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CSJ Ex Com. 98.

Please find attd one Corps monthly report for November - at 87. Passages of interest are marked
for October at - at 62.

F HQ 4/1 BS 3/1.

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CSJ Please see attd one Corps report for December at 89 - 112. Passages of interest are marked.

X| Could we ask them not to send us such mammoth reports in future? For the last 3 months they have been 15, 15, & 17 pages long. Much detail is given which, although interesting, is purely local & could be easily dispensed with.

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x| above - no not now. There is as you know to be a change.

F HQ 16/1

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Executive Commissions

Please see Annual report for 8th & XIII Corps at 1-x. Passages of interest are underlined. This report contains in some places a lot of unnecessary detail

T-Hut 5/10. BD 3/10.

DS 7/x.

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Gen. Commissions.

Please see report at 39. Long but interesting. The summary at 35-37 is most useful.

T-Hut 20/10. BD 18/10.

WW 24/x.

Exx. Com.

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Please see 8th & XIII Corps report for October at 43-60. Passages of interest are marked. Well-written & very comprehensive

T-Hut 19/11. BS. 19/11.

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6. Transportation.

The first consignment of the vehicles promised by 13 Corps has arrived at REME Workshops, and will be taken over by the Transportation Division on 7th Jan 46.

7. Agriculture.

Supplies for forestry and fisheries are coming in, and with seed and fertilizer requirements arriving in increasing quantities, the whole agricultural position is very much improved. Seed potatoes are expected in before the middle of February.

8. Labour.

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9. Industry & Utilities.

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13. Displaced Persons.

The flow of displaced persons continues, and as expected, the numbers month by month shew a downward tendency.

14. Finance.

Statal and Para-Statal Budgets have been received from practically all Agencies and have been approved.

No further progress has been made since Nov on the establishment of economic control line between the Anglo-American and Jugoslav controlled Zones of VENEZIA GIULIA. The matter rests with AFHQ.

15. Property Control.

During the month 95 additional properties of all classes were recorded and taken under control making a total of 325. No additional properties were returned to owners, and the number remained at 58.

16. Legal.

Summary Courts - During Dec 45, a total of 294 accused were tried on 355 charges.

Cases disposed of by the Superior Courts during Dec shewed a sharp decrease

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The new elementary school programmes for the Italian schools were distributed free to all elementary school teachers of the three areas.

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Due to continued thefts of wire etc. no new circuits were completed during December. It is hoped that a conference between AMG 13 Corps Telecommunications Officer and the CO Area Signals, will lead to the reduction of military control over civilian apparatus, and to a reduction in the number of military telephones and circuits in TRIESTE. A reduction is also sought in the number of civilian personnel employed by the Signals units. This would enable the civilian organizations to function with greater efficiency.

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20. Monuments and Fine Arts.

The work of repairing war damage to monuments in this area has continued steadily.

The area was visited by Capt.T.H.BROOKE, MFAA Branch Land Steiermark, between 4th and 7th Dec 45.

21. Patriots.

Up to the end of the year approximately 500 claims were received, and out of these 74 payments were made to next of kin, and 24 to wounded. This amounted in all to 920,000 lire.

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The identity card programme has been completed, except for a few stragglers (composed mainly of invalids) in outlying areas.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

(a) Civil Police -

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During December, 242 men passed out of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police School, and a further 264 are at present training. In addition to the normal entrants through the school, 64 men have been through a searchlight training course at MONFALCONE and are now in service. 96 men have been taken directly into the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force as drivers and armoured car crews, but these men will all go through the school later.
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Two serious crimes which were reported during December, are detailed as follows: -

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(c) Black Market -

The situation regarding black market activities still remains around the same level. Finance guards and Municipal guards, together with harbour patrols, are all combatting this menace with the utmost zeal.

It is difficult to prevent food etc. from being taken illegally into Zone 'B' and JUGOSLAVIA. A considerable amount of merchandise and food is being purchased in the POLA Area, and is going into Zone 'B', where it is sold at a high price.

(d) Prostitution and Brothels -

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Registered practising prostitutes have decreased by 64, there being 595 at the end of the period under review, compared with 659 at the end of November.

(e) Conduct of Allied Service Personnel -

Discipline in the area continues to be good. All Allied Police have dealt energetically with military offenders, particularly in regard to traffic contraventions.

(f) Fire Brigades and Civil Defence -

At 13.40 hours on 5th Dec, a call was answered to the Arsenale Governative Munitions store, at POLA. The building appeared to be completely destroyed by the force of an explosion which had previously occurred. The fire service was among the first on the scene, and removed one dead and 13 wounded to hospital by brigade transport. Excellent work appears to have been done; two detachments were sent to the coal quay where a big fire had developed, and they succeeded, after working under conditions of great danger, in preventing another explosion of the large amount of munitions in the vicinity. Another detachment attended the rope factory which was well alight, and within a short time of arrival, succeeded in bringing this fire under control. The brigade returned to station at 17.30 hours. The monetary loss is unknown.
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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Cont.)

(g) Civil Prisons -

Prisons in VENEZIA GIULIA are still very full, but there is now a slight tendency towards a general decrease in the number of detainees.

A request has been made by the Chief of Police to 13 Corps Commander, for all prison staff to become members of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. This will ensure that a suitable guarantee can be made to prison personnel for a minimum salary, and for the issue of suitable clothing and rations etc. In the meantime prison guards continue to do outside guard duties under trying climatic conditions, wearing their own civilian clothes, or dyed khaki drill supplied through the kindness of Army Quartermasters.

(h) Forgery and Uttering of Allied Currency Notes - One case has come to light at GORIZIA during the month, of two forged notes being received at the Bank: -

1) 1,000 lire note No A 21082882 A
2) 100 " " No A 52342683 A

Enquiries were made by CID, but with a nil result.

4. ECONOMICS.

(a) General -

The supplies programme so far submitted, which includes the increased food ration for POLA, and the special two months reserve, has been approved by the combined chiefs of staff.

Although action on the raising of several sunken ships is being held up by Jugoslav War Booty claims, efforts are being made to obtain consent and willingness of all parties concerned to raise these ships and to pay for the refloating and repairs when a decision as to ownership is finally reached. In the meantime Allied Military Government would raise the ships and operate them in trust pending a decision.

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A request has been made by the Chief of Police to 13 Corps Commander, for all prison staff to become members of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. This will ensure that a suitable guarantee can be made to prison personnel for a minimum salary, and for the issue of suitable clothing and rations etc. In the meantime prison guards continue to do outside guard duties under trying climatic conditions, wearing their own civilian clothes, or dyed khaki drill supplied through the kindness of Army Quartermasters.

(h) Forgery and Uttering of Allied Currency Notes - One case has come to light at GORIZIA during the month, of two forged notes being received at the Bank: -

1) 1,000 lire note No A 21082882 A
2) 100 " " No A 52342683 A

Enquiries were made by CID, but with a nil result.

4. ECONOMICS.

(a) General -

The supplies programme so far submitted, which includes the increased food ration for POLA, and the special two months reserve, has been approved by the combined chiefs of staff.

Although action on the raising of several sunken ships is being held up by Jugoslav War Booty claims, efforts are being made to obtain consent and willingness of all parties concerned to raise these ships and to pay for the refloating and repairs when a decision as to ownership is finally reached. In the meantime Allied Military Government would raise the ships and operate them in trust pending a decision.

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4. ECONOMICS. (Cont. of rice Control)

3) Price Equalisation Commission - This Commission consists of an economic expert, a commercial expert, and three qualified accountants. The commission has already made investigations into the position of three electricity concerns: SELVEG, SVEM, and GORIZIA MUNICIPALITIES, and as a result the tariffs of these concerns have been adjusted. The Commission is now investigating the following: -

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5. FOOD.

Rations on the normal AC scale were issued to the population. To all consumers these items were distributed: -

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Fat gr.	180	180	180	180	180	" "
Sugar ++) gr.	500	500	500	500	500	" 0-4 years
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The Allied Military Government supplies which arrived during Dec45 were made up as follows: - 1163

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Flour	750
Barley	44
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	481,976

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6. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) General -

The first consignment of the vehicles promised by 13 Corps has arrived at REME Workshops, and will be taken over by the Transportation Division on 7th Jan 46.

A meeting was held by the Chief Transportation Offr in GORIZIA, and cordial relations were established between the Area President and representatives of Autotrasporti in GORIZIA Area. The Centro Autotrasporti GORIZIA Agency should now function more smoothly.

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Ugena (Schooners) Mixed Cargoes	2,496	1,177
Total tonnages handled	18,561	17,755

(c) Road Section -

Tonnages hauled by Autotrasporti and Allied Military Government Truck Pool: -

	Freights hauled	
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TRIESTE Area	16,033	5,344
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Total of bids accepted by 'Q' Movements for Dec 45: tons. 16,632

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7. AGRICULTURE.

(a) General -

Supplies for forestry and fisheries are coming in, and with seed and fertiliser requirements arriving in increasing quantities, the whole agricultural position is very much improved. Seed potatoes are expected in before the middle of February.

Drainage ditches are being cleared in the MONFALCONE and GRADO Districts, despite the cold weather and icy water. This provides a great deal of employment, and further work which will drain and irrigate other extensive areas during the coming spring, is in the hands of Public Works Division.

(b) Amassing -

The total amount of wheat amassed to date is 12,800 quintals. This brings the campaign practically to an end.

(c) Livestock -

One hundred mules and fifty four Horses have arrived from AUSTRIA and have been distributed in the GORIZIA Area. Previously one hundred and sixty captured enemy horses were distributed to farmers in the TRIESTE Area.

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The forestry police are controlling to some extent the damage which is being done in the forests, although a great deal of reforestation will have to be started in the spring to try to repair damage already done.

8. LABOUR.

(a) General -

Both the Sindacati Unici and the Camera del Lavoro came forward on the 24 Dec to request an extension of the recent temporary wage adjustment until the wage position can be stabilized. It was agreed to extend this adjustment until the end of January, but with the stipulation that if no agreement is reached by the 8th Jan, the Labour office will intervene.

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8. LABOUR. (Cont.)

(b) Unemployment -

The unemployment register shews a slight decrease due to requests for extra help over the holiday season. Figures are as follows: -

	November	December
TRIESTE	21,223	20,965
GORIZIA	3,510	4,045
POLA	3,803	3,427

(c) Cost of living -

Cost of living in the territory shews a slight tendency to rise and the latest figures (food items only) are as follows: -

TRIESTE	13,156	lire monthly
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POLA	14,040	" "

9. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES.

Under supervision of the Industry & Utilities Division, 1,680 tons of coal, 12,160 litres of petrol, 27,275 litres of Kerosene and 22,425 litres of Gasoil were allocated to Industry. Most raw materials continued to be in short supply, and the shortage of Carbide was especially felt, as shipyards and metal working industries cannot continue production without it. The list of materials required for the industries of VENEZIA GIULIA in the first half of 1946, was completed and forwarded to HQ ALCOM for onward transmission to AFHQ.

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For the first time in approximately 9 months, TRIESTE City has been supplied with gas. Although supplies were only for 3 hours - 11,00-12,00 and 18,00-20,00 - the service was very much appreciated. Similar rationed supplies were also available in GORIZIA and POLA.

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9. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES. (Cont.)

(b) MONFALCONE Shipyard: Construction continued on four 400 tons cargo motor-ships, on two 1000 tons cargo motorships, and on two 9000 tons motortankers. The Merchant Aircraft Carrier "Empire Maccabe" arrived for reconversion into a tanker.
All materials and machinery moved from this yard to Villa Vicentina for protection during the war, were returned to MONFALCONE.

(c) S.ROCCO Shipyard: Repair work on four ships and work on the conversion of a motortanker continued. Construction work on 6 small coasters continued, one of which was completed and launched in December.

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1) export permit from the Italian Government
2) import permit from the Jugoslav Government.

Permission will be sought in ROME for a small Committee to visit VIENNA and to contact ACABRIT and the QUADRIPARTITE Committee, with a view to establishing trade between VENEZIA GIULIA and AUSTRIA. This would be a big step forward, and would in time extend to visiting and establishing trade relations with other countries.

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An allocation of 166 quintals of hemp per quarter has been secured. This was originally intended for the Canapificio Istriano at POLA, but this factory was destroyed in the recent explosion. If the Canapificio

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10. COMMERCE. (Cont. of General)

220 tyres and 30 tubes from the monthly allocation, were stolen on the night of 12 Dec 45 from the warehouse of Viale Miramare 29. These tyres were stored pending allocation by Buoni. The matter was immediately reported to VENEZIA GIULIA Police.

(b) Firewood -

It was expected that 12,500 tons of firewood would arrive from UDINE Province for the months of Nov - Dec, but the actual quantity received was 6,098 tons. Fortunately the public demand in the whole area has been less than half the amount originally allowed for and the deficiency will not have any serious effect. Present stocks of firewood in TRIESTE total: -

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Many of the villages which were destroyed during the war, and are now declared distressed areas, have been inspected, and work on repairs started.

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The health of the people in the area has been excellent although sporadic cases of infectious disease have occurred.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE. (Cont.)

(b) Hospitals General -

The general situation with regard to hospitals has been satisfactory, in spite of some financial and supply difficulties.

The coal problem in the hospitals became critical during the last week of December, but energetic action on the part of Allied Military Government's Fuel officer averted a serious situation.

Efforts are still being made to find a Capo Sanitario for the POLA Area but so far without success. A similar situation occurred in GORIZIA. This seems to have been due to the misinterpretation of General Order No 11 by the President of the Zone. A conference was therefore held with the Area Commissioner, the Public Health Officer of the Area, the President, and the C.P.L.O., and a general policy agreed upon in regard to the appointment of medical officials and the formation of the local medical concilio.

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(d) Veterinary -

Estimated requirements for drugs and dressings necessary for the treatment of animals in VENEZIA GIULIA, have been submitted through the Economics Division.

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13. DISPLACED PERSONS.

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During the month the Assembly Centre in TRIESTE dealt with the following persons: -

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Ex-POW	217	253
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An index of persons deported from this Area (now known as Zone 'A') into JUGOSLAVIA during the Jugoslav occupation, is being compiled and will soon be completed.

14. FINANCE.

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Four new orders were completed and became law during Dec.

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(c) Customs -

No further progress has been made since Nov on the establishment of an economic control line between the Anglo-American and Jugoslav controlled Zones of VENEZIA GIULIA. The matter rests with AFHQ.

(d) Contraband - 1162

Seizure of contraband continues in ever increasing quantities.

(e) Monopoly -

Tobacco and salt prices have been raised to the level existing in Italian Government territory.

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(d) Contraband - 1162

Seizure of contraband continues in ever increasing quantities.

(e) Monopoly -

Tobacco and salt prices have been raised to the level existing in Italian Government territory.

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14. FINANCE. (Cont.)

(f) Insurance -

Unemployment Benefits - Payments to unemployed on the basis of Disoccupazione Dopoguerra will be discontinued as from 31 Dec 45. Henceforth the unemployed in VENEZIA GIULIA will be on the same footing as the unemployed in Italian Government territory, viz: they will receive 30 lire per day, plus 5 lire for each child. Additional assistance will be provided by E.C.A. which will investigate individual cases of hardship.
The payments from Cassa Integrazione which were to cease on the 31 Dec 45 will be continued for a further three months.

15. PROPERTY CONTROL.

(a) Allied Owned Property -

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The recording and classifying of this is now well advanced and it is hoped to supply accurate figures next month.

(c) Abandoned Property - Property of Absentee owners -

The necessary Orders and instructions for dealing with this have now been issued, and reports from Areas are awaited.

(d) Confiscated Jewish Property -

Nothing further to report.

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Summary Courts - During Dec 45, a total of 294 accused were tried on 335 charges. These figures compare with 275 accused and 318 charges in November, an increase in December of 19 and 17 respectively.

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All Ordinary Civil Courts are functioning with reasonable satisfaction. The Ordinary Court of Assize which has jurisdiction over the more serious offences, has been functioning on the investigative side but has not yet held public trials. This Court, which is a section of the Court of Appeal, consists of a President and 4 lay assessors. The delay in holding trials has been due to the difficulty of selecting suitable assessors. A list of 80 has now been chosen and an Order is now being prepared appointing them.
It is anticipated that the first public trial will be held on or about 15 Jan 46.

(c) Special Court of Assize -

This Court deals with charges of collaboration with the Fascist Republican Government and the Germans (Proclamation No 5).

Seven public trials were held during Dec, resulting in 4 convictions and 3 acquittals.

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Epuration Commissions of the First Instance under General Orders No and 8 (Public officials and employees in private industry) - So far as can be ascertained at the moment these Commissions seem to be operating with reasonable efficiency.

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17. ,EDUCATION, (Cont. of General)

In TRIESTE, the Slovene secondary school students (only those sympathizing with the Slavic National Liberation Committee) went on strike. They included in their requests: -

1) the immediate heating of their school
2) the dismissal of all professors not of their political creed ie. approved by the ENOO
3) the re-instatement of the "PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK" suspended Slovene daily paper.

At GORIZIA the Slovene secondary school students went on strike, chiefly as a protest against the suspension of the "PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK".

The above strikes occurred during the week beginning 2 December. However all schools were kept open until the established date for the beginning of Christmas vacation.
Coal, wood, and gas were immediately made available (the responsible agencies had already begun distribution) and by January all schools will have sufficient supplies of fuel so that work may be resumed without loss of time.

Christmas and New Year holidays began on 23 Dec 45, and will end on 8 Jan 46.

The School Section of the ENOO (Slavic National Liberation Committee) continued to issue directives in contrast to the Allied Military Government's education policy. Through the local parent councils established by the ENOO in each commune, orders were given to adopt Slovene elementary school text books prepared by the ENOO, but not approved by the properly established Slavic text book committee and by the Education Division of Allied Military Government; the text books were not designed according to programme requirements.

18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Due to continued thefts of wire etc. no new circuits were completed during December. It is hoped, that a conference between AMG 13 Corps Telecommunication Officer and the OC Area Signals, will lead to the reduction of military control over civilian apparatus, and to a reduction in the number of military telephones and circuits in TRIESTE. A reduction is also sought in the number of civilian personnel employed by the Signals units. This would enable the civilian organizations to function with greater efficiency.

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18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS (Cont.)

The Telecommunications Division has been besieged by local merchants who have had their correspondence returned with a slip of paper referring them to the "Local Postal Officer of Allied Military Government".

19. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Efforts have been made to increase Allied Military Government publicity in the local press and over the radio. Since 12 December over 30 news stories and items, emanating mainly from divisions in the HQ AMG building, have appeared in Allied daily papers, and most of them in other newspapers. All items have been broadcast. These stories and items are in addition to those obtained and put out by the news divisions of AIS.

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This is in addition to the SCAO's conference, the SCAO's weekly press conference, and the AIS weekly conference.

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21. PATRIOTS.

With the start of payments to next of kin and to wounded partisans, the Division has had to expand. Up to the end of the year approximately 500 claims were received, and out of these 34 paymen were made to next of kin, and 24 to wounded. This amou ed in all to 920,000 lire.

The Associazione Part iani Giuliani has been very active in pressing the claims of members, both by visits to the Patriots Office and in the local press. A number of its' members attended the reception of the "Special Battalion" held at POSTUMIA on the 23rd Dec. A letter of protest at the suspension of "PRIMORSKI DNEVNIK" was sent by the Associazione Partigiani Giuliani to "Il Lavoratore" and published on 15th Dec. The Associazione Partigiani Giuliani considers that all persons holding their "Partisan Identity Card" should be accepted by this Division as true partisans without further enquiries. However some of the documents issued by this Association have been found to be false.

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GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS PUBLISHED DURING DECEMBER 45.

a. General Orders:

No 28 - Protection of buildings and other property
No 29 - Repeal of General Order No 19
No 30 - Repeal of fascist and racial laws; abolition of death penalty and other changes in penal laws and procedure
No 31 - Tax concessions to assist the re-building of war-damaged buildings
No 32 - Turnover tax
No 33 - Public Wages - Revision of Gen.Order No 15
No 34 - Annulment of fascist pensions; general and special increase in public pensions; and temporary cost of living allowances to public pensioners.

b. Orders :

No 44 - Increases and adjustments of fees of doctors retained by the Istituto Nazionale per l'Assistenza di Malattia ai Lavoratori
No 48 - Amendment of General Order No 14 - Statement of ownership by Communal Presidents
No 49 - Liquidation of Ente Nazionale Distillazione Materie Vinose
No 50 - Failure to possess identity card or special registration certificate - Supplement to Order No 14
No 51 - Exemption from customs duties
No 52 - Radio Licence fee

c. Administrative Orders:

No 14 - Unification of "Udis" with "Sepral"
No 15 - Appointment of Dr.RAKUSCEK as Counsellor of Appeal
No 16 - Appointment of additional members of the Territorial Epuration Commission of Appeal
No 17 - Appointment of Avv.MAGNARIN Albino as Area Vice President, POLA Area
No 18 - Appointment of CAMBEL-BENUSSI Raimondo as Inspector of the Istituto Nazionale per l'Assicurazione contro gli infortuni sul Lavoro, and of ZANINI Attilio as Inspector of the Ente Nazionale di Previdenza ed Assistenza per i dipendenti Statali.

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The new police are performing their duties in a manner which is evoking laudable comment in the press, and there appears to be no doubt whatsoever that the population of VENEZIA GIULIA has accepted this Force with a genuine feeling of welcome.

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7. Agriculture.

It still appears that all ITALY is determined to hamper the delivery of agricultural supplies into VENEZIA GIULIA. Italian officials have claimed that they feared supplies intended for this disputed zone might not be distributed as designed, but will fall into the wrong hands. The Province of UDINE has been especially guilty, having made many excuses at times to send trucks back empty, trucks which had been dispatched there for properly allocated grain for seeding.

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There has been increased activity on the part of the workers seeking new wage adjustments. Many new wage agreements have been ratified by the Labour Division.

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By local arrangement Public Works was made a separate section effective the same date.

10. Commerce.

Through the non-arrival of coal, the general situation has deteriorated since the last month.

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The repair of public buildings is progressing in a satisfactory manner, except in GORIZIA Area where, through lack of initiative on the part of the Genio Civile, repairs are being delayed. It is hoped that a change in the Genio Civile will rectify this.

12. Public Health and Welfare.

The health of the people in the Area has been extremely good during the month.

There was a small epidemic of diphtheria in the GORIZIA Area, but energetic action was taken, and the epidemic has now subsided.

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13. Displaced Persons.

The flow of displaced persons continues.

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14. Finance.

State expenditures are continually growing, especially because of the increase in salaries. A complete numerical report will be given at the end of December with the closing of the 2nd quarter of the financial year 1945-46.

15. Property Control.

During the month 12 additional properties were taken under control bringing the total to 230. Up to date 58 have been restored to their owners.

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It is expected that the resumption of normal external postal and telecommunications services with the non enemy world will take place early next month. This means that transactional correspondence will be able to go forward to the permitted areas if licensed by Allied Military Government, 13 Corps.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

There have been no important changes in Local Government.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

(a) Civil Police -

During the month of November the position as to this Force has become even more satisfactory. These police are performing their duties in a manner which is evoking laudable comment in the press, and there appears to be no doubt whatsoever that the population of VENEZIA GIULIA has accepted the new Force with a genuine feeling of welcome.

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A commendation and reward were awarded to these young guards by the Chief of Police and the commendation appeared in the "Police Orders" of the force for the information of all ranks.

The present strength (all ranks) of the Police Force is 1689.

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Crime generally shows no increase, although reports are now coming forward in greater numbers. This is an indication of the publics' increased confidence in the new force.

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(2) On the 6th Nov, at San PELLIGO della Valle, two men entered the house of LOVRIKA Orgar and requested her to accompany them outside. On her refusing to do so, they, it is alleged, shot and killed her and afterwards decamped into Jugoslav territory. Enquiries are proceeding.

(3) On the 22nd Nov at MONFALCONE, the bodies of an unidentified woman and of a P.W. Agent, ANICOLLI Costantino, who disappeared from MONFALCONE on the 6th April 1945, were discovered. Death believed due to partisan atrocity. Investigations continue.

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The Black Market continues to function in this area, in common with all parts of ITALY. The newly formed Finance Division is, however, making steady progress in combatting the Black Market operators and a section of the Municipal Guard Branch is also assisting in this sphere, and every means available is being utilised to reduce the success of the Black Market operator.

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5. FOOD.

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Ships Allied Military Government supplies received Warehouse 6	2,036	1,673
Bulk grain received shipside by SERRAL from SS NEWCALF	8,444	7,649
Ugone (Schooners) Mixed Cargoes	2,728	2,194
Total tonnages handled	19,142	19,510

(b) Road Section.

	Freights hauled	
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TRIESTE	31,885	27,356
POLA	360	1,905

Autobus Services - More services have been put into operation this month. And outside firms continue to ask for Allied Military Government approval at Allied Military Government tariff rates.

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Total of bids accepted by "Q" Movements	23,172 tons
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7. AGRICULTURE. (Cont. of General)

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It is still too early to predict the future general crop and wheat production with any degree of accuracy. A great deal of land has been plowed over last year's acreage, but considerable parts of this new area are suffering from lack of drainage. However, drainage projects have been started and are giving work to many of the unemployed shipyard workers from the [redacted] Area.

The voluntary amassing of sun flower seed has been completed most successfully. More than double the production of [redacted] Area has come in for pressing into oil. This proves that voluntary amassing, giving a fair return to the producer, is one of the keenest weaponsagainst black market operations. Had the amasso been forced at an uneconomic price, very little, if any, would have come under supervision and control.

(b) Livestock.

In order to prevent the spread of animal diseases from one district to another, all livestock movements are to be restricted, and closer control kept by the Inspectorate of Agriculture. Through improved veterinary services, no serious disease epidemics have occurred.

Horses have been distributed in the [redacted] Area, but GORILLA Area is eagerly awaiting the 350 work animals that have been promised from the war booty remount station at [redacted]. It is hoped that HQ AG at ROME will press for the early delivery of these horses so that spring plowing in the GORILLA Area will not be delayed through lack of horses or mules.

Lack of salt for animals in the GORILLA Area has been ameliorated by shipments which have arrived during the past month, and the danger line from the health stand point has been passed.

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(d) Fisheries.

As outlined in Order No 20, discipline has been initiated in the fishing industry to avoid clandestine deliveries in VENEZIA EUGENEA and to the black market. The flow of fish into the legal collecting centres is increasing, although in winter a decrease would be normal. The Guardia di Finanza are assisting in the good work, checking on the methods of fishing, on boats that come in, and inspecting the credentials of boat owners.

In collaboration with the office of price control, a study is being made so that correct maximum prices may be established for various kinds of fish.

8. LABOUR.

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There has been increased activity on the part of the workers seeking new wage adjustments. Many new wage agreements have been ratified by the Labour Division.

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(b) Unemployment.

The latest unemployment figures in this territory are as follows: -

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GORIZIA	"	3,510
POLA	"	3,005

This is an increase of 162 over the October figures.

(c) Cost of living.

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9. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES. (Cont.)

By local arrangement Public Works was made a separate section effective the same date. The Division is fortunate at the moment in having an almost 100% technical staff familiar with engineering and industrial manufacturing processes. This has made possible an effective sifting of statements of production capacity and applications for fuel and raw materials, many of which have been found to be exaggerated.

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A further consignment of 9,098 pairs of boots and shoes has arrived, and an allotment of 1,690 pairs of boots to workmen employed by local authorities was made.

The 3,300 cubic metres of constructional timber received from the RAs 13 Corps have been used and distributed by the Public Works Division.

(b) Firewood.

The total quantity of firewood received up to the end of Nov was 2,818 tons. Essential consumers (hospitals and schools, etc.) have now received sufficient supplies to cover a two months period.

A distribution of 15 kilos per head to inhabitants of the ERITREA Area who are without other means of cooking, will be made during the first part of December. If possible, regular fortnightly distributions will be made until the end of March.

(c) Coal.

Of the 15,012 tons of coal advised, only 5,890 tons were actually received, and most of this total was distributed to the 3 areas for gas production; a negligible quantity being left for industries.

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During the past month, Public Utilities was separated from this Division and incorporated with Industry, that Division is now known as Industry and Public Utilities, and this Division as Public Works.

This organization is now divided into four sections: -

(1) Administration, Bomb Disposal and Supply
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(3) Building
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11. PUBLIC WORKS. (Cont.)

(c) Roads and Bridges.

The Public Works Division is co-operating with and helped by the Chief Engineer 13 Corps.

State roads are excellent, and the provincial roads are fair, but in the communes they are in very poor condition. In order to facilitate repairs and maintenance to all roads except military routes, all civilian road departments are to prepare their works programmes on a three months basis, starting 1 Jan 46, covering all roads. It will be necessary to place more importance on road repairs as this type of project requires a great deal of labour with the minimum amount of material.

12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

(a) General.

The health of the people in the area has been extremely good during the month.

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(b) Hospitals General.

On the whole, the hospitals in the area have worked very smoothly during the month, in spite of various difficulties with staff and insufficient accommodation.

The increasing availability of coal for cooking and heating has made a great difference, and now that gas is being gradually introduced, the situation in these respects will rapidly approach normal. The staff difficulties referred to above are mainly political in origin. Epuration, which is now starting on professional men, will alleviate many of these difficulties.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE. (Cont.)

(d) Veterinary.

As there was an outbreak of malta-fever among the local population when the cattle returned from the hills to the plains last year, a conference was held with the Agriculture Division and it was decided to block the movement of all cattle until the necessary tests had been carried out. At the same time it was decided to test all the cattle at present in the area. Those cattle found to be infected are to be slaughtered. 3,000 doses of Brucellina vaccine are being obtained for this purpose from EMROLA through the Ministry of the Interior.

(e) Organization.

During the month, the Welfare Division and the American Red Cross War Relief Section, both of which formerly worked primarily with the Displaced Persons and Refugee Sub-Commission Centre in the Area, were amalgamated with the Public Health Division. This Division will now be known as the Public Health and Welfare Division. This is a much more convenient arrangement, as in addition to making the division more representative of the Public Health Sub-Commission to which it belongs, overlapping and duplication of effort will be avoided.

(f) Welfare.

In the burnt out villages in GORIZIA Area, the following Allied Military Government supplies were distributed: -

1,726 blankets and comforters
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900 pairs of military shoes

15,000 additional blankets are to be allocated to GORIZIA Area, as soon as shipments are received from AC ROME.

13. DISPLACED PERSONS. 1136

The flow of displaced persons continues.

Movement of Jews has to be watched carefully, as it is thought that Jews from Central EUROPE are entering various fishing villages on the coasts of ITALY and JUGOSLAVIA (and possibly here) and bribing fishermen to take them out to sea where they would be smuggled aboard genuine refugee ships bound for PALESTINE. Accordingly, Displaced Persons regulations have been tightened up in this respect, and the leader of one suspected Jewish organization arrested in TRIESTE.

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	Entered		Evacuated
Civilians	1,480	Civilians	1,570
Ex-POW	412	Ex-PW	408
	1,892		1,978

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14. FINANCE.

(a) Statal and Communal Financing.

The Agencies have acquired more familiarity with the processing of these budgets and the centralization of their approval at a regional level is producing uniformity throughout; on the other hand, some more time is necessary for their examination.

State expenditures are continually growing, especially because of the increases in salaries. A complete numerical report will be given at the end of December with the closing of the 2nd quarter of the financial year 1945-46.

Repairs of war damages and other public works are the most important item of the public expenditures.

A number of semi-autonomous agencies like hospitals and welfare institutions, municipal bodies, which in normal times were self supporting, have been subsidised with state funds. These subsidies must be reduced, if it is not possible to annul them, and in order to reduce them the hospitals must be allowed to increase their patient fees and the municipal bodies must be allowed to increase the tariffs for water, light etc.

(b) Communal budgets.

These are coming in slowly, but it is expected that most of them will be received by the end of the quarter.

All communes are without funds. A considerable improvement is expected with the prospected increase in certain local taxes. The order is in preparation and is expected to be issued for the 1st Jan 1946.

(c) Foreign Exchange Control.

An agreement is now under consideration by the Jugoslav Military Government of Zone 'B' and Allied Military Government 13 Corps Finance Division, in order to arrange settlement of financial obligations between the two Zones. The machinery which is being set up to deal with the details of this agreement, will eventually expand and take over the settlement of financial agreements between foreign countries and VENEZIA GIULIA, and will be the Foreign Exchange Control.

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14. FINANCE. (Cont. of Customs)

The arguments in favour of establishing a customs barrier are: -

(1) To prevent the flow of unwanted merchandise and persons into Zone 'A' from Zone 'B' and JUGOSLAVIA.

(2) High value goods so imported E.G. tobacco and cigarettes, UNRRA drugs, paper for propaganda purposes, salt and cement, are sold on the TRIESTE black market enabling foreign persons to obtain lire for: -

A. The purchase for shipment to JUGOSLAVIA of non-expertable commodities from northern ITALY and Zone A

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15. PROPERTY CONTROL.

(a) Allied Owned Property.

During the month an additional 12 properties were taken under control bringing the total to 230. Up to date 58 have been restored to their owners.

(b) Ex-Fascist Property.

A close examination of the situation recently revealed the fact that in a number of cases the terms of Order No 12 had not been fully observed, and that in fact the Intendente di Finanza had not yet got the situation properly under control. The alleged difficulties regarding this have been discussed, and further instructions have been issued. It is expected that at an early date all such properties will be properly inventoried and allocated.

(c) Allied Owned Property Sequestrated by Italian Government.

The recording of this class of property is now almost complete. Up to date the shortage of staff and transport has interfered with the programme of physical inspections, but it is now possible to proceed with this side of the work.

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16. LEGAL.

(a) Military Courts.

Summary Courts - During November a total of 275 accused were tried on 318 charges. The total number of accused was less by 25 than the number for October 1945. Theft charges, always high, increased by 10 over October 1945. 51 of the charges were for offences against good order, the majority arising out of the demonstration held at TRIESTE on 3 and 4 November 1945.

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17. EDUCATION. (Cont. of Education Policy)

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(4) Italian history will be a compulsory subject in the Slovene schools. Slavic history will be a compulsory subject in the Italian schools,

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(7) The Italian and Slavic school programmes, as regards both the elementary and secondary schools, will have the same basic curriculum characteristics.

(8) Recognition will not be granted to schools not conforming with this policy.

18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

During the month the following circuits were opened to Zone 'B': -

Telephone : - FIUME, CAPODISTRIA, POSTUMIA, COSINA, ABBAZIA.

Telegraph : - FIUME, CAPODISTRIA, PORTOROSE, ABBAZIA, ISOLA, PIRANO, COSINA.

It is expected that the resumption of normal external postal and telecommunications services with the non enemy world will take place early next month. This means that transactional correspondence will be able to go forward to the permitted areas if licensed by Allied Military Government, 13 Corps. It is not intended to licence specific communications as such, but Allied Military Government 13 Corps will depend upon their foreign exchange licencing control and censorship.

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19. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

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(7) The Italian and Slavic school programmes, as regards both the elementary and secondary schools, will have the same basic curriculum characteristics.

(8) Recognition will not be granted to schools not conforming with this policy.

18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

During the month the following circuits were opened to Zone 'B': -

Telephone : - FIUME, CAPODISTRIA, POSTUMIA, COSINA, ABBAZIA.

Telegraph : - FIUME, CAPODISTRIA, PORTOROSE, ABBAZIA, ISOLA, PIRANO, COSINA.

It is expected that the resumption of normal external postal and telecommunications services with the non enemy world will take place early next month. This means that transactional correspondence will be able to go forward to the permitted areas if licensed by Allied Military Government, 13 Corps. It is not intended to licence specific communications as such, but Allied Military Government 13 Corps will depend upon their foreign exchange licencing control and censorship.

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19. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Extended reports of the SCAC's weekly Press Conferences are now circulated to all Allied Military Government officers in the Region, and to various Military Headquarters and diplomatic agencies.

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19. PUBLIC RELATIONS.(Cont.)

Throughout November the tone of the VENEZIA GIULIA press has tended to become more violent on both the Italian and Slovene sides, and some of the so-called "humourous" weeklies have had to be sharply checked by AIS for their excesses. Attacks on Allied Military Government have come with greater frequency and boldness from both Right and Left. While control of the press is a responsibility of AIS, Allied Military Government Public Relations Section is directly interested, and more and more time is being taken up in translating editorial comments and news articles for distribution to Divisions concerned. AIS have proposed to turn over their 'D' Section Daily Press Summary staff and machinery to PR, so that the Summary may be expanded to include a greater number of full texts of immediate interest to Allied Military Government.

The "Voice of Allied Military Government" broadcasts were discontinued early in November. They have been replaced by straight newscasts. These carry Allied Military Government items based on releases published simultaneously in the JNN file which go to all local daily newspapers.

20. PATRIOTS.

During the month there has been a great increase in the work of the Patriots Division.

Bonuses for those killed on Patriot service are now being paid.

During the month 55½,000 lire have been paid out mainly to widows. Some payments have been made to seriously wounded patriots. Many claims are still being received, and each one has to be translated and the facts verified.

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PROCLAMATIONS, GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS, ETC. PUBLISHED DURING MCMXLV.

a. General Orders :

No 22 - Export of Foodstuffs and other Commodities.
No 24 - Motor vehicle Taxation.
No 25 - Provisions governing Direct Taxes.
No 26 - Price Control of Essential Commodities and Services.
No 27 - Repairs to War Damaged Houses - Supp.to G.O. 14

b. Orders :

No 36 - School of Letters and Philosophy, University of TRIESTE.
No 37 - Limitations of Liability of Railroads of State in the Transportation of Goods.
No 38 - Order re-constituting the Inspectorates of Agriculture, etc.
No 39 - Emergency Indemnity for Public Employees.
No 40 - Employment of Wireless Operators on Ships.
No 41 - Increase of Fees - Weights and Measures.
No 42 - Unauthorized Wearing of Military Uniforms.
No 43 - Suspension of Export Duties and License Fees.
No 45 - Extension of the Time for Renewal of Mortgages
No 46 - Re-organization of the "Consorzi Agrari".
No 47 - Establishment of Food Advisory Boards.

c. Administrative Orders :

No 13 - Appointment of Commissario Straordinario for U.P.S.E.A.

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The new civil police force has been a great help in the enforcement of Allied Military Government administration. The result is that pro-Jugoslav organs are becoming worried over this new opposition, and have been very active with their propaganda in attempts to discredit the new force.

3. Venezia Giulia Police Force.

October has been a very satisfactory month in this department, and with the appearance of the new police force, public confidence and morale has shewn a marked improvement.

4. Economics.

The civil supplies planning for the period Jan/June 46 is progressing well, and with the help of Industry and Commerce representatives sent from AC ROME, the programme should be completed shortly.

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5. Food.

Rations have been issued in accordance with the scale laid down by AC ROME with the exception of Pasta/Rice.

6. Transportation.

The new "Centrale Controllo" Autotrasporti is now functioning. A new transport tariff rate has been adopted and was put into effect on the 1st of November 1945. This rate is lower than that previously in force, and is based on the A.C. directive to Allied Military Government territory.

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7. Agriculture.

Production during the next year is likely to be heavier, as even the small quantity of supplies already received, will enable a larger programme to be carried out.

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8. Labour.

Many factors remain which seriously retard the desired and urgent return to normal labour conditions.

There is still no general change in wage levels, but the cost of living increased by just over, 26% during October.

9. Industry.

Industry in VENEZIA GIULIA is continuing to recover, although progress is somewhat slow. The chief handicap is still the lack of raw materials, but another detrimental influence has been that of the confused war booty situation. Now that a final date for the filing of war booty claims has been settled, a faster rate of progress should result.

10. Commerce.

A slight improvement in the general situation was noticed during the month, and small monthly allocations of raw cotton, glass, boots and shoes, calcium carbide, motor and cycle tyres have, and will be received.

11. Public Works and Utilities.

The work of this division is proceeding smoothly and good progress is being made. Civilian engineering departments are making serious efforts to complete such work that is dependent on good weather conditions, before winter sets in.

12. Public Health.

The general health situation still remains good, and no serious epidemics were reported during the month.

13. Displaced Persons and Welfare.

During October, 3,503 persons entered the centres, and 3,537 persons left.

14. Finance.

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The main financial event of the month was the issuing of occupation lira by the Jugoslavs in Zone 'B'. This was done in spite of frequent statements by the Jugoslavs that they did not contemplate making this issue, and if at any time the issue should become necessary, they would inform the Chief Finance Officer in advance.

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During October 1945 a total of 292 accused were tried by the Summary Courts on 318 charges. The total number of accused is less by 207 than the total for September 1945. The major difference was at TRIESTE (Sep, 348; Oct, 240). This decrease is undoubtedly due largely to the elimination of the curfew.

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18. Education.

During this month the Army has continued to requisition schools indiscriminately and the situation is extremely critical, particularly in the cities of TRIESTE and GORIZIA where a large number of the best school buildings are occupied, destroyed, or need extensive repairs. In these centres, the school population has increased during the last few years.

19. Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives.

An estimate for the cost of repairs to GRADO Cathedral has been approved and submitted. Other projects are being prepared and estimates will be submitted in due course.

20. Public Relations.

The recent revival of political activity amongst citizens of Italian descent in VENEZIA GIULIA has livened up the local press and sharply increased the responsibility of the Public Relations Section.

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Troops of the Jugoslav detachment have shewn an increasing tendency to interfere in political and administrative affairs in the territory governed by Allied Military Government.

The issuing of identity cards is continuing, and up to the end of October the following numbers were issued: -

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

(a) Civil Police.

The month of October has shown very satisfactory progress.

The most important event during the month was the public passing-out parade on 1) Oct of 425 members of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. Also present were small detachments of American and British MPs who have been performing civil police duties in this area. The parade was inspected and addressed by Lieut.General Sir John HARDING, Commander of 13 Corps, who later took the salute at a march-past of all detachments.
Members of the CID mingled with the crowd which assembled to witness the ceremony, and their reports upon public reaction were very reassuring. Newspapers also commented favourably upon the ceremony and introduction of the new police force.
To date there are 84 officers, and 1114 other ranks in the service of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force.

Altogether, October has been a very satisfactory month in this department, and with the appearance of the new police force, public confidence and morale has shown a marked improvement.

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(b) Crime.

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GORIZIA reports that conditions are improving, and that the new police force have so far, been well accepted.

The following are a few of the more important cases that have come to light.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Cont. of Crime)

In GORIZIA Zone, a case of attempted armed robbery occurred, during which the intended victim shot and killed one member of the gang. Agents of the CID arrested two other members elsewhere. The possession and capture of one dead and two live criminals in this case has had a good effect in the area.

A British CR reported that he was assaulted by six civilians at OPICINA. The SIB have been unable to identify or trace the alleged criminals.

(c) Black Market.

The business of the black market operator seems to continue, usually with most of the commodities that are in short supply. Complaints are still being made of UNRRA supplies being diverted to the black market. From one house in TRIESTE, three cases of soap, part of an UNRRA shipment, were recovered by Allied Military Police.

(d) Price Control.

Fifteen plain clothes police are now available for price checking, but an order is awaited from Legal Division to decide the scope and limits of power for these policemen.

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There are 12 licensed brothels in TRIESTE with a total of 87 inmates. MONFALCONE has one licensed brothel with five inmates.

During the month five prostitutes were found to be suffering from V.D. and were removed for treatment.

Clandestine prostitution is rife and 89 cases of V.D. were reported by the Military. As a result 33 women were arrested. Two unlicensed brothels were also dealt with.

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Figures for examination of prostitutes are: -

Examined and found clean	148
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(f) Control of Civilian Movement.

It has been noted that a daily average of 100 persons who have entered the area without permission, make application for permits to leave. It seems that the Western Boundary controls, and whatever control may exist on VENEZIA GIULIA Eastern Boundary, have no specific interest in who or what leaves VENEZIA GIULIA. AFHQ have laid down that entry into ITALY by anyone except an Italian national is barred without prior reference to

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Cont. of Control of Civilian Movement)

Entry into VENEZIA GIULIA is theoretically similarly sealed, but it is well known that numerous persons continue to enter the area from the East without valid permits, and many claim that no machinery exists whereby such permits can be obtained. One instance is known in the case of a former head of the Eastern Department of the Latvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a Mr.KARLIS FREIMANIS, who entered the area from Zagreb armed with a oneway Jugoslav pass to enter TRIESTE, and which had not been referred to 13 Corps for approval. The pass is said to have taken over 2 months to obtain.

A number of persons found to have entered the area from the east without permits have been detained, as also two with expired Allied Force permits.

It should be that normal residents of VENEZIA GIULIA have unrestricted movement within VENEZIA GIULIA. It is apparent from the number of applications received from resident civilians wishing to cross the Morgan Line into Jugoslav occupied VENEZIA GIULIA, that Jugoslav controls are ignoring this part of the occupation agreement.

Residents of POLA should be able to move freely within VENEZIA GIULIA, but Jugoslav controls prevent this, and are, in consequence, causing great interference with Allied Administration there. It is apparent that only strong representation and protest on a high level, or reciprocal action, will ease the situation and perhaps lessen the burden which is being thrown on the Allied Military Government.

(g) Civil Prisons.

During the past month the prison population has increased from 378 to 520 (TRIESTE): Via Nizza prison 287, Via Tiger prison 233. This increase may be due to the activities of the new VENEZIA GIULIA police force. There are still many prisoners awaiting trial by Italian Courts. The position on the 26th Oct was: - Awaiting trial by Allied Military Government Court, 62; awaiting trial by Italian Court, 91; awaiting trial by Assize Court, 118; at disposition of FSS, SIB, CID, 69; sentenced, 167.

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(h) Forgery and Uttering of Currency Notes.

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(b) Price Control.

The price control section has been working on the cost of essential needs of life, in conjunction with Allied Military Government Labour Division and civil Labour. The items covered were food, fuel and electricity.

5. FOOD.

Rations, in accordance with the normal scale laid down by AC ROME, were issued to the population with the exception of Pasta/Rice.

Ration cards for the period Nov 45-Feb 46 have been distributed.

6. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Port and Warehouse Section.

The following table will shew details of tonnages handled in these sections during October: -

	Cargo handled	
	Inwards Tons	Outwards to Consumers Tons
Ships (Military) Coal (Military, Railways and Allied Military Government Civil Supplies)	6,000	6,000
Ships Allied Military Government Supplies to Warehouse 6.	1,946	-
Ugona (Schooners) Mixed Cargoes	3,484	1,594
Total tonnages handled	11,430	7,594

(b) Roads Section.

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5. FOOD.

Rations, in accordance with the normal scale laid down by AC ROME, were issued to the population with the exception of Pasta/Rice.

Ration cards for the period Nov 45-Feb 46 have been distributed.

6. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Port and Warehouse Section.

The following table will show details of tonnages handled in these sections during October: -

	Cargo handled	
	Inwards Tons	Outwards to Consumers Tons
Ships (Military) Coal (Military, Railways and Allied Military Government Civil Supplies)	6,000	6,000
Ships Allied Military Government Supplies to Warehouse 6.	1,946	-
Ugena (Schooners) Mixed Cargoes	3,484	1,594
Total tonnages handled	11,430	7,594

(b) Roads Section.

The new "Centrale Controllo" Autotrasporti is now functioning. A new transport tariff rate has been adopted and was put into effect on the 1st of Nov 45. This rate is lower than that previously in force, and is based on the A.C. directive to Allied Military Government territory. The new rate will be used by all Autotrasporti and Allied Military Government - V.G. Truck Pools.

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6. TRANSPORTATION. (Cont. of Roads Section)

Copies of the new tariff are being printed and will be issued to all divisions and given full publicity. A 10% reduction to SEFRAL for conveyance of rationed food-stuffs has also been authorized.

The tonnages hauled by Area Autotrasporti are as follows: -

	Inwards Tons	Outwards Tons
TRIESTE - Tonnages hauled by Area Autotrasporti	5,000	1,284
GORIZIA - Area Autotrasporti	4,080	2,070
TRIESTE - Tonnages hauled by Allied Military Government Truck Pool (only 8 vehicles on road)	90	-
Total tonnages hauled	9,170	3.354

(c) Rail Section.

Total of bids accepted by 'Q' Movements: -

Tons. 43,416

Total of merchandise carried locally (includes TRIESTE and VENICE: -

Tons. 16,726

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Production during the next year is likely to be heavier, as even the small quantity of supplies already received, will enable a larger programme to be carried out.

(b) Grain.

The amassing goal of 10,000 qtls has been exceeded, and a new total of 12,000 qtls has been set.

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7. AGRICULTURE.(Cont. of Livestock)

This division received and distributed 123 horses during the month.

(d) Forestry.

Dr.DICKERLN, the Chief Forestry Officer of AC ROME arrived here during the month, and is doing valuable work in an endeavour to solve the wood problem.

(c) Fisheries.

There is nothing further to report on this department.

8. LABOUR.

(a) General.

Many factors remain which seriously retard the desired, and necessarily urgent return to normal labour conditions. There is still the slowness, and in many cases unwillingness on the part of some industrialists to change over, or reconvert from war production.

Excess bids on ship repairs results in the diversion of work to other shipyards, particularly VENICE, and the continued lack of cooperation between representatives of the employers associations and representatives of the Unions precludes any possibility of a uniform policy.

(b) Wages.

There is still no general change in wage levels, but the cost of living increased by just over, 26% during October. This is against a September increase of only 0,8% over the previous month.

(c) Unemployment.

The latest unemployment figures in this territory are as follows: -

TRIESTE	21,034
GORIZIA	3,510
POLA	3,830

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9. INDUSTRY.

Industry in VENEZIA GIULIA is continuing to recover, although progress is somewhat slow. The chief handicap is still the lack of raw materials, but another detrimental influence has been that of the confused war booty situation. Now that a final date for the filing of war booty claims has been settled, a faster rate of progress should result.

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10. COMMERCE.

(a) General.

A slight improvement in the general situation was noticed during the month, and small monthly allocations of raw cotton, glass, boots and shoes, calcium carbide, motor and cycle tyres have, and will be received.

Allocations of hemp manufactured products, sufficient to meet requirements for 6-9 months were also received.

Timber is still urgently required for housing and building schemes, and AFHQ's intervention has been sought in an effort to obtain a fair share of available stocks.

The cotton mills at GORIZIA have commenced production, and these in turn will benefit the clothing factories at POLA.

Since August 1945, approximately 110,000 pairs of boots and shoes have been imported from MILAN and TURIN, and sold on the free market. An allocation of 11,656 pairs from the Leather Industrial Committee has been received and will be distributed to workers through the Chambers of Commerce.

(b) Firewood.

Distribution of firewood has begun to hospitals and bakeries etc, and an issue to the public will follow when the rate of supply increases sufficiently. The chief sources of supply are from UDINE, allotted quota of 7,000 tons, BERGOGNA forest (including local resources), 6-8,000 tons, and a new project begun under the direction of the Chief Forestry Officer with assistance of 13 Corps, which promises a total of 5,000 tons, this from the state forest of CONSIGLIO.

Pola, so far has received supplies from Zone B.

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(c) Coal.

Essential needs and industry received an adequate allocation, although so far, supplies for gasworks, which are due to start up on the 15th Nov 45, have not arrived.

ARSA Coal, although promised, was never allowed to leave Zone 'B' under Allied Military Government arrangements, but is being sold piecemeal direct from the mines at very high prices. The above source is now entirely left out of planning calculations.

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The work of this division is proceeding smoothly and good progress is being made. Civilian engineering departments are making serious efforts to complete such work that is dependant on good weather conditions, before winter sets in.

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11. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES. (Cont. of General)

Repairs to Public Buildings are progressing satisfactorily, but the amendments to the General Order concerning first aid repairs to war damaged private property have still to be published, and meanwhile any real progress is delayed.

Work on burnt-out villages in GORIZIA is making headway, and an improvement in the supply of transport and materials has greatly assisted.

Contracts for a total of 50 million lire have been let for repairs in the Port of TRIESTE, other projects in preparation will shortly double this figure.

Work schemes involving land reclamation have been initiated jointly with Agriculture and Labour Divisions and are already providing work for 1,000, who would otherwise be unemployed. A large scale salvage scheme in POLA is serving the same purpose.

With the exception of timber and glass, supplies of building and constructional material have been available in reasonable quantities. The timber situation was eased by a R.E.release of 12,000 cu.m. from BOLZANO as advised by AFHQ. Glass is more difficult, but resumption of production by the VENEZIA glass-works gives definite promise of supplies in the near future.

(b) Roads and Bridges.

Work on bitumen surfaced roads, which has been a race against weather conditions, is practically finished and projects for repairs to water-bound roads, retaining walls and embankments, which can be carried on through the winter, are in preparation.

Seven additional contracts for minor bridges in GORIZIA have been let and a start made on four of them. 1118

(c) Water, electricity and sewerage.

Water, electricity and sewage systems are functioning normally throughout the territory.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH.(Cont. of Local Administration)

A new director Dr.FAUSTO BECCRARI was nominated and has since been accepted to replace Dr.D'ESTE who was acting as interim director.

A medical officer for the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force has also been selected. This post was advised in the papers, and the applicants interviewed by the Police Officer and the C.P.H.O. assisted by a committee of local physicians. Dr. VIRGILIO TRAVAN was nominated.

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(c) Hospitals General.

There is no change to report in the generally satisfactory situation of the hospitals.

The minimum food ration scheme for the hospitals has been maintained, and the hospital directors have been strongly urged to buy additional food on the open market.

(d) Medical Supplies.

Medical supplies are arriving in greater quantity, and with greater regularity from ITALY.

Allied supplies have been distributed according to their availability, and distribution of ten quintals of soap has been effected through the Capi Sanitari and Hospitals for the families of patients suffering from infectious disease and other priority needs.

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2,000,000 units of penicillin have been supplied by UNRRA. This quantity has been assigned to Ospedale Maggiore to be used only in case of emergency.

(e) Veterinary.

The danger of swine fever which was reported earlier has now ceased.

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13. DISPLACED PERSONS AND WELFARE.

(a) Refugee Centres.

During October, 3,503 persons entered the centres, and 3,537 persons left.

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13. DISPLACED PERSONS AND WELFARE. (Cont. of Refugee Centres)

The Jugoslav frontier was closed against displaced persons who were returning to Rumania via Jugoslavia, and arrangements have been made to transport these people via Austria and Hungary.

(b) Welfare.

The American Red Cross Welfare Officers in GORIZIA and TRIESTE continue to distribute clothing through the local committees which they have organized in the communes.

To date, 89,543 articles have been distributed in the following areas: -

TRIESTE	Area	52,495
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POLA	"	6,932

14. FINANCE.

(a) Currency and Banking.

The main financial event of the month was the issuing of occupation lira by the Jugoslavs in Zone 'B'. This was done in spite of frequent statements by the Jugoslavs that they did not contemplate making this issue, and if at any time the issue should become necessary, they would inform the Chief Finance Office in advance. This undertaking unfortunately was not carried out. The effect of this issue will be reported when further information is available.

The Slovene Bank has closed as the Jugoslav Authorities maintained that the Bank was a statal institution, and because of this they could not comply with the requirements laid down by Allied Military Government. In addition to this, a state Bank could not be permitted to operate in this area.

15. PROPERTY CONTROL.

(a) Allied Owned Property Sequestrated by Italian Government.

(1) Real Estate: - During the month, 22 additional properties were taken under control making a total of 130 (representing 112 owners). Altogether 35 have been restored to owners or their legal representatives.

(2) Industrial and Commercial Concerns: - 3 additional concerns were taken under control during the month making a total of 54 (representing 55 owners). 21 have been restored.

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(1) Work by the Intendente di Finanza under Order n.12 is proceeding satisfactorily. Inventories are being compiled and assignments of property for use are being made.

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15. PROPERTY CONTROL. (Cont. of Ex-Fascist Property)

(2) Order No 21 provided for the appointment of a special Commissario for Ente Nazionale Industrie Cinematografiche (E.N.I.C.) Although this was only a joint stock company, it was virtually under the control of the Fascist Organization and was extensively used for propaganda purposes. The real necessity for this appointment arose when the Director abandoned his post. The concern is now satisfactorily conducting the normal business of distributors and exhibitors under the newly appointed management.

(3) Order No 22 dealt with the liquidation of the local Provincial Butchers Association. This Association also consisted almost exclusively of Fascist nominations. The liquidation is proceeding satisfactorily but will take some time to complete.

(c) Miscellaneous Moveable Property.

(1) Fascist and other confiscated Property: - General Order No 18 has been published freezing all such property pending determination of true ownership. An order has now been drafted and will shortly be published, which provides for the restoration of such property and sets up Commissions to adjudicate on disputed items.

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16. LEGAL. (Cont. of Military Courts)

No General Court cases were tried during October.

(b) Civil Courts.

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(c) Special Court of Assize for Fascist Crimes.

This Court was organized in accordance with General Order No 5 in August 1945. Since it began functioning, 894 denunciations have been received by the Public Prosecutors Office, of these 556 are pending. During the month of October 121 denunciations were received. Twenty three cases were tried and disposed of. Ten accused were convicted, and 131 acquitted. Those convicted received a total of 84 years and 20 months imprisonment. The average sentence was 6 years and 2 months.

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(f) Miscellaneous.

Three editions of the Official Allied Military Government Gazette were issued during the month, namely No 2.,

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17. LEGAL. (Cont. of Miscellaneous.)

1 October 1945; No 3, 9 October 1945 (special issue); No 4, 15 October 1945; No 4b (special issue limited to civil notices), 27 October 1945. With issue No 5, 1 November 1945, the Gazette is nearly up to date, and every effort will be made to keep it so, both as to Allied Military Government Orders and Civil Notices.

18. EDUCATION.

(a) General.

The opening of both elementary and secondary schools, Italian and Slavic, during the month of October, has kept the Education Division busy.

During this month the Army has continued to requisition schools indiscriminately and the situation is extremely critical, particularly in the cities of TRIESTE and GORIZIA where a large number of the best school buildings are occupied, destroyed, or need extensive repairs. In these centres, the school population has increased during the last few years.

At POLA city the school building situation is somewhat better, although in the Commune's suburbs, some premises are not usable. However the Sovraintendente Scolastico is satisfied with the situation.

(b) Epuration of Teachers.

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18. EDUCATION.

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The opening of both elementary and secondary schools, Italian and Slavic, during the month of October, has kept the Education Division busy.

During this month the Army has continued to requisition schools indiscriminately and the situation is extremely critical, particularly in the cities of TRIESTE and GORIZIA where a large number of the best school buildings are occupied, destroyed, or need extensive repairs. In these centres, the school population has increased during the last few years.

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Text books for the Slavic schools have been more difficult to procure.

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18. EDUCATION. (Cont. of Text Books.)

The Slovene elementary school text books ordered from Jugoslavia through proper channels, and which had previously been examined by a qualified and objective text book committee and found free of any nationalism that might be offensive, were classified as Fascist, and the order was rejected.

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All schools have submitted, either through the Education Officer or the Communal authorities, their fuel needs for the coming winter. There is a great scarcity of glass; and unless the quantities of fuel provided are sufficient, it is probable that all schools will be ordered to close for several weeks during the worst part of the winter.

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An estimate for the cost of repairs to GRADO Cathedral has been approved and submitted. Other projects are being prepared, and estimates will be submitted in due course.

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PROCLAMATIONS, GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS, ETC. PUBLISHED DURING OCT 45.

a. General Orders:

No 17 - Increase of certain Social Insurance Pension and Grant of Bonus to Permanently Disabled Workers and Employees.
No 18 - Prohibition on dealings with and movement of Property seized from Jews and other persons.
No 19 - Repeal of existing law making Italian citizenship a pre-requisite to the holding of public position.
No 20 - Reorganization of the professions.
No 21 - Amendment of law-governing taxes on transfer of shares, capital of foreign companies; Stock Exchange contracts and Insurance contracts.

b. Orders:

No 19 - Changing name of R.A.C.I.
No 22 - Liquidation of CO.PRO.MA.
No 24 - Special Commission for engineers and architects.
No 25 - Creation of Centro Autotrasporti
No 26 - Repeal of certain security regulations.
No 27 - Payment of Liberation Bonus to public employees.
No 29 - Amending and consolidating orders regarding crossing Western Boundary and repealing orders 16 and 23.
No 30 - Creation of Ente Radio Teatro, TRIESTE.
No 31 - Creation of Commune of Volzano.
No 32 - Reduction of prescribed period of practice to qualify as a lawyer.
No 33 - Change in name of Ente Italiano per il Diritto d'Autore (E.I.D.A.)
No 34 - Increase of direct tax collectors Commissions.
No 35 - Permission to accept a request made to the Evangelical Methodist Episcopal Church of GORIZIA.

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No 8 - Appointment of general manager for Centro Autotrasporti.
No 9 - Confirming certain judges and Court officials in present positions.
No 10 - Appointment of Honorary Vice-Pretore GORIZIA.
No 11 - Appointment of Director to SEFRAL.
No - Appointment of sequestrator for S.A.Intercontinentale.

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8. Labour.

The events of main interest during the month were the 48 hours strike, the inauguration of the special Unemployment Compensation Programme, the formation of a committee for economic reconstruction, and the completion of the registration of unemployed.

No general change in wage levels was made, and the cost of living increased only 0,8% from the 31st August 45 to the 30th September 45.

The present unemployment registration figures in the territory are as follows:

Trieste area		16,242
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Gorizia	"	2,421

9. Industry.

In the industrial field the general situation remains very much the same.

Difficulties are still being encountered, mainly due to the political uncertainty on the future of this area, and the shortage of raw materials which is still causing great delay in the reactivation of heavy industries.

10. Commerce.

A slight improvement is expected in the raw material situation. Supplies of raw cotton and hemp have been promised for the near future. There is still no news however, regarding fats and oils for soap manufacture, and the lack of calcium carbide is retarding shipbuilding and ancillary trades.

Firewood still presents a grave problem. The quota allotted from Udine Province to Venezia Giulia, plus local resources, amount to just over one half of essential needs, namely 14,000 tons as against 25,000 tons.

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11. Public Works and Utilities.

Considerable progress has been made with road repairs both urban and rural, and contracts have been let for additional work in this field.

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14. Finance.

The net currency movement this month showed a sharp intake, in contrast to the heavy outflow which marked the June-August period.

Post Office financial transactions with Italy were resumed.

15. Property Control.

The chief property control officer, by direction of the S.C.A.O. has been given responsibility for the administration of Italian State Property, including semi-Statal Property, Abandoned Property, Property of absentee owners, and Property of private concerns for which Commissari have been appointed.

During September 52 additional properties were taken under control.

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During the month a total of 399 accused were tried by Summary Courts on 451 charges. The Trieste Epuration Commission received 2,362 schede Personali during September.

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September has been a month of intense planning and work towards the opening of both Italian and Slavic schools.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

As was stated in last months' report a meeting was held towards the end of the month with Mr.Bevk the President of the Regional National Liberation Committee. At this meeting the President stated he would consult his Committee and would report again at the beginning of this month.

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Due to the timely arrival of stores and equipment, difficulties regarding the formation and operation of the Civil Police Force in Venezia Giulia, as reported last month, have now largely disappeared, and it will only be a matter of days before the police are on the streets properly armed and equipped. Progress has been so satisfactory in the past ten days, that a passing out parade of some 500 elements of the new force has been fixed for the 12th October 45.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE (Cont. sub-para (a))

The G.O.C. 13 Corps is attending the parade, and will inspect detachments of American and British Military Police and personnel of the Venezia Giulia Police Force.

Italian Military rations have been adopted throughout the Police Force, this is certain to have a good effect on the morale of the men.

(b) Crime.

The crime position for the whole of the area is still very encouraging.

Pola reports a slight increase in the number of minor cases of crime, such as possession of YD property, but generally the all round picture there is satisfactory. The position is the same in Gorizia.

The public is beginning to show greater confidence in the police, and as time passes, fear of coming forward to report incidents will be overcome. A few of the more serious crimes which have come to light are reported as follows:
At Trieste on the 29th August 45, a civilian was arrested and charged with the attempted murder of another civilian. The reason for this attempt appears to be entirely political.

At Opicina, Trieste, on the 2nd September 45 a U.S. soldier and an Italian girl were fired upon and wounded by an unknown person. So far no arrest has been effected, but enquiries are continuing.

On the 20th September 45 at Sesana, Trieste, four civilians are alleged to have entered a house and to have forcibly removed an Italian youth. The party was followed for some distance by an aunt of the youth who states that she heard shots fired, and is of the opinion that her nephew was murdered. Two Jugoslavs are at present held in custody in connection with this case.

During September, the police raided a stable at Monfalcone and found a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition concealed in the roof. The weapons were well maintained and ready for use.

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The activities of black marketeers appear to be on the increase, especially in the Trieste area, and particularly in regard to commodities such as cigarettes, flour, sugar and petrol. With the small number of personnel available for the prevention of this sort of activity, it is difficult to gain effective control. When the customs and excise branch of the Police Force starts functioning a much stricter control should result.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE (Cont.)

(d) Price Control.

The Municipial Guard Branch of Uniform Division have been very busy dealing with price control and proceedings have been instituted against offenders.

(e) Prostitution and Brothels.

Generally the situation throughout the area has been fairly satisfactory although a slight increase in clandestine prostitution is reported. During the coming month, many of the "black spots" of prostitution which now exist in the city will be raided systematically by Personnel of the IP Vice Squad.

(f) Conduct of Allied Personnel.

Apart from one or two minor breaches of discipline, the general behaviour of Allied Troops in this area is exceptionally good.

(g) Licensing and Registration.

The licensing of civilian motor vehicles is now the responsibility of the Transportation Division of the Venezia Giulia Police Force. The control is direct, and the division is now ready to issue permits for the second quarter.

(h) Civil Prisons.

New guards have been employed at the Trieste prison and uniforms have been obtained and issued. Structural repairs are continuing, and to date over 300 windows in the main prison at Trieste have been reglazed.

On the 20th September 45, five prisoners escaped from the Via Rigor Prison. Four of the prisoners have since been recaptured by the Municipial Guard Branch. A guard who was believed to be connected with the escape will appear before the court.

Another report states that three prisoners, awaiting trial in connection with an unauthorized demonstration, escaped from a prison at Pola on the 25th September 45. To date they have not been recaptured, but enquiries are proceeding.

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(i) Forgery and Uttering of Allied Military Currency notes.

During the early part of September 45, a forged 1,000 lire note was received by the Bank of Italy at Pola. The note was forwarded to Rome by the bank before the police were informed.

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4. ECONOMICS.

(a) General.

In accordance with a request from Allied Force Headquarters, a survey of all the needs of the area has been started (for period 1 Jan 46 - 1 Jul 46). This is a tremendous task, and it has been necessary to enlist the help of civilian organizations without revealing the reason for such an extensive survey. Even so, the civilian population have read into this request the fact that Allied Military Government will continue to function in this area for at least one year longer. The following results have been noted:

(1) Banks have indicated their willingness to make industrial loans.

(2) Individuals who previously refused to rebuild their houses and buildings, have now indicated their willingness to rebuild, as " long as Military Government is going to continue".

(3) Requests have been made in two instances to establish new industries on the proposed site of the new Industrial Port.

(4) Workers in one shipyard have told the Internal Committee, that as long as Military Government was going to continue for a year, they weren't interested in talking politics now, and have requested that they be allowed to get to work.

(b) Price Control.

During the past month further progress has been made in forming the civilian organization for Price Fixing, and a paper on the whole subject is now ready for examination by Finance Division and Area Commissioners prior to submission to the S.C.A.O.

Prices have been fixed for a number of specific food consignments, including yeast, biscuits, rice, milk, butter, wine, and dried peas. Other sundry commodities include cement, frosted glass, calcium carbide, washing soap, bicycle tyres, leather, and specific kinds of timber. Every effort is being made in conjunction with Transportation Division to lower the exorbitant transport prices which are being charged for bringing the above mentioned commodities into Venezia Giulia, and those charged within the Region itself. The lack of an adequate police force is the main difficulty in this connection.

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Rations on the normal AC scale were issued to the population with the exception of salt. In this case, a cut from

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5. FOOD.(Cont.)

200 grams to 100 grams had to be made in the Gorizia area. The full scale is assured for October, as 270 tons have recently arrived.

The following allocations have been made to the territory for issue as additional rations over and above the Allied Military Government scale:

Soft Cheese	51	tons
Hard Cheese	26	tons
Butter(for Hospitals)	5	tons
Condensed Milk	60	tons

It was not possible to obtain an allocation of rice for September, due to short supplies of the old crop. The Food Sub-Commission expect to be able to make an allocation for October.

The salt position should ease considerably by the end of the month, as Food Sub-Commission have made bids for sea transportation of 500 tons monthly, with effect from October. 200 tons monthly by rail are also expected.

Figures for the food stocks as at 1st October 45 are not yet available but all Allied Military Government ration requirements for October are covered.

Ration cards are now being printed to cover the period November 45 - February 46. It is hoped that with the issue of new cards many of the previous abuses will be eliminated.

The latest rations card statistics give the following population figures for the area:

Trieste area	328,065
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Pola "	31,590

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Total Tonnages handled	28,525	16,334

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6. TRANSPORTATION (Cont.)

(b) Road Section.

Capt.Coleman has organized a "Centrale Ufficio Autotrasporti Venezia Giulia" to exercise control over the Consorzio Autotrasporti of Trieste, Gorizia and Pola. It is expected that this new office will eliminate the abuses and irregularities which are known to exist in these Consorzios.

The 39 captured enemy vehicles handed over to Allied Military Government by 13 Corps are being organized into a civilian truck Pool and it is hoped that this will commence to function not later than the middle of October.

The tonnages hauled by Area Autotrasporti are as follows:

	Inwards Tons	Outwards Tons
Trieste - Tonnages hauled by Area Autotrasporti	4,407	1,446
Tonnages hauled by private trucks (non-members of C.A.T.)	1,295	661
Gorizia - Tonnages hauled by C.A.G.	4,000	-
Total tonnages hauled	9,702	2,107

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(c) Rail Section.

Total of bids accepted by "J" Movements:

Tons 30,275

Total of merchandise carried locally (including Trieste and Venice):

Tons 4,683

7. AGRICULTURE.

(a) Grain.

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7. AGRICULTURE.(Cont)

(c) Forestry.

No further progress has been made with the reorganization of a Forestry Agency owing to the unwillingness of both Italian and Slovene technicians to take part in an organization in which technical and enforcement duties are divorced. Certain technicians have been asked if they would serve in a Forestry Section of the Inspectorate of Agriculture and their answers are awaited.

The estimated maximum fuel wood production from all sources in the territory is 6,000 tons(includes stumping). A minimum of 22,000 tons must be found elsewhere.

(d) Fisheries.

General Order No 20, regulations for fishing and the sale of fish, is now in the course of preparation.

The Royal Navy has offered assistance in the patrolling of fishing fleets.

Registration of all fishing-craft is under way.

8. LABOUR.

(a) General.

The events of main interest during the month were the 48 hours strike, the inauguration of the Special Unemployment Compensation Programme, the formation of a Committee for economic reconstruction, and the completion of the registration of unemployed.

(b) Strikes.

A general strike which began at 00,01 hours on the 29rd September, lasted 48 hours and involved both commercial and industrial workers. This included the tramway, train, postal, telegraph, and port workers. The electricity and water works were not affected. The Sindacati Unici and the Sindacati Giuliani joined in calling and participating in the strike, but the latter body objected to the introduction of pro-Jugoslavia propaganda(handbills had been distributed asking all to join with Jugoslavia), and when the political use of the strike became apparent gradually withdrew its support. It is reported that Jugoslavia sent 6,000,000 lire to subsidise the strike. The chief cause of complaint as outlined by the Unions, was the suspension of workers from industrial plants, particularly the Cantieri Riuniti. The Allied Military Government policy of permitting suspension of surplus workers was not altered, but a special Reconstruction Committee was formed to explore employment possibilities, and this Committee, working with the Allied Military

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8. LABOUR.(Cont.)

(c) Wages.

While general wage levels have not changed during the month, many adjustments have been approved for industrial firms and groups of workers, particularly commercial and professional. Salary levels inclusive of family allowances, are as follows:

	1942	1944	1945
Industry			
skilled	40,31	102,36	210,94
unskilled	38,07	91,03	195,83
Commerce			
skilled	56,64	84,95	193,53
unskilled	53,99	81,19	189,79

No general change in wage levels was made, and the cost of living increased only 0,8% from 31st August 45 to 30 September 45.

(d) Organisational Work.

There have been no changes in personnel or office organization.

(e) Unemployment.

The present unemployment registration figures in the territory are as follows:

Trieste area	16,242
Pola "	4,500
Gorizia "	2,421

In Trieste 20,227 unemployed were registered and 3,985 since placed in jobs.

Although suspension of surplus workers was permitted as from the 1st September 45, there were few, if any, suspensions until the 22nd of September when the Cantieri released some 2,000 workers. In the Gorizia area only 157 suspensions were reported.

In Pola, it is estimated that not more than 2,000 genuinely "unemployed" persons are registered, and that projected work programmes will provide jobs for many of these.

9. INDUSTRY.

In the industrial field the general situation remains very much the same. Difficulties are still being encountered, mainly due to the political uncertainty on the future of this area, and the shortage of raw materials which is still causing great delay in the reactivation of heavy industries.

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10. COMMERCE.

(a) General.

The raw material situation continues to be difficult although an improvement is expected with the promise of supplies of raw cotton and hemp.

There is still no news however, regarding fats and oils for soap manufacture, and the lack of calcium carbide is retarding shipbuilding and ancillary trades.

Absence of timber is slowing up certain Public Works projects, and a request has been made for the allocation of two saw-mills in Udine province to meet Venezia Giulia' needs.

The first tobacco supplies (7,000,000 cigarettes) from the Italian Ufficio Compartimentale dei Monopoli di Stato to reach Venezia Giulia since last April, arrived in Trieste during the last week of September. The price at which these are being sold to Venezia Giulia is most unfavourable, and the matter is being taken up by Finance Division.

(b) Firewood.

The firewood situation presents a very grave problem. The quota allotted from Udine Province to Venezia Giulia, plus local resources, amount to just over one half of essential needs, namely 14,000 tons as against 25,000 tons. It is possible this total may be supplemented by a further 5,000 tons which Venezia Region has promised to divert from Austria to Venezia Giulia. The existence of this amount however is strongly doubted. Mr.Dickerman, forestry expert of the Agriculture Sub-Commission is going to Austria to try to reverse previous decision of Military Government Austria not to supply this region.

(c) Coal.

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Distribution has been restored to the Coal Importers Association which has always operated until replaced during the last few months by Agenzia Marittima. 4,000 tons of AMGOT Coal are being released to Zone A immediately. The coal will be brought to Pola by 15 Corps Military lorries, and shipped to Trieste. 900 tons of Charcoal are due to arrive from Grosseto and there is a good chance that further

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About 800 gals of dirty Lub-oil is being bought weekly from the Royal Navy for sale to the public as a cheap form of fuel.

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10. COMMERCE. (Cont.)

(c) Chambers of commerce.

The order legalising the position of the three chambers of commerce in the Region was published on the 31st August 45. This caused great satisfaction in commercial circles.

The chambers of commerce in Trieste, Gorizia, and Pola are all rendering great assistance, not only to the Commerce and Industry Division, but to their respective Allied Military Government HQs.

11. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

(a) General.

Jointly, with the Industry and Labour Divisions, the Public Works Dept has been exploring all possibilities for the re-employment of surplus workers, at the moment being discharged from shipyards and other commercial establishments.

Public works have been regarded as offering the best means of relieving the labour situation, and numbers of new contracts have been placed and pressure brought to bear on contractors to employ as much labour as possible.

Repairs to public buildings, particularly schools, are progressing satisfactorily, as also are repairs to sheds, railway tracks, and cranes in the Port of Trieste.

(b) Roads and Bridges.

Considerable progress has been made with road repairs both urban and rural, and contracts have been let for additional work in this field. Supplies of bitumen have met requirements, but available stone has to be distributed with care.

Plans are being prepared for the rebuilding of the main road bridge across the Isonzo at Gorizia.

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(c) Water, Electricity and Sewerage.

All these three services are now normal throughout the territory. The consumption of electricity continues to rise, but a close watch is being maintained.

There are now definite prospects of a limited gas supply in Trieste, Gorizia and Pola, commencing about the middle of November. Sufficient coal has been released for this purpose.

(d) Bomb Disposal.

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The chambers of commerce in Trieste, Gorizia, and Pola are all rendering great assistance, not only to the Commerce and Industry Division, but to their respective Allied Military Government HQs.

11. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

(a) General.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH.

(a) General.

The general health situation still remains good, and no serious epidemics were reported during the month.

(b) Local Administration.

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The Medical Director of Gorizia Hospital has also resigned on being offered a new appointment in Udine. It is going to be difficult to find a suitable man to replace him. He also held the post of Director of the Asylum.

(c) Hospitals General.

The general hospitals situation remained satisfactory this month. The food situation is slowly improving, but must still be watched very closely as it is not altogether really satisfactory.

The financial position of a number of the hospitals has been considered and approval given, in conjunction with the Finance Officer, to raising the rates.

(d) Medical Supplies.

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There is considerable dislocation of these, due to frequent changes in local government officials, with regard especially to Gorizia. A delay in the September issue occurred because the retiring officials had lost or destroyed a number of forms showing important figures. As a result of this and because of various inefficiencies in the services elsewhere, the scheme for distribution of medical supplies was amended and is now carried out by a central office under direct supervision of Public Health Division.

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13. DISPLACED PERSONS AND WELFARE.

(a) Refugee Centres.

During the month of September, 4,834 persons passed through the refugee centres. Of that number, 4,028 were displaced civilians, and 806 were ex PW's. Most of these refugees were Italians coming from East of the Morgan Line and returning to their homes in Italy. The number of civilian refugees decreased to about ⅓ of the previous months' total, but this was due to the absence of any large train loads of repatriated ex PW's.

Due to the transfer of "stateless" Italians to the refugee centre in Padova, and the decrease in the total numbers of refugees and ex PW's, it has been possible to close down "F" assembly centre. As soon as it is certain that this decrease in numbers is likely to be permanent, "P" assembly centre will be transferred to Ancona.

(b) Civilian Welfare Agencies.

During September substantial progress was made in the reorganization of welfare agencies.

Reorganization of the Italian Red Cross in Pola has been completed. In Trieste a new director and an assistant director have been appointed.

A programme for giving assistance to Allied Nationals has been inaugurated.

Blankets, comforters and ARC clothing are being distributed through Committees organised by ARC.

14. FINANCE.

(a) Currency.

The net currency movement this month showed a sharp intake in contrast to the heavy outflow which marked the June-August period; presumed factors were the lifting of the ban on Treasury Bond issues, the inflow of "frightened" money from B Zone, and the results of the licence issued in mid-August freeing transactions with Italy.

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14. FINANCE. (Cont. of sub-para (c))

Collection of insurance contributionshas shown healthy revival under Allied Military Government, although there is still much ground to cover, especially as regards agricultural employers.

Banks continue to be in a good liquid position to support agricultural, commercial and industrial enterprises.

Mutual insurance companies founded to meet war-time conditions are to be wound up under their own arrangements. There are no other developments in commercial insurance. Direct Allied Military Government epuration was carried out in respect of senior officials of the leading insurance companies, the Stock Exchange, and one Trieste bank.

Black market sterling rates are steeply down because of Balkan refugees' offerings.

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For the current quarter approved advances to statal agencies approximate one billion lire, covering 117 offices. Of this, 25% is on "interior" account including Venezia Giulia police, 25% is Treasury and Finance payments, 20% communications, 15% public works. Approved advances to local governments for the quarter, approximate 100 million lire, exclusive of Area Finance Officer's emergency advances not yet formally approved by this HQ.

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(a) General.

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(b) Allied Owned Property Sequestrated by Italian Government.

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(3) Securities, Bank Balances and Misc. (excluding Blocked Accounts under Cat.E)

During the month 3 additional properties have been taken under control, making a total of 22 to date. Of these none has yet been restored to owners.

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15. PROPERTY CONTROL. (Cont.of sub-para (b))

(4) Miscellaneous Moveable Property.

Lists of such property are not yet completed due to difficulty in compiling records many of which are missing.

A general order covering the property of Jews is being drafted in Legal Division which will cover a large part of this type of property.

(c) Ex Fascist Property and Enemy Property.

(1) The Commission for Administration of National Property of Jugoslavia (KUNI) has shown a more cooperative attitude during the month. Several of their delegates who were administering property not properly under their jurisdiction have been removed.

(2) Order No 12 covering Fascist Property has been published. This order puts the conservation and management of such property under the Intendente di Finanza who is responsible to Chief Property Control Officer. Gathering of information for making reports on such property is under way. Some difficulty is being encountered due to some of the properties being occupied by organizations which in the past have refused access to buildings and records. This situation it is hoped will be cleared up in the near future.

(d) Blocked Accounts.

Unblocking of accounts in category E (accounts of Nationals of United Nations blocked by order of Allied Military Government) is proceeding in a satisfactory manner.

16. LEGAL.

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(a) Military Courts.

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There has been a considerable decrease in the number of charges dealt with in the Superior Courts. In particular, offences against good order have dropped from 39 to 8, due perhaps to the fact that during August, sentences of imprisonment were imposed in nearly all such cases. In Pola area this type of charge made up the whole total (28) dealt with in August, whereas during September only 3 cases were tried there by Superior Courts, none of them for breach of good order.

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16. LEGAL. (Cont of sub-para (a))

One General Court case was tried during the month. This involved one accused, who was before the Court on 2 charges. On the first of these (Procl.1, iv, 16. Shooting at an Allied M.P.) he was acquitted, and on the second charge (Procl.1, iv, 5. Possession of a pistol) he was convicted and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.

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All of the regular civil Courts in the Trieste, Gorizia and Pola Areas are now functioning satisfactorily. There is one exception, and that is due to the fact that the judges of Slovene origin appointed to preside in the Preture of Caporetto, Canale d'Isonzo and San Daniele del Carso have refused to carry out their duties unless Slovene is accepted as one of the official languages. To overcome this difficulty, for jurisdictional purposes, the courts of these Preture will be temporarily joined to the Preture of Gorizia.

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Another judge of the Court of Appeals has been named to preside at the trials. This will make three judges available, and it is hoped that in about 10 days the Court will have scheduled sessions three times each week.

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16. LEGAL. (Cont.of sub-para (c))

Pola has received 1285 Schede Personali, 405 of which have been examined. 91 Notices of Proposed Suspension or Dismissal have been served and 3 persons were served with the final order of suspension or dismissal. Of the cases examined, 202 persons were "cleared", that is, the Commission will not epurate. 115 Petitions for Re-Instatement have been received, 28 of which were granted and 74 denied. Attention is drawn to the fact that the detail of important and [illegible] cases of epuration dealt with by the Pola Area [illegible] occupation was quite large. This drastically lessens the number of cases to be dealt with by the Commissions, particularly cases on which the Commission would act affirmatively.

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It is known that some of the recent functions of the school section of the N.C.L. have been the following:

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17. EDUCATION. (Cont. of sub-para (a))

(1) Available Slovene teachers must first report to the N.C.L. school section and register for teaching posts in the Slovene schools.

(2) Teachers are selected. Some are sent into Zone B (East of the Morgan Line), others are assigned within Zone A(Allied Military Government Territory), and others are told that because of their political views they will not be permitted to teach and they will not be tolerated as teachers in the Slovene schools.

(3) The teachers selected are assigned "sedi", and then in order to have each teacher employed in the assigned "sede", parents are requested to sign petitions asking for the placement of a given teacher in a specific school. These petitions are then presented to Allied Military Government.

The Sovraintendente Scolastico of Pola states that to the best of his knowledge there has been no intimidation of teachers in his area.

Reports from Sovraintendenti Scolastici and from several Civil Affairs Officers state that many Slavic teachers who had gone to Zone B - San Pietro del Carso, Aidussina, and Postumia - to attend a teacher training and indoctrination course, are now returning to this territory to teach. It is therefore expected that the number of applications for teaching positions will increase somewhat during the coming week.

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Orders to establish the following Slovene secondary schools have been issued:

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17. EDUCATION. (Cont. of sub-para (a))

To be located in Trieste: a. Scuola Media Inferiore
b. Liceo Scientifico
c. Instituto Tecnico Commerciale

To be located in Gorizia: a. Scuola Media Inferiore
b. Scuola Magistrale
c. Ginnasio-Liceo Classico

The non-sectarian Boy Scouts organization "Giovani Esploratori Giuliani" held its first organizational meeting in the halls of the British Y.M.C.A., Trieste, to nominate the Regional Constituent Assembly. Colonel Alfred C. BOTTAN, Senior Civil Affairs Officer, present at the meeting, was elected honorary President, and the Education Officer honorary member of the Board of Directors.

(b) Text Books.

The greatest problem which faces the Italian schools in the near future is the one of obtaining elementary school text books. It is hoped that publishers in Northern Italy will have them ready by mid-October.

(c) Miscellaneous.

At Pola the "Fascicoli personali"(personal files) of all elementary school teachers were carried away by the Jugoslav Command upon leaving the area. The Administrative problems have been greatly increased because of this situation. Attempts are being made to recover these documents.

18. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES.

A plan is at present being completed and will be submitted in the course of the next week for the reconstruction of the mosaic floors of Grado Cathedral. The work will take about a year and will employ approximately 10 skilled workers.

19. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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b. Scuola Magistrale
c. Ginnasio-Liceo Classico

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The greatest problem which faces the Italian schools in the near future is the one of obtaining elementary school text books. It is hoped that publishers in Northern Italy will have them ready by mid-October.

(c) Miscellaneous.

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18. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES.

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Gorizia-Cormons.

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19. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.(Cont. of sub-para (c))

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With the posting here of an I.M.P.R. a start has been made to carry out the policy agreed upon, i.e. payments to the next of kin of deceased partisans and payment to those who were seriously wounded.

Records are being compiled of all partisans, but no demobilisation bonus is as yet being paid.

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APPENDIX 'A' (14)

PROCLAMATIONS, GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS, ETC. PUBLISHED DURING SEP 45.

a. Proclamations:

No 7 - Creating Allied Military Government Gazette.

b. General Orders:

No 13 - Epuration of the Professions.
No 14 - Repair to War Damaged Houses, etc.
No 15 - Public Wages.

c. Orders:

No 13 - Unemployment Benefits.
No 14 - Issue of Special Identification Cards.
No 15 - Re-Constitution of Commissions for the Issue of Commercial Licences.
No 16 - Crossing Western Boundary
No 17 - Increase of Fees Payable to "Avvocati " and "Procuratori".
No 18 - Management of Magazzini Generali.

d. Administrative Orders:

No 1 - Hughes Guido Appt. President - Gorizia.
No 2 - Della Bonca Appt. Judge of Tribubale-Pola.
No 3 - Lenzoni Anteo Appt. Judge of Tribunale-Pola.
No 4 - Janchi Antonio, Councellor of the Court of Appeal Venezia Giulia.
No 5 - Appt. of Murara to Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni - Pogasi to Malattie dei Lavoratori - Parci to Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale - Margon to Nazionale della Previdenza - Simoni to Contributi Unificati dell'Agricoltura.
No 7 - Appt. of President and Vice-President to Trieste Area.

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4. ECONOMICS.

The provision of raw materials and industrial products is one of utmost importance to this area. Visits to ROME and MILAN have been made to clarify the position. A price fixing commission has been established.

5. FOOD.

The Ration situation remains stable, but meat is very scarce and the meat ration will have to be discontinued unless further supplies can be furnished. Considerable quantities of wine have arrived. As on 1 Sep. 600 tons Grain, 760 tons Flour and 2655 tons mixed supplies are on hand.

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6. TRANSPORTATION.

"UCEMA" for coastal shipping, and "CAT" for road transport, continue to make progress. Allied Military Government Headquarters and Area Headquarters are still pressed for adequate personal transport which is both short and of poor quality.

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8. LABOR.

The Labor situation is greatly affected by internal Trade Union disorder and real difficulty due to lack of business and income. Unemployment is likely to increase during the winter months.

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Policy regarding shipbuilding, political uncertainty and lack of raw materials adversely affects industrial rehabilitation in this area. The Unemployment Insurance Plan, the large scale salvage program and the newly achieved permission to build a limited number of small coastal freighters does, however, throw some hope on a difficult situation. A survey of 164 factories shows 98 to be on the verge of bankruptcy with no hope of further financial assistance from the Banks.

10. COMMERCE.

Supplies of fuel, principally firewood are so limited that grave concern is felt for the coming winter although 6000 tons are being made available from UDINE. Coal is promised from AFHQ but supplies will not be large. Chambers of Commerce are being legally reestablished in the territory.

11. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

Considerable progress is being made and maintenance and repairs to roads, bridges and Trieste harbor continue in close cooperation with 13 Corps and 5S (A) Area. Water supply is in general satisfactory but further improvements are being considered. Pill-boxes and road blocks are being rapidly demolished. The Bomb Disposal Squad is actively engaged and working very satisfactorily.

12. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Health in general is very good in the territory and there is a complete absence of any serious epidemic. The local administration is, however, still very bad and certain Committees, such as Maternity and Child Welfare, are virtually at a standstill. Hospitals provide no problem but food supplies remain unsatisfactory and cause considerable public criticism. Substantial medical supplies have been received during the month from Allied sources.

13. DISPLACED PERSONS AND WELFARE.

There has been little change and no noticeable trends during this month. 11,647 persons have been passed through Refugee Centers under the supervision of this Division. The damage and destruction of houses from bombing in parts of this territory creates special areas of welfare problems. Civilian Welfare agencies are functioning to a greater degree of normalcy. Repatriation of civilians proceeds satisfactorily.

14. FINANCE.

A further 224 million lire was advanced to the Bank of Italy for the needs of the territory. Budgetting is now on a normal basis except where local administration is not functioning. The Special Unemployment Insurance Scheme is to be created on the 1st of next month. A civilian agency has been created to take over responsibility for Allied forces payments.

15. PROPERTY CONTROL.

To date 103 properties have been taken into control, of which 25 have been restored to their owners or their legal representatives. 54 real estate properties, making 96 in all, have also been taken under control, and 17 additional industrial concerns as well. A War Booty Commission is being formed to deal with Ex-fascist and Enemy Property.

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16. LEGAL.

In the whole territory 243 charges, involving 215 accused, were heard by the Summary Court. 31 persons were tried by the Superior Courts. 81% of these charges arose from disagreements of a political or national nature.

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Epuration continues and 1444 completed Scheda Personale have been received by the Commission. Civil Courts are holding regular sessions, excepting only in GORIZIA. A detailed report of all Proclamations and Orders issued during the month is attached at Appx "A" of the Main Report.

17. EDUCATION.

There is little evidence that the National Committee of Liberation will cooperate with the local school authorities appointed by the Allied Military Government. Completed Education Directives (Nos. 1-6), in all three languages, will be issued in the early part of September. It is hoped that military requirements may permit the requisition of certain large schools before the opening of the school season.

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The situation in this territory has been well covered and all necessary investigation done.

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The Chief trouble has been with the Regional National Liberation Council which, although no longer recognised as an Executive or Governmental Body,

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continues to exercise considerable influence over Slovene and pro-Slovene Italian Communists. There is every reason to believe that this Committee receives its orders from BELGRADE, or some higher authority on the other side of the demarcation line.

It is interesting to note that in GORIZIA Area the present Acting President, a Slovene, has told the Area Commissioner that he is sorry he cannot cooperate but that he is a party man and must obey party orders. He named the President of the Regional National Liberation Committee as the source of his orders.

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It is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in forming a local government based on the terms of General Order No. 11 in POLA or in TRIESTE City and in most parts of GORIZIA Area.

There are, however, many Communes in GORIZIA Area and certain parts of TRIESTE Area in which the population is wholly Slovene and the formation of representative officials and councils will be extremely difficult.

The Area Commissioners, however, know what they are up against and are making plans accordingly.

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Black market activities continue in a degree, but no alarming reports have been received as to any increase. The Municipal Guard Branch

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of the new force now operating in TRIESTE are keeping a strict watch on shops, etc., in the matter of price control and some reports have already been received regarding offenders.

d. Prostitution and Brothels.

The situation respecting venereal disease in the Area is still very satisfactory. No increase in the number of cases have been reported and the Police Vice Squad has done good work this month in its preventive and detecting activities.

e. Conduct of Allied Service Personnel.

The conduct of Allied personnel has maintained its satisfactory standard - it is pleasing to note that troops are, in general, not taking advantage of the fact that MPs are primarily engaged upon civil police duties.

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j. Forgery and Uttering of All Currency Notes.

Only one case has come to light so far - a forged 1000 Lire note was received by a branch Bank on 20 Aug during the ordinary course of business. It is alleged to have been received from an Allied soldier but, to date, all enquiries have proved abortive.

4. ECONOMICS.

a. Raw Materials and Industrial Products.

Considerable progress has been made this month and visits to AMLEM and RCHB have been made to clarify the position in regard to the provision of raw materials and also of industrial products from Northern Italy. The financial responsibility for the provision of these articles remains undefined and the matter has now been referred to AFHQ.

b. Price Fixing.

The coordination of price fixing machinery is progressing. Trieste Area Order No. 1 has created a Commission and the five representatives have been appointed and conferences have already been held. In the meantime, the railways tariffs for Venezia Giulia have been increased by 20% on the expert advice of Transportation, Trieste, and several specific cases of revised prices or tariffs are being examined. They include electricity production, electricity distribution, water (POLA), Bus services, wine, Opicina Tramway, laundries, food items, quarried sand and cinemas.

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5. FOOD.

Rations previously announced were issued except for meat. Meat ration will have to be discontinued unless AFHQ can furnish further supplies. In addition to AMG rations, SEPRAL made local issues of cheese, jam, rice and tomato-paste. Fruits and vegetables were plentiful and prices did not increase to a marked degree. Large shipments of wine were received from South Italy. On hand on 1 Sept were the following supplies.

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6. TRANSPORTATION.

a. General

There is little to report this month and progress is being made in all branches of the Division.

b. Ports and Warehouses Sections.

The Ports and Warehouses Sections have coped with the traffic and the necessary statistics are in course of preparation. The coastwise schooner control organisation known as "NGENA" has been legalised by General Order No.12 and is assisting in every way the transport shortage of the area.

c. Road Section.

The Road Section is in process of forming official lorry organisations and efforts are being made to make CAT function more fully on civilian traffic. Some Divisions still have to find their own lorries from other sources. Captured enemy vehicles have been made available by DDST, 13 Corps, but they are in very poor condition and efforts are being made to rectify this.

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In the Rail Section a block tonnage allocation has been made by "Q" 13 Corps. Details of this scheme will be published as soon as possible.

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HQ Transport Section still suffers greatly from lack of transport and from the poor quality of such transport which has so far been received. Every effort is being made to provide good running vehicles for essential officers, but there are still insufficient vehicles to fulfill even our essential needs.

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c. Land Reclamation Project.

A meeting will take place early next month with Italian and Slovene engineers and other experts to examine the plans of lands and plots available or suitable for this bonifica work. These will include both public and private tracts.

8. LABOUR.

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assistance from the banks of this area because of insufficient collateral. Reports on 115 industries show the financial situation of these industries to be as follows:

(1)	Damage to plants due to bombardments.....	3,882,145,996.35
(2)	Paid for liberation bonuses.....	74,934,379.65
(3)	Paid in salaries since 2 May 45.....	262,952,161.14
(4)	Total (2) and (3).....	337,886,540.79
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a. General.

The month has seen a steady increase in the Division's activities. With the letting of contracts there has been a flood of appeals from contractors for assistance to procure materials and transport and, conversely, pressure has had to be put on contractors to make full use of the one commodity in ample supply - labor. Three civilian engineers have been engaged during the month to assist with supervision of work in hand but their usefulness is restricted by lack of transport.

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Maintenance and repairs to roads, bridges and TRIESTE harbor have been arranged in close cooperation with 13 Corps and 55 (Army). Area. A "Road Maintenance Policy" has been laid down by DA & QMG, 13 Corps, putting responsibilities and liaison between military formations and this Division on a satisfactory basis. Many roads, State and Provincial, have been given operational priorities and where not already taken care of, estimates have been approved for necessary work.

c Water.

Water supply in the territory is generally satisfactory although repairs to mains continue in POLA where procurement of pipes and fittings has tended to slower progress. Possible improvements in two or three country districts are being examined.

d. Electricity.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH.

a. Local Administration.

Little further progress has been accomplished, but on account of the good general health and absence of any epidemics this has had no serious repercussions. In the smaller Communes the dislocation of the sanitary services is still most unsatisfactory. There is, generally speaking, no authority on whom the local doctor can lean or who can call attention to his lapses. For example, Maternity and Child Welfare services are at a standstill in many places where local sentiment refuses to allow them to function on the grounds of their supposed connection with Italy and fascism. In the TRIESTE Area and Commune the Administration is, however, working more satisfactorily. In GORIZIA and POLA the situation is still nebulous.

b. Hospitals General.

There has been no problem of special note this month, other than the general food situation.

c. Food Supplies.

The supply of milk and meat for many of the Hospitals remains most unsatisfactory and causes considerable public criticism. By courtesy of the Army authorities a few horses no longer fit for duty have been slaughtered and about 1800 kilogr. of horse-flesh distributed to the hospitals. Consideration has been given to the difficult question of domiciliary supplementary sick rations and a simplified scheme has been prepared, but has not yet been put into effect.

d. Medical Supplies.

Fairly substantial stores have been received during the month from Allied sources. These are expected to cover some of the non-essential needs up to about the end of the year. They do not, however, include many items of those usually supplied by AMG and which are important nor do they include those, many of them also important, which are available in Italy from commercial firms. As regards these, assistance has been asked of and has been promised by the Italian Government in obtaining allocations. No change in the distribution service has been made but delays have occurred through the failure of institutions and others to record satisfactorily their requirements, and also due to the inability of certain others to provide for immediate payment. The latter difficulty has been overcome by allowing the distributor who is not in a financial position to bear heavy debts to receive stocks subject to later payment. Other items of medical supply received through commercial channels into the area and considered of importance have been blocked and are being distributed by the importing firm in a similar fashion to AMG supplies.

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f. General Sanitation.

Conditions were satisfactory except for the dumping of refuse from the barges at points too close to shore. This matter has been taken up with the local authorities and a minimum distance of five kilometers insisted upon. Arrangements have been made to license three trucks used for flushing of the streets and one truck for street cleaning. With the licensing no difficulty should be experienced in obtaining fuel for their operation. An additional fifty men for street cleaning are needed in TRIESTE but men to do this work cannot be found although the pay of 200 lire per day would appear to be adequate.
Distribution of D.D.T. powder and dusters was made to the Capi Sanitari of all areas as follows:

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h. Vetinary.

A few cases of swine fever occurred in GRADO and effective measures were taken and the outbreak is under control. A meeting was held of all the Veterinary Surgeons of the Area and it is hoped that coordination of services and estimation of needs will be soon possible. The Veterinario Provinciale who had been dismissed by the Jugoslav Administration has not been allowed to return on account of his age (77) much to his disappointment. A new appointment was made of a young man at one time as assistant and well spoken of. When he takes up duties the organization should be greatly improved. In GORIZIA Area the situation is still obscure. The Veterinario Provinciale of the Italian regime is sharing an office with the Referente Vetinario of the Jugoslav regime. Although they appear to be friendly they each desire that their status should be clarified and it is hoped to do this soon. A case of rabies occurred in MONFALCONE and steps have been taken to enforce a muzzling order. The validity of the various orders is being examined and if thought desirable they will be re-enacted.

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i. General.

During the month some contacts were made with country doctors and the situation for them is a most difficult one. They are generally Italians who have worked 10-20 years in the same place among the Slovene population, and until recently have had a happy relationship with their Slovene neighbours. Now all are to some extent suspected by the local committees who give orders from time to time as to changes in the areas they are to cover, etc., and which they are afraid not to obey though they succeed to a certain extent by procrastination. Previously they had no difficulty in communication with their patients as they know enough Slovene to make their wants known to those few who do not speak Italian. Now no one speaks to them in Italian and so they find themselves isolated and their work very difficult. They have not received any stipend for a considerable time and are worried about this as well as for their safety and that of their families. Until the future destiny of the territory is determined little assurance can be given. If Communal government is re-established effectively some of their problems would be solved. Fortunately it seems that health conditions in the country places are very good and infectious diseases rare.

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b. Refugee Centers.

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c. Deportees.

Some of the Italian civilians, deported during the time Jugoslav Forces occupied the area, have been released and returned to their homes. Those that have returned are reluctant to talk, or are afraid to give information regarding their confinement or release. Since a large majority deported have not returned, their absence, whereabouts and welfare is cause for worry by relatives and continues adversely to affect Allied Military Government in the Area.

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d. Devastated Areas.

The damage and destruction of houses from bombs in GORIZIA, and the Communes in GORIZIA that were burned and destroyed by the Germans, creates special areas of welfare problems. Priority in the allocation and distribution of clothing, blankets, comforters and salvage materials is being given in these areas to meet the physical needs of the people. For this purpose, 19,800 items of American Red Cross clothing, 1700 comforters and 500 blankets as well as Mess Kits for community feeding have been secured for distribution. Additional stores are needed.

e. Civilian Welfare Agencies.

The Civilian Welfare Agencies are functioning to a greater degree of normalcy throughout the territory. Extraordinary Assistance is being paid to families of internees and ex-interned. The repatriation of civilians returning to the territory is satisfactory. Additional efforts will be made in reorganizing the Italian Red Cross Societies.

14. FINANCE

a. Financial Institutions.

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b. Statal Finance.

Budgetting is now on normal basis except where normal local administrations are not yet functioning. Collection of Revenue is much handicapped by absence of Guardia di Finanza but tax-collecting machinery is improving rapidly in GORIZIA. Public Works projects have been financed to the extent of 54 million lire to date.

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A special unemployment insurance scheme w.e.f. September 1st to cover unemployment due to cessation of hostilities was created. Insurance contributions by employees have been resumed to be payable w.e.f. September 1st.

d. Public Employees Salaries.

All public employees salaries were put on a basis substantially equivalent for that of North Italy, retroactive to July 1st. Anticipo granted for August was same as for July. Preparation commenced for order increasing pensions.

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15. PROPERTY CONTROL

a. General.

To date 103 properties have been taken into control of which 23 have been restored to owners or their legal representatives.

b. Allied Owned Property Sequestrated by Italian Government.

(1) Real Estate. During the month 54 properties have been taken under control making a total of 56 to date. Of these 9 have been treated as restored to owners or their legal representatives.

(2) Industrial and Commercial Concerns. During the month 17 additional properties have been taken into control, making a total of 32 to date. Of these 14 have been restored to owners or their legal representatives.

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(4) Miscellaneous Moveable Property. Lists are being submitted by the Intendente di Finanza of Trieste which are not yet complete. Those owned by Jews, whether or not the owners have assumed Allied Nationality, are being forwarded to the Jewish Commission set up for the purpose of handling such cases.

c. Ex-Fascist Property and Enemy Property.

Further contact has been had with the administration of National Property (KUNI) both in person and by letter. It has been informed that inasmuch as the area was under control of Allied Military Government it had no further reason to function. KUNI took the position that as they were functioning under the authority of the 4th Jugoslav Army they must continue to exercise the administration of property claimed by that Army as war booty. The matter is at present under discussion. A War Booty Commission is being formed to adjudicate ownerships of such booty. Other property claimed for administration should be taken care of by the publishing of a general order now in the Legal Division regarding Ex-Fascist Property.

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16. LEGAL

a. Military Courts.

In the whole territory 243 charges, involving 215 accused, were heard by Summary Courts. In Superior Court 31 accused were tried on a total of 48 charges. 81% of these charges arose from meetings held by, or affrays between, the various political or national factions.

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Directives and General Orders.

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Buildings will require extensive repairs, and that attendance at schools may be voluntary. Children should not be compelled to attend schools in Slovene areas, and that the Slovene people should be encouraged to open their own schools.

b. Education.

The various Commissions have received 1444 completed Schedules for ministerial applications for reinstatement by persons dismissed before the advent of the Military Government of Venezia Giulia. Military Government Courts are functioning regularly, except the Courts of Assize and the Territorial Commission of Epuration, all Courts have been established.

c. Civil Courts.

All civil courts are reported to be functioning regularly holding sessions except those in GORIZIA, which have been closed to visitors for the present. Slovene Judges who have refused to act until they are satisfied that their Courts will be reopened under conditions which they consider satisfactory.

d. Proclamations and Ordinances.

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are permitted to conduct their court proceedings, both oral and written, in Slovene as well as in Italian. This request has been denied in part (as to written records). It is possible that they may resign. The Special Court of Assize (popular Court) has tried its first cases and its verdict has been well received. Beginning 6 September it will have another session and thereafter practically each day. There are 343 persons awaiting trial before this Court with 121 persons in jail.

d. Proclamations and Orders. (detailed report at Appx "A")

Fifteen Proclamations or Orders covering various subjects were issued during the month. Ten additional orders will be submitted to the COAC within ten days for approval and publication. The AMG Gazette, the first of its kind in our experience, will be published around 15 September. It will contain all Proclamations and Orders of AMG and such matters as are required to be published in an official publication under the laws in effect on 8 Sept 1943.

17. EDUCATION

a. General.

To date there is little evidence that the National Liberation Committee will co-operate with the local school authorities appointed by Allied Military Government. Reports have come in that some attempts at intimidation of teachers who had expressed a desire to teach in Slovene schools have been common in parts of GORIZIA and TRIESTE Areas, and that Italian teachers are being advised to move out. That attendance at Slovene Schools under Allied Military Government may be boycotted, is another possibility. This Division has undertaken the task of bringing before the people its education policy by way of radio and the press. A last minute report on the utilization of school buildings in TRIESTE shows great damage caused by bombs and by vandalism of occupational troops, German and Jugoslav. Buildings will require extensive repairs for which allotments have already been made. Allied troops have requisitioned the largest, most usable, and most essential elementary and secondary school buildings in greater TRIESTE. Co-operation of Allied Military Commands will be paramount for the school welfare of this community.

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b. Appointments.

"Sovraintendenti Scolatici" have been appointed for TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA. Area School Inspectors (Slovene and Italian) have been appointed for GORIZIA and TRIESTE. A Pro-Rector has been appointed for the University of TRIESTE and elementary school text book committees have also been appointed.

c. Directives and General Orders.

Completed Education Directives (No. 1-6) in English, Italian and Slovene will be issued in early part of September. Special directives and programmes have been prepared for the continuance of the Slovene

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teacher training schools started by the National Liberation Committee (issued in order to bring such schools under our control - one in GORIZIA and one in TRIESTE). Directives have been prepared for the enrollment of Slovene students at both the elementary and secondary school levels, and for employment of "Supplenti" for secondary schools. General Orders have been issued relating to teacher welfare in general.

d. Text Books and Epuration.

Introductory page to the "Elenco Ufficiale" on defascism of text books has been rewritten. Specialists have been assigned to prepare the new elementary school programs. Epuration of school personnel has started and offices of the Sovrintendenti Scolastici have been evacuated of all personnel not desirous of co-operating with the existing government and school authorities.

e. Miscellaneous.

An "Education" radio program and general publicity material for the press has been prepared.
Survey has been submitted, with proper requests, of elementary schools requisitioned by the military. A similar report for secondary schools is in process of preparation. Regional Commissioners have been recognized for Catholic and non-sectarian Boy Scout Associations, and aid has been given in the promotion of their activities in this territory. Meetings have been held with Slovene Committees and all school administrative personnel of each Area, as well as with the staff of the Univereity of TRIESTE. Dates have been established for registration, examinations and opening of schools.

18. MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS AND ARCHIVES

a. General.

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d. Text Books and Epuration.

Introductory page to the "Elenco Ufficiale" on defascism of text books has been rewritten. Specialists have been assigned to prepare the new elementary school programs. Epuration of school personnel has started and offices of the Sovrintendenti Scolastici have been evacuated of all personnel not desirous of co-operating with the existing government and school authorities.

e. Miscellaneous.

An "Education" radio program and general publicity material for the press has been prepared.
Survey has been submitted, with proper requests, of elementary schools requisitioned by the military. A similar report for secondary schools is in process of preparation. Regional Commissioners have been recognized for Catholic and non-sectarian Boy Scout Associations, and aid has been given in the promotion of their activities in this territory. Meetings have been held with Slovene Committees and all school administrative personnel of each Area, as well as with the staff of the University of TRIESTE. Dates have been established for registration, examinations and opening of schools.

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19. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Arrangements have been made with the HRO to allow press agencies in TRIESTE to use the Rome telegraph circuit for two hours at night. This will allow each agency to get off about 150 words of "hot news". The navy are assisting in the possible recovery of a telephone cable which goes across the Bay of MUGGIA. New circuits have been opened as follows:

a. Telephone to MESTRE and UDINE. The Civil can share the military circuit to POLA.

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Monthly Report
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Proclamations and General Orders

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SUBJECT: AMG 13 Corps Monthly Report for July.

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To Executive Commissioner.

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demonstrations took place during the month. A Unit of the Christian Democrat Party is being formed and this will provide a counter of ideals and expressions other than those of the regimental Communist Party, which may prove valuable. Here again, the belief that the only possible solution for VENEZIA GIULIA and POLA in particular, is annexation by Jugoslavia, curtails any expression of views which may jeopardize the position of the individual in the future. The people are, however, for most part, extremely grateful to the Allied Military Government for the good work being done in their behalf and the visible signs of return to more normal times. In general activity by various parties is being encouraged with a view to establishing as broad as possible a base of political opinion and influence.

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b. Roads.

All state roads in TRIESTE and GORIZIA are being examined with a view to repair, contracts are being let and the work organized. Projects for remaking and repairs to Provincial roads in TRIESTE and GORIZIA Areas have been approved, funds are being released, and contracts are being let. A start has also been made on the removal of road blocks and debris from the streets of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA. The reactivation of two bitumin works has been a great asset and they are producing 15 tons total daily. The larger plant has been converted from coal to oil fuel and stocks of bitumin available should be sufficient for an output of at least 500 tons. In POLA, arrangements have been made which will enable the POLA cement works to produce 1300 tons of cement from clinker in stock.

c. Bridges

Few bridges have been damaged. Three in the TRIESTE Area and four in GORIZIA Area are at the moment under repair.

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The water supply in general is satisfactory. The minor repairs needed in TRIESTE City have been carried out and the larger repairs required to the GORIZIA mains are well under way. The same may be said of POLA, where fairly extensive repairs were required but the work is in progress and the situation is improving.

e. Sewage.

The sewers in the 3 main towns of TRIESTE, GORIZIA, and POLA were all in some part damaged by bombing, but work is now well in hand.

f. Electricity.

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h. Bomb Disposal.

A Bomb Disposal Squad of 50 Italians has been sussessfully organized and is dealing as rapidly as possible with the most important of the 89 mine fields reported. Over 15 truckloads of mines have so far been removed and disposed of.

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Projects for remaking and repairs to Provincial roads in TRIESTE and GORIZIA Areas have been approved, funds are being released, and contracts are being let. A start has also been made on the removal of road blocks and debris from the streets of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA. The reactivation of two bitumin works has been a great asset and they are producing 15 tons total daily. The larger plant has been converted from coal to oil fuel and stocks of bitumin available should be sufficient for an output of at least 500 tons. In POLA, arrangements have been made which will enable the POLA cement works to produce 1300 tons of cement from clinker in stock.

c. Bridges

Few bridges have been damaged. Three in the TRIESTE Area and four in GORIZIA Area are at the moment under repair.

d. Water Supply

The water supply in general is satisfactory. The minor repairs needed in TRIESTE City have been carried out and the larger repairs required to the GORIZIA mains are well under way. The same may be said of POLA, where fairly extensive repairs were required but the work is in progress and the situation is improving.

e. Sewage.

The sewers in the 3 main towns of TRIESTE, GORIZIA, and POLA were all in some part damaged by bombing, but work is now well in hand.

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7. PUBLIC SAFETY.

The main problem of the Public Safety Division during this month has been maintaining of law and order and at the same time carrying on as rapidly as possible the formations and training of the new AMG Civil Police Force. In general a satisfactory standard has been maintained throughout the territory, and crime is neither serious nor showing any increase. The formation of the new Police Force progresses rapidly and it is anticipated that the first members, correctly trained, will be on duty in TRIESTE on simple police tasks within a fortnight. The training school is now firmly established and equipped and under an experienced staff is dealing as rapidly as possible with the volunteers available. Although the necessity for the Police Force as early as possible is one of first importance in this area, the time spent in preparation will undoubtedly show itself to have been well spent in the efficiency with which they will take up their duties after correct training and instruction. A full report by the Chief Public Safety officer, ref: 13C/AMG/PS/587 of 1 Aug 45, has been forwarded to Headquarters, Allied Commission for the attention of Director of Public Safety Sub-Commission.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH

a. Local Administration

This is becoming slightly more stabilized but is still far from satisfactory. Every effort is being made to put local administration on a firm basis and in general the position is very greatly improved since we first moved in.

b. Hospitals.

No acute problem has arisen on the medical side but considerable concern is felt in regard to the food supply, particularly owing to an almost complete lack of meat. The whole question of food supply is being examined in details and the Chief Supply Officer is endeavoring to secure canned meat, some of which arrived just before the end of the month. The hospitals have been visited and in particular it was noted that the Children's hospital of TRIESTE is extremely well run in up-to-date buildings. The distribution of medical supplies received from Allied sources has been handed over to the firm of MELL and an AMG warehouse has been set up in a separate portion of this firm's warehouses. Infectious diseases are not serious and under control.

c. General Sanitation.

An efficient job with the equipment available is being done in the collection of refuse, street cleaning and general sanitation services in TRIESTE Commune and similar arrangements to provide for the efficient street cleaning in GORIZIA and POLA have been organised.

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9. WELFARE AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

Initially there was considerable confusion amongst the social welfare agencies in this area. Problems created by the claimed deportation of Italian civilians and the apparent general terrorization of the entire population did little to assist us. By the end of this month, however, much has been done and the following social assistance departments are functioning.

a. Ente Comunale di Assistenza - this is operating reasonably well in TRIESTE, POLA and GORIZIA as well as some of the larger communes and it can be said that throughout the area destitute people are receiving assistance.

b. Italian Red Cross - The Italian Red Cross is functioning in TRIESTE but not as yet to any extent at POLA and GORIZIA although they are attempting to reorganize.

c. Jugoslav Red Cross - The Jugoslav Red Cross is also functioning in TRIESTE, GORIZIA, and POLA and are confining their activities almost entirely to the care, transport and repatriation of Jugoslav civilians.

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10. PROPERTY CONTROL

Considerable work has been done during this month on the subject of property control. In the case of Allied-owned property sequestrated by the Italian Government, 217 cases have been handled by the representatives of the Istituto di Credito Fondiario delle Venezie, Verona. Of commercial concerns, 32 businesses have been investigated of which number 29 have been taken into control. Work regarding miscellaneous municipal property, ex-fascist property and enemy property continues to be investigated and dealt with where possible.

11. FINANCE

a. Banks.

The restrictions placed on financial transactions with Italy caused considerable alarm which was to some extent reflected in a decrease of around 200,000,000 lire in the cash holdings in the Bank of TRIESTE. Authority has, however, now been granted to the banks to allow transactions up to 50,000 Lire to take place.

b. Post Offices.

All postal rates are being increased and Italian & Republican Fascist Government stamps, over-stamped "AMG V-G" will be used.

c. Insurance.

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Inquiries continue to be received regarding the exchange of Reichsmarks, Allied Military Marks and Allied Military schillings, but at present no facilities exist here for the exchange of such currencies into lire. A request has been made to the public to declare quantities of the above-mentioned Reichsmarks and Allied Military Marks in their possession.

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b. Legislation.

The proclamations, general orders etc listed in Appendix "A" have been published to date.

c. Allied Military Courts.

The Allied Military Courts are functioning well in all areas and are well abreast of their work.

d. Civil Courts.

The position of the Civil Courts in the Occupied Territory was clarified by General Order No.6 dated 12 July 1945 and by detailed written instructions addressed to all concerned. The order provides that the Civil Courts as constituted by the laws in force on 8 Sep 1943 should resume the performance of their duties. It further provides that there shall be no appeal to any court outside; and finally it makes it an offense for any person to act in any Judicial capacity whatsoever who has not been thereto authorized by the Allied Military Government.

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APPENDIX "A"

MONTHLY REPORT
for the month ending 31 Jul 45

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No.4 Closing of Financial Institutions, Moratorium, etc (Reprinted)
No.5 Special Court of Assize

(b) General Orders

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2 Motor Vehicle Circulation Permits and Authorization for Supplies of Petroleum Products
3 Repeal of Anti-Jewish Laws
4 Labor Relations
5 Collection of Cereals
6 The Civil Courts of the Occupied Territory
7 Epuration of Fascist Officials and Employees
8 Epuration in Private Industry
9 Postal and Telecommunications

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(c) Orders

Order No.1 Curfew
No.2 Repeal of Restrictions on Travel
No.3 Curfew Amendment Order

(d) Special Orders

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APPENDIX "A" (Cont'd)

PROJECTED LEGISLATION

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(d) A new Proclamation to take the place of the present Proclamation No.2.

(e) A Proclamation to establish an official Gazette for the Territory

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