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REPORTS, BARI LIAISON OFFICER
APR. 1945 - JULY 1946

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143.
by Comm. 143.
Ref. m. 142. The EC has been
Correspondence re Col. Vining & VIKRA
Camp Rep. see m 307 A 9 B fill 2204/EC attached
J. McCall. 16/7/55
17/7

149.
by Comm.
144-148 is monthly report for June. Davis
Liaison Group. Passages of interest
have been marked.
J. McCall. 16/7/55
18/7

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A/C.C.

126.

CSO - Monthly report Bari Liaison Group folios 122-124. Passages of interest have been marked. This report does not present a very bright picture. J.M.C.M. 13/4. H.S. 16/4

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127.

P. 124. G 4 complain X.

W/L 2/4

H.S. 24/4

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CSO.

Sir,

P.V. sent to BARI was the only replacement vehicle held in G-4 (B) Pool at that time. This vehicle has since been replaced and to the best of my knowledge there have been no further complaints.

At the moment BARI are holding one vehicle surplus to W.E.

John P. Syme Capt R.A.
239 PRADE.

Ex Comm.

135.

CSO. Monthly report Bari Liaison Group folios 129-134. Passages of interest have been marked. Ref. para 11. I have sent a copy of this to Col. Finlay who is taking it up with UNKRA this afternoon at a meeting. J.M.C.M. 14/5. H.S. 14/5

58

W/L 14/5

Ex Comm.

141.

CSO. 136-140. is Monthly Report Bari Liaison Group. Passages of interest have been marked. J.M.C.M. 13/6 H.S. 14/6.

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P 124. G & Benplan X

H.S. 2414

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W/L 2/7

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C.S.O. Monthly Report, Sari Liaison Group folio

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J.M.C.M. 14/5 H.S. 14/5

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W/L 14/5

C.S.O. Ex Comm.

141.

136-140 is Monthly Report Bari Liaison Group. Passages of interest have been marked.

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J.M.C.M. 18/6 H.S. 14/5.

142.

Is sub para 2 of para 11 correct?

W/L 18/7

A/c.c.

Case Ref. m. 113. ^{116.}

The matter referred to in 110(4) has been taken up with the Chief of UNRRA Italian Mission & his reply is expected. The position of Livorno & Leghorn has been dealt with & all responsibility for their actions denied by AC.

17. 11/4 M.S. 514

1. Follows this up (clean report.

2. When?

11/4

A/c.c.

Case Ref. m. 117, para (1) noted.

para (2) file no 4753/EC herewith. Folio 31 refers. ^{118.}
S.M.C.M. 4/4. M.S. 814

11/4

^{119.}

Ref. 116. Lecce - The matter has been fully discussed with UNRRA - who will do their best - I am afraid it will continue to exist as long as the Lecce Camps are occupied as at present.

11/4 13.1.54 J.P. 496

A/c.c.

^{120.}

Case Ref para 1 m. 116. m. 119 is the position as at present. ^{121.}
S.M.C.M. 11/4. M.S. 114

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1. Follow this up please report.

2. Where?

11/14/54

A/C.C.

118.

Ref m. 117, para (1) noted.

para (2) file no 4753/EE herewith. Folio 31 refers. S.M.C.M. 6/14. J.S. 314

11/14/54

119.

Ref. 116. Luce - The matter has been fully discussed with UNRRA - who will go to the bank - I am afraid it will continue to crop up being on the line. Camps are occupied as of present.

11/14
C.B. 154
J.P. - 498

A/C.C.

120.

Ref para 1 m. 116. m. 119 is the position as at present.

S.M.C.M. 11/14. J.S. 114

11/14/54

Ex. Comm.
~~CHS~~

93.

Reverts 97 from Col. Walton to info
3. C. office.

98. 98/2/3

99. HCO, H. 113.

Re 97 from Col. Walton re guards to
warehouse for info.

Ref last para - C. T. see do not feel
any action is appropriate. If ex. c.
feels some action should be taken

C. T. See suggests 111A. 98/4/3.

105.

Ex Comm:

attached is monthly report from Bai
January. Passages of unfiled are
marked. 98/18/2. H. 20/2-
111.

113/2/4

Ex. Comm. 113.

Bai monthly report to February is at 109-111.
Passages of unfiled have been marked.

98/19/3

114.

C.S.O. See m 113. For info. E.C.

98/27/3.

C.S.O.

P 110 (4). Please discuss with Deeper & Hurst

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reactions for info.

Ref last para - CT. See do not feel any action is appropriate. If ex. c.

feel some action should be taken

CT. See suggests 1711A. 18 4/3

Ex Comm: 105

attached is monthly report from Sai January. Passages of interest are marked.

18 18 1/2 MS 2012

311

175 Park

CT for info.

113.

Sai monthly report to February is at 109-111. Passages of interest have been marked.

19 19/3

114.

C.S.O. See in 113. For info. E.C.

175 27/3.

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C.S.O.

P. 110 (4). Please discuss with Decker & Harro. 495

4 report to me, MS 31/3

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Econ Sec (In Col. Waller)

P. 85 - item 91 In slip (this was sent
to CA. see in Econ). I believe this was
discussed at E.C. meeting on Tuesday
18/2/46. H.S. 2812

O VP/CAS
To O Ex Econ

97

2/1/46

Meetings were sponsored with Italian government agencies
and Federazione Consorzio Agrario in protection
against pilferage. MME 4 and CAS sent representatives
with E/S sponsoring the meetings.

Statistics of losses were presented.

Federazione presented their need for additional
guards as follows

Warehouse guards	1295
Transit guards	3075
(Tyre arames & by road type)	
	4373

a plea was made for ^{new and better} ~~supplies~~ arms.

A letter 15 February was addressed to both Minister
of Treasury and the Minister of Interior asking them
to inform Albani of the action they are taking.

It will be recalled that the EC was ~~not~~
opposed to Albani getting into this picture
beyond the point where the supplies are
turned over to the Italian spirit.

Suggest that CAS follow up with ~~re: D's~~
action as may be appropriate.

C.W.W.

98.

V.P. 20.0

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Ex. Com. 73.
Please see October report from Baitals 65-70.
Paragraphs of interest are marked.

19/4
td. 19/4. (15)

W/cten

Ex. Com.

Please see November report from Bait at 79-75.
Paragraphs of interest are marked. A well-written report.

19/12.
td. 18/12.

Ex. Com.

Atto

Please see December report from Bait at 59-
Paragraphs of interest are marked.

H.S. 512

CRS

4/2

CAS

91.

PSS. Is not A the solution to Kura request at
Venice & other parts? V.P. CAS should see this.

11/12/13

V.P. C.A.S.

92.

Page 25 is minute 91 for information - unma
request referred to is taken to mean that one
for watchmen in warehouses. 18 26/2.
Ex. Com. office.

93.

Ex. Comm. Office

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Minute 92 is 257 - understood.

The question of Special Guards for UNRRA warehouses
is being handled initially by Economic Section

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Paragraphs of interest are marked. A well-written report.

10/12/12.

Ex Com
ATC

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Please see December report from Bure at 89-
paragraphs of interest are marked.

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CRS

4/2

91-

CFO

PSS. Is not A the solution to the request of
Venice & other parts? V.P. CAS should see this.

V.P. C.A.S.
92.

Page 85 is minute 91 for information. Unusual
request referred to is taken to mean that one
for watchmen in warehouses. 26/2.

93.

Ex. Commis Office

Minute 92 is 257 understood.

The question of Special Guards for UNRRA warehouses
is being handled principally by Economic Section
(Col. Walton). The matter of arms has been discussed
with Econ. Sec. which will be opening the question to
the Sec. if necessary.

McAuliffe
V.P. C.A.S.

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CLO.

Monthly report by Bari NO is at paras 46-59. paras of particular interest are marked.

21/8. 21/1/1

54.

Executive Commission

Monthly report by Bari NO is at paras 48-57.

Passages of interest are marked.

With reference to ~~para~~ page 3 para 8 (c) of the report, Commission S/C state that this is a responsibility of the Italian Government, that the Government is deliberately keeping all facilities until they can draw up a programme for control of the sale of the cloth.

21/10 3/10

55

CLO. Please see CTS 11(5), 11(6).

21/10 492

64.

Executive Commission

Please see monthly report Bari at 62. Good

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P 106. 8/1/1

54.

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1-11-10 100 3/10

(55)

C.S.O. Please ask C.A.S. to follow up "C.A." 276.

SS 10/10 492

64.

Ex. Commission

Please see monthly report to Bari at b2. Good
but rather depressing, especially economically.

1-11-10 100 15/10

1-11-10 100 16/10

65.

C.S.O. Seen. 11/1/10

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Me for Morden.

The Executive Commissioner has agreed to the suggestion contained in para 1 of your minute 20. Will you please take the necessary action.

13 June 45.

C.S.O.
To Executive Commissioner.

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May Morden.

At Spent.

to 24/6

26

Spoke to 24/6

33

Executive Commissioner

L.O. Bari's report for June is at 32. Passages of interest have been wanted. A good report by L.O. seems to be well informed about the area he covers.

U. 25/7/45. H 26/7 491

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An excellent refut.

1. 7286 should be brought to attention of Director.

15 June 45.

C.S.O.
To Executive Commissioner.

25

Maj. Madden.

At Spect.

to 24/6

26

Spokane 24/6

33

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th. 25/7/45. M 28/7 491

34

An excellent report.

1. 7 a.s.b. should be brought to attention of Bureau.

(give value in [sic])

2. 10 g. What action is contemplated?

3. 13 (4) r(G) to G & AFHQ.

Miss Llewellyn action 20/7

17/7 (24/7)

C.S.O. 11/5/45

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Please see folio 1. Report on Explosion at Bari.

11/4/45

13/4/45

14/4 noted. z

Executive Commissioner

Bari Liaison Officer's report for April is at 9. This report is much too long but judging by the last paragraph I think they will be shorter in future.

10/5/45

A very good report notwithstanding. P.A.O. should of course (included in distribution)

10/5/45

See.

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C.S.O.

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11/6/45

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Executive Commission

11.

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1. 10/5/45

12.

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17/5/45

See.

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CSD

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2. I will draw attention of Gen & C.A. Secs to paras 14 (b) & 19.

11/6/45

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Exlame

Ref para 10 I certainly think we should do as suggested in para 14 above in into.

I agree C.A. Miller ought to know - and perhaps should be told - that the proper person to see ref his para 19 is Brigadier and not the Exlame. 12/6.

17/5/45

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HEADQUARTERS
NAVAL LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

MONTHLY REPORT
JUNE 46

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11 June 1946
LEV. cb

(1)

POLITICAL

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As a result of this attack some 36 persons were injured by hand grenades.

The Communist Party induced a number of shop keepers to close their shops in sympathy with the protest.

A meeting was held at the Prefettura TRIESTE on the 13th JUNE and the following persons attended the meeting :

The Prefect of TRIESTE

The Admiral Commanding the Italian Navy at TRIESTE

All leaders of political parties.

Representatives of Trade Unions

A request was made for the San Marco Regiment who have been responsible for previous trouble, to be moved away from TRIESTE.

The Admiral has dismissed the Chief of Naval Police.

(b) As a result of the Paris Conference, the morale of the population is low and public opinion is anti-American and British and the popularity of the Allies is likely to increase.

Strong criticism is also levied at the part RUSSIA has played. The people feel that promises were held out during the war by RADIO LONDRA that ITALY might expect better treatment by throwing in her lot with the Allies, and that the help that the Italians gave in causing the surrender of the Germans in ITALY has by no means been recognised and that they have reaped no fruits as the result of this Victory, and in fact have gained nothing whatsoever by becoming co-belligerents.

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JUNE 46

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11 June 1946
LEV.cb

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(c) Speaking generally the people have been unable to grasp what exactly is happening in regard to the Republican Party taking over the Government of the country and their attitude is one of "let's wait and see".

A large percentage of Italian Military personnel, COSS and Civil Police are not happy at the thought of serving under a Republican Government and there is talk by the more Senior Officers of their resigning if the Republican Government is going to smother too strongly of a Communist Regime and all it stands for, but again it is a case of wait and see, as at present their minds are rather in a confused state and it is not clear to them what the Republican Government stands for.

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(2)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public order considering political events has been astonishingly good.
The COM and Civil Police had matters well under control and there is a strong tendency on the part of political parties to curry favour with them.

Recruiting for these services is meeting with success and numbers of recruits can daily be seen being put through their paces.

(3)

AGRICULTURE

A very good crops has been gathered but only a very small quantity of wheat has been amassed.

Fresh fruit and vegetables is plentiful. The grape vines are flourishing and a satisfactory harvest of grapes is expected. Early grapes are now on the market.

(4)

ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY

Strong pressure is being made to increase the bread ration from 200 to 250 grams. Only one ship arrived in JMB with 16,000 Quintals of wheat.

No pasta ration was issued during this month. Prices remain unchanged.

(5)

REQUISITIONING AND DEREGISTRATION

The following premises were derequisitioned during the month:

Flats	64
Villas	27
Whouses	3
Shops &	
Garages	9
Buildings	6
Hotel	1

(6)

PUBLIC HEALTH

Satisfactory generally, sixty cases of small pox were reported during the month in JMB Province.

(7)

LEGAL AND EDUCATION

Nothing to report other than to re-iterate that more should be done to compel children to go to school instead of being allowed to run wild all day. Undisciplined young hooligans. //

(8)

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report

(9)

LABOUR

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(10)

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Maintenance of roads satisfactory in the Province. In regard to other public works nothing to report.

(14) DISPLACED PERSONS

Visits were made to the Polish Displaced Persons Camps at PRAM and BALETTA, at the latter place the organization in regards to the Hospital and Education is most praise worthy.

It can be said that the Poles have spared no pains to make their existence in these Camps comfortable as possible by efficiently organizing all the different departments of the Camps, kitchens, washing, sleeping, recreation in and out of doors, and welfare of the children.

The camp staff are very busy just now, screening individuals who claim Polish nationality with a view of getting to the U.K.

L. E. Vining
 L. E. VINING, Lt. Col.
 Chief Liaison Officer
 AG BART

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BARI ITALIAN GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

MONDAY REPORT
JUNE 1946

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11 JUNE 1946
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(1)

POLITICAL

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No where has there been any disturbance - though at the time when Sign. PAULINO TOLLIERE, the Minister for Justice and leader of the Communist Party made a speech, he was howled down by the Italian Sailors and a few individuals indulged in an exchange of fistfights.

Sign. TOLLIERE also addressed a crowd at 11.11 on the 29 May but a party of Monarchists arrived and many of the crowd who had been listening to Sign. TOLLIERE joined the Monarchists who made such a noise that in spite of Sign. TOLLIERE's repeated calls for "Please let me speak" he had to give up and the crowd melted away, helped by an explosion of some sort, which sounded like a bomb but which had been no explosion that it could injure no one. There was no disturbance other than this.

On the 27th May Sign. ALBERTO DI CASPARI, the Italian Prime Minister visited Bari and made a speech from the Municipio Balcony in the square facing the Prefettura.

The Square was thronged by a very obviously pro-monarchy crowd, who exhibited Monarchist banners and slogans and welcomed the Prime Minister.

There was no applause when the Minister finished his speech.

One party representing ASDI, a team which in early March last, the Communist Party seized by force of arms, exhibited pro-monarchy placards.

Not only in Bari Town and Province 88-90% Monarchist, but this applies to the whole of this Area. Throughout the elections there have been no party clashes and the undertakings given by all the party leaders who were called together by the Prefect of Bari, that there would be no disturbances, has been honoured, from which one can assume that the leaders have control of the parties they represent.

(2)

PUBLIC SAFETY

The situation has greatly improved and there has been no trouble during the month.

On two occasions a small crowd of Veterans have assembled outside the Prefectura ASDI demanding employment.

The CC, RI and Civil Police are showing a steady increase in efficiency and turnout.

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11 JUNE 1946
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AGRICULTURE

Harvesting began at the end of the month. The least which were reported in TARANTO, BARI, and FORGI. Provinces at the beginning of the month were brought under control and no extensive damage has been done.

Fuel and lubricants are generally abundant for agriculture. A good production of wheat and other cereals is expected, also leguminous plants. Production of rubber satisfactory. Conditions in tobacco in Linceo Province excellent. A good production of pine and olive oil is also expected.

ECONOMICS AND SUPPLY

One ship arrived in Bay of the 6th with 51,240 quintals of wheat and another on the 12th with 23,000 quintals of wheat. The regions distributed in Bay:

100 tons of sugar
200 tons of olive oil

No Paria was distributed. The sale of the Paria in Black Mountain is increasing. (250 Lira per kilo as the case of Lila).

ENTERTAINING AND DISSENTING

The following premises were derelict and during MAY:

20 restaurants
3 N/Innkeepers
2 Shops
1 Bar

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health was satisfactory in Bay Province. 59 cases of smallpox were reported during the month.

Generally speaking the population in this area looks well fed and fit.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Traffic both by rail and road is still on the increase and the railway organization has steadily increased in efficiency. Tires are of course very scarce and this is the main reason the road transport cannot progress to any appreciable extent.

LEGAL AND EDUCATION

The delays to cases under trial show no improvement for the same reason as before, a lack of magistrates on the bench.

With regard to Education, though a good percentage of children at school there is a very large percentage of children running wild, playing about and up to mischief all day and also far into the night.

I consider that for the future part of the country it is vital for some energetic steps to be taken to it handling to make it compulsory for all children to attend school.

It is realized that there is still a shortage of buildings for schools, but if an organized committee can be formed to get children attend school then is being done at present.

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The Pasta was distributed. The price of the Pasta in Black Sea is increasing. (250 Lira per kilo as the case of BMT).

INDUSTRIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The following industries were demonstrated during MAY:

53 Automobiles
3 W/Inches
2 Ship
4 Barrels

PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health was satisfactory in BMT. 59 cases of cholera were reported during the month. Generally speaking the population in the area look well fed and healthy.

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Leaflets have also appeared headed "Un Nuovo Decalogo" containing 10 paragraphs:-

- (a) Do not reveal your job to your friends.
- (b) Fight against the hypocrite priests and their propaganda, emphatically state we do not want religion, family and fatherland.
- (c) Show with jests, sarcasm, pleasantness that you are free from religious chains and say you can easily live without religion.
- (d) Your duty is to destroy morality, create a society full to the brim with immorality. Do not forget your supreme duty - to destroy morality.
- (e) Steal the affection of your Comrades away from the church. Backbite the priests.
- (f) Another big impediment to our own ideas is the Christian family. Destroy it. Speak frequently of free love with boys and girls. Create differences within families and Government.
- (g) Tell the workers 'Love the riot, slay your revenge, do not fear blood'.
- (h) Tell the workers they are the victims of the Capitalists, authorities and the Priests.
- (i) Render little services to your Comrades. Remember you are the vanguard.
- (j) Fight, fight, fight against the priests and their catholic morale. They are illiterate. Do not be afraid, you are a communist.

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The Church are in favour of a Monarchy. The Bishops of Milano and Conversano have addressed the Italian Premier favouring a Monarchy and denouncing the Republicans. The Liberal Party also appear in favour of the Monarchy.

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The attacks on the 25th April 46 during the centenary celebration of the liberation of Italy, and of the Italian nation, seemed to play the "J'accuse" role which caused left wing parties to change "Viva la Repubblica" and "Bonne nuit Mondadori".

Though there were minor complications, none to the way of a disaster, no casualties and the crowd dispersed peacefully.

It is also evident that the Russian Revolution could not have been the Communist, but such persons are not credited by the Russian people.

The paper is well on its way to becoming a daily publication, and many contributions are being received.

On the 30th March there was trouble at Kibola, and in being organised on a train said to be carrying Black Market goods. A fire fight took place between the raiders and black marketers resulting in 19 raiders being wounded, one of whom died.

On May 20th in 1941A painted through the streets carrying the
vieux and Italian flags, some looting took place of merchandise at
the value of 800,000 Lire.

Disorders continue to break out in different forms such as AIDS, (Leuc) Cancer, Tuberculosis, Malaria, Dengue fever, SARS, among others and these disorders are mainly due to unhygienic life style. The reduced vaccination against the black marketeers.

The products of a good grain crop are very bright. There is still a lack of fertilizers - otherwise there would be an adequate supply of fresh vegetables and cereals.

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Four ships carrying 126,640 quintals of wheat arrived in the city the 10th.

All children under 10 years of age received a free portion of 500 grams of sugar.

There is sufficient grain in stock until 20 May 46. "Evaporator" will be sufficient for all short of requirements.

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a disturbance occurred and the crowd dispersed peacefully. Rumour was prevalent that the British are giving parties other than the Communists, but such rumours are not credited by the general public.

The pre-election atmosphere for the next Constituents in this Province is fairly exciting here, and Party organizations are almost daily active.

As the 50th March there was trouble at Maseia, a small being organized, a train said to be carrying black market goods. A few flight to Maseia because the soldiers and black marketeers resulting in a person being killed, one of them died.

Employment in Maseia passed through the streets carrying a few and Italian flags, some looting took place of municipal food at the value of 800,000 Lire.

(2) GENERAL SITUATION

Disorders continue to break out in different towns such as MADO, (Lago) CALABRESE (Lago) TAVANU, MURRU, TAVANU, (MURRU) SAVI, near TAVANU and these disorders are mainly due to the effects of the reduced and demonstration against the black marketeers.

In all cases the OMR soon had the situation under control.

(3) AGRICULTURE

The prospects of a good grain crop are very bright. There is still a lack of fertilizers - otherwise there would be an adequate supply of fresh vegetables and cereals.

Grain is in short supply.

(4) FOODS AND SUPPLY

New ships containing 146,610 quintals of wheat arrived in MUR during the month.

All children under 16 years of age received a free ration of 500 grams of sugar.

There is sufficient grain in stock until 20 May 46. Stockpiled with 200 children is well short of requirements.

(5) REQUIREMENTS DURING THE MONTH

V / Housen	6
Colombo	5
Amsterdam	15
Colombo	2
Villan	15

Total.... 47

(6) REMARKS

Satisfactory, though a further 20 cases of small pox were expected during the month.

There is a serious shortage of disinfectants and medicine.

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DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

7) The Central Government has increased and the number of persons engaged has steadily risen.

There is a marked improvement in the situation in regard to news and information for free circulation but it has been told that there are far more people in the country who are supplied for the people of the country.

The centers of news and trucks have made strong representations to be given permission for free circulation but it has been told that there are far more people in the country who are supplied for the people of the country.

LEGAL AND EDUCATION

8) Courts still functioning slowly - due to the shortage of judges and the lack of funds.

LABOR

9) There is a very large number of unemployed people and the number is being increased as the situation in the country is becoming more and more serious. The Central Government has been asked to take necessary measures to help to this Province, but the problem has not yet been solved.

Some 200 people have been given employment in Public Works and local authorities are doing what they can to find these men employment. I think the local authorities will be kept up to the mark in this respect as the roads are continually being demonstrated and some of the people are interested in the Project and the roads.

PUBLIC WORKS AND INDUSTRIES

10) The Central Government has granted a subsidy of 500 million lire to the "Comitato Pugliese".

There is normal activity in re-construction throughout the Province and some of the best roads are at a long time receiving attention, on the whole the main roads are in excellent condition.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

11) No. 1 Displaced Persons Camp at Bari is being handed over to 10000 and the handling over is expected to be completed about the middle of May.

During the month 367 displaced persons arrived in the Camp and 251 left the Camp at Bari. Since the Camp at Bari is now controlled entirely by Italian I have been informed by the Camp Commandant that the Camps are of no value of 10 and no information will be given to the Camps or to the people who are in the Camps.

DISSEMINATION

12) Towards the end of the month, one evening a pilot from the Camps line near Bari, I noticed a box floating in the sea. When the box was in the sea that it was marked and it was marked with letters indicating that the box contained bombs and should be handled with care.

I later found two more such boxes at the same spot and some 500 yards away, another box. I reported the matter to the Camp Commandant and the Camp Commandant reported the matter to the Camp Commandant and the Camp Commandant reported the matter to the Camp Commandant.

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LABOUR

There is a very large number of unemployed bedouins and the number is being increased as repatriated PW arrive in the country. The situation gives cause for anxiety. The Central Government has promised necessary financial help to this Province, but the promise has not yet materialized.

Some 200 reduced have been given employment in Public Works and local authorities are doing what they can to find these men employment. I think the local authorities will be kept up to the mark in this respect as the reduced are continually staging demonstrations and sending delegates to interview the Prefect and Sindacs.

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However the end of the month, one evening whilst down on the beach near Ball, I noticed a box floating ashore. When the box was in the water it was intact and it was marked with lettering stating that the box contained bombs and should be handled with care.

I later found two more such boxes at the same spot and sent 100 yards away another box. I reported the matter to Field Security and on the 20th displaced squad came out but one box had detonated and the others had been taken away.

I was told that these bombs which were of the American aerial incendiary type had been the ones dumped by the Americans some 12 months ago. This information I now could not be correct as the boxes were not water damaged and the lettering on the boxes was as fresh that it was confirmed the boxes could not have been in the sea for more than a matter of days.

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The prisoner was then reported to the American Provost Marshall who traced these boxes to an American that he had recently dumped similar boxes.

Prisoner was sent along the coast right from Earl to British and a watch is still being maintained. Details from the exploding boxes have been reported.

The Butterfly Bomb is more or less safe whilst in its box not on being taken out, the wings of the bomb spread out by springs and it is a matter of moments before it will explode or in resting on the ground with its wings extended it will explode on lifting.

They look most attractive when lying on the ground, like a large insect butterfly and just the thing anyone, especially children, would be sure to pick up.

I am calling for a report from the American Provost Marshall, meanwhile the coast line I think is now safe.

The reason why the boxes did not sink of course is that the bombs in the boxes are light and the total weight of contents and wooden boxes was lighter than the water displaced.

It would have been an easy matter to make holes in the metal casing covering the bombs so that the inlet of water could have entered the bombs.

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Mr. W. A. Beardsley,
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The rising price of lead-acid batteries, and the need to replace them, prompted me to buy a new car. I bought a new car.

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The report, condition of Public works given months ago to the Commission has been a problem and in many cases the project is being carried out in a very slow manner.

(1) The report named was not of all properties in the area of the city and the people just cannot make use of it.

(2) Various have been bitterly disappointed in the finding the employment they were led to expect of services made by the Italian Government, and they want to give vent to their feelings in a very noisy manner, by striking money a demonstration - and not only the demonstration take place, the opportunity is taken by the reach elements of the town to disturb in looting or shops and stalls.

THE REPORT

The food situation is still critical. Everything is being done to bring about the necessary of provisions, especially of foodstuffs - and all means in common have been exhausted by the present of foodstuffs that to improve on the public. The price of foodstuffs has increased and to it in the town they must be able to buy foodstuffs in getting over this crisis.

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Special attention is being given to building work as well as to hospitals, orphanages and other public institutions, but all the shops are being taken to get them in a better position.

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anywhere else being carrying out repairs to roads and infrastructure within the area authorized by the Central Government (p. 10, 11, 12).

Productivity

They are also able to report in the classroom, in summer working material, and when observing the pupils in the laboratory to be fairly enough, and the data collection and study. The first part of the curriculum in the field, and for all the other parts, the introduction to the study of Science and Biology.

THEORY

10. United States Public Health Service - 2000-2001
to monitor the further spread of reporting in the country. This is
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The western district is covered by the following law and the eastern district.

Further investigations had to be conducted due to the situation with regard to road transport in these days due to a lack of buses and cars.

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Decisions are being carrying out relative to the real economy and the monetary situation submitted by the Central Government to the Council of Ministers. The work to be done hereby involves the taking of various steps.

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Dimitris K. Vekris

The above is being made in conformity
with the provisions of the Act.
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The morning starting is called after the Indian custom and is usually
around 10.
If any services have had to be provided due to a situation of emergency the situation will be reported to the nearest Indian community and to a local officer and P.O. in.

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JOHN WATKINS
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COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA
FEBRUARY 46

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14 March 1946

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Reference is to letter 825 / 276 / 20 dated 6 March 1946
received this office 11 March 1946.

(4)

PROSECUTION

(2)

The elections in the Communes commenced 16 March 1946 and
will be held in this Liaison Group Area every Sunday till 100 elections
7 April.

On the 10 March I visited 233,000 in the 100000 election.
There were 25,000 electors, and 25 polling stations to deal with
them.

Each station was controlled by Communist men and all police
and the whole election was well organized and there was a very orderly
proceeding.

The Communist Party, with their propaganda and organization
were most in evidence. The result of the polls for the 100000 have been
announced and the Communist Party have been elected by a 40 to 60 majority.
On the way to CHATELAIN I observed that there were small
meetings in the town between the Communist and the 100000 all these
meetings under the Communist banner.

By Executive Officer, Lieut. 100000 and 100000 (100000)

In all places the elections were held in a very orderly
orderly way and it was obvious that the station authorities had taken
the elections efficiently and no friction between the parties took place.

Thus these places appear to favour by a far more party the
Communist Party.

It was taken by Lieut. 100000 and myself to be a significant
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I visited MALLA on the 6th inst. on receiving no 8 of the
cubrick. In the town itself I drove up to a mob of 500 to 600 men,
the majority of which appeared to have weapons of some kind or other.
The attitude towards me was respectful and the Italian refused to attempt
no to which overcame I wish to go - but after a look round we were
informed of our position with one or two who appeared to be Italian
to air their knowledge of Italian, I returned to the office of the
disputed street to where the Civil Police had barricaded themselves in,
which means was covering the approaches in all directions.

I told police that we had passed 4 trucks and about 50 or 60
men who were on their way up from the hill and that these men were
men who were about 2000 ft or 2100 ft. This was at 1600 ft,
and I then returned to the hill as there was nothing more to be done at
the time.

Next morning the Carabinieri who had been informed by a
force of police. 500 ordered order had occupied the hill and now about
17, arrested.

The result of the demonstration was :-

- 3 Carabinieri killed
- 6 Carabinieri wounded
- 2 Civilians killed
- 15 Civilians wounded

I visited MALLA again on Sunday to add everything as possible
and there is little fear of further outbreak, or of the trouble spreading
to other villages. There has been a lot of trouble and I am of the opinion that
the demonstrations were staged by the Communist Party in order to bring
into the population prior to the elections in order to force voters
to elect Communist candidates. The election which had been fixed for
Sunday 10th was postponed by the Prefect and will now be held 7th April.

(4)

THE DISPLACED PERSONS

There is a lot of trouble in the Italian Alps.

The Jewish displaced persons are billeted in requisitioned
villages in the villages. There are 4 such camps. A large number of the
Jewish displaced persons are making themselves a good deal
indifferent to the Italian civil population.

The terms of the village see their property being written
down and all their assets. The Italian then 10 or 15 units of
land in the area.

Of course these displaced persons are treated in a different
but even then it appears that the local civil police are reluctant to
do so.

I would suggest that the Civil Commission call the one displaced
person of the village where the displaced persons are billeted and
be told in will be held responsible for the displaced persons and good behavior
of the rest of the persons in the village and that after war, these
persons who do not obey orders and do not themselves properly will
be held themselves liable to be turned out and left to fend for themselves
or as an alternative to this, will be deported to camps in the North of
Italy.

Some strong steps are necessary to be taken to get to the end of
which the displaced persons are coming to the village. It is
is to appear to be getting to the end of their patience, and therefore they
displaced persons.

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Displaced persons in Italy.

These persons who are now living in villages into entrance the jurisdiction of the U.S. Displaced persons camp - they are to be kept in the "new" and supervised by the representatives of the U.S. Army in the camp of Mr. L. W. L. and I cannot remember with what the position of these two gentlemen are except they are in the "Central" (English) village in Italy, Director of Educational Council, at Rome.

I have not been able to get into contact with either of these gentlemen and I am not sure to know exactly what their credentials (and status) are. As far as the U.S. Army is concerned and what the policy is with regard to setting up a camp for which displaced persons (refugees) are to be placed in the camp.

I have addressed a separate letter on this subject, in reply to a query made by Executive Commissioner of per file in the 475 51/20 dated 5 April 1946.

ALL INFORMATION AND DISCUSSIONS

All provinces have begun to carry out the running to needs and other requirements, particularly in the Province, where the percentage of war damaged buildings is very high.

2.0 millions have been granted by the Italian Government for Public Works in Italy.

Public Works

and generally. Four French cases of small-pox reported, one at Paris and one at Antibes.

Transport and Communications

Trucks abandoned by road transport proceeded with their work during the month. Road traffic to and from this Department of the North is increasing.

There is a serious shortage of goods in the area for public services.

Legal and Education

Nothing to report

General

Education

A. W. L. subject has arrived in the camp on 12 January at the camp of the U.S. Army, ANV. CAMP. Both went to the U.S. Army and reported on the arrival and conditions of the refugees and the camp.

I replied thanking them and said I would pay a courtesy call at the earliest opportunity.

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JANUARY 46

10/65

13 February 1946

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(4) The undersigned took over charge of the 500 Liaison Group on 1st February 1946 from Major WYLLIE proceeding on release.

(2) GENERAL CONDITIONS

No change.

(a) Political

The Political Parties exhibiting most energy are the Communist and Socialist Parties, and these have organized public meetings in connection with the coming elections. There have been no incidents during the meetings. It is my opinion that the Communist Party do not have so much support as they had, nor do they carry the same weight, in fact there appears to be more display of feeling against the Communist Party than previously was the case. This is an important point and will be closely watched by obtaining information in the towns as well as in the out-lying areas. Returning Italian Prisoners from RUSSIA are most actively hostile to the Communist Party.

(b) Military and Public Safety

Nothing to report with regard to Military Security. In connection with security of personnel, on the 10th January 1946 a British Officer was shot and wounded and is now lying well in hospital, and a British soldier was also shot, not seriously, on the same date. In the first case the culprits are known and are being searched for and in the second the culprits are under arrest waiting trial. The situation of Public Safety is good in every Province, with the exception of ARL, the Prefect states that the situation is worse than before. The Police Forces are generally insufficiently mobile. More arrangements are needed. On the 15 January 46 two SS.12 trucks were sent to ANZIL, and MILITARY areas. They will remain there. Two Special Investigating Section of the Royal Guard of Florence in ARL has discovered a big cache of arms and munitions. Constant watch is being kept to avoid a parcel being sent to the black market.

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(c) Illegal Unlawful in ITALY

Persons wishing to get out of ITALY, if they can pay the necessary money, are provided with facilities to do so, unobtrusively assisted by persons with power and in the necessary position to afford such facilities. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get a passage on a recognised ship due to a close vigilance being maintained at the ports. I, as yet, have not had time to go into this matter but I hope by the next report I will be able to obtain some useful information on this subject.

MONTHLY REPORT
JANUARY 1965

11/65

13 February 1965

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(b) Security and Public Safety

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(c) Illegal Travelling in ITALY

Persons wishing to get out of ITALY, if they can pay the necessary money, are provided with facilities to do so, undoubtedly assisted by persons with power and in the necessary position to afford such facilities. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get a passage on a recognised ship due to a close vigilance being maintained at the ports. I, as yet, have not had time to go into this matter but hope by the next report I will be able to obtain some useful information on this subject.

(d) Law and Order

The Carabinieri are feeling more sure of themselves and have greatly improved in their organisation and efficiency. Murders have been few and far between. The robberies have decreased. There are approximately 300 Carabinieri in AVAL, 15 in

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 ... of ... demonstrations and are present at such ...
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(c) Meetings

There is a distinct attitude of indifference displayed by the ...
 ... in the street, with regard to the elections, and the two political parties who
 ... to who the only endeavours to stimulate interest in the elections ... the
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 ... is that there's a "lots of time to get going" before the election, and that
 ... necessary propaganda will be "put across" by other political parties ...
 ... to have their desired effect, and that they will gain the upper hand ... the
 ... The people as a whole are in favour of the compulsory vote.

(d) Economic

There is no chance in the economic situation which is still ...
 ... to a shortage of raw materials and transport. There is a tendency ...
 ... other ... down. ... have been ... with
 ... and vegetables.

(e) Feeling of the people

The ... of the ... has not had a very ...
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 ... are unable to do so ...
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(f) Displaced Persons

The following number of displaced persons were directly ...
 from ... during the month of January:

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| TUGUELA | 24 |
| ... | 35 |
| ... | 1 |

total 120

During the month no infectious diseases were reported. ...
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 ... trouble ...

(1) Agriculture

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...situation which might arise. The four Officers Commanding the units ... have been to see me and they will help me in such a way ...

(c) Meetings

There is a distinct attitude of indifference displayed by the masses in the street, with regard to the elections, and the two political parties who appear to make the only endeavours to stimulate interest in the elections by the communists and socialists. This may be due to the fact that generally, feeling the intervention is that there's a "loss of time to get going" before the elections, and that the necessary propaganda will be "put across" by other political parties and socialists. The people are in favour of the compulsory vote.

(d) Economic

There is no change in the economic situation which is still critical. There is a shortage of raw materials and transport. There is a shortage of foodstuffs other than rice to eat. Markets have been drastically affected with prices of rice and vegetables.

(e) Feeding of the people

The discontinuance of the rice ration has not had a very noticeable effect on the situation other than the fact that the people are unable to get rice. Large who can afford it, obtain their rice from the black market and those who are unable to do so are living on this. They have no rice. Farmers have lost their rice and farms are selling the rice to the people. Many in cities (around the town). When this latter source of supply becomes exhausted it is likely, undoubtedly there will be demonstrations and clashing over the rice. It is being organized in the poorer classes by the rice. The rice is being sold in such a way and village. The funds of this distributing agency are supplied by the Indian Government.

(f) Displaced Persons

The following number of Displaced Persons were directly contributed from No. 4 Transit Camp during the month of January:

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|---------|----|
| INDIA | 24 |
| CHINA | 25 |
| AMERICA | 1 |
| Total | 50 |

During the month no infectious diseases were reported. After the "Garrison Hospital" and visited the camp personally, it was possible to procure ... with less trouble than before.

(g) Agriculture Prospects

The prospects are satisfactorily in it rains during the month of ... lack of rain during the month will cause a failure in the crops. There is a lack of foodstuffs with the exception of fresh vegetables and fruits. There is a shortage of fish to be had, but at a price. The fishing fleets are immediately ... the coast, and the catches brought in are eagerly bought up. There is a serious shortage of fodder and fertilizer.

(h) General Health

General health is good, the epidemic of small-pox (22 cases reported).

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and during emergency) has been checked and all cases have been isolated.

(4) Labour Condition

The labour condition in Italy itself is satisfactory, but in the outlying regions there is a grave amount of unemployment and this is on the increase. It is the public works Dept. to their utmost to find as much employment as they can, and the unemployed are assisted by a subsidy from the Italian Government, and also, money granted by the Government to the distributing agency, the Ente Comunale Assistenza, is given to these unemployed with families who are mostly in need of help.

As is common knowledge, the high cost of living is the source of great discontent, and this high cost is, as is well known, due to the fact that in certain materials which should be available to the people through direct agency, find their way to the people through the black market. Until a market can be put on the goods and services of staff to the black market, the high cost of living will remain. Improved staff is directly and openly sold by black marketers.

L. E. Young

L. E. YOUNG, Lt. Col.
Chief Liaison Officer
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- (1) There is a marked improvement in the preparation of the people of the area.
- (2) The stock of grain is very low and sufficient until only the 20th January 1968.
- (3) Food prices are still rising. The price of clothing appears to be stationary in some cases actually dropping.
- (4) The economic situation is still critical owing to shortage of raw materials and transport.
- (5) Grave discontent is being shown by all Civil Servants owing to present high cost of living and insufficiency of Khas Bonus.
- (6) The state of Public Safety still gives ground for concern. W.M. and Public Safety Agents are insufficient mobile for their tasks.
- (7) Pilfering of Allied foodstuffs imported for civilian consumption and riding warehouses by armed bands has reached such proportions that P.O. and other special measures are being planned to protect the supplies.
- (8) The general state of public health among the population is satisfactory. The further case of plague has been reported from P.O. Some cases of cholera have been reported from P.O.
- (9) The situation of education has been improved by the construction of new buildings in every Province.
- (10) The discharge of conscripts continued satisfactorily.
- (11) Fuel and electricity continues to be acute due to increased military requirements.
- (12) The attitude of the civilians towards the allies remains friendly.

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- (1) The people as a whole are discontent of the present situation. Their minds revert to the order and prosperity of French rule. While they do not desire a complete restoration they believe in the large majority to the right.
- (2) There is a marked improvement in the preparation of electoral lists.
- (3) The stock of grain is very low and sufficient until early the 2nd January 46.
- (4) Food prices are still rising. The price of clothing appears to be stationary or in some cases actually dropping.
- (5) The economical situation is still critical owing to shortage of raw materials and transport.
- (6) Grave discontent is being shown by all Civil Servants owing to present high cost of living and insufficiency of living bonus.
- (7) The state of Public Safety still gives ground for concern. CO. 55 and Public Safety Agents are insufficient mobile for their tasks.
- (8) Pillaging of Allied Forces' stores reported for civilian consumption and aiding warehouses by armed bands has reached such proportions in the Province, that special measures are being planned to protect the supplies.
- (9) The general state of public health among the population is satisfactory. The further rise of plague has been reported from the south. Some cases of cholera have been reported in the north.
- (10) The attention of education has been improved by the derequisitioning of some buildings in every Province.
- (11) The graduation of examinations continued satisfactorily.
- (12) Road wagon availability continues to be acute due to increased military requirements.
- (13) The attitude of the civilians towards the Allies remains friendly.

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(1) The people as a whole are impatient at the present situation, the present and disorders, the absence of rehabilitation and a constant lack of order. When they revert to the order and propriety of the past days. While they are not easily discredited, they incline in the large majority to the right, and in 1947, particularly to the right. The Communist party which seems to be diverting the mass of the population from, mainly order, stability and tranquillity.

(2) The political situation is practically stationary. There is no real change, as presently working for their own ends, and not for the benefit of the country.

(3) The Communist Party in particular is losing ground to the right.

CHANGING.

(4) The left strongly protested at the lack of order on the part of the

IN 1948.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

(5) The functioning of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT leaves much to be desired on account of the lack of agreement between its members, also the requirement of financial help for their allotted task, being remitted only upon the recommendation of the administrative Commission of Ministers.

(6) Only 64 Communes out of 244 in the Aquitaine region are able to function properly.

(7) No noticeable improvement has been observed in the financial administration.

(8) The financial tax has been very unfavourable.

FINANCIAL AIDS

(9) There is a marked improvement in the preparation of the financial

aid.

FINANCIAL AID TO THE PEOPLE

(10) Regular distribution of National Foodstuffs is in order and supplies are being made available to the people with fresh fruits and vegetables.

(11) The 1/2 of the population is towards completion of the work of the year of peace. Including the above, there is sufficient grain to last the year. The population is being supplied with fresh fruits and vegetables.

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POLITICAL SITUATION AND ECONOMIC CRISIS

(1) The people as a whole are impatient at the present situation, the unrest and dissension, the absence of rehabilitation and a recent lack of progress. Many have reverted to the older and prosperity of fascist days. While they do not desire a dictatorship, they feel in the large majority to the right, and in fact, the desire for a return to the old regime, party which seems to be offering what the people want, namely order, stability and firm action.

(2) The political situation is practically stationary. Power is still held by the same forces, and not for the benefit of the country.

(3) The Communist Party in particular is losing ground to the right.

CONCLUSION.

(4) The left strongly protested at the high currency of the country.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT - MUNICIPAL

(5) The functioning of the local government leaves much to be desired on account of the lack of agreement between its members, also their general indifference to their elected task, being manifested only upon the recommendation of the municipal Council of Administration.

(6) Only 64 Councils out of 244 in the country are under the control of the Communist Party.

(7) No noticeable improvement has been observed in the financial situation.

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(8) The local taxes have been very unfavourable received.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

(9) There is marked improvement in the preparation of the country.

Food

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

(10) Regular distribution of National Foodstuffs Act in most areas. Farmers have been substantially supplied with fresh fruits and vegetables.

(11) The 8th National Conference is nearing completion. It is expected that the 8th National Conference will be held in the near future. In addition to the above, there is a sufficient supply of food and clothing for the population of the country, and a sufficient supply of food and clothing for the population of the country.

(12) Attention is called to the present situation in regard to the food supply, which is not able to build up supplies in food. There is a need for a very low level, before replacement arrives. This in particular applies to the food supply.

(13) Food prices are still rising. The prices of clothing appear to be stationary or in some cases actually dropping.

(14) The economical situation is still critical owing to shortage of raw materials and transport.

(15) The production of tobacco in the Province of MOLO is diminishing considerably (approx. 55%).

(16) The tuna fishery at WILIPOLI has had to be closed owing to lack of fishing gear.

(17) Electric power and light has been reduced in MOLO owing to repairs being necessary at the stations and cable lines.

ADDITIONAL

(18) The olive harvest is at present being gathered in, but generally the crop is poor.

(19) Religious practices of fresh fish have been discontinued to the population during the past months, but the price is still high.

MOLO

(20) There is discontent in being shown by all Civil Services, owing to the difficulty of living, also owing to insufficiency of Mosquitoes, in MOLO between 23rd and 25th December all civil servants of the Municipality, Provincial Administration, Civil Hospital and MOLO went out on strike for the above stated reasons. Also the workers of the Municipality in MOLO (MOLO Province) struck for the same reasons. A increase of 30% on their wages was granted.

(21) The following figures in regard to unemployment are submitted:-

| | |
|------|--------|
| MOLO | 5,800 |
| MOLO | 59,500 |
| MOLO | 27,000 |

(22) The ranks of unemployed are daily being swollen on account of persons being dismissed by the Administrative Authorities.

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(23) In MOLO Province the deficit through the disbursement of 100,000 pesos of clothing and 775,000 pesos of shoes is becoming too great.

MOLO AND MOLO

(24) The soldiers are being slowly absorbed into civilian life. Many owing to the public works scheme, which are being inaugurated in all Provinces. The Government having planned large subsidies for this purpose.

(25) All districts report the seriousness of many families being without lodgings.

(15) The production of tobacco in the Province of Llanos is diminishing considerably (approx. 50%).

(16) The tuna fishery at CAJAMARCA has had to be closed owing to lack of fishing gear.

(17) Electric power and light has been reduced in Llanos owing to repairs being necessary at the Stations and cable lines.

AGRICULTURE

(18) The Olive harvest is at present being gathered in, but personally seen only in small quantities.

(19) Quantities of fresh fish have been distributed to the population during the past month, but the price is still high.

LABOUR

(20) Grave discontent is being shown by all Civil Servants, owing to present high cost of living, also owing to inefficiency of Lines boats, in all between 25th - 28th December all civil servants of the Municipality, Provincial Administration, Civil Hospital and LLA went out on strike for the above stated reasons. Also the women in Llanos (especially in Llanos, El Llanos, Pácora Province) struck for the same reason - a increase of 35% on their wages was granted.

(21) The following figures in regard to unemployment are submitted:-

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| CAJAMARCA | 5,000 |
| LANOS | 59,000 |
| PÁCORA | 27,000 |

(22) The ranks of unemployed are badly being swelled on account of persons being dismissed by the Allied Military Authorities.

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(23) In Llanos Province the Prefect though has distributed 104,000 kilos of clothing and 775,000 shoes to persons in need.

ARMED FORCES AND MILITARY

(24) The soldiers are being slowly absorbed into Civilian life, largely owing to the Public Works scheme, which are being inaugurated in all Provinces. The Government having planned large subsidies for this purpose.

(25) All Prefects report the seriousness of any further being without soldiers.

Public Safety

(26) The state of Public Safety still gives round for concern. The 1933 and Public Safety units are insufficiently mobile for their task. More transport is urgently required.

(27) The crime wave in Llanos City has reached such proportions that under 54 arms has instructed the Prefect to enforce strict control over 2400 bars to 6000 hrs and for Juvenile from 1933 bar to 6000 hrs.

(32) Filtering of Allied Foodstuffs imported for civilian consumption and raising of awareness of the DUTCH-INDONESIAN CO-OPERATION COMMISSION (DICC) by armed bands has revealed such proportions in the Province that special measures are being planned to protect the supplies. Additional G.I. and Royal Dutch oil tankers and gasoline tankers are being allocated to this task, but their numbers are not sufficient to provide adequate protection. It is therefore proposed to form a Special Corps of parachute watchmen, to be recruited by the DICC, to be stationed at the oil and gas installations, carefully screened by the G.I.s. In view of the fact that the Corps will have to deal with armed gangsters, it is desired to arm it with automatics or rifles. It is planned to keep the weapons, when not in use, in a central armoury under control of the G.I.s.

(33) All Prefects report that prostitution has increased.

PUBLIC HEALTH

(34) The general state of health among the population is satisfactory. (One further case of plague has been reported from LAHLO (not fatal).

(35) During December 30 (thirty) cases of small pox, some fatal, were reported in LAHLO City.

(36) All necessary precautionary measures have been taken, and when vaccination, this being compulsory.

SECURITY

(37) The situation has been improved by the derequisitioning of houses, buildings in every Province, the exception being LAHLO City.

REMARKS

(38) The number of displaced persons moving North by rail from this zone during the month was 663.

(39) During the month the two security compounds of No. 4 Transit Camp were closed down. In the case of barracks "A" some of the inmates were repatriated and the rest transferred to P. 1, Camp. In the case of barracks "B" the inmates transferred to 4 BTP Reinforcement and Holding Centre KILINTI. 454

(40) During the month only one case of infectious disease was reported from No. 4 Transit Camp, namely M. LA DITRITIA.

(41) The following number of displaced persons were directly repatriated from No. 4 Transit Camp during the month :-

| | |
|------------|-----|
| CHINESE | 237 |
| INDONESIAN | 32 |
| LAHLO | 55 |
| REMARKS | 2 |

Total 376

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GENERAL

(32) The general state of health among the population is satisfactory. The further case of plague has been reported from BAHITO (not fatal).

(31) During December 30 (thirty) cases of small pox, now fatal, were reported in BAHITO.

(32) All necessary precautionary measures have been taken, including vaccination, this being compulsory.

EDUCATION

(35) The situation has been improved by the derequisitioning of several buildings in every Province, the exception being BAHITO City.

REVENUES

(34) The number of displaced persons moving North by rail from the Zone during the month was 605.

(35) During the month the two security compounds at No. 1 Transit Camp were closed down. In the case of barracks "A" some of the inmates were repatriated and the rest transferred to S. 1, Camp. In the case of barracks "B" the inmates were repatriated. 1 SGP Reinforcement and Holding Centre BAHITO. **454**

(36) During the month only one case of infectious disease was reported from No. 1 Transit Camp, namely A. L. L. D. BAHITO.

(37) The following number of displaced persons were directly repatriated from No. 1 Transit Camp during the month :-

| | |
|-----------|-----|
| CHINA | 207 |
| INDONESIA | 32 |
| THAILAND | 55 |
| LAOS | 2 |

Total 376

TRANSPORT

ROADS

(38) Route clearance by road transport proceeded satisfactorily during

December.

(39) Negotiations are pending between the United Command and the 1049 Port Maintenance Coy for permission for the CLS to use a large weighing machine at BAHITO Docks. The use of this weighing machine will accelerate grain discharge.

(40) No. 1 trucks from ROMA, operated by the Italian Gov. transport, have been of improvement. ... which percentage of vehicles are not used weekly, due to lack of maintenance.

(41) There is considerable traffic of salt from the interior of SAVONA to many parts of Liguria.

(42) In case of the tickets continues as follows: a) Province temporary monthly tickets have been built to replace those blown by the Germans, and in many cases the winter rains have swept these away.

(43) Investigations have now been completed into the illegal issue of trip tickets by the LIGURIA, concerning transport of wine in barrels from this Province to other Northern Cities, contrary to regulations. As a result of which the Provincial Director has been suspended from duty.

RAIL

(44) The present operation of the Salt Monopoly in the LIGURIA is satisfactory, and many instances have occurred in which it failed to take action as per procedure. It is suggested that Italian Governmental authorities be requested to inspect and take appropriate measures to improve operations at the Salt Monopoly.

(45) Rail wagon availability in the Compartimento of RAIL authorities is acute due to increased military requirements. Rail traffic to and from this area is limited and the North has not exceeded that of the previous month. It is anticipated that wagon availability in this area will progressively deteriorate with the result that regular traffic north of SALONA. Freight movement for the month was as follows:-

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Tonnage Permitted | 82,677 tons |
| Tonnage Moved | 65,537 " |
| Tonnage not Moved | 17,090 " |
| Tonnage not moved due to lack of wagons | 3,047 " |

SHIPPING

(46) Ship discharges of commodities continued satisfactorily. 453

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| EXPORT BY SEA - Grain | 11,420 Tons |
| EXPORT BY SEA - Wine | 412 " |

With effect from 17th December 45 the duties of Naval Control Service have been undertaken by Italian Royal Navy.

RELATIONS BETWEEN ALLIES AND CIVILIANS

(47) The attitude of the civilians towards the Allies remains friendly.

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(41) To 34 Truck Pool, 40001A, operated by the Italian Army, which is a high percentage of vehicles are not even working, and as a result...

(42) There is considerable traffic of salt from the Italian Army to mine parts of Italy.

(43) In view of the severe conditions of the Italian Army, the Italian Army has been unable to replace those blown by the Germans, and in many cases the motor vehicles have been swept away.

(44) Investigations have now been completed into the illegal issue of this tickets by the Italian Army, covering transport of mine in barrels from this factory to the Provincial Director of the Italian Army, contrary to regulations. As a result of which the Provincial Director of the Italian Army has been suspended from duty.

ITALY

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(46) Rail wagon availability in the Department of Rail continues to be affected due to increased military requirements. Rail traffic to and from this Department and the South has not exceeded that of the previous month. It is anticipated that wagon availability in this area will progressively deteriorate with the opening of regular traffic with the South. Freight movement for the month was as follows:-

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PART I

1. Only some 13% of the population of Apulia and Lucania are enrolled as members of any political party.
2. The four largest parties are:

| | <u>Approx. Membership</u> | <u>Percentage of population</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Uomo Qualunque | 128,600 | 3.5% |
| Demo Christian | 112,200 | 3% |
| Communist | 81,700 | 2% |
| Socialist | 55,600 | 1.5% |
3. The morale of the people is rather low. Rising prices, shortage of food, unemployment, the winter, general lack of discipline, the petty politics of the Committees of Liberation the failure of the London Conference, all combine to make the barriers to reconstruction seem unsurmountable. The people long for a firm, stable government.
4. The preparation of Electoral Lists is progressing steadily.
5. The stocks of grain and flour remain very low.
6. Prices of food are still rising. The price of clothing appears to be stationary or in some cases actually dropping.
7. Unemployment is increasing.
8. The CCHR are insufficiently mobile for their tasks.
9. Disorders frequently break out in the villages and banditry by night is common.
10. On 20 November a mass demonstration of the Arsenal workers occurred at TARANTO in protest at the murder of a communist and against the high cost of living. The Offices of the Uomo Qualunque party were sacked.
11. Demonstrations against oil amassing occurred in several villages in BARI Province and in one case where shooting occurred one Questura Agent was killed and two CCHR were wounded.
12. One more case of plague has occurred at TARANTO since the last report bringing the number of cases to 28 (of which one was a British soldier). The number of deaths is 15, all Italians.
13. In general the health of the population remains satisfactory.
14. Derequisitioning of schools is proceeding satisfactorily.
15. 2696 Italian subjects resident in Greece were deported on short warning and landed in instalments in BARI.
16. The influx of Jewish refugees in BARI on their way to the LIFE camps in LECCE Province has almost ceased.

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17. Relations between the Allies and the civilians remain good.

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PART II

POLITICAL FRACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

- (1) The people as a whole remain aloof from politics. Only some 15% are registered as members of any party.
- (2) The following figures show the approximate size of the parties in this zone and the percentage of population involved. It will be seen that the parties of the right outnumber the parties of the left by a large majority.

| | Approx. Membership | Percentage of population |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Communist | 81,700 | 2% |
| Socialist | 55,600 | 1.5% |
| Action | 15,300 | 0.5% |
| Republican | 2,500 | 0.07% |
| Democracy Of Labour | 39,000 | 1% |
| Uomo Qualunque | 128,600 | 3.5% |
| Democ Christian | 112,200 | 3% |
| Liberal | 34,600 | 0.9% |
| Anarchist | 19,900 | 0.5% |
| | 489,400 | 12.9% |

(3) The Socialist Party displayed considerable activity. ELMO NERI, the Party leader, addressed meetings at LECCE, TARANTO, BRINDISI, BARI, ANDRIA and MINEVINO early in November. He stressed the difficulties which the people would have to face in winter and particularly the food situation.

(4) The morale of the people is rather low. The rising prices, shortage of food, unemployment, the severity of the winter, the general lack of discipline, the petty politics of the Committees of Liberation, the weakness of the Central Government the failure of the L. Union Conference, all combine to present a picture of seemingly unsurmountable barriers to reconstruction.

(5) People long for a firm hand, so that they may settle down, untroubled, to the colossal task before them. Hence the steady swing of opinion towards the right centre.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

(6) Three new Prefects took office on 1 November 1945:

Dr. BEGLISE GUIDO BARI Province

POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINION

- (1) The people as a whole remain aloof from politics. Only some 15,000 are registered as members of any party.
- (2) The following figures show the approximate size of the parties in this Zone and the percentage of population involved. It will be seen that the parties of the right outnumber the parties of the left by a large majority.

| | <u>Approx. Membership</u> | <u>Percentage of population</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Communist | 81,700 | 2% |
| Socialist | 55,600 | 1.5% |
| Action | 15,300 | 0.5% |
| Republican | 2,500 | 0.07% |
| Democracy Of Labour | 39,000 | 1% |
| Uomo Qualunque | 128,600 | 3.5% |
| Democ Christian | 112,200 | 3% |
| Liberal | 34,600 | 0.9% |
| Monarchist | 19,900 | 0.5% |
| | <u>489,400</u> | <u>12.9%</u> |

(3) The Socialist Party displayed considerable activity. GUSTO NEGRI, the Party leader, addressed meetings at LECCE, TARANTO, BRINDISI, BARI, ANCONA, and ANKERVING early in November. He stressed the difficulties which the people would have to face in winter and particularly the food situation.

(4) The morale of the people is rather low. The rising prices, shortage of food, unemployment, the severity of the winter, the general lack of discipline, the petty politics of the Committees of Liberation, the weakness of the Central Government the failure of the London Conference, all combine to present a picture of seemingly unmountable barriers to reconstruction.

(5) People long for a firm hand, so that they may settle down, unmolested, to the colossal task before them. Hence the steady swing of opinion towards the right centre.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

(6) Three new Prefects took office on 1 November 1945:

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Dr. ROCCO GUIDO | BARI Province |
| Dr. GABRIEL GIUSEPPE | LECCE Province |
| Dr. PONTE AURELIO | MATERA Province |

(7) On 30 November 113 Communes out of the 368 in this Zone were under the charge of a Commissario Prefettizio (31 %).

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ELECTORAL LISTS

(8) The preparation of Electoral Lists is progressing steadily. BARI, BRINDISI, and MATERA Provinces have completed theirs. Approvals by the Commissioni Mandamentali Elettorali are increasing in number.

ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY

(9) The situation in regard to grain and flour is still causing anxiety. Only by untiring efforts do the Alimentazione Officials succeed in importing fresh stocks before the old stocks become exhausted.

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(11) The cost of living figures supplied by the FOGGIA Chamber of Commerce give the following comparisons for a type family of five persons, for food, clothing, lodging, light, fuel and miscellaneous for one month.

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| September 1943 | - | Lire | 1,956 |
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| November 1945 | - | Lire | 28,411 |

(12) Food prices are still rising. The price of clothing appears to be stationary or in some cases actually dropping.

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(14) The prices obtaining at TARANTO in November were:-

| | Price per KG Lire |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| | Rationed Market - Black Market |
| Bread | 15 60 |
| Pasta | 23,50 160 |
| Sugar | 56 800 |
| Oil | 71 380 |

(15) There is considerable illegal wine and olive oil trade to North Italy by road transport.

AGRICULTURE.

(16) The recent rains have favoured the work of sowing.

(17) The wheat production is estimated to have been :-

| | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|
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| LECCE | 75,000 | 2 |
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| LECCE | | |

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MATERIA 74,110 Quintali
POMODIA 83,330

(19) There is a shortage of fertilisers in all Provinces, and the scarcity of fodder and straw for bedding still persists. POMODIA reports a heavy mortality among pigs owing to swine fever.

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(26) In NOGGIA the sum of Lire 17,000,000 is being spent on the construction of houses for the homeless and the repair of war-damaged buildings, and on road reconstruction.

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PRISONS

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- (6) On 21 October 45 no less than 113 Communists out of the 363 in this region were under the charge of a Commissario Prefettizio instead of a Sindaco. This amounts to 31.4%.
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FINANCE

(24) The financial position of communes and of Benevolent Institutions is growing worse owing to the steady rise in salaries.

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and wages, without any corresponding increase in income.

PUBLIC WORKS

(25) All provinces have begun to carry out the repairs to roads and other reconstruction works authorized last month by the Central Government. The general opinion is that these works only touch the fringe of the unemployment problem.

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(32) For railway police see para 40 (c).

PUBLIC HEALTH

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(34) In general the health of the population remains good.

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EDUCATION

(25) Education has suffered heavily from requisitioning. Children who would normally have been at school are roaming the streets and juvenile crime is prevalent. In BRINDISI and TARANTO requisitioning of schools is in progress. In LECCE province, BARI and FOGGIA the position is still very serious. In POTENZA the lack of school buildings is due, not to requisitioning, but to still unrepaired damage by bombing.

REFUGEES

(36) During October No. 1 Transit Camp BARI, received a total of 1213 Refugees and passed on 1626. On 31 October there were 2333 in the Camp.

(37) 2481 persons were shipped by rail from this region during October, a decrease of nearly 5000 compared with last month.

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Italian youth, mistaken for an escaping German prisoner, was shot and killed by two British soldiers on duty.

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- (10) There is a strong feeling that the South is being filked for the benefit of the North and that the South receives nothing in return. The Northerners are buying up the oil and the wine, but they are not exporting their finished products such as clothing and machinery, which are so badly needed in the South. Moreover the prices which the Northerners have been willing to pay have caused a marked rise in the cost of living.

60- (11) The distribution of bread is satisfactory, but owing to scarcity and high prices it is extremely difficult for the poorer classes to obtain sufficient olive oil, meat, vegetables and wine. The price of wine is now 60 Lire per Litre, and olive oil costs 350 Lire per Litre on the black market.

(12) There is only enough grain in the zone to last until the end of October.

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AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND FISHERIES

(15) Agriculture

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(21) Italian Courts appear to be functioning satisfactorily if slowly. This defect is in part accounted for by a shortage of magistrates in the "Preture Mandamentali".

(22) At the trial, before the "Tribunale Militare Territoriale di Guerra" at TARANTO, of 74 civilians charged with large-scale theft of WD property from railway waggons in transit at TARANTO, the following sentences were passed:-

No. of persons so sentenced

Sentence

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 11 years | 1 |
| 8 " | 4 |
| 7 " | 3 |
| 6 " | 2 |
| 5 " | 7 |
| 4-4 " | 30 |
| less than 1 year | 19 |
| acquitted | 5 |
| Omitted from list | 2 |
| | <u>74</u> |
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In 24 cases fines up to a maximum of 20,000 Lire were imposed in addition.

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| Political | 5 |
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- a) double ration of bread and oil.
- b) blocking of wine export in order to effect exchange for foodstuffs and goods from the North.

- c) Bakeries to be requisitioned and managed by workers' cooperative.
d) Intensified action against the black market.

The Prefect sanctioned certain ration increases and the crowd dispersed. On 25 Sep. a crowd of 10,000 gathered to enquire whether the demands were being met. CC.RR. under provocation, opened fire killing three civilians. Since then the city has been most orderly.

(27) Incidents of this kind must be expected to continue in this zone until:-

- a) The gap between wages and the cost of living is reduced.
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Curfew was lifted throughout 52 Area with effect from 11 September 45. It remains in force in 54 Area.

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(34) In general the state of public health is good. The incidence of infectious diseases is normal.

EDUCATION

(35) Education still suffers from the inevitable requisitioning of school buildings for use either by the Allies or by the homeless.

REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

(36) 5271 persons were shipped by rail from this entire Zone during the month of September.

(37) UNRRA report that repatriation should be virtually completed by 15 October, leaving only a residual refugee population of war unrepatriables. In three of the Provinces these latter are estimated to number :-

| | |
|--------|------|
| BARI | 2000 |
| MATERA | 300 |
| LECCE | 1600 |

DEREQUISITIONING

(38) The subject is under constant revision and the fullest cooperation is being afforded by both 52 and 54 Areas. Eighty derequisitions were effected in 52 Area during the month.

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(36) 5271 persons were shipped by rail from this entire Zone during the month of September.

(37) UNHRA report that repatriation should be virtually completed by 15 October, leaving only a residual refugee population of 429 unrepatriables. In three of the Provinces these latter are estimated to number :-

| | |
|--------|------|
| BARI | 2000 |
| MATERA | 300 |
| LECCE | 1600 |

DEREQUIPPEMENT

(38) The subject is under constant revision and the fullest cooperation is being afforded by both 52 and 54 Areas. Lighty derequi- sitions were effected in 52 Area during the month.

Col. H. S. Hartley

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8 October 45.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Schools - Bari Area.

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section.

1. As you know, all Prefects have urged the derequisitioning of schools in order that education can recommence in October, and Area Headquarters are being asked to give this subject priority.
2. In his monthly report for August, the Bari Liaison Officer states that many schools in this area are still requisitioned, and adds that he has sent a list of them to Headquarters, 54 Area, requesting early release.
3. We would be grateful if you could follow this matter up, and let us know what the position is.

✓ B. SAMSON
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

(Further action on 544/50C)

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Tel. 14152

Ref : LB/65.

7th September, 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

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TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
C.M.F.
(Copies 1 - 8).

Herewith please find eight copies of my report for the month of August, 1945, forwarded in accordance with your letter No. 825/216/EC of 1st August, 1945.

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S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
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FINISHED REPORT

AUGUST 1945

PART I

1. BARI and the South-Eastern Provinces have sweltered in a damp enervating heat throughout the month of August. It is a brutal climate. Nevertheless the harvest has been gathered in and threshing is nearly finished. Farmers are reluctant to mass their grain this year, on the pretext the Government price per quintal is insufficient. The Prefect of PATERA reports a harvest of some 300,000 quintals, from which only 45,000 quintals have been massed.
2. There has been little political activity in the area this month. Electoral rolls are processing satisfactorily but the people do not appear interested in the coming elections.
3. Civil disturbances broke out at MATERA and FERRANDIA during the first five days of August. Some 5,000 persons were involved. Fortunately there was little bloodshed, but public buildings were destroyed, the prison was invaded and many prisoners were released. The GARIBOLDI Regiment was sent to restore order. This Regiment has now moved to the North, and the S. MASCO Regiment has taken its place. There was little political significance in these disturbances and they were staged chiefly as a protest against
 - (a) the massing of grain,
 - (b) the issue of ration cards, and
 - (c) the inadequate measures existing for the relief of the unemployed.
4. There is a brisk revival in the wine trade, and ships and trains are conveying thousands of tons of wine from this area to the North.

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(d) TARANTO Province. (i) On 20th August the "MELODIA" farms at MATERA were forcibly occupied by some 3,000 labourers and peasants from the village, pending a decision by the Italian Court of Appeal as to whether the farms belong to the Duchess Melodia or to the Comune of MATERA.

(ii) There are signs that other farms will be similarly occupied in the future.

3. LEGAL.

- (a) The RIONERO in VULTURE case is still on the waiting list.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- (a) The O.C. 178 Indian GPT Coy stationed near TABATO was attacked and murdered in his tent by a Sepoy of the same Regiment. The latter has been arrested.
- (b) Sgt. Major DEOSTI, 2737 Pioneer Coy stationed in TABATO has been murdered by unknown assailants.
- (c) Gunner CALLOW of 31 Regiment was murdered and Gunner DUFFY injured, during a quarrel with Polish soldiers in the TABATO area. Investigations are proceeding.

5. MILITARY POLICE.

- (a) The following are some of the charges preferred by the Military Police during August:-

| | | |
|----------|---|-----|
| Speeding | - | 396 |
| Theft | - | 143 |

- (b) The value of WD Property recovered is:-

| | | | |
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| | <u>£.</u> | <u>S.</u> | <u>d.</u> |
| 52 Area (TABATO) | 445 | 2 | 11 |
| 54 Area (BARI) | 6041 | 17 | 7 |

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8. INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

(a) There is a shortage of coal and raw materials throughout the Provinces.

(b) The report of Dr. OPATOWSKI on the output and distribution of soap from BARI should make interesting reading, and no doubt the Italian Government will take strong action to remedy the state of affairs disclosed.

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Para. 8 cont'd.

(c) The excellent cloth factory of Venanzio and Pietro GUIDA at LACOMERO (POTENZA) is capable of an enormous output, of which large quantities are in store, sale having been frozen by the Italian Government. This seems incongruous when demands for clothing and uniform cannot be met, and especially so to the inhabitants of the town who are unable to purchase the cloth they make. Could this be represented to the Italian Government with a view to freeing the sale. I have telephoned Comercio Sub-Commission about this.

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(a) Rations have been regularly distributed in all Provinces. This is due to the excellent work of Dr. De PASQUALE.

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12. COMMUNICATIONS.

Telegraphic and Telephonic communications in the PUGLIA area are not satisfactory.

Many lines are still requisitioned by the Allies.

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15. TRANSPORT SITUATION.

ROADS.

- harvest.
- (a) Petrol allocation is now satisfactory and has eased with the end of the
- (b) The Truck Pool at LOGGIA has many idle vehicles and is not working to capacity. It appears that E.N.A.C. gives petrol and business to private firms and individuals owning vehicles in the area. Now the harvest has been gathered, there appears to be a surplus of Government vehicles in the Province. This is being investigated with E.N.A.C. with a view to the withdrawal for re-distribution of these surplus vehicles.

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| Tonnage Moved | - | 53,103 |

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ABRIDGED REPORT

JULY 1945

PART I

1. The result of the British Election has been hailed by the BARI press as a leftist victory. There is hope that our democratic Government will strongly support the democratic principles now being reborn in ITALY.

2. There is a reluctance on the part of farmers to assess their grain this year.

Uncertainty regarding the future value of the lira has some bearing on this situation.

3. The trial of General BELLOMO took place at BARI between the 23rd and the 28th July without incident.

4. Action by the Italian Government to follow up the MINERVINO-ANDRIA disorders by arresting the ring leaders, recapturing liberated prisoners and confiscating illegally held weapons has met with poor success, which is chiefly due to the half hearted measures adopted.

5. Unemployment is rife in S.E. ITALY. (The possibility of giving uncultivated ground to the unemployed is under consideration).

6. 83 cases of typhus have been reported.

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MONTHLY REPORT

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(iii) Many prisoners illegally released from ANDRIA prison on June, 26th have voluntarily returned to complete their sentence.

3. PREPARATION OF JUDICIALS.

About 1,000 soldiers were arrested during the month, and 700 now remain, viz.:-

Sick (not in hospital) - 504
 Staff (plus sick in hospital) - 235

These will be gradually sent home.

4. LEGAL

- (a) The examination of witnesses in the KRONER case has taken longer than was anticipated. The trial will commence soon.
- (b) The case against JEMALUNOV has been dropped as H.C.I.O., TABAKOV does not wish to prosecute.
- (c) The principal offender in the case of the wounding of L/Cpl. PRITCHER, C.M.P., at ENHIDISI has been arrested.
- (d) The case of theft at TIRANA in which 67 railway's employees are concerned is due for trial on the 27th August.

5. ITEMS OF INTEREST.

- (a) On July, 12th at DARRAN a British soldier was murdered by unknown assailants.
- (b) On July, 21st at ENHIDISI 3 Albanian subjects, sent to count the number of Albanian ships in use by the Allies, were admitted to the Port on a pass issued by the Albanian Military Mission. They exceeded their duty and boarded a number of Albanian ships. Under threat the masters were ordered to proceed to ALBANIA irrespective of their sailing contracts.
 These incidents were telephoned to me by the Comdr, 91 Garrison, and we decided at once to lock up the buccaneers.
 A report was then made to the Albanian Mission, where astonishment was expressed at the conduct of the men concerned. The Mission agreed to take over the prisoners and arrange for their deportation to ALBANIA.
- (c) On July, 22nd at MATTEA the H.Q. of the Christian Democrats was set on fire by unknown persons.
- (d) On the night 22nd-23rd July, following a fight on the BUTHIO-BARI road, a British H.C.O. died of injuries inflicted by coloured troops. Four arrests have been made.

6. MILITARY POLICE.

- (a) The following are some of the charges preferred by the Military Police during July:-

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Speeding

4. LEGAL.

- (a) The examination of witnesses in the GENTO in VULPES case has taken longer than was anticipated. The trial will commence soon.
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- (c) The principal offender in the case of the wounding of L/Cpl. PITCHER, C.M.P., at RINDISI has been arrested.
- (d) The case of the 12th at TALIANO in which 57 railway employees are concerned is due for trial on the 27th August.

5. ITALS ON RINDISI.

- (a) On July, 12th at RINDISI a British soldier was murdered by unknown assailants.
- (b) On July, 21st at RINDISI 3 Albanian subjects, sent to count the number of Albanian ships in use by the Allies, were admitted to the Port on a pass issued by the Albanian Military Mission. They exceeded their duty and boarded a number of Albanian ships. Under threat the masters were ordered to proceed to ALBANIA irrespective of their sailing contracts.
- These incidents were telephoned to me by the Comdr, 91 Garrison, and we decided at once to lock up the bucaniers.
- A report was then made to the Albanian Mission, where astonishment was expressed at the conduct of the men concerned. The Mission agreed to take over the prisoners and arrange for their deportation to ALBANIA.

- (c) On July, 22nd at MATTEA the I.C. of the Christian Democrats was set on fire by unknown persons.

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| | | |
|---|---|-----|
| Speeding | - | 352 |
| Being in improper possession of Allied stores | - | 231 |
| Theft | - | 68 |

- (b) The value of WD property recovered is:-

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. |
| 52 Area (TARANTO) | 1720 | 15 | 3 |
| 54 Area (BARI) | 7054 | 3 | 11 |

7. CC.RR.

(a) The LAI CC.RR. have been reinforced and may be operating in the LAI area.

(b) Owing to threats by organized bands, an officer and 30 Carabinieri have been sent to BRINDISI, where, in co-operation with the Military Police, they have gone much to restore order. They are remaining there temporarily at the request of the 52 Area.

(c) Driving crews, petrol and ammunition are urgently required for the 14 tanks now in BRINDISI or Internal Security Duties.

These AVVs would have been invaluable in the recent disturbances, and I strongly urge their full equipment without delay.

(d) There is a lamentable shortage of uniform, underclothing and boots for the Carabinieri. Perhaps the time is approaching when the claims of the Civil Police will be considered as important as those of the Italian Army.

(e) Relationship between the Civil and Military Police is excellent.

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(a) In POTENZA Province, owing to building restrictions, unemployment is rife. The Minister of Labour has assigned Lire 221,500,000 for expenditure on public works.

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(c) In LECCE Province unemployment figures are:-

Partially unemployed - 36,234
Totally unemployed - 4,104

* This figure includes 35,332 women workers in tobacco factories. The season is over, but the women will be probably re-employed later on.

(d) Complaints are general that bands of unemployed men are performing duties on farms without the owners' knowledge or consent. In many cases payment by threat is demanded.

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(e) The GIOVINAZZO Steel Works have been restarted.

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(c) In LEGHORN Province unemployment figures are:

Partially unemployed - 56,334
Totally unemployed - 4,404

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10. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(a) Prolonged drought and frost have seriously affected crops, and in some cases ruined them. Olive trees and vines have also suffered.

(b) POMERAN asks for winter supplies now in order to stock villages now bound and inaccessible in winter. This seems reasonable.

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(c) The fish market is active. There is a serious shortage of fishing implements and nets throughout APULIA. It is desirable that the maximum food supply should be taken from the sea. More fish could be obtained if the fishermen were properly equipped, and it is recommended their requirements should receive a high priority.

(d) Owing to a shortage of fodder and water, cattle are being slaughtered in large quantities.

(e) A revised forecast of the harvest has now come in from the Agricultural Inspectorate. It is less optimistic than the original one:-

| PROVINCE | WHEAT | BARLEY | OATS | LEGUMES | PEAS |
|-----------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| BARI | Qls. 250,000 | 42,000 | 137,000 | 23,500 | 1,200 |
| FOGGIA | " 4,520,000 | 65,000 | 252,000 | 120,000 | 5,000 |
| LECCE | " 75,000 | 22,000 | 70,000 | 6,300 | 20,000 |
| BRIINDISI | " 90,000 | 9,000 | 50,000 | 26,000 | 1,000 |
| TARANTO | " 145,000 | 9,000 | 90,000 | 17,000 | 1,000 |

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11. FOOD SITUATION

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- (iii) Olive Oil - 200 gr. a month.

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ROAD.

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(a) Main roads are very good.
Practically all secondary roads are in poor condition and their maintenance will provide work for many unemployed.

(b) All M.D. vehicles operated by SITA and SUD-EST have been handed over to the Italian Government, viz.:-

101 x 5 tonners
50 x 1 1/2 tonners

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(c) The allocation of the above vehicles to provinces will still be controlled.

(d) The allotment of petrol to the Provinces by the Italian Government appears to be inconsistent. In some cases where the estimate of EMAG for August is less than for July, the allotment has been INCREASED, and where it is greater it has been DECREASED. This is being investigated.

RAILWAYS

(a) A new system of traffic limitation is being tried out, control being by wagons rather than by tonnage. 100 wagons a day have been allotted to EARI Compartimento so that care must now be taken in allotting priorities. It is too early yet to say if the system will result in the better use of available rolling stock.

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General condition of public health is good with the following reported exceptions:

| | Small Pox | Enteritis | Typhus | Measles | Malaria | TD |
|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|----|
| POTENZA | 11 | 19 | 11 | 14 | 40 | |
| LECCE | | 1 | 39 | 3 | 97 | 25 |
| BRINDISI | | 12 | 21 | 2 | 16 | 3 |
| MATERA | | | 12 | 12 | 9 | 1 |

15. REFUGEES.

| FROM | TO | NUMBER | 415 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|-----|
| Lecce and South | Brindisi | 417 | |
| Lecce, South and Bari | Naples and Rome | 400 | |
| Bari | Lecce and South | 300 | |
| Potenza and Matera | Naples and Frosinone | 253 | |
| Brindisi and Lecce | Abruzzi | 400 | |

(b) A programme of refugee trains is issued each week by HQ, Allied Commission, which gives the barest indication of the destination or composition of the train, e.g. "CAMPANIA for the South" or "EARI for the South" means just what it says. It would be of considerable help if a break down showing numbers and destinations could be given.

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|--|----------------------|--------|
| FROM | TO | MUMBER |
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16. DISPLACED PERSONS.

(a) A total of 2,902 Displaced Persons arrived at No. 1 Transit Camp during July and 2,791 departed. The increase consists chiefly of Greeks and Stateless Jews.

(b) The Commandant of the Camp has taken energetic steps to stop the stealing of blankets and clothing and his efforts have met a deserved success.

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(a) Education is hampered owing to the continued occupation of schools by the Allies.

(b) I am ascertaining the names of schools so occupied and will forward report in due course.

*S. W. Miller*S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Liaison Officer, A.C.,
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Ref/5002/67/EC.

Tel : 224.

1 August 1945

SUBJECT : Report of the A.C. Liaison Officer
(Bari) for June 1945.

TO : Economic Section.

The Executive Commissioner is anxious to know what action has been taken on para 10 (g) of the above mentioned report which reads as follows :

" (g) The Prefect of BRINDISI states he has already suggested to the Italian authorities that the factories in his Province (S.A.C.A., La Rinascenza and the Royal Naval Workshops) which have been fully employed on war materials could now be easily reconstructed to produce commercial requirements. Railway trucks, agriculture machines, aeroplanes etc, could be built and repaired, and he is anxious for this to commence in order to relieve the problem of unemployment. Would it be possible to send an expert to BRINDISI to advise on this subject. "

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 1008/24/EC.

1 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Report from A.C. Liaison Officer BARI.

TO : Ministry of Interior, Italian Government.

1. For your information the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at Bari reports that there were 208 cases of improper possession of Allied stores preferred in that area during June.

2. It may also be of interest to you to know that the value of W.D. property recovered during June was:

| | |
|---------|------------------------|
| Taranto | - over 836,000 lire |
| Bari | - over 2,095,200 lire. |

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot
Brigadier,
Executive Commission

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Ref : 4755/XO

Tel : 476201

4 August 1945

SUBJECT : Requisitioned Buildings.

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

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The Allied Commission Liaison Officer BARI has sent the following extracts from the reports of the Prefects which may be of interest to you :-

" BARI - Requisitions have nearly ended but all the empty premises which have not been occupied for months are still requisitioned which causes bitter criticism among the population.

LECOE - The Polish forces have recently requisitioned a villa on the MONTROCHI road. Although the number of Allied forces has diminished the main public buildings and schools of the town are still requisitioned and many apartments and villas are occupied only by a few persons. I request your help to obtain the derequisitioning of as many empty buildings as possible as their remaining empty etc. is causing bitter criticism among the population. "

For the Chief Commissioner :

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 827/35/30.30 July 1945.*My dear Miller:*

I have been impressed by the monthly reports you have been sending. They give, in the minimum of words, a good picture of your area and are most valuable.

Please let me know result of action on para 13 of your report dated 12 July.

(Sg)

M. S. WISH

Colonel S.W. Miller,
Allied Commission Liaison Officer,
B A R I.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

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Ex. Comm
Tel. 14152

Ref : LB/65.

13th July, 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

JUL 16 1945

TO : HQ, ALLIED COMMISSION,
C.M.F.

Herewith please find six copies of my report for the month of June, 1945, forwarded in accordance with your letter No. 825/165/EC of 31st March, 1945.

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Ref : LB / 65.

12th July, 1945

MONTHLY REPORT

JUNE 1945

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OFFICIAL VISITS.

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CIVIL DISTURBANCE.

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4. REPATRIATION OF JUGOSLAVS.

Some 1,600 soldiers were repatriated during the month, and on the 7th July 400 wounded were sent home in a hospital ship. This leaves about 1,600 Yugoslav soldiers in the area which should be cleared during the next few weeks (except for a small mission).

5. LEGAL.

- (a) Instances of "Harboring Deserters" have increased and of those brought to trial before the Italian Courts the majority have either been dismissed or treated with leniency. I have drawn the attention of the Procuratore Militare to this fact and to the desirability of treating those found guilty with the severity the offence deserves.
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(g) During June a number of thefts of W.D. property by armed bands occurred in the BRINDISI area. Reinforcements of Carabinieri have been sent there, 07

7. MILITARY POLICE.

(a) The following are some of the charges preferred during the month:-

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----|
| Speeding offences | - | 354 |
| Improper possession of Allied Stores | - | 208 |
| There has been an increase in theft. | | |

(b) It may be of interest to show the value of W.D. property recovered during June, viz.:-

| | £. | S. | d. |
|-------------------|------|----|----|
| 52 Area (TARANTO) | 2090 | 14 | 2 |
| 54 Area (BARI) | 5238 | 12 | 0 |

(c) Relationship between the Allied and Italian Police is excellent.

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| TARANTO | 150,000 | 90,000 | 10,000 | 17,000 | 1,200 |

These figures have been confirmed by Prof. Raffaele PASTORE, the Agricultural Inspector, to-day.

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|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Tons moved | 1266 | 360 | 212 | 372 | 332 | 904 |
| Kilometers run | 95,000 | 27,000 | 16,000 | 28,000 | 25,000 | 57,600 |
| Petrol (litres) | 38,000 | 11,000 | 4,000 | 7,000 | 6,500 | 23,000 |

Para. 14 cont'd.RAIL.

- (a) From the 15th July the Italian State Railway accepts responsibility for Loading Programmes and the receipt of Rail Bids. The Allied Commission will still decide priorities, and will screen bids.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/21.1/CA.

15 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Requisitioned buildings.

TO: AFHQ, G-5 Section.

- 1 The following is an extract from the May Report from the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at Bari:

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- 2 Your assistance, particularly on points (b) and (c) would be very much appreciated. It is realised, however, that very great difficulties may exist for the Military Authorities and in so far as the schools are concerned do not press for immediate de-requisition. It is hoped, however, that some concessions can be made before the opening of the school year in October.

- 3 On the other hand, the occupation of the Prefettura and Court of Assizes is contrary to your directives and it is felt that this Commission must press for their release at the earliest possible date.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
AC Liaison Officer, Bari.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

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Ref: 627/23/100.

15 June 45.

Subject: Monthly Report for May, 45.

Reference para: 19 of the above report. Any discussions on the subject of refugees should be held with Brigadier HUGHES and not with the Executive Commissioner. This paragraph has been drawn to the attention of Brigadier HUGHES.

E. Talbot

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.Colonel S.W. Miller,
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7th June, 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Reports.

10 JUN 1945

TO : H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION,
C.M.P.

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9 JUN 1945

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6th June, 1945

MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 1945

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Local Cases cont'd

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| | | 402 |

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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8th June 1945.

Thank you for your letter of 25th May. I am very glad to hear you are settling in and making progress. Give me a full picture as soon as you can. I have just returned from the North where all seems well.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel S.W. Miller,
Allied Commission Liaison Officer,
c/o HQ. 54 Area, C.M.F.

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TEL. BARI - 14152

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
C/O H.Q. 54 AREA
C. M. F.

25th May, 1945.

My dear Brigadier.

I do appreciate your kind letter of congratulations which reached me today, and for all you say about me and my work.

I have much to thank you for, not the least your patience and encouragement in the early days when things were somewhat muddled.

I would however like to say that much of the work credited to me was done by Major Haslam, and others in G-4, of whom I cannot write too highly.

There is much to be done here, and I hope soon to be on top of it, and to show you progress in the monthly reports. I have seen all the Prefects (and other Provincial Officials with them) and have no doubt about their desire to shoulder the responsibilities of Government and I realise their difficulties in this transitional period.

There is much this office can do to help, and it will do it.

Lastly, you asked the names of the Army Commanders in this area; they are

Bari - Brig. F.A.S. CLARKE, DSO - 54 Area
Taranto - Brig. J.Y. CALWELL, MVO - 52 Area

Both are desirous of the closest liaison.

Again my best wishes and thanks to you.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CEMC,
H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION,
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BARI

May 5, 1945

Subject: Monthly Report

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To: H.Q. Allied Commission C.M.F.

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1945, Bari Liaisonate.

for L.F. Dawson, Lt. Col.
Allied Commission
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Officer. After each general meeting I arranged with the Prefect concerned to furnish me with a weekly report under certain subject headings designed to enable me to carry out the terms of A.C. H.Q. directive No. 7002/EC dated 24 March 1945. I at the same time interviewed the principal members of the Judiciary both military and civil in each province and requested them to furnish me with weekly returns to enable me to give effect to A.C. H.Q. directive No. A.C./4135/L dated 8 April '45. Although this latter directive mentions monthly reports I took the liberty of asking for weekly statements as the judiciary had already become accustomed under the Southern Region Legal Organization to submitting such information weekly and for the further reason that a weekly report will enable me to take much more effective action when necessary than would a monthly one.

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deed in Bari the May Day atmosphere closely resembled that of an ordinary Sabbath day. In the Comune of Rocchetta S. Antonio in the province of Foggia the Prefect reports that the Communist Party took advantage of the May Day celebrations to occupy the Municipio building and to appoint their own Sindaco in the person of one ZINGARIELLO. This incident led to three Carabinieri being injured and to the rest being besieged in their barracks by some 500 people. The Carabinieri refrained from using their arms and reinforcements to the number of 70 Carabinieri under the command of a Captain were immediately dispatched to restore law and order and to re-establish authority. The Prefect with whom I discussed this matter at some length appears to have the position in hand.

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result of an accident which occurred through the failure of the brakes at a critical moment.

In Bari there have been several extensive thefts of U.S. military watches valued at between half a million and a million lire, while in Taranto some 67 persons are under arrest and are awaiting trial on charges of the theft and receiving of large quantities of Allied clothing, coffee, sugar, cigarettes, etc. The value of the stolen property is in the neighbourhood of some 4000 pounds sterling.

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(VIII) GENERAL

At the time of writing this report I have not received reports from two Prefects owing to the short notice I was able to give them as to my requirements and to difficulties of communication. I think, however, that what I have said above may fairly be taken to apply to their provinces also. These provinces are Matera and Potenza. Wherever I have gone I have emphasized the urgent need for combatting the black market in all its forms and have urged upon both Judicial and Administrative Officials alike the urgent necessity which exists for the vigorous administration of the law directed against black marketers and for the adoption of the strongest possible measures for the suppression of the black market. All have assured me that they are doing their best and indeed the Prefect of Foggia has set up special administrative and executive machinery to check black marketeers.

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In conclusion I apologize for the length of this report but as it is the first to be born out of the new Allied Commission policy which has been adopted in the recently established Liaisonates I have considered it advisable to deal fairly fully with the various matters for which I have been made responsible and thus in a sense to blaze the trail for those Officers who may hereafter fill a position which I have found interesting and a welcome though all too brief change from the performance of Legal and Judicial duties.

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REF : LR.65.

TO : Executive Officer,
HQ.A.C.

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