful, the Head of the Division concerned should be solicitous of their personal comfort and in expediting the business at hand.

Red Cross - Regarding the position of Red Cross personnel in the Region, the Regional Commissioner stated that they are an integral part of the team and entitled to all the consideration and respect which should be shown an officer.

Jail-breaks - P.C.'s. were urged to proceed with strict law-enforcement as before, and to see that secure places of imprisonment, amply guarded, are provided. Should instances of armed bands breaking into jails and taking the law into their own hands continue, the Regional Commissioner stated that he would be forced to ask for assistance from the Military, but is loathe to do so until every alternative course has been tried.

Liaison in Provinces - The Regional Commissioner urged closer liaison between Provincial Commissioners and Prefects, since the latter often seem to be unaware of the content of certain JSE Orders.

5. Action to be taken

D.R.C. - Upon receipt of information from the provinces, D.R.C. will write letters to Military Command concerned regarding locations of scattered ammunition.

Adjutant - To see that Mines Clearance Officer and Displaced Persons Representative are included on distribution list for this Headquarters.

P.C. Parma - To investigate proposition of DUCATI concert in his province, ascertaining if a receiver has been appointed.

Leggi - a. To prepare a letter to P.C.'s., asking for lists of CEM-appointed receivers in their provinces.

b. To write letter to P.C. with specific information regarding a proposed transportation rate increase of 30% in Ravenna Province.

c. To ascertain if the 3 day period in General Order No. 35 can be construed to permit the formation of additional Epuration sub-committees in the provinces.

Leggi and Finazzi - To prepare a letter of instruction for the collecting of taxes in Bologna. To be submitted to Regional Commissioner and P.C. Bologna.

Autotrasporti - The Regional Autotrasporti Officer is to investigate and report on the racket in which truck owners and operators are alleged to be transporting passengers instead of the authorized loads.

To provide four trucks immediately to P.C. Ferrara for transportation of water.

P.C. Ferrara - Urge Maj. Foddis, Local Resources Officer, to visit P.C. Ravenna at earliest opportunity.

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All Heads of Divisions - Upon entering a province, all Heads of Divisions or their representatives will report to the Provincial Commissioner, notifying him of their presence and the nature of their business.

Food - To notify A.C. HQ of the grain which has not been removed from Ravenna, and of our decision to distribute it as of a certain date if no orders to the contrary should be received in the meantime.

All ISO's - To submit list of deficiencies to Regional Food Officer.

Major Wilcox, Public Works - To contact P.C. Bologna regarding lack of wire and other problems which are slowing down the work of reactivating the city water system.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Reference: RIX/HQ/G/1/3

4 June 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 2 June 1945

14 JUN 1945

To : See Distribution

1. Absentees: Major Albright, Capt White, Lt Hinson, Lt Molfetto.
2. Reports from the provinces

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that he had asked for a Vice-Prefect Vicario, but that the latter had not arrived as yet. The D.R.C. agreed to signal Rome in the matter. It was also disclosed that there are 300 tons of cement at Rimini, which can be used at Bologna. P.C. Bologna favors taking 40 tons on loan, to be repayed at a later date. The question is transportation, and the Regional Transportation Officer is to contact the 27th GI Bn to see if they can help in this regard. Cattle are needed in Bologna and although the P.C. stated that he hoped to receive some from the north, the Regional Agriculture Officer stated that in his opinion this was impossible, due to the chaotic state of Italian administration in this particular field. P.C. Bologna also stated that his PCL allotment is totally inadequate, but was reassured by the Regional Economics & Supply Officer that he will receive sufficient allocation for his needs. The Regional Commerce Officer also stated that, whereas Petseo was reluctant to give any assurance in the way of actual figures, they had promised that there would be sufficient PCL for the needs of the Region.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna stated that he is currently being approached by alert civilians who claim to have seen their own motor vehicles, requisitioned by the Germans, proceeding south in the surrendered German convoys. These civilians are anxious to reclaim their property, but the policy, as outlined by the Executive Officer, is that enemy requisitioned material of every description is being treated as captured enemy material, and is being reallocated in 5th Army territory by G-4, Fifth Army. The hope of civilians reclaiming their property is slim for the present, especially as regards motor vehicles, which will be needed by the Germans themselves for the proper administration of their corps, and also by the Allies and the Italian Army. Regarding the authority necessary for the publishing of a newspaper, it was stated that any publication must have the approval of PWB. It was further stated that PWB favored papers representing the various parties. P.C. Ravenna took exception to paras 5b(ii) and 5b(iii) of RIX/19/PAT dated 23 May regarding provincial and communal committees for Patriots, stating that the sanction of the CLN therein gave them recognition which at this time is undesirable. In regard to the committees, it was stated by the Regional Patriot Officer that, although Rome has suggested reference to the CLN, local adjustments could be made.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza reported that wages are much too low in his province. It was also stated that the operation committee was set up, but functioning very slowly. The Regional Legal Officer stated that it was the responsibility of the Provincial Commissioner to see that these committees are active,

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and that the P.C. could appoint as many separate committees as he thought necessary to facilitate his operation programs. It was reported that three people have been arrested for carrying arms in Piacenza and are awaiting trial by the highest court possible for such an offense in an effort to discourage this particular practice. P.C. Piacenza is not satisfied with the state of the depot of captured enemy equipment at Piacenza. He reports much looting taking place, chiefly because of an insufficient number of guards.

Parma - P.C. Parma stated that he was anxious to have a visit from the Regional Labor Officer to study the labor situation and assist in the formation of a Provincial Labor Office. It was also reported that nothing had been done about picking up abandoned ammunition in Parma. There are also persons awaiting trial for carrying arms in this province. The Provincial Commissioner reported that Italian personnel of the Patriots Division had reported to his province without proper orders.

Perli - P.C. Perli wished to go on record as saying that a potential hazard threatens in Perli in the proposed establishment of separate refugee camps for Polish refugees. The P.C. was reassured by the Regional Displaced Persons and Refugees Officer, who stated that although possibly 100,000 Poles were expected to inhabit these camps, they would, in his opinion, be conducted and administered well, and he further stated that the Poles deserve a vote of thanks for taking what would be a definite problem off the hands of the D.P. & R. personnel in the Region.

Modena - P.C. Modena requested clarification of a few points regarding Labor, which were outlined by the Asst. Regional Labor Officer as in para 3(b) below. There is a question in Modena as to the proper price for petrol, there being a difference in the price set by 5th Army and that of OIP. The Regional Commerce Officer stated that OIP is the governing agency. Regarding a need for tires, the Regional Transportation Officer stated that 7:50 X 20 is the only size available at present. P.C. Modena stated that he had received orders to ship bricks to Bologna, and was unwilling to have his supply drained by export, but was assured by the Regional Industry Officer that there would be one, and possibly three brickworks upon which Modena could draw exclusively.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara stated that, as yet, no political activity is permitted in that province. The advisability of permitting meetings at this time is to be studied. The Prefect of Ferrara is desirous of having a few troops stationed in the province to show the presence of the Allies. P.C. Ferrara reported a shortage of Consiglieri and was asked to put forward a formal application for these officials.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio stated that his province needs means of transport for rice workers who must be transported to Piemonte.

3. Special Divisions

a. Welfare - The Regional Welfare Officer requested that the communal Patriot committees referred to in RD/19/PAT of 23 May be designated as something other than Communal Welfare Committees, particularly in 8th Army area, whereby, under an 8th Army directive, committees with the same name had already been set up to do an entirely different work.

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b. Labor - Regarding wages, the Asst. Regional Labor Officer reported that:

(i) Private wages - Governed by General Order No. 41, which freezes prices and wages as of 3 April. Release from this Order has been obtained in Bologna Province, but it applies elsewhere in the Region.

(ii) Military wages - 5th Army is expecting a directive from AFHQ authorizing a cost of living bonus to be paid in the case of military employees. In the small section of Bologna Province under No. 1 District, this bonus has already been authorized verbally. It is the duty of the District or Base Section concerned to appoint sub-committees composed of personnel selected from the military units in the area, to study wage conditions and adjust military wages accordingly.

(iii) Public wages - Must be treated on a provincial and not a Regional basis. The rates in the various provinces may be, and will be different. Regarding public wages, the Prefect of a province may suggest to the P.C. that Italian laws prevailing in the south be implemented in his province. Justification for his demand will be submitted to the Finance Sub-Commission by the Provincial Commissioner through this Headquarters.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Meeting of Prefects - The Regional Commissioner announced that the Prefects were about to meet in his office and expressed the hope that out of this meeting would come a greater understanding on their part of the problems of the Region as a whole. It was also announced that after the Prefects had conferred among themselves, there would be a meeting between them and the P.C.'s, under the chairmanship of the Regional Commissioner, and from these two conferences should come many suggestions and plans for the breaking down of the artificial barriers which have heretofore fostered a "balkanization" between the provinces.

Position of the CEN - The Regional Commissioner read a Regional Order which had been published by Lombardia Region, in which the position of the CEN as a governmental body was set forth. It was agreed by all present that a similar order should be published in this Region, but with extensive modifications. Whereas the order read stated that the powers of the CEN would cease to exist as of a certain date, one published by Emilia Region would reiterate what has time and again been pointed out to the Committee of National Liberation, i.e., that their powers had ceased to exist with the advent of A.M.G. This position has for some time been understood in the provincial capitals, but it is in the outlying districts, where because of lack of sufficient Allied military personnel our existence is often hardly more than hearsay, that the publication of the Regional Order is expected to have a salutary effect.

Weekly Sitings - It is the opinion of the Regional Commissioner that the weekly sitings have been reaching this Headquarters too late to be of real use either here or at HQ A.G. In the future, reports for provinces and Divisions alike will cover the seven day period ending 1800 hours on Thursdays, and will be brought to the Saturday meetings by hand. Regarding their content, more emphasis should be laid on names, dates, figures and other details, with attention also directed to anything which has a human interest angle.

Relations with the press - The Regional Commissioner ~~will~~ shall ~~cooperate~~ cooperate with the press on the part of the P.O.'s., cautioning them, however, that any releases should be critically scanned in advance to ascertain that everything is in keeping with the policies of A.M.G.

Correspondence - Enclosures - All P.O.'s. were requested to include three copies of any communication meant for ~~central transmission~~ transmission by this Headquarters.

5. Action to be taken

Telecommunications Officer - To investigate possibility of providing more inclusive service to Special Division offices.

Signs - Anyone desiring a sign for his Division should give his order to the HQ Commandant at once.

D.R.C. - a. To signal Rome regarding Vice-Prefetto Wiondo for Bologna.

b. To consult Regional Commissioner regarding the closing of Special Division offices on Sundays.

Transportation Officer - To investigate possibility of 27 M En providing transport for 40 tons of cement from Rimini to Bologna.

Patriot Officer - To re-write his RIX/19/PAT of 23 May, eliminating paragraph referring to communal welfare committees.

P.C. Piacenza - To present case on behalf of his province in an effort to obtain an increase in the private wage scale.

Economics & Supply - Finance - Labor - To confer as to action to be taken in regard to the Liberation Bonus and submit recommendations to the R.C.

Ammunition Dumps - a. P.O.'s. concerned are to forward to this HQ information regarding location of ammunition dumps, together with sizes and types of ammunition to be found there, for transmission to 5th Army for action.

b. D.R.C. to write letter to No. 1 District and IRS, pointing out the danger of these dumps.

All P.O.'s. - a. To ask their Prefects to consider likely candidates for the post of Provincial Labor Director in order to expedite the establishment of the various Provincial Labor Offices.

b. To see that Regional Transportation Officer is ~~provided~~ provided data regarding requisitioned vehicles.

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