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123, 154, 199,
223, 258,

Ex Comm. 247.

~~Ltr~~. Folios 1-25 is Monthly Report Venezia Giulia for June. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 30/7. N.S. 3017

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Ex Comm.

~~Ltr~~. 268-295 is Monthly Report Venezia Giulia for July. Passages of interest have been marked. Although its too long it is a most interesting report.

G. McM. 20/8 N.S. 2118

I agree. NH 23/8. 1388

Ex Comm. 335.

~~Ltr~~. Venezia Giulia Monthly Report for August is at 297-334. Passages of interest have been marked

G. McM 30/9. N.S. 1110 MC 1/10

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H/CSO H.S. 43 146.

Letter at 146 submitted for signature - 141 para 3 refers.

Ref 141 para 2 - Maja Reader in C.A.S. is in charge of patriots & is watching the position. He receives regular reports & is fully satisfied at the moment. HS 28/2

CSO FMC 28/2. 168.

Venezia Giulia monthly report is at 146 - 168 - passages of interest have been marked.

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191.

CSO. Alc.C.

Venezia Giulia monthly report for March 169-190. Passages of interest have been marked. While it makes interesting reading it is too long & there are numerous repetitions

G.McM. 18/4.

MS/25/4

215.

CSO. Monthly Report for April Venezia Giulia at 192-214. Passages of interest marked.

G.McM. 20/5. HS. 2015

MW/26/5

241.

CSO. Exc Comm. Monthly Report for May Venezia Giulia is at 216-240. Passages of interest have been marked.

G.McM. 28/6. AOE 28/6

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168.

Venezia Giulia monthly report is at 146-168 - passages of interest have been marked.

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G. McM. 18/4.

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Monthly report for April Venezia Giulia at 192-214. Passages of interest marked.

G. McM. 20/5.

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Monthly Report for May Venezia Giulia is at 216-240. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 28/6.

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HS 140.

M 115 - 134 is ANG Venezia Giulia's report for January. Passages of interest are marked. This report is still far too long.

HS 201?

141.

CSO

1 7 C) This is interesting. Should like a report thereon with comments from Econ Sec.

2 20. 9s anyone watching this in CAS?
4 20 - f 116.

3 A m f 131 This is Top Secret. Better tell them so.

4 7 C. m f 128. 9s should like views of the 9s Econ Sec Con on this.

5 10 m f 126 " - " CEA.

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4. LEGAL.

There was an increase in the number of summary and superior court cases during August.

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The cost-of-living bonus for state employees was increased with effect from 1 January 1946.

The excise tax on sugar was raised by 30 lire per kilo, increasing revenue by approximately 75.000.000 lire.

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There was an increase in road transportation with a corresponding decrease in rail transport.

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The territory amassed a total of 41.000 quintals against a target figure of 20.000 quintals.

d) INDUSTRIES AND UTILITIES.

A reccurence of hooliganism in the shipyards necessitated patrolling by military and civil police. This

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e) COMMERCE.

More than 950.000 metres of cotton cloth have been sold.

f) PUBLIC WORKS.

Repairs to houses, public buildings and roads are progressing well. More than 15.500 persons are now employed directly in public works.

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Twentytwo new prices were established during the month.

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7. PUBLIC HEALTH.

The general health of the Area remains good; a distribution of insecticide powder and anti-malaria spray has been made free to all communes.

8. WELFARE AND DISPLACED PERSONS.

Welfare agencies are all functioning well, and a child welfare branch will shortly be opened.

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9. EDUCATION.

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of the tram workers would have obeyed the order to stop work, as many of them hastened to tell the authorities during the day.

Army workshops turned out the necessary part of the tram mechanism, and on the morning of the 4th August a normal service was running. The police subsequently recovered the stolen pieces.

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The buying of property in Trieste on behalf of Jugoslavs is well known, and is also their interest in local commerce. Right-wing Slovenes are becoming active and are known to favour a rally behind the Allies and an anti-Tito collaboration with the Italians.

Meanwhile, the Paris Conference continues slowly with no great hopes of an early settlement of the Trieste problem, and rumours persist that the whole question will again be postponed.

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At Vergarolla, Pola, on 18 August a serious explosion occurred when a large quantity of mines and ammunition stored on the sea-front exploded. 63 persons were killed, 19 seriously injured, and 58 slightly injured. The exact cause of the explosion is not yet known and is the subject of a Court of Inquiry.

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On 26 August, following disturbances and intimidation of workers at the Monfalcone shipyards, it was decided to patrol them continuously. Mixed patrols of military and civil police were introduced for that purpose. There has been little further trouble.

This period of respite from "major operations" has enabled police to turn their attention to an extremely pressing problem, that of enforcement of traffic regulations. Particularly in Trieste City and the immediate vicinity, the recent situation has been deplorable. During the period 1 April - 31 August, 19 persons were killed and over 400 injured as a result of traffic accidents. Both military and civilian vehicles were involved and unquestionably the majority of the accidents could have been avoided, had drivers observed ordinary rules of the road. While it is true that pedestrians in this part of the world have rightly earned the reputation of "jay-walkers", all drivers, military and civilian, are aware of this and should take the necessary precautions. In consequence of the situation a combined military and civil police traffic drive was commenced in Trieste on 31 August with the object of educating the public and drivers and issuing cautions and process where appropriate. As this report is prepared the results have been good and in the next monthly report final results will be published.

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There has been a continued decrease in crime since the fortnightly period which ended on 4 July, when 326 crimes were reported. Figures for the last fortnight are less than half of those for that period. Detailed figures are as follows:-

| Week ending | Crimes reported | arrests for crime | arrests for preventive measures. |
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| 1/8/46 | 127 | 61 | 105 |
| 8/8/46 | 118 | 29 | 72 |
| 15/8/46 | 102 | 44 | 93 |
| 22/8/46 | 70 | 29 | 60 |
| 29/8/46 | 83 | 33 | 44 |
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It has been a fairly quiet month so far as political crime is concerned, although there have been a number of cases of the use of explosives and many acts of terrorism in the Monfalcone area. Few of these have caused injury to persons, and property damage was slight.

A typical case of political crime was the following:

On the morning of 9 July at 0730 hrs the body of LORUSSO Pietro was found near the Trieste cemetery. He had been shot during the night, while returning home.

During the night of 4 August, some unknown individuals tried to enter by force the workshop situated at N° 11 Via Concordia, belonging to LORUSSO Luigi, the victim's father, for the evident purpose of damaging the machinery.

This attempt failed, but the next morning two unknown persons persuaded the foreman in the workshop to leave his employment by threatening him with death if he continued.

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Murders from the 26 July to 25 August:-

1) On 7/8/46 PERIN Agostino, aged 51, born in Monfalcone and residing there at Via Aris, was assaulted by 5 pro-slav communists in the dock-yards. He died 5 days later of injuries inflicted by the assailants.

2) On 21/8/46 FACCHINI Angelina, aged 56, living at N° 71 Via Aquileia, Monfalcone, was murdered by unknown criminals in the cellar of her flat. Theft is believed to have been the motive.

3) SLAVUIC Miroslavo, born in Lubiana on 14/7/12, living at N° 44 Sutta, Comeno (Gorizia). On 15/8/46 at about 2200 hrs he was shot by unknown persons before the front door of his house and died immediately.

During the month there have been 17 cases of use or attempted use of explosives for political purposes. The most serious was the throwing of two hand grenades into a crowd at an authorised Italian demonstration at

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1) On 7/8/46 PERIN Agostino, aged 51, born in Monfalcone and residing there at Via Aris, was assaulted by 5 pro-slav communists in the dock-yards. He died 5 days later of injuries inflicted by the assailants.

2) On 21/8/46 FACCHINI Angelina, aged 56, living at N° 71 Via Aquileia, Monfalcone, was murdered by unknown criminals in the cellar of her flat. Theft is believed to have been the motive.

3) SLAVUIC Miroslavo, born in Lubiana on 14/7/12, living at N° 44 Sutta, Comeno (Gorizia). On 15/8/46 at about 2200 hrs he was short by unknown persons before the front door of his house and died immediately.

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During the month there have been 17 cases of use or attempted use of explosives for political purposes. The most serious was the throwing of two hand grenades into a crowd at an authorized Italian demonstration at Gorizia on 9 August. 6 Police and 43 civilians were

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injured. No persons were arrested but 30 arrests were effected during resultant disorders.

One of the arrested men, a resident of Zone "B", was taken to Hospital where he drew a grenade out of his pocket and threw it into the surgery injuring two VGPF guards who were escorting him. He did not escape.

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possible to recover any more bodies. All five whole bodies have been identified.

A VGPF corporal and another man have been arrested in connection with this matter. Three other persons are being sought for and it is believed that a fourth who was concerned in these murders was afterwards himself murdered in order to prevent him from disclosing what he know. It is believed that many of the persons thrown into the foibe were murdered solely for theft or personal motives and not for political activities.

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293 crimes and 71 cases of injuries to persons were reported. General crimes included 2 cases of murder, 228 of theft (including 62 cases in the port and railway yards), 34 of burglary and housebreaking and 11 cases of damage caused by the use of explosives.

Arrests included 22 for theft or attempted theft, 6 for robbery, 3 for unlawful possession of paper for the making of forged banknotes, and 4 for adultery. 16 further arrests were made for thefts in the docks and railway section. 216 persons were arrested as suspected persons etc.

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One case of particular interest occured on 3 August when a 22 year-old-worker at a local concrete factory held up the wage-clerk and took 700.000 lire - the wages of all the employees. The man was masked and carried a pistol which he used to intimidate the clerk and other persons who attempted to arrest him. He was overpowered and arrested by some of the workers who recovered practically all the money.

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12 licensed brothels provided a daily average of 87 prostitutes who were submitted to medical inspection during the period under review; 114 prostitutes have arrived and departed from the local brothels.

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POLA ZONE.

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With effect from 1 September instructions have been issued to prevent collective action by inmates of Prisons in connection with hunger strikes, petitions and protests, by making these offences against the rules and regulations of Penal Establishments.

A programme aiming to improve discipline among detainees will be gradually enforced.

Health conditions in the prisons continue excellent.

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Breakdown of all offences in August in the three Areas follows:

| AREA | CHARGES | Nº OF ACCUSED. |
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| TRIESTE | 66 | 60 |
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| POLA | 21 | 21 |
| TOTAL | 149 | 139 |

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GENERAL COURTS.

No General Court cases were tried during August.

REVIEWS etc.

a) Automatic Review.

During the month, 75 cases were reviewed without appeal. Conviction and sentence were affirmed in 73 cases and conviction has been affirmed but sentence reduced in 2 cases. No sentence was quashed.

b) Appeals.

Conviction and sentence were affirmed in all 10 cases reviewed on appeal during the period.

c) Petition for Grace.

37 cases were reviewed during the month in all of which grace was refused.

SPECIAL COURT OF ASSIZE.

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The Special Court of Assize was reduced in numbers and reorganized. The Court will continue to function for a further three months by which time the bulk of the work will be completed.

Since the beginning of defascism 1376 denunciations have been received, of which 1307 have been decided and disposed of.

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Cases otherwise disposed of.....61

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Sentences imposed in cases of conviction:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Under One Year | : | none |
| From 1 to 5 years | : | 1 |
| From 5 to 10 years | : | 4 |
| From 10 to 20 years | : | none |
| From 20 to 30 years | : | 1 |
| Life sentences | : | none |
| Death sentences | : | none |

Cases pending on August 31st, 1946.....51

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a) Cassa Integrazione.
It has been agreed that the benefits of Cassa Integrazione will be continued to the end of October 1946.

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b) Special Temporary Unemployment Indemnity.

The benefits under Order 82 have been prorogated to the end of October 1946.

c) Reorganisation of Sickness Institute.

Owing to certain objections raised by the Industrialists the original scheme for the Advisory Council will have to be revised. Employers and Workers organisations have been asked to submit their recommendations.

d) Special Food Allowance to unemployed seamen.

About 1.300 seamen have participated in benefits afforded by Order Nº 139, and a further 400 applications are under consideration.

e) Legislation.

Fifteen Orders have been completed and four more are under consideration.

3. REVENUE.

a) Customs;

Local Importers have been declaring origin of Jugoslav goods as being Zone "B" for the purpose of escaping customs duty. Steps have been taken to assess all goods crossing the Morgan line which cannot be produced in Zone "B".

b) Excise;

The excise tax on sugar has been raised by 30 lire per kilo. The estimated annual increase in revenue is Lire 75.000.000.

4. PROPERTY CONTROL.

a) Allied-owned Property. 1373

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b) Enemy property;

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b) Procurement and Payment Policy.

Payments in respect of shipping, requisitions, claims, rentals, civilian labour and local purchases for the Allied Forces in Venezia Giulia, are now in the neighbourhood of Lire.

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6. ECONOMICS.

Generally speaking, economic conditions of Venezia Giulia for the month of August remained unchanged.

Public Works reached an all-time high in its program to relieve the unemployment problem which remains serious; at the end of the month 16.000 people were on its rolls, and there are good prospects that this number will be exceeded during the coming months.

a) FOOD.

The population was supplied with normal rations with the exception of pasta, a balance of the ration being left over for distribution in September.

During the month, the S/S "VADSO" unloaded the following foodstuffs for Venezia Giulia:

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| Dried Peas | 72 | Tons |
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b) TRANSPORTATION.

The month of August shows a steady increase by Centro Autotrasporti, Ugena. Tonnage reports shows a slight decrease. Road section traffic increased, while railway transportation dropped considerably.

Rail wagons are short throughout the theater and due to the stoppage of coal from Arsa (approx. 10 days) the decrease mentioned in para 1 above occurred.

Movement of household furniture and personnel from Pola showed a decided decrease during the month.

It is believed that the decrease in rail transportation and vessel tonnage is due to normal fluctuation.

The contribution paid by transporters to Centro Autotrasporti has been reduced from 4 percent to 3 percent, effective 1 September 1946. This is the second reduction of this type within 4 months.

There is a demand from Centro, Ispettorato and Truck Pool N° 1 for an increase in the allotment of petrol, due to increase in activities of these three agencies.

788 tires and 536 tubes were distributed during August by Comitato della Gomma through the Transportation Division, ARAR through Associazione Triestina Autotrasporti, ECI - ETI through Pirelli Agency, and CIAI through Ispettorato Motorizzazione.

While tires and tubes are not available to satisfy all requests, a steady flow each month for essential vehicle transportation allows necessary transportation to take care of all requirements of essential trade and passenger traffic. 1371

While spare parts, tires and tubes for vehicles assigned to Truck Pool N° 1 is critical, contacts have been made which may relieve this condition in the near future. This situation is still critical for vehicles assigned to Volkswagen Taxi Service with no immediate relief in sight.

Truck Pool N° 1 is showing a decided increase in the number of trucks required by Public Works and this increase is expected to be maintained for the balance of this year.

Plans are being worked out with Ispettorato della Motorizzazione regarding the future policy of

railway transportation dropped considerably.

Rail wagons are short throughout the theater and due to the stoppage of coal from Arsa (approx. 10 days) the decrease mentioned in para 1 above occurred.

Movement of household furniture and personnel from Pola showed a decided decrease during the month.

It is believed that the decrease in rail transportation and vessel tonnage is due to normal fluctuation.

The contribution paid by transporters to Centro Autotrasporti has been reduced from 4 percent to 3 percent, effective 1 September 1946. This is the second reduction of this type within 4 months.

There is a demand from Centro, Ispettorato and Truck Pool Nº 1 for an increase in the allotment of petrol, due to increase in activities of these three agencies.

788 tires and 536 tubes were distributed during August by Comitato della Gomma through the Transportation Division, ARAR through Associazione Triestina Autotrasporti, ECI - EFI through Pirelli Agency, and CIAI through Ispettorato Motorizzazione.

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c) AGRICULTURE.

GENERAL.

A period of dry weather during July and August scorched a percentage of the maize crop, but the damage will be limited if rains come in the next ten days. On the whole the harvest have been very good in grains, fruits and vegetables, and prices on the market in Trieste and Gorizia have decreased accordingly. With increased hectarage ready for fall and spring plantings, next year should have even better returns. The shortage of hay is still general through the territory and is reflected in the failure to bring up the numbers of beef, milk cattle and sheep to the desired figures. New legislation has been enacted granting assistance by the state up to 60% for farmers who will build up new pasture lands or increase old ones. Formerly the law allowed only 38%, which was insufficient in this stony territory to encourage land improvements.

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other diseases of fowls. Much valuable technical information is thus disseminated, after being carefully checked each week.

LIVESTOCK.

Other than sporadic cases of diseases among poultry, and particularly fowl cholera, there have been no epidemic outbreak of any kind among cattle. During the month a fine supply of veterinary medicines and laboratory supplies arrived here through the cooperation of Allied Commission.

Two stallions are now at the Begliano stud farm where their services are available to farmers at a moderate fee. This method of building up the breed of horses will be applied also to cattle as high grade young bulls are being imported from Friuli for up-breeding milk stock here.

The development of the sheep and cattle industry is hampered by lack of sufficient feed, especially in the Carso region. Due to scorching dry weather in mid-summer which dries up the grass, and the destructive Bora in winter, feeding animals has been a major problem for centuries. Improvement of pastures through rock removal and planting of new hardy grasses is one plan which is being pursued. Cattle can be imported in the lowlands and on the new bonifiche recently developed and it is hoped some of the American cattle recently imported by UNRRA, (part of which came as far as Udine) may also be brought into this Territory.

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BONIFICHE.

The principal bonifica getting under way the past month has been the reforestation and pasture program stretching from beyond Monfalcone past Trieste to up behind Basovizza. Bids for work were delayed by apparent collusion among contractors, but new awards were made later. By personal visits to nurseries throughout North Italy, about 3.500.000 young trees have been found, including nearly a million to come from nurseries within this territory. The first work will be done at the western end of the project, in the Monfalcone district. To complete the work, another 8.000.000 young trees must be imported or grown in local nurseries. Hence it will take at least two years to complete the project in all details. Meanwhile much preliminary work, such as fencing, digging holes, clearing rocks, damming gullies on hillsides, terracing, etc, will go ahead, and furnish employment immediately.

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The harvest for the month brought into Trieste alone, reached 370 metric tons.

An inspection was made by the Agriculture Officer of the fresh-water hatcheries of trout at Caporetto. Splendid progress has been made in repairing extensive damage done by German troops, not only in the buildings and equipment for incubation, but also in the quantities of fish that have been added to the ponds.

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A suggestion has been made that applications for tires should be screened by the special Commission which allocates Circulation Permits. This suggestion is under consideration by competent Divisions.

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I. Receipts: S/S "DERRYCLARE" arrived 19/8/46

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anthracite | 4.730 | M/tons |
| Large coal | 1.410 | " |
| Mixed coal | 702 | " |
| Ovuli | 1.210 | " |
| Total | 8.052 | M/tons |

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f) COMMUNICATIONS.

With effect 1 Sept. 46, the original reduction of 10% on Telephone Rentals introduced in the April increase will be waived. This makes charges equal those in Italy.

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Distressed Villages:

This department approved expenditure of 211.500.000 lire this month for reconstruction of houses in distressed villages.

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The explosion at POLA has made people of Zone "A" explosive-conscious and a number of reports of the existence of explosives have been received. All reports have been immediately investigated and the suspected areas cleared. Normal work of clearing mined areas has been continued.

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Labor.

After the strike of last month the works have settled down again and we have now (as of 25 August) 15.597 workers employed directly in public works. Many more are indirectly employed and would be out of work if public works would curtail its activities. For example, in the brick works, cement works, quarries and bitumen-emulsifying plant, there are about 3000 employed. To this must be added the uncountable number in wood work, hardware and other industries.

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On the unemployment registers a decrease of 244 is noted in respect of last month in spite of increased absorption of workers in Public Works projects.

Nine wage agreements were approved during the month, of which one is applicable to individual firms, and eight to the whole area. The most important wage adjustment during the month was the result of the arbitration decision regarding the "Indennità di Contingenza" which has brought up the basic rate of this bonus to 176 lire.

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The gradual unblocking of dismissals has been continued formally by allowing dismissals only to employers who had not availed themselves of declared

percentages over the previous period. This will enable A.M.G. to await the decision on this question in Italy before taking any further initiative.

Draft legislation is being prepared by this Division for the approval of the S.C.A.O. to regulate the (1) Co-operative movement and (2) the Port Companies. An order on the Registration and Control of Labor will be placed before the S.C.A.O. for approval in the very near future.

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Twenty-two (22) new prices were established during the month. The Price Fixing Commission took under advisement twenty-nine (29) separate items, of which twenty-six (26) were investigations. Two claims were rejected. Seven (7) invoices were examined of which five (5) found to be excessive were revised. Savings of 330.000 Lire were effected.

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August arrivals of Import Program Goods:

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Shipping notice received:

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The distribution of drugs, dressings, etc. is continuing. A supply of insecticide powder and anti-malaria spray was delivered to all communes free of charge.

A quantity of veterinary drugs and material has been handed over to the Veterinary Department.

SANITATION AND HYGIENE.

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Arrangements are in hand to transfer the work now carried out by ACEGAT to Trieste City Commune.

Over 17.000 rats were destroyed during the month in the anti-rat campaign.

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There were 109 admissions to hospital compared with 48 last month.

A large portion of these women came from Zone "B" and the question is being taken up with the Public Safety Division, as it is considered that the recent increase in V.D. is largely due to infected women who are not authorized to be in Trieste City.

TUBERCULOSIS.

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The normal work of state welfare agencies shows a tendency to increases largely because of the interest shown by Allied Military Government. It is apparent that the lead given by the Allied Military Government is appreciated by the public.

A genuine wave of public spirit seems to be permeating through various government departments, and many expressions of appreciation are received in this office.

It can safely be said that never before in Venezia-Giulia has so much been done for the poorer part of the population.

The child Welfare branch will shortly begin functioning and details will be given later.

DISPLACED PERSONS.

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Further interviews have taken place with various officials during the month regarding evacuation of Pola.

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Enquiries of every descriptions continue unabated and many displaced persons receive advice and help. There are many problems that seemingly only the Red Cross can solve and vary from transport services to Austria, to the adoption of an Italian orphan by an American sailor. In this last case after two weeks laborious applications and investigations the boy turned out to be a complete fraud which necessitated even more copious correspondence to the sailor, by then departed to America.

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Preliminary discussions have taken place with Dr. Bucler regarding a scheme for the reception into Switzerland of tuberculosis children from Venezia-Giulia. It is hoped that 200 children will be taken into private homes in Switzerland for a period of about six months. possibly later on in the Spring of 1947, hospital cases may be accepted. It is vitally necessary to keep the proceedings free from local racial jealousy and to have al Allied representative to liaise with military transportation officers concerned.

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a. Textbooks for the Italian elementary schools are ready. A special commission has completed an extensive examination of the new texts to select those best fitting Venezia-Giulia needs.

b. Slovene texts for elementary grades will also be ready for the opening of school. The preparation of these texts involved many obstacles particularly the one of finding trained personnel willing to accept the task of compiling texts in line with A.M.G!s non-political education policy.

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There has been an increase in the number of claims received from these parts of Zone "B" which it is alleged will be incorporated in the free state of Trieste. Of interest is a renewed attempt on behalf of those who reside in the communes of Zone "A" to be ceded to Jugoslavia to obtain something from A.M.G. before a decision is made in Paris.

During the month, 685 personal inquiries were made at the offices of the division and approximately 500 new claims were received.

The payment for each day of service in a patriot unit, as is now being given by the Italian Government has also been raised by the associations.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
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Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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APPENDIX "A"

PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION.

Orders and notices signed during the month, with their numbers and a brief description thereof are as follows:

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N° 105 C - Reduction of rate of contribution from employers - Amendment to Order N° 105.

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N° 156 B - Amendment of Art. IV of Order N° 156 concerning the reconstitution of deeds and documents of communal archives destroyed by acts of war public disorders, fires, inundations, earthquakes and other public disasters.

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N° 191 - Amendments of existing regulations on sickness insurance of agricultural laborers.

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4. LEGAL.

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Estimated revenue for 1946/47 is 2,861,000,000 1943 lire.

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d. INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES.

Industrial activity during the month was adversely affected by the General strike.

A lock out in the shipyards resulted in AMG taking over direct control.

e. COMMERCE.

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Contracts have been awarded for the enlargement of the childrens hospital and for the first block of Communal apartments.

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19 wage agreements were approved during the month. Unemployment increased 375 over last month.

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A total of 2420 price controls were effected during the month.

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A 50-bed hospital for children has now been repaired.

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A new department to deal with child Welfare and delinquency will now be established.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

a. Civil Police.

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The twelve critical days of the strike were characterised not, as in the past, but the smaller and more frequent demonstrations, fights between mobs of opposing factions, and attacks by them upon their respective party buildings. There occurred frequent use of firearms by civilians, several cases of grenade throwing, and numerous instance of the igniting of explosives charges in buildings etc. resulting in damage to property.

Following the declaration of the strike to be illegal, the police were very active in preventing the transport of foodstuffs from Zone "B" into the occupied Territory for the purpose of feeding the strikers.

b. The morale of the force has been well maintained during the trying period but it cannot be denied this is principally due to the active participation in operations of Allied officers of the force and perhaps more so to the presence of armed auxiliary police, both American and British, who were called out to assist and who worked in a splendid manner. 1545

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The one very unsatisfactory aspect of the crime situation has been the persisted thefts from the Corpo Zonale marshalling yards of Trieste. The improved restrictions on access, and the great increase in the number of guards should result in a marked improvement which in fact is already noticeable, and has been commented by the local railway officials and representatives of the Ispettorati Generali.

Although persistent thefts from wagons in the yards are admitted, the alleged wholesale thefts of UNRRA supplies destined for Jugoslavia are very strongly refuted and it is believed that a very detailed enquiry now in progress will show that, if these thefts ever took place, they did not take place in Zone A.

Practically all the political crimes occured during the first few days of the month, and particularly during the time the illegal strike was in progress. They were mostly offences against persons (assaults, etc.) although some took the form of damage to property.

These political crimes are not easy to deal with. Generally none of the parties concerned will assist the police. This is very often due to fear of reprisals, but is sometimes due to the fact that injured persons do not want an investigation into their own activity, fact that injured persons feel that their own "organisations" are in a far better position to punish the persons responsible.

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a. TRIESTE Zone.

They were 360 reported general crimes during the period and 174 cases of injuries to persons. The "general" crimes included 6 murders, 6 robberies, 75 serious thefts, 26 burglaries, 43 thefts from persons, 9 cases of damage caused by use of explosives and 151 cases of thefts in the docks and railway yards, 77 persons were arrested for crimes and 164 for police preventive measures. The arrest included 4 for murder, 3 for complicity in murder, 15 for robbery and attempted robbery, and 44 for thefts and attempted thefts.

The disparity between the number of crimes reported and the number of arrests is rather misleading, as some of the arrested persons are known to be responsible for several offences. For instance, 7 of the persons arrested for robbery have admitted being responsible for a whole series of robberies which have taken place in the area during the past months.

By comparison with pre-occupation standards the crime figures could be considered very satisfactory, if it were not for the number of crimes which are directly due to the present extraordinary political situation. This fact is particularly noticeable in connection with this month's figures which have been very much affected by the action of politically-minded persons, both during and after the general strike.

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There are 12 licensed brothels with a daily average of 85 prostitutes submitted to medical inspection during the period under review.

It is estimated that there are 528 prostitutes working outside the licensed houses and 164 of these have been issued with sanitary books. Altogether 1184 women

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been medically inspected and of these 36 were sent to the hospital for treatment and 9 were repatriated on compulsory travel permits. 7 dance halls, 122 public premises and 48 furnished rooms have been inspected.

b. GORIZIA Zone.

A weekly visit has been made to the one licensed brothel in the Zone and the women frequenting it have been submitted to a daily medical examination. A weekly average of 20 women practising prostitution outside the licensed house have also been examined; one case of VD was detected and 7 women were repatriated on compulsory travel permits.

c. POLA Zone.

The one licensed brothel with 3 prostitutes has been examined daily; no case of VD has been detected.

120 clandestine prostitutes were examined during the month, 5 were found to be infected and sent to the hospital, 1 woman was deported from the Zone, and 5 minors were handed over to parental custody with cautions as to future conduct

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c. POLA Zone.

The one licensed brothel with 3 prostitutes has been examined daily; no case of VD has been detected.

120 clandestine prostitutes were examined during the month, 5 were found to be infected and sent to the hospital, 1 woman was deported from the Zone, and 5 minors were handed over to parental custody with cautions as to future conduct

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Summary Courts

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The average sentence was for one month or less. Only one defendant was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. Charges of offences against good order, theft and possessi[illegible] were the most common.

The breakdown of all offences in July in the three areas is:

| Area | Nº of Charges | Nº of Accused |
|---|---|---|
| TRIESTE | 70 | 55 |
| GORIZIA | 43 | 43 |
| POLA | 24 | 22 |
| TOTAL | 137 | 120 |

Superior Courts.

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Superior Courts during July tried 108 accused (as compared with 44 in June) on 140 charges (as compared 62 in June).

There were 103 charges for offences against good order, resulting in an average sentence of 4 months. There were three sentences of 3 years each for inciting other persons to break into Monfalcone prison to liberate prisoners. One 4 years sentence was passed in Gorizia Area for violating the laws of the Territory (Procl. 1 Art. VII).

Breakdown of trials in Superior Court follows:

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The Court was presided over by Col. John K. Webb, Chief Legal Adviser ALCOM, with Major R.B. Smith R.A. 31st Coy. 101 Btry and Major Abraham D. Brumbaugh F.A. 88th Div. as members.

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Maj. [illegible]Mc. Colm from Allied Com[illegible]ssion was detailed as Prosecutor and Lt. W.J. Palmer of the 88th Division assisted by 3 members of the local Bar served as Defense Counsel.

Reviews, etc.

a. Automatic Review.

During the month 433 cases, in which there was no appeal, were reviewed. Convictions and sentences were affirmed in 365 cases, conviction was affirmed but sentence reduced in 36 cases, and 32 sentences were quashed.

b. Reviews on Appeal.

18 cases were reviewed on appeal. Conviction and sentence were affirmed in 17 cases and conviction affirmed but sentence reduced in 1 case.

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47 Petitions for Grace were lodged during the month, 35 were refused; 12 were granted.

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SPECIAL COURT OF ASSIZE.

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Sentences imposed in cases of convictions were: [illegible]s from 1 to 4 years, 2; from 5 to 10 years, 4; from 10 to 20 years, 2.

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5. FINANCE

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b. Taxation

(i) Revenue from indirect taxation shows a more marked increase than that from direct taxes, due in some measure to the lengthy procedure involved in arriving at final assessments in the latter case.

(ii) Local Government indirect taxes are steadily increasing, although they do not provide nearly sufficient revenue to meet expenditures.

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GENERAL

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Zone A and Jugoslavia; Italy and Zone B. ..O. 64 on this subject will be shortly submitted to the SCAO.

b. Loans to Industry.

An order is in course of preparation laying down the procedure for loans to industrial enterprises by the State.

c. Payments for requisitioned vehicles.

An order is being prepared to remedy the procedure for payments for capital value, hire and damage in respect of vehicles requisitioned by the Allied Forces.

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The balance will be distributed during the first days of August.

The month has seen an increase in the daily bread ration from 200 to 250 grams per person. Pola's special ration of 300 grams has not been increased.

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The following offloadings in Trieste were effected during the month:

S/S "CAMPBELL"

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sugar | 140 | Tons |
| Milk, dry | 25 | " |
| Peas & Beans | 197 | " |
| Meat | 49 | " |
| Fats | 36 | " |
| Soup | 19 | " |
| Sausages | 46 | " |
| Spaghetti | 30 | " |
| | 542 | Tons |

S/S "MIRABEAU LAMAR"

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Peas | 43 | Tons |
| Milk, dry | 32 | " |
| | 75 | Tons |

The long-awaited S/S WILLIAM MC LENNON arrived with 8000 tons of flour during the first days of the month. The cargo was disposed of as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
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| Delivered to ACABRIT, Vienna | " | 1[illegible] |
| Loan to AMG, Udine for paste making | " | 2,300 |
| (Udine have repaid with 3,600 tons of grain which are being held in Udine mills). | | |
| Repayment to the Army (S&T, 13 Corps-92D.I.D.): | | |
| Balance due for loan of Atto flour | " | 10[illegible] |
| Maintenance of Venezia Giulia | " | 5,282 |
| Total | Tons | 8,09[illegible] |

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While this wagon shortage has had its effect,

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it has not been serious enough to cause great alarm. However with the return of Italy to normal conditions, and the fact we have to look to Italy for the greater part of the supply of rail wagons, this might develop into a more serious problem in the future.

While there has been a very marked increase in quantities of household furniture shipped from Pola both by rail and water, it has been possible to handle this without using all of the available capacity. This is especially true of water facilities.

Destination of the above shipments indicate the people moving are going to all parts of Italy.

The tire situation as it applies to the public in the Area has improved to some extent, as a result of a larger number being allotted for distribution by the Comitato della Gomma (Milan) and also by the fact individuals are able to secure tires in the open Italian market more readily than previously.

Tire and Tube distribution during July was:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Automobile | 221 | Tires | 162 | Tubes |
| Trucks | 162 | " | 149 | " |
| Motorcycles | 23 | " | 19 | " |

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Port and Warehouse Section.

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| | Totals | 28,594 | 11,944 |

3) RAIL From Italy to Zone A Tons 3.148
From Zone A to Italy (General) 13.036
From Zone A to Italy (Arsa Coal) 16.394
From Zone A to Italy (Coke) 1.448 " 30.886
From Zone B to Italy (Wagons furnished by V.G.) 4.217

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|---|---|---|
| Shipment within Zone A | | Tons 13.513 |
| Zone A to foreign countries: | | |
| Jugoslavia | 600 | |
| Holland | 44 | |
| Switzerland | 18 | |
| Austria | 705 | |
| Cecoslovachia | 15 | 1.382 |
| Transit transports through Zone A (Wagons loaded outside Venezia Giulia) | | 1.669 |
| | Total | Tons 54.819 |

C. AGRICULTURE.

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In order to increase the regular production of nursery stock, each commune is being asked to plant a part of its communal parks with pine seedlings, or other young trees suitable for subsequent use in reforestation. All space available in the nurseries at Basovizza and Villa Giulia was utilized for seed planting, until the

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supply of seed ran short, and the season so advanced for further sowing. In view of the wide program for replanting of forests, the nursery situation is being explored and exploited to its fullest possibility.

FISHERIES.

Police boats from Zone B have caused considerable trouble during the month to Neapolitan fishermen who brought their fleet up to Trieste to work during the summer season. These people from Naples have been among the most experienced and best of all the fishing colony here and have always aided the fish supply by their efforts. All reports of threats and beatings of these fisher-folk have been turned over to the Venezia Giulia Police for action. However, it is difficult to be on hand at scattered places on the seas when incidents occur.

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At San MARCO there were no incidents in spite of the confiscation of a considerable stock of irregularly held flour and sugar. At MONFALCONE there were no serious

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incidents until the last day of the control when a member of the Camera del Lavoro was beaten up. Several attempts had been made, however, to hoist flags. Generally it was felt that the outward calm at MONFALCONE was more apparent than real and due to some extent to the "opposition" having to make plans to deal with a new situation.

On 30 July it was decided to return both yards to normal management the following day, one AMG officer remaining at each yard as an "observer" but troops to be withdrawn. Representatives of the management and workers were addressed by the S.C.A.O. and the handing back was effected on 31 July as arranged.

The second half of the month saw most industries fairly busy making up for lost time. Textiles, electrical engineering and building materials, continue to be the most prosperous sections of industry. On the shipbuilding side, orders have been obtained from Bulgarian owners for two 3000-ton cargo vessels, and negotiations are proceeding for two more of 4500 tons each.

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COTTON.

Purchase of cotton cloth manufactured by the Cotonificio Triestino Gorizia progresses well. Over 400.000 metres have been sold since the commencement of the sale for a value of over 70.000.000 Liras.

Shooting continues to be the greatest demand. At present the market is short of stock but this will be rectified as soon as stocks in production arrive in the shops.

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Pure as well as mixed woolen cloths dropped in price by about 20% and at the moment there are fairly large quantities of pure woolen cloth on the market.

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TIRES.

The following special allocations of bycicle tires and tubes were obtained:

| | TIRES | TUBES |
|---|---|---|
| Trieste Area | 2.000 | 1.600 |
| Gorizia Area | 500 | 300 |
| Pola Area | 150 | 80 |

The Trieste Chamber of Commerce is now working on a distribution plan and it is hoped that all urgent requirements of the territory will be met from this allocation.

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3119 applications have been received up to 25 July. 2563 existing licences have been renewed and 326 new ones issued. A further 230 applications have been partly disapproved and partly retained for further screening.

In order to give time to the Automobile Club to issue all the 2563 permits and POL cards, the validity of the existing Circulation permits has been extended to 5 August, by which date all the new ones will be in the hands of the applicants.

FUEL SECTION

Imported Coal

AMG coal distribution

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June balance carried over to July | | | 2618 tons |
| Receipts: | S/S NEWBURY | 8201 | |
| | S/S SAMDEE | 7800 | |
| | S/S MC CLARY | 7949 | |
| | S/S BRADSTREET | 1316 | |
| | | 25266 | 25266 tons |

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| Trieste on June a/c | 101 |
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| ILVA | 14000 |
| Gorizia | 1100 |
| Pola | 300 |
| Udine | 7767 |
| | 24404 |
| 31/7 balance in C.I.A. dumps | 3480 |
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Lire 1.416.780.00
Lire 11.773.579.55

ILVA are being instructed to pay these debts to C.I.A.

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BISTRZA Lignite.

C.I.A. signed a contract with UIVOD for 300 tons on Tor Viscosa account at 2000 lire per ton free on rail BISTRZA.

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BOMB DISPOSAL.

The 12 captured enemy material dumps mentioned in the last report have been liquidated.

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| (a) | Mines exploded on spot | 2.006 tons |
| (b) | Projectiles exploded on spot | 42.115 " |
| (c) | Mines placed on dump | 1.000 " |
| (d) | Projectiles placed on dump | 148.320 " |

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SUPPLY.

No difficulties have been experienced in the supply of materials for Public Work projects. A clause has been included in all contracts stating that materials will ordinarily be manufactured in Zone A. In case where this is not possible, permission will be given by this Division to purchase elsewhere.

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H. PRICE CONTROL.

Prices were established for the bath houses

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in Trieste, sugar, powdered milk, fresh milk, AMG blankets olive oil, soda and salvaged wheat.

Approval was given to new telephone tariffs, barbers tariffs, and rents for public sites. 2420 price controls were effected during the month and 38 alleged violators were brought before the Courts. Many invoices submitted by other divisions were controlled, most of which were amended. Claims for subsidies were investigated by the price-equalization Commission.

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The Welfare Division has been separated from Public Health Division but close liaison will be established between the two divisions.

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(3) Hospital Sanitorio Santorio Santorio. Zola. This hospital in spite of difficulties due to local unrest continues to give good service to the community. At present 60% of the patients are from Zone B.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

Included in the supplies which arrived during the month were:
(a) 135 cases of drugs from U.N.; (b) a large quantity of insecticides and anti-malaria spray; (c) a consignment of 1328 veterinary stores from military sources. All these are being distributed to outstations as quickly as possible.

RABIES - prophylaxis.

The anti-rabies prophylaxis continues to be carried out efficiently. No case of rabies has been found during the past months.

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Evacuation problems being studied in conjunction with other Divisions concerned.

(b) Public Assistance work throughout the zone shows a tendency to increase. Post- ar assistance work in each area is increasing as refugee movement from Zone B to Italy continues.

Approximately 4000 children, Italian and Slav, are now taking holidays at summer camps most of which are sponsored by AMG. A new department to deal with child welfare and delinquency will soon be established.

Generally, governmental assistance to the needy in Zone A continues satisfactorily.

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UNIVERSITY OF TRIESTE.

The project for the completion of the new University building has been approved at a cost of 160 million lire. 27 million lire were also allotted for the financing of the Faculty of Engineering laboratories.

11. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

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World newspapers and agencies represented in the Area during the month were.

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B.B.C.
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Associated Press
M.G.M. Newsreel
Paramount Newsreel
Chicago Tribune
International News Service
United Press
Time-Life
N.Y. Times
Reuters
News Chronicle
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On 8 July a Telegraph Circuit was opened between Trieste and Prague.

POSTAL.

a. With effect 21 July a mobile postal sorting office was attached to the Villach-Rome military train. This will save 24 hours in the Austrian-Italian mail service times.

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APPENDIX "A"

GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS PUBLISHED DURING JULY 1945

General Orders.

N° 61 B - Collection of cereals.

N° 61 C - Amendment to Gen. Order N° 61.

N° 62 - Housing

N° 63 - Increase of public wages.

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N° 65 - Foreign exchange and trade with foreign countries.

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N° 106 C- Permissible discharges from employment.

N° 144 B- State duties on public entertainments.

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N° 171 - Reorganization of Società Adriatica di Scienze Naturali.

N° 172 - Penalties for smuggling of salt and tobacco.

N° 173 - Antedating of effective dates of financial effects.

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No 194 - Establishing of elementary school teachers' courses in the Slovene language.

No 196 - Integral land reclamation.

Notices.

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No 13 - Termination of Special Courts of Assize.

No - Seizure of ship yards.

Administrative Instructions.

No 10 - Opening of Slovene lower Professional School.



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The coal situation is still difficult and stocks are extremely low.

f. PUBLIC WORKS.

The financing of the communal housing programme has been approved.

Order No.146 providing for the reconstruction of distressed villages has been signed.

Bids have been requested for the Children's Hospital.

g. LABOUR.

Increase in unemployment is reported. Food index for June is the lowest since January.

7. PUBLIC HEALTH.

Decrease in VD and in the number of hospital admissions is reported.

The Anti-rabies campaign is continuing.

8. DISPLACED PERSONS.

Movement of Displaced Persons into Zone "A" VENEZIA GIULIA, continues. Because of the PARIS decision it is anticipated the movement will increase.

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Schools are now closed for summer vacation after a fairly successful school year. Teachers are required to attend Summer classes for further training.

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The impression generally gained from political circles on both sides is that even if and when the present plan for internationalization of TRIESTE is promulgated, both sides will continue to hope for and work towards eventual annexation of the territory comprising the new international zone. This would partly explain the Italian bitterness at the fact that POLA and ISTRIA are out of the International Zone and therefore forever lost to Italy, and also UAIS agitation in GORIZIA and MONFALCONE.

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No change in Local Government was reported by the three areas.

3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

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a. Civil Police.

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Crime.

Crime returns show a slight increase over those for the previous month. This increase may be accounted for by greater accuracy in the keeping of records and also an increased tendency on the part of the public to report crimes to the police.

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Figures for the past month show that a total of 298 crime reports were investigated including 2 cases of murder, 3 of suicide, 24 burglaries, 10 robberies, 47 cases of aggravated theft and 20 cases of the disappearance of persons. 135 arrests were made.

These figures are as follows :

| | Complaints | Arrests |
|---|---|---|
| TRIESTE | 188 | 77 |
| GORIZIA | 60 | 32 |
| POLA | 50 | 26 |

The most serious crime reported was that involving the death of M.P.C. Carlo who received knife wounds in a brawl. One arrest has been made. Two other deaths were reported, one when was shot by British guards. The other a woman run over and killed by a military truck.

TRIESTE Zone.

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An increase in the number of disappearance cases has been noted.

With effect from 7 June, the control of wheat amassing commenced. In the MONFALCONE Area the AMG Order was disregarded by many farmers. On 24 June two grain threshers were arrested.

The authorised sale of Swiss tobacco has materially decreased the illegal importation of tobacco from Zone B and illegal trading.

Traffic in bread continues and 32,500 kilos were sequestrated during the month. A Black market in fish is also reported from GRADO.

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GORIZIA Zone.

There is little fluctuation in the number of crimes reported.

Three arrests were made for armed robbery and 6 for burglary. 38 persons were summoned for contraventions of A.M.G. proclamations.

The Fiscal Guards have operated successfully against Black Marketeers and a number of sequestrations and denunciations were made.

POLA Zone.

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GORIZIA Zone.

A weekly average of 20 women practicing prostitution outside of licensed houses were examined, but no cases of VD were reported.

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Inspection visits were made to 103 furnished rooms, 52 hotels, 58 Cafes, 20 dance halls and 24 restaurants.

POLA Zone.

Examinations were made of 39 women, 6 were found to be infected, 27 were deported from the Zone, and 6 minors handed over to parental custody.

CONDUCT OF ALLIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

A few cases were reported of misconduct of troops in cafes and restaurants; there were also a few cases of drunkeness. No case has been reported of serious misconduct in public and the conduct of the troops in general can be considered quite good.

PRISONS.

The Prisons population has shown a slight increase during this month :

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| TRIESTE Prisons | 641 |
| Other Prisons | 374 |

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ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

a. Summary Courts.

During June a total of 262 accused were tried on 290 charges.

These figures compared with 450 accused and 505 charges in May show a decrease of 188 and 215 respectively.

An important fact remains that the number of pending cases is still dropping. There were, in TRIESTE Area, 330 pending cases at the end of April, 100 at the end of May, and there are only 53 at the end of June, with no accused in jail awaiting trial. In GORIZIA Area there are 25 cases pending trial with 14 accused in jail. 4 persons are in jail in POLA area awaiting trial.

The breakdown of all offences disposed of in the Summary Courts in June by Areas is as follows : 1316

| Area. | No. of Charges. | No. of Accused. |
|---|---|---|
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| GORIZIA | 80 | 70 |
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An important fact remains that the number of pending cases is still dropping. There were, in TRIESTE Area, 330 pending cases at the end of April, 100 at the end of May, and there are only 53 at the end of June, with no accused in jail awaiting trial. In GORIZIA Area there are 25 cases pending trial with 14 accused in jail. 4 persons are in jail in POLA area awaiting trial.

The breakdown of all offences disposed of in the Summary Courts in June by Areas is as follows : 1346

| Area. | No. of Charges. | No. of Accused. |
|---|---|---|
| TRIESTE | 170 | 153 |
| GORIZIA | 80 | 70 |
| POLA | 40 | 39 |
| TOTAL | 290 | 262 |

b. Superior Courts.

There were 22 theft and possession cases with one 3-years sentence. 16 persons were charged for possession of firearms and ammunition, there were only 3 sentences from 10 to 12 months.

41 cases are pending in TRIESTE Area with 9 accused in jail awaiting trial. 30 cases are pending in GORIZIA Area with 14 accused in jail. No cases are to be disposed of in POLA Area.

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The breakdown of Superior Court cases disposed of in June in the three Areas is the following :

| Area. | No. of Charges. | No. of accused. |
|---|---|---|
| TRIESTE | 42 | 29 |
| GORIZIA | 19 | 14 |
| POLA | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 62 | 44 |

c. General Courts.

No General Court cases were tried during June 1946.

d. Appeals and Reviews.

(i) Automatic Review.

During the month 596 cases, in which there was no Appeal, were reviewed. Conviction and sentence were confirmed in 568 cases. Conviction has been confirmed but sentence reduced in 7 cases. 1 sentence has been quashed.

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20 cases were reviewed on Appeal. Conviction and sentence were affirmed in 15 cases. Conviction affirmed but sentence reduced in 1 case. 4 sentences were quashed.

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55 petitions for Grace were lodged during the month. Of these 38 were refused and 17 granted.

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At the request of the S.C.A.O., a reduction in the number of VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force assigned to Military and Civil Courts and substitution of civilian personnel therefor was ordered. It is anticipated that by such arrangements, 10 members of the Police will be so detailed, thereby releasing about 50 for other duties.

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EPURATION.

a. Territorial Epuration Commission.

Part 1.

(i). The Commission has received during the month a number of 54 appeals against decisions of the First-Instance Commission.

(ii). 43 appeals were examined, of which 37 on the written record and 6 at public hearings.

(iii). The decision of the First-Instance Commission was :

a. in 9 cases confirmed.
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5. FINANCE.

BUDGETS.

a. State Expenditure.

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b. Assessing.

Contracts with Banks for financing have been completed, and preliberation settlements have been arranged.

c. Salaries and Pensions.

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Contrary to previous reports, it has now been decided not to reactivate the State Lottery.

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c. Monopoly.

Imported cigarettes are available in fair quantities, resulting in decreased contraband in tobacco and cigarettes.

A more favourable agreement has been effected with the Italian Government in regard to the exchange of cigars for tobacco leaf, and no payment will be made by us for cigars retained for consumption in this territory.

d. Direct and Indirect Taxes.

Progress is being made with the revision of assessments and in reducing work arrears. The high costs of collection is a growing problem.

e. Consumer Tax.

This source of revenue is continually increasing, and there is more cooperation from some of the Yugoslav communes, while others still remain rebellious.

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d. Jewish property.

Final instructions have been given for release of bank accounts and securities which were confiscated by the Germans.

Investigations are proceeding to trace Jewish property taken away by the Germans and others.

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6. PRICE CONTROL.

This Section's activities covered a long list of necessities and services during the past month.

These including tariffs for Bathing Establishments, road haulage and stops, rates for furnished rooms, chimney sweepers rates, and rents of Public areas.

Further prices were fixed on such items as imported sugar, soda and caustic soda, yeast, beer, diluted evaporated milk, etc.

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Further complications have arisen from a recent order from [illegible] which prohibits the removals of plants and machinery to TRIESTE.

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Normal rations were issued during the month of June, with the exception of pasta which had to be cut from 2000 to 500 grams.

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|---|---|---|
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| Meat with Chili | 36.6 | Tons |
| Margarine | 120 | Tons |

The following quantities were unloaded in TRIESTE from the same ship :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Milk | 53.75 | Tons |
| Soup | 14 | Tons |
| Lard | 142.50 | Tons |
| Meat | 8.25 | Tons |
| Sausages | 5.50 | Tons |

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Distribution of ration cards for the period July - October 1946 has been completed.

E. TRANSPORTATION.

1. General

a. The month of June showed an overall increase in business and tonnage

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handled by Agencies of Ugona, Centro Autotrasporti and the Rail Section. In the case of Ugona increased coal shipments from AMG Mines accounted for a large part of the increase in tonnages handled. Seasonal movement of farm produce increased the tonnages handled by trucks registered with Centro Autotrasporti. Rail tonnages showed a gain, as a result of increase in coal shipments received from AMG.

b. Tariff Rates.

1. Following the reduction of Truck Freight Rates in this territory as of 1st June 1946, the Province of UDINE lowered truck freight tariff rates by 25%.

2. Sea tariff rates were reduced due to the increase in ship tonnages available and the resulting competition for AMG coal cargoes. This situation is the result of unemployed ships from Italian Ports seeking cargoes of AMG coal.

c. Requests for Summer Bus Services.

Numerous requests for authority to operate summer bus lines both first and third class were received. Only a few of these were approved, due to the P.O.L. Supply situation.

d. Tire Section.

Number of Civilian tires received for distribution from Comitato della Gomma (MIL/MG) by Civilian Agencies of Pirelli and Mechelin were :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Automobile tires | 214 | tubes | 85 |
| Truck tires | 89 | tubes | 36 |
| Motorcycle tires | 13 | tubes | 13 |
| Total | 316 | | 134 |

Figures for GORIZIA and POLA Areas have not been received. Allocations for these areas are made direct from MILAN and distribution is made by respective Chambers of Commerce.

e. Port and Warehouse Section.

Goods were handled as follows :

| | Cargo received Inward Tons | Outward Tons |
|---|---|---|
| (A) Ships (Military) coal (Military) Railways and AMG | 7159 | 7159 |
| (B) AMG supplies received Warehouse 6 | 284 | Nil |
| (C) UGENA (Schooners) mixed cargoes | 17828 | 2594 |
| Total | 25271 | 10553 |

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(B) Warehouse normal traffic.
(C) UGENA - Movements of Schooners Fleet as follows :

Inward

| From. | Tons. | Commodities transported. |
|---|---|---|
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Inward

| From. | Tons. | Commodities transported. |
|---|---|---|
| Italy | 2403 | citrus fruit, almonds oil, sand, salt, sulphur. |
| AMGOT | 13458 | coal. |
| POLA | 1013 | cement, Sepral milled wheat. |
| Foreign countries. | 695 | cotton, onions (from ALEXANDRIA). |
| Zone "B" | 229 | salted fish. |
| Zone "A" | 30 | stones. |
| Total | 17828 | |

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UCEN. - Movement of Schooners Fleet as follows :

Outward

| To. | Tons. | Commodities transported. |
|---|---|---|
| Italy | 1169 | wood, beer, pig-iron, salted fish. |
| POL. | 519 | Sepral foodstuff, gasoline, bitumen. |
| Zone "A" | 700 | coal, stones. |
| Zone "B" | 204 | UNRRA. supplies. |
| Total | 2592 | |

UCEN. Schooner's Fleet increased the inward traffic owing to the import of coal from USA.

f. Rail Section.

| Inwards | Tons | Outwards | Tons |
|---|---|---|---|
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| | Inwards. | Outwards. | Transit. | Local |
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| TRIESTE Area : | 1945 - Ha. 1880 wheat - | production | 28890 qls. |
| | 1946 - Ha. 2740 wheat - | latest estim. production. | 50-54000 qls. |
| GORIZIA Area : | 1945 - Ha. 1953 wheat - | production. | 26524 qls. |
| | 1946 - Ha. 2500 wheat - | latest estim. production. | 45000 qls. |

The fruit crop generally is about 50% better this season, and will aid the local food situation. The peach crop shows an increase of 45% over last year.

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The harvest of hay has shown increase too, but is still far below the requirements of the territory. Projects are under way to increase the production pasturage and hay by reclamation work in the hills behind TRIESTE.

Livestock.

An estimate has been made of the value of all the horses and mules brought into the territory for farm work and distributed during the past six months to the farmers. These were imported from Austria, captured enemy stock, and total 569 - 469 horses and 100 mules.

Herewith is a table of valuation, each animal has been appraised individually by a committee of livestock experts :

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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During this period the fish harvest totalled 750,000 kilograms.

A severe storm and small tidal wave at GRADO caused damage to fishermen amounting to Lire 1,187,240.

It is hoped that the two canning factories, Arrigoni and Ampelea, will be enabled to start work in the near future. There is a supply of fish, but the difficulty lies in procuring olive oil and cans in sufficient quantities.

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D. INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES.

Industry activities throughout the territory with the exception of POLA have continued in an atmosphere of comparative calm. In POLA the air of depression continues and, as indicated by applications for Export Licences, there is a steady attempt to transfer industrial assets to TRIESTE or further west. In accordance with the tentative policy laid down by AFHQ most of these applications have been refused.

On the industrial side, the work of this Division has been largely routine. The rehabilitation programme for six major concerns has been pursued and good progress made in respect Solvay and Co. of MONFALCONE and Aquila Refinery, TRIESTE. In both these cases substantial loans have been negotiated with the Finance Division, for Solvay for the purchase of raw materials and for Aquila to enable a start to be made on the reconstruction of plant and equipment.

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CRDA proposal to build three tugs for sale on completion has been approved.

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The RONCHI Cotton Mill, recently vacated by the Electrical Department of CRDA., is getting back into production. Of 534 looms installed, 400 are in operation and installation of spinning frames continues.

Industries supplying building materials, bricks, tiles, timber, cement, etc., are meeting local requirements.

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Repairs to the pneumatic grain elevators in the porto Duca D'Aosta were completed and satisfactorily passed their acceptance tests. Restoration of this equipment has greatly improved the grain unloading facilities of the port.

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| Contracts completed during the month. | Lire | 29,218,612. |
| Contracts in progress over 50% completed | Lire | 203,553,385 |
| Contracts in progress under 50% completed | Lire | 329,213,003 |
| Work contracted but not yet commenced | Lire | 185,939,760 |
| Work approved but not yet contracted. | Lire | 17,580,000 |

The bulk of the repairs and the reconstruction programme in the Porto Duca D'Aosta has now been covered and most future will be in the Porto V. Emanuele III.

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Salvage operations on the destroyer "SEBENICO" have been concluded and the vessel taken over. Contracts have been let for floating the battleship "LITTORIO" and raising the steamer "VASINA" and a German landing craft. A statement of policy by AFHQ has cleared the way for the removal of a number of small ex-enemy craft obstructing channels and causing a hazard to fishermen.

The handing-over date for the R.N. Salvage equipment has now been fixed for July 1st.

E. COMMERCE.

General.

The sale of cloth manufactured by the Cotonificio Triestino, GONZOL is progressing. As of June 30th, about 300,000 meters have been sold for a total of 50,000,000 Lire. This plant is now operating to full capacity. The installations of spinning frames at the RONCHI Mills will be completed shortly. An exchange of cotton cloth for timber and firewood is now being by the respective Military Governments. Consorzio Sanse has allocated 1,000 quintals of sulphurated oil to the soap manufacturers of this Territory.

Tires.

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These have been distributed against screened allocations by Transportation Division.

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Compensation Trade.

With Zone "B" and Yugoslavia :

Import and transit licences issued for goods
from Zone "B" to Zone "A" and Italy .....75,245,506 Lire.
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| Export licences issued for goods from Zone "A" and Italy to Zone "B" ..... | 20,124,030 Lire. |
| Import licences issued for goods from Yugoslavia to Zone "A" and Italy ..... | 31,413,299 Lire. |
| Export licences for goods from Zone "A" and Italy to Yugoslavia ..... | 650,000 Lire. |
| The difference in value between import and export licences issued for trade between Zone "A" and Zone "B" show a balance of ..... | 77,985,000 Lire in favour of Zone "B". |

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Licence Section

A. Number of Export Licences issued :

1. to Zone "B" .....345
2. to Italy .....483
3. to foreign countries ..... 65

B. Number of Import Licences issued :

1. From Zone "B" .....654
2. from foreign countries ..... 56
3. P.F. TRIESTE ..... 6
4. from Italy ..... 4

C. Number of Transit Licences issued .199

Fuel Section.

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A. Coal - AMG Balance carried over for June ..... Tons 540
Received from "SS LOU GEHRIG" :
Antracite ..... 3477
Bituminous ..... 3682
7159 ..... Tons7159

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July-December Civil Supply Programme.

a. Food requirements were approved and call-forward dispatched for the entire allotment, to be shipped at monthly intervals.

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Marine salvage work and mine disposal and dredging is increasing, in close co-operation with the Navy.

The work on Bonifiche and hydraulics is showing good results, not only in improving the unemployment situation but in actual increase in agricultural production.

The number of employed on Public Works increased by 465 during June and now show a total of 2,665.

Works.

Public Buildings.

Bids for the Children's Hospital were opened on 26 June, but due to apparent discrimination they were cancelled and new ones requested. Otherwise progress is very satisfactory.

Roads and Bridges.

Of 41 bridges destroyed, in the territory 12 have been rebuilt and 20 more are being rebuilt. Plans for the remaining 9 are now being drawn up.

Bomb Disposal.

During the month we have taken over 12 captured-enemy material dumps on the GORIZIA-TOLMINO area from the 88th Division. These dumps are to be liquidated.

(a) Mines exploded on spot ..... 7.6 tons.
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Projects (25 June 1946).

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| Projects completed ..... | No. 982 | Amount | 877,884,548 L. |
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c. The employment of civilian personnel by Allied Forces will in future be made through the Ufficio di Collocamento in view of a system of close coordination recently evolved with G.L.U.

d. The decision of Italian Courts in connection with the occupation of the Providenza Sociale Building by U.N.R.R.A. has now been fixed for 11 July 46. The decision will be subject to appeal.

e. The Ordinance increasing benefits under the Cassa Malattia services has been put into operation.

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f. 29 wage agreements were concluded and approved by JCG, of which 3 were applicable to individual firms and 17 applicable to areas.

g. The dismissals during June in conformity with G.O. 106 amounted to 1071, thus bringing up to 4809 the total number of clerical and manual worker dismissed. Gradual unblocking of dismissals will continue during July and August, but the percentage has been fixed at 1% for the two months in view of the fact that a ban on dismissals has again been imposed in Italian Industry. Both Trade Unions and Employers have accepted this decision.

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Hospitals.

A Conference was held at GORIZIA to consider the question of a new civil hospital. The construction started several years ago was not completed. It was decided to continue and complete this building.

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Venereal Disease.

The number of admissions to hospital shows a further decrease as compared to last month.

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Tuberculosis.

The number of cases during the month totalled 305 as compared to 311 in previous month.

Malaria.

Now that necessary insecticides and other stores have arrived, the anti malaria scheme in the affected areas has got under way.

Veterinary Disease.

In POLA the antirabies campaign is continuing. [illegible]

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Medical Supplies.

A further quantity of drugs arrived during the month. These included 18 cases of Vaccine and Sera, 1200 lbs of PARIS Green and 4½ Million Units of Insulin, the last item being flown out from U.K. in response to an urgent demand.

A quantity of veterinary stores from captured enemy material was also obtained.

Sanitation and Hygiene.

Sanitary Police have now been provided to guard the ZAULE Refuse dump and to prevent the entrance of unauthorised persons.

An anti-rat campaign has been carried on and over 15,000 rats destroyed, mainly by means of poison baits.

The POLA health and quarantine service has been re-organized. 30 ships have been visited and a provisional quarantine station set up.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

A slight increase in the number of Typhoid Fever cases in TRIESTE Commune is of note, but a rise in this disease during hot weather must be anticipated.

9. RELIEF.

The Comitati Assistenza Post-Bellica of TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA are functioning satisfactorily.

In TRIESTE the Committee is organizing a Summer Camp for poor children (in addition to its normal assistance functions) at GRADO, where 1000 children per time will be catered for.

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| | Arrived. | Departed. |
|---|---|---|
| Displaced Civilians | 1421 | 1398 |
| Prisoners of War | 314 | 317 |
| | 1735 | 1715 |

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General Intere.

Refugee movement from ZONA caused a little "fluttering" and several queries from various sources have been dealt with satisfactorily, including two communications from the Italian Government.

A refugee enquiry section of the local Yugoslav Red Cross has been re-organized. It is too early to say yet whether this will be of any tangible assistance in their efforts.

Arrangements have now been made for the names etc., of Italian ex-P.O.W. who arrive in TRIESTE to be broadcast by A.M.G. from the TRIESTE B Station. This will give relatives in Italy more time to prepare for the homecoming of these prisoners.

Financial Assistance.

Payment for 700,000 Lire to 185 Allied Nationals in distress, including 1 emergency payment, was made.

Message Bureau.

Messages through this bureau show an increase over previous months. Replies to requests for information are satisfactory.

11. EDUCATION.

The school year 1945-1946 is now drawing to a close. Examinations for the different categories of schools have started. Teachers will be required to attend Summer School for further training.

Italian Schools.

The High School year was completed on June 15th and elementary schools closed on June 29. Final examination for both High and elementary schools are now in session.

Commissions for the examinations of "maturita" and of "abilitazione" which will begin on July 3 have been appointed. The Commissions were proposed by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Education Division.

Politically, Italian schools comported themselves well. A limited number of incidents were reported, mostly minor disturbances caused by overheated political discussions or of ultra-nationalist leanings. Invariably, incidents were grossly exaggerated.

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Slovene Schools.

Slovene schools will close July 15.

After an inspection of Slovene a further list of schools to be approved will be published before 15 July.

The PWOO School Section has intensified his attacks on the school administration of the Territory.

Unauthorized text-books were confiscated at the Slovene schools of S.GIOVANNI, [illegible] and [illegible].

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Arrangements have now been made for the names etc., of Italian ex-P.O.W. who arrive in TRIESTE to be broadcast by A.M.G.I.S. from the TRIESTE Station. This will give relatives in Italy more time to prepare for the homecoming of these prisoners.

Financial Assistance.

Payment for 700,000 Lire to 185 Allied Nationals in distress, including 1 emergency payment, was made.

Message Bureau.

Messages through this bureau show an increase over previous months. Replies to requests for information are satisfactory.

11. EDUCATION.

The school year 1945-1946 is now drawing to a close. Examinations for the different categories of schools have started. Teachers will be required to attend Summer School for further training.

Italian Schools.

The High School year was completed on June 15th and elementary schools closed on June 29. Final examination for both High and elementary schools are now in session.

Commissions for the examinations of "maturita" and of "abilitazione" which will begin on July 3 have been appointed. The Commissions were proposed by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Education Division.

Politically, Italian schools comported themselves well. A limited number of incidents were reported, mostly minor disturbances caused by overheated political discussions or of ultra-nationalist leanings. Invariably, incidents were grossly exaggerated.

Slovene Schools. 1302

Slovene schools will close July 15.

After an inspection of Slovene a further list of schools to be approved will be published before 15 July.

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Liceo Musicale Triestino.

This conservatory of music has had a fairly successful year, after a thorough re-organisation. This school was on the verge of bankruptcy, but the change in administration and appointment of a Board of Trustees has permitted it to enjoy a new lease of life.

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The month has been very quiet and the lack of patriot agitation which has been noticed for the past few months has continued. This would appear to indicate that the policy of this division towards both the Italian and Slovene partisans, if not meeting with their entire approval is considered fair and impartial, and is recognised as a genuine attempt by AMG to help.

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The question of a commission to define the qualification of partisans is under consideration but the fact that it may stir up the whole patriot problem weighs heavily against its formation.

The office of the Associazione Partigiani Giuliani was one of the buildings wrecked by the mob on the night 30th June 1946. This may cause unrest, but it is too early as yet to forecast its course.

15. ELECTORAL ROLLS.

Now that the General Order has been passed by the Legal Division, all printed material has been delivered and many communities are working on their preparatory lists.

The organisation of this section has now reached the communal level, where electoral offices are being organized.

ALFRED C. [illegible],
Colonel, JAGD.
Senior Civil Affairs [illegible]

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GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS PUBLISHED DURING JUNE, 1946.

a. General Orders:

No. 48 B - Amendments to General Order No. 48. Taxes and fees due on documents produced to the Public Automobile Registry.
No. 54 B - Communal rents' claims offices and Area rents' Appeal Commissions. Supplement to General Order No. 54.
No. 61 - Collection of cereals.

b. Orders.

No. 28 B - Repeal of Order No. 28 providing for the collection and sale of milk and distribution of animal fodder.
No. 73 B - Amendment to Order No. 73 concerning increase in amount of fines for traffic offences.
No. 139 - Special food allowance for unemployed seamen.
No. 140 - The collection of State duties and taxes on public performances and entertainments.
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No. 143 - Supplementary social insurance contributions in respect of domestic workers.
No. 144 - Amendments to the tariff of State duties on public entertainments, horse races, other competitions and bettings.
No. 145 - Contributions due by agriculturists and agricultural workers for social insurance relating to the year 1946.
No. 146 - Repair of war damaged houses in distressed Areas without cost or obligation to the owners.
No. 147 - Supplement to General Order No. 14. Repair of houses destroyed or damaged as reprisal against partisan activities, and contribution to owners who made repairs prior to General Order No. 14.
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No. 149 - Fiscal provisions regarding Joint Stock Companies.
No. 150 - Contributions for social insurance and other forms of social assistance. Modifications of General Order No. 47 and Orders Nos. 102, 103 and 104.
No. 151 - Establishment of Film Board.
No. 152 - Enlargement of exemption from taxes and duties in labor disputes.
No. 153 - Compulsory workmen's compensation insurance for occupational accidents and diseases. Determination of contributions and indemnities.
No. 154 - Prohibition of deer hunting.
No. 155 - Functions and assets of "Unione Fascista per la Famiglie Numerose".
No. 156. - Reconstruction of deed and documents of Communal archives destroyed by acts of War, public disorders, fires, inundations, earthquakes, and other public disorders.
No. 157 - Temporary promotions of judicial personnel.
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No. 161 - Authorization for reconstitution and increase of Stock of commercial companies. Amendment to Order No. 7.
No. 162 - Enlargement of Ospedale Infantile e Pie Fondazioni Burlo Garofolo e dott. Alessandro e Aglaia De Manussi, at State expense.
No. 163 - Invalidity of acts and provisions of and during the so called Italian social republican government.
No. 164 - Declaration of Public benefit and utility construction of public road, port of Trieste - Padriciano.

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c. Administrative Orders.

No. 40 - Appointment of Salvi Nereo, as Director of Via Tigor and Gesuiti prisons; of Calandra Orlando as Director of Via Nizza prison; and of dott. Adovasio Domenico as medical officer of Via Tigor and Gesuiti prisons.

No. 41 - Confirmation of appointment of Roatti Giovanni as Counsellor of Appeal, and Cardella Salvatore as Chancellor.

No. 42 - Temporary authorization to notary Senciari Vladimiro to practice at Trieste.

No. 43 - Appointment of Cante Giuseppe as Ufficiale Giudiziario, Pretura of Pola.

No. 44 - Temporary promotion of Lampe Anna, Zolia Ernesto, and Bauzan Giuseppe, employees of Capitaneria di Porto, Trieste.

No. 45 - Termination of functions of notary dott. Giovanni Spadon.

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No. 47 - Appointment of Brusarosco Eliseo as Inspector of the Istituto per l'Assistenza di Malattia ai Lavoratori, in place of Pogassi Giuseppe.

No. 48 - Appointment of typists of the judicial offices of Trieste to the position of avventizio of category III.



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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT .

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In spite of increased activity on the part of the Yugoslav and Italian factions during the May Day: celebrations, May has been a reasonably quiet month.

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Commerce .

The first lot of cotton cloth to be produced from imported cotton is now on sale .

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Owing to the coal strike in the United States, no shipments of coal were received in May and the position regarding imported stocks is now serious .

Public Works..

Repairs of public buildings are well in hand; work on roads and bridges is progressing, and over 3000 are employed on this work alone .

5. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE .

The anti-malaria campaign is progressing favourably. Work will commence soon on the addition to the children's hospital.

6. DISPLACED PERSONS .

The movement of displaced persons into Zone "A" continues without any signs of ceasing .The reported likelihood of the adoption of the French line has increased this tendency somewhat .

7. FINANCE .

There is still a considerable movement of surplus funds to branches in Italian territory.The Bank of Italy and other banks as agents are authorized to deal in foreign exchange under regulations similar to those in force in Italy and a General Order on this subject is being prepared .

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Special efforts have been made during May to bring the Court calendars, particularly in the Trieste area, up to date .This was ac - complished by holding extra Summary and Superior Courts .

9. LABOUR .

The records for Venezia Giulia as a whole show an employment increase of 3325 during the month.

Dismissals during May under General Order No.106 amounted to 3738.

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The demonstration was hissed and spit upon by Italians and uniformed Partisans in the procession came in for much of the abuse .

The Allied military Parade on the 2nd May was a great success and all political parties agreed for once by instructing their followers to support the parade .

After this the city settled down to a period of apparent calm although the discontent and apprehension on the part of the Italians was coupled with a marked resurgence of anti-Slav odium and confidence that the pro Slovenes were less able to retaliate .

The next demonstration took place on 19.May; this was supposed to be a sports meeting but resulted in a violent pro communist and pro Yugoslav manifestation, which however passed off without incidents .

The anniversary on 24 May of Italy's entry in World War I was celebrated by a Mass at the cathedral and the laying of wreaths on the War memorial.

A pro-monarchist demonstration was scheduled to take place in the evening but was called off due to heavy showers of rain and the inability of the organisers to gather enough adherents .

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE .

A) Civil Police .

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from the Police standpoint May has been a reasonably quiet month. Advantage has been taken of this 'breathing space ' to improve efficiency and condi - tions in all branches of the Force . Only two matters require particular mention :

1) The May Day celebrations constituted a 'heavy ' period, especially in Trieste City, for the Civil Police and police resources were extended to the utmost. Nevertheless, although several incidents occurred, the situation throughout was kept in hand and at no time was it necessary to request the military to assist in the restoration or maintenance of public order .

2) During the last few months the Police Force has been thoroughly tested and has so gained the confidence of the higher command and the general public, that increased duties have been delegated to it. In view of this and the fact it must anticipate further public disorder resulting from the general uncertainty surrounding the Peace Conference, on 21 May 46 a report was forwarded to G.O.C.13 Corps seeking permission to increase the indigenous personnel establishment of the Force by a further 1850 all ranks - this would make a total of 5800 all ranks . The report was approved by the Corps Commander and the proposal was forwarded to AFHQ with the strongest recommendation possible .

B) Crime .

Crime returns are phenomenally low having regard to the general social conditions and to the population figure .

Figures for the past month show that a total of 249 crime complaints have been received by all branches throughout the Area, and 169 arrests or denunciations made.

Those figures are subdivided as follows :

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2) During the last few months the Police Force has been thoroughly tested and has so gained the confidence of the higher command and the general public, that increased duties have been delegated to it. In view of this and the fact it must anticipate further public disorder resulting from the general uncertainty surrounding the Peace Conference, on 21 May 46 a report was forwarded to G.O.C 13 Corps seeking permission to increase the indigenous personnel establishment of the Force by a further 4850 all ranks - this would make a total of 5800 all ranks . The report was approved by the Corps Commander and the proposal was forwarded to AFHQ with the strongest recommendation possible .

B) Crime .

Crime returns are phenomenally low having regard to the general social conditions and to the population figure .

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On 26 May in Via Rossetti a British soldier in company with an Italian girl was fired upon by two civilians who escaped; the soldier was uninjured . A similar incident occurred in Via Crispi on the following evening.

The uttering of forged Italian currency has continued; 33 one-thousand Lire, 21 five-hundred Lire and 8 one-hundred Lire notes were passed during the month.

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2) Gorizia Zone .

Crimes reported show a decrease as compared with last month and there have been no crimes of violence .

Eight cases of burglary and many cases of simple larceny were successfully investigated .

The Zone Superintendent is full of praise for the manner in which the Criminal Investigation Division is carrying out its duties.

3) Pola Zone .

No serious crimes have been reported during the month.

C) Brothels and Prostitution .

1) Trieste Zone

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2) Gorizia Zone .

No increase in venereal disease is reported .

3) Pola Zone .

The drive to check the activities of prostitutes continues : The following are the statistics for the month :

| | |
|---|---|
| Licensed prostitutes arrested | 4 |
| found infected | 3 |
| Clandestine prostitutes arrested | 12 |
| found infected | 6 |
| ordered out of zone | 2 |

D) Conduct of Allied Service Personnel .

Apart from a few cases of drunkenness the conduct of troops has been good. No case of serious misconduct in public has come to notice .

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There has been little change in the prison population. Figures follow : 1291

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4. FOOD.

1. Normal rations were distributed to the whole population during May with the exception of Pasta, which had to be cut due to the threatened failure of scheduled wheat flour shipments to arrive.

It was possible to issue the following rations :

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pola | : 500 | grams of | "gries" (semolino) |
| Trieste | : 1000 | " " | Pasta |
| | 500 | " " | Rice |
| Gorizia | : 1000 | " " | Pasta |

If possible deficiencies will be made up in June.

2. Two steamers arrived during the month with miscellaneous foodstuffs :

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. May | 1946 | : S/S "ESKALALAGATE" | 275 | tons of Sugar |
| 22 " | " | : " "MESH KNOT " | 142 | " " Fats |
| | | | 91 | " " Sugar |
| | | | 34 | " " Soup |

3. 12.95 tons have been unloaded ex S/S" MESHKNOT" in Venice and forwarded to FIDE CONSORZI GENOA in repayment for 11 tons of preserved fish, borrowed in February 1946.

4. Instructions were received from HQ Allied Commission Food and Agriculture Branch to cease converting flour held by the Pastifici into pasta, thereby giving us a further subsistence till the 10th of June.

5. A steamer with approximately 8000 tons of flour is due to arrive on 15 June; the cargo will be allocated :

| | |
|---|---|
| 3,400 | tons for Venezia Giulia |
| 4,600 | " " Udine Province |

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| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| for Trieste & Gorizia | to | 500 | grams monthly |
| " Pola | | " 1000 | " " |

7. The special ration card paper arrived at Trieste from Rome on 9. May 1946. Printing was arranged and the ration cards for the period July-October were delivered to Communes for distribution.

8. Latest ration-card statistics show the normal population of the territory as follows :

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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trieste | Area | 331,528 |
| Gorizia | " | 124,547 |
| Pola | " | 33,200 |
| | Total | 489,275 |

5. TRANSPORTATION.

Movements during the month were as follows :

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a) Port and Warehouse section .

| | Inwards | Outwards |
|---|---|---|
| | Tons | |
| (A) Ships (Military) Coal (Military, Railways and A.M.G.) | 8,106 | 8,106 |
| (B) A.M.G. Supplies | 630 | 762 |

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| | Inwards | Tons | Outwards |
|---|---|---|---|
| (C) U.GE.NA (Schooners) Mixed cargoes | 8.736 | | 8.868 |
| | 6.625 | | 2.609 |
| (D) Ex SS.Mc QUIGG Wheat -Account Sepral | 8.569 | | 8.569 |
| Total | 23.930 | | 20.046 |

b) Rail Section

| | Inwards | Tons | Outwards |
|---|---|---|---|
| From Italy | 13.938 | To It. | 22.918 |
| " Yugo-slavia | 644 | To Yug. | 1.740 |
| | 14.582 | | 24.658 |

(Note :Local Movement in Area included as outward movement Lines :Venice,Udine,etc. )

c) Road Section

| | Inwards | Outwards | Transit tons | Local |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Road vehicles | 9.385 | 4.026 | --- | 43.902 |
| A.M.G. Truck Pool (Trieste area only ) | -- | -- | --- | 3.300 |
| Ships | 23.930 | 20.046 | --- | --- |
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| Totals | 47.897 | 48.730 | --- | 47.202 |

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d) Roads .

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A few additional 1st and 3rd Class bus services and temporary summer services were authorized.Certain existing services have been intensified and other concessions were withdrawn where supply and demand justified the action.

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6. AGRICULTURE .

a) Livestock .

Arrangements are in hand for the return of the famous Lipizza horses taken from here by the Germans. It is hoped that seventy-eight will be returned as soon as documentation is completed .

A stud farm has been opened at Ronchi and two pedigree stallions will be bought.

b) Amassing

The 1946 grain collection program is under way, with police assistance promised. Records are now being taken of acreage planted by farmers .The price has been fixed at 2250 lire per quintal, with special premiums for early amassing .The quota of wheat to be collected in the Territory is 20.000 quintal. Trials of evaders during the past season will take place before the 15 of June as deterrent to this year's contraband operations .

c) Forestry .

The Barcola afforestation project has been initiated and bids taken for the work. Although trees will not be planted until fall, fencing off, digging of holes, building of roads and walks, etc., will be carried out throughout the summer. More than 200 people are to be employed .

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Special forestry seeds have been requested from American sources and seed collecting will be organized here this fall under Forestry Corps direction.

The personnel of the Forestry Corps is being increased immediately due to the pressure of work and the increased number of projects.

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Production of fish continues to increase monthly with further increases expected till late September .Control measures designed to regulate the flow of fish to the population have been suspended until fall, as otherwise too many fish would be concentrated at central collecting points. 1288
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A plan in detail for the rehabilitation of six major industrial establishments in Trieste has been completed. Raw materials and fuel supply demands for resumption of 60% to 75% of normal production have been submitted to Supply Division. Corresponding plant reconstruction is being facilitated and, where necessary, financial assistance is being sought from Finance Division.

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The acute despondency engendered in POLA by the strong impression which has gained ground that the "French line" will be accepted has brought all industrial rehabilitation plans to an abrupt end. The present wish of Pola industrialists is to quit as quickly as possible and remove as much as possible of their belongings .

The position of individual industries has shown little change during the month. Textiles and building materials show the greatest activity and arrangements have been completed for constructional timber to be imported in logs and dressed here.This will enable a large saw mill to reopen.

The CRDA has secured an order for a second 9000-tons cargo steamer from Norwegian owners, and negotiations for repairs to the "Arayabank" continue,with the M.O.T. The "Empire Mac Cabe" left during the month, the owner's representative and Captain expressing themselves well-satisfied with the quality of work put into the reconversion.

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b) Soap.

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c) Caustic Soda .

Discussions took place between representatives of Solvay Rosiniano and Monfalcone with Industry Division and Commerce Division regarding rehabilitation of the Monfalcone factory .When the factory produces we should have more than enough caustic soda,etc. to meet local requirements, and an exportable surplus .

d) Compensation Trade with Zone "B" and Yugoslavia .

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Import, Export and Transit Licenses were issued during the month for the following values :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Import and Transit from Zone "B" to Zone "A" | Lire | 74,196.000 |
| Export from Italy and Zone "A" to Zone "B" | " | 63,642,000 |
| Import from Yugoslavia to Zone "A" and Italy | " | 5,279,000 |
| Export from Italy and Zone "A" to Yugoslavia | " | 5,000,000 |

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e) Foreign Trade .

During the month Representatives of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade, Ufficio Cambi and Baron d'Italia came to Trieste for discussions with the Finance Division of the Italian Government's views regarding compensation trade between Zone "A" and Zone "B" .

A meeting is to take place to co-ordinate the views of this Head - quarters and formulate a policy for co-ordination with the Italian Government.

f) Coal .

a) Owing to the Coal strike in the United States no shipment was received in May and the position regarding imported stocks is very serious .

b) Against coal allocations accepted for delivery during the first 6 months of 1946 we have received quantities as shown hereunder .

| | Allocation as per requisition for Udine and Venezia Giulia | Receipts |
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| | 119.400 | 68.064 up to 31/5 |

c) Of the total of 68.064 tons programmed only 16,301 tons have been delivered, (SS Robert S.Bean and SS John Bean Sousa) . The balance of 51,763 tons has been borrowed by HQ A.C. on behalf of Venezia Giulia and Udine.

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I. To approach 13 Corps and the Italian State Railway for a loan of coal .

II. To obtain from Ovara Coal Mine, Udine 1,000 tons of coal dust

III. To press the "Soc.Cooperativa A.G.L. Importazione & Esportazione" UIVOD through Joint Economic Committee for supplies of Arsa Coal .

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f) 1. Coal Distribution

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance carried forward to May | 35 . 430 tons |
| Received ex S/S "Robert S.Bean" (19.4.46) | 8,106 " |
| | 8,536 tons |

| Allocations | tons |
|---|---|
| Trieste | 990 |
| ILVA | 2,000 |
| Kings Harbour Master | 340 |
| Extra Allocation | |

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| Extra Allocation (Ind.Div) | 92 | |
| Gorizia May & June (Gas Work) | 730 | |
| Pola " " | 600 | |
| Udine | 3,300 | 8,052 tons |
| Balance in stock | | 534 |

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II. Arsa Coal

Orders placed with Soc. Cooperativa A.G.L. Importazione & Espertazione 8.000 tons

Allocated

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trieste | 1.600 tons | |
| Gorizia | 200 " | |
| Pola | 1.100 " | 2.900 " |

Balance to be received 5.100 tons

This balance has been allocated as under :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Torviscosa, Udine | 3.000 tons | |
| Solvay, Monfalcone | 2.100 " | 5.100 " |

The total of 8.000 tons of Coal Dust is being imported to cover the Solvay Credit account in Zone B.

III, Coke Distribution :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Allocated to Trieste | 713 tons | |
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| Gorizia | 200 " | |
| Pola | 1.100 " | 2.900 " |

Balanse to be received 5.100 tons

This balance has been allocated as under :

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|---|---|---|
| Torviscosa, Udine | 3.000 tons | |
| Solvay, Monfalcone | 2.100 " | 5.100 " |

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Repairs are in progress at Porto Buso, Grado, Duino, Monfalcone, Sistiana and Pola. These ports although not playing a big part in international trade, are essential for local coastal shipping .

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The largest industry in the territory, CANTIERI RIUNITI DELL'ADRIATICO, has not been included, as orders for new ship construction and reconversion come from overseas and arrangements for the supply of necessary material from abroad are part of the contract negotiations . C.R.D.A. on the other hand have been helped by this section in obtaining contracts by financial guarantees, contacts with Ministry of Transport, etc. Owing to the fact, however, that British Naval Shipyards are largely idle, ship owners are being directed to have conversion work done there . Prospects of obtaining repair work from Britain for the shipyards of Trieste are not, therefore, very hopeful, though there is

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a possibility of some orders for new ship construction being obtained. A contract for the building of two ships for Norwegian owners has been obtained with the assistance of the Italian Government .

3) Re-Awakening of Commercial life in the Territory .

A number of Compensation Deals are taking place with countries with whom Italy has Trade Agreements. The Gorizia Cotton Mill is now in a position to work to its full capacity on the basis of its normal Commercial contacts, though A.M.G. is maintaining control over its exports. A contract is in process of preparation whereby it is contemplated that the mill will weave cloth for the United States Government for use in the Far East .

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(3) The anti-rat campaign continues. A total of 13663 rats were destroyed during the month.

(4) At Pola 405 persons used the public showerbaths and 28 received scabies ointment and soap.

b) Infectious and other Disease .

The incidence of measles continues to be high especially in Gorizia .

c) Venereal Disease .

A visit was paid to the ambulatorio at the Questura Trieste and it was found working well with good cooperation between the Civil and Military Police.

d) Malaria .

This disease is a real problem only in the Grado Isonzo Area . Anti-malaria measures have been handicapped by the non-arrival of D.D.T. powder and other insecticides but the necessary engineering measures, drainage, etc. are being carried out .

e) Veterinary Diseases

Cases of foot- and- mouth-disease were disovered at the Municipal slaughter house among imported animals .

f) Hospitals

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Work will soon commence on the extension of the GARCFOLO children's hospital and when completed this will double the present number of beds.

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g) Medical Supplies .

A further 20 tons of drugs and dressings arrived during the month. These supplies except for some inflammable liquids are now housed in No.6 Warehouse, Porto Vittorio Emanuele and distribution is now proceeding .

A price-control committee to standardise prices and sales has been set up by the Medical Supply Officer .

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12. DISPLACED PERSONS .

Movement of Displaced Persons into zone "A" of Venezia Giulia continues without ceasing.

| Displaced Persons movement during May : | Arrived | Departed |
|---|---|---|
| Displ. Civilians | 1444 | 1496 |
| Prisoners of War | 408 | 413 |
| Total figures | 1852 | 1909 |

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13. FINANCE .

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c) Foreign trade .

Breakdown in negotiations for a trade-clearing agreement between "Zone"A" and "B" is not considered serious and alternate steps are being taken to establish control over commercial transactions between the two Zones..

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2. Budgets

a) State Expenditure .

Total credits issued since A.M.G. took over the administration of this territory now aggregate about 12,000,000,000 Lire , one third of which represents expenditures on public works. The next major item is 900,000,000 L. paid for occupation expenses .

b) Amassing.

When all reports on the pre-occupation amassing of agricultural cereal have arrived, a consolidated report will be sent to the Italian Government. The financing of current year amassing is being arranged .

c) Financing of Industry .

A commission is being set up to deal with this matter .

3. Insurance

a) Cassa Integrazione .

The number of dismissals permitted by General Orders 105 and 106 relating to general unblocking of dismissals now exceeds 3500 .

b) Cooperation in Zone "B" .

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II. German

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III. Jewish property .

Under General Order 58 regarding restitution of Jewish Real Estate a number of securities and accounts confiscated by the Germans have already been released .

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5. Revenue .

a) Lack of security .

The lack of security in the free port continues owing to the shortage of Finance Guards and recent reports indicate that drastic steps must be taken without delay. *

b) State Lottery.

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14. LEGAL.

1. Allied Military Courts .

a) Summary Courts. During May a total of 450 accused were tried on 505 charges .

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d) Appeals .

(1) Automatic Review . During May 374 cases were reviewed in which no appeals were filed; Convictions and sentences were affirmed in 371 cases and quashed in three cases .

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(2) Review following Appeal .

32 cases were reviewed on formal appeal. Convictions and sentences were affirmed in 23 cases and quashed in three. In six cases the convictions were affirmed but the sentences reduced .

2. Ordinary Civil Courts.

a) The ordinary Civil Courts are functioning satisfactorily. Some progress was made during the month towards supplying additional personnel particularly in the offices of the clerks of the Courts .

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During May, provisional Orders of suspension or dismissal were made in 230 cases . Final Orders of suspension or dismissal after hearing were made in 80 cases .

b) Epuration Commissions for the Professions and Arts (Order No.13)

Provisionals orders of suspension were made in 21 cases. Final orders of suspension were made after hearing in 19 cases .

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15. LABOUR .

a) The Labor Offices have had a very intensive month particularly in view of the many difficulties which "The Sindacati Unici" have been creating. The "Ispettorato del Lavoro", which calls for complete reform, has conduoted its usual business doing no more than what is a bare minimum .

b) In the field of Social Services, the "Previdenza Sociale" has sorted out all its many difficulties in connection with the non-payment of increased contributions since Allied Government took over Venezia Giulia; the applica - tion of the Italian Government Decree for the "Cassa Malattia" has been occupying the attention of this Division and considerable progress has been made i deciding the modifications to be made in the General Order, which will take the place of this Decree in Venezia Giulia .

c) Unemployment is still on the increase . Records for Venezia Giulia as a whole show an increase of 2075 men, 917 women and 333 juveniles - a total of 3325 . In Trieste area alone there has been an increase of 1859 men, 717 women and 266 juveniles - a total of 2842 .

d) Dismissals during May in conformity with G.O. 106 amounted to 3738 . The Public Works payroll shows a slight decrease in employment, as compared to April .

e) Wages in Venezia Giulia have not altered as a whole, but agreement was reached over the basic wages of the "Gruppo Zero" in industry . The Magazzini Generali have also applied the wage rates agreed for A.C.E.G.A.T.

f) There was only one occasion on which work was suspended during May and that was in the Shipyards of Monfalcone where the clerical workers abstained from their work on the afternoon of Saturday 25th in order to protest against the fact that the reduction of time table from 48 to 40 hours was not made to apply in the case of clerical employees. The system of addressing workers on the factory premises still continues and the Sindacati Unici have staged five important meetings during May .

g) The question of enforcing in Venezia Giulia the four Italian Decrees enforcing the mandatory employment of "Reduci" in Government Departments as well as in Private Employment has been raised by Allied Commission. A survey by this Division of the actual situation has demonstrated that in Gorizia and Pola all firms are already employing 5% or more, while in Trieste only a small number of Firms have less than 5% . It is reckoned the employment of 80 more workers would be sufficient to rectify the situation in Trieste. No figures are available for the Government Departments and Finance Division has been invited to investigate the situation.

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h) The difficulty of fixing "piece work" rates in the C.R.D.A. still continues in view of the untractable attitude of "Sindacati Unici" which refuses to allow the "Camera del Lavoro" to enter in the joint negotiations while at the same time insisting that the Management and incidentally A.M.G. are to blame for the impasse .

i) The attitude of the "Sindacati Unici" mentioned above is merely a preview of a continued policy of sabotage calculated to precipitate conditions of industrial unrest. In view of this line of action, the advisability of promulgating legislation to regulate Trade Union affairs in general, and

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c) Unemployment is still on the increase . Records for Venezia Giulia as a whole show an increase of 2075 men, 917 women and 333 juveniles - a total of 3325 . In Trieste area alone there has been an increase of 1859 men, 717 women and 266 juveniles - a total of 2842 .

d) Dismissals during May in conformity with G.O. 106 amounted to 3738 . The Public Works payroll shows a slight decrease in employment, as compared to April .

e) Wages in Venezia Giulia have not altered as a whole, but agreement was reached over the basic wages of the "Gruppo Zero" in industry . The Magazzini Generali have also applied the wage rates agreed for A.C.E.G.A.T.

f) There was only one occasion on which work was suspended during May and that was in the Shipyards of Monfalcone where the clerical workers abstained from their work on the afternoon of Saturday 25th in order to protest against the fact that the reduction of time table from 48 to 40 hours was not made to apply in the case of clerical employees. The system of addressing workers on the factory premises still continues and the Sindacati Unici have staged five important meetings during May .

g) The question of enforcing in Venezia Giulia the four Italian Decrees enforcing the mandatory employment of "Reduci" in Government Departments as well as in Private Employment has been raised by Allied Commission. A survey by this Division of the actual situation has demonstrated that in Gorizia and Pola all firms are already employing 5% or more, while in Trieste only a small number of Firms have less than 5% . It is reckoned the employment of 80 more workers would be sufficient to rectify the situation in Trieste. No figures are available for the Government Departments and Finance Division has been invited to investigate the situation.

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h) The difficulty of fixing "piece work" rates in the C.R.D.A. still continues in view of the untractable attitude of "Sindacati Unici" which refuses to allow the "Camera del Lavoro" to enter in the joint negotiations while at the same time insisting that the Management and incidentally A.M.G. are to blame for the impasse .

i) The attitude of the "Sindacati Unici" mentioned above is merely a preview of a continued policy of sabotage calculated to precipitate conditions of industrial unrest. In view of this line of action, the advisability of promulgating legislation to regulate Trade Union affairs in general, and joint negotiations in particular, now becomes a necessity, unless A.M.G. is prepared to accept a situation in which a virtual monopoly is tacitly granted to the "Sindacati Unici" to the exclusion of the "Camera del Lavoro" .

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16. EDUCATION .

1. School calendar.

The public schools under the administration of A.M.G. will close the school year 1945-46 in the following order :

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| b) | Italian Secondary " | 15 " " |
| c) | Slovene Elementary " | 15 July '46 |
| d) | Slovene Secondary " | 1 " " |

The University of Trieste will complete its work, including examination sessions by 1. August '46.

2. Slovene Schools

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On 23. May a meeting of the Superintendents of Schools representing the Territory and of their relative Italian and Slavic school inspectors was held at the Education Division. One of the outstanding issues discussed dealt with the basic requirements for final recognition of Slavic Schools. The following policy was drawn up :

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b) Students completing their work in non-recognized schools will be authorized to enter recognized schools only upon examination as in the case of any students from Private schools .

c) The complete issue of Slovene elementary school text books (those so far completed) has been subsidized and they will be distributed free to the school children of the Territory .

d) A booklet has been printed containing the "Acts of the Teachers' Congress of Venezia Giulia" (the Congress was held in the Auditorium of HQ AMG in Trieste on 19-20 Feb '46 ) . It is being distributed free to all schools of the Territory. Since this represented the first such Region wide teachers' meeting copies of the result have been sent to all "Provveditori agli Studi" of Italy.

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e) The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th grade "Racunica" (Arithmetic) for the Slavic elementary schools have come off the press and are now being distributed free to all Slavic school children. A History of Slovene Literature has gone to press.

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17. PUBLIC RELATIONS .

1. During the month 42 newsitems and announcements were passed to the News Division of the A.I.S. for publication in the local press .

2. It was anticipated that a considerable number of world press correspondents would visit Trieste for the May Day celebrations, but wide publicity had been given by news agencies to restrictions imposed on movement into Trieste in order to avoid overcrowding, and it was thought that no sensational demonstration would take place .

3. The Allied Military Parade on 2nd May was witnessed by some 50 local and world press correspondents . A press enclosure was established close to the saluting base .

4. Col. Bowman S.C.A.O., A.M.G. held an informal press conference on 3rd May when heads of Divisions were present to answer technical questions.

5. On 24. May the Editor of "Il Canguro" was summoned to appear before Col. ROBERTSON D/ SCAO and was ordered to cease publication and its licence was withdrawn . The reason for this action was the offensive and pornographic character of the paper, many of the articles and cartoons in which were insulting to Allied soldiers .

The responsible editor had previously been warned .

18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS .

a) General . W.e.f. 10th May the Telecoms and Postal Officer took over control of the Udine Telecoms and Postal Area .

b) Wire thefts continue in the vicinity of Opicina, and now in the Muggia area .

On 18. May 1700 kg of wire was stolen near Opicina.
" 23/24 " 1500 " and
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The police apprehended the thieves for the theft of 23/24.May but a further theft was carried out after this apprehension .

c) On 13. May the Troops Telephone Service to U.K. was opened in Trieste NAAFI/EFI Soldiers' Club.The service has gradually gained popularity and the 20-calls-per-night-schedule is being maintained . I have spoken to the Milan Telecoms Officer with a view to increasing the speaking time . He is getting in touch with the Director of Communications .

d) On 20.May the Civil Telegraph Service was opened up to the [illegible] service for British personnel at concession rates for U.K. and the British Empire. So far the average number of telegrams both ways is 10 per day for Zone A.

e) The following telegraph services were opened during the month :

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Milan and Venice Stock Exchange 22.May

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e) The following telegraph services were opened during the month :

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| Vienna | 21.May |
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19. PATRIOTS .

1. General - The lack of agitation on the part of both partisan Asaociations which was noted during the past three months, has continued .

The Association "Partigiani Italiani" appears to be functioning well in Trieste and Pola and is in the hands of reasonably responsible persons. The Gorizia branch however is being run by more unresponsible persons of the communist faith and there appears to be a schism among its members .

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Association"Partigiani Giuliani" is also quiet with only occasional visits from the President to the Patriot Office with requests that claims turned down be reconsidered. However as it is controlled by U.A.I.S. it no doubt has a further function in organizing the Slovene population.

2. Claims . To date 2160 claims have been registered and scrutinized and approximately 2000 more claims await scrutiny. As the majority of those are written in Slovene progress is not rapid as translations have to be made.

Approximately 10,000,000 Lire has been paid out to the next of kin of killed partisans and to seriously wounded partisans .

3. Partigiani Balkani - A new Partisan Association " Associazione Nazionale Reduci e Partigiani della Balcania ", has now appeared and requested permission to open a branch here .The association has been informed that the position with regard to partisans in Venezia Giulia is sufficiently complicated by having two Associations already and that a third would serve no useful purpose, that however,provided the Area Commission is consulted and agrees there is no objection to them forming as a social Association but this division cannot recognize them as in any way representing the views of the partisans of this territory .

20. ELECTORAL ROLLS .

The General Order has now been passed by the Legal Division and will be translated into Italian and Slovene and then presented to the SCAO for signature .The queries dealing with refugees and appeal commissions have been settled and are now clearly defined in the order .

ALFRED C. BOWMAN,
Colonel, JAGD.,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

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GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS PUBLISHED DURING MAY 1946 .

a. General Orders :

No. 34 B - Amendments and additions to General Order No.34 increasing public pensions.
No. 45 B - Modification of General Order No.45 regarding the importation of foodstuffs .
No. 53 - Additional sanctions against crimes of a fascist nature.
No. 54 - Increase of control and rents .
No. 56 - Amendments to the competence of "Giudici conciliatori" and "Pretori" with respect to the value of cases .
No. 57 - Amendments, modifications and amplifications of the laws relating to local finance .
No. 58 - Restoration of property rights of Jews and fiscal concessions to Allied Nationals and Jews.
No. 59 - Abolition of the posting of acts concerning commercial matters in the halls of the Tribunal, of the Commune , and in the premises of the Stock Exchange .
No. 60 - Revision of the careers of employees of public administrations .

b. Orders :

No. 105 B - Special Committee to supervise fund for the integration of wages of industrial workers - Amendment of Order No.105 .
No. 106 B - Amendment to Order No. 106 -Contribution for payment to discharged workers .
No. 122 - Provisions concerning tax collectors .
No. 123 - Readmission of Jews to public services - Amendment of General Order No.3 .
No. 124 - Increase of allowances to ordinary magistrates .
No. 125 - Payment of Imposta generale sull'entrata on the revenue collected by means of tax rolls of municipalities and other bodies .
No. 126 - Discipline of magistrates .
No. 127 - Extension of term of duration of "L'Azienda dei Magazzini Generali di Trieste ".
No. 128 - Amendments to compulsory workmen's compensation insurance in agriculture .
No. 129 - Identity Card Boards - Supplement to Order No. 14 .
No. 130 - Contribution for special indemnities to workers and employees called into armed forces .
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c. Administrative Orders :

No. 37 - Appointments of temporary administrative council for Istituto Tecnico Commerciale of Gorizia .
No. 38 - Appointment of Cebulec Giuseppe and Muto Giuseppe as Assistant Chancellors of the Pretura of Gorizia .
No. 39 -Appointment of Dr. Bradamante Carlo as technical expert of agriculture .

Notice :

No. 11 - Declaration concerning areas sown with cereals .



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2. Venezia Giulia Police Force (Public Safety Division)

There has been a further improvement in the public safety situation in Zone "A" during the month, due to the general increase in activity, efficiency, morale and general welfare in all ranks of the Police Force.

3. Food.

Normal rations were distributed during April with the exception of fats and pasta which had to be cut due to non-availability. Deficiencies however will be made up in May.

4. Transportation.

A very small number of tyres have been received in the Area during the month. A few new small (3rd class) bus services were granted concessions.

5. Agriculture.

The harvest for Venezia Giulia still depends on rainfall but it is anticipated that given suitable weather the crops will far exceed last years production. The programme of re-afforestation has now been completed. It is anticipated that the increased catches of fish will do much to add to the food supplies of the Territory.

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8. Public Works.

Work is continuing on the rehabilitation of distressed villages and

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8. Public Works (Cont'd)

during the month work was commenced in MONFALCONE, GORIZIA and CASTELNUOVO. With improved weather the roads and bridge programme has made considerable progress and has now reached its maximum.

9. Reparation.

All Divisions concerned with the rehabilitation of the area have been actively engaged in preparing a programme especially designed to give added employment and to get industry started back to its normal peacetime production.

10. Public Health and Welfare.

The general health throughout the Territory continues to be good and the arrival of 50 tons of medical supplies has been of considerable help.

11. Displaced Persons.

The increase of movement of Displaced Persons which had been noted during the last few months has been maintained during the month of April.

12. Finance.

The majority of the budgets for the quarter April-June of the Financial Year 1945/46 have been approved. The cost-of-living index figure in Northern Italy has now been increased to 150 and the question of amendment in Venezia Giulia is under consideration.

13. Property Control.

374 Allied Properties of all classes belonging to 235 owners have now been taken under formal control.

14. Legal.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of cases tried before the Superior Courts during the month. This was due entirely to the fact that all charges arising out of the March demonstrations were tried before these courts. The Special Court of Assize imposed the first death sentence in this Territory on a notorious collaborator.

15. Labour.

The Labour Agencies are working satisfactorily in the face of many handicaps. Unemployment in the Territory is still on an upward trend. The records at Trieste, Gorizia and Pola show an increase of nearly 2,800 men, 1,200 women and 300 juveniles. When the gradual unblocking of dismissals becomes effective the figures are likely to increase further. The public works programme is assisting in offsetting these losses.

16. Education.

The month has been quiet so far as schools are concerned. The political situation has remained stationary and school administration except for minor political incidents has functioned smoothly.

17. Public Relations.

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18. Telecommunications.

A telephone circuit between Trieste and Milan was opened during the month.

19. Partisans.

Due to lack of agitation on the part of the partisan associations, considerable leeway has been made in the screening of claims already submitted.

20. Electoral Rolls.

The General Order dealing with the preparation of the Electoral Rolls has been completed and passed to Legal Division for final approval.



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1. POLITICAL SITUATION.

At the beginning of the month, political feelings were still intensified by the presence of the Four-Power Allied Boundary Commission in VENEZIA GIULIA. Nightly, pro-Slav elements took possession of the "mound" opposite the hotel in which the Commission was working, chanting the monotonous "Livio Gito", but the enthusiasm and energy of the demonstrations was beginning to flag.

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By the middle of April, arrangements were being made by the pro-Slavs of VENEZIA GIULIA for the May day celebrations. A.M.G. were asked for permission to import large numbers of men and women from Zone "B" to take part in sports events and a parade. A.M.G. policy was to attempt by voluntary cooperation to limit these to a reasonable number because of the already over-crowded conditions, the feeding difficulties

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1. POLITICAL SITUATION (cont'd)

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These restrictions gave rise to intensified attacks on A.M.G.; accusations were made that A.M.G. never lost an opportunity of preventing the Slovene population of the territory from expressing their will, while every encouragement and protection was afforded to the pro-Italian side. 25th April was declared a holiday to commemorate the liberation of Northern Italy by the partisans. On this day, TRIESTE was bedecked with Italian flags, more than ever before and numerous commemoration services were held in honour of Italian partisans. The pro-Slav element objected violently to this day being observed as a holiday, stating that TRIESTE was liberated by Tito's forces at a later date.

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Throughout the many demonstrations that have taken place during the visit of the Allied Commission and during early April, the Civil Police Force has acquitted itself magnificently, showing considerable tact and impartiality, and preventing clashes between the opposing sides, which would have resulted in serious consequences.

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A calm prevails in TRIESTE and hopes are still cherished of a re-opening of the discussions and agreement being reached.

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(a) Civil Police -

All reports, statistical and otherwise, indicate a further improvement in the public safety situation in Zone "A" this month, attributable in a major degree to the increased activities of all ranks of the Venezia Giulia Police Force. Satisfactory progress has been maintained in improving the efficiency, morale and general welfare of the Force and in this connection we owe much to the Allied Military authorities for their continued support and assistance.
The following are "incidents" of note during the month affecting both police and public safety:-

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iv. On 22 April 1946 a Police Guard of Uniform Branch, Pola Zone, wandered some 100 yards over the demarcation line. He was arrested by Jugoslav Military and was not released until 30 April 1946. Whilst in custody he was interrogated by Jugoslav authorities as to the disposition of the Venezia Giulia Police forces also as to conditions etc., in the service.

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v. An incident of a different character occurred on 23 April 1946 when at TRIESTE one Fisch Giorgio, a known criminal wanted for interrogation for murder, endeavoured to evade arrest and opened fire at members of the Venezia Giulia Police C.I.D. Flying Squad who were chasing him. The fire was returned and the wanted man was fatally wounded.

vi. A "political" incident worthy of note occurred in Trieste on 25 April 1946 when a restaurant keeper was assaulted after entertaining Italian partisans and displaying Italian flags. Police intervention prevented serious hurt to the person concerned or damage to his property. Following upon this, pro-Italian sympathisers visited the same district and tore down bi-lingual signs.

(b) Crime -

TRIESTE Zone - There has been a slight decrease in the number of crimes committed during the month, and the number of detections has been very satisfactory. This is no doubt due to the increasing mobility of the forces rendered possible by additional transport.

One disturbing feature has been the number of false Italian bank notes which have been circulated in the city of TRIESTE. The figures are 42 1000-lire notes, 14 500-lire notes and 4 100-lire notes. Available evidence points to individuals masquerading in the uniform of British soldiers operating between MILAN and TRIESTE.

GORIZIA Zone - 47 reports of crime were received - a slight decrease as compared with the figures for the previous month.

These crimes included 5 cases of burglary and 15 for aggravated theft. No crimes of violence have been reported.

Arrests numbered 29, including 2 persons for the illegal wearing of Allied uniform, and 2 persons for abandoning their children.

POLA Zone - No serious crimes have been reported during the month and the total number, 65 shows a decrease of 15 as compared with the figures for March. All crimes were of a petty nature.

Arrests number 33, including 16 persons for illegal possession of arms.

(c) Brothels and Prostitution -

Periodical inspections of public dance halls, hotels, pensions and hired rooms are made by the Vice Squad of the C.I.D. There is a slight increase during the period under review in the number of women medically examined and found to be infected, but there is no reason for undue concern and regulations for medical treatment are being rigorously enforced.

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This continues to be very satisfactory and a credit to all ranks.

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During the month the prison population has returned to a normal figure due to the large number of cases dealt with by Allied Military Government Courts (over 250). 117 releases following the granting of amnesty and pardon under General Order No. 46, and the transfer of 51 long-term prisoners to Italian Penal establishments.

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| TRIESTE Prisons | 613 |
| Other prisons | 342 |
| Total prison population | 955 |

The selection and classification of prisoners is now in progress and will be completed shortly.

A school for juvenile detainees was opened during the month at the Via Nizza Prison, TRIESTE.

Proper prison attire for convicted prisoners have been ordered from a firm recommended by the Chief Prisons Officer.

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3. FOOD.

Normal rations were distributed during April with the exception of pasta and fats which had to be cut due to non-availability. Deficiencies, however, will be made up for in May.

During the month, 8,574 tons grain were received from the S/S "Mc Quigg" while the S/S "Hoseley" unloaded miscellaneous foodstuffs. From the total of grain received, 3,393 tons had to be given to the Italian Government and 1,225 tons to AUSSMIL in repayment of loans.

The S/S "Makdalegate" has just completed offloading 275 tons sugar for VENEZIA GIULIA.

Edible salt stocks will last approximately 2 months and the Monopoly authorities have been asked to renew their monthly shipments.

In order to counteract high restaurant prices discussions are being held with a view to setting up popular restaurants at controlled prices. Cooperation of some of the more public-spirited restaurant owners is being sought.

4. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Port and Warehouse Section -

| | Cargo received Inward tons | Outward to consumers tons |
|---|---|---|
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| Allied Military Government supplies received Warehouse 6 | 2968 | 1716 |
| UGERA (Schooners) mixed cargoes | 3364 | 2383 |
| Total | 14527 | 8599 |

(b) Rail Section -

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| To Italy | 21317 tons |
| From Italy | 12007 " |
| To Jugoslavia | 138 " |
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Note: The sharp decrease from figures of March are due to drop in Coal imports from U.S. because of Coal strike there.

(c) Road Section -

Tonnages - Civilian Vehicles (Autotrasporti)

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| tons | 9075 | 4347.2 | 46,097 | 59,519.2 |

Tonnages carried by Allied Military Government Truck Pool Vehicles are as follows:

| | Inwards | Outwards | Local | Total |
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| tons | 138 | NONE | 4528.4 | 4666.4 |

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4. TRANSPORTATION. (Cont. of Road Section)

Note: The great increase in local movement is accounted for in the tremendous increase of work being done by Genio Civile under Public Works contracts.

(d) Tyres -

Only 67 tyres were received into the area, 51 from the Ministero dell' Industria (ILVAR) and 16 from A.N.A.I.R. Italian Government Agency - through our agent Moncini. No tubes were received from any source.

(e) Bus Services -

A few new concessions were granted to small third-class bus services. The Military was relieved of operating five (5) local bus services - TRIESTE to OPICINA and nearby local areas.

5. AGRICULTURE.

(a) General -

The harvest for VENEZIA GIULIA still depends on rainfall, but given a fair break in the weather the crops will far exceed last years production. This is due to the larger acreage planted as well as better natural conditions and a good start this spring. Fertilizers are too high in price for the grain farmers to be tempted into purchasing as heavily as they should, but truck and garden farmers have found ample for their needs. The fruit trees have blossomed well, and despite some vandalism, a good crop is expected.

(b) Amassing -

Last year the quota for the Territory was 10,000 quintals of wheat, of which 12,000 quintals was amassed. This year the quota has been set at 20,000 quintals and with help from the Public Safety Division this figure should be exceeded. Italian amassing decrees will be followed here, modified only in such manner as to encourage voluntary consigning of the wheat. It is indicated that the price will be high enough to pay producers well beyond their costs, and so decrease black-marketing temptations. There will be some prosecutions of last year's evaders, sufficient to have a salutary effect on this season's amassing. Threshing machines will be registered and licensed, and a check on the grain to be consigned will be made on the spot, at the machines.

(c) Livestock -

A complete appraisal of the value of equines distributed has been completed. The total to date: 470 horses, 100 Mules. Since development of livestock in the Territory depends on the forage and feed available, a drive is on to increase hay production, and to import whatever can be found from RIVIERA Province and other productive sections of ITALY. In addition to the young bulls for breeding, sought for GORIZIA Area, the project for the new stud-horse farms at RONCHI is under way. Progress has been made on plans to bring back from AUSTRIA the famous Lipizza horses taken by the Germans. It is not likely that more captured war horses will arrive from AUSTRIA for farm distribution, beyond the 570 equines already listed above.

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Three imported tractors are now in the Consorzio Agrario warehouse ready for distribution, and the other 18 to be picked up from PADUA are expected in TRIESTE shortly. There is no fertilizer shortage and rationing restrictions have been lifted to encourage the farmers to purchase what is still available. The high prices are due to the increase in cost at factory, plus transportation expenses which are now excessive. Each sack costs 220 lire, and tariffs all along the line make an exorbitant total. The farmers idea is to go on a buyer's strike and

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5. AGRICULTURE. (Cont. of Supplies)

force the fertilizer plants to reduce their prices by fall, or be glutted with the material. Bran is coming in from the flour mills, and is being distributed on priority to producers of milk; so much bran for so many litres of milk delivered.

(e) Benifices -

New benifices in the MONFALCONE and GRADO area are under way, and vast tracts of land never cultivated and now under water will be drained and brought into production. Much of this land will be ready for fall planting.

(f). Forestry -

Some 700,000 trees have been planted in TRIESTE Commune according to plan. The seeding of the terraces in the same zone is continuing, and work on this project will continue throughout the summer. There has been some loss of nursery stock due to the lack of rain up till the end of the month. The recent showers, however, have done much to bring through many trees beginning to dry out. A new project for a Memorial Forest, dedicated to the soldiers of 13 Corps, has been started. The site lies between BARCOLA and MIRAMARE, on the hillside overlooking the sea. The Blue prints are complete, types of trees have been chosen, and fencing off the tract has begun. Oaks and non-coniferous trees will be used, to distinguish this park of remembrance from the usual memorial found in ITALY.

(g) Fisheries -

As the season progresses catches of fish are increasing daily, and the food supply of the Territory has been augmented in proportion. All restrictions possible have been removed, more mine fields cleared, and every aid has been offered to the industry. Although canning has not yet got under way, due to lack of cans and olive oil, this handicap has helped the general supply on the market, resulting in prices dropping again this month.

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The electricity supply situation is normal but owing to lack of gas consumption is very high and it has been necessary to refuse new domestic power connections in order to protect transformers and the low-tension distribution system, against overload.

Large industries depending upon supplies and markets outside Zone "A" are making slow progress but medium and small industries are steadily improving. One large industry showing improvement is the Cotonificio Triestino of GORIZIA which increased to 76% capacity.

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6. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES (Cont'd)

Good progress has been made with Port Reconstruction and it has been noted that workers have shown better discipline.

Salvage of the Jugoslav destroyer SEVERIO is almost completed and plans have been made to continue with other ships obstructing berths in the harbour.

Arrangements have been made to take over Royal Navy ship salvage gear from the Senior Salvage Officer, on whose departure early in May all ship salvage will come under this Division.

7. COMMERCE.

(a) General -

The distribution of the cloth made at the Cotonificio from the first 800 imported bales of cotton is proceeding slowly. 12 million lire worth of goods have been taken over by wholesalers to date out of a total of 400 million lire worth of cloth made or to be made out of the first and second lots of cloth to be delivered.

At the beginning of the month 3919 bales of American cotton representing the first consignment under the 1946 January-June Civil Import Programme were unloaded at TRIESTE and of this 200 bales have been taken over by the GORIZIA Cotton Mill.

(b) Firewood -

Firewood distributed in April bls 1,100
Availability in 30/4/1946 " 42,000 (less shrinkage)

Sawn Timber trade between Zone "B" and Zone "A" -

On UIVOA compensation account at Banca d'America & d'Italia, payment made in advance; for timber purchases in April Lit. 9,650,000
" deliveries in April " 3,200,000

Sawn Timber imported from JUGOSLAVIA through CENTROTRON in April for L. 1,400,000.

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Recent arrivals have brought stocks up to six months supply and no bids for this class of oil have been made for the period July - December. Stocks of oils locally produced and others not of Allied Supply are the subject of review. Export from VENEZIA GIULIA of any oils which match those of Allied Supply will not be licensed unless they are surplus to requirements to December 31st 1946.

(d) Coal -

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Arrangements have been made to take over Royal Navy ship salvage gear from the Senior Salvage Officer, on whose departure early in May all ship salvage will come under this Division.

7. COMMERCE.

(a) General -

The distribution of the cloth made at the Cotonificio from the first 800 imported bales of cotton is proceeding slowly. 12 million lire worth of goods have been taken over by wholesalers to date out of a total of 400 million lire worth of cloth made or to be made out of the first consignment of lots of cloth to be delivered.

At the beginning of the month 3919 bales of American cotton representing the first consignment under the 1946 January-June Civil Import Programme were unloaded at TRIESTE and of this 200 bales have been taken over by the GORIZIA Cotton Mill.

(b) Firewood -

Firewood distributed in April qls 1,100
Availability in 30/4/1946 " 42,000 (less shrinkage)

Sawn Timber trade between Zone "B" and Zone "A" -

On UIVCB organisation account at Banca d'America & d'Italia, payment made in advance; for timber purchases in April Lit. 9,650,000
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| Arrivals during April | Date of Discharge | |
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| S/S JOHN P. SOOLE | 19.4.1946 | 8,195 tons |
| S/S ROBERT S. EVANS | 19.4.1946 | 8,106 " |
| | | 16,301 Tons |

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8. PUBLIC WORKS.

(a) General -

As stated in the last report, there has been a decided increase in willingness of house-owners to repair their houses under General Order No. 14. During the past month the Genio Civile has submitted one project under General Order No. 27 although a number have been submitted under General Order No. 14. In all, these amount to 8673 units.

Work is continuing in the distressed villages and this month work has started in the villages of RIFEMBERGO, COMERO and CASIGLIANO in addition to those reported last month and it is hoped that repair work will commence in other villages in May.

(b) Agriculture Projects -

The reforestation of the communal woods of TRIESTE has been practically completed.

(c) Roads & Bridges -

With the break in the weather, the roads and bridge programme has picked up and is now proceeding at its maximum. On this programme alone there are in round numbers 2900 men working, a big increase from the 500 during the winter months. TRIESTE Commune is employing nearly 900 men on the roads.

(d) Building Supplies -

The building supply position is very healthy. The Territory can now produce about 90% of all its needs. It is hoped that by the end of June it will be possible to unblock all construction supplies.

(e) Bomb Disposal -

The Bomb-Disposal and Mine lifting programme has made considerable progress during the month. Types of explosive material recovered during the month are:

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| Mines..... | 16 Tons |
| War residues unexploded bombs and varied material. | 118 " |
| Dangerous war residues demolished..... | 72 " |
| Amount in Duino "Cementary"..... | 67 " |

9. ECONOMICS.

Rehabilitation -

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All Divisions concerned with the rehabilitation of the area, especially Industry Division, have been actively engaged in preparing a programme designed to give added employment, and to get industry started back to its normal prewar production.

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Trade across Morgan Line -

Since General Order No. 45 became effective on 25th March the movement of trade across the Morgan Line has been subjected to close supervision. At present there are only five control posts in operation, and experience shows that additional posts are necessary. Both Italian and Jugoslav officials have requested a closer control. During the next month it

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9. ECONOMICS (Cont. of Trade across Morgan Line)

is hoped that additional personnel can be obtained. Under the present set-up where the number of posts are small, and the distances between posts somewhat great, additional cost on the merchandise has been necessary because of increased transportation tariffs.

The Jugoslav Military Authorities appear to be satisfied with the principle of control, and the results of its operation during the first month. In addition to their request for closer control they have requested clarification and alteration of a few of the points of instruction issued for goods crossing the line. Early in the month a very successful meeting was held between members of the Jugoslav Military Government and a Sub-Committee of the Anglo-American Joint Economic Committee to straighten out certain difficulties encountered.

10. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

(a) Hospitals -

In TRIESTE, there continues to be a good deal of political intrigue among the staff of the Ospedale Maggiore and personal animosities accentuated by Party bias are apt to interfere with medical administration.

The Civil Hospital at GORIZIA was visited. It is an old fashioned building with out-of-date equipment which prevents an efficient medical service. This will be remedied when the new hospital is taken into use.

The Civil Hospital at POLA, was inspected and was found to be rendering excellent service in spite of overcrowded conditions.

(b) Medical Supplies -

About 50 tons of drugs and dressings arrived by rail during the month and are housed in the Allied Military Government Warehouse in the Docks. In addition, a 30-day reserve will be maintained in case of emergency. A quantity of captured enemy supplies, mainly Laboratory Equipment, found at the Marine Hospital POLA has been taken over by Allied Military Government and given to the Hospital "Santorio Santorio" POLA.

(c) Sanitation and Hygiene -

The TRIESTE City Refuse dump at ZAULE has now a Staff of 20 workers controlling the deposit of rubbish, and the work is progressing smoothly. The question of improving the sanitary facilities at the Savoia Swimming Bath has been taken up in order to make the Bath fit for use by military personnel.

The anti-rat Campaign continues, and an additional monetary grant is being asked from Finance in order that the work may go on for a further 4 months. The POLA water supply was in danger of becoming contaminated owing to a breakdown in the filtration apparatus, and a special supply of chlorine powder was sent from TRIESTE to combat this menace.

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Venereal disease - Number of admissions to hospital are 55 as compared with 91 last month.

Tuberculosis - An analysis of cases show a total of 311 cases notified compared with 467 in March.

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10. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE. (Contd)

(e) Veterinary Disease -

An outbreak of Undulant Fever among sheep in MACLADO in GORIZIA Area is being investigated.

(f) Miscellaneous -

A conference at which Jugoslav health officers were present, was held to discuss infectious disease in Zone "B".

(g) Welfare -

Inspections were made of several Welfare Agencies in TRIESTE, including the ISTITUTI RIUNITI DI ASSISTENZA and the ENTE COMUNALE DI ASSISTENZA, the official Public Welfare Agency.

Inspections and visits have been paid to GORIZIA, GRADO and PIRANESCH, at the two latter places in connection with the project of SUMMER CAMPS for children.

Ente Comunale di Assistenza - This Public Welfare Agency is continuing its welfare activities. The ECA's work is increasing rather than decreasing, due to the fact that many ex-internees, POWs etc., have returned home and because the recent unblocking order has been put in effect. ECA's estimated quarterly budget shows an increase of about 7,230,000 lire.

Opera Orfani di Guerra - The number of WAR ORPHANS enlisted in this agency is 2,000.

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A similar SPRING FESTIVAL for benefit of war orphans was held in POLA, commencing EASTER SUNDAY and realized Lire 147, 283, which sum will be of great assistance in furthering the war orphans programme.

A plan for the appointment of local civilian representative of the Opera Orfani di Guerra in each Comune of TRIESTE, is now under consideration.

Comitati Assistenza Post-Bellica - Since the appointment of a new Civilian Committee, this Welfare Agency is now functioning well.

11. DISPLACED PERSONS.-

The increase in movements of Displaced Persons which had been noted during the last few months has been maintained during the month of April. Details are as follows:

| | Entered | Evacuated |
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| Civilians | 1360 | 1318 |
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The responsibility for payments to Greek and Czech nationals will be undertaken in the very near future by their respective Governments. British nationals are already being paid by arrangements with this Division from British Foreign Office funds.

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11. DISPLACED PERSONS (Cont'd)

Attempts have been made during the month by Jewish nationals to enter the Territory illegally in order to get to PALESTINE. These persons were ultimately despatched to Displaced Persons Camps in ITALY and all have now left VENEZIA GIULIA. The system of admittance of any Displaced Person from JUGOSLAVIA into VENEZIA GIULIA have now been completely altered and there has been no other attempt at illegal entry from Zone "B".

British Red Cross -

Distribution of Red Cross parcels have been made to all communes.

12. FINANCE.

(a) State, Parastatal and Communal Budgets -

The majority of the Budgets for the last quarter (April-June) of Financial Year 1945/46 have been approved.

(b) Salaries and Pensions -

The cost-of-living index figure in North ITALY has now been increased to 130, and the question of amendment in VENEZIA GIULIA is under consideration.

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Uniform provisions have been issued for the payment of state assistance made by E.C.A.I. to refugees, ex-internees, families of internees, etc.

(c) Past due bills -

The amount payable to any one creditor of public bodies has been increased to Lit. 500,000.

(d) Revenue -

Fiscal Guards - Application has been made to increase the establishment from 500 to 1,000.

Owing to the lack of security in the Port, Insurance Companies are refusing to insure goods, and this constitutes a serious matter. *

Monopoly - Salt rationing has now ceased.

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(e) Insurance -

Temporary Special Unemployment Indemnity - This has now been prorogated to 30 June 1946 in connection with the gradual unblocking of dismissals.

Cooperation in JUGOSLAV Zone - Attempts to obtain certain Zone "A" documents from the Jugoslavs are meeting with no success and it may be necessary to make an approach through the Joint Economic Committee.

13. PROPERTY CONTROL.

(a) Allied Owned Property -

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The number of Allied Properties of all classes taken under formal control now amounts to 374, belonging to 283 owners.

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13. PROPERTY CONTROL (Cont'd)

(b) Commercial and Industrial undertakings -

Special investigations have been made during the month into the affairs of two British Oil Companies, viz. Shell Mex and Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

(c) Italian State and Parastatal and ex-Fascist Property -

The number taken under formal control remain the same. In addition however, a number of other properties are being administered or wound up by the Intendente di Finanza under supervision of this office.

14. LEGAL.

(a) Allied Military Courts -

Summary Courts - During April, 1946, a total of 82 accused were tried on 89 charges. These figures compare with 518 accused on 546 charges in March, 1946. The comparitively small number of cases in the Summary Courts in April is further due to the large number of cases transferred to Superior Courts, consisting mainly of the cases arising out of the demonstrations at TRIESTE and GORIZIA in the latter part of March. This is reflected in the increase of Superior Court cases as hereinafter pointed out.
The breakdown of offenses disposed of in the Summary Courts during April, by Areas is as follows:

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| TRIESTE | 67 | 64 |
| GORIZIA | 20 | 16 |
| POLA | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 89 | 82 |

Superior Courts - Cases in the Superior Courts were greater than in any other month due to the fact that all cases arising out of the demonstrations at TRIESTE and GORIZIA were disposed of in Superior Courts.

During April, 1946, Superior Courts disposed of cases involving 139 accused (as compared with 35 in March), on 214 charges (as compared with 53 charges in March).

All cases arising out of the demonstrations were tried and disposed of. This was accomplished by setting up extra Superior Courts at TRIESTE and GORIZIA.

No Superior Court cases were tried in the POLA Area.

The breakdown of Superior Court cases for the other two Areas is as follows:

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14. LEGAL (Cont'd)

(b) Civil Courts -

The Ordinary Civil Courts continue to function with reasonable satisfaction although the problem of adequate personnel is a cause of some concern.

The Ordinary Court of Assize which has jurisdiction of the more serious criminal offences, disposed of cases involving 12 accused, 18 cases were pending on 30 April.

(c) Special Court of Assize -

During the month of April, the Special Court of Assize tried 39 accused resulting in 23 convictions and 16 acquittals.

The Death sentence in the case of a notorious collaborator was the first imposed by the Court.

The Court is now engaged in the trial of General Esposito, Commander of the Fascist Republican Army in VENEZIA GIULIA after the arrival of the Germans together with 8 other accused.

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16. EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Italian Schools -

In all towns and villages the work of re-activation of school buildings is continuing. At TRIESTE this activity has taken a speedy turn to the better, and very shortly several large buildings such as that of the "Liceo Scientifico" will return to their normal functions. The number of schools being dercquisitioned is increasing. Several secondary schools, also at TRIESTE, are now functioning in full.
Less noticeable has been the improvement of the Italian schools in the field of elementary school instruction; some "sedi" are still without their school buildings.

Slovene Schools -

On 10 April the Training Course for the preparation of Slovene elementary school teachers was started. Of 70 applicants, 38 were accepted to attend the course which will last six months; while in school, each candidate will be paid the salary at the corresponding rate for an elementary school teacher of grade XII Class B (Italian civil service qualification). Since the beginning of the course further applications have been received; and if a sufficient number are received to warrant the establishment of another class this will be done as soon as practicable.
On 11 April the Division, through its "Sovraintendenze Scolastiche" started the distribution of the newly printed 4th and 5th Class elementary school reader - "Slovenske berilo". The school section of the PWOO is placing considerable pressure on teachers, parents, and even children not to purchase this text book. In TRIESTE area where it was estimated 2,000 books would be distributed only 200 have been purchased. (The book is being sold at cost of printing: 30 Lire per copy). The possibility that Allied Military Government will have to subsidise this text book is being planned for, and the number of schools to be officially recognised may have to be decreased.
Another of the Slovene series of text books prepared under the supervision of Allied Military Government to come off the press on the above mentioned date is a basic English-Slovene grammar which will be used in the Slovene secondary schools of the Territory.
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Slovene Schools -

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16. EDUCATION (cont'd)

The University of TRIESTE -

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19. PATRIOTS (Cont'd)

The outstanding features of the month were the mass held at S. Giusto cathedral on 25th April followed by the unveiling of a plaque on the wall of the Castle to commemorate the fallen patriots. These ceremonies were arranged by the Associazione Partigiani Italiani and attended by the Bishop of TRIESTE.

The Associazione Partigiani Giuliani assisted in the ceremony held on the evening of 23rd April in the Via Ghega on the first anniversary of the hanging there of 51 hostages.

20. ELECTORAL ROLLS.-

The General Order dealing with the preparation of the Electoral Rolls has now been completed and passed to Legal Division for final approval.

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Senior Civil Affairs Officer.

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APPENDIX "A".

GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS PUBLISHED DURING APRIL, 1946.

a. General Orders:

No. 25 B - Amendments to the provisions governing direct taxes.
No. 38 B - Amendments to General Order No. 38 relating to an additional tax on textile goods.
No. 41 B - Special Court of Assize.
No. 46 B - Amendments to General Order No. 46 - Granting of amnesty and pardon.
No. 51 - Amendments, modifications and qualifications of the laws relating to "Regulations relating to the comprehensive declarations required for the assessment of direct taxes".
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b. Orders:

No. 98 - Increase in Radio license fee.
No. 99 - Economic provisions in favour of the Magistrates and of the Lawyers of the State (Magistrature ed Avvocatura dello Stato).
No. 100 - Abrogation of certain exceptional tariffs on goods transported by railroads of the State.
No. 101 - Increase of pensions payable from special Insurance Fund for personnel of Public Transportation Services (Fondo Speciale per la previdenza, per il personale addetto ai pubblici servizi di transporto).
No. 102 - Supplementary contributions for increases of old age and invalidism pensions.
No. 103 - Supplementary unemployments benefits.
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No. 110 - University of Trieste - Provisions for the increase of and exemption from college taxes, surtaxes and fees.
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No. 116 - Fees due to messengers for notices on assessment and payment of direct and indirect taxes.
No. 117 - Increase in fees of tax collectors for warrants of execution and sales for the collection of direct taxes.
No. 118 - Slovene teachers training course at Gorizia.

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b. Orders (Cont'd)

No. 119 - Establishment of temporary council of discipline for principals and teachers of secondary schools.

No. 120 - Amendments modifications and amplifications of the laws relating to excise duties on spirits, sugar and by-products, beer, coffee substitutes, seed oils, mineral oils, gas, electric power and illuminating materials, artificial textile fibre.

No. 121 - Supplementary provisions to General Order No. 12 concerning civil navigation.

c. Administrative Orders:

No. 35 - Appointment of Commission for the investigation of marine accidents.

No. 36 - Appointment of sequestrator for "Mittelmeer Reederei".



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2. Local Government.

There has been little change in Local Government, although efforts are still being made to increase the number of Communes conforming to the terms of General Order No 11. On the 9th March, after much persistent work, a Communal Committee was appointed at DOBERDO (TRIESTE Area). DOBERDO is the first of the twenty almost completely Slovene Communes in the territory to cooperate with Allied Military Government under General Order No 11.

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During March, the population received their normal rations with the exception of fats and pasta - these had to be cut by half due to shortage of supply.

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5. Transportation.

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Although the acreage that can be planted this year is almost double that of the preceding year, the factors of uncertain weather, shortage of fertilizers and lack of certain seeds, will influence the final crop returns. There is already a shortage of rain, and the wheat harvest will suffer if the usual spring showers do not arrive soon. Many new plantings of nursery stock are also endangered.

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7. Industry & tilities.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Cont. of Civil Police)

During these demonstrations the conduct and reaction of the Civil Police was subjected to close observation by Allied Public Safety Officers, and all reports show that they behaved well and with commendable restraint and impartiality.
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1 pistol with charged clip
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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Cont. of Crime)

On 1st March SEROLI Francesco, TRIESTE, was murdered. Facts indicate that robbery was the motive.

On 15th March Major GUNDER Stane, Yugoslav Army, was shot and seriously injured by two unknown individuals in Via San Nicolo'. The officer is still in hospital, but out of danger. Enquiries are still proceeding.

(c) Brothels and Prostitution -

There has been no increase in prostitution in the territory, and the Morality Squad of the CID continues to maintain strict supervision on all activities.

(d) Conduct of Allied Service Personnel -

The conduct of Allied Service Personnel continues to be satisfactory. Confining troops to barracks on the occasion of organised demonstrations has been of great assistance to the Civil Police.

(e) Civil Prisons -

The Prisons Division has during the month been incorporated into the Venezia Giulia Police with a strength of 8 officers and 240 guards.

Owing to the numerous arrests made in connection with the recent demonstrations, the prison population has reached a record number.
The following figures give the present position: -

| Prison | Population as on 21 March | 28 March |
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| TRIESTE, Via Nizza | 516 | 728 |
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| " Gesuiti | 19 | 95 |
| MONFALCONE | 17 | 23 |
| GORIZIA | 154 | 203 |
| POLA | 89 | 105 |

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4. FOOD.

During March, the population received their normal rations with the exception of fats and pasta - these had to be cut by half due to shortage of supply.

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4. FOOD. (Cont.)

The following items were received off the S/S HILL through VENICE: -

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| Meat and Vegetables | 92 tons |
| Dried Peas | 108 " |
| Soap | 35 " |
| Lard | 285 " |
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The 275 tons of sugar scheduled on S/S BAKTRIA from U.K. have been switched to S/S ESKADALEGACE. Sailing date unknown.

The S/S FURUSETH is now unloading 2,075 tons of white flour and 6,089 tons of grain in TRIESTE. Of this quantity, approximately 2,000 tons are being repaid to the Italian Government, and 2,000 tons to S & T. The balance is being distributed to UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA.

The supply position is still unsatisfactory. The present shipments, after repaying loans, leave only sufficient grain to last until 23rd April 1946.

5. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Port and Terminals Section -

| | Cargo received Inward tons | Outward to consumers tons |
|---|---|---|
| Ships (Military) Coal (Military, Railways and Allied Military Government) | 26,443 | 26,443 |
| Allied Military Government supplies received Warehouse 6 | 1,414 | 259 |
| UGENA (Schooners) mixed cargoes | 1,727 | 2,400 |
| Total | 29,584 | 29,102 |

(b) Road Section -

For movement and tonnages carried by Allied Military Government Truck Pool Vehicles as follows: - 1240

| | Inward | Outwards | Local | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| tons | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 854.3 |

(c) Rail Section -

| | |
|---|---|
| Out of Zone 'A' | 27,993 tons. |
| Into Zone 'A' | 6,073 " |
| From Yugoslavia | 1,341 " |
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(d) Tyres -

470 tyres of all sizes were received into the territory during March from both Army and civilian sources. These were distributed in conjunction with Commerce Division.

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5. TRANSPORTATION. (Cont.)

(c) Bus Services -

26 first class and 16 third class bus services are now operating from this area to various points in ITALY, Zone 'B', and YUGOSLAVIA.

6. AGRICULTURE.

(a) General -

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(b) Livestock -

During March, 36 horses from AUSTRIA were distributed around GORIZIA, 52 were distributed in the TRIESTE Area, and 4 in POLA. Altogether 430 work horses have been consigned to farmers, as well as 100 mules. Details are being worked out so that these horses can be purchased and owned permanently.

(c) Supplies -

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7. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES. (Cont.)

An otherwise favourable offer of the Cantieri Riuniti dell'Adriatico to build a 17,000 tons passenger vessel for NORWEGIAN owners was rejected for the foregoing reasons. The management, backed by Allied Military Government, are making strenuous efforts to get the decision reversed.

Generally there has been no change in the industrial outlook, and the situation remains much as previously reported.

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(a) General -

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The first lot of 500 qls. of Sulphur Oil for soap making, which was allocated by the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce on 1st November, reached TRIESTE towards the end of March. Soap factories will now be supplied with this raw material in proportion to their respective capacity, and it is expected that soap will be ready for distribution towards the end of April.

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| Balance in hand approx. | qls.34,000 |

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8. COMMERCE. (Cont.)

(c) P.O.L. -

Petrol, Gasoil, Kerosene, Lubricants - Consumption, though still on a rather low level shows a slight increase over that of February. All demands have been met.
Industrial Oils and Greases - The situation has greatly improved due to the following facts: -

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b) 450 gallons NS 2190 (turbine oil) have been supplied to E.P.T. by R.N.

The latter are willing to supply 5,000 gallons more of NS 2190 T (turbine oil with additives) if found suitable by consumers.

(d) Coal -

| Arrivals during March | date of discharge | |
|---|---|---|
| S/S PAUL CHANDLER | 9.3.46 | 8,114 tons |
| S/S FORT DEARBORN | 19.3.46 | 9,203 " |
| S/S SANLUZON | 23.3.46 | 9,126 " |
| | | 26,443 tons |
| Diverted to Military Railway | | 7,000 " |
| Balance for Civilian use | | 19,443 " |

Civilian Distribution

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|---|---|
| TRIESTE | 3,422 tons |
| GORIZIA | 2,680 " |
| POLA | 1,228 " |
| UDINE | 4,700 " |
| | 12,030 tons |
| Balance in dumps | 7,413 " |
| February balance | 1,813 " |
| Amount for April Distribution | 9,226 tons |

9. PUBLIC WORKS -

When the unblocking of dismissals order is in force, a very much higher unemployment figure is expected for the territory. To ease this situation, a Public Works programme has been worked out which should absorb a large proportion of the unemployed. At present from 7 - 8,000 workers are employed on Public Works schemes, but by the 10th April it is hoped that this figure will be raised to 15,000.

Bids have been opened to rebuild the distressed villages of MERNA, COMENO, RIFEMBERGO and CASIGLIANO. The contract for MERNA has been awarded. These contracts are for twenty houses in each village to be completed in three months. As the works progress, or as labour is available, contracts for a further twenty houses will be awarded until the work in each village is completed.

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9. PUBLIC WORKS. (Cont.)

Not only does this type of project employ a large number of workers, but many thousands of acres of land are put under cultivation. The biggest project at present in hand is the reforestation of the whole of TRIESTE Commune.

10. ECONOMICS.

During the month the question of labour conditions generally in VENEZIA GIULIA has been closely studied by the Economics Section. Legislation is in preparation for: -

a) The Unblocking of Dismissals
b) The institution of normal labour conditions by the publication of a labour charter based on rights of labour in BRITAIN and U.S.A.

In order to bring about an improvement in the Industrial life of TRIESTE, which is at present functioning in only a very moderate degree, a programme of rehabilitation is being worked out to tie up with what is being done in both ITALY and JUGOSLAVIA by UNRRA. The Corps Commander has requested AFHQ to submit to CCS the pressing need for this programme to be put into effect.

11. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

(a) Hospitals General -

In TRIESTE, Dr. PECORARI, the Director of the Ospedale Maggiore, has been dismissed from his post and replaced by Dr. LAPENNA. The new Board of Management of the hospital is awaiting a decision of the Epuration Committee before finally taking over control. It is expected that under the new Director and Board of Management, the efficiency of the Hospital will be greatly increased.

In POLA, plans are in hand for a new 350 bed Tuberculosis Hospital. This will be housed in the Italian Royal Naval Barracks.

The Public Works Division is arranging to complete the re-building of the Civil Hospital at GORIZIA.

Schemes for the rehabilitation and re-building of various other hospitals and institutions are in hand, and are progressing well.

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(b) Medical Supplies -

The programme from AFHQ for the delivery of drugs and dressings from surplus Army stocks has been received, and a small consignment (approximately 1 ton) has already been delivered here.

(c) Sanitation and Hygiene -

The anti-rat campaign in TRIESTE is continuing, and a total of 16,666 rats were destroyed during the month.

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11. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE. (Cont.)

(d) Infectious and other Diseases -

General health throughout the territory continues to be good, and scabies in POLA and GORIZIA as reported in February is now on the decrease.

Measures for the control of rabies have been tightened up considerably during March.

The number of admissions to hospital for VD shew a considerable decrease;a total of 91 being admitted during March compared with 121 for February.

(e) Veterinary Disease -

The campaign for testing cattle for Malta fever continued during the month, 863 animals being tested with the new vaccine.

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With the assistance of the Italian Red Cross Liaison Officers, a Communal Committee formed by local civilians of standing, under the Presidency of the Zone President, has been formed.
The old system of keeping children from the streets through Recreatories has been put in effect, and at present 7 Recreatories are functioning.
A summer holiday scheme for children is being prepared.

The Ente Comunale di Assistenza is continuing its' welfare activity, and cooperation with the Public Health Division of Allied Military Government is proceeding most efficiently.
The distribution of blankets through Ente Comunale di Assistenza is continuing, though with the coming of warmer weather, the need is not quite as urgent and distribution may be discontinued altogether during the summer months.

During March, 2,000 people received Italian Red Cross food parcels.

12. DISPLACED PERSONS.

AFHQ has now confirmed that the Assembly Centres in TRIESTE and UDINE will remain open for an indefinite period.

The movement of displaced persons shews considerable increase over the previous months. Details are as follows: -

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| | Entered | Evacuated |
|---|---|---|
| Civilians | 995 | 995 |
| Ex-PWs | 102 | 101 |
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(a) AMG/AC Expenditure -

The aggregate expenditure from Allied Military Government/Allied Commission Funds for this territory for month of March was approximately lire 15,000,000. Every effort is being made to decrease this expenditure.

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13. FINANCE. (Cont.)

(b) Loans to Industry -

Advances amounting to Lire 95,000,000 have so far been made to various industrial concerns.

(c) State Expenditure -

The credits established in favour of Public Agencies up to the end of March are as follows: -

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(d) Customs -

There has been a considerable increase in Customs Revenue.

(e) Monopoly -

The ration of cigarettes will be increased by import of a quantity of Swiss cigarettes, and other efforts are being made to obtain cigarettes from FIUME. Whilst the present low ration is maintained, an important source of revenue is being lost.

14. PROPERTY CONTROL.

(a) Allied Owned Property -

During March 16 additional properties of all classes were recorded and taken under formal control, whilst 8 (all Greek) were returned to owners or legal representatives. Totals today: 371 properties belonging to 280 owners taken under control - 78 properties belonging to 53 owners restored.

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(b) Industrial and Commercial undertakings -

Special investigations are proceeding into the question of deliveries of Bauxite from S.A. Mineraria Triestina (Canadian owned Coy with office in TRIESTE, but with mines in Zone 'B') to Societa' Istriana Cementi.

(c) Italian State and Parastatal Property - Ex-Fascist Property -

There is nothing special to report. The payment of arrears of salaries and of dismissal indemnities was authorised. The reallocation of ex-Fascist furniture is proceeding normally.

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15. LEGAL.

(a) Allied Military Government -

Summary Courts - During March 1946, a total of 518 accused were tried on 346 charges. These figures compare with 308 accused on 340 charges in February, an increase of 210 and 206. The increase is due mainly to the large number of cases in the TRIESTE Area for violation of the order for the conservation of electricity. (This is no longer operative).

Superior Courts - During March the Superior Courts disposed of cases involving 35 accused (compared with 38 in February) on 53 charges (as compared with 42 in February). The number of firearms cases remained at approximately the same level (March 17 - Feb 18).

General Court - No General Court cases were tried during the month.

(b) Civil Courts -

The Ordinary Civil Courts continue to function with reasonable satisfaction. The Ordinary Court of Assize which has jurisdiction of the more serious offences, was reconstituted in January and is now functioning normally. Six trials were held during the month, involving 10 accused. There were 6 convictions and 3 acquittals. 16 cases are pending.

(c) Special Court of Assize -

This Court deals with charges of collaboration with the Germans and the Fascist Republican State after 8th September 1943. (Proclamation No 5). There has been considerable criticism in the public press and in other quarters, at the Court's lack of jurisdiction to deal with Fascist offences committed before 8th Sep 1943. It has been said that the territory, particularly Trieste, has therefore become a "haven" for Fascist offenders. The Allied Commission's objection to extending the treatment of offences prior to 8th September 1943, was based upon law and policy. The matter was again placed before the Commission in February and in March, with the suggestion that the Italian Government, whose sovereignty over the territory continues, be asked to consent to the proposed extension thereby obviating the objection that such legislation would be beyond the power of an occupying force under international law. The Italian Government was contacted through the Legal Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Justice has consented to the publication of legislation for the prosecution of offences prior to 8th September 1943, providing in substance for such prosecution in the normal Civil Courts, following the procedure in effect in other parts of ITALY. The proposed order has been prepared, and has been submitted for approval to AFHQ. 1233

16. LABOUR.

(a) General -

In spite of the large reforestation project for the Trieste Area, which has absorbed 2,500 men and women, and the extension of blocking of dismissals to 10th April 46, the labour market shews a total of 29,443 registered unemployed for the month of March - an increase of 307 over February.
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16. LABOUR. (Cont.)

(b) Strike -

Several strikes were called during March. They were of a political nature, and were sponsored by the UAIS.
The main strike which was of two days duration, but which did not include railroad, bank and state employes, was called on 11th March as a protest against the shooting of civilians at SERVOLA (See page 1, under Political ).

(c) Wage Levels and Agreements -

Negotiations for various category contracts under the general agreement continue. It is expected that the end of April will see the conclusion in all branches.
The ACEGAT agreement was finally concluded in the Ufficio del Lavoro, and a new contract drawn up.
The following agreements have been ratified. -

6.3.46 - Association free shipowners - Trieste - Wage Agreement
23.3.46 - Giulian Agriculture Association - Trieste- Wage Agreement
23.3.46 - Bakers Association - Trieste - Wage Agreement

(d) Social Insurance -

The 80 lire daily unemployment benefit has been authorized up to 30th June 1946, for all those dismissed after 1st September 1945.

(e) Cassa Integrazione -

The Cassa Integrazione system as applied in ITALY will be extended to this territory at the time of the unblocking of dismissals.

17. EDUCATION.

(a) Political trends in education -

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The pro-Italian and pro-Jugoslav manifestations of nationalism have greatly upset the normal functioning of the schools. Most people have been very sensitive to the daily political issues.
It is natural, therefore, that children and students should be influenced by patriotic feelings aroused in them by the events.

Italian - both instructors and pupils have expressed a keen desire to keep the schools out of the political quarrels which disrupt and harm the educational process. Instruction has been regular and quite serene, except for some isolated instances where individual teachers expressed their nationalism in the classroom through the exhibition of posters or flags proclaiming the "italianita'" of Trieste.
Large numbers of students participated in the recent Italian demonstrations. However, reports from the "Sovreintendenze Scolastiche" which were under most severe instructions to keep all schools functioning, have stated that students participated in the parades only after their class hours without strikes or "ditching" of classes!
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17. EDUCATION. (Cont. of Political Trends in Education)

At the Liceo Petrarca fifty individuals entered the school by force, intimidated the principal, who in order to safe-guard the welfare of his students, dismissed classes against the objections of the entire student body. The Italian minority school of SERVOLA (Slovene Community of TRIESTE) obeyed the orders of the PNOO and dismissed classes, exhibiting also - against Allied Military Government directives - nationalistic and political flags. It is the only Italian school in TRIESTE which has not complied with instructions to keep the schools out of the existing political strifes.

Slovene - The School Section of the PNOO has become much bolder in its' illegal functions of government and recently has issued a profusion of direct orders to the Slovene teachers of the territory. The Education Officer whilst visiting several school districts has been told repeatedly by teachers that they were at a loss - intimidation was so real that they could not possibly disobey these illegal orders coming from the PNOO.

The two days strike (11 - 12 March) declared in protest against the SERVOLA incident, absorbed the children and students of six Slovene elementary, and three secondary schools in Trieste City. (For the Slovene secondary schools of Trieste, this was the third political strike in which the students participated during this school year).
The manner in which the schools were abandoned by the students and by some professors, demonstrated more than ever that the Slovene schools of Trieste had become a tool of propaganda.
As the Slovene students were out on strike, the Education Division of Allied Military Government declared all Slovene schools within the city of Trieste closed as from 13th March.
The order stating: - "When students and parents indicate that they wish seriously to avail themselves of the instruction until now placed at their disposal by the school administration, the schools will be reopened".
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18. PUBLIC RELATIONS. (Cont.)

During March 75 news items and announcements concerning the activities of Allied Military Government were passed to the News Division of AIS for publication in the local press and for radio.

The Daily Press Summary prepared in conjunction with AIS, and the weekly review of Press Opinion have been continued throughout the month.

19. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

On 1st April 46, the new tariffs for foreign postal correspondence and the telephone service, will come into force.

The following circuits were opened during the month: -

Telephone: TRIESTE - ROME
TRIESTE - VIENNA
TRIESTE - PADOVA
TRIESTE - VENICE (No 3)

Telegraph: GORIZIA - SALCANO - O/H Iron Wire -

20. PATRIOTS.

The most outstanding patriot event of the month was the large funeral arranged by the Associazione Partigiani Giuliani, on Sunday 24th March, when the bodies of 12 partisans were brought into TRIESTE from Zone 'B' and reburied after a large funeral procession through the streets of the city.

As a reply regarding the status of the IX Corps has not yet arrived from BELGRADE, all claims from partisans of that Corps are being held up.

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7. Agriculture

The amassing of wheat is practically finished for this season, although another 50 quintals were consigned to the Granai del Popolo during the month of February. Indian corn is still being brought in, and the total amount amassed during February was 315 quintals.

Notification has been received of the arrival of 3,000 quintals of seed potatoes.

In spite of critical shortages in some supplies, the general picture is encouraging.

8. Industry & Utilities.

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General health continues to be extremely good,

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The total number of unemployed for the territory is now: 29,136, an increase of 886 over the previous month.

14. Finance.

Credits authorized in favour of public bodies during February amounted to nearly 1,500 million lire. About 50% of this amount relates to public works and repair of war damaged property.

Italian decrees are being adapted wherever possible, and more responsibility is being put on the Italian State officials in regard to the preparation of revenue decrees for this territory.

A plan is being prepared for the establishment of checking posts and customs on the main crossing points of the Morgan Line.

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A telegraph circuit TRIESTE-LUBIANA was opened up during the month.

The new postal tariffs will be implemented on 1st March.

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19. Public Relations.

23 correspondents visited VENEZIA GIULIA during the month and were looked after by Public Relations.

The trends in the local press campaign, which has become intensified on both sides with the imminent arrival of the Boundary Commission, have been carefully watched and reported on by the Public Relations Section, who have been careful to check any misrepresentation or misunderstanding of Allied Military Government policy and intentions.

Over 60 News Items and announcements concerning the activities of the various Divisions of Allied Military Government were passed during the month to the News Division of AIS for onward transmission to the local Press.

20. Patriots.

Bonuses to next of kin and wounded partisans are continuing, and up to 28th February claims of:

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| 152 | next of kin |
| 55 | wounded |
| 32 | hospital charges |

were paid.

An announcement has been sent to the press stating that all claims must be deposited in the Patriots Office before 31st March 1946.

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figures prove they are achieving results:

- TRIESTE -

| | |
|---|---|
| Prostitutes registered in brothels | 223 |
| " detained for medical inspection | 1,164 |
| " found infected and sent to hospital | 111 |
| " expelled from the occupied territory | 33 |
| " arrested for other offences | 9 |

- GORIZIA -

| | |
|---|---|
| Prostitutes detained for medical inspection | 40 |
| " sent to hospital | 37 |
| " expelled from occupied territory | 7 |
| " found infected | 10 |
| Premises placed "Off Limits" | 1 |

- POLA -

| | |
|---|---|
| Prostitutes registered in brothels | 95 |
| " found infected and removed to hospital | 8 |

(e) Civil Prisons -

The prisons in TRIESTE are still overcrowded, and in an attempt to alleviate this position HQ Allied Commission have been requested to approach the Italian Government with a view to the possible transference of certain long-term convicted prisoners to penal establishments in ITALY.
There has never been any suitable penal establishment in this area, and previously all long-term prisoners were transferred to prisons in other parts of ITALY. As the number of this class of prisoner is about 200, a satisfactory reply to this request will be of great assistance in reducing overcrowding.

(f) Forgery and Uttering of Allied Currency Notes -

One case has been reported in TRIESTE of an attempt to pass a false 1,000 lire note to purchase contraband cigarettes.

Twenty cases have come to light during the month in GORIZIA Area; enquiries are proceeding.

4. ECONOMICS.

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| " | expelled from the occupied territory | 33 |
| " | arrested for other offences | 9 |

- GORIZIA -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Prostitutes detained for medical inspection | | 40 |
| " | sent to hospital | 37 |
| " | expelled from occupied territory | 7 |
| " | found infected | 10 |
| Premises placed "Off Limits" | | 1 |

- POLA -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Prostitutes registered in brothels | | 95 |
| " | found infected and removed to hospital | 8 |

(e) Civil Prisons -

The prisons in TRIESTE are still overcrowded, and in an attempt to alleviate this position HQ Allied Commission have been requested to approach the Italian Government with a view to the possible transference of certain long-term convicted prisoners to penal establishments in ITALY.
There has never been any suitable penal establishment in this area, and previously all long-term prisoners were transferred to prisons in other parts of ITALY. As the number of this class of prisoner is about 200, a satisfactory reply to this request will be of great assistance in reducing overcrowding.

(f) Forgery and Uttering of Allied Currency Notes -

One case has been reported in TRIESTE of an attempt to pass a false 1,000 lire note to purchase contraband cigarettes.

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5. FOOD.

Supplies of foodstuffs under the maintenance programme failed to arrive in the month of February. However, with the exception of fats, it was possible to issue the normal rations by borrowing from the Army and the Italian Government.

Fats were issued on the following scales:

TRIESTE - (City and Area) - 150 grams of fats against the January ration
GORIZIA - (City and Area) - 1/10 Litre of vegetable oil on a/c Feb "
POLA - 150 grams on a/c of February (half POLA's ration).

Free market prices showed little change over January.
As from 1st March the salt ration will be increased from 300 to 400 grams per person, in keeping with the increase in ITALY. The whole territory received 100 grams of imported soap during the month.

6. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) General -

During the month four new passenger bus services were authorized, bringing the total to 44 first and third class services.

A further 41 Army vehicles have been assigned to the Truck Pool with a loading capacity of 127½ tons. These vehicles now bring the total held at the Pool to 116 vehicles (including trailers), with a potential lift of 410 tons in all.

Only 40 tyres of various sizes were brought into the Zone during the month, and these were distributed in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce to Controlled Prices.

(b) Port and Warehouse Section -

| | Cargo received | |
|---|---|---|
| | Inward Tons | Outward consumers Tons |
| Ships (Military) Coal (Military, Railways and Allied Military Government) | 17,393 | 17,729 |
| Allied Military Government supplies received Warehouse 6 | 2,010 | 1,886 |
| UNRRA (Schooners) mixed cargoes | 1,572 | 1,713 |
| Ex SS "JOHN HENRY" (Wheat discharged VENICE in account of SEFRAL) | 2,573 | 2,573 |
| Total | 24,058 | 23,906 |

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(c) Road Section -

The tonnages moved by road are as follows: -

| | Inward | Outward | Within Area | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TRIESTE Area | 9,26[illegible] | 2,956 | 19,230 | 31,301 |

TRIESTE - (Grey and Red) - 150 grams of fats against the January ration
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| GORIZIA Area | 1,844 | 1,574 | 1,230 | 4,643 |
| POLA Area | 1,5[illegible] | 3 | 2,346 | 3,857 |
| Totals for VENEZIA GIULIA | 12,617 | 4,533 | 22,956 | 40,006 |

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6. TRANSPORTATION. (Cont.)

(d) Shipping Section

The S.S.POLA is now at VENICE undergoing overhauling in preparation for the TRIESTE-POLA service. It may be possible to carry 800 persons and 12 wagon loads of freight, and will probably make the journey three times a week.

(c) Rail Section -

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bids into Zone 'A' | 5,451 | tons |
| " from " " | 14,114 | " |
| | 19,565 | tons |
| Bids into Zone 'B' | 780 | tons |
| " from " " | 555 | " |
| | 1,335 | tons |

Total bids accepted by 'G' Movements for February 1946: 20,898

7. AGRICULTURE.

(a) General -

The amassing of wheat is practically finished for this season, although another 50 quintals were consigned to the Granai del Popolo during the month of February. Indian corn is still being brought in, and the total amount amassed during February was 315 quintals.

Notification has been received of the arrival of 3,000 quintals of seed potatoes. This quantity is far below the needs of the territory, and further quantities have been requested. Copper sulphate has arrived, but the 1,000 quintals divided between TRIESTE and GORIZIA still leave a shortage of 500 quintals, and a request for this additional quantity has been submitted. There is also a serious shortage of perphosphate fertiliser.

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In spite of critical shortages in some supplies, the general picture is encouraging. Increased plantings will bring greater harvests and cut down the need for imported foodstuffs. The decrease in retail prices for foods, already reflects the improved agricultural trend, and better organization among farm agencies has raised the morale of the small producers. Despite the uncertain political future, many farmers feel that control agencies and [illegible] to stabilize and assist the producers will be continued for some time. Many new barns are being built, and new livestock of better breeding quality is being purchased whenever possible.

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| " from " " | 633 | " |
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(b) Livestock -

The veterinary service has investigated reports of horse diseases among stock in the northern parts of ITALY, but has found no epidemic spread anywhere in VENEZIA GIULIA. Scattered cases of scabies were found among horses brought in from AUSTRIA, but quick creoline treatments are wiping out this

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7. AGRICULATURE. (Cont. o. Livestock)

minor disease.

Horses and mules distributed now approach a total of 500. During the coming month, notice will be given that these equines may be purchased and owned by the farmers, instead of merely temporarily consigned as at present. This will please the farmers, who dislike fattening and conditioning an animal which, they fear, may be taken back at any time by government agencies.

(c) Fisheries -

New nets have been made up and boats are being put into repair to ensure a sizeable increase in fish production this Spring.

The fresh water fish hatcheries at CAPORETTO are now reconstructed, and the Isonzo and other streams will be restocked this Summer.

(d) Forestry -

Forestry projects are now under way.
The 2,000,000 trees requested from ROME, were found to be available in state nurseries throughout ITALY, and digging and transportation are now being arranged. Extensive nursery schemes in this area are being planned, so that sufficient nursery stock will be available locally for next season's replanting.

(e) Land reclamation -

Some of the land reclamation projects in the flats near GRADO have been completed, and others are nearing completion. Many new projects are awaiting favourable approval by Finance.
Due to drainage, irrigation repairs, the filling in of tank-traps and reclamation schemes etc., it is expected that the acreage planted this coming spring will be nearly double that of the past season.

8. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES.

Although the influence of the political situation on industry in general has not abated, and the atmosphere remains tense, there has been no actual stoppage of work in the shipyards during the month. On the other hand, propaganda focussing attention on the need for freedom from labour troubles as an essential to securing new orders seems to have had a good effect. 1217

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The Aero Works at MONFALCONE are now actively engaged on repairing railway wagons.

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6. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES. (cont.)

In the absence of fresh supplies of raw cotton, the Cotonificio Triestino mill at GORIZIA had to fall back on its' reserves, and working hours were cut from 48 to 32 per week. Output in all departments averaged about 60%, and approximately 420,000 metres of cloth were produced.

Smaller industrial establishments, better able to look after their own supplies of raw materials, have done reasonably well. Foundries, however, have been handicapped by the poor quality of coke produced by ILVA. Much of the coal imported during the month has had a coking factor of less than 5, and only by exchanging 1,200 tons for a similar quantity of more suitable coal held by a local BSD, has the gas supply in TRIESTE been maintained.

In GORIZIA and POLA the gas supply has been maintained without difficulty.

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(b) Firewood -

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The total balance in hand is 57,557 "

(c) P.O.L. -

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76 tons of industrial oils and greases were received at the end of January. Certain types of lubricants are still lacking, therefore this stock has brought about only a partial improvement in the industrial oils and greases

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9. COMMERCE. (Cont.)

(d) Coal -

| Arrivals during February | Date of discharge | Tons. |
|---|---|---|
| S/S William Love Watson | 5.2.1946 | 8,469 |
| S/S Empire Fawley | 18.2.1946 | 9,429 |
| S/S Port Jasper | 27.2.1946 | 8,562 |
| | | 26,460 |

| Diverted to Military users: | Tons. |
|---|---|
| 88 Div UDINE | 3,000 |
| 55 Area | 1,500 |
| C.E. | 1,500 |
| M.S.R. | 3,000 |
| Railway | 1,000 |
| | 10,000 |

| Civilian distribution: | Tons. |
|---|---|
| I.L.V.A. | 4,000 |
| TRIESTE | 3,022 |
| GORIZIA | 2,680 |
| POLA | 1,228 |
| UDINE | 4,700 |
| | 15,630 |

Balance in dumps: Tons. 830

Expected Arrivals: S/S Kenneth McKenzie " 7,751

10. PUBLIC WORKS.

All public works are progressing satisfactorily, and every effort is being made to absorb the maximum number of unemployed on the various projects. 1215

The rebuilding of distressed villages is proceeding. The system practised heretofore of building the village by direct labour (economia) has been abolished, as it was found to be too slow and too expensive. The system now employed is for the local citizens to designate twenty houses for repair. These are then let out to contract. If the labour is available, several groups of twenty may be undertaken at one time. Two villages in TRIESTE Area, CAREGNA and CASIGLIANO, have been declared distressed, and work will start on them shortly.

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General health continues to be extremely good. Scabies still persists in the POLA and GORIZIA Areas. Two deaths from rabies have been reported at POLA and stringent instructions have been issued in regard to the control of dogs in TRIESTE, GORIZIA and POLA Areas.

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11. PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE. (Cont. of General)

The anti-rat campaign in TRIESTE continues to make good progress.

(b) Hospitals General -

At TRIESTE as previously reported, there continues to be a good deal of political intrigue among the staff of the Ospedale Maggiore, chiefly concerned with Epuration and other political problems.
It centres mainly around Dott. PECORARI, the Director of the hospital, who is the chairman of an unofficial body which calls itself the Sindacato dei Medici, and has no legal standing. It is hoped that when the new Board of Management, which is now under discussion, is finally elected, some measure of control will take effect to curb these undesirable influences.

Steady progress continues to be made with hospital rehabilitation and rebuilding schemes.

(c) Medical Supplies -

Owing to non-arrival of Allied Military Government medical supplies, stocks are getting very low. The matter has been taken up with the Economic and Supply Divisions with a view to hastening delivery.

(d) Venereal Disease -

Figures for VD have remained comparatively stationary. The new ambulatorio at the Questura, TRIESTE, is working well, and conditions at POLA have greatly improved since the institution of the anti-VD scheme.

(e) Welfare -

During the month much hard work has been done by the Italian Red Cross Liaison officers on the problem of child welfare. The old system of providing "ricreatori" where children could be kept from the streets is to be revived.
A Committee of local welfare officials has been formed and the Commune is represented. No precise details can as yet be given but it is expected that the scheme will be working in time for the next monthly report. 1214

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When supplies of Red Cross parcels are received, the outlying Areas of GORIZIA and POLA will be considered. To date no supplies of clothing are available.

12. DISPLACED PERSONS.

The flow of displaced persons continues and the figures show a slight increase over the previous month.

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| | Entered | Evacuated |
|---|---|---|
| Civilians | 692 | 687 |
| Ex-PWs | 80 | 81 |
| Total figures | 772 | 768 |

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13. LABOUR.

(a) Cost of living -

Cost of living computation tables have finally been revised to conform with those of Northern ITALY so that comparison will be possible.

(b) Wage agreements -

The varied, separate c[illegible]gory contracts are rapidly being concluded for TRIESTE [illegible]a with little or no trouble. The whole job is still to b[illegible] done for both POLA and GORIZIA. It has been decided that these negotiations will take place in TRIESTE in the near future. No great difficulty is expected, in that the only question to be resolved is whether or not POLA and GORIZIA accept the TRIESTE agreement. If not, the few changes to be made are too slight to weigh very much.
An agreement must also be made for ARBGAT wages. Negotiations will begin on 5th March 1946 and contracts will be based on the industrial wage contract.

(c) Strikes -

Only the insurance w[illegible]kers walked out to follow the general pattern of the strike which took place in north ITALY, and walked in again when agreement was reached in MILANO.

Several strikes were rumoured (the normal run of political ones) but none took place.

(d) Unemployment Benefit -

The Providenza Social[illegible] has finally been authorized to begin payment of the 80 lire per day indemnity for unemployment (for those discharged after 31 August) from 1 January to 31 March 1946.

(e) Unemployment -

The total number of un[illegible]ployed for the territory is now: 29,136, an increase of [illegible]66 over the previous month. 1213

14. FINANCE.

(a) State Expenditure -

Public Agencies - Credits authorised in favour of public bodies during February amounted to nearly 1,500 million lire. About 50% of this amount relates to public works and repair of war damaged property.
The proportion in re[illegible]pect of TRIESTE Area is about 4/5 of the whole, mainly due to [illegible] fact that there are public agencies in TRIESTE which administer branches in GORIZIA and POLA.

(b) Legislation -

Good progress is being made in the adaptation of Italian decrees, and nine General Orders are in course of preparation. Five Orders became law in February, and eleven other Orders

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The total number of unemployed for the territory is now: 29,136, an increase of 886 over the previous month.

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14. FINANCE.

(a) State Expenditure -

Public Agencies - Credits authorised in favour of public bodies during February amounted to nearly 1,500 million lire. About 50% of this amount relates to public works and repair of war damaged property.
The proportion in respect of TRIESTE Area is about 4/5 of the whole, mainly due to the fact that there are public agencies in TRIESTE which administer branches in GORIZIA and POLA.

(b) Legislation -

Good progress is being made in the adaptation of Italian decrees, and nine General Orders are in course of preparation. Five Orders became law in February, and eleven other Orders are in course of publication or preparation.

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14. FINANCE. (Cont. of Legislation)

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Offers have been received to supply foreign cigarettes to this territory and negotiations are proceeding.

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Although much work has been done in clarifying the position of this class of property, nothing further was taken under formal control.

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No Superior Court cases were tried in POLA Area, and only 2 in GORIZIA Area.

General Court - No General Court cases were tried during February.

(b) Civil Courts -

The Civil Courts continue to function with reasonable satisfaction.

(c) Preparation of Legislation -

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(d) Proclamations and Orders -

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The Slovene Communist paper "Primorski Dnevnik" continued to attack Allied Military Government's education policy, and is requesting complete autonomy for the Slavic schools of VENEZIA GIULIA.

In many sectors of the region, Slovene parents held demonstrations against the dismissal of a number of Slovene teachers "on security grounds".



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17. EDUCATION. (Cont.)

In accordance with the FSS, the Education officer will review each case. Where the individual dismissed is not actually considered a threat to security, dangerous, conducting subversive activities, or receiving pay from the FNOO or the Jugoslav Government in addition to his teacher's salary, he will be reinstated.

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18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

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20. PATRIOTS.

Bonuses to next of kin and wounded partisans are continuing, and up to 28th February claims of:

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| 152 | next of kin |
| 55 | wounded |
| 32 | hospital charges |

were paid.

An announcement has been sent to the press stating that all claims must be deposited in the Patriots Office before 31st March 1946.

The Associazione Partigiani Italiani has now started a building cooperative society to assist ex-partisans, and has received orders for work from Allied Military Government.

H.P.P.ROBERTSON
Colonel
Acting S.C.A.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'

GENERAL ORDERS, ORDERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS PUBLISHED DURING FEBRUARY 1946:

a. General Orders:

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No 43 - Supplementary family allowance and re-arrangement of existing allowances -
No 44 - Further provisions implementing General Order No 5 restoring Jewish personal rights -

b. Orders:

No 66 - Commissions and additional compensation of collectors of direct taxes -
No 67 - Appointment of additional assessors of Ordinary Court of Assize from POLA -
No 68 - Amendment to General Order No 20 - Re-organization of the professions -
No 69 - Competition for appointment of Judicial administrators -
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No 72 - Repayment of costs for thermo-electric power -
No 73 - Increase in amount of fines for traffic offences -
No 74 - Establishment of Territorial Medical Commission of Appeal for merchant seamen -
No 75 - Payment of Christmas bonus to public employees and pensioners -
No 76 - Permission to accept a bequest made to the S.MARIA MAGGIORE in TRIESTE church -
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No 78 - Arbitration and mediation in Labour relations -
No 79 - Repeal of existing law that unregistered transfers of real property rights are void -
No 80 - Termination of contributions from salaries of commercial workers for certain emergency indemnities -

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No 26 - Temporary appointment of Dr.PASCOLI Bruno as substitute local magistrate -
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Ref: 8U.4/EC

28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Port of Trieste.

TO : 30AC AMG Venezia Giulia.

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1. Reference your monthly report for January, para 4 (Economics).

2. You are reminded that the subject matter of sub-para 5 is Top Secret and should be treated as such.

For the Chief Commissioner,

W. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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4214/EC

28 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Forestry.

TO : Economic Section
(for Agriculture & Food S/C).

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1. The Executive Commissioner would like to have your views on the extract below from the monthly report for January from AMG Venezia Giulia.

"Forestry -

The formation of the new Forestry Corps under the tutelage of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force has been published in the Gazette and is now operating under legal status instead of acting de facto as a mere subsidiary body under less formal authority. This has greatly raised the morale of the Corps and extensive plans are getting under way not only for better protection of the standing woods, but for several reforestation projects.
A project for the Commune of TRIESTE has been set up, employing 5,000 people and covering three months of work. The 250,000 small trees in the Basovitza nurseries will be used first, and the larger nursery stock will be utilized in parks and Communal recreation centres in the city itself. Two million trees have been requested for immediate delivery through the Forestry service in ROME, and an extensive planting stock in the future.

The experiments with DDT against the Tent Caterpillar or Processionaria worm have proved successful and five tons of the insecticide, and sufficient gasoil to make efficient spray have been requested from the proper procurement agencies.
Much enthusiasm is being shown by the forestry experts and agriculturalists at the possibility of eliminating this devastating pest, and at costs a mere fraction of the inefficient controls previously employed. As soon as the necessary supplies arrive, organized teams of workers will cover the forests to work on this extermination project."

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For the Chief Commissioner,

R. S. L
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Amassing.

TO : Economic Section.

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"No more forced laws for VENEZIA GIULIA are being considered, since voluntary amassing at economic prices has proved more satisfactory."

2. The Executive Commissioner desires a report on this statement, with comments.

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Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Venezia Giulia Commercial Company.

TO : Economic Section
(for Chief Financial Adviser).

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Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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8. Labour.

The month of January has seen the final settlement of the general wage negotiations, which have been the centre of much discussion during the last three months.

9. Industry & Utilities.

Work in the shipyards has been marred by labour troubles resulting in delayed and uncertain completion dates.

About 420,000 metres of cotton cloth were produced during the month by the Cottonificio Triestino from American cotton ordered on behalf of this Company.

10. Commerce.

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The work of the Ente Comunale di Assistenza (ECA) continues on normal public assistance basis.

13. Displaced Persons.

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

| | Entered | Evacuated |
|---|---|---|
| Civilians | 645 | 671 |
| Ex-PWs | 72 | 76 |
| | 717 | 747 |

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

| | Entered | Evacuated |
|---|---|---|
| Civilians | 645 | 671 |
| Ex-PWs | 72 | 76 |
| | 717 | 747 |

14. Finance.

Permission for the establishment of an economic control on the Morgan Line has been authorised by AFHQ.

A draft order is being prepared to give effect to continuance of the payments to unemployed on the basis of Disoccupazione Dopoguerra from 1st January.

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15. Property Control.

During January 10 additional properties of all classes were taken under control making 335 to date. The return to owners of 10, authorised some time ago, was completed, making 68 returned in all.

16. Legal.

A total of 271 accused were tried in the Summary Courts during January.

In the Superior Courts 21 accused were tried on 27 charges.

17. Education.

During the holiday period all schools in TRIESTE City and in surrounding Communes were furnished with fuel for heating purposes.

Projects for school repairs and reconstruction are being approved as soon as estimates are submitted to the Genio Civile.

A teachers' congress will be held on the 19/20 Feb at the Casa del Popolo, TRIESTE.

18. Telecommunications.

The proposed scheme for transactional correspondence to other countries has been held up.

A telegraph circuit between TRIESTE and LUBLANA will be opened up immediately.

19. Public Relations.

About 10 to 15 news items per week concerning Allied Military Government activities have been issued to the press and particular care is taken to explain the general import of each Allied Military Government order in non-legal language. Emphasis has been put on all activities with a reconstruction angle to combat adverse criticism of Allied Military Government's reconstruction achievements.

20. Patriots.

The work of this Division continues to increase, as owing to the late date on which payment to partisans was commenced in this territory, the task of sorting the true from the spurious partisans becomes more complicated. Payments to next of kin of dead partisans and to wounded partisans continue to be made. A start was also made during January with the payment of 50 Lire per day for each day a partisan spent in a hospital due to wounds.

Up to 31st January 46 approximately 2,000,000 Lire had been paid out to ex-partisans.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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MONTHLY REPORT
for month ending 31 January 46

1. POLITICAL SITUATION.

The main trend in political activity has been towards an increased flow of propaganda in the Jugoslav and local pro-Jugoslav press in anticipation of the expected visit of the Foreign Ministers' delegates. Most of the propaganda stresses the need for the incorporation of VENEZIA GIULIA with JUGOSLAVIA and protests against the possible internationalisation of the city of TRIESTE. Innumerable telegrams of this nature have been despatched to the Jugoslav representative in LONDON. One form of pro-Jugoslav activity has been an attempt on the part of certain Slovene elements to persuade householders to part with their Italian flags. This is a keen effort to ensure a predominance of Jugoslav flags during the visitors' stay in the area. In many of the Slovene populated areas, Jugoslav flags are already very much in evidence, but as usual, in predominantly Italian areas the Slovenes are waiting until the last minute before hoisting the red-starred Jugoslav flags in order to prevent a possible subsequent counter display by the Italians.

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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

During Jan a further two Communes changed from direct CMO rule to Government in accordance with the terms of General Order No 11. These were TURRIACO, and S.PIER d'ISONZO in TRIESTE Area. The position is now as follows:

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It is interesting to note that approximately seven-eighths of the total population live in territory which is governed in accordance with the terms of General Order No 11.

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

(a) Civil Police -

Statistics show that the public safety situation has improved throughout the territory during January, and unquestionably this is due to an increase in the strength and efficiency of the Civil Police Force. At present the strength of the Force is 2,402 officers and men.

The following are important developments during the month: -

1) Recruits totalling 405 completed initial training and have since passed into the Force.

2) Specialist courses in wireless, C.I.D. and fiscal duties have commenced at the Training School.

3) Sub-stations have been opened up and manned throughout the territory.

4) Wireless sets for mobile and ground stations have been received from military sources.

5) The training of mounted police has been completed and patrols are now operating in TRIESTE.

6) Motor-cycle patrols of the Traffic Police Branch have also commenced operating in the area and are concentrating upon traffic offences, especially unlicensed vehicles - the results to date have been good.

7) During the hours of daylight in certain areas of TRIESTE, GORIZIA, and POLA, police on ordinary foot patrol duties have been disarmed and firearms replaced with truncheons - so far this experiment has been successful.

(b) Crime -

Three serious crimes reported during January are detailed as follows: -

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3. VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE. (Cont.)

(d) Prostitution and Brothels -

As a result of the intensified campaign against prostitution which began on the 1 Jan 46, VD figures in the whole area have shewn a marked decrease on last month's figures.

(e) Conduct of Allied Service Personnel -

Discipline in the Area remains good and Allied Police have dealt in an efficient manner with the few Military offenders.

(f) Civil Prisons -

All prison guards have been trained in the use of firearms and as soon as they have had sufficient practice, a number of automatic firearms will be handed to them to improve prison security.

Via NIZZA Prison - Three candidates as Director of this Prison have been suggested and screening is taking place. It is hoped that by February 10th the appointment will be made and a new Director will be on duty.
On January 15th 9 detainees escaped from the Prison. 2 have since been recaptured by CID - VGFF. Investigations are proceeding.

GORIZIA Prison - A proposal for the assumption of a new Director in substitution of the present one (who is also acting as Public Attorney and cannot shoulder both positions) has been made, and approval by the Area Commissioner of GORIZIA is awaited.

POLA Prison - Ten sub-machine guns and ammunition were allotted to this Prison for security purposes. All Prison guards have been trained in their use.

(g) Forgery and Uttering of Allied Currency Notes -

The following forged Allied Military Currency and Italian Bank notes have been discovered during the month in the POLA Area. Enquiries have been made, but so far there have been no arrests.

Allied Military Lire: -

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1,000 | Lire | Series | A 03001877 | A |
| " | " | " | A 47577502 | A |
| " | " | " | A 25477861 | A |
| 500 | " | " | A 32103320 | A |
| " | " | " | A 37161036 | A |
| " | " | " | A 80171753 | A |
| " | " | " | A 21715025 | A |
| " | " | " | A 50673498 | A |
| " | " | " | A 46858593 | A |
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Italian Lire: -

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Italian Lire: -

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| 1,000 Lire | Series | E 57 021748 |
| 500 " | " | O 21 9873 |
| " " | " | S 43 72413 |

In GORIZIA Zone 1 forged Allied Military note has been discovered, no arrests have been made.

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|---|---|---|
| 500 Lire | Series | A 03802416 B |

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4. ECONOMICS.

A general Order is being prepared to set up control of movement across the Morgan Line. All exports, imports, and goods in transit are now controlled by the Commerce Division by a system of licensing. No customs will be charged in either direction between Zones A and B of VENEZIA GIULIA, and ITALY proper.

The position of the shipyards at MONFALCONE and TRIESTE is still unsatisfactory due chiefly to the fact that unsettled labour conditions aggravated by the political situation, make ship owners loath to place contracts there. During the month one of the small aircraft carriers, the Empire McKay, which had been sent here for conversion, was recalled into service.

Supply ships are arriving almost 2 months behind schedule, and because of this it has been necessary to borrow food from both Army sources and the Italian Government.

The possibility of UNRRA's taking over the supply programme for this territory is under discussion between AFHQ and combined Chiefs of Staff.

Several meetings were held during the month for the purpose of suggesting ways and means of increasing the capacity of the port of TRIESTE in the handling of UNRRA supplies for JUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA and AUSTRIA. A suggestion was put forward, and is still under discussion, that all military supplies should be handled by the port of VENICE, leaving TRIESTE free for UNRRA and civil imports. A

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5. FOOD.

During January, the normal AC rationed scales, namely:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 200 | grams | of bread per day |
| 2,000 | " | " pasta and/or rice per month |
| 180 | " | " fats per month |
| 200 | " | " sugar per month |

plus special classes (heavy workers, hospitals, etc.) were issued to the whole population, with the exception of POLA which received:

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5. FOOD. (Cont.)

The free market prices of fats are shewing a downward curve, and thanks to the expected large-scale arrivals of fruit by sea from SICILY, prices of fruit have dropped considerably.

The following direct Allied Military Government supplies, inclusive of the above mentioned loans, arrived in January:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Wheat | [illegible] | tons |
| Milk Evaporated | 15 | " |
| Fats | 54 | " |
| Seed Oil | 50 | " |
| Soap | 100 | " |
| Dried Vegetable | 1 | " |
| Flour | 4 | " |

6. TRANSPORTATION.

(a) Port and Warehouse Sections -

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

| | Cargo Received | |
|---|---|---|
| | Inwards | Outwards to Consumers |
| | Tons | Tons |
| Ships (Military) Coal (Military, Railways, and Allied Military Government) | 24,105 | 15,856 |
| Allied Military Government Supplies received Warehouse 6 | 108 | 559 |
| UGENA (Schooners) Mixed Cargoes | 6,288 | 2,178 |
| Ex SS "ROBERT HOWE" (Wheat discharged VENICE in account of SERRAL) | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Total tonnages received | 34,501 | 22,573 |

(b) Road Sections -

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Tonnages moved by road during January shew a marked decrease from those of preceding months. This can be accounted for, in part, by a normal slowing of business following the Christmas season, and bad weather conditions.

| | Freights hauled | |
|---|---|---|
| | Inwards | Outwards |
| | Tons | Tons |
| Tonnages hauled by Autotrasporti, Allied Military Government Truck Pool [illegible] vehicles | | |

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| Tonnages hauled by Autotrasporti, Allied Military Government Truck Pool No 1 and SEPRAL vehicles: | | |
| TRIESTE Area | 9,200 | 2,356 |
| GORIZIA Area | 2,751 | 1,928 |
| POLA Area | 3,337 | 22 |
| Total for VENEZIA GIULIA 13 Corps Area | 15,288 | 4,306 |

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6. TRANSPORTATION. (Cont. of Road Section)

There are 1,327 truck vehicles registered in the various Agencies of the Autotrasporti of VENEZIA GIULIA. Of this number 500 are owned by private firms for their own account, and 827 are operated by trucking firms for the account of third parties. The total lift of these vehicles is approximately 5,000 tons. Vehicles of the Allied Military Government Truck Pool are in addition to those shewn above. There are 81 of these vehicles, of which 71 are located in TRIESTE, 5 in GORIZIA and 4, and 5 in MONFALCONE. Only 39 of the vehicles in TRIESTE are road-worthy at the present time.

Only 31 tyres were received during the month for the whole of VENEZIA GIULIA.

(c) Rail Section-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total of bids accepted by 'Q' Movement for Jan 46 | 24,813 | tons |
| " " " for Movement into TRIESTE | 9,287 | " |
| " " " " " from TRIESTE to other points | 15,526 | " |

(d) Sea Section -

The Motor Vessels "Lino" and "Maria" have returned from their first trip to SICILY with 684 tons of citrus fruits and other food stuffs. The Motor Vessel "Mirella T" is reported to be at BARI on its' return journey carrying 240 tons citrus fruits.

7. AGRICULTURE.

(a) General -

The amassing of Indian corn is progressing slowly, being hampered somewhat, according to many farmers, by certain groups of individuals who stop and turn back loaded carts on the road. These groups have also written letters to the Agriculture Division protesting against the amassing law as favouring the large proprietors against the interests of the share cropping farmer. However, the actual share croppers have never made these complaints, and the general complexion is political. Additional police cooperation has been requested for those desiring to bring in their grain to the amassing warehouses, instead of selling on the black market. It is probable too that some producers will use these alleged threats as an excuse to sell corn on the market and avoid amassing under the law. No more forced amassing laws for VENEZIA GIULIA are being considered, since voluntary amassing at economic prices has proved more satisfactory.

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(b) Livestock -

So far only six cases of foot and mouth disease have been discovered, appearing in cattle from around TREVISO and VENICE. All animal diseases are now under control and careful inspections are being made at the slaughter houses. Despite reports that glanders (MORVA) exists among horses and mules in Zone 'B', no cases have been reported in this territory. Cart horses bringing produce over the line are being watched at the public stalls where they are put up for the night, as these places could become [illegible]

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Forty more horses recently arrived from AUSTRIA and have been consigned to needy farmers in the GORIZIA Area. The total number of mules and horses already distributed in VENEZIA GIULIA has passed the three hundred and eighty mark, and more are expected later in the month. These will be supplied to farmers in the POLA and TRIESTE Areas.

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7. AGRICULTURE. (Cont.)

(c) Forestry -

The formation of the new Forestry Corps under the tutelage of the VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force has been published in the Gazette and is now operating under legal status instead of acting de facto as a mere subsidiary body under less formal authority. This has greatly raised the morale of the Corps and extensive plans are getting under way not only for better protection of the standing woods, but for several reforestation projects.
A project for the Commune of TRIESTE has been set up, employing 5,000 people and covering three months of work. The 250,000 small trees in the Bazovitza nurseries will be used first, and the larger nursery stock will be utilized in parks and Communal recreation centres in the city itself. Two million trees have been requested for immediate delivery through the Forestry service in ROME, and an extensive planting of seed for nurseries will be undertaken to assure adequate planting stock in the future.

The experiments with DDT against the Tent Caterpillar or Processionaria worm have proved successful and five tons of the insecticide, and sufficient gasoil to make efficient spray have been requested from the proper procurement agencies.
Much enthusiasm is being shown by the forestry experts and agriculturalists at the possibility of eliminating this devastating pest, and at costs a mere fraction of the inefficient controls previously employed. As soon as the necessary supplies arrive, organized teams of workers will cover the forests to work on this extermination project.

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Sufficient quantities of copper sulphate have been allocated to the territory, and farmers have been notified through the newspapers not to buy the copper sulphate being offered on the black market at extreme prices. Also quantities of sulphur and salt have been coming through.

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8. LABOUR.

(a) General -

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On the 9th, 10th, and 11th of January the Syndicates and Employers' Association continued discussions in the presence of the Area Labour Officer, but no agreement was reached, and the two sides retired to prepare their cases for a meeting arranged for the 12 January and in which Allied Military Government would participate.

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8. LABOUR. (Cont. of General)

This meeting took place, and many further meetings, until a settlement was finally reached on 31st January. The settled basic wage was the "MILANO " or North ITALY rate, plus a contingency of 170 Lire - and on a mobile scale to change every 3 months. The contingency rate is higher than that in ITALY, but the cost of living index will be examined every 3 months.

(b) Strikes -

There were two strikes of short duration during the month. From 12.00 hours on 25 January to 08.00 hours on 26 January, workers went on strike in the shipyards as a protest against the alleged brutal methods used by the Police in arresting certain workers during the previous evening. There was no evidence that the Police had been guilty of such tactics.

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The unemployment register shows a further slight decrease on the November and December figures, and the total number for the territory is now 28,250.

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The mills worked to slightly under 50% capacity.

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9. INDUSTRY & UTILITIES. (Cont.)

Gas works have been in operation throughout the month in TRIESTE, GORIZIA, and POLA, the coal allocated by AUCC for this purpose giving a daily three hours supply in each town.

More stringent restrictions have had to be imposed on the use of electricity. TRIESTE is nearing its' economy target, but outlying districts still have a long way to go and special attention is being directed to them.

Rehabilitation of the port of TRIESTE continues, and at present the port facilities are adequate in relation to the railway clearance facilities. The Military Authorities are improving the latter, and completion of work in hand on the port will maintain the balance.

10. COMMERCE.

(a) General -

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The Finance Division is writing up the articles of association.

A meeting was held on the 10th January, during which various matters were discussed, including the submission of suitable names of a committee of delegates to visit AUSTRIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A decision on this matter is still awaited from the Chamber of Commerce.

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The total amount of coal received during January was 24,105 tons. This was made up as follows: -

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10. COMMERCE. (Cont.)

(d) Firewood -

Timber - Owing to snow in the mountains, deliveries from BELLUNO (Army Area) and CARNIA have stopped.
Receipts in January from all sources - 25,000 quintals
Distribution - For cooking purposes (50 Kg. per head in districts without gas) 3,500 qls
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Italian State railway 2,000 "
Cantieri (released qls 2,000) 410 "
Space heating (10 qls per head) 4,300

Total 20,210 qls

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11. PUBLIC WORKS.

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Due to bad weather there was not much work done on road repairs, although a large number of men were employed in the GORIZIA Area on snow removal.

A survey of all port facilities, apart from those controlled by the Magazzini Generali, has been initiated. The Port Section of the TRIESTE Genio Civile has been reorganized with the idea of getting these small ports back in condition. There are fifteen ports in the TRIESTE Area, the majority of which are very small but play a big part in the local trade and life of the Region.

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE. (Cont.)

(b) Hospitals General -

There has been some unrest in the hospitals mainly through political causes. This has been especially so at the Ospedale Maggiore, where the new Director Dr.PEGORARI, although an honest man, is a prominent politician having been a leading member of the Christian democratic party. As such he shews typical political intolerance of people with other convictions and aspirations. The situation is being carefully watched.

In POLA too there has been some friction among the staff partially political in origin but also partially due to the fact that some doctors took over Public appointments without authorization of the President of the Zone or Allied Military Government. This is being investigated.

(c) Medical Supplies -

Supply and distribution remain satisfactory. The indents submitted for the next six months period have been held up because of queries from AFHQ over quantities of supplies required. Negotiations are proceeding with AFHQ to clarify matters through the Economics and Supply Division of this Headquarters.

(d) Venereal Disease -

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12. PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.(Cont. of Welfare)

The work of the Pontifical Commission continues throughout the Zone, much free food being distributed by the Churches.

Stocks of welfare clothing and footwear are now almost exhausted, but it is hoped to obtain new supplies from sources in ITALY.

The American Red Cross team which has done fine welfare work in the Zone has now been withdrawn. On the suggestion therefore of the Chief Public Health Officer, two Italian Red Cross Liaison Officers have been assigned to this Headquarters.

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

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

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14. FINANCE.

(a) State Expenditure -

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The serious shortage of Finance Guards will have an adverse effect on the future fiscal organization of this territory. However the amount of contraband seized by the present small staff indicates the good work done. *

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As a result of a meeting with a delegation of the Ministry of Finance, a number of decisions have been reached on the supply and distribution of monopoly products.

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14. FINANCE.(Cont.)

(e) Tax Collection -

Considerable difficulty is experienced in the collection of taxes and in meeting costs of collections in Slovene Communes, and appropriate action is contemplated.

(f) Excise Duties -

A general order is being prepared to legalise an instruction issued, raising the rates of duty to correspond with those in Italian Government territory.

(g) Insurance -

Unemployment Benefits - A draft order is being prepared to give effect to continuance of the payments to unemployed on the basis of Disoccupazione Dopoguerra from 1st January.

Finances of Social Insurance Institutions - Statements indicate excess of expenditure over income in all the principal institutes for month of December.

Legislation - Eleven General Orders are in course of preparation for adaptation of Italian decrees in this territory.

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(a) Military Courts -

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In one of the Superior Court cases at GORIZIA, a prison sentence of 5 years was imposed on the accused person for assisting in the escape from the GORIZIA prison of a prisoner held on Allied charges. This was the highest prison sentence so far imposed by an Allied Court in the territory.

General Court - No General Court cases were tried during January.

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16. LEGAL.(Cont.)

(b) Civil Courts -

The Civil Courts are functioning with reasonable satisfaction.

The Ordinary Court of Assize which has jurisdiction over the more serious offences, was reconstituted with the appointment of 60 assessors and with certain necessary changes in procedure, by Order No 55, 1st Jan 46. The first public session of the Court will be held on 11th Feb 46.

(c) Special Court of Assize for Fascist Crimes -

This Court deals with charges of collaboration with the Germans and the Fascist Republican Government after 8 Sept 43 (Proclamation No 5).

12 public trials were held during January resulting in 10 convictions and 2 acquittals.

(d) Epuration -

Epuration Commission under General Orders No 7 and 8 (Public Officials and Employees in Private Industry) - During January provisional Orders of dismissal were made in 96 cases. Final Orders of dismissal after trial were made in 25 cases.

Epuration Commissions for the Professions and Arts (General Order No 13) - These Commissions are functioning in each Area. 737 Schede Personali were received during January. Provisional Orders of suspension were issued in 87 cases. Final Orders of suspension were made after trial in 6 cases.

Territorial Epuration Commission of Appeal - This Commission is now fully organized. Two additional members were appointed to the Commission in January.
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more serious offences, was reconstituted with the appointment of 60 assessors and with certain necessary changes in procedure, by Order No 55, 1st Jan 46. The first public session of the Court will be held on 11th Feb 46.

(c) Special Court of Assize for Fascist Crimes -

This Court deals with charges of collaboration with the Germans and the Fascist Republican Government after 8 Sept 43 (Proclamation No 5).

12 public trials were held during January resulting in 10 convictions and 2 acquittals.

(d) Epuration -

Epuration Commission under General Orders No 7 and 8 (Public Officials and Employees in Private Industry) - During January provisional Orders of dismissal were made in 96 cases. Final Orders of dismissal after trial were made in 25 cases.

Epuration Commissions for the Professions and Arts (General Order No 13) - These Commissions are functioning in each Area. 737 Schede Personali were received during January. Provisional Orders of suspension were issued in 87 cases. Final Orders of suspension were made after trial in 6 cases.

Territorial Epuration Commission of Appeal - This Commission is now fully organized. Two additional members were appointed to the Commission in January.
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18. TELECOMMUNICATIONS. (Cont.)

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As the result of a meeting with the Postal Director from FIUME, slight adjustments were made with regard to the delivery of mails from Zone A to Zone B. A comparison of Postal Services existing in each Zone and between Zones revealed that everybody is satisfied. In principle all services are working except those which are of a financial, commercial or legal character.

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19. PUBLIC RELATIONS.

Seven press correspondents, including American, British, French, and Danish visited VENEZIA GIULIA during January and were looked after by Public Relations.

The S.C.A.O. has continued to hold weekly Press Conferences for local journalists, and these have been well reported in the local press. In addition two Press Conferences were held at which the Chief Public Works Officer, explained the Allied Military Government Public Works projects for the repair of war-damaged houses. These received considerable prominence in all sections of the local press and it is intended to extend this type of press conference to other Divisions very shortly.

A weekly review of local press trends is produced by the Section and the circulation of the Daily Press Summary prepared jointly with A.I.S. has been increased to include all Divisions.

About 10 to 15 news items per week concerning Allied Military Government activities have been issued to the press and particular care is taken to explain the general import of each Allied Military Government order in non-legal language, and to clear up any misunderstandings. Emphasis has been put on all activities with a reconstruction angle to combat adverse criticism of Allied Military Government's reconstruction achievements, based in many cases on ignorance of the facts.

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Up to 31st January 46 approximately 2,000,000 lire had been paid out to ex-partisans.

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20. PATRIOTS. (Cont.)

The Associazione Partigiani Italiani continues its' work of protecting the interests of Italian partisans and during the month has become affiliated to the A.N.P.I. This Association has realised that partisans must now revert to normal citizenship and is assisting them in this direction. An employment exchange is operated by the Association.

The Associazione Partigiani Giuliani continues to press upon Allied Military Government its claim for preferential treatment for ex-partisans. A Partisan Week was organised by the Association during January with the object of obtaining funds for the assistance of the families of the fallen partisans and for the payment of large scale funerals. In all the work of this Association the Slovene character of the partisan movement is heavily stressed. The claimsas to the number of partisans in the area put forward by this Association are somewhat exaggerated. The present figure advanced by them being:

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| Dead | 42,800 |
| Wounded | 7,000 |
| Deported | 95,460 |

A start was made during January to obtain nominal rolls of all partisan formations, so that if at a later date a demobilization bonus is contemplated, the way will be prepared for speedy payments.

So far no reply has been received from the Jugoslav Military Mission regarding the status of the IX Corps. All claims from members of this Corps are being deferred until the status of the Corps is defined.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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a. General Orders:

No 35 - Correspondence with countries outside the territory
No 36 - Consumer Tax
No 37 - Increase in fees due to notaries
No 38 - Additional tax on textile goods - Amendments to the R.D.L. 11 January 1943 No 55
No 39 - Revision of laws relating to registration, mortgages taxes, death and succession duties
No 40 - War profit tax
No 41 - Special Court of Assize

b. Orders:

No 53 - Formal declaration of enemy Status of GERMANY and JAPAN
No 54 - Indemnities for lay assessors of the Special Court of Assize
No 55 - Ordinary Court of Assize
No 56 - District and Area Tax Commissions
No 57 - Increase in radio license fee
No 58 - Amendments to provisions of the law 17th March 1932 No 368 and to the relevant regulation approved by R.D. 23th June, 1932 No 904, concerning the standards of flour and bread
No 59 - Establishment of commissions to enable heavy workers to obtain supplementary food rations
No 60 - Liquidation of "Ente per gli scambi commerciali e approvvigionamenti dei territori annessi al Fiumano" (E.S.C.A.T.A.)
No 61 - Increase of financial benefit for the catholic clergy
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No 63 - Temporary determination of state pensions and constitution of pension commissions therefore
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No 65 - Examinations for attorneys

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c. Administrative Orders: -

No 19 - Retention in service of judiciary officials who have reached the age of retirement
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