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MONTHLY REPORTS, LIVORNO PROVINCE
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Ex Comm: 113.

~~ESO~~. 111-112 is monthly report Livorno. Passages of interest have been marked

G McM. 13/5 N.S. 13/5

ESO

114

Has been seen X on f. 111. 2/ at 6-6.

N.S. 27/5

N.S. 27/5. 115.

ESO. The Ex Comm. has seen "X" on p111 (min. 114 refers)

G. McM. 27/5

Ex Comm 118.

~~ESO~~. 116-117 is Monthly Report Livorno Liaison Group. Passages of interest have been marked. The "detail Legal report" mentioned under "legal" (folio 116) is merely the routine technical report which Col. Usher receives 1003 month & is of no particular interest to us.

G. McM. 15/6 N.S. 15/6

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49.

C/SO. Ex-Lom.

Please see Livorno zone report for October at 48. Passages of interest are marked.

T-Rec 6/12. HS 5/12. 259.

TM 7/12

Rec'd 10/12. 52.

Please see Livorno zone report for November at 50-57. Passages of interest are marked.

BB 10/12.

63.

C/SO. T-Rec 14/1

Please see Livorno report at 55-62. Passages of interest are marked. 59-60 has already appeared (in part) in the Weekly Bulletin.

BS 14/1

A/CSO. To Comm. 79

Pse see Livorno report for Jan at 78-77 1005

There are also newspaper cuttings from 76-64

H.S. 9/2 BB 7/2

BB 12/2

A/CSO. 105.

Please see Livorno report for February at 100-104. Newspaper cuttings are at 79-101 - are these really necessary?

Passages of interest in the report have been marked.

106.

To Comm.

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RB 10/12.

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A/C.C. MH 16/3

CSO. Livorno report 110. is at 107-109. Passages of interest have been marked. G. M/C H. 12/4. H.S. 13/4 MH 20/4

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C.S.D

Letter at 33 for signature if approved pse.
Ex. C's 32 refers BO 13/10.

Ought it clear to be sounding to Finance as well? Don't hesitate to correct me if I'm wrong.

13/10.

C.S.O.

35.

Finance S/C say they aren't concerned in this at the moment & think the letter OK. (See F. 33). BO 15/10.

41.

Econ. Sec.

Your P. 40- my apologies for the slip up in passing direct instead of thro' you.

P 100 ~

- 26/10.

42

CSO/ES

1. See 33
2. Follow I&C Div for reply to EC.

D- 29/10

-45-

Eco. Conv

43 c

1. Note that I.C. (PW+U. S/e) replied to EC.- ~~BO 3~~ 44

I'm wrong.

13/10.

C.S.O.

35

Finance S/C say they await comment in this at the moment & think the letter OK.
(See F.22). BD 15/10.

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43a

1. Note that I.C. (PW+U, S/C.) replied to E.C.- Doc 44

46 Penance 7/11

C.S.O.

Ack in reply to our 33- suggest P/A.

BS 8/11. PA 9/11

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C.S.O.

1. The status of Maja Walker at Florence needs immediate clarification. I wrote on the during my last tour. What has been done? Action should have been initiated on this by V.P. Established during September when report was received.

12/9/60.

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2. We must also clarify the position of Col Hemsley who is PBS liaison & Col Reilly who is Acko Toscana.

7/9/60.

C.S.O. 1 Remarks Time - 11/10.

Ref 22 & 23 above. Unfortunately Estab. Section were not on the distribution of the Ex. Commissioners report referred to above so have done nothing about Maja Walker. A letter has been written asking for clarification of his position, also that of Col. Hemsley & Col. Reilly.

BO 9/10.

1003

31.

Ex. Commissioners

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C.S.O. 1 Chamber Force - 11/10. Ok.

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BD 9/10.

31.

Ex. Commissioner

Please see A.C.L.O. Livorno's report for September
at 29. Passages of interest are marked

BD 11/10.

(32) Force - 11/10.

CSO. Should (thx CS) brought to attention of Prin Civ

DS C/X.

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Executive Commissioner

Please see LIVORNO CONSULATE REPORT at 3.
A most cheerful and interesting report.

DLL. 22/7/43. £247

Miss Llewellyn.

Should like A.S. Sub Com to take action on the two points raised in para D - the only one of such nature known results 17/8/43

See folio 10
DLL

15.

Exec Comm

Monthly Report for January in compliance 14 - 11 - see parts marked.

£9/8 £. 9/8.

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MM/8/8

21.

Executive Commissioner

Please see monthly report from Livorno zone at folios 16 - 20. Passages of interest are marked.

FMC 4/10. BD 2/10.

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Miss Llewellyn.

I should like Ag. Sub Com to take action on the two points raised in para D - the medicine often & the machine results 17/2/17

See folio 10 RH

15.

250. Yukon

Monthly Report for January is complete 14-11 - see portion marked.

9/8 9/8.

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MM/6/8

21.

Executive Commissioner

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FHC 4/10. BD 2/10.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION

REF: Liv/99/1567 7 JUNE 1946.

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY, 1946.

TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
A.P.O. 794.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION THERE WERE REALLY NO MAJOR CHANGES NOTICEABLE IN CONDITIONS, IN TOSCANA, FOR MAY, FROM THOSE REPORTED FOR APRIL.

POLITICAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

AFTER A LULL OF SOME WEEKS, FOLLOWING THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES REOPENED, THROUGHOUT TOSCANA, WITH A VENGEANCE AT ABOUT THE 15TH OF MAY.

FROM THE 15TH OF MAY TO 1ST OF JUNE EVERY MEANS OF POLITICAL PROPAGANDA AND GUILE WAS USED TO INFLUENCE THE PUBLIC, AND TO GARNER VOTES.

THE REGION WAS LITERALLY COVERED WITH POSTERS AND LEAFLETS. PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PARADES WERE HELD. EVERY CAFFE' AND TRATTORIA WAS THE SCENE OF POLITICAL DISCUSSION. LOUD SPEAKERS AND SOUND TRUCKS WERE PLENTIFUL. ALL OF WHICH MADE FOR A REAL HOT, BUT NENVERTHELESS, INFORMATIVE CAMPAIGN.

TO ONE, SUCH AS THE WRITER, WHO LIKES POLITICS AS A GAME, RATHER THAN AS A VOCATION, THE CAMPAIGN WAS INTERESTING AND THRILLING EVEN AS AN OBSERVER FROM THE SIDELINES.

UNTIL SATURDAY EVENING, THE FIRST OF JUNE, THE EXCITEMENT AND TENSION ON THE PART OF OFFICIALS AND PARTY LEADERS, IN PARTICULAR, AND OF ALL THE POPULATION, IN GENERAL, WAS NOTICEABLE - IN FACT, IT COULD BE ACTUALLY FELT. BUT THERE WAS NO SERIOUS DISORDERS.

THE OPENING OF THE POLLS ON JUNE 2ND WAS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF EXTREME CALM. THIS ORDERLY CALMNESS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE VOTING HOURS, ON BOTH SUNDAY AND MONDAY.

VOTERS WERE QUEUED UP IN PRACTICALLY EVERY VOTING PLACE FROM EARLY MORNING UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING. THEY SHOWED UNUSUAL PATIENCE, AND APPEARED TO HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF TOLERANCE, DETERMINATION, AND SOLEMNITY.

EVERY PROVINCIAL CAPITAL CITY WAS VISITED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS HEADQUARTERS ON SUNDAY, 2 JUNE 1946, AND ALL WERE CONTACTED OR VISITED SUBSEQUENTLY. 1001

THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTIONS WERE CAREFULLY OBSERVED BY THE VOTERS; THE ELECTION OFFICIALS; AND, THE REPECTIVE POLICE AGENCIES. THE COOPERATION AMONGST THE LOCAL TOSCANA LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES, WAS INDEED COMMENDABLE. THE POLLING STATIONS WERE WELL GUARDED, AS WERE THE BALLOTS AND ELECTION DOCUMENTS WHILE IN TRANSIT. NO INTIMIDATION, NOR BRIBERY NOR OTHER ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE THE VOTING CAME TO OUR NOTICE.

THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE POPULATION. THE VICTORY OF THE REPUBLIC IS POPULAR IN TOSCANA.

THE PEACEFUL ASPECT OF THE ELECTION HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MARRED IN PISA. ON 6 JUNE 1946 AT 0.45 HRS. SOME PERSON, STILL UNKNOWN, THREW A HAND GRENADE IN A PUBLIC SQUARE, OF THAT CITY, KILLING ONE PERSON, AND INJURING SEVENTEEN OTHERS. THE POLICE OFFICIALS ARE DOING EVERYTHING TO APPREHEND THE GUILTY PARTY.

WHILE THERE IS SOME APPREHENSION BECAUSE OF THE INDECISIVE OPINIONS OF THE ITALIAN HIGH COURT REGARDING, THE REFERENDUM, THE PEOPLE HERE SEEM TO HAVE, TEMPORARILY AT LEAST, REMOVED POLITICS FROM THEIR MINDS, AND ARE BACK TO NORMAL PURSUITS AGAIN. BUT ONE HATES TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THE REFERENDUM JUST HELD WAS DECLARED NULL AND VOID.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL ADMINISTERED.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

A CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IS REPORTED AND IS NOTICEABLE IN TOSCANA.

THE LOCAL PRISONS ARE IN DISGRACEFUL CONDITION. D.D.T. IS BADLY NEEDED FOR THE VERMIN WHICH IN MOST CASES IS OUT OF CONTROL.

THE COORDINATION OF ALLIED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES IN THE DRIVE AGAINST V.D. CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE ATTENTION AND TIME OF THE 15 LIAISON GROUP.

ECONOMICS:

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B - AGRICULTURE: OPTIMISM PREVAILS REGARDING ALL CROPS, BUT THERE DOES NOT EXIST SOME APPREHENSION OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF TOO MUCH RAIN.

FERTILIZER REMAINS SCARCE.

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C - FOOD: THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CEREAL RATION SCALES DEPENDS, OF COURSE, ON THE SUCCESS OF THE AMASSING CAMPAIGN, AND ON THE EXTENT OF UNRRA IMPORTS.

OTHER FOODSTUFFS, ARE BECOMING MORE PLENTIFUL, BUT STILL ARE PRICED BEYOND THE REACH OF THOSE WHO NEED THE EXTRA FOOD THE MOST.

D - COST OF LIVING: PRICES ARE DEFINITELY ON A DOWNWARD TREND. EVEN FOOD PRICES HAVE LOWERED DURING THE MONTH.

E - INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION: PROGRESS IS BOTH REPORTED AND NOTICEABLE, BUT IS NECESSARILY SLOW.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES:

PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUE IN PROGRESS, AND REAL HEADWAY IS BEING MADE IN THE CLEARING UP OF THE PORT HARBORS.

WATER SUPPLY SUFFICIENT, EXCEPTING IN LIVORNO.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY HAS IMPROVED DURING MAY.

DISPLACED PERSONS:

VERY FEW DISPLACED PERSONS NOW STOP IN TOSCANA. THIS H.Q. IS DISCONTINUING THE SPONSORING OF THE LIVORNO D.P. STAGING AREA.

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS:

REAL IMPROVEMENT IS UNDER WAY, AND RESULTS ARE MORE NOTICEABLE EACH DAY.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

NORMAL FOR THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, EXCEPTING THAT THERE IS AN UPSWING OF T.B. AND V.D.

LEGAL:

A DETAIL LEGAL REPORT HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE CHIEF LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION.

THE COURTS ARE FUNCTIONING CAPABLY, BUT SO VERY SLOWLY.

ITALIAN TRIBUNALE OFFICIALS, EXCEPTING PRETORI, DO NOT WORK VERY HARD OR PUT IN MANY HOURS. AND THIRTY MONTHS IN ITALY HAS SHOWN THIS OFFICER, THAT NO ONE IN AUTHORITY WANTS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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HAROLD V. REILLY,
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FILE:

MAY 1946.

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 1946.

TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
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MAY 11 1946

EACH OF THE NINE PROVINCES OF TOSCANA HAVE BEEN VISITED DURING THE PAST MONTH.

POLITICAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

SINCE APRIL 7TH, THE DATE OF THE LAST LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTION, A MARKED TRANQUILLITY HAS EXISTED IN TOSCANA POLITICS.

MEETINGS HAVE, OF COURSE, CONTINUED TO BE HELD, BUT THESE, FOR THE MOST PART, HAVE BEEN OF SMALL GROUPS PLANNING STRATEGY FOR THE COSTIUENTE ELECTIONS. THAT THE MONTH OF MAY WILL BRING FORTH A HARD HITTING CAMPAIGN, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT, HOWEVER, NO SERIOUS DISORDERS ARE ANTICIPATED DURING THE CAMPAIGN, NOR AT THE POLLS ON JUNE 2ND, IN THIS REGION.

STRANGE AT IT SEEMS, THERE DOES EXIST AN UNEXPECTED AND UNUSUAL CORDIALITY AMONGST THE VARIOUS PARTY ADHERENTS.

THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY CONFAB, HELD IN FLORENCE DURING APRIL, DID NOT CAUSE ANY PUBLIC DISTRUBANCES.

CONCENSUS OPINION IN ALL OF THE PROVINCES GIVES THE REPUBLIC A THREE TO ONE EDGE OVER THE MONARCHY IN THE REFERENDUM VOTING.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS, REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL CHOICE, ARE OF THE OPINION THAT ALL OF THE TOSCANA PROVINCES, WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF LUCCA AND GROSSETO, WILL VOTE LEFTIST. LUCCA AND GROSSETO WILL POSSIBLY VOTE CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC. HOWEVER, BE THIS AS IT MAY, WITH THE COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS UN-UNITED ON CANDIDATES, THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS MIGHT WELL GAIN THE NECESSARY PLURALITY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION IS QUITE GOOD.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

AN IMPROVEMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE REGION. A DECREASE OF ALL TYPES OF SERIOUS CRIMES HAS BEEN NOTED IN ALL OF THE PROVINCES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF APUANIA.

ROBBERIES ARE STILL PREVELANT - AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN ITALY FOR 2000 YEARS PAST. HOWEVER, MANY ROBBERIES RECENTLY REPORTED INVOLVE FOODSTUFFS. IN APUANIA E.N.D.S.I. DEPOTS WERE ROBBED; IN PISTOIA FOOD STORE THEFTS HAVE BECOME A REAL PROBLEM. 993

P.S. AGENTI FUNCTION IN SOME PROVINCES BETTER THAN OTHERS, - OBVIOUSLY ACCORDING TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE QUESTORE - BUT THEY DO LACK PROPER POLICE TRAINING. ARMS FOR THE QUESTURA ARE NEEDED IN PISA AND LIVORNO.

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THIS LIAISON GROUP CONTINUES TO ACT AS CO-ORDINATOR BETWEEN THE ALLIED MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN THE DRIVE AGAINST V.D.

THE PRISON IN THE CITY OF LIVORNO IS NOT ONLY DREADFULLY OVERCROWDED, BUT DIRTY, UNSANITARY, AND POORLY MANAGED. THIS INSTITUTION IS A DISGRACE TO ITALY AND TO HUMANITY. ALL PROTESTATIONS AND ADVICE HAVE BEEN UNAVAILING.

ECONOMICS:

A - LABOR - UNEMPLOYMENT IS CAUSING UNREST IN SOME OF THE PROVINCES. ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS BY THOSE OUT OF WORK HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE PROVINCES OF LIVORNO, FLORENCE, PISA AND AREZZO. A SOMEWHAT SERIOUS MANIFESTATION IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HELD BY 850 FOREST AND LUMBER WORMERS IN PONSACCO, PROVINCE OF PISA.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION HAS IMPROVED IN SIENA. IT REMAINS ABOUT THE SAME AS DURING MARCH, WHICH WAS NOT SERIOUS, IN GROSSETO AND LUCCA. IN FLORENCE AND LIVORNO THE NUMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED ARE HIGH, BUT NOT, AT THE MOMENT EITHER SERIOUS OR HIGHER THAN DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH. THE SITUATION IN APUANIA, PISA, AREZZO, AND PISTOIA IS GETTING WORST ALL OF THE TIME. AN IMPROVEMENT IS LOOKED FOR IN LUCCA WITH THE START OF A NEW PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM.

RETURNING P.O.W.'S ARE EFFECTING LABOR, AND ARE OFTEN FOUND TO BE THE RING LEADERS IN DETRIMENTAL AGITATION. APPARENTLY, AS ALLIED PRISONERS, THEY HAVE BEEN SPOILED WITH TOO LITTLE

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ECONOMICS:

A - LABOR - UNEMPLOYMENT IS CAUSING UNREST IN SOME OF THE PROVINCES. ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS BY THOSE OUT OF WORK HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE PROVINCES OF LIVORNO, FLORENCE, PISA AND AREZZO. A SOMEWHAT SERIOUS MANIFESTATION IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN HELD BY 850 FOREST AND LUMBER WORKERS IN PONSACCO, PROVINCE OF PISA.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION HAS IMPROVED IN SIENA. IT REMAINS ABOUT THE SAME AS DURING MARCH, WHICH WAS NOT SERIOUS, IN GROSSETO AND LUCCA. IN FLORENCE AND LIVORNO THE NUMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED ARE HIGH, BUT NOT, AT THE MOMENT EITHER SERIOUS OR HIGHER THAN DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH. THE SITUATION IN APUANIA, PISA, AREZZO, AND PISTOIA IS GETTING WORST ALL OF THE TIME. AN IMPROVEMENT IS LOOKED FOR IN LUCCA WITH THE START OF A NEW PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM.

RETURNING P.O.W.'S ARE EFFECTING LABOR, AND ARE OFTEN FOUND TO BE THE RING LEADERS IN DETRIMENTAL AGITATION. APPARENTLY, AS ALLIED PRISONERS, THEY HAVE BEEN SPOILED WITH TOO LITTLE WORK AND TOO MUCH TO EAT, AND NOW EXPECT SIMILAR TREATMENT IN CIVIL LIFE.

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B - AGRICULTURE: IN GENERAL, THE OVER ALL AGRICULTURAL SITUATION LOOKS GOOD. THE PEOPLE HAVE A ROSY OUTLOOK. THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S CROPS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

THERE IS A COMPLAINT FROM EVERY TOSCANA PROVINCE, BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF PROMISED FERTILIZER.

C - FOOD: THE EXISTING CEREAL SUPPLY SHOULD LAST THROUGH THE ENSUING MONTH.

SUGAR IS SCARCE, AND IN MOST PROVINCES IS ONLY ISSUED TO THE SICK AND AGED, AND FOR CHILDREN.

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MEAT, FISH AND GREEN VEGETABLES ARE AVAILABLE IN FAIRLY LARGE QUANITIES, BUT ARE TOO HIGHLY PRICED.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO LIAISON GROUP FOR TOSCANA
ALLIED COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH, 1946.

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THE ELECTIONS HELD TO DATE, IN TOSCANA, - IF TYPICAL OF THOSE HELD THROUGHOUT ALL OF ITALY, - AUGUR WELL FOR THE INTEGRITY, AND EFFICACY OF THE ENSUING IMPORTANT 'COSTITUENTE' ELECTION; AND TOO, FOR TRUE DEMOCRACY, AT LONG LAST, IN AND FOR ALL OF ITALY.

THE PEOPLE, AS A WHOLE, ARE TO BE FIRST CONGRATULATED ON THE SPIRIT, AND INTELLIGENCE SHOWN IN THIS FIRST TEST OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES. BUT THE ELECTION OFFICIALS; POLICE AGENCIES; AND, THE POLITICAL LEADERS ARE ALSO DESERVING OF CONGRATULATIONS, AND COMMENDATION FOR A DIFFICULT JOB WELL AND TRULY DONE.

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THE CARABINIERI ARE SHOWING GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR GENERAL EFFICIENCY, ALTHOUGH FRANKLY, THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN THIS CONNECTION. THE QUESTURA P.S. AGENTI, OVER THE ENTIRE TOSCANA REGION ARE REPUTED TO BE MOST EFFICIENT AND COOPERATIVE. THE FINANCE GUARDS ARE DOING A MOST SATISFACTORY SERVICE, PARTICULARLY IN THE PORT AREAS. CITY POLICE UNITS (CORPO VIGILI URBANI) ARE HANDLING THE ENORMOUS TRAFFIC FLOW IN A HIGHLY EFFICIENT MANNER.

THE CORPO VIGILI URBANI, IN MOST INSTANCES ARE THE WORLD'S WORSE DRESSED POLICEMEN. THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB AND DESERVE A BETTER BREAK FROM THE ROME MINISTRY. THE FINANCE GUARDS APPEAR TO BE WELL SUPPLIED WITH UNIFORM MATERIAL AND LOOK QUITE NEAT. THE C.C.R.R. UNIFORM SITUATION HAS IMPROVED GREATLY AND BY VERY SLOW DEGREES THEY ARE PROGRESSIVELY IMPROVING IN THEIR APPEARANCE.

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IN THE LIVORNO ZONE, THE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EVER ON THE ALERT TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT, AND MUCH MORE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THERE, ALONG THIS LINE, THAN IN ANY OTHER SECTION OF TOSCANA REGION.

THERE HAS NOT, AS YET, BEEN ANY STRIFE REPORTED BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE LABOR CONDITIONS

B - AGRICULTURE: FARMERS ARE OPTIMISTIC IN REGARDS TO 1946 CROPS.

SOME FERTILIZER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BUT MORE IS NEEDED.

THE RECENT FLOODS WILL NOT EFFECT CROPS.

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FARM LANDOWNERS, AND THE FARM WORKERS CONTINUES, AND IF NOT SETTLED SOON, AT A HIGH LEVEL OF AUTHORITY, MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. THE FARM WORKERS, ARE BEING NEEDLESSLY AROUSED, BY THE COMMUNISTIC CONTROLLED CAMERA DEL LAVORO.

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THERE HAS BEEN A SHARP DECLINE IN THE LESSER TYPES OF CRIME, AND MAJOR CRIME, FOR THE MOST PART, REMAINS UNDER CONTROL. BANDS OF THIEVES STILL OPERATE UP IN NORTHERN APUANIA PROVINCE, WHERE THE POLICE AGENCIES SEEM TO LACK THE NECESSARY INTESTINAL FORTITUDE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THE SITUATION IN THE LIVORNO MILITARY ZONE CONTINUES WELL UNDER CONTROL. THERE IS NO MAJOR CRIME THERE, AND THE CIVIL POLICE AGENCIES AND THE MILITARY POLICE HAVE NOW DEFINITELY BROKEN UP THE PREVIOUS EPIDEMIC OF PETTY CRIME, AND W.D. DEPOT THEFTS. OCCASIONALLY THIEVES, MOSTLY FROM ROME AND NAPLES, DO GET UP ENOUGH COURAGE TO ATTEMPT RAIDS ON W.D. DEPOTS AND DUMPS, BUT MOST OF THESE USUALLY ARE EITHER SHOT OR APPREHENDED. LOCAL JAILS ARE FULL OF THIS TYPE OF CRIMINAL, AND THE HOSPITALS TOO HAVE THEIR QUOTA OF THEM, WHILE THE CEMETERIES COME IN FOR THEIR SHARE.

THE CARABINIERI ARE SHOWING GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR GENERAL EFFICIENCY, ALTHOUGH FRANKLY, THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN THIS CONNECTION. THE QUESTURA P.S. AGENTI, OVER THE ENTIRE TOSCANA REGION ARE REPUTED TO BE MOST EFFICIENT AND COOPERATIVE. THE FINANCE GUARDS ARE DOING A MOST SATISFACTORY SERVICE, PARTICULARLY IN THE PORT AREAS. CITY POLICE UNITS (CORPO VIGILI URBANI) ARE HANDLING THE ENORMOUS TRAFFIC FLOW IN A HIGHLY EFFICIENT MANNER.

THE CORPO VIGILI URBANI, IN MOST INSTANCES ARE THE WORLD'S WORSE DRESSED POLICEMEN. THEY ARE DOING A GOOD JOB AND DESERVE A BETTER BREAK FROM THE ROME MINISTRY. THE FINANCE GUARDS APPEAR TO BE WELL SUPPLIED WITH UNIFORM MATERIAL AND LOOK QUITE NEAT. THE CC.RR. UNIFORM SITUATION HAS IMPROVED GREATLY AND BY VERY SLOW DEGREES THEY ARE PROGRESSIVELY IMPROVING IN THEIR APPEARANCE.

THE V.D. RATE AMONGST AMERICAN TROOPS HAS RISEN ALARMINGLY, AND A LARGE, AND IT IS HOPED, EFFECTIVE PROGRAM HAS BEEN INAUGUATED TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION. MAJOR STANLEY BEATTY, OF THIS LIAISON GROUP, HAS ASSISTED GREATLY IN SETTING UP THIS PROGRAM OF ARRESTS, DETENTIONS, AND SCREENINGS OF THE WOMEN SUSPECTED OF BEING DISEASE CARRIERS. HE ACTS AT THE REQUEST OF P.B.S. AS THE COORDINATOR BETWEEN THE PROVOST MARSHALL'S FORCES AND THE CIVILIAN POLICE AGENCIES.

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ECONOMICS:

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IN THE LIVORNO ZONE, THE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EVER ON THE ALERT TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT, AND MUCH MORE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE THERE,,ALONG THIS LINE, THAN IN ANY OTHER SECTION OF TOSCANA REGION.

THERE HAS NOT,,AS YET, BEEN ANY STRIFE REPORTED BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE LABOR CONDITIONS

B - AGRICULTURE: FARMERS ARE OPTIMISTIC IN REGARDS TO 1946 CROPS.

SOME FERTILIZER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BUT MORE IS NEEDED.

THE RECENT FLOODS WILL NOT EFFECT CROPS.

THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FARM LANDOWNERS, AND THE FARM WORKERS CONTINUES, AND IF NOT SETTLED SOON, AT A HIGH LEVEL OF AUTHORITY, MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. THE FARM WORKERS, ARE BEING NEEDLESSLY AROUSED, BY THE COMMUNISTIC CONTROLLED CAMERA DEL LAVORO.

MORE GRAIN HAS BEEN AMASSED DURING THE PAST MONTH, BUT THERE IS STILL MANY, MANY QUINTALI THAT HAVE BEEN WITHHELD BY THE FARMERS, BECAUSE OF WEAK AND LATE ENFORCEMENT. ADVANTAGE HAS BEEN TAKEN OF LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT IN THAT IT HAS BEEN USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR SHORT CROPS, OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS. THE ITALIAN OFFICIALS PRIVATELY ADMIT THIS TO BE SO.

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OIL PRODUCTION SHOULD EXCEED PREVIOUS YEARS.

SEED POTATOES FROM ENGLAND HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY U.N.R.R.A.

C - FOOD: THE CEREAL SUPPLY IS NOW PRECARIOUS IN MOST OF THE PROVINCES. IN SOME PROVINCES ONLY A PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION OR NONE AT ALL, HAS BEEN MADE DURING MARCH, OF PASTA, OIL AND SUGAR.

NON-RATIONED FOODS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE MARKETS THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

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AT THE MOMENT, THE SECURITY SITUATION IS EXCELLENT IN THIS REGION. THERE ARE NO VIOLENT POLITICAL UP-HEAVALS, NO STRIKES NOR LOCK-OUTS, NO AGGRAVATED CRIME WAVE AND PUBLIC MORALE IS EXCELLENT DESPITE MANY ADVERSE CONDITIONS. THE ONLY SOUR NOTES TO THIS WHOLE PICTURE EMANATE FROM NORTHWEST TOSCANA REGION WHERE A BAND OF EX-PARTISANS WHO CALL THEMSELVES ANARCHISTS ARE RUNNING LOOSE AND LIVING OFF THE REST OF THE PEOPLE BY ACTS OF BANDITRY AND TERRORISM. IT IS A STRICTLY LOCAL AND ISOLATED CONDITION IN CARRARA AND THE IMMEDIATE AREA THEREOF. A PLAN TO ERECT A "REPUBLIC" BY A SWIFT REVOLUTION WAS MERELY PLANNED AS A LARGE SCALE BANDIT RAID ON THE COUNTRY-SIDE, BUT THE PLANS WENT AWRY WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES WERE PREPARED TO WRECK ANY SUCH A MOVE BY THE SO CALLED ANARCHISTS.

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First to speak was Mr.Mascagni, of the Provincial Section of the Cristian Democratic Party, presenting Leghorn's greetings and in particular the ones from the members of the Party. Giovanni Gronchi made then his speech. Out of the Goldoni Theater the Minister was acclaimed by the crowd, and proceeded to the Italian Glass Manufactory, where the director accompanied him in touring the premises. The manufactory was started reconstructed in October 1944, and as on today 10.000 square metres panes are being producted daily. The Minister has been told about the needs and difficulties of the production, which mainly depend on scarcity of trucks, causing a considerable delay in delivering the production. Mr.Gronchi assured that, as far as possible, the requests made will be considered.
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La manifestazione al Teatro Goldoni
e le visite del Ministro alle industrie livornesi

Ieri mattina, il Ministro Gronchi partito da Roma nella mattinata stessa a l'alba, è giunto nella nostra città poco dopo le 11.

Subito disceso alla Prefettura, si è trattenuto alcuni minuti col Capo della Provincia ed altre autorità che lo attendevano e, quindi, si è recato al teatro Goldoni, già, prima delle 10.30 rigurgitante di folla.

Personalità ed autorità avevano preso posto nei palchetti di primo ordine.

Allorchè il Ministro Gronchi è apparso sul palcoscenico, è accolto da vivi applausi.

Subito ha preso la parola Mascagni della Sezione provinciale del partito demo-cristiano, il quale ha dato all'Ospite attesissimo il saluto di Livorno e quello particolare degli appartenenti al partito democristiano.

Seguito attentamente, Giovanni Gronchi pronuncia il suo discorso.

La visita alla Vetreria Italiana

Uscito dal teatro Goldoni, fra le acclamazioni della folla, il Ministro seguito dalle autorità e personalità cittadine si è recato alla Vetreria italiana.

Quivi lo attendevano i dirigenti dello stabilimento i quali lo hanno accompagnato nella visita all'importante stabilimento, risorto in piena attività dalle immani distruzioni della guerra.

L'opera di ricostruzione dello stabilimento iniziata nell'ottobre del 1944 fu condotta a ritmo accelerato ed oggi nella grande industria si producono giornalmente oltre 10 mila metri quadrati di lastre.

Al Ministro i dirigenti dello stabilimento hanno esposte le difficoltà che incombono sulla vetreria, difficoltà rappresentate dalla deficenza di carri ferroviari; deficenza che obbliga a notevoli ritardi nelle consegne della produzione.

L'on. Gronchi che si è vivamente interessato alla attività dello stabilimento ha dato assicurazione che, nei limiti del possibile, sarà provveduto alle richieste avanzate dai dirigenti.

Con la visita alla Vetreria italiana si è chiusa l'attività antimeridiana dell'ospite illustre che, nel pomeriggio, ha ripreso le sue visite nella zona industriale ed i suoi colloqui con le autorità e le personalità dell'Industria e del Commercio.

Anche nella mattinata il Ministro aveva avuto un lungo colloquio con i rappresentanti della Camera del Lavoro della Provincia e con i rappresentanti dei lavoratori dell'Elba, ascoltando i loro desiderata e intrattenendoli nei più urgenti e vitali interessi della produzione.

Un sopralluogo

cale Genio Civile hanno mostrato al Ministro il progetto per i lavori di ricostruzione.

Proseguendo la sua ispezione l'on. Gronchi ha visitato lo stabilimento Moto-Fides dove si è più lungamente intrattenuto rendendosi conto di quello che fino ad ora è stato compiuto per rimettere in efficenza la industria che, d'ora in avanti, produrrà soltanto ordigni di precisione per l'incremento del lavoro.

Uscito dalla Motofides il Ministro si è soffermato nella visita dei bacini del porto industriale ed ha attentamente seguite le illustrazioni fattegli dai tecnici, interloquendo intorno ai dettagli dei progetti presentatigli e illustratigli.

Alla Camera di Commercio

L'ora già tarda, non ha consentito al Ministro di recarsi a visitare lo stabilimento Spica all'Ardenza, visita che sarà effettuata prossimamente.

Alle 17.30 il Ministro è giunto alla Camera di Commercio dove lo attendevano i dirigenti di tutti gli stabilimenti industriali cittadini, i rappresentanti del commercio e delle attività portuarie.

L'on. Gronchi ha ricevute le varie Commissioni con le quali si è intrattenuto esaminando i problemi delle singole industrie e raccogliendo i dati riflettenti il loro funzionamento.

Particolarmente si è intrattenuto sulle condizioni dello stabilimento «Sice» ed ha promesso il suo più vivo interessamento per offrire al Comando alleato la possibilità di cerequisire lo stabilmento stesso.

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I colloqui con le varie Commissioni di cui facevano parte anche le maestranze, si sono protratti fino oltre le ore 19.

Al Partito Demo-Cristiano

Folla; vera folla alla sede del Partito Democratico Cristiano, in attesa che l'on. Gronchi si recasse tra i compagni di fede.

Non appena il Ministro ha fatto il suo ingresso nella sede del Partito, un applauso altissimo, lungo, vibrante lo ha salutato.

Nella sala delle riunioni, nelle sale attigue, nei corridoi si affollavano gli iscritti della Democrazia cristiana, taluni, anzi moltissimi giunti dalla periferia e dalla provincia.

L'on. Gronchi che aveva al fianco l'ing. Caporali ed il Consultore prof. Togni, ha ricevuto il caldo saluto della Sezione livornese del Partito dalla parola affettuosa dell'ing. Caporali.

Il Ministro ha parlato, ringraziando per l'accoglienza ricevuta, intrattenendosi, quindi, sulla funzione del Partito Democratico cristiano, sulla sua missione di equilibrio morale e politico rivolgendosi più particolarmente alla gioventù la quale cresciuta nel clima corrotto d'un ventennio di regime fascista, ha più bisogno di rigenerare lo spirito e la mente nella sana idea democratica cristiana che è la più genuina, la vera, la evidente espressione del pensiero e dell'azione democratica di un popolo.

Il Ministro Gronchi ha lasciata la sede del Partito Democratico Cristiano poco dopo le ore 20.

Stamani lascerà Livorno per recarsi a Carrara.

Ma, com'Egli ha promesso sarà nuovamente nostro graditissimo ospite tra qualche giorno.

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lo hanno accompagnato nella visita all'importante stabilimento, risorto in piena attività dalle immani distruzioni della guerra.

L'opera di ricostruzione dello stabilimento iniziata nell'ottobre del 1944 fu condotta a ritmo accelerato ed oggi nella grande industria si producono giornalmente oltre 10 mila metri quadrati di lastre.

Al Ministro i dirigenti dello stabilimento hanno esposte le difficoltà che incombono sulla vetreria, difficoltà rappresentate dalla deficenza di carri ferroviari; deficenza che obbliga a notevoli ritardi nelle consegne della produzione.

L'on. Gronchi che si è vivamente interessato alla attività dello stabilimento ha dato assicurazione che, nei limiti del possibile, sarà provveduto alle richieste avanzate dai dirigenti.

Con la visita alla Vetreria italiana si è chiusa l'attività antimeridiana dell'ospite illustre che, nel pomeriggio, ha ripreso le sue visite nella zona industriale ed i suoi colloqui con le autorità e le personalità dell'Industria e del Commercio.

Anche nella mattinata il Ministro aveva avuto un lungo colloquio con i rappresentanti della Camera del Lavoro della Provincia e con i rappresentanti dei lavoratori dell'Elba, ascoltando i loro desiderata e intrattenendoli nei più urgenti e vitali interessi della produzione.

Un sopraluogo alla zona industriale

Poco dopo le 15, dalla Via Roma, muove la lunga teoria di automobili del Ministro e delle autorità e personalità cittadine.

Accompagnano l'on. Gronchi il Prefetto, il Presidente della Società Porto industriale ed i tecnici della Società stessa, il Direttore Generale del Genio Civile e l'ingegnere capo del Genio Civile di Livorno, il Presidente della Camera di Commercio con il Direttore del massimo Ente dell'industria e del Commercio cittadino, il Presidente del Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione Nazione, il Comandante del Porto, il Comandante dell'Ufficio tecnico portuale, il Comandante del Presidio militare e quello della Legione dei Carabinieri col Comandante il Gruppo dell'arma, il Capo Compartimento delle Ferrovie, il Capo stazione titolare di Livorno, ed altri.

La prima sosta del Ministro è avvenuta nella zona dove sorgeva il silos di Livorno.

L'ospite è passato tra le immani rovine e sul posto l'ingegnere capo ed i tecnici del lo-

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LEGHORN = "La Gazzetta del Lunedi" = 4/3/1946.

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Ha parlato
un'ora e un quarto senza microfono

Questa volta l'onore della cronaca va al pubblico.

Un pubblico dai fazzoletti rossi al collo, interrotto qua e là da qualche sacerdote, e da signori in grigio, ha gremito il teatro per ascoltare la parola del demo-cristiano ministro Gronchi: un pubblico che è stato investito per un'ora e un quarto dalle note sonore del ministro dell'industria che ha parlato senza microfono.

Qualcuno ha interrotto l'oratore, qualche altro ha mormorato, ma in fondo il discorso non è dispiaciuto a nessuno, e al termine nel teatro sono risuonate le note di un inno molto in voga.

Il pubblico ha trascorso un'ottima mattinata festiva. Domani ognuno ritornerà al lavoro e il ministro Gronchi farà in tempo a prendere il suo posto a Montecitorio. Breve parentesi di una domenica piovigginosa di mezzo inverno per il ministro dell'industria, e per tremilaquattrocento persone.

E il discorso? Masse, operai, fabbriche, elezioni, industria, commercio, Italia, governo ecc.

Ma la repubblica?

Mai

HE SPOKE AN HOUR AND A QUARTER WITHOUT MICROPHONE.

Plenty of people with red handkerchiefs on the neck, interrupted here and there by some priests and grey dressed gentlemen, crowed with the theatre to list the speech of demo-christian Ministry GRONCHI, a public which, during an hour and a quarter, has been attacked by the sonorous notes of the Industry and Commerce Ministry who spoke with no microphone.

Somebody interrupted the speaker, some other one murmured, but the speech did not displeased anybody, and, at the end, notes of a very fashionable hymn resounded in the theatre.

People passed a very good Sunday forenoon. Everybody shall go back to work to-morrow and Ministry CRONCHI will be in time to take his seat at Montecitorio. Short parenthesis of a middle winter rainy Sunday for Industry and Commerce Ministry and for threethousandfourhundred people.

What about the speech? Crowd, labourers, factories, elections, industry, commerce, Italy, government, ecc. But, what about Republic? Pooh!

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LEGHORN = "IL POPOLO D'ITALIA" = 1/3/1946.

Domani sabato 2 marzo sarà a Livorno il Ministro dell'Industria e Commercio on. Giovanni Gronchi allo scopo di esaminare la situazione economica e industriale della città onde studiare i mezzi opportuni per la ripresa e la ricostruzione.

Il Ministro nella giornata di domenica terrà un importante discorso politico alle ore 10,30 al Teatro Goldoni.

On. GIOVANNI GRONCHI, Industry and Commerce Ministry, shall be to-morrow, March 2nd., at Leghorn, to examine the economic and industrial situation of the town, to study the proper means for the resumal and the re-building.

The Minister shall make an important political speech at "Goldoni" Theatre, Sunday morning, at 10.30 hours.

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LEGHORN = "LA GAZZETTA" = 20/2/1946.

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Il brigadiere generale Francis H. Oxx, Comandante Generale della P.B.S. (Da sinistra a destra: Generale Oxx, Colonnello Brown, Cappellano della P. B. S., Dottor Diaz, sig.na Agretti interprete, Dott. Giacomelli) consegna al *Sindaco di Livorno, dott. Furio Diaz, e al dott. Enrico Giacomelli dell'O.N.M.I.* la *somma di 97.026 lire, ricavato dell'incasso del Varietà Gnecco Puppet, e oblazioni personali di cittadini livornesi presenti alla Festa dei bambini, svoltasi tempo fa al Goldoni.*

Brigadier General OXX Francis H., P.B.S. General Commander (left to right) General Oxx, Colonel Brown, P.B.S. Chaplain, Dott. Diaz, Miss. Agretti interpreter, Dott. Giacomelli), deliver to Dott. Furio Diaz, Leghorn Town-Mayor, and to Dott. Enrico Giacomelli of the O.N.M.I., the sum of lire 97.026, as net proceed of the Variety Greco Puppet, and personal offers from the Leghorn citizen present at the performance which took place at Goldoni time ago.

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LEGHORN = "GIORNALE DEL POPOLO" = 19/2/1946.

Domenica 24 sarà a Livorno il Ministro dell'Industria e Commercio Giovanni Gronchi il quale alle ore 10,30 pronuncerà un discorso politico in un teatro cittadino.

Nella giornata di sabato il Ministro visiterà alcune località della provincia tra cui Piombino e Rosignano Solvay.

L'on. Gronchi si recherà martedì 26 a Massa e a Carrara, dove proseguirà l'esame dei problemi economici ed industriali cittadini, e specialmente di quelli relativi alla ricostruzione del porto e della zona industriale.

Secretary of State for the Industry and Commerce, GIOVANNI GRONCHI, shall be in Leghorn on Sunday the 24th. instant, and, at 10.30 am., he shall make a speech in a local theatre.

During saturday, the Secretary of State shall visit some province localities, amongst which are Piombino and Rosignano Solvay.

Hon. GRONCHI shall go to Massa and Carrara on tuesday the 26th., where he will examine the economic and industrial areas re rebuilding.

Postponed to 3 February.

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LEGHORN = "IL TIRRENO" - I6/2/I946.

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THE MEETING AT MONTECITORIO. = COMPULSORY VOTING APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

La seduta a Montecitorio

ROMA, 15 — Il presidente on. Sforza apre la seduta alle 15.30. I banchi dei consultori, sul principio quasi deserti, vanno via via popolandosi; le tribune del pubblico, come di consueto, molto affollate.

Lucifero (democratico italiano) prende la parola sul processo verbale della seduta dell'altro ieri per dire che nella discussione della legge elettorale si sono fatte nei riguardi delle popolazioni dell'Italia meridionale delle affermazioni che non rispondono a verità. Se deve riconoscersi che in quelle provincie il numero degli analfabeti è superiore a quello che si riscontra in altre parti della penisola, è bene però porre in chiaro che ciò non incide affatto sulla maturità politica di quella gente che ha sempre dato prova di partecipare con intelligente attività e con piena coscienza alle vicende politiche del nostro paese.

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La consultrice Minoletti-Quarello (liberale) ritiene necessaria l'obbligatorietà del voto

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Ma un incidente che suscita una clamorosa reazione nei banchi ove siedono i consultori favorevoli all'emendamento interrompe per vari minuti il regolare svolgimento della votazione. L'incidente è dovuto al fatto rilevato dai protestatari che altri han risposto all'appello invece dei consultori Giovacchini e Lizzadri assenti. Specie da parte dei democristiani si grida con veemenza contro l'ala sinistra dell'assemblea, che ribatte con altrettanta vivacità. Finalmente il presidente, constatata l'assenza del consultore Giovacchini e quindi annullato il voto dato in suo nome, fa riprendere la votazione del consultore Lizzadri, il quale risulta anch'egli assente.

Il presidente comunica l'esito della votazione: presenti e votanti 335. Maggioranza 168. Hanno risposto sì 179. Hanno risposto no

Rome, I5.= President, Hon. Sforza, open the meeting at I5.30= There are not so many people, but afterwards plenty of public, as usual:
Lucifero, Democratico Italiano, start his speech on the verbal process of the day before yesterday's meeting and says that at the confab of the electoral law, something has been told against populations of Southern Italy, which do not correspond to the true: If it must be considered that, in these provinces, the amount of illiterates is more as compared with the other regions, it is, however, necessary to clear that same has nothing to do with the politic maturity of these people who always proved to partecipate to political questions concerning our country, with intelligent activity and full conscience:
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President inform about the result of the voting:

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WOMEN WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA.

There is an Office at Leghorn for the wives who emigrate. Ladies and babies on leave.- Brides think to the best film they shall realise : that one of their dreams.

" Enlisted men's Club"---- the ample, coloured odvertisement is there, on the central door.

We enter. We know that there is an Office at the first floor for mothers and brides: a special Office all in order and silent, where women and babies await the fine news of sailing towards fathers 'Fatherland.

Miss Murray says that ----

Miss Margarette Murray is the Chief of the Office .- She is a dark-skinned, smiling Miss; she declares herself happy to receive us in her smiling work room- where flowers and picture of nice babies are. What do you think, Miss Murray about this emigration of ladies and babies? How shall the wives find themselves in the United States ? And the fathers, especially the fathers, will they be there awaiting for them, to meet wives and babies, with the great love fire and the ample smiling of the affection?

Yes, Miss Murray replies, as, from reports reached her, everything has gone for the better, that is to say disciplined flocking to the assembly centre at Naples, where a luxcurious hotel, properly requisitioned by american Forces, and a conforting ship with doctors, nurses, maternity rooms, etc.

Miss Murray points out that the marriage celebrated in Italy by american militars with the proper legal regulations, is a very serious matter, What Miss Murray consider it necessary is that the wives must keep themselves in touch with this Office - Larderel Palace- Leghorn, "Family service Department, noting themselves on a proper book called " of the sailings".- In fact, once noted one it, brides ' names shall be reported on a List which shall be sent to MTOUSA, Caserta, for the necessary dispositions concerning shipping turns. Brides shall also be entitled to be medically assisted, both while awaiting for the baby, and after his birth, as well as to the possibility to take part to lessons of family economy, english language, american life and customs.

Leghorn Office is functionning as a con/trol and reference for the whole Centre-North-Western Italian Zones (Liguria- Piemonte and Lombardia are totally included in the jurisdiction).

While taking leave from the king Miss Murray, we stop in a contiguons sitting room; a small room with a table in the middle and some women sat down.- There is an assistant Miss amongst them, who talks in pretty good Italian about things of far countries. We hear talking about Hollywood Artists, of the Hudson mists, of the

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quisito dall'American Army, — e imbarco confortevole — un piroscafo con tanto di medici, nurses, sale-maternità, etc. —

Signore spose: dovete registrarvi

Miss Murray fa rilevare come il matrimonio celebrato in Italia dai militari americani con le dovute norme legali, sia una cosa molto seria.

Quello che tiene a render noto Miss Murray è la necessità da parte delle mogli di mettersi in contatto con questo Ufficio — palazzo di Larderel, Livorno, «Family Service Department», — onde segnarsi su un particolare registro: un registro che potrebbe definirsi «delle partenze». Infatti, una volta annotati in esso, i nomi delle spose troveranno posto su di una lista che sarà inviata a Caserta, presso il MTOUSA, per le necessarie disposizioni circa i turni d'imbarco. Le signore inoltre avranno diritto di ricevere intanto l'assistenza medica sia nell'attesa che dopo la nascita del bambino, nonchè la possibilità di prender parte a corsi di economia domestica, di lingua inglese, di vita e costumi statunitensi.

Quest'Ufficio di Livorno ha funzioni di controllo e di riferimento per tutta la fascia italiana centro-nord-occidentale (la Li-

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«Enlisted men's Club» ....: il cartello, ampio, colorato, si allunga sopra la porta centrale.

Entriamo. Sappiamo che al first floor c'è un ufficio per le mamme e per le spose: un bureau speciale tutto raccolto e tutto silenzioso, dove donne e piccolini attendono la bella nuova di partire verso la terra di papà.

Miss Murray dice che...

A capo dell'Ufficio è Miss Margarette Murray.

Essa è bruna, giovane sorridente; si dice lieta di accoglierci nella sua non meno sorridente sala di lavoro — dapperiutto fiori e pictures di graziosi bimbi. —

— Qual'è il vostro pensiero, Miss Murray, — cominciamo, non appena un cordiale «sit down, please» ci dà il diritto di aprir bocca, — su questa emigrazione di ladies e di babies? Come si troveranno le moltissime «metà» negli Stati Uniti? E i babbi, ecco sopratutto i babbi saranno là ad aspettare: a ricevere mogli e piccini col fuoco grande dell'amore, col largo sorriso dell'affetto?

Miss Murray risponde di sì. Afferma che dai rapporti che finora le sono pervenuti «tutto è andato

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Miss Margarette Murray is the Chief of the Office .- She is a dark-skinned, smiling Miss; she declares herself happy to receive us in her smiling work room- where flowers and picture of nice babies are. What do you think, Miss Murray about this emigration of ladies and babies? How shall the wives find themselves in the United States ? And the fathers, especially the fathers, will they be there awaiting for them, to meet wives and babies, with the great love fire and the ample smiling of the affection?

Yes, Miss Murray replies, as, from reports reached her, everything has gone for the better, that is to say disciplined flocking to the assembly centre at Naples, where a luxcurious hotel, properly requisitioned by american Forces, and a conforting ship with doctors, nurses, maternity rooms, etc.

Miss Murray points out that the marriage celebrated in Italy by american militars with the proper legal regulations, is a very serious matter, What Miss Murray consider it necessary is that the wives must keep themselves in touch with this Office - Larderel Palace- Leghorn, "Family service Department, not ing themselves on a proper book called " of the sailings".- In fact, once noted one it, brides ' names shall be reported on a List which shall be sent to MTOUSA, Caserta, for the necessary dispositions concerning shipping turns. Brides shall also be entitled to be medically assisted, both while awaiting for the baby, and after his birth, as well as to the possibility to take part to lessons of family economy, english language, american life and customs.

Leghorn Office is functionning as a con/trol and reference for the whole Centre-North-Western Italian Zones (Liguria- Piemonte and Lombardia are totally included in the jurisdiction).

While taking leave from the kind Miss Murray, we stop in a contiguons sitting room; a small room with a table in the middle and some women sat down.- There is an assistant Miss amongst them, who talks in pretty good Italian about things of far countries. We hear talking about Hollywood Artists, of the Hudson mists, of the New-York sky-scrapers, of the soft "Hinds" cream for delicate hands-----

The Miss fingers are quickly sliding on a geographic chart lying on the table: but no bride look to Colorado river or Dakota Highlands.- They look, instead, beyond the walls and the windows.- They are going to meet the best fihm which, shortly, every woman will live.- The one of their dreams: a garden, a man, and a house.-

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Miss Murray fa rilevare come il matrimonio celebrato in Italia dai militari americani con le dovute norme legali, sia una cosa molto seria.

Quello che tiene a render nota Miss Murray è la necessità da parte delle mogli di mettersi in contatto con questo Ufficio — palazzo di Larderel, Livorno, «Family Service Department», — onde segnarsi su un particolare registro: un registro che potrebbe definirsi «delle partenze». Infatti, una volta annotati in esso, i nomi delle spose troveranno posto su di una lista che sarà inviata a Caserta, presso il MTOUSA, per le necessarie disposizioni circa i turni d'imbarco. Le signore inoltre avranno diritto di ricevere intanto l'assistenza medica sia nell'attesa che dopo la nascita del bambino, nonchè la possibilità di prender parte a corsi di economia domestica, di lingua inglese, di vita e costumi statunitensi.

Quest'Ufficio di Livorno ha funzioni di controllo e di riferimento per tutta la fascia italiana centro-nord-occidentale (la Liguria, il Piemonte e la Lombardia sono totalmente comprese nella giurisdizione).

«Enlisted men's Club» ...: il cartello, ampio, colorato, si allunga sopra la porta centrale.

Entriamo. Sappiamo che al first floor c'è un ufficio per le mamme e per le spose: un bureau speciale tutto raccolto e tutto silenzioso, dove donne e piccolini attendono la bella nuova di partire verso la terra di papà.

Miss Murray dice che...

A capo dell'Ufficio è Miss Margarette Murray.

Essa è bruna, giovane sorridente; si dice lieta di accoglierci nella sua non meno sorridente sala di lavoro — dappertutto fiori e pictures di graziosi bimbi. —

— Qual'è il vostro pensiero, Miss Murray, — cominciamo, non appena un cordiale «sit down, please» ci dà il diritto di aprir bocca, — su questa emigrazione di ladies e di babies? Come si troveranno le moltissime «metà» negli Stati Uniti? E i babbi, ecco soprattutto i babbi saranno lá ad aspettare: a ricevere mogli e piccini col fuoco grande dell'amore, col largo sorriso dell'affetto?

Miss Murray risponde di sì. Afferma che dai rapporti che finora le sono pervenuti «tutto è andato per il meglio»; vale a dire: affluenza disciplinata al centro di raccolta, — a Napoli c'è un lussuoso albergo appositamente re-

Nell'accomiatarci dalla kind Miss Murray, ci soffermiamo in un salotto contiguo: un piccolo ambiente con un tavolo al centro, e un gruppo di donne sedute. In mezzo è una assistant miss che in un discreto italiano racconta cose dei lontani paesi. U-

And many small things in the house: a kitchen-stove, a fire-place, some dishes and a bed with white and smelling lines.- Small dear and known things----
Same as here, as the women on leave might have found one day a garden, a man and a house also in Italy----
but "C'est la guerre"!

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diamo parlare dei divi di Hollywood, delle dirume dell'Hudson, dei grattacieli di New York, della morbida crema «Hinds» per mani delicate...

Su una carta geografica, stesa sul tavolo, scivano veloci le dita della mise: ma nessuna sposa va con lo sguardo al Colorado Tiber o agli altipiani del Dakota.

Va invece lo sguardo oltre le pareti e le finestre. Va incontro al film più bello, che fra poco ciascuna donna girerà.

Gira il film dei sogni: c'è un giardino, un uomo, e una casa. E nella casa tante piccole cose: un fornello, un camino, dei piatti, e un letto con dei lini bianchi e odorosi. Piccole cose care e conosciute...

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Poichè, spose in partenza, anche qui in Italia avrete trovato un giorno forse un giardino, un uomo e una casa. Ma...: c'est là guerre.

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BEGINNING WORKS AT CARRATA QUAY.= THE APPROVAL OF THE EXPENSES RE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Domani dovrebbe avvenire il passaggio del Porto Mediceo e dei bacini Cappellini e Firenze all'Amministrazione Italiana, e può darsi che avvenga a Roma da parte della Commissione Alleata di controllo.

Ma niente da meravigliarsi se l'atto conclusivo sarà rinviato di qualche giorno per la definizione di elementi di dettaglio ai fini della classificazione da Porto esclusivamente militare — come lo è dal giorno della liberazione — a Porto civile e militare.

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Ed altro fatto che conferma lo immediato passaggio è quello riferito alla nuova sede della Capitaneria di Porto, sugli Scali d'Azeglio.

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Mediceo Harbour, and Cappellini and Florence quays should be returned to Italian Administration to-morrow, and may be it will be done in Rome by Control Allied Commission. But nothing to wonder if the final act shall be extended some days to settle some detail elements re its classification from Port exclusively militar - as it is since the day of the liberation - to civilian and militar Port. This has been assured to us by local Allied and Italian Authorities, and, on the other hand, it is what it resulted to us. The former have, since some time, completed and remitted to Rome the files concerning the shifting without further obstacles, and the latters are quite ready to settle all errands arising from the shifting itself. To confirm the lack of eventual obstacles for the quick realization of what it means a just and ardently felt wish of Leghorn citizens, the works for placing railways connecting line at Calata Carrara are being started this morning by removing ruins, whilst Genio Civile is acting to test the resistence of the quay fundament blocks, some of which we fear have heavily suffered by effect of the german mines exploded there. If necessary, no time shall be lost to make the repairs, as we want to make use at once of that quay, to handle the goods.

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AN ALARMING NEWS.

Harbour labourers, as well as maritime and commercial bodies, feel very much disappointed for the news, not yet controlled, that the Allied Authorities should be compelled to extend the time of returning the Port to Italian Authorities.

The cause of such a delay would arise from lack of time in preparing the premises and logistic services which ought to be ready within the 15th. February.

Also the Harbour Office, which should transfer to Scali d'Azeglio, is still located at Ardenza, with great uneasiness for everybody, and connecting line at Marittima Railway Station is far from being started.

The delay in releasing the Port should cause very serious inconveniences, which it is necessary to avoid.

Let us hope our alarm cry be heard and competent Authorities may give a formal assurance on the matter.

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Serpeggia vivo malcontento nelle masse dei lavoratori portuali e negli ambienti marittimi e commerciali cittadini per la notizia non ancora controllata che le Autorità Alleate sarebbero costrette a rimandare la data di consegna del Porto alle Autorità Italiane.

Le cause di tale ritardo sarebbero derivate dal mancato tempestivo approntamento dei locali e dei servizi logistici che dovevano essere ultimati entro il 15 febbraio.

Anche la Capitaneria di Porto che doveva trasferirsi agli Scali d'Azeglio è sempre dislocata a' Ardenza con grave disagio di tutti e l'inizio del raccordo ferroviario alla Stazione di Marittima è ancora ai primordi.

Il ritardo dell'apertura del porto avrebbe gravi ripercussioni che è necessario evitare.

Speriamo che il nostro grido d'allarme sia inteso e venga diramata dalle competenti Autorità una netta assicurazione al riguardo.

Una notizia allarmante

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FLORENCE - "La Patri[illegible] - 7/2/1941.

BRIDES ON VOYAGE.

Il tema dei matrimoni italo americani, è all'ordine del giorno. Purtroppo c'è anche quello delle separazioni, italo-italiane. Avrete letto ciò che avviene a Roma. Il presidente di quel Tribunale non rifiuta a dar consigli consolatori (inascoltati) alle coppie coniugali in rotta, e a far sentenze di separazione. In media, i postulanti sono una ventina la settimana. Venti coppie. Problema grosso.

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They shall be entitled to, if they want, after two years'stay in the States, or they can remain Italians.
Somebody said there is a kind of school to accustom the brides to American habits while awaiting for the time to sail. But it is not so. The meetings are only made to the purpose to accustom the brides to the life of to-morrow: a bit of english language, and to accustom them to the habits of the various countries where they shall go to, ecc.
As it has been published, about 60 brides left Florence and, after a short stay in Rome(they were hospitated by the American Red Cross),arrived in Naples,awaiting to sail.
Other brides are awaiting for their turn, which is arranged for the husband to sail at the same time, or a short time before his wife, so that, when she arrives, he may be on the spot when she lands. Had this is not possible, "Family House" provide to receive them, give hospitality and accompany the wife until her husband's home or family.
It happens, sometimes, that a baby be together with the bride, and, in these instances, the assistance redouble as far as treatments and attentions. There is an American Red Cross Hospital Section at Leghorn, with proper Physicians, whose proper particular task is to provide for the mothers and their children.

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to esito felice, ma questa, purtroppo, è storia di tutti i tempi e di tutti i paesi. È quel qualche d'imprevisto che portano con sè tutte le avventure terrene.

Veramente notevole è il benvenuto che l'America dà alle «spose di guerra» italiane. A Firenze c'è un ufficio apposta, creato dalla Croce Rossa americana, il «Family Service», che si preoccupa di assisterle ed aiutarle nel modo più provvido e affettuoso, sia per le pratiche necessarie a farle giungere, senza inciampi, a — diciamo — destinazione, sia per prepararle materialmente e spiritualmente al nuovo clima. Quest'ufficio, oltre ad occuparsi delle nuove toscane, raccoglie le pratiche di tutte quelle dell'Italia settentrionale. Esistono altri centri simili a Livorno, a Roma e a Napoli.

Una cosa da chiarire è questa: il matrimonio contratto non implica, senz'altro, per le spose, la adozione della cittadinanza americana. Esse ne avranno diritto, se vorranno richiederla, dopo due anni di permanenza negli Stati Uniti, oppure potranno conservare la nazionalità italiana.

Si è parlato di una specie di corso per «americanizzare» le spose italiane, in attesa della loro partenza. Non è precisamente così. Si tratta solo di riunioni che hanno lo scopo di avvicinarle a ciò che sarà la loro vita di domani: — un po' di lingua inglese, usi e abitudini delle varie regioni nelle quali esse entreranno a vivere, ecc. — così che il «grande salto» le trovi preparate il più possibile.

È già stata pubblicata la notizia d'uno scaglione di sessanta spose partito da Firenze e, dopo una breve sosta a Roma, dove esse sono state ospiti della Croce Rossa Americana, arrivate a Napoli in attesa d'imbarco.

Le altre aspettano il loro turno, regolato in modo che il marito parta press'a poco nello stesso tempo, anzi precedendo di poco la partenza della sposa, in modo che all'arrivo di lei, lui si trovi a riceverla allo sbarco. Quando questo non è possibile, il «Family Service» provvede a ricevere, ospitare ed accompagnare la sposa fino alla casa del marito o della famiglia di questo.

Avviene qualche volta che insieme alla sposa vi sia un bimbo, ed in questi casi l'assistenza raddoppia di cure e di attenzioni. Esiste a Livorno una speciale sezione dell'Ospedale militare americano, con appositi specialisti, che ha appunto il compito particolare di provvedere alle mamme e ai loro piccoli.

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Uno stabilimento frigorifero per il pesce oceanico sorgerà nella nostra città

LEGHORN - "IL TIRRENO" - 10/2/1946

A REFRIGERATING FACTORY FOR OCEANIC FISH WILL BE INSTALLED IN OUR TOWN.

E' stato presentato alle autorità alleate — informa l'«Ansa» — un piano per la produzione ed il consumo delle varie qualità di pesce oceanico quali il merluzzo, l'orata, il dentice, l'ombrina ed il tonno nella misura di un milione di tonnellate all'anno.

Il piano, che è stato elaborato dal Comitato per la pesca oceanica, prevede la rimessa in efficienza di una diecina di piropescherecci italiani per la fine del corrente anno, la cessione in uso con partecipazione agli utili da parte alleata, di naviglio peschereccio e la creazione di stabilimenti frigoriferi a Genova, Livorno, Civitavecchia, Napoli, Taranto e Ancona ed i centri di comunicazione e di rivendita oltre che sulle coste anche nell'interno del paese.

Con la realizzazione di questo piano si prevede che il consumo medio di pesce in Italia, che prima della guerra era di quattro chilogrammi a persona, possa salire a 22 kg.

A plan has been filed to Allied Authorities, "Anna" report, re the production and consume of the various qualities of oceanic fish such as cod, gold fish, dentex, usher and tunny, at the rate of a million tons per year.

The plan, elaborated by the Oceanic Fishing Committee, anticipate to put into efficiency about ten Italian fishing motor-boats by end of this year, the allotment for use, and partecipation to profits, of Allied fishing motor-boats and the installation of refrigerating factories at Genoa, Leghorn, Civitavecchia, Naples, Taranto and Ancona and the communication and sale centres also inside the town, besides over the coasts.=

By realizing this plan, we anticipate the average fish consume in Italy, which amounted to four kilos es person before the war, will be able to rise to 22 kilos.

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LEGHORN - "Le Gazzetta" - 7/2/1946:

COMUNICATO
dell'Ufficio del Lavoro

L'Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro comunica:

«Si prevede che le richieste per un aumento salariale ai dipendenti delle Forze Alleate saranno, entro breve tempo, soddisfatte; trattative in tal senso si stanno svolgendo fra i componenti organi della P.B.S. e la Direzione di questo Ufficio».

Labor Provincial Office inform:
"It is foreseen that the requests of the dependants
"from the Allied Forces re increase of wages shall,
"within a short time, met: Dealings on the matter
"are taking place between P:B:S: competent Authori-
"ties and this Office's managers":

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LEGHORN - "Il Tirreno" - 7/2/1946.

FOR THE RE-BUILDING OF LEGHORN.

Le due commissioni concittadine nella capitale sono state ricevute ieri al Ministero dell'Assistenza post bellica dal Sottosegretario Cifaldi, essendo il Ministro Gasparotto assente da Roma.

Il Presidente dell'Istituto delle Case Popolari ha chiesto un finanziamento a favore dell'Istituto stesso, impegnandosi a destinare ai reduci un congruo numero di quartieri. Il Sottosegretario ha aderito alla richiesta e si è riservato di stabilire le norme che regoleranno questo contratto sui generis.

Il Presidente del Comitato Liberazione Nazionale, Garzelli, ha domandato aiuti a favore dei reduci ed ha avuto assicurazione da parte del Sottosegretario che verranno assegnati a Livorno numerosi mezzi, moltissime coperte e oggetti di alluminio.

All'IRI le due commissioni hanno esposto al Presidente la situazione del Cantiere O.T.O. chiedendo contributi per completare la ricostruzione che potrà essere iniziata con i fondi già destinati dal Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici.

I rappresentanti del Cantiere Orlando hanno manifestato la loro viva contrarietà perchè il Cantiere stesso non viene reso partecipe del finanziamento globale assegnato alla O. T. O.

Il Presidente li ha tranquillizzati promettendo il suo interessamento affinchè per Livorno la ripartizione avvenga in maniera equa.

The two Commissions of our country have been received yesterday by Ministry of Post War Assistance and Under Secretary Cifaldi, Secretary Gasparotti being absent from Rome.
President of Cheap Houses Institute, asked financing in favour of the same Institute, binding himself to locate to veterans a congruous number of rooms.
The Under Secretary agreed to the request, and reserved himself to fix the modalities regulating this agreement in general.
President of National Liberation Committee asked for assistance in favour of the veterans, and the Under Secretary assured him that several means shall be committed to Leghorn, as well as plenty of blankets and aluminion tools.
The two Commissions explained to I.R.I. President the O.T.O.Ship-Yard situation, asking financing to complete the re-building which shall be able to start with the money already assigned by Public Works Ministry.
Orlando Ship-Yard representatives expressed their strong opposition for above Ship-Yard not being aware of the total financing assigned to O.T.O.
A visit has been paid afterwards to Italian Immobiliare Institute, to file the proposals for a borrow to finance works in course.
The two Commissions shall be received this morning by Marine Ministry.

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LEGHORN = "La Gazzetta" - 6/2/1946.

Denuncia obbligatoria gomme di produzione alleata

La Prefettura comunica:

«Entro il 15 marzo p. v. : detentori, *a qualsiasi titolo*, di gomme, montate o non, di produzione alleata, debbono farne denuncia alla Prefettura del luogo di residenza indicando le complete caratteristiche di esse (marca, tipo, matricola e dimensioni), precisando altresì se in possesso attuale di permesso alleato.

Le denuncie dovranno essere presentate in duplice originale. Uno degli originali sarà restituito dalla Prefettura con l'indicazione della data di presentazione.

La denuncia è obbligatoria anche per le persone giuridiche, pubbliche o private (vi compresi lo Stato e gli Enti autarchici territoriali).

I detentori di gomme di produzione alleata, per ottenere il permesso per l'uso dovranno presentare domanda in carta da collo di lire 12 all'Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione Civile e dei Trasporti in Concessione, competente per territorio, unitamente all'originale della denuncia restituito per ricevuta dalla Prefettura.

Entro il 30 aprile p. v. gli autoveicoli e i rimorchi di automezzi in circolazione, sui quali siano montate gomme di produzione alleata, dovranno essere muniti di permesso definitivo d'uso, rilasciato dal Ministero dei Trasporti».

COMPULSORY DENOUNCIATION OF TIRES OF ALLIED MAKE.

Prefecture report:
All people possessing tires of Allied make, even mounted or not, shall have to report it, within the 15th. March next, to the Prefecture of their residence, stating full characteristics of them (make, type, records and sizes), declaring, also, if they are presently in possession of an Allied permission.
Reports shall be made in two originals, one of which shall be returned by the Prefecture provided with the date report has been made.
Reports are compulsory also for juridical people, ~~[illegible]~~ private or public, State and Territorial bodies included.
Possessors of tires of Allied make, wishing to get a permission to use them, shall have to make an application in a Lire 12 stamped paper addressed to Ispettorato Compartimentale della Motorizzazione Civile e dei Trasporti in concessione, competent for territory, together with the original of the denounciation returned from the Prefecture as receipt. Within the 30th. April next, all autovehicle and tow, on which tires of Allied make are mounted, shall be provided by a definite permission for the use, issued by Ministry of Transport.

LEGHORN - "Giornale del Popolo" - 6/2/1946.

Che la riconsegna al traffico civile del vecchio porto di Livorno avvenga, è cosa certa: che avvenga il 15 corrente è, invece, incerto.

Anzi potremmo dire senza tema di errore, che la riconsegna avverrà dopo il 15 febbraio e, più precisamente, in un giorno che sarà più vicino alla fine del mese.

Il porto Mediceo comincerà a funzionare con quella attrezzatura che può: meglio poco che nulla.

Ma la buona volontà, tanto nelle autorità americane quanto nelle autorità locali, è evidente.

E la spinta della buona volontà è capace di far superare gli ostacoli anche i più difficili.

Sappiamo che molti carichi inviati dall'U.N.R.R.A. all'Italia avranno quale scalo di sbarco il nostro porto e ci è stato assicurato che i quantitativi di merci varie che verranno sbocccate nelle nostre banchine per conto dell'U. N. R. R. A. saranno notevolissime.

Il ritorno del traffico andrà, quindi, automaticamente aumentando in diritto rapporto con gli aumentati mezzi di attrezzatura.

In questi giorni, a Roma, tra il oGverno italiano e gli organi centrali alleati si stanno definen-

INNER HARBOUR.= 15TH.FEBRUARY APPROXIMATE DATE OF DELIVERY.= TO BE MORE EXACT: END OF FEBRUARY 376
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Il porto mediceo

15 febbraio data approssimativa della consegna - Più esatto: la fine di febbraio
Gli sbarchi dell' U.N.R.R.A.

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FLORENCE - "La Patria" - 5/2/1946.

I giuliani chiedono giustizia
per i fratelli oppressi

Il Comitato fiorentino pro Venezia Giulia ha inviato al Presidente Truman ed al Ministro Bevin il seguente telegramma:

«*Profughi giuliani apprendendo imminente invio Venezia Giulia Commissione alleata invocano estensione indagini zona occupata truppe jugoslave chiedono per popolazione nostra garanzia libera espressione volontà et sentimenti. — Comitato Giuliano Firenze*».

Analoghi telegrammi sono stati inviati al Presidente del Consiglio on. De Gasperi, agli ambasciatori degli Stati Uniti d'America, di Gran Bretagna e di Francia in Roma.

GIULIAN POPULATION ASK FOR JUSTICE FOR THE OPPRESSED.

Florentine Committee pro-Venice Giulia sent President Truman and Ministry Bevin the following telegram:
"Giulia refugees, informed about imminent trip Allied "Commission to Venice Giulia, invoke extension investiga-"tions zone occupied by yugoslav forces - ask for our "population full guarantee expression voluntee and "sentiments".

Similar telegram has been sent to Gasperi, Chairman, as well as to United States of America, Great Britain and France Ambassdors in Rome.

FLORENCE - "La Patria" - 6/2/1946.

Il gen. Cripps deplorato dal C. L. N. napoletano

NAPOLI, 5.

Il Comitato di liberazione nazionale napoletano ha votato il seguente o.d.g.: «Il Comitato di liberazione nazionale napoletano, profondamente sorpreso che un ufficiale superiore alleato, dimentico della rigorosa riservatezza impostagli dall'esercizio delle sue funzioni esclusivamente militari, abbia espresso pubblicamente, in occasione di fatti pure incresciosi e deplorevoli, apprezzamenti personali contenenti ingiurie alle autorità, alle istituzioni e al popolo italiano, rivolge all'operosa cittadinanza di Torre Annunziata la sua commossa solidarietà in quest'altra spiacevole circostanza che aggiunge, ai danni materiali ed ai lutti sofferti, l'immeritata ingiuria racchiusa nell'imprudente linguaggio adoperato dal gen. Cripps, e attende dalla concorde sollecita azione delle supreme autorità alleate e dal Governo italiano, quelle urgenti doverose riparazioni meglio idonee ad eliminare il legittimo risentimento suscitato in tutti gli ambienti italiani dalla inopportuna iniziativa».

GENERAL CRIPPS BLAMED BY THE NATIONAL LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF NAPLES.

The National Liberation Committee of Naples voted the following order of the day:
"Napolitan National Liberation Committee, deeply "surprised that an Allied High Officer, forgetting the "rigorous reservedness arising from his functions exclu-"sively militar, had, in consequence of regrettable and "blameable incidents, publicly expressed personal appre-"ciations containing abuses to authorities, to institu-"tions and to Italian people, address to Torre Annunziata "laborious citizenship his emoted solidariety in this new "regrettable circumstance, which add, to the heavy and "damages and mournings suffered, the undeserved abuse "contained in the imprudent language talked by general "Cripps, and await from the unanimous and quick behaviour "of the High Allied Authorities and Italian Government, "those urgent and dutiful amendments better suitable to "eliminate the heavy anger created in all Italian centres "by the untimely initiative".

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LIVORNO = "Giornale del Popolo" - 5/2/1946.

THE TORRE ANNUNZIATA INCIDENT.

Incidents happened at Torre Annunziata after the terrific explosion which destroyed almost all the houses, are to be placed on the same plan as the politic education, which signify to us also solidariety and - above all - morality.

Evidently, the charge made by British General Cripe that the relief sent by Allied Authorities had been stolen owing to carelessness of the Agents, has beaten our national dignity.

Useless to belie and plaintively contradict, as Naples Communist Organ did, drawing upon itself the dry belie of the British General containing fact and precise circumstances which this time shall be very difficult to repudiate.

We agree with "Voce Repubblicana" of Rome that Ministry Romita (he, himself, have opened an inquiry on the spot) shall be compelled to give explanations to the public opinion of the country: it is a question of reforming the custom.= And it is, therefore, this our Party want to do by its moral and educational action.

Il caso di Torre Annunziata

Sullo stesso piano dell'educazione politica, che per noi significa anche senso della solidarietà e soprattutto moralità, sono da porre gli incidenti avvenuti a Torre Annunziata dopo la terribile esplosione che ha semidistrutto l'abitato. Evidentemente l'accusa rivolta dal generale inglese Cripps che i soccorsi inviati dalle autorità alleate erano stati rubati per incuria degli agenti, ha colpito la nostra dignità nazionale. Inutile smentire e contraddire lamentosamente, come ha fatto l'organo comunista di Napoli attirandosi la secca smentita del generale britannico contenente fatti e dati precisi che sarà molto difficile stavolta respingere.

Concordiamo con «Voce Repubblicana» di Roma che il Ministro Romita (del resto ha aperto egli stesso un'inchiesta sul luogo) sarà costretto a dare delucidazioni all'opinione pubblica del paese. Però non bastano le inchieste e le delucidazioni: si tratta di riformare il costume. Ed è appunto questo che il nostro partito intende compiere con la sua azione morale ed educativa.

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FLORENCE = "LA PATRIA" = 20/2/1946.

De Gasperi a colloquio con Stone

ROMA, 19.

Stamani il Presidente del Consiglio ha ricevuto a Palazzo Viminale il capo della commissione alleata, Ammiraglio Ellery Stone. Il colloquio è durato dalle 10,35 alle 11,10. Ad esso viene attribuito particolare interesse, in quanto l'Ammiraglio Stone è reduce da un viaggio a Londra, dove ha avuto importanti colloqui con varie personalità.

In detti colloqui sono state esaminate tutte le questioni dibattute in questi ultimi tempi durante le riunioni fra i rappresentanti dei ministri degli Esteri alla *Lancaster House* sul trattato di pace con l'Italia.

DE GASPERI INTERVIEW WITH STONE.

Rome, 19.= Chairman received this morning at Viminale Palace, Admiral Ellery Stone, Chief of the Allied Commission.
The interview lasted from 10.35 till 11.10 and it is considered of particular interest, as Admiral Stone just returned from a voyage in London, where he had important interviews with various personalities.
All questions Italy discussed during the meetings held at Lancaster House amongst the representatives of Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs concerning the peace treaty with Italy, have been examined.

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LEGHORN = "LA GAZZETTA" = 23/2/1946.

Il nuovo capo dell'A. C. della Toscana

Il colonnello Robert C. Ross, già comandante del 92.o Fanteria, divisione artiglieria, è stato nominato capo della Commissione Alleata per la Toscana.

Non nuovo alla nostra regione, il col. Ross comandò la 92.a Divisione, che condusse vittoriosamente, nell'ultima fase della guerra, da Pontedera fino a poca distanza ad ovest da Genova. Egli fu destinato alla Commissione Alleata il 10 novembre 1945; ma gli venne concessa una licenza che trascorse negli Stati Uniti, prima di prendere possesso del suo nuovo ufficio.

Ufficiale veterano, il colonnello Ross aveva prestato presso la 92.a Divisione un servizio di più lunga durata di qualsiasi altro ufficiale dello stesso reparto.

Nato a New York, il col. Ross frequentò l'Università dell'Illinois, e più tardi la scuola di guerra di West Point, dalla quale uscì diplomato nel 1926.

Egli ha dichiarato, in un'intervista, che attualmente la C. A. funziona in Toscana nel modo più soddisfacente; e che ritiene per ciò non esser necessario alcun cambio immediato di direttive nell'azione della Commissione Alleata stessa.

THE NEW CHIEF OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION IN TUSCANY.

Colonel ROBERT C.ROSS, former Commander of the 92nd. Infantry, Artillery Division, has been appointed Chief of the Allied Commission for Tuscany.

Not new to our Region, Colonel Ross commander the 92nd. Division, who brought to victory in the last period of the war, from Pontedera till a short distance at West from Genoa.

He was assigned to the Allied Comaission on the 10th. November 1945; but a furlough was given to him, which he spent in the United States, before he took possession of the new Office.

Veteran Officer, Colonel Ross has been on service with the 92nd. Division for a longer time than any other Officer of the same repart.

Bore in New-York, Col. Ross frequented the Illinois University, and, later, the West Point War School, wherefrom he came out diplomated in 1926.

Colonel Ross, during an interview, stated that the Allied Commission in Tuscany is presently operating in the best satisfactory way, and, therefore, he considers not to be necessary any immediate changement in above Commission.

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Partenza - arrivo solo 24 ore

TORINO, 21

Una ditta torinese ha presentato alle autorità alleate un progetto tendente a costituire in tutta Italia, a somiglianza di quanto già avviene in Francia e in Olanda un servizio aereo che consenta alla corrispondenza di essere recapitata entro le 24 ore successive alla impostazione.

Con la rete aerea si potrebbe compiere qualsiasi tragitto, senza le lungaggini attuali, che compromettono in modo effettivo la consegna della posta, specialmente quando la distanza è notevole.

SAILING=ARRIVAL IN ONLY 24 HOURS.

A Turin Firm has submitted to Allied Authorities a plan for forming, in the whole of Italy, same as it has been already done in France and Holland, an aerial service consenting the mail to be delivered within 24 hours from posting.
Any dinstance could be covered by the aerial line, avoiding the present delay which effectively ~~xxxx~~ compromise the delivery of the mail, especially when the dinstance ~~xx~~ is remarkable.

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LEGHORN = "LA GAZZETTA" - 25/2/1946.

COME VERRA' DEVOLUTO

l'utile della festa al «Goldoni»

Il Comando dell'Head Quarter P.B.S., Public Relations Office, riferendosi alla comunicazione data recentemente del felice esito dello spettacolo per bambini al Teatro Goldoni, specifica che il ricavato (Lire 97.026) della festa medesima sarà per espresso desiderio del Brig Generale Francis H. Oxx, devoluto alle mamme ed ai bambini bisognosi di Livorno.

HOW IT WILL BE DISPOSED OF THE PROFIT OF THE GOLDONI FEAST.

Public Relations Office - P.B.S. Head Quarter Command, with reference to the communication recently made about the good result of the performance for children at "Goldoni" theatre, specifies that the proceeds (Lire 97.026) of the said feast will, as per Brigadier General Francis H. Oxx'wish, devolved to Leghorn indigent mothers and children.

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LEGHORN = "LA GAZETTA" = 26/2/1946.

THE PORT HAS CHANGED CATEGORY



IL PORTO
ha cambiato categoria

E' giunta comunicazione ai competenti organi cittadini che il nostro porto è stato «cambiato di categoria» passando da quella «militare» a quella «mista», che prevede naturalmente il traffico civile. Nella giornata di ieri abbiamo appreso che ai primi di marzo avverrà alfine la consegna del porto alle Autorità marittime locali.

Town competent Authorities have received a communication that our Port has been changed of category, i.e. from "militar" to "mixed", which naturally consent the civilian traffic. We heard yesterday that the delivery of the Port to local Maritime Authorities shall take place beginning of March.

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RECHORI = "IL 'IPPERO" = 28/2/1946.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS AUTHORIZED THE DELIVERY OF THE HARBOUR.

The agreement between Allied and Italian Authorities having been - at last - arranged, concerning militar and civilian use of Mediceo Harbour and Florence and Cappellini Docks, we understand Rome received a telegram from Washington authorizing the delivery of the Harbour and above Docks to Italian Administration.

Therefore, it is expected that the communication to local Authorities that delivery has been done, be imminent.

As soon as this shall be done, it will be started works at once for the quick utilization of the water surface and quays.

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Il Governo americano
ha autorizzato la consegna del porto

Ormai perfezionati gli accordi fra le autorità alleate e italiane in ordine all'uso militare e civile del Porto Mediceo e dei bacini Firenze e Cappellini, apprendiamo che da Washington è giunto a Roma il telegramma autorizzante la consegna all'amministrazione italiana del porto e dei bacini predetti.

E' da credersi perciò imminente la comunicazione alle autorità locali dell'avvenuta consegna.

Non appena questa sia un fatto compiuto si passerà senz'altro all'inizio dei lavori per la più pronta utilizzazione degli specchi acquei e delle calate.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO LIAISON OFFICER
ALLIED COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 1946.

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TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394. U S ARMY.

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7. FEEDING OF THE PLE:

THERE IS A PRONOUNCED LACK OF WHEAT AND MOST OF TOSCANA REGION MUST DEPEND ON WHEAT SHIPPED IN FROM AMERICA. THE MANUFACTURE OF PASTA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED DUE TO SCARCITY OF WHEAT AND IF THIS CONTINUES MUCH LONGER, IT WILL BE THE DIRECT CAUSE OF FOOD RIOTING. THERE IS LITTLE OR NO OILS OR FATS. MEAT AND CHEESE ARE SCARCE. HERE ARE SOME OF THE WORDS USED BY THE DIFFERENT PREFECTS IN TOSCANA REGION WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE FOOD SITUATION. PREFECT OF AREZZO: "A DEFICIENCY IN ALL FOOD STUFFS." PREFECT OF FLORENCE: "THERE IS NO DISCIPLINE ON PRODUCERS, - CONSEQUENTLY THERE IS VERY LITTLE FOOD." PREFECT OF SIENA: "SITUATION IS SERIOUS." PREFECT OF LUCCA: "SITUATION IS MOST DIFFICULT." PREFECT OF PISTOIA: "WE ARE GETTING ALONG ON MEAGER RATIONS NOW, BUT ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL BECOME WORSE." PREFECT OF GROSSETO: "THE SITUATION IS PRETTY GOOD RIGHT NOW, BUT A RAPIDLY DIMINISHING SUPPLY OF OIL, FATS AND OTHER RATIONED FOODS."

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Le Am-lire in circolazione continuano ad avere pieno valore legale

MILANO 31 — La notizia relativa alla cessazione da parte del Comando alleato in Italia della emissione delle Am-lire, ha fatto sorgere qualche dubbio della validità delle Am-lire attualmente in circolazione. A chiarimento di ciò gli organi competenti della commissione alleata a Milano, confermando la cessazione di nuove emissioni, informano che le Am-lire in circolazione continuano ad aver pieno valore legale.

Am-lire now circulating shall continue having full legal value.

Milano, 31.= The news re the cessation from the part of the Allied Command in Italy of the am-lire issue, has caused a doubt on the validity of the am-lire presently circulating.

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In order to clear it, Allied Commission competent bodies in Milan, while confirming the cessation of fresh issues, inform that the am-lire in circulation will continue having their full legal value.

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("Il Tirreno" - 25.I.1946)

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IL MAGGIORE BEATTY
per la Mensa Popolare

Il Magg. Stanley Beatty, dopo la visita fatta settimane or sono alla Mensa Popolare di via degli Asili, venendo incontro alle richieste fattegli per sopperire alle necessità della mensa stessa, ha iermattina messo a disposizione dell'E.C.A., che gestisce detta mensa, un camion tedesco.

L'offerta è quanto mai preziosa per la benefica istituzione. La possibilità di più rapidi e più forti trasporti di viveri e di utensili consentirà di migliorare il trattamento della mensa, e faciliterà, affrettandone e garantendone il normale funzionamento, l'apertura della nuova mensa di Ardenza, che sta per iniziare la sua attività.

La Presidenza dell'E.C.A. e la popolazione tutta, e specialmente quella parte di essa che fruisce della preziosa provvidenza della mensa popolare, rivolge un sentito ringraziamento al Magg. Beatty, e anche a Fortunato Garzelli, che tanto si è adoperato perchè l'Ufficiale di Collegamento Alleato prendesse a cuore le sorti della Mensa Popolare.

Major STANLEY BEATTY, after a visit paid some weeks ago to popular mess, via degli Asili - in order to meet the requirements made to him in connection of said mess, yesterday put a german camion at disposal of the ECA, who manage above mess.

The offer is very much appreciable for the beneficient Institution. The chance of quicker and more important transport of food and utensils shall consent to ameliorate the mess treatment, and facilitate - by guaranteeing its normal functionning -the inauguration of the new mess at Ardenza which is going to start her activity.

The Presidency of the ECA. and the whole population, especially the people who benefit of the valuable providence of the popular mess, thanks very much Major Beatty, and also Fortunato Garzelli who worked hard so that Allied Liaison Officer put his heart for the future of the popular mess.

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("LA GAZZETTA" - 30/I/1946).

THE NEW RATIONING CARDS.

New rationing cards coming into force on the March 1st. next, shall be bigger than the present ones.
We understand, in fact, that, upon suggestion of the Allied Commission, fresh cards will include also the daily double bonus both for bread and "pasta".

La nuova carta annonaria

ROMA, 29

La nuova carta annonaria che andrà in vigore il 1.o marzo prossimo sarà di dimensioni maggiori di quella attuale. Si apprende infatti che, per suggerimento della Commissione alleata, verranno ripristinati il doppio bollino giornaliero per il pane e il bollino giornaliero per la pasta.

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"LA GAZZETTA" 20/I/1946.

FOR THE RE-BUILDING AND DEREQUISITION OF THE PORT.

THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION TO COMPETENT MINISTER.

Il Comitato Provinciale per la ripresa industriale e contro la disoccupazione comunica l'esito delle pratiche svolte presso i vari Ministeri nell'interesse cittadino, dalla Commissione incaricata.

Ricostruzione del porto — E' stato presentato al Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici da parte della S. A. Porto Industriale il programma di ricostruzione del Porto, con allegata relazione tecnico-finanziaria.

Il Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici ha ricevuto la Commissione assicurandola del suo favorevole e pronto interessamento ed ha annunziato che nella prossima settimana adunerà il Comitato Interministeriale per la ricostruzione dei porti per il relativo esame.

Preventivamente il programma in oggetto era stato sottoposto in visione al Prefetto e all'Ing. capo del Genio Civile i quali, per loro conto, non mancheranno di coadiuvare gli Enti interessati per il più rapido raggiungimento possibile dell'inizio dei lavori.

Derequisizione del porto — Il Ministro degli Interni Romita ha ricevuto la Commissione, le quale gli ha fatto presente quanto la prossima derequisizione del Porto Mediceo e di alcune banchine preannunciata dalle Autorità Alleate e il pronto inizio dei lavori di ricostruzione, possano avere benefici effetti per risolvere il problema della disoccupazione e dell'ordine pubblico.

A questo proposito il Ministro ha approvato la costituzione di un reparto di guardie giurate civiche ed ha assicurato formalmente che sarà prestissimo inviato a Livorno un nucelo di carabinieri per il servizio del Porto.

Il Ministro si è detto lieto di appoggiare validamente il programma di ricostruzione nel Comitato Interministeriale, accogliendo la richiesta a lui presentata da parte del Comitato e dalla Camera Confederale del Lavoro.

Varie — La Commissione è stata inoltre ricevuta con la consueta affabilità dal gen. Matteini, Direttore Generale della Marina Mercantile, il quale ha dato il suo benestare per l'erogazione del premio di liberazione alle maestranze portuali, ed ha promesso che continuerà ad interessarsi di tutto il problema portuale di Livorno fino alla sua completa soluzione.

E' stato inoltre interessato, con esito favorevole, il competente Ufficio delle FF SS. per risolvere prontamente il problema dell'allacciamento ferroviario al porto e quello della gestione Carboni per lo scarico del nostro Porto e per alcune pratiche riferenti a recuperi marittimi.

Nell'espletazione del suo compito la Commissione ha trovato dovunque piena comprensione delle necessità di Livorno e non

Provincial Committee for the Industrial re-building and against the unemployment, report the result of endeavours made by the Commission in charge, at the various Ministers in Leghorn interest.

PORT RE-BUILDING.= Program of Port re-building, with technical, financial report annexed, have been presented by S.A.Porto Industriale to Minister of Public Works.

Public Works Ministry, in receiving the Commission, gave assurance of his ready and favourable support, and announced that Interministerial Committee of Port re-building shall be assembled next week for its examination.

The program referred to had been previously submitted to Prefect and Engineer in chief of Genio Civile for cognizance, who, on their part, shall not fail to collaborate with the bodies concerned for the quickest possible success in starting works.

PORT DEREQUISITIONING.= Romita, Ministry of the Interior, received the Commission, who pointed out to him what the soon release of Porto Mediceo and some quays, announced by Allied Authorities, and the starting of re-building works would mean to have beneficient effects to resolve the unemployment and public order problem. To this purpose, the Ministry gave his consent to form a repart of sworn civilian guards, formally assuring that a corp of carabiniers shall be soon sent to Leghorn for the Port service. The Ministry called himself happy to validly support the Interministerial Committee in the re-building program, by acceading to the request made him by the Committee and the Labor Confederal Chamber.

MISCELLANEOUS.= The Commission has also been received by General Matteini, General Director of the Merchantile Marine, who, with his usual kindness, gave his approval for the payment of liberation premium to port manpower, and promised that he shall continue putting his heart on what it refer to Leghorn problem until its full solution.

It has also been interested, with favourable result, the competent Rail-way Office, to resolve quickly the problem of railway connection with the port, as well as the management for the coal discharge in our port, and some other questions re: salvage.works.

The Commission, in performing her duties, found full comprehension everywhere of the Leghorn necessities, and nothing shall be left undone to realize the started work.

President, Technical Director of the S.A.Porto Industriale, Vice President and Secretary of the Re-building Committee, Secretary of the Labor Confederal Chamber

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PORT RE-BUILDING.= Program of Port re-building, with technical, financial report annexed, have been presented by S.A.Porto Industriale to Minister of Public Works.
Public Works Ministry, in receiving the Commission, gave assurance of his ready and favourable support, and announced that Interministerial Committee of Port re-building shall be assembled next week for its examination.
The program referred to had been previously submitted to Prefect and Engineer in chief of Genio Civile for cognizance, who, on their part, shall not fail to collaborate with the bodies concerned for the quickest possible success in starting works.

PORT DEREQUISITIONING.= Romita, Ministry of the Interior, received the Commission, who pointed out to him what the soon release of Porto Mediceo and some quays, announced by Allied Authorities, and the starting of re-building works would mean to have beneficient effects to resolve the unemployment and public order problem. To this purpose, the Ministry gave his consent to form a repart of sworn civilian guards, formelly assuring that a corp of carabiniers shall be soon sent to Leghorn for the Port service. The Ministry celled himself happy to validly support the Interministerial Committee in the re-building program, by acceding to the request made him by the Committee and the Labor Confederal Chamber.

MISCELLANEOUS.= The Commission has also been received by General Matteini, General Director of the Merchantile Marine, who, with his usual kindness, gave his approval for the payment of liberation premium to port manpower, and promised that he shall continue putting his heart on what it refer to Leghorn problem until its full solution.
It has also been interested, with favourable result, the competent Railway Office, to resolve quickly the problem of railway connection with the port, as well as the management for the coal discharge in our port, and some other questions re: salvage.works.
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PER LA RICOSTRUZIONE
e la derequisizione del Porto
L'opera della Commissione presso i competenti Ministeri

stato presentato al Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici da parte della S. A. Porto Industriale il programma di ricostruzione del Porto, con allegata relazione tecnico-finanziaria.

Il Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici ha ricevuto la Commissione assicurandola del suo favorevole e pronto interessamento ed ha annunziato che nella prossima settimana adunerà il Comitato Interministeriale per la ricostruzione dei porti per il relativo esame.

Preventivamente il programma in oggetto era stato sottoposto in visione al Prefetto e all'Ing. capo del Genio Civile i quali, per loro conto, non mancheranno di coadiuvare gli Enti interessati per il più rapido raggiungimento possibile dell'inizio dei lavori.

Derequisizione del porto — Il Ministro degli Interni Romita ha ricevuto la Commissione, la quale gli ha fatto presente quanto la prossima derequisizione del Porto Mediceo e di alcune banchine preannunciata dalle Autorità Alleate e il pronto inizio dei lavori di ricostruzione, possano avere benefici effetti per risolvere il problema della disoccupazione e dell'ordine pubblico.

A questo proposito il Ministro ha approvato la costituzione di un reparto di guardie giurate civiche ed ha assicurato formalmente che sarà prestissimo inviato a Livorno un nucelo di carabinieri per il servizio del Porto.

Il Ministro si è detto lieto di appoggiare validamente il programma di ricostruzione nel Comitato Interministeriale, accogliendo la richiesta a lui presentata da parte del Comitato e dalla Camera Confederale del Lavoro.

Varie — La Commissione è stata inoltre ricevuta con la consueta affabilità dal gen. Matteini Direttore Generale della Marina Mercantile, il quale ha dato il suo benestare per l'erogazione del premio di liberazione alle maestranze portuali, ed ha promesso che continuerà ad interessarsi di tutto il problema portuale di Livorno fino alla sua completa soluzione.

E' stato inoltre interessato, con esito favorevole, il competente Ufficio delle FF SS. per risolvere prontamente il problema dell'allacciamento ferroviario al porto e quello della gestione Carboni per lo scarico del nostro Porto e per alcune pratiche riferenti a recuperi marittimi.

Nell'espletazione del suo compito la Commissione ha trovato dovunque piena comprensione delle necessità di Livorno e non sarà lasciato nulla di intentato per tradurre sul terreno della realtà il lavoro iniziato.

La Commissione era composta dal Presidente e Direttore Tecnico della S. A. Porto Industriale, del Vice Presidente e del Segretario del Comitato di Ripresa Industriale, del Segretario della Camera Confederale del Lavoro e del Presidente del Consorzio dei Lavoratori Portuali.

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Il Col. Graziani non si sofferma ad illustrare quelli che sono i problemi da risolvere già che essi son noti a tutti; si indugia invece a presentare i mezzi idonei per risolverli e, quel che più conta, nel minor tempo possibile.

Il porto, oggi, è un mucchio di rovine, gli Alleati hanno badato a mettere su istallazioni provvisorie per il loro uso immediato; si tratta, dunque, di provvedere per le banchine e l'approdo, per il carico e lo scarico, il funzionamento dei magazzini, la navigabilità dei canali, ora ostruiti quasi completamente da relitti d'ogni genere, istituire un servizio per l'approvvigionamento idrico, pensare alla sorveglianza, cercare, insomma, a che le parti vitali di questo meccanismo laborioso, siano rimesse in efficienza per assicurare al porto la completa funzionalità.

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Il progetto di ricostruzione

Breve discussione fra il Comandante della Capitaneria del Porto e il rag. Belli sui provvedimenti da prendere per rimettere in condizioni di navigabilità i canali che sono le arterie naturali del porto, poi la discussione si accentra sulle opere di ricostruzione il cui progetto è già stato presentato al Ministero. A questo proposito, e mentre si attende l'approvazione da Roma, si nutre fiducia che Livorno ottenga, per tali ricostruzioni, la stessa assegnazione stabilita per il porto di Genova, cioè, un miliardo e mezzo di lire. Si fa presente anche l'opportunità di esporre tale progetto alla pubblica discussione per le eventuali modifiche.

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THE PORT, REASON OF LIFE.
THE PROBLEMS RE IMMEDIATE RE=BUILDING DISCUSSED IN A PROFITABLE MEETING AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A meeting was held yesterday morning at the Chamber of Commerce, via Roma, to discuss about the problems interesting the functionning of Porto Mediceo, which, as it is known, shall be returned to our Authorities within February next.

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Mr. Pitto says that we shall not forget that heavy materials are also discharged at Leghorn; it is, therefore, necessary

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UNEMPLOYED ENGAGED TO WORK.
GLASSWARE'S PROBLEM.
CAPTAIN BEATTY, PREFECT AND SECRETARY OF THE LABOR CONFEDERAL CHAMBER VISIT THE FACTORY.
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How matters stand with the unemployment?
As it is our custom, we wanted to know its particulars, by talking the matter over with the people concerned, and, therefore, we called, yesterday afternoon, upon Mr. Senesi Duilio, member of the unemployed commission. He assured us that most part of them is, at last, to work. The famous Firms who used to shuffle, have decided themselves to engage manpower, and evetything is going on normally.
Members of the Labor Office of the Labor Confederal Chamber went to Prefect yesterday to concrete the last steps to be taken.
About 150 unemployed people have, so far, asked to be engaged as civillan guards.
It was confirmed, some days ago, the information that Allied Units lodged in the barracks contiguous to Italian Glassware, were on the point of soon leaving.
The most optimistic previsions were made re the future of the Factory, especially for what it referred to a progressive increase in engaging labourers.
However, it has been suddenly communicated that above barracks should have been allotted to LARAR, a Society whose activity consist of recovering surplus of Allied materials.
Sindacal members advised the Prefect at once and, soon afterwards, Captain BEATTY was informed about the disappointing matter.
The latter, with his own well known comprehension for the problems concerning our labourers, went to the Factory yesterday morning together with Prefect and the secretary of the C.C.L. to see personally how matters stand. The visit was long and particular. When it ended, Capt. BEATTY assured that he should have done his level best care General CXX to the purpose of returning the barracks to the building who should have - thus - the possibility to resume the work to a larger extent.
Labor Chamber members have assured us that, if the purpose shall be reached, some hundreds of labourers will be engaged within the shortest time.

DISOCCUPATI ASSUNTI AL LAVORO

Il problema della Vetreria

Il Capitano Beatty, il Prefetto e il Segretario della Camera Confederale del Lavoro visitano lo stabilimento

A che punto siamo coi disoccupati? Secondo il nostro solito abbiamo voluto apprendere particolari dalla viva voce degli interessati e così ieri nel pomeriggio abbiamo avvicinato il sig. Senesi Duilio, membro della commissione disoccupati.

Egli ci ha assicurato che ormai la maggior parte di costoro sono ormai al lavoro. Le famose ditte che facevano quella che definimmo «altalena» si sono decise ed assumere mano d'opera, e tutto procede normalmente.

Ieri il dirigente dell'ufficio di collocamento della C.C.L. Pacini, si è recato dal Prefetto per concretare le ultime disposizioni da prendere. Circa 150 disoccupati hanno inteato fatto domanda per essere arruolati fra le guardie civili.

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Già da alcuni giorni era confermata la notizia che le unità alleate di stanza nei capannoni attigui alla Vetreria Italiana sarebbero prossimamente partite. Si erano quindi formulate le più ottimistiche previsioni sull'avvenire dello Stabilimento, specialmente per quanto riguardava un progressivo aumento di assunzioni di operai.

Improvvisamente però è stato reso noto che i capannoni stessi sarebbero stati assegnati alla L.A.R.A.R., una società interessata al recuperi di materiale militare residuato.

Subito i dirigenti sindacali avvertivano il Prefetto e poco dopo veniva posto a conoscenza dello spiacevole fatto, il cap. Beatty.

Egli — con la ormai ben nota comprensione dei problemi dei nostri lavoratori — si recava ieri mattina assieme al Prefetto e al Segretario della C.C.L. Lemmi presso lo Stabilimento per rendersi conto personalmente della faccenda. La visita era lunga e minuziosa. Alla fine il cap. Beatty assicurava che avrebbe posto tutto il suo autorevole interessamento presso il gen. Oxx allo scopo di far tornare i baracconi in seno allo stabilimento che avrebbe così la possibilità di riprendere il lavoro su scala maggiore.

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Nel pomeriggio di ieri, i Segretari della C.C.L. Lemmi e Belli sono stati ricevuti dal Cap. Beatty. L'incontro, che è stato improntato alla massima cordialità ha avuto per oggetto principale la delicata questione della agitazione dei disoccupati.

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Oggi sabato — come già annunciato — si riuniranno in Prefettura i più noti industriali, imprenditori e commercianti di Livorno per deliberare i provvedimenti atti a fornire lavoro nei prossimi giorni ad un notevole numero di disoccupati.

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THE OIL REFINERY FULL RESUMED.

Inauguration took place yesterday of the activity of the Leghorn Oil Refinery, one of the several Factories of our Industrial zone, to which several damaged were caused.
Captain BEATTY, Regent Commissary of the A.M.G., the Prefect Dr. Miraglia, Town-Mayor Diaz, and other numerous personalities of the Province, were present to the ceremony, and, after close attention to the work reparts was ended, they expressed their satisfaction to the Refinery Director, for his appreciated work with the purpose to arrive, soonest possible, to the full resuma of the Factory, as well as the wish that the work, so rapidly resumed, may give, as early as possible, the best and profitable results.
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CLAIM FOR AN INCREASE OF WAGES TO LABOURERS
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("IL TIRRENO" - 26/I/1946.)

La Camera del Lavoro ha diretta la seguente comunicazione alla Labor sub Commission, Roma:

"I lavoratori alle dipendenze delle Forze Alleate in Livorno hanno da tempo ripetutamente lamentato lo scarso guadagno che percepiscono e ci hanno invitati a interporre i nostri Uffici per far loro ottenere un adeguato aumento che li porti a guadagnare quanto gli operai dipendenti dalle aziende italiane.

Noi ci siamo più volte recati presso i Comandi locali delle Forze Alleate ma non avendo conseguito alcun positivo risultato ci siamo decisi di ricorrere a codesta On.le Commissione per chiedere un aumento che possa compensare questi nostri lavoratori al che sia loro reso possibile affrontare il critico momento attuale con minore disagio.

Considerato l'apporto fattivo ed entusiasta dato dai nostri lavoratori fin dai primi giorni della liberazione, allo sforzo delle truppe Alleate nella discarica di vapori e in tutti i lavori di carico e immagazzinamento; in virtù del riconoscimento più volte espresso dalle Autorità Alleate per l'opera di questi lavoratori, e in considerazione dello stato veramente misero in cui versano con le famiglie in gran parte numerose, per i bambini in tenera età a cui fan riparo ai rigori della stagione, poveri stracci e una casa aperta a tutti i venti per effetto dei bombardamenti, ci sentiamo il dovere di ricorrere a codesta On.le Commissione per pregarla con tutte le nostre forze di prendere benevolmente in esame le loro richieste e di accordare, quindi, un congruo aumento che permetta loro di provvedere un tozzo di pane più abbondante anche ai loro cari.

Lusingati con la speranza ci essere esauditi porgiamo ossequi.

La Segreteria Confederale

Labor Chamber has made the following report to Labor Sub Commission Rome:

"Labourers depending from Allied Forces at Leghorn, "have, since long time, repeatedly claimed for their "scarce wages, and have invited us to manage so that "they can be entitled to an adequate increase which may "consent them to gain as much as the other dependants "from Italian principals. We have, many times, applied "to local Allied Forces Commands, but, our efforts "having proved unsuccessfully, we decided to recourse "to your Hon. Commission asking for an increase which "may consent these labourers of ours to meet the possi-"bility of living with the less possible distress. "In consideration of the enthusiastic and good work done "by our labourers since the first days of the liberation, "as well as their efforts in favour of the Allied Forces "in discharging ships and, in fact, in all the works of "loading and storing; and that the Allied Authorities "expressed many times their entire satisfaction for the "work done by these labourers, and also taken into "account the really critic financial conditions of the "latters who have to feed their numerous families, also "without clothes and living in houses damaged by bombard-"ments, we apply to your Hon. Commission asking strongly "to take into favourable consideration their requests "and, therefore, allow them a proper increase of wage "consenting them to give more abudant bread to their "families".

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(signed) The Confederal Secretary.

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("Il Tirreno" - [illegible]/I/1946)

Gli operai della Metallurgica dipendenti dagli Alleati, riuniti in assemblea la sera del 12 c. m. hanno deliberato all'unanimità il seguente ordine del giorno, chiedendo che siano post a' attenzione delle Autorità competenti i seguenti quesiti:

1) L'aumento delle paghe adeguandole al tenore di vita attuale, con i criteri in uso nelle industrie civili.

2) Estensione del premio natalizio alle maestranze che già lavorarono per le FF. AA. e che non l'hanno percepito, attenendosi alle misure adottate per coloro che l'hanno ricevuto.

3) Che sia concesso ai lavoratori occupati presso Unità Alleate, il Premio di Liberazione, come è stato concesso ai dipendenti di aziende civili.

Inoltre deplorano l'atteggiamento del Governo Italiano che non ha fatto molto affinchè fosse eliminata la predetta ingiustizia.

Perianto chiedono che la loro voce sia ascoltata come di dovere sia dal Governo Italiano che dalle Autorità Alleate interessate, e che le loro richieste non cadano nel vuoto ma vengano esaudite con sollecitudine.

Labourers working for account of Metallurgica, depending from the Allies, assembled on the evening of the 12th. instant, unanimously deliberated the following order of the day, asking that following questions be considered by competent authorities:

1) Increase of wages, equalising them to the present cost of living, as it has been done by civilian industries;

2) payment of the Christmas premium to manpower who used to work for the Allied Forces and did not get it, on the same extent used to workmen who got above premium;

3) payment of the Liberation premium to labourers on work for the Allied Units, same as it has been done to dependants from civilian bodies.

They blame for the Government's behavious who did not do much to elimitate above inJustice.

They - therefore - ask that their voice be properly heard by the Italian Government and the Allied Authorities concerned so that their wishes be quickly met.

("La Gazzetta" - 24/I/1946)

L'ordinanza del Brigadiere Generale dell'A.M.G. in data 15-12-1945 rendeva esecutivo anche a Livorno e Collesalvetti il Decreto Luogotenenziale sulla disciplina delle locazioni, con decorrenza dalla data in cui il Prefetto avrebbe ricevuto copia della Gazzetta Ufficiale sulla quale era pubblicato.

Tale Gazzetta Ufficiale (n. 153 del 22-12-1945) è stata consegnata al Prefetto il 15 gennaio.

Il decreto legge entra pertanto in vigore a Livorno e Collesalvetti col 1o febbraio.

A.M.G. Brigadier General Ordnance dated 15th. December 1945 [illegible] extended to Leghorn and Collesalvetti the Lieutenant Decree re housing regulations, in force from the date in which Prefect should have received copy of the Official Gazette on which it was published.

Such an Official Gazette (n.153 of the 22nd. December 1945) has been delivered on the 15th. January to Prefect.

Therefore, the Law Decree will become effective at Leghorn and Collesalvetti on the 1st. February.

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("LA GAZZETTA" - 22/I/1946.)

Il Comitato di Ripresa Industriale ha avuto notizia che la Sezione Lavori di Pisa è stata autorizzata dal Ministero dei Trasporti — FF. SS. — ai lavori di ripristino dei binari della Calata Carrara del Porto di Livorno, per un importo di due milioni di lire.

All'inizio dei lavori verrà dato corso non appena verranno date dal Genio Civile le dovute disposizioni.

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In seguito alla visita a Roma della Commissione incaricata alla discussione di problemi relativi alla Ricostruzione del Porto e della città di Livorno, il Sindaco dott. Furio Diaz ha diretta in data 19 corr. mese al Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici la seguente lettera:

«Il Presidente della Società Porto Industriale di Livorno, Conte Renzo Ruelle e il Segretario della Camera Confederale del Lavoro, rag. Belli, mi riferiscono dell'interessamento mostrato dalla S. V. per la ricostruzione del Porto di Livorno, nonchè per la nostra città, così gravemente devastato dalla guerra.

«Mentre esprimo fin d'ora alla S. V. il più vivo ringraziamento mio e della cittadinanza per l'accoglienza fatta ai due rappresentanti di essa e per la promessa loro fatta che alla soluzione dei più gravi problemi della nostra Livorno sarà di validissimo concorso l'alta opera della S. V., sarà mia cura tenere costantemente informata la S. V. delle necessità e delle esigenze Porto e del Centro cittadino».

Il Sindaco: avv. Furio Diaz.

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A tale uguale scopo il Prefetto della Provincia, dott. Miraglia, ha diretto al Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici il seguente telegramma:

«Favorevole accoglienza da Lei fatta Commissione per ricostruzione Porto Livorno e assicurazione suo sollecito autorevole interessamento è stata accolta viva soddisfazione questa cittadinanza che, dal suo Porto attende sua rinascita. Prego accogliere espressione mio ringraziamento assicurandola che Livorno così provata guerra e che ha ripreso suo lavoro con disciplina e fiducia è degna particolare sollecitudine Governo».

Il Prefetto: dott. Miraglia.

Committee for the Industrial Re-building has been informed that Pise Works Section has been authorized by the State Railways Transport Minister to resume the railroad works at Calata Carrara of Leghorn Port for an amount of lire 2.000.000.= Works shall be started as soon as Genio Civile will give proper instructions.

As a result of the visit to Rome of the Commission in charge for discussing the problems interesting the port re-building and the town of Leghorn, the Town-Mayor, Dott. Furio Diaz, wrote on the 19th. instant the following letter to Public Works Ministry:

"President of Società Porto Industriale, Leghorn, Count "Renzo Ruelle, and Secretary of Labor Confederal Chamber "Rag.Belli, inform me about your interest for the Leghorn Port re-building, as well as for our town, so hardly "proved by the war".

"While expressing you, also in name of the citizenship, "the heartiest thanks for the receptance to the two representatives of Leghorn, and for the promise made to "them that the utmost will be done to resolve the heaviest problems which concern our town, it will be my care "to keep you duly informed about the necessities and requirements of the port and town."

The Town-Mayor: Avv.Furio Diaz.

Province Prefect, Dott. Miraglia, sent the following telegram to Public Works Minister, on the same subject:

"Favourable reception made by you to the Commission for "Leghorn Port re-building and assurance your quick valuable consideration have been understood with the utmost "satisfaction by this citizenship who await for the re-"building of their port. Please accept the expression "of my thanks assuring you that Leghorn so proved by the "war and that have resumed his work with discipline and "faith deserve the particular care of the government".

(signed) Prefect: Dott. Miraglia.

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GROSSETO - ("L'ECO DI MAREMMA" - 26-? Genn.-Febbr.1946)

PER LA RIPRESA AGRARIA

Dopo un congresso agrario italoamericano che si è svolto a Firenze, l'U.N.R.R.A. ha fatto conoscere di essere disposta a fornire all'Italia un primo quantitativo di macchine per la ripresa agraria.

FOR THE AGRICULTURAL RESUMAL.

After an Italian-American Agricultural Congress which was held in Florence, UNRRA inform to be willing to supply Italy with a first quantity of machinery for agricultural resumal.

AREZZO - ("L'INFORMATORE" - 30/I)

Il 25 corrente si presentava in un negozio di riparazione di cicli in Via Cavour un individo dall'accento straniero, il quale chiedeva all'esercente se volesse acquistare una bicicletta. Il fare sospettoso dello straniero faceva intervenire alcuni agenti di P.S. colà di passaggio i quali procedevano al fermo dello sconosciuto. In Questura costui veniva identificato per Thaler Riccardo di Rinaldo nato a MarzocChiau(Austria) il 4-9-1904, ex caporale della Wermatht, il quale confermava di essere fuggito il 28 dicembre 1945 dal Campo Concetramento di Livorno Il Thaler si trova ora in carcere in attesa degli accertamenti relativi.

On the 25th. instant, a man, evidently foreigner, entered in a cycle repairing shop located via Cavour, asking the owner if he wanted to buy a bycicle.
The suspicious acting of the foreigner called the attention of some Public Safety Agents passing from there, who stopped the unknown man.
When at the Police Station, he was identified for THALER RICCARDO of Rinaldo, bore at Marzoc Chiau (Austria) on the 4/9/1904, ex corporal of the Wermacht, who confirmed to be escaped on the 28/12/45 from Leghorn Concentration Camp.
THALES is now in jail, awaiting for ascertainments.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIAISON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCANA

REF : Liv. 4A3/ 5 January 1946.

SUBJECT : Condensed report for month of December 1945.

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TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
APO 394. U.S. Army.

1. The Governmental crisis passed on without hardly a murmur in this Zone. Political leaders were much interested, but the rank and file manifested little concern. Public morale is excellent despite the fact there is much unemployment and Winter is here. Political and labor groups are friendly and there are no strikes, no lock-outs and no public disorders in Livorno Zone. In Florence, Toscana Region, there has been some recent public disorders. A throng of civilians ganged up on units of the "FOLGORE" Division (Italian) when these units arrived in Florence in trucks. A bloody brawl ensued and both sides suffered casualties. Order was restored, eventually, by a combined Carabinieri - P.S. Agenti action. A second incident occurred in Florence when the so called "unemployed" staged a demonstration and parade. They demanded jobs and bread. Many sympathizers and the curious joined the parade, and for a while the whole downtown area was thrown into an uproar. Carabinieri and P.S. Agenti succeeded in breaking it up eventually. The Prefect of Florence asked the Military Police to intervene, but they declined.

2. The food situation is unchanged at the moment, but there are rumors that little or no flour is available and that pasta manufacturing places will be forced to close down for lack of flour. Industry and the smaller business places are becoming more active every day. These business concerns are starting to employ a few people and P.B.S. is making every effort to employ as many civilians as possible, depending entirely, of course, on the need.

3. Fishing industry is striving for a banner season, but rough seas have hampered their efforts to a certain extent. Farmers are making every effort to produce maximum crops. Considerable sheep grazing is evident everywhere.

4. The crime wave still persists, but law enforcement groups now have the upper hand. Reserves of Carabinieri and Questure P.S. Agenti arrived to bolster up the hard pressed resident forces. It became necessary to reopen the A.M.G. Courts to handle the flood of cases that had accumulated as the result of arrests of offenders for violations of the proclamations. The Italian Judicial system had failed completely to cope with the problem and criminals had no fear of action being taken against them through Italian channels. The A.M.G. Court has been a smashing success thanks to the efforts of Brig. Gen. Francis H. Cox, Commanding General of P.B.S. who supplied A.M.G. with a most competent trial judge and ordered all other sections to lend every assistance in our program to stop the staggering increase in thefts and burglaries from Military installations. This move was a big morale boost to the Military Police and Italian law enforcement groups. Previously they had felt that it was futile to arrest a thief, and a program was already well under way among them to "shoot to kill" every thief caught. This is best illustrated by the fact that 29 were shot during the month - 7 of them fatally.

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5. Typhoid is still a threatening factor in this zone but has not reached epidemic proportions. Medical supplies arrive for civilians but it all seems to eventually end up in the hands of Black Market operators. The Questura has been ordered to make a thorough investigation of this situation but to date has been able to report "progress" only.

6. Electric Power is a tender subject in this Zone. The available lines are overloaded, and other necessary lines are down. High winds have destroyed many "feeders", and they had to be repaired. Lack of rainfall and little melting snow further North have kept the rivers at low stage - causing a short production of electric energy. In Livorno area many hundreds of unauthorized people have tapped into the lines and are stealing power. The situation became critical and your Acting Zone Commissioner called a meeting of Electric Association Officials on 22 Dec 45 to work out a plan to control the differential between essential consumers and the non-essential users. Plans have been formulated and are now in the process of execution to this end. Military installations and essential consumers will receive sufficient power to serve their needs. Non-essential consumers will be cut off or, in many cases, limited to hours use of power.

7. A.M.G. passed into discard at midnight 31 Dec 45. The transition to A.C. barely caused the lifting of an eyebrow. There was no ceremonies. No fanfare. Newspapers commented on the change only as a news item. There were no editorial comments. You will find enclosed a copy of the closing chapters, covering this whole subject, submitted in the December 1945 monthly report to Public Safety Sub-Commission. The story of the rebirth of Livorno is shown in this part of the final report.

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" THIS IS THE LAST AND NINETEENTH CONSECUTIVE MONTHLY REPORT SUBMITTED BY THIS OFFICER FROM LIVORNO PROVINCE AND LIVORNO ZONE. AT MIDNIGHT WE CHANGE FROM A.M.G. TO A.C. STATUS.

IN THESE NINETEEN MONTHS, JUST PASSED, YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER HAS BEEN A PART OF THE DRAMA STAGED HERE WITH A NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN CAST. A CAST FILLED WITH THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF ALLIED TROOPS; AMERICAN, BRITISH, BRAZILIAN, FRENCH AND POLES. TASK FORCES OF THE POWERFUL NAVIES OF AMERICA AND GREAT BRITIAN REMAINED IN THE SEA CLOSE BY,-ALERT AND WATCHFUL. SWIFT PURSUIT PLANES AND THE THROBBING BOMBERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCE AND THE R.A.F. CAME TO JOIN US HERE IN LIVORNO AS THE GREAT DRAMA OF WAR APPROACHED IT'S CLIMAX.

LIVORNO WAS A CITY DESERTED AND SMOULDERING IN IT'S RUINS WHEN THIS OFFICER ARRIVED HERE IN MID-JULY, 1944. STREETS WERE FILLED WITH COUNTLESS TONS OF DEBRIS AND RUBBLE. WALLS OF BUILDINGS, STILL STANDING, SWAYED CRAZILY UNDER THE CONCUSSION OF GERMAN SHELLS BEING LOPPED INTO THE CITY. THE HARBOR WAS A GRAVEYARD OF SUNKEN SHIPS, THE PORT AREA IN SHAMBLES AND A TREACHEROUS BLANKET OF MINES COVERED BOTH LAND AND SEA. THE BATTLE RAGED ONLY A FEW KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE CITY.

IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS TO FOLLOW CAME MANY STARTLING CHANGES. THE PENINSULAR BASE SECTION ARRIVED. OFFICES AND INSTALLATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AS IF BY MAGIC. TROOPS AND MORE TROOPS, SUPPLIES AND MORE SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND MORE EQUIPMENT POURED IN EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY. IT WAS TRULY BIG BUSINESS IN A BIG WAY. THE CHANGES THAT OCCURED IN THE LIVORNO AREA WERE LIKE A STORY BEING UNFOLDED FROM THE PAGES OF "THE ARABIAN NIGHTS" AND SEEMED ALMOST AS FANTASTIC. MILES OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WERE CLEARED OF DEBRIS, ROADS WERE BUILT, AIRPORTS SPRUNG UP, DUMPS AND WAREHOUSES APPEARED IN THE FIELDS AND FORESTS AS IF PUT THERE BY A FAIRY'S WAND. COUNTLESS MILES OF TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC POWER LINES WERE STRUNG EVERYWHERE. WATER MAINS WERE REBUILT, SEWERS REPAIRED AND BRIDGES--SCORES OF THEM--WERE LAID LIKE PIECES BEING FITTED TO A GIGANTIC PUZZLE. OVER 55,000 MINES WERE LIFTED AND THE HARBOR WAS CLEARED OF PARTLY SUNKEN SHIPS. THESE, AND MANY MORE EQUALLY STARTLING FEATS OCCURED IN A MATTER OF DAYS.

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POLITICAL AND LABOR GROUPS ARE FRIENDLY. THERE ARE NO STRIKES,-NO LOCK-OUTS AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR DISPLAYS OF MASS HYSTERIA. RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS ARE MOST CORDIAL. THIS HAS BEEN THE RESULT OF MUCH HARD WORK, PATIENCE AND CONSTANT LIAISON ON THE PART OF YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY SECTION IN LIVORNO.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE GERMAN ARMIES IN ITALY DURING MAY 1945 A VAST HORDE OF SLAVE LABORERS, REFUGEES AND ALL TYPES OF DISPLACED PERSONS FAIRLY INUNDATED THIS AREA. THEY SWARMED IN FROM THE NORTH AT THE RATE OF 6,000 TO 7,000 EACH 24 HOURS. THESE UNFORTUNATES WERE HALF STARVED, ILL AND SEMI-HYSTERICAL. A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 750,000 HAVE CLEARED THROUGH THIS CITY ALONE SINCE MAY 1945. OWING TO THE OVER CROWDED CONDITIONS IN LIVORNO IT WAS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HOUSE THESE PEOPLE. THERE WERE NO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS SECTION ON DUTY HERE, AND YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WAS CONFRONTED WITH THE TASK OF PROVIDING FOR THIS MASS MOVEMENT OF THOUSANDS OF DISPLACED PERSONS. A STAGING AREA WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE RAIL HEAD, CALAMBRONI STATION, KITCHENS WERE SET UP, TENTS ERECTED, A SMALL HOSPITAL AND DRESSING STATION WAS BUILT, AND A SMALL CITY CAME INTO BEING WITHIN A MATTER OF A FEW HOURS. IT WAS HERE THAT THE CONSTANT FLOW OF REFUGEES WERE GIVEN FOOD, MEDICAL CARE AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGED FOR THEM TO THEIR FINAL DESTINATION--HOME. THIS CAMP SOON BECAME KNOWN AS " BEATTY'S FLEA CIRCUS" ALL OVER THIS PART OF ITALY, AND EVEN THE FEATURE WRITERS OF NEWS SYNDICATES AND THE STARS AND STRIPES WROTE STORIES ABOUT IT.

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LIVORNO IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CITY TODAY FROM THE CITY WE FIRST SAW LYING PROSTRATE AND BROKEN BACK ON THAT SULTRY AFTERNOON IN MID JULY, 1944. THE REHABILITATION HAS BEENN SOMETHING OF A WONDER. THE CIVIL POPULATION GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIFE WITH LITTLE THOUGHT OF THOSE DARK DAYS. UTILITIES ARE RESTORED, HOUSES ARE BEING REBUILT, STORES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ARE BEING PUT IN ORDER AGAIN, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO NORM ALCY. THE CITY WAS BADLY HURT BUT THE SPIRIT HAS NEVER FALTERED.

YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER STEPS ASIDE AS THE A.M.G. OFFICER HERE WITH A CERTAIN FEELING OF INWARD PRIDE AND SATISFACTION. MY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE MILITARY AND CIVILIANS ALIKE FOR THESE MANY MONTHS HAS RESULTED IN A MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP WITH LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF THEM--A FRIENDSHIP THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN THAT WAS BASED ON SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING.

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THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROMOTIONS OR MEDALS. WE HAVE GIVEN THE BEST THAT WAS WITHIN OUR ABILITY TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF OUR ASSIGNMENT AS REQUIRED BY MILITARY STANDARDS. IN ANOTHER WAY WE HAVE BEEN REWARDED, YES, RICHLY REWARDED FOR OUR EFFORTS. THOSE 106 LETTERS AND CARDS OF HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND THE GREAT MASS OF CUT FLOWERS THAT CAME TO THIS OFFICE IN AN ALMOST ENDLESS STREAM DURING THE HOLIDAYS FROM PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE MORE PRECIOUS THAN ALL THE OTHER REWARDS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN. IT HAS CONVEYED A SIMPLE MESSAGE TO US, A MESSAGE MORE ELEQUENT THAN WORDS, THAT WE, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALLIED FORCES, AND PARTICULARLY AS AN OFFICER OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, HAD WON THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF THESE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE APPRECIATED OUR EFFORTS IN THEIR BEHALF. THOSE FLOWERS AND MESSAGES OF GOOD WILL HAVE TOLD US, TOO, THAT WE HAD SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE HERE A VIVID EXAMPLE OF DEMOCRACY AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE TRUTH OF THE FOUR FREEDOMS.

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LIVORNO IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT CITY TODAY FROM THE CITY WE FIRST SAW LYING PROSTRATE AND BROKEN BACK ON THAT SULTRY AFTERNOON IN MID JULY, 1944. THE REHABILITATION HAS BEENN SOMETHING OF A WONDER. THE CIVIL POPULATION GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIFE WITH LITTLE THOUGHT OF THOSE DARK DAYS. UTILITIES ARE RESTORED, HOUSES ARE BEING REBUILT, STORES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ARE BEING PUT IN ORDER AGAIN, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO NORM ALCY. THE CITY WAS BADLY HURT BUT THE SPIRIT HAS NEVER FALTERED.

YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER STEPS ASIDE AS THE A.M.G. OFFICER HERE WITH A CERTAIN FEELING OF INWARD PRIDE AND SATISFACTION. MY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE MILITARY AND CIVILIANS ALIKE FOR THESE MANY MONTHS HAS RESULTED IN A MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP WITH LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF THEM--A FRIENDSHIP THAT WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN THAT WAS BASED ON SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING. 948

THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROMOTIONS OR MEDALS. WE HAVE GIV EN THE BEST THAT WAS WITHIN OUR ABILITY TO MAKE A SUCCESS OF OUR ASSIGNMENT AS REQUIRED BY MILITARY STANDARDS. IN ANOTHER WAY WE HAVE BEEN REWARDED, YES, RICHLY REWARDED FOR OUR EFFORTS. THOSE 106 LETTERS AND CARDS OF HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND THE GREAT MASS OF CUT FLOWERS THAT CAME TO THIS OFFICE IN AN ALMOST ENDLESS STREAM DURING THE HOLIDAYS FROM PEOPLE OF ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE MORE PRECIOUS THAN ALL THE OTHER REWARDS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN. IT HAS CONV EYED A SIMPLE MESSAGE TO US, A MESSAGE MORE ELEQUENT THAN WORDS, THAT WE, AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALLIED FORCES, AND PARTICULARLY AS AN OFFICER OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES, HAD WON THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF THESE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE APPRECIATED OUR EFFORTS IN THEIR BEHALF. THOSE FLOWERS AND MESSAGES OF GOOD WILL HAVE TOLD US, TOO, THAT WE HAD SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING TO THE ITALIAN PEOPLE HERE A VIVID EXAMPLE OF DEMOCRACY AND HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE TRUTH OF THE FOUR FREEDOMS.

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HEADQUARTERS 8HQ
LIVORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIAISON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCA

REF : Liv. 443/

5 JANUARY 1946

SUBJECT : REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 1945.

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394. U.S. ARMY.

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINIONS:

THE FALL OF THE PARRI REGIME AND THE TAKING OVER BY THE DE GASPARI coalition HAD NO VISIBLE EFFECT HERE. THE CHANGE PRODUCED VERY LITTLE INTEREST - EXCEPT AMONG THE MOST AVID POLITICIANS, BUT TO THE RANK AND FILE THERE WAS HARDLY A MURMUR. THE POLITICAL GROUPS HERE ARE WELL DICIPLINED AND FRIENDLY TO ONE ANOTHER. THERE HAVE BEEN NO STRIKES, NO PUBLIC DISORDER AND NO UNAUTHORIZED MEETINGS. THERE IS A GENERAL FEELING AMONG THE PEOPLE THAT PERHAPS THE ELECTION IS A STEP NEARER AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGE. THE BLACK MARKET IS DEFINITELY ON THE DECLINE, BUT EVEN SO, IT IS STILL FLOURISHING, BUT WITH GREATLY DIMINISHED PRICES.

A WELL KNOWN AND WIDELY DESPISED FASCIST LEADER, SIMONCINI, GALILEE, WAS RELEASED FROM THE LOCAL PRISON UNDER THE MOST SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE LOCAL PRESS GREW ALMOST HYSTERICAL OVER THE MATTER. ONE ITALIAN JUDGE AND THE PRISON DIRECTOR ARE UNDER FIRE AS A RESULT OF THE MESS AND THE PREFECT OF LIVORNO HAS REQUESTED THE MINISTER OF GRACE AND JUSTICE TO MAKE A SWEEPING INVESTIGATION OF THE WHOLE SMELLY DEAL. SIMONCINI ENJOYED ONLY A BRIEF LIBERTY AND WAS RE-ARRESTED IN ROME A FEW DAYS FOLLOWING HIS MYSTERIOUS RELEASE FROM THE PRISON HERE. SO MUCH FOR THE LIVORNO ZONE AREA OF A.M.G.

IN FLORENCE, TOSCANA REGION, TWO INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED TO UPSET PUBLIC DECORUM. THE FIRST ONE WAS A RESULT OF A SUDDEN FLARE UP BETWEEN CIVILIANS AND A GROUP OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF THE "FOLGIORE" DIVISION. AN ADVANCE PARTY OF SEVERAL TRUCK LOADS OF THESE ITALIAN SOLDIERS ARRIVED IN FLORENCE AND STOPPED FOR A TIME OUT PERIOD. CIVILIANS SWARMED ABOUT THE TRUCKS, SHOUTING THREATS AND OATHS AND CALLING THE SOLDIERS DIRTY FASCISTS. A FIGHT OF CONSIDERABLE PROPORTIONS ENSUED, AND EVENTUALLY ALL THE ITALIAN SOLDIERS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED CIVILIANS WERE ENGAGED IN A BLOODY BRAWL. BOTH SIDES SUSTAINED CASUALTIES, AND THE FIGHT WAS FINALLY BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY A COMBINED CARABINIERI - P.S. AGENTI INTERVENTION. MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE ASKED BY THE PREFECT OF FLORENCE TO INTERVENE, BUT THEY DECLINED.

A SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED IN FLORENCE, BUT NOT SO VIOLENT AS THE ROW BETWEEN THE CIVILIANS AND THE "FOLGIORE" DIVISION MEMBERS. A LARGE CROWD STAGED A DEMONSTRATION, AND THREATENED TO STORM AND LOOT SHOPS AND STORES IN FLORENCE IF MORE EMPLOYMENT WAS NOT FURNISHED. THEY DESCRIBED THEMSELVES AS THE "UNEMPLOYED" AND DEMANDED JOBS AND BREAD. PUBLIC BUILDINGS WERE VISITED BY THE DEMONSTRATORS AND THE ORIGINAL GROUP SOON SWELLED INTO A LARGE MOB OF PEOPLE - MANY OF THEM SYMPATHIZERS AND MANY OTHERS JUST CURIOUS ON-LOOKERS - AS THE MARCH ABOUT THE CITY CONTINUED. ORDER WAS EVENTUALLY RESTORED BY CARABINIERI AND P.S. AGENTI PATROLS. THE MILITARY POLICE WERE AGAIN REQUESTED TO INTERVENE BUT AGAIN DECLINED THE INVITATION.

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B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

VERY SATISFACTORY IN BOTH LIVORNO AND PISA.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES:

LITTLE CHANGE OVER LAST REPORT IN THE FOOD SITUATION. DEFINITE UP-SWING IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AND P.B.S. IS FURNISHING TRUCK TRANSPORTATION TO ONE BIG INDUSTRY TO MOVE IT'S EQUIPMENT FROM THE RAILROAD TO THE PLANT SITE IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO GET SET UP IN BUSINESS AND START OPERATION. MANY SMALL BUSINESS PLACES ARE OPENING UP.

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D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING

THERE IS A MARKED INCREASE IN FISHING ALTHOUGH ROUGH SEAS HAVE SLOWED IT DOWN TEMPORARILY. PROSPECTS ARE REAL GOOD FOR A BIG SEASON. FARMERS ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PRODUCE THE MAXIMUM. CONSIDERABLE SHEEP GRAZING IS NOTED ALL OVER THE AREA.

E. LABOR:

THERE IS STILL A LOT OF UNEMPLOYMENT. SMALL BUSINESS AND OTHER LARGER INDUSTRY HOPE TO CUT INTO THIS SURPLUS OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS. P.O.W. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP AS MANY CIVILIANS EMPLOYED HERE AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THEIR NEEDS. THERE ARE NO LABOR TROUBLES OR STRIFE.

F. FINANCE:

THE DRASTIC CHANGE IN THE FRENCH FRANC HAS CAUSED A LOT OF WILD SPECULATION HERE AMONG PEOPLE IN GENERAL, AND SOME CONCERN IS SHOWN FOR FEAR THERE WILL BE A DROP OR CHANGE IN THE ITALIAN LIRE.

G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES:

MORE ELECTRIC ENERGY IS NEEDED. CIRCUITS NOW IN OPERATION ARE OVERLOADED, AND STILL OTHERS NEED TO BE PUT INTO OPERATION. THE PREFECT OF LIVORNO HAD TO ORDER A SHARP REDUCTION OF CONSUMPTION BY NON-ESSENTIAL USERS. YOUR ACTING ZONE COMMISSIONER CALLED IN THE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION HEADS FOR A MEETING ON 22 DECEMBER 1945 TO DETERMINE WAYS AND MEANS OF A BETTER POWER DISTRIBUTION TO ESSENTIAL USERS - AND PARTICULARLY MILITARY UNITS - AND A CURTAILMENT OF THE NON-ESSENTIAL USERS AND THE MANY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE "STEALING" POWER BY TAPPING INTO LINES WITHOUT AUTHORITY. OUT OF THIS MEETING GREW A PLAN TO GIVE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF POWER TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND ESSENTIAL BUSINESS FIRMS, AND AT THE SAME TIME BREAK UP THE USELESS CONSUMPTION BY MANY HUNDREDS OF OTHER CONSUMERS WHO DO NOT ACTUALLY NEED IT. TIME IS TOO SHORT FOR THE PROGRAM TO HAVE BEEN FULLY CARRIED OUT, AND RESULTS WILL BE AWAITED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HIGH WINDS HAVE DESTROYED MANY VITAL FEEDER LINES FROM NORTHERN ITALY AND HAVE TO BE REPAIRED. RIVERS HAVE BEEN ABNORMALLY LOW AND ENERGY COULD NOT BE PRODUCED TO ANY SATISFACTORY DEGREE. ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION HEADS INFORM YOUR ACTING COMMISSIONER THAT THEY HAVE HOPES OF A MARKED IMPROVEMENT WHEN LINES ARE REPAIRED AND MORE RAINFALL OR MELTING SNOW CAUSES RIVERS TO RISE.

WATER SUPPLY SITUATION WAS BAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS DUE TO A BREAK OF A LARGE LINE WHEN A BRIDGE WENT OUT ACROSS THE SERCHIO RIVER. REPAIRS WERE MADE AND SERVICE WAS RESTORED AFTER A FIVE DAY SHORTAGE.

H. LEGAL:

A.M.G. COURTS WERE RE-ESTABLISHED ON 10 DECEMBER AND HAVE TRIED 59 CASES TO DATE WITH ANOTHER 11 CASES PENDING TRIAL. YOUR ACTING ZONE COMMISSIONER ASKED AUTHORITY OF LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION TO REOPEN THE COURTS WHEN IT BECAME OBVIOUS THAT THE ITALIAN COURTS WERE EITHER INDIFFERENT OR ELSE TOTALLY INCOMPETENT TO HANDLE CRIMINAL CASES. MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY ALARMED AT THE EVER GROWING WAVE OF THEFTS AND ROBBERIES FROM MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. IN ONE MONTH GUARDS SHOT 22 THIEVES AND KILLED 7 OTHERS, WHILE SCORES OF THIEVES WERE ARRESTED EVERY WEEK. THE AVERAGE THIEF HAD NO FEAR OF THE ITALIAN COURT SYSTEM AND SEEMED TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT HE WOULD NEVER BE PROSECUTED. THE OPENING OF THE A.M.G. COURTS WAS A DEFINITE STIMULANT TO MILITARY POLICE, CARABINIERI, AND P.S. AGENTS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY FELT THAT THEIR EFFORTS WERE BEING WASTED. THE SITUATION GOT SO BAD BEFORE THE A.M.G. COURTS WERE OPENED THAT A "SHOOT TO KILL" PLAN WAS BEING CARRIED OUT RATHER THAN ARREST THE OFFENDERS.

THROUGH BRIG. GENERAL FRANCIS H. OXX, COMMANDING P.O.W., - THE JUDGE ADVOCATE SECTION APPOINTED MAJOR J. W. LYNCH, A J.A.G. OFFICER TO SIT AS TRIAL JUDGE. COURT WAS HELD TWO DAYS EACH WEEK IN LIVORNO AND ONE DAY EACH WEEK IN PISA. ALL CASES WERE PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY LIEUT. ERIC FELDMAN, ASS'T. LEGAL OFFICER ON DUTY AT LIVORNO.

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THE COURT WAS A MARKED SUCCESS AND DREW MUCH PRAISE FROM THE LOCAL ITALIAN PRESS, MILITARY PRESS AND FROM CIVILIAN LEADERS OF LIVORNO ZONE. THE FINE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION SHOWN BY THE P.B.S. COMMANDING GENERAL AND ALL SECTION HEADS, HAS MADE THE WORKING OF THE NEWLY OPENED COURT A COMPLETE SUCCESS. GENERAL OXX HAD FURTHER REQUESTED AFHQ TO PERMIT THE COURT TO FUNCTION AFTER THE CLOSING OUT OF AMG ON 31 DEC. 1945, BUT THIS WAS REFUSED BY HIGHER COMMAND. YOUR ACTING ZONE COMMISSIONER STILL FEELS THAT MILITARY SECURITY AND PHYSICAL PROPERTY OF THE ALLIED FORCES WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY JEOPARDIZED IF THIS ZONE IS COMPELLED TO RELY ON THE DOUBTFUL ABILITY AND FUNCTIONS OF THE ITALIAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM AS IT IS PRACTICED HERE. THERE IS ENTIRELY TOO MUCH TENDENCY TO BE LENIENT AND SHOW A COMPROMISING ATTITUDE TOWARD CRIMINALS BY ITALIAN OFFICIALS.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY:

NO AGGRAVATED CRIMES IN LIVORNO ZONE BUT A STAGGERING INCREASE IN PETTY CRIMES, MOSTLY THEFTS OF ALLIED MILITARY PROPERTY. LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS WERE HARD PRESSED TO COPE WITH IT AND NIGHT PATROLS HAD TO BE RE-DOUBLED SEVERAL TIMES OVER. THE OPENING OF THE A.M.G. COURTS AGAIN GAVE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUPS QUITE A BOOST IN MORALE AND THEY WENT TO WORK WITH A ZEST. IT LET THEM FEEL THAT AT LEAST MILITARY LEADERS WERE COOPERATING WITH THEM.

ADDITIONAL CARABINIERI AND QUESTURA P.S. AGENTI HAVE BEEN SENT HERE TO BOLSTER THE HARD PRESSED RESIDENT FORCES. ALL OF THEM WERE PUT ON NIGHT PATROL DUTY, AND THEY HAVE ALREADY CUT WIDE AND DEEP INTO THE BANDS OF CRIMINALS THAT ARE PREYING ON THIS AREA. MANY BANDS OF THIEVES HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAUGHT, OTHERS SHOT, AND TONS OF LOOT RECOVERED. THE GREATER PART OF THESE CRIMINALS COME TO LIVORNO ZONE FROM OTHER CITIES AND VERY FEW OF THEM ARE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE LIVORNO-PISA AREA.

THE POLITICAL AND LABOR SITUATION IS MOST SATISFACTORY.

K. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE:

THERE IS STILL SOME TYPHOID, BUT NOT IN EPIDEMIC STAGES. MUCH CIVILIAN MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARRIVE - BUT SOMEHOW NEVER SEEM TO REACH THE PEOPLE. MILITARY HOSPITALS ARE CONSTANTLY BESEIGED BY PEOPLE BEGGING FOR MEDICINES OF DIFFERENT KINDS - PARTICULARLY SULFA DRUGS AND PENICILLAN. MOST OF THE MEDICINE CONSIGNED TO THE CIVILIANS REACHES UNSCRUPULOUS HANDS AND SOON FINDS IT'S WAY TO THE BLACK MARKET. THE QUESTURA HAS BEEN ORDERED TO THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THIS SITUATION, BUT TO DATE HAS ONLY BEEN ABLE TO REPORT "PROGRESS". THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WERE GIVEN PRESENTS OF CANDY, CLOTHING, CHRISTMAS DINNERS AND WHAT-NOT BY MILITARY UNITS. TONS OF CANDY WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE CITY'S CHILDREN THROUGH A WELL ORGANIZED PLAN SET UP BY BRIG. GENERAL OXX OF P.B.S. AND CARRIED OUT BY THE AREA CHAPLAINS AND THE ITALIAN RED CROSS. THE ATTENTION TO THE CITY'S "BAMBINI" HAS MADE A DEFINITE HIT WITH THE POPULATION.

L. EDUCATION:

STUDENT STRIKES ENDED ALMOST AS ABRUPTLY AS THEY STARTED IN FLORENCE AND PISA. ALL SCHOOLS ARE FUNCTIONING MOST SATISFACTORILY.

M. REFUGEES:

THE C.L.N. CONTINUE TO HANDLE THE TRANSIT REFUGEES WHO COME THROUGH THIS AREA. THIS IS DONE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF YOUR PUBLIC SAFETY SECTION. A WELL ORGANIZED PLAN HAS BROUGHT THE REFUGEE, FOOD, CARE AND QUICK TRANSPORTATION TO HIS DESTINATION. 24,877 WERE HANDLED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1945. 945

N. PATRIOTS:

NOTHING TO REPORT.

O. COMMUNICATIONS:

ROAD - GOOD AND CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT IN THIS ZONE.
RAIL - GOOD AND CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT.
TELECOMMUNICATION - MUCH IMPROVEMENT.
POSTAL - QUITE GOOD, AND EVEN MUCH BETTER THAN A.P.O. SERVICE.

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P. PROPERTY CONTROL:
NOTHING TO REPORT.

Q. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS, AND ARCHIVES:
NOTHING TO REPORT.

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ACTING A.M.G. COMMISSIONER, LIVORNO ZONE AND
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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIAISON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ANA

10 November 1945

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SUBJECT: Condensed report for month of October, 1945.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Surface indications tend to show the political situation continuing in a state of tranquillity. There is, however, a marked impatience, on the part of the Toscana people, in regards to the delay in holding the elections.-- More and more people, - including many officials, and regardless of party, - are openly criticizing the obvious weaknesses of the present Italian Ministry. - - A concensus opinion has developed that the individual Ministers are either fearful of party censure, or are more interested in the welfare of their respective parties, than in the common good. - - The Black Market, previously accepted as a necessary evil, is now recognized as the dangerous economic vacuum that it is; and, particularly in Florence; Pisa; Lucca; and Livorno, the people are now asking why the Rome Government doesn't do something on a national scale to stamp it out. - - Morale remains relatively high, although apprehension regarding proper housing for the winter; the black market; the increased unemployment; and the inflation - present and potential - has had a rather detrimental effect during the past months.

2. No material change in the food situation, as yet, but officials are greatly concerned about the future 1946 requirements. - - More and more meat is appearing on the markets. Fish decreased.- - Industry and Commerce are doing everything they can with what they have. Fear, procrastination, and hand wringing have all but disappeared. Retailers, particularly, are making great strides on the come back road.

3. Fishing has decreased, at least for the fresh fish market. Inclement weather is the principle reason. - - It seems every available piece of land has been tilled for 1946 crops. This despite the disappointements of 1945.- - Wine production is good.- - Olive oil production is poor.- - Fresh vegetables are still being taken to market. 943

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6. Typhoid continues to prevail, but not in epedemic proportions. Otherwise health conditions are quite normal.- - The black market on drugs is scandalous. Boat loads of medical supplies arrive in Livorno, and yet the people cannot get the medicines that they need. It is known that there are many cases of ether in warehouses here, but the hospitals at Livorno and Pisa, have had actually to go to the black market for their needs.

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7. It is pleasing to report that the number of refugees passing through the Livorno "staging area", has dropped down to an average of 5000 per week.

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A.M.G. Commissioner, Livorno Zone and
A.C. Liaison Officer for Italian Government
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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIAI OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCANA

REF: LIV. 443/7/67. 6 DECEMBER 1945

SUBJECT : REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1945

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394

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A. POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINIONS:

THE GOVERNMENTAL CRISIS, ARISING DURING THE MONTH, DID NOT AFFECT PUBLIC ORDER.

LARGE MASS MEETINGS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT TOSCANA, SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE. PRIMARILY, THESE WERE PROTEST MEETINGS AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY. THE ASSEMBLIES WERE WELL DISCIPLINED AND ORDERLY.

PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY THIS HQ.'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER FOR SUCH MASS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE A.M.G. TERRITORY OF LIVORNO AND PISA. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 PERSONS ATTENDED AT THE LIVORNO MEETING, AND 12,000 AT PISA. THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED INTELLIGENTLY, AND CALMLY, AND WITH NO RABBLE ROUSING.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PARRI GOVERNMENT FELL APART, PUBLIC MORALE REMAINS QUITE GOOD. HOWEVER, PARRI HAD MADE HIMSELF POPULAR WITH THE RANK AND FILE OF THE PEOPLE, AND HIS OUSTER WAS NOT TAKEN BY THEM TOO KINDLY.

STRIKES, ALL OF BRIEF DURATION, WERE HELD AND THERE WERE SOME WORK AND TRAFFIC STOPPAGES, BUT NO DISORDER WAS OBSERVED OR REPORTED.

THE DELAY IN HOLDING THE ELECTIONS SEEMS TO BE QUITE WORRISOME TO THE POPULATION, AS IS THE APPARENT INABILITY OF THE AUTHORITIES TO COPE WITH THE BLACK MARKET.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

FUNCTIONING WELL.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES:

NO CHANGE IN FOOD SITUATION.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE ACTIVE, AND FAVORABLE RESULTS CONSTANTLY BEING OBSERVED.

D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING:

PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR A BIG FISHING SEASON. PRODUCTION SHOULD INCREASE TWO FOLD.

FARMERS ARE ACTIVE, APPARENTLY DOING EVERYTHING THAT THEY CAN DURING THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR.

MORE AND MORE BEEF CATTLE, AND SHEEP ARE SEEN GRAZING ALONG THE ROADS.

E. LABOR:

UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO BE A REAL PROBLEM, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO LABOR STRIFE REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

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F. FINANCE:

1ST LT. CHARLES BAYLES HAS BEEN NAMED A.C. SUB-ACCOUNTANT FOR LIVORNO ZONE IN PLACE OF THE ZONE COMMISSIONER.

THERE IS SOME WORRY ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING RUMORS OF THE FURTHER DEVALUATION OF THE LIRE.

G. PUBLIC WORK & UTILITIES:

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS CONTINUE, BUT IN VIEW OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SHOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED.

MORE ELECTRIC POWER IS NEEDED. MANY CIRCUITS ARE OVERLOADED.

WATER SUPPLY SITUATION SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

H. LEGAL:

THE ITALIAN COURTS ARE HANDLING ALL CASES EFFECTING ALLIED INTERESTS, BUT THERE IS MUCH ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

IT MAY BE SOON NECESSARY TO SET ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT COURTS AGAIN. THIS WOULD BE DONE NOW BUT OFFICER PERSONNEL IS NOT AVAILABLE.

J. PUBLIC SAFETY:

THE CRIME WAVE EXISTING THROUGHOUT TOSCANA, FOR SOME TIME PAST, HAS NOW HIT LIVORNO ZONE.

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LARGE MASS MEETINGS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT TOSCANA, SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE. PRIMARILY, THESE WERE PROTEST MEETINGS AGAINST THE ACTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY. THE ASSEMBLIES WERE WELL DISCIPLINED AND ORDERLY.

PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY THIS HQ.'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER FOR SUCH MASS MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN THE A.M.G. TERRITORY OF LIVORNO AND PISA. AN ESTIMATED 20,000 PERSONS ATTENDED AT THE LIVORNO MEETING, AND 12,000 AT PISA. THE SUBJECT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED INTELLIGENTLY, AND CALMLY, AND WITH NO RABBLE ROUSING.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PARRI GOVERNMENT FELL APART, PUBLIC MORALE REMAINS QUITE GOOD. HOWEVER, PARRI HAD MADE HIMSELF POPULAR WITH THE RANK AND FILE OF THE PEOPLE, AND HIS OUSTER WAS NOT TAKEN BY THEM TOO KINDLY.

STRIKES, ALL OF BRIEF DURATION, WERE HELD AND THERE WERE SOME WORK AND TRAFFIC STOPPAGES, BUT NO DISORDER WAS OBSERVED OR REPORTED.

THE DELAY IN HOLDING THE ELECTIONS SEEMS TO BE QUITE WORRISOME TO THE POPULATION, AS IS THE APPARENT INABILITY OF THE AUTHORITIES TO COPE WITH THE BLACK MARKET.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

FUNCTIONING WELL.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES:

NO CHANGE IN FOOD SITUATION.

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE ACTIVE, AND FAVORABLE RESULTS CONSTANTLY BEING OBSERVED.

D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING:

PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR A BIG FISHING SEASON. PRODUCTION SHOULD INCREASE TWO FOLD.

FARMERS ARE ACTIVE, APPARENTLY DOING EVERYTHING THAT THEY CAN DURING THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR.

MORE AND MORE BEEF CATTLE, AND SHEEP ARE SEEN GRAZING ALONG THE ROADS.

E. LABOR:

UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO BE A REAL PROBLEM, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO LABOR STRIFE REPORTED DURING THE MONTH.

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F. FINANCE:

1ST LT. CHARLES GAYLES HAS BEEN NAMED A.C. SUB-ACCOUNTANT FOR LIVORNO ZONE IN PLACE OF THE ZONE COMMISSIONER.

THERE IS SOME WORRY ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING RUMORS OF THE FURTHER DEVALUATION OF THE LIRE.

G. PUBLIC WORK & UTILITIES:

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS CONTINUE, BUT IN VIEW OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SHOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED.

MORE ELECTRIC POWER IS NEEDED. MANY CIRCUITS ARE OVERLOADED.

WATER SUPPLY SITUATION SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

H. LEGAL:

THE ITALIAN COURTS ARE HANDLING ALL CASES EFFECTING ALLIED INTERESTS, BUT THERE IS MUCH ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

IT MAY BE SOON NECESSARY TO SET ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT COURTS AGAIN. THIS WOULD BE DONE NOW BUT OFFICER PERSONNEL IS NOT AVAILABLE.

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IN THE LIVORNO ZONE A.M.G., DURING NOVEMBER 21 THIEVES HAVE BEEN SHOT, 7 OF THEM FATALLY. MOST OF THESE HAVE BEEN SHOT WHILE TRYING TO ROB ARMY INSTALLATIONS.

IN THE REMOTE RURAL AREAS, OUTSIDE A.M.G. TERRITORY, REPORTS CONTINUE TO COME IN OF MANY DARING HOLDUPS AND EXTORTION ATTEMPTS BY ARMED BANDS.

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MANY OF THE SENIOR CARABINIERI OFFICERS AND MANY OF THE QUESTORI SHOULD CERTAINLY BE RETIRED. THEY ARE, IN MANY INSTANCES, TOO OLD, OR TOO SELF SATISFIED (WITHOUT ANY CONCEIVABLE CAUSE), AND PRACTICALLY TO A MAN, THEY LACK INITIATIVE AND GUMPTION. ITALY WILL NEVER HAVE EFFICIENT POLICING AGENCIES, UNTIL THE PRESENT POLICE OFFICIALDOM IS CLEANED OUT. THAT OBSERVATION IS MADE, BY THIS REPORTING OFFICER, AFTER TWO YEARS IN A.M.G. WORK IN ITALY, EIGHT MONTHS OF WHICH WERE SPENT AS A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER.

K. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE:

TYPHOID CONTINUES ON THE UP TREND, BUT STILL NOT IN ITALIAN EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS.

BOATLOADS OF MEDICAL AND RELIEF SUPPLIES SEEN TO ARRIVE IN LIVORNO, BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE NOT, AS YET SEEN ANY.

BY ORDER OF BRIG. GENERAL OXX, COMMANDING GENERAL P.B.S.,, ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ITALIAN RED CROSS TO PUT ON A HUGE CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE "BAMBINI" OF LIVORNO ZONE.

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GRADE SCHOOLS ARE REPORTED TO BE FUNCTIONING WELL.

N. REFUGEES:

THE C.L.N. CONTINUE TO HANDLE THE DISPLACED PERSONS PROBLEM IN LIVORNO, BUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION, AND WITH THE HELP OF THIS HQS. THE COMMITTEE IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF PROCESSING, FEEDING, GIVING MEDICAL CARE, AND ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION FOR THESE MANY REFUGEES,- 23,897 DURING NOVEMBER.

N. PATRIOTS:

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

O. COMMUNICATIONS:

ROAD - GOOD.
RAIL - REMARKABLE PROGRESS.
TELECOMMUNICATION - GOOD.
POSTAL - IT TAKES 10 DAYS TO 3 WEEKS FOR MAIL, PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL, TO GET FROM ROME TO LIVORNO THROUGH AMERICAN ARMY POSTAL SERVICES - BUT ONLY TWO DAYS THROUGH THE ITALIAN POST.

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NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

Q. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS, AND ARCHIVES:

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LIAISON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCANA

10 NOVEMBER 1945

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SUBJECT : REPORT FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1945

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394

THE SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE THE USUAL "ON THE SPOT" INQUIRIES IN THE VARIOUS TOSCANA PROVINCES, AND SO CONSEQUENTLY THIS REPORT WILL NOT BE FOUND TO BE AS INFORMATIVE, NOR AS COMPREHENSIVE, AS WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO MAKE THOSE COVERING PREVIOUS MONTHS.

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINIONS:

SURFACE INDICATIONS TEND TO SHOW THE POLITICAL SITUATION CONTINUING IN A STATE OF TRANQUILLITY. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A MARKED IMPATIENCE, ON THE PART OF THE TOSCANA PEOPLE, IN REGARDS TO THE DELAY IN HOLDING THE ELECTIONS.

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE, - INCLUDING MANY OFFICIALS, AND REGARDLESS OF PARTY, - ARE OPENLY CRITICIZING THE OBVIOUS WEAKNESSES OF THE PRESENT ITALIAN MINISTRY.

A CONCENSUS OPINION HAS DEVELOPED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS ARE EITHER FEARFUL OF PARTY CENSURE, OR ARE MORE INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES, THAN IN THE COMMON GOOD.

THE BLACK MARKET, PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED AS A NECESSARY EVIL, IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS THE DANGEROUS ECONOMIC VACUUM THAT IT IS; AND, PARTICULARLY IN FLORENCE; PISA; LUCCA; AND, LIVORNO, THE PEOPLE ARE NOW ASKING WHY THE ROME GOVERNMENT DOESN'T DO SOMETHING ON A NATIONAL SCALE TO STAMP IT OUT.

MORALE REMAINS RELATIVELY HIGH, ALTHOUGH APPREHENSION REGARDING PROPER HOUSING FOR THE WINTER; THE BLACK MARKET; THE INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT; AND THE INFLATION - PRESENT AND POTENTIAL - HAS HAD A RATHER DETRIMENTAL EFFECT DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

ADMINISTRATIVELY, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE FUNCTIONING QUITE WELL.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES:

NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE FOOD SITUATION, AS YET, BUT OFFICIALS ARE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE 1946 REQUIREMENTS.

MORE AND MORE MEAT IS APPEARING ON THE MARKETS. FISH DECREASED.

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G. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES:

APPROVED PUBLIC WORKS ARE PROGRESSING,-BUT SLOWLY.

P.B.S. WILL SOON CEASE TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS.

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ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICES CONTINUE SATISFACTORILY.

THE RECENT RAIN HAS HELPED THE WATER SITUATION TREMENDOUSLY, ESPECIALLY IN LIVORNO AND PISA.

H. LEGAL:

ALL CASES AFFECTING ALLIED INTERESTS - AND THERE ARE MANY IN THIS ZONE - ARE NOW, NECESSARILY, BEING REFERRED TO THE ITALIAN COURTS. THIS A.M.G. ZONE IS WITHOUT A LEGAL OFFICER, ALTHOUGH LIEUT ERIC FELDMAN, (YUGO-SLAV), A LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, IS RENDERING YEOMAN SERVICE IN THE HANDLING OF ADMINISTRATIVE LEGAL AFFAIRS AND IN LIAISON WORK WITH ITALIAN TRIBUNALI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION EJR/bb

INTER OFFICE MEMO

REFERENCE: 078/IGT/1/PWU 31 Oct 1945.
SUBJECT : Works Projects in Livorno.
TO : Economic Section.
FROM : P. Wks. & U. S/C.

1. Regarding the Executive Commissioner's query of 15 October 1945 concerning public works projects and financing in Livorno Commune, a copy of this S/C's reply is attached.

2. Past experience has been that the greatest delay on such projects is getting them prepared for approval and financing and that is a responsibility of the regional or communal commissioner.

E. J. Ristedt.

E. J. RISTEDT,
Colonel, C.E.,
A/Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

Ref: 078/IGT/1/PWU

27 October 1945

Subject: Public Works - Livorno Province.

To : Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference is made to your letter 840/33/E6 dated 12 October 1945 (attached).

2. This matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Public Works which assured us that all projects submitted to them for approval have received immediate attention.

3. All military projects requiring the approval of this Sub-Commission have been dealt with without delay.

N. W. Hyland -
NORBERT W.HYLAND,
Major Spec. Res.
Chief, Public Wks,Div.

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Chief Staff Officer

OCT 24 1945

Executive Commissioner (33)

Re your 840/33/EC 7/12 Direct & Pure a Je "Public Works - Economic Purpose"

I suggest that your Mr. deal with the Economic Section matter that deals with Land Comm—

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This is not a new matter. We have always had this trouble and have done See 711.4 (Public Works) every thing possible to speed up Dist the Govt Expenditures 10/24/45

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C.S.O.

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For info. Maj Walker seconded rather gloomy - can we forget him? BD.

The other two seem to be all right

Walker appears never to have been struck off strength PA

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INFORMAL ROUTING

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Date 13 Oct 1945

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SUBJECT: LO Personnel.

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1	G-1 (A)	G-1 (B)	13-10	1. This office has no record of a Major Walker as being assigned to the Allied Commission. 2. Records of this office indicate that Major Harold V. Reilly, 0524473, Spc Corps, was appointed Commissioner of LIVORNO ZONE and Liaison Officer in Pistoia, Pisa, Florence, Arezzo, Siena, Grosseto, and Leghorn by Par IV of Executive Order 53, Hqtrs ALCOM, 13 July 45. earmarked for LIVORNO liaison group 3. Colonel Lester J. Hensley, 0174226, C.E., was appointed Liaison Officer to PBS and to all the US Forces in the Montecatini Area by Par III of Executive Order 53, Hqtrs ALCOM, 13 July 45.
2	G1-B	Ex Offr (B)	13.10.	EDSS Maj Walker is thought to have been a 5 Army officer, but his status in Florence is not known.
3	Ex O (B)	C.S.O.C Ex. Com.	15/10	Passed Bryan for information (Ref. your 840/25/EC of 9.10.45)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

G-1 (B).

SUBJECT: ACLO Personnel. FILE No. G-1B/302/0.

TO : G-1 (A) 12 Oct 1945.

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The attached letter 840/25/EC dated 9 Oct 45, from Office of Exec Com is forwarded for favour of your comments & return please.

Richardson
Wpn
for G-1 (Brutal).

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Col. Jones 291A

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 840/25/EC

9 October 45

SUBJECT: AC LO Personnel

TO : Vice President, Establishment Section

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B. Sawyer

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
REF. 302/0
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JC Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Sam Walker

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 840/33/EC

15 October 45

SUBJECT: Public Works - Livorno Province

TO : Public Works & Utilities Subcommission

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1. In his monthly report for September AC LO Livorno Province states:

"Approval and financing of public works and housing projects is too slow, thus adding to the total of unemployed."

2. The Executive Commissioner wishes this to be brought to the attention of the Italian Government, and would be grateful if they would inform us what steps they are taking to speed up the approval and financing of public works and housing projects.

F. H. McCLEARY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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FURTHER ACTION: 5400/EC.

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Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner 9/29

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LIVORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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5 October 1945

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SUBJECT : Condenced Report for month of September, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Politically, things remain relatively quiet, although increases have been noticeable in the number of public meetings held, and in the dissemination of party propaganda.— On the twelfth of the month the civil police descended on a community in rural Pisa Province, and uncovered a cache of 16 machine guns, 17 rifles, 7 pistols, and a half ton of hand grenades and ammunition. Whether there is any political significance in the existance of this private arsenal has not been determined, although the accused 14 men are known to be active Communists. - - Work continues on the preparation of electonal lists, all of which should be ready by 1 Nov. 45. - - Epuration continues quite aggressively, apparently to the satisfaction of all concerned, excepting, of course, to those denounced. - - The state of public morale decreases with the increase in the total of unemployed, and with the anticipation of approaching wintry weather, which, for so many, means to have neither fuel, nor sufficient or proper housing. - - There is a constantly growing resentment on the part of the population towards the German P.O.W.'s in the area. This resentment has been aggravated and enhanced by newspaper and radio reports regarding the recent Naples incidents. However, the situation has been kept under control.

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3. The Toscana olive oil crop is very short of normal expectations. This results from both the drought, and lax amassing enforcement. - - The wine grape crop has not been harmed too greatly by the exceptional arid spell.

4. One of the most critical problems in this regional area is the constantly mounting numbers of unemployed. - - This situation could be eased greatly through the authorization, and financing, of public works and housing projects, but the Italian Ministry will not be convinced. - - Housing is so badly needed, particularly where war destruction has been so prevalent, and would do much towards helping to solve pressing labor question.

5. Approval and Financing of public works and housing projects is too slow, thus adding to the total of unemployed. - - Electric and gas services continue to show improvement. - - Water supply is still a serious problem in many parts of Toscana, but with the withdrawal of troops and P.O.W.'s, and with the coming of the rains, should get better instead of worst.

6. Aside from the usual run of thieving there has been only one serious crime committed in A.M.G. Livorno Zone, during September. A civilian was stabbed to death by an American negro soldier. - However, in Italian Government Territory there have been many serious crimes committed - sabotage, banditry, murder, as well as extortion, made under the threat of kidnapping.

7. As is usual, at this time of the year, in this region, typhoid cases are in the increase, but not, as yet, to any alarming extent. A small epidemic has broken out in the Montecatini area.- - Winter clothing and bedding are needed, particularly in the devascated communities. U.N.N.R.A. assistance remains a promise rather than actuality.

8. The refugee "staging area" at Livorno continues to be supervised by this Hqs. This refugee "area" is located at a rail head and is opecated with volunteer C.L.N. workers. A steady stream of displaced persons incessantly pass through the "area", - in excess of 20,000 during the past month including 4800 Italian repatriated from France and the U.S.A.

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2. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FOOD SITUATION, WHICH REMAINS SATISFACTORY. THE FULL EFFECT OF THIS YEAR'S DROUGHT WILL POSSIBLY NOT BE FELT UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR. - - MORE MEAT IS APPEARING ON THE MARKETS, BUT AT EXCESSIVELY HIGH PRICES. - - INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ARE SHOWING SIGNS OF REVIVAL - BUT SLOWLY. - - CIVILIAN SUPPLIES, OTHER THAN FOOD, AND INCLUDING ALLIED MILITARY SURPLUSES, ARE VERY TARDY IN REACHING THE PEOPLE.

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5. APPROVAL AND FINANCING OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING PROJECTS IS TOO SLOW, THUS ADDING TO THE TOTAL OF UNEMPLOYED. - - ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICES CONTINUE TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT. - - WATER SUPPLY IS STILL A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MANY PARTS OF TOSCANA, BUT WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS AND P.O.W.'S, AND WITH THE COMING OF THE RAINS, SHOULD GET BETTER INSTEAD OF WORST.

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8. THE REFUGEE "STAGING AREA" AT LIVORNO CONTINUES TO BE SUPERVISED BY THIS HQS. THIS REFUGEE "AREA" IS LOCATED AT A RAIL HEAD AND IS OPERATED WITH VOLUNTEER C.L.N. WORKERS. A STEADY STREAM OF DISPLACED PERSONS INCESSANTLY PASS THROUGH THE "AREA", - IN EXCESS OF 20,000 DURING THE PAST MONTH INCLUDING 4800 ITALIAN REPATRIATES FROM FRANCE AND THE U.S.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
L ORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIAISON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCANA

5 October 1945

SUBJECT : Report for month of September, 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

This headquarters is in dire need of an experienced civil affairs officer, to act both in that capacity, and as Executive Officer. Our work has been badly retarded because of personnel deficiency, and during the past month particularly, too many things have necessarily been left undone.

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS AND POPULAR OPINIONS:

Politically, things remain relatively quiet, although increases have been noticeable in the number of public meetings held, and in the dissemination of party propaganda.

On the twelfth of the month the civil police descended on a community in rural Pisa Province, and uncovered a cache of 16 machine guns, 17 rifles, 7 pistols, and a half ton of hand grenades and ammunition. Whether there is any political significance in the existance of this private arsenal has not been determined, although the accused 14 men are known to be active Communists.

Work continues on the preparation of electoral lists, all of which should be ready by 1 Nov. 45.

Epuration continues quite aggressively, apparently to the satisfaction of all concerned, excepting, of course, to those denounced.

The feeling of goodwill, held by the rank and file of the population of the Leghorn area, towards the Allied Forces, and the cause they represent, was vigorously demonstrated on V.J. Day, when 100,000 people took a holiday to enthusiastically cheer the victory parade of 12,000 troops which was organized by the Commanding General of Pen. Base Section.

However the state of public morale does decrease with the increase in the total of unemployed, and with the anticipation of approaching wintry weather, which, for so many, means to have neither fuel, nor sufficient or proper housing.

There is a constantly growing resentment on the part of the population towards the German P.O.W.'s in the area. This resentment has been aggravated and enhanced by newspaper and radio reports regarding the recent Naples incidents. However, the situation has been kept under control.

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B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Local government administration is quite efficient throughout Toscana.

C. ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND CIVILIAN SUPPLIES:

There has been little change in the food situation, which remains satisfactory. The full effect of this year's drought will possibly not be felt until the middle of next year.

More meat is appearing on the markets, but at excessively high prices.

Industry and commerce are showing signs of revival - but slowly.

Civilian supplies, other than food, and including allied military surpluses, are very tardy in reaching the people.

D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING:

The Toscana olive oil crop is very short of normal expectations. This results from both the drought, and lax amassing enforcement.

The Italian Naval Officer, recently assigned by the A.C. Sub-Commission to this Hqs., as Fisheries Officer, has distributed needed fishing supplies, and has also made arrangements for substantial increases in the fish hauls after part of the Leghorn Port facilities are released for civilian purposes.

The wine grape crop has not been harmed too greatly by the exceptional arid spell.

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TO ACT BOTH IN THAT CAPACITY, AND AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER. OUR WORK HAS BEEN BADLY RETARDED BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL DEFICIENCY, AND DURING THE PAST MONTH PARTICULARLY, TOO MANY THINGS HAVE NECESSARILY BEEN LEFT UNDONE.

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ON THE TWELFTH OF THE MONTH THE CIVIL POLICE DESCENDED ON A COMMUNITY IN RURAL PISA PROVINCE, AND UNCOVERED A CACHE OF 16 MACHINE GUNS, 17 RIFLES, 7 PISTOLS, AND A HALF TON OF HAND GRENADES AND AMMUNITION. WHETHER THERE IS ANY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE EXISTANCE OF THIS PRIVATE ARSENAL HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, ALTHOUGH THE ACCUSED 14 MEN ARE KNOWN TO BE ACTIVE COMMUNISTS.

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HOWEVER THE STATE OF PUBLIC MORALE DOES DECREASE WITH THE INCREASE IN THE TOTAL OF UNEMPLOYED, AND WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF APPROACHING WINTRY WEATHER, WHICH, FOR SO MANY, MEANS TO HAVE NEITHER FUEL, NOR SUFFICIENT OR PROPER HOUSING.

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A STRIKE OF BANK WORKERS THREATENS TO MATERIALIZE ON OR BEFORE 10 OCTOBER 1945, UNLESS THEIR DEMANDS FOR BACK PAY ARE MET.

EXAGGERATED AND/OR UNFOUNDED RUMORS IN REGARD TO UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTING FROM THE USE OF GERMAN P.O.W.'S HAS CAUSED SOME DISSENSION, BUT A FIRM GRIP ON THE PART OF SOUND LEADERS HAS KEPT THIS TO A MINIMUM.

THIS HQS. HAS INVESTIGATED COMPLAINTS, AND HAS HELD CONFERENCES WITH OFFICIAL, POLITICAL, AND LABOR LEADERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLAINING THE TRUE PICTURE, AND THUS ELIMINATE, OR ATLEAST CURTAIL, AGITATION AND UNREST.

GENERAL OXX, COMMANDING GENERAL, P.B.S., HAS ALSO PERSONALLY HELD A CONFERENCE, WITH A.M.G. OFFICERS, THE PREFECT, THE SINDACO, AND LABOR LEADERS, IN REGARD TO THIS REPORTED UNREST. THE GENERAL ASKED FOR SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS. NONE BEING FORTHCOMING HE THEN EXPLAINED - MOST COMPREHENSIVELY - THE POSITION OF P.B.S. IN REGARDS TO THE USE OF P.O.W.'S IN THIS ZONE.

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F. FINANCE:

THE TWO VISITS, DURING THE MONTH, OF THE FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION'S BUDGET OFFICER HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THIS HQS.

A TOTAL OF 200 MILLIONS OF LIRES IN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED, BUT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS NOT PROVIDED THE REQUIRED FINANCING, AND NEEDED WORK CANNOT BE STARTED.

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IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE IMMEDIATELY ASSIGN THE FULL AUTHORIZED COMPLEMENT OF PRETORI, AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS, TO LIVORNO AND PISA PROVINCES.

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NEGRO TROOPS, PRINCIPALLY FROM THE 92ND DIVISION, HAVE BEEN A CONSTANT SOURCE OF TROUBLE IN THIS AREA. OTHERWISE THE CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CIVILIANS HAS BEEN MOST EXCELLENT. IT IS PLEASING TO REPORT THAT NOT ONE CIVILIAN COMPLAINT INVOLVING A NISEI SOLDIER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THIS HQS. IS ON THE ALERT IN REGARDS TO THE AFOREMENTIONED RAPIDLY GROWING RESENTMENT OF THE POPULATION AGAINST THE GERMAN P.O.W.'S HELD AND WORKED IN THE LEGHORN PORT AREA.

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ASIDE FROM THE USUAL RUN OF THIEVING THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE SERIOUS CRIME COMMITTED IN A.M.G. LIVORNO ZONE, DURING SEPTEMBER. A CIVILIAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH BY AN AMERICAN NEGRO SOLDIER.

HOWEVER, IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SERIOUS CRIMES COMMITTED - BURGLARY, BANDITRY, MURDER, AS WELL AS EXTORTION, MADE UNDER THE THREAT OF KIDNAPPING.

NEGRO TROOPS, PRINCIPALLY FROM THE 92ND DIVISION, HAVE BEEN A CONSTANT SOURCE OF TROUBLE IN THIS AREA. OTHERWISE THE CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CIVILIANS HAS BEEN MOST EXCELLENT. IT IS PLEASING TO REPORT THAT NOT ONE CIVILIAN COMPLAINT INVOLVING A NISEI SOLDIER HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THIS HQS. IS ON THE ALERT IN REGARDS TO THE AFOREMENTIONED RAPIDLY GROWING RESENTMENT OF THE POPULATION AGAINST THE GERMAN P.O.W.'S HELD AND WORKED IN THE LEGHORN PORT AREA.

K. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE:

AS IS USUAL, AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, IN THIS REGION, TYPHOID CASES ARE IN THE INCREASE, BUT NOT, AS YET, TO ANY ALARMING EXTENT. A SMALL EPIDEMIC HAS BROKEN OUT IN THE MONTECATINI AREA. THIS HQ. WITH THE HELP OF THE P.B.S. SURGEON'S OFFICE, ARE ASSISTING IN CHLORINATING, DISINFECTING, ETC.

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WINTER CLOTHING & BEDDING ARE NEEDED, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVASCATED COMMUNITIES. U.N.N.R.A. ASSISTANCE REMAINS A PROMISE RATHER THAN ACTUALITY.

L. EDUCATION:

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES ARE HANDICAPPED IN PISA AND LIVORNO AS THE RESULT OF THE NECESSARY CONTINUATION OF THE REQUISITIONS ON SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY PROPERTIES FOR THE USE OF ALLIED INSTALLATIONS.

M. REFUGEES:

THE REFUGEE "STAGING AREA" AT LIVORNO CONTINUES TO BE SUPERVISED BY THIS HQS., THROUGH IT'S P.S.O. THIS REFUGEE "AREA" IS LOCATED AT A RAIL HEAD AND IS OPERATED WITH VOLUNTEER C.L.N. WORKERS. A STEADY STREAM OF DISPLACED PERSONS INCESSANTLY PASS THROUGH THE "AREA", - IN EXCESS OF 20,000 DURING THE PAST MONTH.

IN ADDITION TO THOSE D.P. HANDLED AT THE RAIL HEAD, FIVE SHIPS HAVE ARRIVED AT THE PORT OF LEGHORN UNLOADING 4876 REPATRIATED ITALIAN P.O.W.'S AND INTERNEES FROM THE U.S.A. AND FRANCE, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY THIS HQS.

SOME OF THESE REFUGEE SHIPS HAVE ARRIVED WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS NOTICE, AND OTHERS WITH TOO LITTLE NOTICE. IF P.B.S. TRANSPORTATION SECTION; THE CIVILIAN AGENCIES; AND, THIS HQS., ARE TO DO THE JOB EXPECTED OF THEM, SOME BETTER LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE BETWEEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND LEGHORN, FOR FUTURE ARRIVALS.

N. PATRIOTS:

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

O. COMMUNICATIONS:

ROAD - IMPROVING, BUT SLOWLY, BECAUSE OF LACK OF FINANCIAL CREDITS.
RAIL - CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT.
POSTS - SATISFACTORY, CONSIDERING TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES.

P. PROPERTY CONTROL:

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

Q. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS, AND ARCHIVES:

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 840/25/EC 9 October 45

SUBJECT: AC LO Personnel

TO : Vice President, Establishment Section

1. On 20 August 1945 the Executive Commissioner, in a report on his tour (copy of which it is regretted was not sent to you), noted that there was an AMG representative in Florence (Major Walker (A)), who styled himself "Civil Affairs Officer, Florence City Command." The Executive Commissioner remarked that, for the sake of uniformity he should be made AC LO, but recommended that, until the future of Fifth Army HQ was known, he should be left as he was.

2. The Executive Commissioner is now anxious that Major Walker's position be immediately clarified, and we would be grateful if you could let us know what position Major Walker now holds.

3. The Executive Commissioner also wishes that the position of Colonel Hensley (Peninsular Base Section Liaison) and Colonel Reilly (AC LO Toscana) be clarified.

B Simpson.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

(FURTHER ACTION ON 7002/EC) 924 927

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...ORNO ZONE, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMEN
L. ...SON OFFICER, ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOSCANA

4 SEPTEMBER 1945

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REF : Liv: 4 A. 3/4951
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TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394.

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HEADQUARTERS
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4 SEPTEMBER 1945

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TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394.

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THE VARIOUS CONSORZIOS AGRARIO, QUITE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT MAKE FULL USE OF TRANSPORTATION THAT IS AVAILABLE, PREFERRING, IN ORDER TO EITHER TO SAVE COSTS OR GIVE THE BUSINESS ONLY TO THOSE FAVORED, TO USE INADEQUATE TRUCKS.

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THE SLAUGHTERING OF CATTLE CONTINUES ON AN UNUSUAL SCALE IN [illegible]ENA AND AREZZO, AND ALTHOUGH PERHAPS SOMEWHAT JUSTIF[illegible] AND WARRANTS INVESTIGATION ON THE PA... OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

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IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO ATTACH A FULL TIME A.C. FISHERIES OFFICER TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. THIS ACTION SHOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE.

E. LABOR:

AS REFUGEES AND FORMER POW RETURN TO THIS AREA, AND AS MORE AND MORE TROOP INSTALLATIONS MOVE OUT, UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT PREVAILS THROUGHOUT TOSCANA, THE SITUATION IS NOW VERY SERIOUS IN PIOMBINO, MARINA DI MASSA, PISTOIA, PISA AND AREZZO, AND IT IS GETTING WORSE ALL OF THE TIME.

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IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO ATTACH A FULL TIME A.C. FISHERIES OFFICER TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. THIS ACTION SHOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE.

E. LABOR:

AS REFUGEES AND FORMER POW RETURN TO THIS AREA, AND AS MORE AND MORE TROOP INSTALLATIONS MOVE OUT, UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

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AT THE PRESENT TIME LIVORNO PROVINCE IS SHORT FOUR PRETORI. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE MINISTRY OF GRACE AND JUSTICE BE URGED TO ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY AT LEAST TWO PRETORI TO LIVORNO SO AS TO ASSURE THE CONTINUED PROMPT DISPOSAL OF CASES EFFECTING ALLIED INTERESTS.

IT WOULD ALSO BE ADVISABLE IF A SPECIAL PRETORE COULD BE ASSIGNED, AT LEAST UNTIL 1 DEC 1945, TO MONTECATINI, TO ASSURE A MORE PROMPT DISPOSAL OF CASES IN THAT MILITARY AREA.

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J. PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC SAFETY CONDITI . IN LIVORNO ZONE HAVE BEEN COVERED COMPREHENSIVELY IN THE REPORT OF THE PSO ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.

THE GENERAL SITUATION THROUGHOUT TOSCANA REGION SHOWS SOME IMPROVEMENT OVER JUNE. AT LEAST TWO GANGS OF HOLDUP MEN HAVE BEEN CAUGHT.

THERE IS STILL MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN LOYALTY TO DUTY, ALERTNESS AND EFFICIENCY IN THE CARABINIERI RANKS. THE EFFICIENCY OF THE QUESTURA, P.S. AGENTI AND FORZA VIGILI URBANI SHOWS IMPROVEMENT. THESE LAST TWO NAMED POLICE AGENCIES ARE DOING A REMARKABLY GOOD JOB IN LIVORNO AND PISA.

THERE IS STILL PREVELANT TOO MUCH HOUSEBREAKING AND PROWLING. TWO AMG OFFICERS AND THREE EMS HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF SUCH CROOKS, LOSING IN EACH INSTANCE PRACTICALLY THEIR ENTIRE KITS. THIS OFFICER HAD A FIELD DESK CONTAINING $270 OF HIS PERSONAL FUNDS LIFTED FROM HIS BEDROOM, APPARENTLY WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING. AND TO THINK, A.C. HAD HIM ASSIGNED, AGAINST HIS WILL,-FOR EIGHT MONTHS AS A POLICE OFFICER. GLORY BE!

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MANY ARMED BANDS OF SO CALLED PATRIOTI STILL ROAM ABOUT APUANIA CREATING FEAR AND CONFUSION AND GENERALLY MAKING A NUISANCE OF THEMSELVES, AND MANY ROBBERIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MUST TAKE ACTION TO CLEAR UP THIS SITUATION IF OUTLAWNESS IS NOT TO GET AND HOLD THE UPPER HAND FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.

O. COMMUNICATIONS:

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RAIL MARKED IMPROVEMENT.
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P. PROPERTY CONTROL:

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

Q. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS, AND ARCHIVES.

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT EXCEPTING MORE AND MORE GALLERIES AND MONUMENTS ARE BEING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC, NOW THAT SO MANY VALUED ART OBJECTS HAVE BEEN RETURNED FROM SAFEKEEPING OR FROM THE GERMANS.

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TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 394.

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PURSUANT TO LETTER DIRECTIVE, DATED 27 JULY 45, FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, THIS WILL BE A COMBINED REPORT COVERING THE SITUATIONS EXISTING, BOTH IN THE A.M.G. LIVORNO ZONE, AND IN THAT TUSCANA TERRITORY NOW UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

EACH OF THE PROVINCES, UNDER REVIEW IN THIS REPORT, HAVE BEEN VISITED BY THIS HQ., ON ONE OR MORE TIMES, DURING JULY.

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WHILE THERE IS SOME SLIGHT UNDERCURRENT OF UNREST, THE POLITICAL SITUATION CONTINUES RELATIVELY QUIET. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO IN A.M.G. TERRITORY.

THERE IS, OF COURSE, A CONTINUOUS DRIVE, ON THE PART OF ALL THE PARTIES, TO ENROLL MEMBERS, AND TO FAVORABLY INFLUENCE, AND/OR INTIMIDATE THE POPULACE. COMMUNISTIC PARTY ENTHUSIASTS ARE, BY ALL ODDS, THE MOST VOCAL, TO SAY THE LEAST. IT MUST BE SAID FOR THE COMMUNISTIC PARTY, HOWEVER, THAT THE SINDACI IT HAS NAMED HAVE INVARIABLY GIVEN AGGRESSIVE AND SOUND GOVERNMENT TO THEIR COMMUNES.

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EVEN WITH THE LIMITED NUMBER OF FISHING BOATS AVAILABLE, FISH HAS BEEN QUITE PLENTIFUL IN THE VICINITY OF THOSE PORTS WHERE THE LANDING OF BOATS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE. LACK OF TRANSPORT AND GOOD REFRIGERATION, HOWEVER, HAS REDUCED THE POTENTIAL SUPPLY ON THE MARKETS OF THE LARGE POPULATED CENTERS.

H.M. BRITISH NAVY RESTRICTIONS ON THE PORT OF LIVORNO HAS KEPT FISH,- IN ADEQUATE QUANTITIES AND AT REASONABLE PRICES,- FROM THE MARKETS OF PISA, LIVORNO AND FIRENZE. UNDER PRESENT REGUALTIONS DOCKING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ONLY THE SMALLEST FISHING CRAFTS.

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THE CROWDED CONDITIONS IN THE JAILS, PARTICULARLY LIVORNO, CONTINUE, DUE LARGELY TO THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN CONFINEMENT.

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THE A.M.G. COURTS OF LIVORNO ZONE HAVE DISPOSED OF 166 CHARGES OF VIOLATIONS OF ALLIED ORDERS. THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS BY ALLIED FORCES POLICE AGENCIES HAVE REACHED AN ALL TIME LOW IN LIVORNO ZONE.

MORE AND MORE CASES ARE BEING REFERRED BY A.M.G. TO THE ITALIAN COURTS.

THE FUNCTIONING OF ITALIAN COURTS, WHILE SLOW, IS NORMAL.

J. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE:

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EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO HAVE TWO SANITORIUMS, IN PISA, DEREQUISITIONED BY THE AMERICAN AIR FORCES, TO BE USED, AS BEFORE THE OCCUPATION, FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND T.B. CONDITIONS IN THE PISA AREA,- CROWDED HOUSING, ETC.,- AFFORD A POTENTIAL DANGER WHICH CALLS FOR CONSTANT ALERTNESS.

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SUBJECT: Livorno Zone report covering period from 19 - 30 June.

TO : Economic Section (Attention: Agriculture S/C).

The Executive Commissioner directs that the points raised in para.D of the above mentioned report, on the subject of negotiations between proprietors and peasants and on the restrictions placed on fishing boat facilities, should be taken up and the action taken reported to this office.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Tel : 478201

Ref : 340/EC

27 July 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Reports.

TO : Commissioner,
AMG LIVORNO Zone.

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1. Since writing my letter 340/4/EC dated 20 July 45 I have received your LIV.4638 dated 18 July 1945 being report for period 19 to 30 June 45 in respect of your liaison activities over the provinces of TOSCANA Compartimento.

2. Your separate reports are appreciated but it is suggested for the future that a combined report be rendered, six copies of which will be required.

D. LLEWELLYN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
A.C. LIAISON OFFICER FOR TUSCANA REGION

REF : Liv. 4688

LIVORNO, 19 JULY 1945.

SUBJECT : REPORT COVERING PERIOD 19 JUNE TO 30 JUNE 1945.

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TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394.

THE PROVINCES OF FLORENCE, PISTOIA, PISA (EXCEPT PISA COMMUNE), AND LIVORNO (EXCEPT LIVORNO AND COLLESALVETTI COMMUNES) WERE TURNED OVER TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY TOSCANA REGION A.M.G. AS OF 0001 HRS ON 19 JUNE 45.

APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES WERE OBSERVED IN EACH OF THE PRO VINCES COMMEMORATING THE TRANSFER, AND THE ITALIAN OFFICIALS WERE SINCERELY PROFUSE IN THEIR PRAISE OF THE COOPERATION AND HELP RECEIVED FROM A.M.G., AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED TOWARDS THE REHABILITATION OF THE REGION.

SINCE THE DATE OF THE TRANSFER THERE HAS EXISTED, IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROVINCES, THE SAME DEGREE OF TRANQUILLITY PREVIOUSLY EXPERIENCED IN THOSE TOSCANA PROVINCES (GROSSETO, AREZZO AND SIENA), WHICH WERE TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION DURING MAY.

IT IS PLEASING TO REPORT THAT THERE HAS, AS YET, BEEN NO MARKED CHANGE IN GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES SINCE THE 19TH MAY. NEITHER HAS THERE BEEN ANY NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, NOR OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES. IN FACT, IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THE RANK AND FILE OF THE PEOPLE WERE EVER FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE TRANSITION OF THEIR AFFAIRS FROM A.M.G. TO ITALIAN AUTHORITY.

THIS FAVORABLE SITUATION, NOT ONLY BESPEAKS WELL FOR THE GOOD OF TOSCANA BUT ALSO SPEAKS WELL FOR THE ITALIAN LEADERSHIP EXISTING THERE, AND TOO, FOR THE SOUND GROUNDWORK ACCOMPLISHED BY TOSCANA REGION A.M.G.

TO ONE WHO HAS BEEN PRIVILEGED TO OBSERVE IT THROUGHOUT, THE TRANSITION FROM CHAOS, DESTRUCTION AND DESPONDENCY, EXISTING AT THE TIME A.M.G. TOOK OVER, ON THROUGH THE VARIOUS STAGES TO THE PRESENT STATE OF AT LEAST SOME DEGREE OF NORMALCY IS INDEED LIKE A PAGE TAKEN FROM THE STORY BOOK OF ARABIAN NIGHTS. AC-MG CAN CLOSE ITS BOOKS ON TOSCANA REGION WITH A TRUE FEELING OF PRIDE FOR A SERVICE WELL DONE.

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EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN ALLIED AND ITALIAN POLICE AGENCIES.

LAW CASES EFFECTING ALLIED PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY HAVE RECEIVED THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE LIVORNO ZONE LEGAL OFFICERS AND LIAISON IS MAINTAINED BY THESE OFFICERS WITH ALL ITALIAN COURTS.

NO SERIOUS OUTBREAKS OF DISEASE HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION. CONDITIONS APPEAR TO BE NORMAL FOR THIS SEASON.

Harold V. Reilly

HAROLD V. REILLY, MAJOR, U.S.,
A.C. LIAISON OFFICER FOR ITALIAN
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20 July 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Reports.

TO : Commissioner,
AMG LIVORNO Zone.

1. Your Report LIV:4A.3/4587 dated 9 July 45, in duplicate, is acknowledged.

2. Will you please note, six copies of all future Monthly Reports are required.

for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNO ZONE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Liv/AA.3/4587

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SUBJECT: REPORT COVERING PERIOD FROM 19 JUNE 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945.

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
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APO 394.

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THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS, MADE UNDER THE CAPTIONS PRESCRIBED, COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 19 JUNE 1945 TO 30 JUNE 1945.

A. POLITICAL REACTIONS:

COMPARED WITH REPORTS OF THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND RIVALRIES WHICH REACH US FROM OTHER LARGE CITIES IN ITALY, THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE LIVORNO AND PISA AREAS IS BOTH QUIET AND WHOLESOME.

THERE IS NO LABOR STRIFE AND NO APPARENT POLITICAL "BACK BITING". THERE HAS BEEN, FOR MANY MONTHS PAST, AN ALMOST TOTAL ABSENCE OF DEMONSTRATIONS, INFLAMMATORY POSTERS AND SLOGANS PAINTED ON THE WALLS. PUBLIC MORALE IS INDEED GOOD.

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WORK WAS STARTED ON THE PREPARATION OF ELECTORAL LISTS ON 28 JUNE 1945 AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR PUBLICATION ON 28 AUGUST 1945.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIONS FUNCTION QUITE WELL, AND EFFICIENCY IS INCREASING AS THE NEWER OFFICIALS BECOME BETTER VERSED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

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THIS H.Q. NO LONGER HAS ANY DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVILIAN FOOD AND SUPPLIES. THE FOOD SITUATION IN THE AREA CONTINUES SATISFACTORY.

D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING:

LACK OF NEEDED RAINFALL WILL, OF COURSE, DETRIMENTALLY EFFECT THE CROPS, AND IS JUSTIFIABLY CAUSING WORRY AND DISTRESS.

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SOME CROPS HAVE BEEN EN GERED THROUGHOUT TUSCANY RESULTING FROM THE AGITATION OF THE CAMERA DEL LAVORO TO CHANGE THE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED 50-50 DISTRIBUTION OF FARM INCOME BETWEEN PROPRIETORS AND OPERATORS.

WHILE, FOR SOME TIME, IT DID LOOK AS THOUGH THIS SERIOUS CONTROVERSY WOULD REACH A CRITICAL STAGE, CONSTANT NEGOTIATION ARRANGED BY THE PREFECTS, AND WITH THE AID OF THIS H.Q. AND THE VARIOUS C.L.N., APPEARS TO HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT SOME TEMPORARY UNDERSTANDING WHICH SHOULD SAVE THE CROPS AND PREVENT POSSIBLE DISORDER. IN SOME INSTANCES A STRAIGHT DIVISION OF 60-40 IN FAVOR OF THE PEASANTS HAS BEEN AGREED TO; IN OTHERS THE PEASANTS WILL RECEIVE 50%, THE PROPRIETOR 40%, WHILE 10% WILL BE HELD IN ESCROW PENDING A REVIEW OF THE MATTER AT ROME LEVEL. IN SOME INSTANCES THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPASSE, WHILE IN OTHERS THE PEASANTS HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE ON THE CENTURIES OLD FORMULA.

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GAS WAS FIRST TURNED ON IN ONE SECTION OF LIVORNO ON MAY 16. SINCE THEN 1451 HOUSEHOLDS HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITHOUT ANY UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT. CONNECTIONS WILL BE STARTED IN A SECOND SECTION ON JULY 16. THIS PLANT NOW USES ABOUT 240 TONS OF COAL PER MONTH.

PISA IS WITHOUT GAS. ITS PLANT WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS THE PISA PLANT WAS MUNICIPALLY OWNED, A PROJECT FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE PLANT WILL BE RECOMMENDED. NEEDED MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE.

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WORK NOW IN PROGRESS AT STAGNO AND FILETTOLE SHOULD PROVIDE AN INCREASE OF WATER BEING PUMPED TO THE CITY OF LIVORNO WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS. THIS WILL, OF COURSE, EASE THE SITUATION.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY:

CONSIDERING ALL THE FACTORS IN THIS COSMOPOLITAN AREA THERE HAS BEEN A SURPRISING LACK OF CRIME OF ALL TYPES.

THE CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY.

DURING THE MONTHS PERIOD ENDING 27 JUNE 1945 ALLIED MILITARY COURTS DISPOSED OF 288 CHARGES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS AND GENERAL ORDERS.

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WATER SUPPLY FOR CIVILIAN USE CONTINUES TO BE PRECARIOUSLY INADEQUATE THROUGHOUT THE AREA. WHILE THIS RESULTS PRIMARILY FROM THE WAR DESTRUCTION OF LARGE SECTIONS OF THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM, THE SHORTAGE IS FURTHER AGGRAVATED DUE TO THE GREAT NUMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WITHIN THE DISTRICT; THE LARGE AMOUNT OF WATER DIVERTED FOR THE GERMAN P.O.W. STOCKADES; AND THE PROLONGED DRY SEASON.

WORK NOW IN PROGRESS AT STAGNO AND FILETTOLE SHOULD PROVIDE AN INCREASE OF WATER BEING PUMPED TO THE CITY OF LIVORNO WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS. THIS WILL, OF COURSE, EASE THE SITUATION.

G. PUBLIC SAFETY:

CONSIDERING ALL THE FACTORS IN THIS COSMOPOLITAN AREA THERE HAS BEEN A SURPRISING LACK OF CRIME OF ALL TYPES.

THE CONDUCT OF ALLIED TROOPS HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY.

DURING THE MONTHS PERIOD ENDING 27 JUNE 1945 ALLIED MILITARY COURTS DISPOSED OF 288 CHARGES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS AND GENERAL ORDERS.

H. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE:

NO SERIOUS OUTBREAKS OF DISEASE HAVE BEEN REPORTED. CONDITIONS APPEAR TO BE NORMAL FOR THIS TIME OF THE YEAR.

WELFARE PROBLEMS ARE NOW BEING HANDLED, FOR THE MOST PART, BY THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. BOTH LIVORNO AND PISA ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE FROM U.N.R.R.A.

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I. EDUCATION:
SCHOOLS ARE REPORTEDLY FUNCTIONING EFFICIENTLY.

J. REFUGEES:
THE MATTER OF DISPLACED PERSONS, AGAIN A MAJOR PROBLEM, IN LIVORNO IS BEING MOST ABLY HANDLED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER AND THE ITALIAN OFFICIALS. CREDIT IS PARTICULARLY DUE TO THE COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE FOR ITS ENDEAVOURS TO MEET THIS PROBLEM. VOLUNTEER WORKERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY THE COMITATO WHO HAVE WORKED MOST CONSCIENTIOUSLY.

K. COMMUNICATIONS:
RAIL - IMPROVING.
BUS - SERVICE IS GOOD CONSIDERING LACK OF GOOD EQUIPMENT BUT WILL SOON COLLAPSE UNLESS TIRES ARE PROV IDED.
WIRE - TELEPHONES ARE BEING INSTALLED FOR ESSENTIAL CIVILIAN PURPOSES.

L. PROPERTY CONTROL:
NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

M. FINANCE:
THIS A.M.G. ZONE IS WITHOUT A FINANCE OFFICER. ALL BUDGETS ANS OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS ARE PEFERRED TO THE SUB-COMMISSION IN ROME.
THE ZONE COMMISSIONER IS ACTING AS A SUB-ACCOUNTANT TO TAKE CARE OF A.M.G. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

N. LIAISON WITH TUSCANO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY:
ALL MATTERS EFFECTING ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY REFERRED BY A.C. SUB-COMMISSIONS AND SECTIONS TO THIS H.Q. HAVE RECEIVED PROMPT ATTENTION.

Harold V. Reilly

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COMMISSIONER LIVORNO ZONE AND
A.C. LIAISON OFFICER FOR TUSCANO.

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