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Ex Comm. 228.
Monthly Report for September, Udine
Province is at folios 217-228.
Passages of interest have been marked.
J. McCarr 14/10 H.L. 14/10
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229.

C.S.O.

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Letter written at folio 336
on file 825/EC
15 October 1946. 18/10/46

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ex Comm. 241.
Monthly Report for October, Udine Province is at folios 230-240. Passages of interest have been marked.
J McC M 15/11

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H.L. 15/11

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A. Monthly Report for Nov. Udine Province is at 250-258. Passages of interest have been marked.

J. McM. 17/12 H.L. 17/12

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~~LO~~ Ex Comm.

75-183 is monthly report for M Udine. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 15/6. WJ. 17/6

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An ~~extra~~ cloudless sept. W(2)

G. McM. [redacted]

~~LO~~ Ex Comm.

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185-193 is monthly report for June Udine Province. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 12/7 AWK

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WJ 15/7

Ex Comm. 205.

~~LO~~. 195-204 is Monthly Report for July Udine. Passages of interest have been marked. Col. Bright is rather indignant at P.R.B's comments on grain smuggling into Jugoslavia!

G. McM. 15/8 WJ. 15/8

WJ 16/8

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Ex Comm. 216.

~~LO~~. Monthly Report for August Udine is at 206-215. Passages of interest have been marked.

G. McM. 11/9. WJC 12/9

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An Austrian odourless petrol. MW(E)

G.McM.

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~~Ex~~ Ex. Com. 43.

Udine report for February is at 33-42. Passages of interest have been marked. H.S. 15/3

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60.

A/CC~~S~~O. Udine report is at 45-59. I think this report is unnecessarily long. Passages of interest are marked.

61.

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~~Ex~~ Ex. Com. 72.

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Dur C.A.H. consulted re X - p 64

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~~Ex~~ Ex. Com. 74.

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G. McM 10/4.

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HS/10/4 G. McM 11/4. see file Secret

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G. McM 13/5. HS. 13/5.

C&O

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~~6e~~ & Comm. 74.
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G. McM. 28/5. HS. 28/5

Good HS/30/V

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C.S.O. Ex. Com. (8.)

Please see report from Udine province for Sept. Passages of interest have been marked

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A/CSO 24.

Please see January report from CO Udine at 10-21. Passages of interest have been marked. Although this report is ~~too long~~ ~~too much detail~~, it nevertheless makes interesting reading. BS 11/2.

Tell the P.C for family of this. DM 12/2

CSO This S. 25.

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A/CSO 27.

Letter at 26 submitted for signature - as above.

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H.S. 26/2.

A/CSO H.S. 613 ~~29~~ 30

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C.S.O

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Headquarters
Allied Military Government
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Subject: Report No:19 - Month of December, 1946.

To : Headquarters,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
Rome.

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Political activity has shown a marked decrease during the month and a better feeling between the political parties has been noticeable.

Although some anti-Allied feeling exists in the province, there were no repercussions from the Padova incidents.

The acute housing shortage, particularly in Udine, is mainly responsible for this feeling, and road accidents are a contributory factor.

Public opinion, however, is strongly in favour of the Allies remaining in the Province, chiefly for security reasons.

The unemployment problem is still acute, but no worse, thanks to the financing of Public Works and unemployment relief projects, recently arranged in Rome.

It is emphasised, however, that financing of these works carries the approved annual programme down to the end of January 1947, after which it will be essential to ask for a further allocation of funds.

It is to be noted that the Prefect has received no advice or instructions from the Italian Government, on the coming hand-over of the Province from Allied Military Government to the Italian administration.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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Strength of the police agencies is as follows:

	Officers:	Oks:
Carabinieri	7	538
Questura		
Agenti di P.S.	NONE	267
Polizia Ausiliaria	10	316
Polizia del Traffico	1	77
Polizia Ferroviaria	3	89
Guardia di Finanza	13	692
Corpo delle Guardie	2	101
Vigili Urbani	1	449

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The arrest of three deserters has brought to an end the series of burglaries of Allied married families.

A system of road checks at the river Tagliamento, between Osoppo and Latisana, has been established. These road blocks, operating periodically, but simultaneously, have been of assistance in halting black market traffic.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (cont'd)

Preliminary discussions have been held with the Questura on plans for strengthening the police protection in the eastern part of the Province.

The Provincial Decree, increasing the schedule of fines to be paid for traffic violations, has had a marked effect in improving traffic conditions. The traffic police have made a drive on unlighted vehicles, which heretofore were a source of many accidents.

The Guardia di Finanza have sequestered grain and other foodstuffs as follows:

	Kg.
Grano and other cereals	25533
Granoturco	412
Oil	40
Butter	19
Sugar	20

The prison population has increased during December to 224 men and 26 women, as against 203 men and 30 women in November.

Several prisoners of short sentence were pardoned at this time.

One case of murder, with robbery as a motive, occurred.

There have been no disorders of any consequence.

The Police Agencies and Public Security of A.M.G. have worked in harmony, with two exceptions. These exceptions were the direct interference of the Italian Government in Provincial Police affairs. Proper instructions against repetition of such incidents have been issued.

It should be noted that the existence in the auxiliary police of undesirable personnel, many of whom are not loyal to their service, makes the auxiliary police ineffective in many of its duties.

3. FOOD & FIRE.

General.

The lack of supplies of coal and coke, and reduction in electrical power has been the cause of considerable anxiety in our industrial circles, and the lack of information as to the date of future arrivals has not helped to allay any fears.

COAL.

The chronic shortage is still existing. Our bid for period 1676
Jan-June 1947 is about double present allocation, and reads as follows:

Petrol	330 m.tons
G soil	324 m. tons
Kerosene	290 m.tons

Urgent signals have been sent to A.L.C.C. to find out if this bid has been approved by higher authority, but no answer has yet been received.

Cement.

This has been unblocked, as cement is at last arriving from Czechoslovakia. The quality of this imported cement is superior to our type 500, manufactured at Dividale.

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Sugar	20

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Railroad Supplies:

The demands for blankets have been heavy during the month. Several of the Carabinieri have been selfish and slack in supplying their Commands with blankets. As soon as possible, we now supply the smaller Commands direct, since the demands of the Carabinieri have been met. A total of 375 million lire has been credited to A.M. Account No:1 The bulk of

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Foodstuffs (cont'd)

Bread to Udine, one month assumed to:

Bread to: 37.969 consignment c/c
37.550 stock c/c
79.500 free issue

Unknown: 1,539 cash
25000 free issue

Food:

Items distributed during the month of December, 1945:

Bread: Regular distribution of 250 grams per consumer daily.

Durum wheat (release): 250 grams per consumer in lieu of bread, one day to City of Udine and 10 days to the Commune of the Carnic area (Mountain Com.).

Pasta: 2000 grams per consumer.
Rice: 500 " " " of Udine City & Portogruaro.
Meat: 200 " " "
Sugar: 300 " " "
Powdered eggs: 100 " " " of Udine City.
Powdered milk: 500 " " " " " "

Butter, oil, sugar and pasta to sick people at home and in the hospitals, as prescribed by medical certificates.
All supplementary and Special Class rations have been issued in addition to the above.

Wheat - Corn - Rice.

During the month, 5,09- tons of wheat were received from Venice as part of the allocation of 5,152 tons of S.S. "Hermann Kolvidis".

The S.S. "Candelaro' Victory", with an allocation of 4,409 tons of wheat for this province, reached Venice (...) is still in the process of discharging.

During the month, 250 tons of rice were received from the 400 tons allocated to this Province by the Italian Government, and Udine City and Portogruaro received a ration of 500 grams per consumer. The balance of the allocation is due to arrive shortly and will enable issues to be made to the remaining Communes of the province.

Up to date, 276,455 quintals of wheat have been released. 1,450 quintals have been released during the month.

The total amount of corn released to date amounts to 73,005 quintals, and it is expected that the 100,000 quintal mark will be passed during the present month.

The Food Police set up four teams of inspectors, who travel throughout the province, checking the larger farms for violations of the various laws. During the month, 152 farms have been visited. 1,200 quintals have been discovered at 42 farms, with the result that 2,900 quintals of corn were sequestered and consigned to the Ammasc. Up to date, 2,304,250 lire in fines have been levied on the offenders of the various decrees. Instructions have been issued to Udine to intensify this control system, which is proving very profitable.

79.300 free issue

Food:

Items distributed during the month of December, 1946:

Bread:	Regular distribution of 235 grms per consumer daily.
Corn meal (polenta):	250 grms per consumer in lieu of bread, only to City of Udine and 10 kms to the Commune of the Carnic area (Mountain zone).
Pasta:	2000 grms per consumer.
Rice:	500 " " " of Udine City & Pordenone.
Lard:	200 " " "
Sugar:	300 " " "
Powdered eggs:	100 " " " of Udine City.
Powdered milk:	300 " " " " " "

Butter, oil, sugar and pasta to sick people at home and in the hospitals, as prescribed by medical certificates.

Milk supplementary for Special Class rations have been issued in addition to the above.

Wheat - Corn - Rice.

During the month, 3,095 tons of wheat were received from Venice as part of the allocation of 3,152 tons on S.S."Hermann Livius".

The S.S."Greenford Victory", with an allocation of 4,169 tons of wheat for this province, reached Venice on 24 still in the process of discharging.

During the month, 200 tons of rice were received from the 400 tons allocated to this province by the Italian Government, and Udine City and Pordenone received a ration of 500 grms per consumer. The balance of the allocation is due to arrive shortly and will enable issues to be made to the remaining Communes of the province.

Up to date, 270,422 quintals of wheat have been harvested. 1,430 quintals have been harvested during the month.

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The total amount of corn harvested to date amounts to 78,005 quintals. The harvesting of the 100,000 quintal mark will be passed during the second period.

The Food Office has set up four teams of inspectors, who travel throughout the province, to obtain the largest forms for violations of the rationing laws. During the month, 192 farms have been visited. Irregularities have been discovered in 42 farms, with the result that 2,900 quintals of corn were sequestered and consigned to the Ammasso. Up to date, 2,304,890 litres of wines have been levied on the offenders of the rationing decree. Instructions have been issued to UPAM. to intensify this control system, which is proving very profitable.

On the rationing basis of 235 grms of bread daily and 2,000 grms of pasta monthly, stocks of wheat on hand are sufficient to carry us over to 15 February 1,947.

Sugar:

Stocks of sugar on hand enable the issue of the normal rations of 300 grms per consumer.

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Fats:

The normal distribution of 200 grms of lard per consumer has been effected during the month.

Meat:

During the month, 930 head of livestock have been exported from this province to the regions of Tuscany, Lombardia, Veneto, Liguria and Piedmont. During the same period, 700 quintals of slaughtered meat have been exported to Venezia Giulia.

The control of all livestock, ordered by this office, is still in progress. Up to date, the following figures have been received:

Cows	39,291	Goats	14,010
Bovines	166,207	Sheep	42,562
Horses	17,416		

Fruit and vegetables:

Fruit and vegetables can be found in abundance on the open market, with prices still soaring, due to the Xmas Holiday "buying rush".

General:

During the month, 871 quintals of locally produced wine, and 1055 quintals of potatoes, were exported from the province, Venezia Giulia receiving 700 quintals of wine and 929 quintals of potatoes.

In order to help the poorer classes for the Xmas holidays, supplementary allocations of surplus foodstuffs have been made to state, parastatal and workers cooperatives, and to pensioners of WWI, CIL; orphans, cooperatives of refugees and Italians, and to hospitals, maternities, asylums and other public institutions throughout the province. Special distributions were effected to the orphanages of this province in conjunction with the "Natale dell'Orfano" program.

4. Miscellaneous.

A number of cases of foot and mouth disease have been reported during the month, and in consequence an order has been issued to Udine to suspend all exportation of livestock for the month of January, 1947.

5. Finance.

(a) Italian monetary position.

Total circulation of bank of Italy notes as of 25 Nov 46		L. 2,857,270,000
" " " " " " " " 23 Dec 46		L. 3,759,262,000
Difference:		L. 901,992,000

Current quotations of foreign currencies on free market in Trieste:

	20 Dec	23 Dec
Gold sovereign	L 9500	9750
US Dollar (bank notes)	660	620
English Pound	1900	1750
US Dollar (English clearing rate)	550	575
English Pound " "	1650	1690

(b) Capital expenditure during 4th quarter 1946.

[illegible] Allied Commission authorised lending

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and provinces of the regions of Tuscany, Umbria, Venetia, Liguria and Piedmont. North, and even Central, 900 quintals of slaughtered meat have been exported to Foreign Countries.

The census of all livestock, ordered by this office, is still in progress. Up to date, the following figures have been received:

Oxen	39,291	Goats	14,010
Bovines	106,227	Sheep	44,362
Horses	17,616		

Fruit and Vegetables:

Fruit and vegetables can be found in abundance on the open market, with prices still soaring, due to the Xmas Holiday "buying rush".

General:

During the month, 672 quintals of locally produced wine, and 1053 quintals of potatoes, were exported from the province, Vomero Giulio receiving the balance of wine and 925 quintals of potatoes.

In order to help the people classed for the Xmas holidays, supplementary allocations of surplus foodstuffs have been made to state, parastatal and workers cooperatives, and to pensioners of Udine city; moreover cooperatives of Pordenone and Belluno, and to hospitals, kindergarten schools and other public institutions throughout the province. Special distributions were effected to the orphanages of the province in conjunction with the "Natale dell'Orfano" programme.

4. Livestock.

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5. Finance.

(a) Financial Market position.

Total Value of Stock at Par, as at 29 Nov 46	L.2,677,075,000
" " " " " " " 29 Dec 46	L.2,732,350,000
Difference:	L. 654,250,000

Current quotations of foreign currencies on free market as at

	20 Dec	23 Dec
Gold sovereign	L 9500	9750
US Dollar (Greenback)	480	500
Swiss Franc	1900	1750
US Dollar (Export Exchange rate)	390	975
English Pound " "	1450	1550

(b) Capital investment Finance, 4th quarter 1946.

No calls on Provincial Treasury to exceed Lire 2 million during December.

Revenue Finance.

Lire 1 million supplementary budget estimates for edition were approved

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FINANCE (cont'd)

(c) Public Works

Figures showing public works financing in December are as follows:

4 projects of military interest	L 37,500,000
97 basic civilian projects	174,[illegible]3,209
	212,[illegible]3,209

6. PUBLIC WORKS & UNRRA.

The total projects approved during the month amounts to 30,[illegible]6[illegible] lire, bringing the total to date to 1,7[illegible]1,527,042 lire, of which [illegible],[illegible]0,000 lire worth of military projects must be added.

The falling off as compared with previous months is due in the first place to the temporary exhaustion of funds, and when these have been forthcoming in limited quantity to re-provision in the priority of the programme undertaken by the Prefect. A normal volume of work is ready to be initiated early next month.

7. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During December 241 Italians and [illegible] non-Italians passed through the Displaced Persons Centre, Udine.

8. Hospitals.

The "Principessa Jolanda" at Venezia, has been officially re-opened. This will now [illegible] 400 new hospital beds.

The "Colonia Marina" at Lignano Lido at present has [illegible] for shattering children suffering from war injuries.

The Prefettura of the Po[illegible] are [illegible]lying about 2,000 daily meals in this area alone.

Other A.M. National Prefettura, supported by UNRRA rations, are able to give free assistance to 750 children.

A clinic has been established by the A.M. for Venezia Giulia refugees which supplies 150 to 200 meals a day.

In this last month, U.N. distributed 30,000 [illegible] blankets and 45,000 packs of underwear (also [illegible] to the various welfare agencies, Red Cross, Relief [illegible] Venezia Giulia refugees.

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The U.N. Relief [illegible] supplied 1,100 persons with warm meals and drinks; another 4,[illegible]00 were assisted in the town.

The U.N. Relief Committee has treated about 400 patients during the month.

The U.N. Relief [illegible] Assistance, in the last month assisted 3,27[illegible] needy people. An amount of 3,477,[illegible]11 lire has been allocated for the above purposes.

[illegible] the following [illegible] have been distributed:

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Health:

My hands are pretty conditions of Public Health province have since last year very much improved, and naturally they are to be considered reasonably good.

Infectious diseases have generally decreased.

Soap supplies are very urgently required everywhere, to prevent the spread of scabies.

9. Relief Problem.

In pursuance of the Decision Antetransporti... Udine, have been greatly reduced during the year.

Displacement figures are now:

Main office, Udine	29	
M.T. truck pool	39	
Branch offices and Detachments	25	Total: 93

During December, 1945, there has been considerable pressure from truck operators to raise the scandale of prices. They base their requests on the necessity for meeting rising prices.

There are 134 vehicles returned from Ufficio Transporti.

Total [illegible] for ex-enemy vehicles resold to individuals, Parts 66 - 33.

Normally taxed	Mallestory	909.909.00
" "	Special Service	463.535.00

All post [illegible] on the lines in Udine Province have been re-established. [illegible] suffer from lack of new equipment and from POL shortage.

10. Legal.

The Allied Military Courts tried 7 cases during the month. All cases resulted in conviction.

The work of the Italian Courts continues satisfactorily.

On 11 December 1945, Provincial order No. 78 was issued, regarding the registration of persons and individuals in respect to growing timber and wood in the Province of Udine.

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for [illegible]
N. H. Dunlop, D.S.O.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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Headquarters
Allied Military Government
UDINE PROVINCE

Subject: Report No:10 - Month of November, 1946.

To : Headquarters,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
Rome.

1. POLITICAL ACTIVITY & POPULAR OPINION.

The administrative elections were completed on the 10th November, 1946, and were everywhere conducted quietly and in good order. Final results were as follows:-

Demo-Christians	Communal	Councillors	elected	826
Socialists	"	"	"	219
Communists	"	"	"	5
Left Concentration	"	"	"	432
Independent	"	"	"	159
Uomo Qualunque	"	"	"	3
Other parties' total	"	"	"	5

There has been little variation in political activity. The immediate excitement caused by the visit of TOGLIATTI to TITO rapidly died down and has left no lasting impression.

There has been a noticeable increase in the activity of the Associazione per l'Autonomia Friulana, a movement which appears to be supported by all the political parties, and may in part be due to local resentment at the continual appointment of Italians of southern origin to local government offices.

There has recently been a slight recrudescence of fascist sentiment, manifested by the display of home-made flags and emblems at one or two places in the province, but it is not considered of any importance.

Pro-Slav activity continues at much the same tempo as in recent months.

Whilst there have been a certain number of strikes of minor importance during the month, there is a noticeable relaxation of tension amongst the population, the source of which appears to be indicated by increased industrial activity, and financial assistance rendered to their families by some thousands of emigrated workmen.

On the whole, it may be said that there is an overall improvement from the standpoint of law and order and general tranquillity.

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Strength of police agencies is as follows:-

	Officers	ORs
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Polizia del Traffico	1	76
Polizia Ferroviaria	5	89
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[illegible]	1	48

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PUBLIC SAFETY (Cont'd)

There has been a further decrease in the ranks of the carabinieri, which has not yet been corrected by replacements. On the whole, the work of the police is normal, and calls for no special comment.

There has recently been an epidemic of burglaries in the premises occupied by the families of Allied personnel, and in consequence, a special squad of police has been placed at the disposal of S.I.M. as a result of which activity in this direction has decreased.

The frequent road accidents, involving military vehicles, have long been a sore point with the population, and special combined patrols of Allied military police and personnel of the Polizia Stradale, have been formed, and operate on the main military roads from 0730 hrs until midnight. Special attention has also been paid by the Polizia Stradale to unlighted civilian vehicles, particularly horse-drawn carts and cycles, and the scale of fines for traffic offences of this nature has been sharply increased by the issue of Provincial Order No: 20.

A sharp watch has been kept on illegal traffic in foodstuffs, and the following sequestrations have been effected during the month:

	Kg
Grano and other cereals	3585
Farina	250
Pasta	208
Sugar	140
Potatoes	4750

There is a noticeable increase in the prison population, but no escapes or disorders of any kind are reported.

12 cases of armed robbery have been reported during the month, and this figure is appreciably lower than in the past few months.

Italian police are working harmoniously, and in close contact, with the Allied military police bodies.

3. ECONOMIC.

The coal position causes some anxiety. Fortunately, the Province secured an allocation of 2,000 tons, part of a cargo intended for 88th Division, U.S.A., which was surplus to their requirements.

Firewood is in good supply, and it is hoped to raise the export ban in the near future.

As a result of the coal shortage, cement is still blocked provincially. The hoped-for import of 2,700 tons from Czechoslovakia has not yet materialised.

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Food items distributed during the month are as follows:

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Pasta	-	2,000	grams	per consumer.	
Lard	-	200	"	"	"
Sugar	-	300	"	"	" plus
		140	"	"	" as balance against the October ration.

Butter, oil, sugar and pasta have been issued to sick people at home and in the hospitals as prescribed by medical certificates. All supplementary and Special Class rations have been issued in addition to the above.

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During the month, 30 tons of wheat were received from Venezia, the balance due to this Province from allocations ex the s.s."EMORY VICTORY" and s.s."LELAND MOORE".

Delivery of corn to the "ammasso" is unsatisfactory, but efforts are being made to counteract the farmers' reluctance to deliver.

On the basis of 250 grams of bread daily, and 2,000 grams of pasta monthly, wheat on hand is sufficient for requirements until the beginning of January, 1947.

During the month, 400 head of livestock have been exported from this Province to other Regions and 900 quintals of slaughtered meat have been imported to Venezia Giulia.

Fruit and vegetables can be found in abundance, but prices are still on the high side.

During the month, 1063 quintals of locally produced wine and 2007 quintals of potatoes were exported from the province, and of these amounts, Venezia Giulia received 1836 quintals of potatoes and 907 quintals of wine.

The usual allocations of surplus foodstuffs have been made to statal and other cooperatives and various institutions.

4. AGRICULTURE.

The remaining figures to date are as follows:

Wheat - 217,191 quintals Maize - 39,375 quintals.
Rye - 4,629 " Barley- 910 "

Contributions of grain to the "ammasso" are unsatisfactory, and are variously explained by the high humidity percentage in the kernels, and the difference between "ammasso" and black market prices.

Consorzio Agrario has been authorised to export 20,000 quintals of seed maize to provinces which have furnished seed wheat to the province of Udine.

Work is being done to speed up the work in connection with the reclamation of a substantial area of flooded land in San Daniele-Fagagna-Codroipo area, which would provide work for some 2,000 unemployed.

Infectious diseases during the month are reported as follows:

Foot and mouth disease - 37 cases; red fever - 10; swine plague - 12.

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Steps are being taken to increase the production of sugar beets, sunflower and seed potatoes.

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	Difference..	L. 683,506,450

931 million lire affecting 31 statal bodies were authorised during November.

118 regular budgets, totalling 56 million lire, were approved, and supplementary budgets are being audited.

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563 million lire, affecting 146 Public Works projects, were authorised durin_ the months of October and November,1946.

6. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

The total of Public Works projects approved during the month amounts to 180,200,395 lire, bringing the total to date to 1,710,610,395 lire. The falling off as compared with figures for the last two months is due to the exhaustion of funds so far available, and also to the fact that in order to place the housing programme well forward, a large proportion of work had been previously initiated than was consistent with the even flow of the programme. Work actually in hand amounts to 838,549,379 lire, and the Genio Civile have some 2 billion lire's work of further projects well forward for consideration when fresh funds become available.

In addition to the above, 21,842,000 lire worth of military projects have been initiated during the month.

7. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the month, 1,020 Italians and 56 non-Italians, passed through the Displaced Persons Centre.

8. WELFARE.

About 17 million lire, together with considerable supplies of clothing, were distributed by Post Bellica.

The "Enchoi and Partigiani Mess" is running most satisfactorily, reaching an average of 800 - 1,000 meals a day.

29,140,000 lire were contributed to reconstruction of buildings damaged by Nazi and Fascist reprisals.

1,500,000 lire were contributed towards completion of repairs to damaged electric plants at Villarove Chieti ine Montesperta De Bellis Cermagna Trigent Montesangiero and Pietrasanta.

Health conditions throughout the province are on the whole satisfactory.

The autumn vaccinations against small-pox and diptheria is completed.

Infectious diseases reported during the month are as follows:

Measles - 126; scarlet fever - 90; typhoid fever - 38;
diptheria - 103.

9. TRANSPORT.

A branch office of the Ufficio Trasporti was established in Civitella on the beginning of the month, and has proved extremely useful.

Position of vehicles is as follows:

(a) Vehicles registered with Ufficio Trasporti (over 10 quintals)	1341
of which:	
working solely on behalf of holders	770
working solely on hire for third parties	574
(b) Delivery vans and vehicles under the	197

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(b) Daily average of vehicles on the road	197
Daily average of vehicles not on the road	374
Total No. of hire contracts signed up to date	536

24 new registrations of trucks over 10 quintals since last month.

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Since August, 649 vehicles over 10 quintals were registered. This office considers that there is a large number of trucks which may be calculated as surplus to transportation requirements of Udine Province.

The POL situation is still extremely unsatisfactory, and the same observation applies to tyres.

Movement statistics are as follows:-

a) monthly total kilometers 725,205,00
b) monthly total quintals of goods carried 372,401,50

Figures below record total quintals transported by road:

Commodity class.	Imports.	Exports.	Province.
Alimentation	20,327,00	5,094,00	21,001,00
Agriculture	11,890,00	5,293,00	9,627,00
Industry	21,962,00	40,896,00	122,872,50
Construc.	215,00	19,440,00	61,367,00
Various	4,621,00	4,747,00	16,428,00
Total quin:	57,033,00	75,470,00	231,296,30

As a result of POL shortage, public services had to be considerably reduced during the month.

10. Legal.

The number of cases tried by Allied Military Courts was 11, all of which resulted in convictions.

The work of the Italian Courts proceeds satisfactorily.

Due to the recent increase in traffic violations during the past few months, and in view of the fact that the fines imposed for these offences proved insufficacious in diminishing the number of violations, it was felt necessary to modify the scale of fines. Accordingly, after consultation with the Italian judicial authorities, these fines were increased tenfold by Provincial Order No:20.

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To : Headquarters,
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1. POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION.

Administrative Elections were held in 95 Communes on five consecutive Sundays between 6 Oct 46 and 3 Nov 46.

The number of seats gained by the political parties is as under:

Democratic Christians	819
Left Concentration	501
Socialists	145
Communists	5
Uomo Qualunque	1
Independents	173

Compared with the results in 66 Communes in March and April, there is little change in the position of the parties, except that the Democratic Christians have lost probably a few seats to the Independents.

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Apart from this, political activity has been normal.

Slav activity continues, and two arrests were made by agents of the questore.

Togliatti passed through the province recently on his way to Yugo-Slavia. This visit, it is believed, was intended to reassure the Allies that a settlement by direct contact between the Italians and Slavs was possible, and that continued occupation by the Allies was therefore unnecessary.

Public opinion here strongly mistrusts Togliatti, and sees in this visit a political manoeuvre to strengthen the Communist Party, and possibly hasten the withdrawal of the Allies.

Expressions of indignation were received from many, including the Communist party, on the recent outrage at the British Embassy.

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Togliatti passed through the Province recently on his way to Yugo-Slavia. This visit, it is believed, was intended to reassure the Allies that a settlement by direct contact between the Italians and Slavs was possible, and that continued occupation by the Allies was therefore unnecessary.

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Public opinion here strongly mistrusts Togliatti, and sees in this visit a political manoeuvre to strengthen the Communist Party, and possibly hasten the withdrawal of the Allies.

Expressions of indignation were received from many, including the Communist, parties on the recent outrage at the British Embassy.

On the 12th October, the Minister of Agriculture, Segni, visited the Province and stayed at AMG Headquarters.

Many agricultural problems, including land reclamation schemes, were discussed, and financial assistance promised.

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POLITICAL REACTION AND POPULAR OPINION (cont'd)

A new Democratic Youth movement has been formed in the Province, principally to combat the activity of the Fronte Gioventu', and is open to young men of all political parties.

There have been a number of orderly demonstrations, chiefly by unemployed, but the various strikes reported last month have been satisfactorily settled, usually with AMG assistance.

There is a slight improvement in the unemployment situation, but repeated requests for further funds from the Minister of Public Works, for the approved Public Works programme of the Province have, so far, been unsuccessful.

Illegal emigration continues, judging by extracts from censored letters.

A few quantity of arms have been sequestered during the month, and arrests made in a number of cases.

In general, the Province is quiet, but there are indications of a clash occurring between Right and Left elements as soon as the Allies withdraw.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY

Allied officers engaged in Police duties are: Major A.G.P. WAY, S.P.S.B.O. and Capt. D.J. ROBBINS, P.P.S.O. and liaison with CRP (American) and C.I.C. Special Police of 88 Division.

Strength of civil police is as under:

Police Agency.		Officers.	Other Ranks.
Carabinieri	Strength :	9	315
	Effective strength:	7	295
Questura			
Agenti di P.S.		14	260
Polizia Ausiliari		10	334
Polizia del Traffico		1	73
Polizia Ferroviaria		3	98
Guardia di Finanza		17	722
Vigili Urbani		1	448
Corpo delle Foreste		8	177

There has been a noticeable reduction in the strength of carabinieri, chiefly by non-return on termination of period of military service, and there have been no fresh recruits.

The Senior Provincial Public Safety Officer reports that, in general, the morale of the carabinieri group is unsatisfactory, and that he is dissatisfied with the Group Commander, Maggiore Antico, and his assistant, Capitano Arcuna. It is hoped to arrange for the transfer and replacement of these officers. The building of the carabinieri stations throughout

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Strength of civil police is as under:

Police Agency.		Officers.	Other ranks.
Carabinieri	strength :	9	413
	Effective strength:	7	405
Questura.			
Agenti di P.S.		17	260
Polizia Ausiliaria		10	334
Polizia del Traffico		1	76
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PUBLIC SAFETY (cont'd

Without any prior application to this Headquarters, on 5th October, 1946, Dott. Rosselli, of the Ispettorato Generale di P.S., arrived in Udine, with instructions to conduct an examination into certain allegations made against the Questore, T.Col. Manzoni, Commandant of the Auxiliary Police, and Ten. Ruffo, Commandnt of the Traffic Police. All three persons were appointed with the direct approval of AMG, and it was very evident that the allegations were made by local Communists, in an attempt to secure the removal of these individuals, and the appointment of others more favourable to them, the actual enquiry being another result of the visit of the Communist Minister, Scoccimarro, in August last.

Dott. Rosselli was informed that, while he would be allowed to make his enquiry, no report was to be submitted to any Italian authority whatever, until approval has been given by AMG. In fact, the report has been submitted to Public Safety Sub-Commission, Allied Commission HQs, and found to be favourable to the persons concerned. This Office has been so informed, and to avoid further delay, approval was given for the report to be forwarded to the Ispettorato Di P.S. At the time of writing, a copy is being despatched to this HQ.

Special efforts are being made to reduce the number of traffic accidents. The strict instructions have been given to the traffic police, to take energetic action against vehicles travelling without lights, or being driven in a negligent manner.

A determined effort has been made to supress the black market, particularly in cereal products, and the following sequestrations have been made during the month:

Grano - Kg 3213; Riso nostrano - Kg. 62; Farina Kg 641.

The condition of the prisons remains satisfactory, and there is a fairly considerable increase in the number of detainees. There have been no escapes or disorders during the month.

Careful arrangements were made for the policing of Communes during the recent local elections, which passed off quietly.

Public safety conditions remain largely unchanged, and there has been little alteration in the number and gravity of offences reported.

In general, public order is good. Political activity continues, particularly on the part of the Communists. Slav infiltration in the province continues, although every effort is made to reduce this to the minimum.

Incidents involving allied military personnel and civilians have been few, and in such cases as there have been, CMP have been active in conducting enquiries.

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Considerable success has been gained in recovering property of Allied origin - chiefly food, clothing, and tyres - in the unlawful possession of civilians, and in bringing the military personnel originally responsible for their disposal.

On 12 October 1946, in a railway accident at Gemona, 3 British military personnel were killed and 5 injured, also 5 Italian civilians were injured.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (cont'd)

At Civitale, on 17 October, the local Provincial officer, 1st.Lt. [illegible], hearing a noise at the back of his billet, and in the vicinity of his jeep, in the course of investigation, shot and killed an Italian civilian. There was clear evidence that the man, who had a record of several previous convictions, was present for the purpose of stealing the tyres of the vehicle.

Following some isolated instances of wire cutting, attention has again been drawn to the serious view taken of this offence by the Allied Military Authority, by notices in the local Press. No deliberate sabotage is suspected.

3. SUPPLIES.

The following foodstuffs have been distributed during the month:

Bread: Regular distribution of 235 grms per consumer daily.
Pasta: 2,000 grms per consumer.
Lard: 200 " " "
Sugar: 150 " " " to be increased to 500 grms as the balance is rec'd from the Italian Govt.

All supplementary and Special Class Rations have been issued in addition to the above.

During the month, 3,731 tons of wheat were received from Venice, leaving a balance of 15,000 tons to be withdrawn.

439 tons of flour were received during the month from Venice, and 1,000 tons of flour were received from the Venezia Giulia in repayment of a loan of 2,000 tons of wheat to them last September.

Retention by producers of wheat in excess of permitted amounts is being severely dealt with. During the month 113 farmers were prosecuted and 690 quintals of wheat sequestered.

An allocation of 450 tons of rice has been received from the Italian Government to cover the period October-December, 1945.

900 quintals of slaughtered meat have been exported during the month to Venezia-Giulia, and 400 head of livestock for breeding have been exported to other regions. Fruit and vegetables still remain abundant, although prices are high. Exportation of wine produced in the province has been forbidden without the approval of AMG/CA.

There has been the normal allocation of surplus items to statal, parastatal and workers' cooperatives, hospitals, etc., throughout the province.

The price of bread has been increased from 21 to 23 lire per kilo as from 29 Oct 45.

Several strikes occurred during the month, but a satisfactory settlement was negotiated in each case.

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The export of coal to other provinces is being suspended to enable supplies to be furnished to Trieste and other communes of Venezia Giulia before the ports become snowbound.

Shortage of coal deliveries created a serious position in the provincial industries, but fortunately deliveries in the month largely rectified the position. As a result of the shortage, the export of cement came to a standstill.

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The following figures show the total medical supplies issued during the month of October and up-to-date:

		October		To date
Medical supplies		28,557 lire		567,127 lire
Blankets	Quantity	34,363	Quan.	232,911
Free Issues	"	16,105	"	49,537
Conto Vendit	"	50,810	"	127,488
	"	18,448	"	127,377
Underwear	"	2,360	"	47,239
Free Issues	"	15,900	"	54,915
Cons. c/c				

4. AGRICULTURE

The outstanding figures to date are as follows:

Wheat - qli. 273,667; maize - qli 15,776; rye - 4,533; barley - 882.

Arrangements are being made for the exchange of a considerable quantity of maize throughout the province against seed wheat.

Winter ploughing and sowing have begun. There are approximately 700 tractors registered in the province.

Stabilised prices in fertilisers have been established throughout the province.

Distribution of dairy products throughout the province is somewhat unsatisfactory, and the whole question is being gone into with a view to a speedy improvement being made.

The number of fattening pigs is estimated at 100,000 and slaughtering for family consumption has begun. There have been 10 cases of foot and mouth disease and 57 cases of swine fever and plague during the month.

Sale of Provincial military horses is satisfactory. Down to the 19th October, 2,130 horses were sold and the amount of 33 million lire deposited in the bank.

5. FINANCE

	1946	Lire
Cash position of the Bank of Italy as of	24 Sep:	1,312,969,900
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	Difference:	1,428,407,350

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Three projects of military interest, amounting to 1.6 million lire, were financed since the last report. Other public works projects amounting to 376,382,390 lire were authorised up to 25 Oct 46.

6. PUBLIC WORKS (WAR DAM.)

This is the first month in which public works have been freed from control by [illegible] to the tune of a total of 576,406,146 lire worth, the total to date to 1,364,370,039

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6. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

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The former figure is rather higher than the proper ration for one month if funds are to be expended evenly over the period, but this is accounted for by the fact that 300,000,000 lire are for housing, which is urgently required, and also of its value in unemployment.

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7. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the month, 1,093 Italians and 741 non-Italians passed through the Udine Refugee Centre. Non-Italians consisted mainly of Poles, Jugo-Slavs and Lithuanians.

8. WELFARE.

Every effort is being made to maintain assistance in the way of food and clothing to needy cases during the winter, and arrangements have already been made for the issue of a substantial amount of clothing. Some 50 additional children have been received into the authorised institutions of the province during the month.

17 million lire have been issued during the month, to cover the needs of hospitals, welfare institutions, etc., throughout the province.

Public health conditions generally are good, and there is a noticeable decrease in infectious diseases. Particulars of infectious diseases are as follows:

Measles - 6; scarlet fever - 48; typhus - 16; diphtheria 25; whooping cough - 17; tuberculosis - 26.

9. TRANSPORTATION.

Figures showing status of vehicles during the month are as follows:

(a)	Vehicles registered with Ufficio Trasporti (over 10 quintals)	1317
	of which: working solely on behalf of holders	770
	working solely on hire for third parties	547
(b)	Daily average of vehicles on the road	167
	Daily average of vehicles now on the road	380
(c)	Also 10 hire contracts are now	559
	47 registrations occurred since last month.	

Vehicles in the AMG truck pool are all in good repair except that tyre replacements are badly needed.

The POL and tyre situation still remains unsatisfactory. This shortage of POL necessitated a reduced allocation to firms operating public services in the province. As a result, there was considerable dislocation of the services, causing a great deal of public inconvenience.

MOVEMENT:

(a) Monthly total kilometers	761,620,00
(b) Monthly total quintals carried	332,217,00

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Movement statistics: Imports, exports in the Province.
(Transport by road only - figures record quintals of goods carried).

Commodity classes.	Imports.	Exports.	Province.
Alimentation	16,[illegible]5,00	5,147,00	23,[illegible]2,00
Agriculture	3,69[illegible],00	3,045,00	7,640,00
Industry	17,821,00	38,004,00	113,145,00
Sundries	350,00	13,556,00	52,675,00

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	Daily average of vehicles not on the road	330
(c)	Up to date there are now	553
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Industry	17,821,00	38,004,00	113,143,00
Commerce	330,00	15,336,00	52,[illegible]75,00
Various	7,00[illegible],00	9,094,00	17,166,00
Totals:	47,005,00	68,[illegible]6,00	216,448,00

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10. LEGAL.

Fourteen cases were tried in the courts during the month, all of which resulted in convictions.

The work of the Italian Courts proceeds satisfactorily, though there is a heavy list of cases for trial and there are considerable arrears, due chiefly to gaps in judicial personnel.

War damage, military requisitions and the presence of refugees, have caused an acute shortage of living accommodation in Udine, and where orders for possession or eviction were made by the Italian Courts, many persons, liable to be dispossessed thereby, were faced with the immediate prospect of being rendered homeless, no alternative accommodation of any kind being available. The Italian Courts in certain cases have power to grant a short postponement, and thereafter have no discretion to prevent the order being put into execution. It is unnecessary to say that, if a large number of families had been thrown into the street, with no hope of shelter, a very serious situation would have arisen. Accordingly, after consultation with, and at the request of, the Italian Judicial Authorities, a Provincial Order was published, modifying the Italian Law and conferring a fairly wide discretion on the Italian Courts.

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Headquarters
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
VENETIA PROVINCE

Subject: Report No:16 - Month of September,1946.

To : Headquarters,
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Again it must be said that political insecurity and anxiety for the future are the main preoccupations of public opinion. The resignation of CASERTA had a direct effect on prices, which rose between 20% and 30%.

This, together with the political influence behind trade union demands for ever-increasing wages, has resulted in a series of strikes or threatened strikes which have occupied much of the time and patience of this HQs, to insure against any dislocation of public services. In all cases, with the valued co-operation of the Prefect and the Camera di Lavoro, with which excellent relations exist, it has been possible to either reduce the strike to a token one with a guarantee that the public services would not be interfered with, or delayed for sufficient time to enable a solution to be found.

Backed, however, by strong political pressure from Rome, Venice, Milan and Padova, it is not to be assumed that further efforts will be lacking to call on various classes of workers in order to dislocate trade and industry, and there are already signs that recent wage agreements are to be overthrown for what is termed a general economic amelioration of the working classes.

Co-operatives and popular restaurants are in operation to discount three alleged causes of discontent, but it is doubtful if any such assistance will satisfy the desire of the Italian Left wing, only supported by other elements, to sow the seeds of discord and bring about a chaotic situation.

At times, it is difficult to know, in the absence of any directive on the subject, how far one can go in preventing a strike. Merely to shelve the question by saying that AMG is responsible for the maintenance of law and order and that until this is threatened no action should be taken, is lacking in all understanding of the difficulty, and the serious consequences arising therefrom. Some definite guidance is urgently requested.

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It is, therefore, strongly recommended that concrete support should be given to the Provincial Commissioner to handle any strike or threatened strike of a political nature at his discretion, and in the extreme case to issue direct orders against the interruption of any service for which AMG is responsible.

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In this connection, it should be understood that an attempt is being made to anchor the lira, and that the workers are anxious to obtain the best possible wage before any such stabilisation. It is understood that the Left wing are against stabilisation, so that the workers would seem to be on a good wicket in their continued demands.

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There is no diminution of Slav propaganda in the province, which is very active as ever in its Eastern fundamenti. The Communists are short of funds and have asked for a hundred stamps in October in support of their campaign for the improvement of their resources. Throughout the province this party continues to obstruct the normal administration, and discredit those in authority. The Democratic Christians remain as bigotted, and uncooperative with any other party, as ever.

The Socialists are rallying, and usually, for want of a better policy, swing towards the Communists in order to retain the majority of the workers' votes.

Meanwhile, the Liberals are fusing with the Uomo qualunque party, and unless the Socialists can make up their mind which side of the fence they are on, they may well lose many of their votes in a new election to parties with a more decided policy.

Unemployment demonstrations have been frequent but orderly, and the agreement concluded recently with the Italian Government whereby Allied Military Government will finance directly all public works projects in the province, will at least accelerate the release of funds and the commencement of projects.

As has recently been said, the public works projects cannot cure unemployment in this province.

In February 1946, more than 27,000 workers were willing to emigrate. This is approximately the same figure as before the war.

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The Socialists are rallying, and usually, for want of a better policy, swing towards the Communists in order to retain the majority of the workers' votes.

Meanwhile, the Liberals are fusing with the Uomo Qualunque party, and unless the Socialists can make up their mind which side of the fence they are on, they may well lose many of their votes in a new election to parties with a more decided policy.

Unemployment demonstrations have been frequent but orderly, and an agreement concluded recently with the Italian Government whereby AFHQ will finance directly all public works projects in the province, will at least accelerate the release of funds and the commencement of projects.

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The Prefect is continuing to show a high appreciation of his office, and is supported as much by the people as by this HQ.

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2. PUBLIC SAFETY.

The following is the strength of the Civil Police at the present time:

Agency	Officers.	Ors
Carabinieri	8	592
Questura		
Agenti di P.S.		254
Polizia Ausiliaria	10	342
Traffic Police	1	
Railway Police	3	95
Guardia di Finanza	16	435
Vigili Urbani	1	442
Corpo delle Foreste	8	176

It is hoped to obtain in the near future for the use of the personnel of the Questura a number of Jeeps and motorcycles, and as soon as these become available it is intended to form a flying squad available for immediate response in case of crime.

The Questura have received information to the effect that the transfer of auxiliary police personnel between one province and another is likely to begin shortly, and if this proves to be the case, a sharp drop in the strength of the Force is anticipated.

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The conditions in the judicial and mandamental prisons remain satisfactory, and there have been no escapes or disorders during the month. 1643

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Demonstrations and strikes are still of common occurence, due chiefly to unemployment and high cost of living.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (Cont'd)

There has been a movement of some unemployed sections of the population towards Austria, Switzerland and France in an attempt to enter those countries and find employment, but no precise details are available.

There is still considerable anxiety and uneasiness as to the future, due to the external and internal political situation.

Officers engaged in Public Safety duties are:

Major A.G.P.	May	S.P.P.S.O.
Capt. D.C.	Hopkins	P.P.S.O.
Capt. G.H.	Lee	P.P.S.O.

5. ECONOMICS.

The supply and price of firewood are satisfactory. The coal situation is difficult as no supplies are expected before 20th October, when some 6,000 tons are due.

Arrangements have been made to import approximately 2,700 tons of cement from Czechoslovakia.

During the month, medical supplies to the value of 20,669 lire and blankets to the value of 8,213,705 lire have been sold. In addition, substantial quantities of blankets and underwear have been issued free.

The following foodstuffs have been distributed during the month:

Bread	-	Regular distribution of 235 grams per consumer daily.
Pasta	-	2,000 grams per consumer.
Oil	-	200 " " "
Lard	-	200 " " "
Sugar	-	300 " " "

Supplementary and Special Class rations have been issued in addition to the above.

During the month, 1,252 tons of wheat, part of the 7,200 tons allocated to this Province ex S/S "Emory Victory", have been received from Venice. The balance of 387 tons now remains to be withdrawn from this cargo. No other allocation of wheat or flour has been received for this Province during the month. 99.6 tons of corn were received from Venice from the S/S "Van Buck". 1658

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ECONOMICS (Cont'd.)

During the month 204.1 tons of sugar were received from Venice and a further allocation of 207 tons is now awaited.

With the lifting of the exportation ban, arrangements have been made for substantial export to Venezia Giulia and Tuscany of slaughtered meat and live stock.

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The following indicates the prices of foodstuffs in the Province:

	Fixed. per kg	Black Market. per kg
Bread	21 lire	90-100 lire
Wheat Flour	16 "	60-70 "
Pasta	27 "	120-150 "
Rice	31 "	- "
Sugar	160 "	450-500 "
Lard	251 "	650 "

Prices on the open market.

Meat (beef,	500 lire per kg (without bones)
Hard cheese	1000-1250 lire per kg
Potatoes	15-20 lire per kg
Beans	130-140 " " "
Butter	800 " " "
Milk	32 " " "
Olive Oil	720 " " "

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4. AGRICULTURE.

The [illegible] figures to date are as follows:

Wheat - 253,715 quintals, rye 4,349 quintals; barley - 841 quintals; maize - 2,441 quintals.

[illegible] 80,000 hectares of land were sown in corn and an estimate [illegible] quintals per hectare is expected, yielding 1,200,000 quintals [illegible] Of this amount, 300,000 quintals is set aside for [illegible], 50,000 quintals for sow feed, 100,000 quintals for seed, 400,000 quintals for consumers and the balance of 130,000 quintals for the harvest. This quantity should cover the needs of the non-producing population in addition to the 270,000 quintals of wheat which is expected on the completion of the harvest.

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A total of 60,000 hectares of land were sown in corn and an estimate of 20 quintals per hectare is expected, making 1,200,000 quintals to be gathered. Of this amount, 500,000 quintals is set aside for the army, 50,000 quintals for new feed, 100,000 quintals for seed, 600,000 quintals for consumers and the balance of 150,000 quintals for the farmer. This quantity should just cover the needs of the non-producing population, in addition to the 270,000 quintals of wheat which is expected at the conclusion of the harvest.

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A horse show for three years was recently held in Udine, about 150 [illegible] were shown, young mules being put up for sale. Prices ranged from 125,000 to over 150,000 lire per head.

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The sale of Preda Bellica horses is continuing satisfactorily, and up to the present 650 horses have been sold. Allowing for the period of time for payment, 75% of the horses have been paid for, the total amount credited as at the 18th September, one month after the sales commenced, is 8,454,000 lire.

5. FINANCE.

Cash position of the Bank of Italy

as of 24 Aug 46	Lire	1,465,491,790
as of 24 Sep 46	"	1,312,969,940
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A total of 55 million lire was authorised in respect of 102 supplementary communal budgets and 5 million on regular budgets.

7 public works projects of military interest totalling 5 million lire were authorised during the month.

6. PUBLIC WORKS - UDINE.

Work approved by the Prefetto Civile during the month amounts to 519,090,000 lire, bringing the total to date for the year to 1,432,298,245 lire.

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Funds now held by the Magistrato for use in Udine Province, 221,000,000 lire from the old programme, and 649,000,000 lire approximately from the new, will be handed over to AMG, and works to this amount will be put into operation directly the formalities are completed. Future work is still dependent on more money being supplied through the Ministry of Public Works by the Italian Treasury, but since some 2,600,000,000 lire are anticipated, it is hoped that the unemployment situation may be alleviated to a greater extent than at present.

7. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the month 1,061 Italians and 376 non-Italians passed through the Udine Reception Centre. Poles numbering 699 represent the large majority of the non-Italians. 1637

8. WELFARE.

Summer camps continued to run satisfactorily during the month, some 2,000 children having been catered for. These camps close at the end of this month. It is intended to continue operating the one at Lignano throughout the winter for the benefit of poor and destitute children.

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A vast amount of child welfare is still being carried out by Post War Relief.

82 [illegible] of Relief goods of the value of 10 million lire were distributed in the Udine area of Zone A. Approximately 30 million lire are in the course of distribution throughout the damages destroyed during Nazi and Fascist reprisals.

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A "transport for product" and "partigiani" has been opened in Udine at [illegible] by which thousands of meals have been supplied [illegible] during the month.

Extensive arrangements for the housing in institutions and orphanages of children who cannot be properly cared for by their families have been made.

Further supplies of blankets have been allotted from U.N. charity institutions.

Public health continues generally good. Particulars of infectious diseases occurring during the month are as follows:

Measles - 53; scarlet fever - 34; chicken pox - 6; typhoid - 28; diphtheria - 42; whooping cough - 20, malaria - 17; scabe - 39; tuberculosis - 13.

9. TRANSPORTATION.

The contemplated further arrangement of transportation tariffs has been postponed for the present.

The POL situation is still extremely grave, the monthly allocation being quite insufficient to meet the needs. Transporters have no option but to turn to the black market if they wish to keep their vehicles on the road.

The tyre situation is even worse, and unless matters are speedily remedied a general crisis in transport appears to be inevitable.

Figures of transport by road only, showing the total number of quintals of goods carried during the month, are given below:

Commodity class.	Imports.	Exports.	Province.
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Industry	5,906,00	27,613,00	99,903,00
Commerce	603,00	7,745,00	45,680,00
Various	2,720,00	6,094,00	13,261,00
Totals:	33,294,00	48,556,00	183,543,00

Public Services are quite satisfactory.

10. LEGAL.

The number of cases tried by Allied Military Courts was 14, 2 of which were Superior Court cases, and all of which resulted in convictions.

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Inquiries continue to be made incessantly, in connection with the application of the recent amnesty, to persons charged and convicted of offences against Allied proclamations and orders. It is very much hoped that a decision on the matter will soon be reached.

In the Italian courts civil business continues satisfactorily. The Special Sessions of the Court of Assize tried 5 cases during the month, leaving 51 cases for trial.

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H. N. BRIGHT, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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To : Headquarters,
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These, together with continued dissension amongst the Allied Nations, and the offensive attitude of the Slavs, aided and abetted by Moscow, are causing considerable despondency everywhere.

The intrusion of Yugo-Slavs into the Province, in groups of up to twenty in number, have been noted in the past few weeks. These are reputed to have been armed, and to have contacted a number of local Communist and pro-Slav elements in the region North-East of Tarcento and Savorgnano which appears to be their meeting-place. [redacted]

In one recent instance, a Slovene patrol attacked an Alpine frontier guard post, which successfully drove it off, in the UCCEA area. A recent case of distributing arms to a rural carabinieri station on the alleged orders of officers of the 5 Italian Territorial Division, was sufficient to cause Scoccimarro, the Finance Minister to condemn all and sundry in his recent visit to the Province.

As is common with so many of his party, he described all who were not communists as fascists, or supporters of reactionary groups - strongly criticised De Gasperi for his handling of Italian affairs at the Peace Conference - and attacked Allied Military Government for its failure to check the so-called reactionaries, to remove posters offensive to the party from the walls, to cure unemployment and for not preventing others from abusing certain doubtful characters in his party.

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Whether due to Scoccimarro personally or to the policy he expounds, Communism is daily losing ground in the Province to both Democ-Christians and Socialists.

Unemployment has now reached a figure of approximately 56,000 and is responsible for much discontent. Due to delay in approving projects by the Magistrato alle Acque in Venice, approximately 500 million lire's worth of Public Works projects are held up, in spite of the repeated [illegible] and the Prefect to accelerate the Public Works

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As is common with so many of his party, he described all who were not communists as fascists, or supporters of reactionary groups - strongly criticised De Gasperi for his handling of Italian affairs at the Peace Conference - and attacked Allied Military Government for its failure to check the so-called reactionaries, to remove posters offensive to the party from the walls, to cure unemployment and for not preventing others from abusing certain doubtful characters in his party.

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2. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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The auxiliary police force still leaves a good deal to be desired, but a gradual improvement is being effected, and within a reasonable time it should prove a useful and reliable body.

The Guardia di Finanza are carrying out their very difficult duties in a most satisfactory manner, particularly in regard to the prevention of illegal transport of grain in connection with which they have sequestered approximately 910 quintals during the course of the month.

The state of the prisons is satisfactory. There is no overcrowding and there have been no disorders or escapes during the month.

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In general, public order throughout the province is good and there has been a noticeable decrease in serious crimes.

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provinces during the months of July and August amounted to 129,000 quintals. A steady supply of coal is now being received.

The position in regard to cement is satisfactory, and approximately 40 tons are being supplied daily to the Works Section near 13 Corps. 2,000 tons of cement have been imported from Austria on a barter basis.

The sale and distribution of blankets is continuing regularly. Total sales to date amount to 14,561,870 lire.

The following foodstuffs have been distributed during the month (together with the usual supplementary rations to sick people and all Special Classes):

Bread:	Regular distribution of 250 grams with the milling ratio of 91, up to the 18th August, when the ration was reduced to 235 grams with the milling ratio lowered to 85.
Pasta:	2,000 grams per consumer.
Oil:	100 grams " "
Lard:	200 grams " "
Sugar:	150 grams " " (normal distribution) plus
	100 grams " " (supplementary distribution.

The progress of the wheat amasso has been slower during the month. The new milling ratio of 85, as against 91, has been received favourably, as the population are willing to accept a decrease in the bread ration in order to have a whiter and more palatable bread.

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A number of counterfeit ration cards have been discovered, and a special investigation is being made.

During the month, the ban on exportation of livestock from the province has been lifted and permission has been granted for not more than 500 head of livestock per month to be exported from the province. There has been an abundant supply of fruit and vegetables during the month.

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AGRICULTURE (continued)

21 further cases of foot and mouth diseases have been reported during the month.

Sale of war booty horses to detainers began during the month, at prices ranging from 24,000 lire to 30,000 lire per head. Details of sales effected will be included in the report of next month.

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The bank position is as follows:

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During the month, Assistenza Post-Bellica allocated some 5 million lire to the most badly damaged villages in the province.

Assistenza Post-Bellica further allocated the sum of 1,650,000 lire to summer camps and 7 million lire to various institutional and welfare agencies.

Dr. Tomacchi, a career official, has been appointed Medico Provinciale of the province.

The new convalescent home for reduci and ex-internees will shortly be opened at Tarcento with the help of Assistenza Post-Bellica.

127 ex-prisoners of war from Russia reached Udine during the month.

The following are the number of infectious diseases which occurred in the province during the month: measles - 85; scarlet fever - 15; chicken pox - 11; typhoid - 46; diptheria - 35; whooping cough - 24; malaria - 25; infantile paralysis - 25.

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The tyre situation remains extremely unsatisfactory. Unless a definite improvement can be effected it is certain that a serious transport crisis will be inevitable.

The total quintali carried during the month is 515,790,00 which shows an increase of 120,728,00 quintali over last month.

The following table shows the quintali of goods transported by road in respect of imports and exports during the month:

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Alimentation	28,272,00	7,924,00	16,774,00
Agriculture	15,443,00	3,440,00	5,500,00
Industry	23,000,00	59,691,00	75,300,00
Ceramics	9,257,00	14,129,00	48,079,00
Various	3,791,00	8,100,00	16,672,00
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The number of cases tried by Allied Military Courts was 5[illegible] of which were military court cases which resulted in convictions.

Several inquiries have been made as to the position of persons detained in prison under sentences of the courts in respect of the recently granted amnesty. It is understood that the matter is under consideration, and it is very much hoped that a speedy decision will be forthcoming, as numerous cases handed to the Italian courts are hanging fire, because those courts are naturally disposed to avoid the work of trying a considerable number of cases, when there is a possibility that the accused may be amnestied.

The work of Italian courts continues normally. The Special Session of the Court of Assize tried 11 cases during one month, leaving 25 cases for trial.

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In a country where there is so much reconstruction to be effected, it is difficult to understand why there should be so much delay in releasing available funds for approved projects.

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Slav propaganda appears to have decreased recently, but a strong rumour that Tarvisio might be ceded to the Slavs in exchange for some part of Istria gained so much currency that a deputation from that Commune called on the Prefect protesting against any such suggestion.

Since then the Prefect has received a telegram from the Foreign Ministry to the effect that the rumour is without any foundation.

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The position in regard to the prisons has been greatly eased as a result of the recent amnesty.

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A number of grievances in regard to pay and allowances of prison guards were cleared up by the new director of the Udine Prison Dr.Vitale, during his recent visit to Rome, and this has resulted in a sharp improvement in internal discipline.

With the arrival of more troops in the area, large numbers of undesirable women are following them and energetic steps are being taken by the police service to send these women back to their communes

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Auxiliary police are being moulded into a useful and reliable force by the gradual elimination of undesirable elements.

The Guardi di Finanza have done very useful police work in connection with grain amassing; over 1600 quintals of cereals having been sequestered.

The position in regard to the prisons has been greatly eased as a result of the recent amnesty.

A number of grievances in regard to pay and allowances of prison guards were cleared up by the new director of the Udine Prison Dr.Vitale, during his recent visit to Rome,and this has resulted in a sharp improvement in internal discipline.

With the arrival of more troops in the area, large numbers of undesirable women are following them and energetic steps are being taken by the police service to send these women back to their communes of origin.

From the normal standpoint, the state of public safety shows some improvement during the month; there having been 1 murder and 9 armed robberies reported during the month as compared with 1 murder and 15 armed robberies during the previous month.

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There is a general decrease in the number of crimes, and robberies reported, are not of such a serious nature as formerly. Unemployment and economic conditions give rise to considerable uneasiness and have been the cause of numerous strikes and demonstrations during the month. Fortunately no serious disorders have occurred.

Statistics from military police sources show that the number of accidents in which Allied military vehicles have been involved has greatly decreased; only 3 having been reported during the month. There is an unfortunate tendency on the part of the Italian population, and sometimes of the Italian authorities, to assume that every time an accident occurs, and what appears to be a military lorry is engaged, the Allied forces are to blame.

International questions, rather than internal politics, are absorbing the public interest at the present time, and feeling is still more keen in regard to the settlement of the Venezia Giulia problem. A number of posters have been published by way of protest but there does not appear to be any anti-Allied demonstration at present time.

On two or three occasions land mines were placed on the main railway lines between Udine and Trieste and on one occasion this caused damage and delayed traffic.

There has been a diminution of Jugoslav propaganda in the Province and there are fewer reports of armed Slovenes appearing in eastern parts of the Province.

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These steps include : a) publication of special prefectural decrees. b) organization of special squads in plain clothes working in conjunction with the Guardia di Finanza to control the points of grain collection. c) organization of a special squad of Guardia di Finanza assigned solely to the enforcement of grain amassing. d) the establishment of road blocks operated by the Questura service. e) special checks at all road posts on the eastern boundary of this Province. f) additional controls on the line of the Isonzo in conjunction with AFM. 13 Corps. g) surveillance of all river mouths and all the coast lines where small boats might land.

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A further 32 million lire were authorised in respect of supplementary budgets relating to the second quarter of 1946.

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During the month of June one employee was dismissed. !!

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6. WELFARE.

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7. TRANSPORTATION.

A 25% cut in the transportation rates in the province was welcomed alike by the transporters and public, and a further cut may be necessary.

Incidentally, cheaper transport means cheaper food, and it is urged that freightage rates for all kinds of transportation should be reduced to the lowest economic figure possible.

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The tyre situation is no better, and the monthly allocation through the Camera di Commercio is totally insufficient for a province of this size.

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The number of fatal accidents caused by Allied military vehicles is still causing serious concern, although the military police are doing everything possible to effect a reduction.

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The prison situation following the revolt in the Udine jail on the 30th. of May is much improved. The repairs resulting from the damage caused to cell doors and furniture is nearing completion.

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130 male detainees were transferred to other prisons, and organisers of the revolt, 16 in number, have been denounced to the judicial authorities.

At present there are 300 detainees as compared with a normal capacity of 350, and this figure will be sensibly reduced as a result of the recently proclaimed amnesty.

The public safety situation generally is somewhat disappointing owing to a small increase in the number of armed robberies during the month as compared with the numbers for February and March.

On the other hand, an encouraging number of good arrests, including 9 members of an armed band, have been made and resolute and efficient action is being taken by all police services to combat crime.

Some hidden arms have been recovered during the month but there is little doubt that there is still a large number concealed throughout the Province.

Pro-Slav propaganda and other activity in the Province is considered to be responsible for failure to hand in a large number of these weapons.

3. ECONOMICS.

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The Province was supplied with imported wheat up to the 17th. of June, when wheat from the local ammasse has been used to date. An allocation of 4,600 tons of imported flour is expected to cover the bread requirements for the Province during the month of July.

The wheat ammasse is progressing satisfactorily and has already reached the figure of 33,000 quintals. As usual, attempts have been made on the part of numerous individuals to export wheat from the Province for the black market, but so far such attempts have been frustrated, and violators of the ammassing laws are being denounced, with widespread publicity in the local press.

Some twelve hundred head of live stock have been exported during the month to all parts of Northern Italy, and as far south as Bologna and Florence.

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Food prices generally remain at a high level, and there is no indication of any fall in the near future.

The serious situation regarding supplies of coal was somewhat relieved by the arrival of some 1500 tons, and though the reasons for the shortage are well known, it is urged that our minimum requirements of 6,000 tons per month be met at the earliest availability.

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The public safety situation generally is somewhat disappointing owing to a small increase in the number of armed robberies during the month as compared with the numbers for February and March.

On the other hand, an encouraging number of good arrests, including 9 members of an armed band, have been made and resolute and efficient action is being taken by all police services to combat crime.

Some hidden arms have been recovered during the month but there is little doubt that there is still a large number concealed throughout the Province.

Pro-Slav propaganda and other activity in the Province is considered to be responsible for failure to hand in a large number of these weapons.

5. ECONOMICS.

Regular distribution of all rationed foodstuffs has continued, and all sick people have received the normal supplementary rations as have heavy workers.

The Province was supplied with imported wheat up to the 17th. of June, when wheat from the local ammasso has been used to date. An allocation of 4,600 tons of imported flour is expected to cover the bread requirements for the Province during the month of July.

The wheat ammasso is progressing satisfactorily and has already reached the figure of 33,000 quintals. As usual, attempts have been made on the part of numerous individuals to export wheat from the Province for the black market, but so far such attempts have been frustrated, and violators of the ammassing laws are being denounced, with widespread publicity in the local press.

Some twelve hundred head of live stock have been exported during the month to all parts of Northern Italy, and as far south as Bologna and Florence.

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Food prices generally remain at a high level, and there is no indication of any fall in the near future.

The serious situation regarding supplies of coal was somewhat relieved by the arrival of some 1500 tons, and though the reasons for the shortage are well known, it is urged that our minimum requirements of 6,000 tons per month be met at the earliest availability.

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A more generous allocation of tyres through the Chamber of Commerce is still most necessary if essential transport services are to remain reasonably efficient.

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ECONOMICS (continued).

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Even these figures represent a very substantial increase since liberation of the Province.

AGRICULTURE.

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A great increase in the potatoe crop is expected, and the situation regarding vines and fruit trees, in spite of the recent hail storms, is promising.

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5. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the month a total of 1,360 refugees passed through the Refugee Centre, of which 1,162 were Italians. Amongst the remainder were 12 Poles, 9 Russians, 74 Jugoslavs, 40 Hungarians, 34 Austrians, and 25 Roumanians.

A train load of Italian ex-prisoners of war officers is expected daily.

6. WELFARE.

Arrangements are being made for the immediate opening of a mess for unemployed ex-prisoners of war. This mess will supply approximately one hundred meals a day at a price of 15 lire a meal. The difference between this price and the actual cost will be covered by the P.W.B.

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Towns in which infantile paralysis is reported and which are occupied by troops are as under :-

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Though the general political situation is calm, there is some uneasiness as to the outcome of the Boundary problem.

The new Prefect, Dott. Vittendini, has made a very good impression and is much esteemed by all responsible sections in the Province

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2. PUBLIC SAFETY.

The promised increase in the strength of the Carabinieri is most welcome, and will be even more so when the extra 100 men arrive.

High cost of living with low wages is having a detrimental effect on the morale of the Carabinieri.

Summer uniforms are very urgently required, as also are shirts and underclothing.

Military trucks assigned to the Carabinieri are being fully utilised and have contributed considerably to the efficiency of this force.

There is little change in the crime records for the month, and of the few armed robberies some are believed to have been committed by criminals from outside the Province.

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Small quantity of ammunition.

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The final results of the livestock census has given a total of 192,356 head of cattle.

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A total of 917 head of livestock, cattle and pigs, have been exported during the past month to all parts of Northern Italy.

Food prices generally are still high and do not at present show any tendency to fall.

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4. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

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5. DISPLACED PERSONS.

During the month, a total of 2,322 refugees passed through the Centre, of which 723 were aliens, divided as follows:

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Poles	13	Rumanians	29
Russians	24	Yugoslavs	114
Greeks	398	Morocco	1
Hungarians	80	Belgians	2
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One half of the above displaced persons arrived from Venezia Giulia, and the balance from Austria and Udine area.

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8. LEGAL.

The number of cases tried by Allied Military Courts was 39, of which 12 were Superior Court cases. Six of the Superior Court cases resulted in acquittals and three in the Summary cases.

The Italian Courts are working satisfactorily and the Special Session of the Court of Assise tried 18 cases and dismissed 4, leaving 101 awaiting trial.

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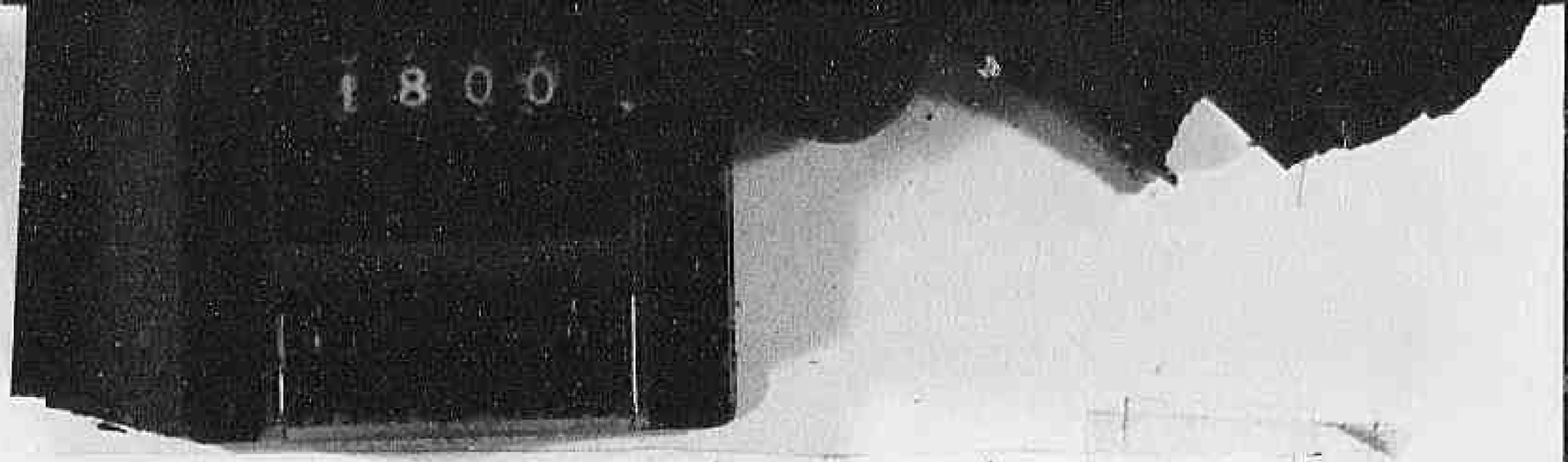

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To: Headquarters,
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The Provincial Commissioner was present at a small installation ceremony in the Prefettura, which has been fully reported in the local press.

With the resignation of Candolini, the Provincial Commissioner has accepted the resignations of the two political Vice-Prefects, thus removing all political influence from the Prefettura.

Statal and para-statal employees commenced a strike on the 5th May, for an increase in the "carovita" allowance.

The proximity of Venezia Giulia, where a higher allowance has been authorised, is partly responsible for this, but Left-Wing political influence is a contributory factor.

Delegates from the employees are still in Rome, and have been received by the Minister who is considering their request.

Apart from this, it is the considered opinion of A.M.G. in this Province, that existing conditions as a result of the proximity of the Province to Venezia Giulia, and the presence of a large number of occupation troops in the area, should be more keenly appreciated by the Italian Government in awarding "carovita" and other allowances to statal and other employees in this Province. The following are some of the grounds for complaint which tend to disturb public opinion, and promote discontent:

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Rates of pay for Carabinieri require revision, according to the present standard of living, while there is a general demand on the part of Guardia di Finanza and Questura agents for higher wages and greater facilities for purchase of adequate civilian food rations.

Some uniforms and equipment are arriving, but much more are required, particularly automatic arms, pistols, shirts and underclothing.

Improvement in morale and efficiency is being maintained as is shown by the record of only one murder and seven robberies during the month.

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90 lire per quintal higher than in this Province.

A quantity of C&O Medical Supplies was received during the month and is now being distributed.

Further ammunition depots have been taken over from the Army, but stock-taking is slow, owing to the danger of scattered fuzes.

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Some slight improvement has already been noticed, but more dynamite is required.

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Gasperotto addressed his supporters in a quiet but convincing way, and urged that Democracy alone was the one stable force in a country trying to survive the aftermath of war.

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The Demo Christian Congress seemed to doubt the sincerity of the Socialist desire to break with the Communist, and even more so of the suggestion that the Socialists should unite with them.

It is significant that this congress recorded a vote of 14,000 in favour of a Republic and 1,200 against.

The Boundary Commission spent a strenuous four days in the Eastern Mandamenti of the province, visiting the districts of Cividale, Tarcento, Gemona and Pontebba.

Everywhere the population behaved in a calm and dignified way, and preferred to rely on the Friulianita of the Province to convince the Commission of its sincerity and loyalty to the Italian Crown.

Strict control of movement across the boundary did much to assist the tranquillity of the province during this period.

Reports are still current of pro-Slav activity in the province, particularly amongst the unemployed, and emissaries of Tito are reported as being responsible for two acts of violence against Italians bold enough to denounce them.

Though there is undoubtedly some activity amongst these emissaries, there is always a tendency amongst Italians to magnify these for propaganda purposes.

The presence of Allied troops in the province is mainly responsible for its tranquillity, particularly amongst the pro-Slav agitators.

Public opinion, except for its widely expressed anti-Tito feelings - its interest in the Boundary Commission and in the Communal Elections is centred wholly in the economic situation.

Though prices are falling gradually, they are well beyond the capacity of most, and this coupled with the unemployment situation is taxing their patience severely.

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Relations between the population and AMG continues to be cordial, while confidence in Anglo American fairness in deciding the frontier issue has been freely expressed.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

No change, except that Communal Elections have been held, without incident.

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The Demo Christian Congress seemed to doubt the sincerity of the Socialist desire to break with the Communist, and even more so of the suggestion that the Socialists should unite with them.

It is significant that this congress recorded a vote of 14,000 in favour of a Republic and 1,200 against.

The Boundary Commission spent a strenuous four days in the Eastern Mundamenti of the province, visiting the districts of Cividale, Tarcento, Gemona and Pontebba.

Everywhere the population behaved in a calm and dignified way, and preferred to rely on the Friulianita of the Province to convince the Commission of its sincerity and loyalty to the Italian Crown.

Strict control of movement across the boundary did much to assist the tranquillity of the province during this period.

Reports are still current of pro-Slav activity in the province, particularly amongst the unemployed, and emissaries of Tito are reported as being responsible for two acts of violence against Italians bold enough to denounce them.

Though there is undoubtedly some activity amongst these emissaries, there is always a tendency amongst Italians to magnify these for propaganda purposes.

The presence of Allied troops in the province is mainly responsible for its tranquillity, particularly amongst the pro-Slav agitators.

Public opinion, except for its widely expressed anti-Tito feelings - its interest in the Boundary Commission and in the Communal Elections is centred wholly in the economic situation.

Though prices are falling gradually, they are well beyond the capacity of most, and this coupled with the unemployment situation is taxing their patience severely.

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Relations between the population and AMG continues to be cordial, while confidence in Anglo American fairness in deciding the frontier issue has been freely expressed.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

No change, except that Communal Elections have been held, without incident.

8. PUBLIC SAFETY.

(a) CARABINIERI REALI.

The efficiency of the Carabinieri Reali is improving. Their most serious handicap is shortage of man-power, and

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued).

CARABINIERI REALI.

Whilst it is true that they are up to their organic strength of 624, it has always been contended that in the present abnormal circumstances such a strength is inadequate for a province the size of Udine with 65 stations to man and 172 communes to police.

All Carabinieri are now provided with one uniform, but the majority of them are in need of a second; also shirts and under-clothing. Truck transport and motorcycles provided from Military sources are proving of the greatest possible service. More automatic arms are required, and it is suggested that the armament of all Police Services should receive the urgent consideration of the Italian Government, in order that a decision may be reached as to numbers and types of weapons to be authorised for specific duties, also as to the possibility of providing tear-gas or smoke grenades for use at disturbances etc.

Another important matter requiring attention in this Service is the refurnishing of barracks. During the time of liberation many caserme were occupied and this has resulted in serious loss of furniture including cupboards, tables, beds etc. It is therefore recommended that the contractors normally responsible for providing such articles should be instructed to make good deficiencies.

(b) QUESTURA SERVICE.

This service is improving rapidly.
More transport is required and the remarks regarding arms etc. for the Carabinieri apply equally to this Force.

The Auxiliary Police, after much combing, have now applied to be engaged as effective agents of P.S. and to take the course of instruction prescribed by the Ministry of Interior. They now await the allotment by the Ministry of vacancies at the school. Some members of this Corps will undoubtedly prove themselves fit for retention in the Service, but by reason of local contacts and political influences it is advisable that, as and when they are accepted for permanent service following the completion of their instruction, they should be transferred elsewhere.

The Corps is under the close control of the Questore, local detachments being supervised by Commissarii of P.S.

It is strongly recommended that their pay, rations and general living conditions be improved to the scale of those in force in the Carabinieri.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued).

GUARDIE DI FINANZA.

Complaint is made of the low rate of pay compared with the cost of living, and the inadequacy of the food ration obtainable from civilian sources.

A number of automatic arms have recently been distributed to Finance Guards, but pistols are needed, also transport. The technical nature of the services performed by the Finance Guards including the collection of taxes, investigation of war damage claims etc. are not always appreciated, but form an important part of the Financial Administration.

BLACK MARKET.

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(d) PRISONS.

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This is urgent as a British Military Guard cannot be maintained for ever.

Budgets are now being approved for the purchase of bedding, utensils and other equipment and for general repairs to the prison, which should improve internal security. Other prisons in the Province are reasonably satisfactory, but bedding and equipment are required in almost all cases.

(e) PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION GENERALLY.

It is fair to say that the Public Safety Standard, generally, in the Province during the past five or six weeks has very much improved.

This has been brought about by more resolute action on the part of Police Services resulting in a large number of arrests of armed criminals. In consequence the number of serious armed robberies in the Province has decreased from an average of about 30 per month to 5, and whilst it is difficult to forecast whether this new low level figure can be maintained, it is nevertheless distinctly encouraging.

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General Order No.1. relating to the surrender of Allied and Captured Enemy Arms was published in all communes of the Province on 27 March. together with a Provincial Order calling upon persons to hand in all other types of arms.

Results achieved under these orders will be reported in due course.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued).

PUBLIC SAFETY SITUATION GENERALLY.

Several minor demonstrations against unemployment and difficult economic conditions or calling for the replacement of certain municipal employees have been reported during the month, but no serious disorders of any kind have occurred.

Anxiety is felt on account of food and labour conditions and there are certain signs of impatience which may lead to demonstrations and possible disorders, if improvements cannot be effected.

Whilst it is yet early to say whether the present downward trend in the number of serious crimes can be maintained, the P.S. situation in the Province is now certainly better than it has been at any time since the liberation, and there is reason to believe that the characteristic law abiding nature of the Friulan population is asserting itself and assisting greatly in a return to normal conditions.

4. LEGAL.

(a) ALLIED MILITARY COURTS.

The number of cases tried by Allied Military Courts in the Province during the period from 25 Feb to 25 Mar 46. was 31, of which 5 were Superior Court Cases.

Of the Superior Court Cases, 2 resulted in convictions and 1 in acquittal; of the Summary Cases, 4 resulted in acquittals and 24 in convictions. The number of cases tried month by month since the liberation of the Province is as follows : May and June - 143; July - 76; August - 75; September - 94; October - 107; November - 85; December - 99; Jan. - 87; Feb. - 43; March - 31.

A certain number of cases of minor importance have been transferred to the Italian Courts for trial.

(b) ITALIAN COURTS.

The Italian Courts are working satisfactorily. A session of the Ordinary Court of Assize will sit in Udine Province from 1st. to 15 April to dispose of cases awaiting trial.

The number of cases disposed of during the month by the Special Session of the Court of Assize was 31, of which 29 were dismissed - 160 are awaiting trial, and of these 158 are in process of investigation.

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(c) EPURATION.

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Cash position of the Bank of Italy as of 23 Feb 46.	L.	720.404.350.
idem as of 23 Mar 46.	L.	1.465.128.850.
Difference.	L.	744.724.500.-

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FINANCE (continued).

(b) STATAL AND PARASTATAL FINANCING.

79 Budgets were approved and 32.745.651. lire granted to State bodies.

COMMUNES FINANCING.

5 regular and 130 supplementary budgets were submitted since last report.

Financing of communes totalled 10.003.596. lire.

Items concerning payment of bills to hospitals were approved. They amounted to 467.628. lire.

(c) PUBLIC WORKS.

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6. FOOD.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MONTH OF MAR 46.

Bread.	regular distribution of 200 grs. per consumer daily.	
Sugar.	100 grs. per consumer.	
Butter.	100 "	to children from 0 - 3 years.
Lard.	100 "	per consumer.
Oil.	100 "	" "
Pasta.	500 "	" "
Salt.	500 "	" "

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WHEAT - FLOUR - PASTA.

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A census of all livestock is being taken throughout the Province. This is one of the measures being employed to establish a stricter control on the illegal slaughter and exportation of livestock from the Province.

It has been necessary to establish a more rigid system of control

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FOOD (continued).

MEAT.

of the movement of livestock within the Province, due to the exorbitant price of meat on the market, although meat has recently shown a decrease of L.10. per Kg.

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PRICES.

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Maize Flour.	15 " " "	40 " " "
Pasta	23.50 per Kg.	120 " " "
Rice.	45 " "	100 " " "
Butter.	350 " "	600 " " "
Olive Oil.	101 " "	530 " " "
Fats.	231 " "	380 " " "
Milk.	25 " "	50 " " "
Sugar.	167 " "	800 " " "

PRICES ON THE OPEN MARKET.

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Poultry.	250 " " "
Eggs	14 " each.
Cheese.	300-550 lire per Kg.
Fish.	230-310 " " "

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FOOD (continued).

PRICES ON THE OPEN MARKET.

Hard Cheese.	800	lire per Kg.
Rabbits.	170	" " "
Oranges.	75	" " "
Potatoes.	35	" " "
Beans.	150	" " "
Jam.	350	" " "

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7 AGRICULTURE.

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Rye.	"	2.892.
Barley.	"	680.
Maize.	"	48.745.
Sunflower.	"	10.640.

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VINES AND FRUIT TREES.

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AGRICULTURE (continued).

CATTLE.

Trade in cattle has been prohibited in the areas where foot and mouth disease has been found or suspected.

DAIRIES.

Generally good. The withdrawal of certain restrictions has encouraged the use of Social Dairies and production is on the increase.

GENERAL.

Sugar beets are being sown on quite a large scale and tobacco growing is on the increase. It can be said generally that agriculture activity is in full swing and the farmers are doing their best to intensify production.

A further 30 horses have been distributed this month to farmers in the lower part of the Province.

3. REFUGEES.

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One half of these displaced persons arrived from Venezia Giulia, and the balance from Austria and the Udine Area.

It is impossible to dispense with the Udine DP. Centre, as with the finer weather DPs. and Ps.O.W. in transit will increase.

2. INDUSTRY.

P.O.L.

The situation is at last satisfactory as allocation in accordance with LAC airgram 139 Appendix E of 15 Dec has been received.

COAL.

March allocation has arrived in Trieste. It is not yet known if the 6000 tons requested and promised will be available.

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TYRES.

The tyre situation is still unsatisfactory. The allocation of 64 tyres for March arrived on the 22nd.

A full requirement of tyres, together with the monthly replacements for all types of vehicles as signalled to Economic Section, [illegible] AFHQ. is most urgent.

It is further hoped that an issue of captured enemy tyres might be made by AFHQ.

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CAD - MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

The arrival of these stores is expected before the end of the month.

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INDUSTRY (continued).

CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL.

Guard Duties at the following dumps have been taken over by the Italian Army - Codroipo, Osoppo, S.Margherita, and Valbruna.

GLASS.

7,000 square metres of glass have been frozen at Porto Marghera for the use of this Province under control of this HQ.

10. TRANSPORTATION.

ORGANIZATION OF UFFICIO TRASPORTI.

The planned reduction of staff continues. Five employees have been dismissed this month making a total reduction to date of 16 clerical employees, and 4 drivers.

All Agencies and branch offices were inspected during the month, and the accounts checked except for Gemona, Tolmezzo and Tarvisio.

STATUS OF VEHICLES.

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of which
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(b) working on hire for third parties..... 586.

(ii) No new registrations occurred this month. 4 legally owned vehicles were transferred to other provinces.

(iii) AMG. 10% hire contracts are 513, with an increase of 10 since last month.

AMG TRUCK POOL.

No change in previous situation. All 22 trucks and 4 trailers are in good condition.

P.O.L.

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Allocation of P.O.L. was very late this month and caused some difficulties, as quantities given out for February were not sufficient.

TYRES.

If tyres are not provided, serious troubles with transport will arise in the very near future.

MOVEMENT.

(i) Daily average of vehicles in movement.....123.
(ii) Daily average of vehicles not on the road.....399.
(iii) Monthly total Kilometers.....590.499.
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(iii) AMG. 10% hire contracts are 513, with an increase of 10 since last month.

AMG TRUCK POOL.

No change in previous situation. All 22 trucks and 4 trailers are in good condition.

P.O.L.

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Allocation of P.O.L. was very late this month and caused some difficulties, as quantities given out for February were not sufficient.

TYRES.

If tyres are not provided, serious troubles with transport will arise in the very near future.

MOVEMENT.

(i) Daily average of vehicles in movement.....123.
(ii) Daily average of vehicles not on the road.....399.
(iii) Monthly total Kilometers.....590.499.
(iv) Monthly total quintali carried.....191.550.30.

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TRANSPORTATION (continued).

MOVEMENT STATISTICS - IMPORTS, EXPORTS, PROVINCE - FIGURES RECORD QLI.

Commodity Class.	IMPORTS by road	IMPORTS by rail.	EXPORTS by road.	EXPORTS by rail.	PROVINCE by road	PROVINCE by rail.
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INDUSTRY.	15621	2590	20503	9050	62905.80	-----
COMMERCE.	1874	1930	6825	150	31655.	-----
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It is hoped to increase the figure from 16,000 to an eventual 35,000 rations monthly.

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Stricter control of clandestine houses, hotels and other houses, the source of VD, is being exercised.

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES (continued).

Of this, only some 30 millions worth of work has reached the stage of final approval and initiation. No approvals at all had come through until the last few days. It is hoped that from now on, the time lag having been covered, projects will be returned approved as quickly as possible.

A technical body such as the Magistrato alle Acque (which has the power of veto) will inevitably be some days over studying a project. During the past month its president (whose authority is necessary) has retired and the new president replaced him a few days ago. He has given an assurance that he will approve projects as rapidly as possible.

Another cause of delay is that each commune must give an undertaking to repay 50% of the cost of each project over a period of 30 years, before that project could be forwarded to Venice.

The above experience shows the necessity of keeping the Military Roads financed through AMG. at any rate until the efficiency of Italian channels is proved. Preparations are being made to switch over if required at the end of June. To this end CREs are being asked to decide upon their full year's programme at an early date, so that it can be provided for in greater detail in the half yearly budget.

The increase in registered unemployment figures gives some cause for anxiety. Two months ago there were 32,000 of whom 12,000 were thought by the Prefettura to be genuinely unemployed. To-day the registered figure has more than doubled, due chiefly to the fact that a large number formerly did not register.

It is therefore of the greatest urgency that the minimum delay occurs in both the preparation, approval and execution of all Public Works projects whether civil or military.

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Subject: Report No:9 - Month of February, 1946.

To: Headquarters,
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R O M E.

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There is apprehension as to the outcome of the Boundary Commission. The public is concerned on account of the intensified Yugoslav propaganda, which has been going on for some time in Venezia Giulia and the eastern frontier of Friuli. This propaganda, which at times assumes forceful methods, and is supported by a lavish expenditure of money for facilities to show the Yugo Slav Flag, is generally subtle and carried on in this province mainly underground. There is a feeling that the real sentiments and wishes of this Italian Province may be clouded by the feverish activity of the Yugo Slavs, and that their claims might find some support in the Commission. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the overwhelming majority of the population of this province is and always has been Italian, and is most jealous of its Friulian history, dialect and customs.

The adminsitrative elections have set the propaganda machines of the various political parties in action and many meetings are being held. A combined appeal has been made by the six principal parties for the elections to be held in an orderly manner and in accordance with the law. Disturbances to public order during the elections are unlikely to occur, but necessary police precautions will be taken.

It has been reported that the Communist and Socialist Parties have agreed to collaborate. This may be to the advantage of the Communist Party, which has been losing ground in recent months. The Christian Democratic party continues to gain ground by its subtle but efficient propaganda, and also by the support it gets from the Church. The latter, by means of the pulpit, has been preaching to congregations throughout the province the evils of any party which works against the Church, and openly states that the Communist doctrine is atheistic. The Communist Party, on its part, is trying to convince the public that its party in this countr is not anti-God or anti-clerical.

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3. PUBLIC SAFETY.

a. CARABINIERI REALI.

The present strength of Carabinieri in this province is now approximately equal to that of the Organic strength and it is appreciated that unless and until any general increase in the total strength of the CC. RR. is sanctioned, we cannot expect preferential treatment here. A tendency on the part of the Legion Command to deplete numbers in Udine, in favour of other Provinces where no Allied troops are stationed, has been checked, and they have been informed that the Italian Police are primarily responsible for public safety and that in view of the conditions peculiar to this territory, the numbers of CC. RR. must be at least equal to those authorised and movements must not be made without the prior approval of AMG.

Renewed attention is, however, drawn to the fact that in such a large Province with 65 stations, frontier control duty etc. Carabinieri are very thin on the ground and constant complaints are received that stations responsible for policing three or four communes have a strength of four or five men only. If, therefore, any addition can be made to the authorised strength of CC. RR. in this Province it would be of the greatest possible benefit to public safety. The morale and efficiency of the Carabinieri is improving and a number of trucks recently obtained on loan from the Military Authorities will be most useful. Clothing and equipment are gradually arriving but more is needed and automatic arms and pistols are constantly requested. Complaint is made that the present pay is not sufficient, having regard to the cost of living, but this of course, is common to all Services.

b. QUESTURA SERVICE.

The appointment of four additional functionaries to this Service, one a vice-Questore, has been welcomed and they will materially assist in the re-organisation now being effected by the Questore. The greatest needs of this Service at the moment are transport and arms. It is hoped to assist as regards the former, locally, but attention is again drawn to the pressing need for arms for Career Agents who are almost entirely unarmed. Automatic arms and pistols are required. It will be recalled that a short time ago the Questore sought authority to purchase these from the Beretta Firm, but this was refused, it being explained that they must be obtained through the Ministry - a rather fruitless source to date. The Questore emphasised that it is important that his men should be armed before the forthcoming elections. The Auxiliary Police, Railway Police and Traffic Police, are all under the control of the Questore and the personnel are being enlisted and those unsuitable sent away. The Auxiliary Police consisting of a Corps under the control of the Questore are being reduced and officers' ranks are gradually being abolished, preparatory to absorbing those who remain in the future as agents of Public Safety. Much yet remains to be accomplished, before this Service in all its diverse aspects is restored to a condition of normal efficiency, but, nevertheless, good progress is being made.

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d. PRISONS.

The prisons in this Province, and particularly Udine and Pordenone, remain overcrowded, but probably not unduly so by comparison with gaols elsewhere. The new Director has taken up his duties at Udine Gaol, and is doing his best to improve the administration there. He has submitted a lengthy report to the Ministry of Grace and Justice, of his requirements etc. One step, which appears most necessary, is a general re-shuffle of prison guards, who by reason of local contacts over prolonged periods, have become frightened or otherwise influenced in the performance of their duties. In addition, uniforms are urgently required for guards, also equipment, bedding, eating utensils etc. for almost all prisons.

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Four murders have been reported during the month and arrests made in three of these cases. An appreciable quantity of arms has been recovered and arrangements are now in hand concerning the promulgation of General Order No.1.

Apart from one or two minor demonstrations of a quiet character against difficult economic and living conditions, there has been no disturbance to public order and no large strikes. Unemployment is causing anxiety and it is hoped that this may shortly be relieved by the commencement of public works schemes. If this takes place and there is no depreciation in the food and economic situation, there is reason to hope that with the approach of spring, excluding external considerations, a continuance of the gradual return to normality may be expected.

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LEGAL (continued).

(a) A session of the Ordinary Court of Assize will sit in Udine Province from 1st to 15th of April to dispose of cases awaiting trial.

(b) With regards to the Special Session of the Court of Assize : during the month 28 cases were tried and 40 dismissed without trial after investigation. At the end of the month the number of cases ready for trial was 40. At the beginning of the period under report, the number of prisoners to be dealt with was 184; 12 new arrests have been made during the month.

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The 172 LGB Budgets submitted to AMG were all approved. 4 are outstanding.

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6. FOOD.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED IN THE MONTH OF FEB 46.

Bread or maize flour : regular distribution of 200 grs. per consumer daily.

Sugar. : 200 grs. per consumer.
Oil. : 100 " " "
Rice. : 500 " " "

Sick people at home have received supplementary rations of sugar, oil, butter and rice.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The situation during the first ten days of the month was very serious but this improved considerably later in the month owing to an arrival of impacted grain. Another allocation of 4013 tons of wheat has been made to this Province so that the normal ration of bread can be maintained up to about the 26th of March. It has been necessary to issue corn flour for about three days per week instead of bread. This has enabled us to stretch our meagre supply of wheat flour.

PASTA.

No distribution of "pasta" has been possible, due to the serious situation of flour, although there has been a distribution of 500 grs. of rice.

The arrivals of rice are very slow and there are many "riserie" which are unable to consign the quantities of rice allocated to this Province.

MEAT.

"Raduni" of cattle have been temporarily suspended, resulting from a meeting held at the Prefettura, at which, it was unanimously voted to abolish the "Raduni."

AMG has reserved the right to re-establish the "Raduni" again if the prices became too high. Plenty of meat can be found on the market.

This Province is supplying the Provinces of Gorizia, Trieste, Pola and Milan quantities of cattle monthly.

A plan for a regular export of breeding cattle to other Provinces is being prepared.

MILK.

A regular supply of fresh milk has been made to sick people at home and to hospitals. In addition during the last ten days of the month, the civil population of Udine has received a daily ration of 50 grs. of fresh milk per person.

On the fruit and vegetable market there is fresh and dried fruit in abundance, as well as any kind of vegetable, but prices are still high.

Fish, eggs, rabbits and poultry can be found easily, though at prices beyond the capacity of anyone except the rich.

PRICES.

The following are the prices on the black market as compared with the fixed prices :-

Bread.	17.	lire per Kg.	70.
Flour.	15.	" " "	
Maize Flour.	13.	" " "	30.
Pasta.	23.50	" " "	110.

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ed., butter and rice.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The situation during the first ten days of the month was very serious but this improved considerably later in the month owing to an arrival of imported grain. Another allocation of 4013 tons of wheat has been made to this Province so that the normal ration of bread can be maintained up to about the 26th of March. It has been necessary to issue corn flour for about three days per week instead of bread. This has enabled us to stretch our meagre supply of wheat flour.

PASTA.

No distribution of "pasta" has been possible, due to the serious situation of flour, although there has been a distribution of 500 grs. of rice.

The arrivals of rice are very slow and there are many "riserie" which are unable to consign the quantities of rice allocated to this Province.

MEAT.

"Raduni" of cattle have been temporarily suspended, resulting from a meeting held at the Prefettura, at which, it was unanimously voted to abolish the "Raduni."

AMG has reserved the right to re-establish the "Raduni" again if the prices become too high. Plenty of meat can be found on the market.

This Province is supplying the Provinces of Gorizia, Trieste, Pola and Milan quantities of cattle monthly.

A plan for a regular export of breeding cattle to other Provinces is being prepared.

MILK.

A regular supply of fresh milk has been made to sick people at home and to hospitals. In addition during the last ten days of the month, the civil population of Udine has received a daily ration of 50 grs. of fresh milk per person.

On the fruit and vegetable market there is fresh and dried fruit in abundance, as well as any kind of vegetable, but prices are still high. 1565

Fish, eggs, rabbits and poultry can be found easily, though at prices beyond the capacity of anyone except the rich.

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Butter.	350. " " "		600.
Olive Oil.	101. " " "		800.
Fats.	231. " " "		400.
Milk.	25. " " "		50.
Sugar.	167. " " "		700.

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6. FOOD. (continued).

PRICES ON THE OPEN MARKET.

Meat.	250. lire per kilo (with bone)	- 350 (without bone).
Poultry.	260. " " "	
Eggs.	17. " Each.	
Rabbits.	160. " "	
Oranges.	70. " "	
Cheese.	320 - 550 per kilo.	
Hard Cheese.	900 " "	
Fish.	220 - 310 " "	

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7. AGRICULTURE.

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Up to date the amassing results are as follows :-

Wheat:.....Qli.		137.566.
Maize.....	"	45.580.
Rye.....	"	2.864.
Barley.....	"	672.
Sunflower.....	"	10.551.

(b) SOWING SITUATION.

Of the acreage sown last autumn in the Province, wheat is slightly above the average.
The general state of vegetation is good.

(c) SPRING SOWING.

Despite the lack of fertilizers no difficulties are foreseen for the spring sowing. The mild winter has left the soil in good condition and ploughing and harrowing are well ahead.

(d) FORAGE SITUATION.

The 1945. harvest of hay was inferior to that of the past years and farmers cut down their number of cattle to the minimum; ~~therefore~~ a shortage is therefore expected before the next harvest.

(e) VINES, MULBERRY AND FRUIT TREES.

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Due to the favourable weather the vines, fruit trees etc. generally are in good condition but again owing to the lack of copper sulphates etc. the crops will be light.

(f) PRESSING OF SUNFLOWER-SEED.

A final agreement has been reached in the dispute between Consorzio Agrario and "Oleificio Friulano" of Aquileia by which Qli.2700 of seed will be sent for pressing, and the balance of Qli.1000 either to Monfalcone or Marghera.

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2. INDUSTRY.

GENERAL.

The overall supply of essential commodities for commerce and industries is slowly improving, except for tyres and P.O.L.

Imported coal as allocated, is assisting to some degree in resuscitating industry but, as was urged by the Provincial Commissioner on his recent visit to Rome, an allocation of 6,000 tons per month, as a minimum, would make a difference which can scarcely be appreciated outside the province.

The promise by the Economic Sub-Commission of the small increase involved was greatly appreciated.

The importance of the resumption of trade with Austria cannot be overstressed from the Provincial angle. Trade on the basis of exchange of goods is being requested by several of the Paper and Cellulose mills.

These firms had their sources of first quality softwood supply, in the Austrian forests, just across the Northern borders of Udine Province. The fact that no Italian is allowed to cross the border into Austria is also a great obstacle to the resumption of normal channels of trade in the North of Udine Province as well as for the special cellulose industries. This matter has been taken up through the Chambers of Commerce to the Italian Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Any assistance that Headquarters, Allied Commission can give to further this exchange of goods will be much appreciated by all concerned.

P.O.L.

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Province.	Quantity supplied.	Allocation.
Venice.	30,373. Qls.	21,000.
Padova.	21,380. "	21,000.
Trieste.	65,655. "	70,000.
Treviso.	10,615. "	12,000.
Rovigo.	4,130. "	6,000.
Udine.	324,611. "	354,000.

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9. INDUSTRY. (continued).

FIREWOOD. (continued).

13 Corps and 86 Sub-Area have received some 100,000 Qls. out of their allocation of 135,000 Qls.

TYRES.

The situation shows no improvement over last month's report. The totally inadequate supply of 19 (nineteen) tyres for February has been received from C.I.M.I. Milano. Clandestine export of stolen WD tyres continues to other provinces where Military Police are few. More than one motor bus line has had to cease their services owing to lack of tyres and P.O.L.

BICYCLE TYRES.

The allocation of 4440 tyres has been received and distributed to workers and office employees etc. It is hoped to receive the same amount next month since no allocation was received for January.

CONSTRUCTIONAL TIMBER.

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It is again requested that the availability of timber in other adjacent provinces should be seriously considered. e.g. Belluno, Bolzano, Trento, and thus relieve the hardship now being caused to the mountain communes of this Province.

GLASS.

An allocation of 18,000 square meters of flat-bed glass including 1842 sq.meters of printed glass was received during the month. The need for glass is still large. A special allocation was received for the repair of windows broken by the Codroipo ammunition explosion.

10. TRANSPORTATION.

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VEHICLES.

Vehicles registered (over 10 qls).....1112.
of which :-

working solely on behalf of holders..... 518.
working on hire for third parties..... 594.

46 new registrations of ex-enemy vehicles occurred this month.

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P.O.L.

Shortage of POL (Petrol and Naphtha) is creating certain uneasiness amongst transporters and holders of Public Service vehicles, and further cuts will be necessary in future allocations. The allocation for February was much below the essential needs of the Province.

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10. TRANSPORTATION. (continued).

TYRES.

The position is getting more serious every day and it is estimated that 30% of vehicles, once the warm weather begins, will be forced off the road.

MOVEMENT.

Daily average of vehicles in movement.....170.
Daily average of vehicles not on the road.....410.
Monthly total kilometers..... 655.612.
Monthly total quintali carried..... 226.376.30.

MOVEMENT STATISTICS (IMPORTS, EXPORTS BY ROAD AND RAIL - MOVEMENT INSIDE THE PROVINCE ONLY BY ROAD - FIGURES RECORD QUINTALI CARRIED).

Commodity Class.	IMPORTS. by road. Qle.	IMPORTS. by rail. Qle.	EXPORTS. by road. Qle.	EXPORTS. by rail. Qle.	Within PROVINCE. by road. Qle.
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AGRICULTURE.	6.192.	—	4.082.	270.	7.438.—
INDUSTRY.	18.269.	1.560.	16.610.	100.	64.552.40.
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Total Qle.....	45.172.	1.800.	38.790.	8.030.	142.413.30.

ROAD CONTROL.

Traffic police not very active. It has been requested that copies of all traffic offences be forwarded to Legal Office HQ. AMG Udine Prov.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

A complete supervision of all bus lines operating in the Province will take place during next month.

11. WELFARE.

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12. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES.

(a) GENERAL.

(i) The principal work of the month has been drawing up a provisional combined programme for reconstruction and unemployment relief during the next three months.

(ii) Out of budgets of 400 million lire for reconstruction presented by the Genio Civile, 600 million lire for unemployment presented by the Prefect, and some 500 million of projects from other quarters, a provisional budget of 700 million lire was drawn up and taken to Rome for approval by the Ministry of Public Works. This is daily awaited.

(iii) A start will be made immediately on the most obviously necessary works but this programme will require considerable revision as time goes on since only about one third of the work proposed will be able to be financed. To this end a committee on which are represented the Prefect, Genio Civile, Labour Office, Consorzio Commercio etc. has been formed to give priority to selected projects.

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(b) MILITARY ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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12 March 1946

SUBJECT: American Troops in Udine.

TO : G-5 AFHQ.

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A reply would be appreciated to this HQ's 846/26/EC of 26 February 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner,

(Sgd) B. L.,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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26 February 1946

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2. May I be informed of the action taken.

For the Chief Commissioner,

/s/ N. W. HIND SMITH
MAJ

for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

See 31.

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A small infiltration of Russian elements is reported from Tarvisio, and the Val Canale, in support of Slav propaganda in that zone.

Plans for dissemination of this propaganda are believed to be found in Cave del Predl, and in houses outside the built up area in the vicinity of Fusine Calromana.

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POLITICAL REACTION & POPULAR OPINION. (continued).

An instance of commendable action by American troops is recorded at Cave del Predil, when they arrested two armed Slavs, one of whom was resident in Moscow from 1941 till recently. The subsequent action of the C.I.C. in that area, to whom they were handed over, and who are alleged to have released them and permitted them to retain their motor cycle and arms, appears to call for investigation."

Vigilance however, such as that displayed by the American troops in this instance materially assists Allied Military Government in its primary task of maintaining law and order.

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The food situation is a constant source of anxiety, owing to the lack of any programme for imports of basic rationed commodities, and a tendency on the part of the Italian Officials responsible for distribution, to discriminate against Udine on the grounds that it is under A.M.G.

An instance of this is the failure to allocate any flour to the province from two ship loads which arrived in Venice at the end of the month for distribution to the Veneto Provinces.
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Public morale is still adversely affected by the following causes:-

a) Hidden arms (though further seizures are recorded).
b) Doubt regarding the future of those parts of the Province claimed by Tito.
c) Continuous subversive propaganda practised by Tito's agents.
d) Unemployment combined with general economic conditions.
e) Shortage of accomodation due to war damage and requisitioning.
f) Public Safety situation due chiefly to insufficient organic and effective strength of Carabinieri, under abnormal conditions.
g) High prices together with incommensurate wages resulting in most foodstuffs being available only to the rich.
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2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Satisfactory, but the bureaucratic methods of some of the Provincial and Communal offices tends to impede progress.

Administrative elections will be held in some 22 Communes on the 24 March. Incomplete electoral rolls prevent holding them in the remainder of the Province.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY.

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It is therefore repeated that the organic strength should be 900, allowing for an effective strength of 750.

The assistance of the Public Safety Sub Commission towards the attainment of these figures is warmly welcomed. Again some 22 good arrests have been made by the Carabinieri including murder, robbery, and extortion.

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The grave shortage was stressed on the Provincial Commissioner's recent visit to Rome, and an early improvement can be expected.

Except for six motor cycles recently received, the transport situation is still deplorable, but again with the promised assistance from NMLO and the Public Safety Sub Commission it is hoped that a speedy improvement will be effected.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued).

A further reduction in this force is necessary, but it will be appreciated that as the majority are Garibaldi Partisans, some discretion is necessary in the weeding out process which has continued since liberation.

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Military Police and Security services generally are cooperating fully with the Civilian police services.

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9 x 500 " "		4,500
Total.		18,500.

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4. LEGAL

During the month 87 cases have been tried by AMG Courts of which 18 have been Superior Court Cases.

Of these 77 were convicted of theft and possession of Allied property and 19 for illegal possession of arms.

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As previously requested, it is very necessary for a session of the Ordinary Court of Assize to be held in Udine as soon as possible.

It is believed that the delay in convening this court is due to the scarcity of qualified judicial personnel which perhaps could be arranged by the Minister of Grace and Justice as a special case.

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Treasury.

The sale and redemption of Treasury bonds for the month has been as follows :-

Sale.		L. 220.059.500.
Redemption.		" 126.314.000.
	Difference.	93,745.500.

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FINANCE (continued)

Revenue. Normal.

Salt and Tobacco Monopoly.

In the month of December the revenue increased to a total of L.18.993.657. This represents an increase of about eleven million in comparison with the previous month.

Manufacturing Taxes.

The yield from the principal manufacturing taxes in the month of December were as under :-

Manufacturing Tax on	spirit.	L. 800.542.
" " "	sugar.	" 27.000.
" " "	beer.	" 3.000.
" " "	seeds oil.	" 113.733.
" " "	electric power.	" 1.301.992.
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Public Buildings.	19.	"	4.434.420.
Removing of debris.	4.	"	680.000.
Aqueducts.	3.	"	450.728.
Drainage of land.	2.	"	493.079.
Private buildings.	6.	"	1.630.000.

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6. FOOD.

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During last month a considerable improvement in the Raduni situation has been noticed. Raduni have worked moderately well at 50%. An article published recently by the C.L.N.P. in "Liberta" suggesting the abolishment of Raduni has caused harm. The question of possible cancellation of raduni decrees will be considered in conjunction with the Agriculture Officer and Italian Officials concerned. It is hoped to be able to increase the monthly quota of live cattle now being supplied to

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FOOD (continued).

Gorizia as well as the quota to Trieste.

Items distributed in the month of Jan (local products).

Flour.	Qls.	3438.
Maize.	"	7184.
Pasta.	"	128.46.
Butter.	"	56.85.
Fats.	"	377.74.

Items distributed in the month of January (imported).

Flour.	Qls.	22151.
Rice.	"	951.19.
Sugar.	"	1392.39.
Oil.	"	450.00.
Fats.	"	215.70.

Firewood.

To date the following quantities of firewood have been supplied to other provinces :-

Provinces.	Quantity Supplied.	Allocation.
Venice.	23.240. Qls.	21.000.
Padova.	20.010. "	21.000.
Trieste.	63.895. "	70.000.
Treviso.	14.685. "	12.000.
Rovigo.	3.590. "	6.000.

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Situation on the 20 Jan 1946.

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Issued.	15237.	12907.	24976.
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7. AGRICULTURE.

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Rye.	"	2.753.
Barley.	"	661.
Maize.	"	35.544.
Sunflower.	"	10.000.

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AGRICULTURE. (continued).

Ammassi. (continued).

Ammassing of maize is going on very slowly and it is not expected that the reduced figure of 60,000. qli. will be reached.

Oleaginous Plants.

A.N.C.P.R.C's. propaganda to induce farmers to plant sunflower rape - soya and castor-beans, under a scheme of contracts, has begun on a large scale. Farmers should agree to cultivate these plants in certain areas and deliver the crop to the collecting centres, where they would be given a quantity of oil and residues in part payment.

Lini-Corno Flooded Area.

The above area has been inspected by representatives of the Ispettorato dell'Agricoltura, the Civil Engineers, the Consorzio Lini-Corno, and the Agriculture Officer. The importance of this drainage project, which the Lini-Corno Consorzio hope to carry out this year, if funds permit, is obvious.

8. REFUGEES.

During the month 2634 Italians and 520 non-Italians passed through the Udine Refugee Centre.

One half of the above D.P's arrived from Venezia Giulia and the balance from Austria and Udine Area.

9. INDUSTRY.

Coal.

The allocation for January in spite of a bid for 5,300 tons is 4,700 tons which is insufficient for the needs of industry. This allocation is being shipped from Trieste. The minimum monthly requirement is 7,200 tons of coal.

Gas Works.

The plant for Gas-Doppio has not been satisfactory owing to the poor quality of the coal. By the end of January, the normal plant will start to function, producing, it is hoped, about 110 tons of coke monthly. The allocation of 250 tons of coal to the Gas Works is insufficient in view of the increased use of gas and a further 100 tons would be a great help.

Calcium Carbide.

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The allocation of 110. qls. has not been received yet

Glass.

Only 3,300. sq. mtrs. of flat-bed glass have been received. This is totally insufficient for present requirements.
Application for a supplementary allocation of glass has been made for Codroipo which has lately been badly damaged by the explosion of an ammunition dump.

Paraffin.

The allocation of 23,850. ltrs. has been received for lighting

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The plant for Gas-Doppio has not been satisfactory owing to the poor quality of the coal. By the end of January, the normal plant will start to function, producing, it is hoped, about 110 tons of coke monthly. The allocation of 250 tons of coal to the Gas Works is insufficient in view of the increased use of gas and a further 100 tons would be a great help.

Calcium Carbide.

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The allocation of 110.qls. has not been received yet

Glass.

Only 3,000.sq.mtrs. of flat-bed glass have been received. This is totally insufficient for present requirements.
Application for a supplementary allocation of glass has been made for Codroipo which has lately been badly damaged by the explosion of an ammunition dump.

Paraffin.

The allocation of 23,850. ltrs. has been received for lighting purposes and 6,260.ltrs. for industry purposes. The whole amount has been distributed during the month.

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9. INDUSTRY. (continued).

Tyres.

The tyre situation is really critical since no civilian tyres are available. Numerous requests have been received for permits to use WD tyres which have been purchased outside the Province. It would be a great help if an allocation of military tyres could be made to this Province.

Motor bus services which have recently commenced, are expanding, but are in desperate need of tyres.

Bicycle Tyres.

No allocation for the month of January has been received in spite of the urgent needs particularly for doctors and workers.

Cotton Mills.

A small quantity of raw cotton has been received enabling factories to commence production at 5% of the normal.
It is understood that Palestine and some of the Balkan countries are interested in this production.

Hemp Factories.

Have been able to work on a reduced scale (5%) owing to the lack of raw materials

Silk factories have worked satisfactorily, as the whole production of silk cocoons of the province has been allocated to the local factories.

There are approximately 5000 unemployed in the textile industries.

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9. INDUSTRY. (continued).

The various Hydroelectric industries are almost normal except for the poor maintenance of the lines and some replacements of worn out equipment are necessary.

The paper factories have worked at a reduced scale of 30% of the normal production owing to insufficient supplies of coal, colofonic and cellulose. Requests are being made by the owners of the local paper factories to import cellulose from Austria as was the practice before the war.

The tanneries have worked at a scale of 60% of their normal production owing to the lack of raw hides and the inadequate supply of tanning materials.

Cellulose factories have worked at a scale of 50% only, owing to the shortage of coal, sulphur and caustic soda.

10. TRANSPORTATION.

Vehicles.

Vehicles registered (over 10 qle.).....1072
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665 working on hire for third parties. (conto terzi).
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Truck Pool AMG.

22 vehicles and 4 trailers are in operation.

P.O.L.

Normal.
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Tyres.

Tyre problem throughout the Province is serious.
The allocation of tyres to the Province, by the Pirelli Factory through the Camera del Commercio is very small, and totally inadequate.
From 60 to 80% of tpt will be out of commission in about two months time for lack of tyres. Larger numbers will be stopped as soon as the warm weather begins.
Transporters would be willing to buy tyres from the black market but as these are all of British and American make they cannot use them without a permit. They all agree to pay again for the tyres to Allied Forces if they can have in return a permit to use them.

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Movement.

i) Daily average of vehs in movement.....220.
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Movement statistics (imports, exports by road and rail + movement inside the Province by road = Figures expressed in quintale). :-

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TRANSPORTATION. (continued).

Commodity Class.	IMPORTS. By road.	By rail.	EXPORTS. By road.	By Rail.	PROVINCE by Road.
Alimentation.	22753.	=	1366.	41090.	17455.
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Industry.	14660.	15385	18634.43.	7000.	59241.10.
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UNRRA have started to send aid, but foodstuffs for young children are particularly needed.

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12. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

A difficult situation arose during the month as no arrangements had been made by the 31 Dec 45. for the authority to approve and finance Public Works projects in this Province.

This resulted in Udine Province being excluded from the block grant allocated to the Veneto for Public Works projects in its other provinces.

In consequence of the Provincial Commissioner's visit to Rome it has now been agreed with the Ministry of Public Works and approved by HQ Allied Commission that for this quarter a separate allotment will be made by the Italian Government for all public works projects included in a quarterly budget for the Province and approved by the Ministry.

Military projects will be treated separately and will be the responsibility of AMG. with the approval of HQ Allied Commission

Work on military roads continues satisfactorily but on a reduced scale owing to weather conditions.

Two new projects requested by CRE 13 Corps i.e. roads Latisana-Lignano and Cividale-Ponte Judrio are bing prepared and will need review in the light of AFHQ approval requirements.

There will be some L1500000000 Lire worth of proposed work during the next four months out of which it will be necessary to select the most suitable projects at the rate of L200000000 to cure unemployment.

This does not cover the total of war drainage for which rebuilding will extend over several years.

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Jug activity/.....

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Jug activity there has ceased, but is active in other parts of the Province, particularly Tarcento, Pordenone, Latisana and Cervignano.

The work of A.M.G. is widely appreciated, chiefly because of its insistence on respect for law and order.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The electoral lists are progressing well and would be completed but for the delay in returning the penal certificates by the Tribunali.

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The increase in crime, particularly in the number of murders and armed robberies during the month is due to the lack of sufficient serviceable transport to carry out mobile patrols.

Bicycles/.....

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Bicycles and tyres are also in great demand.

An attempt to force the Palazzolo gaol was frustrated by the Carabinieri without the necessity for military assistance.

Control of the Eastern boundary of the Province has been improved by cooperation through 13 Corps with Venezia Julia, though considerable apprehension is felt as to the attitude of Yugo Slavia during and after the present discussions on her territorial claims.

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6. FINANCE.

The aggregate cash position of the banks at the end of the month was L. 1641.497.000 an improvement of 51 million on the figures for Aug.

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The result is that the cement factories in Cividale are now unable to continue payment of their workmen unless they receive another loan, and the Army is seriously indebted to the Saw Mills for the period prior to A.F.H.Q. control through No.2. Forestry Section.

These matters require investigation by A.F.H.Q. and will form the subject of a special report to the Industry Division.

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7. AGRICULTURE.

The sowing of the wheat crop continues and approximately 77% of the qli. 150,000 expected, or 56% of the quota fixed by Venezia Region, has already been sowed.

A scheme is now in preparation, which will make the Sun-flower seed production available for the province on a basis acceptable to the farmers.

The re-allocation of horses to other parts of Italy is progressing.

8. HEALTH & WELFARE.

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It is most necessary that some one with her energy and foresight should relieve her.

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Approximately 16,000 refugees passed through the Udine centre during the month, of which 14,000 were Italians.

A train-load of Italians arrives from Austria every three days and as many as 120 are hospital cases including approximately 70 stretcher cases.

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10. TRANSPORT.ETC.

A serious need for cars and tyres of all types is felt in the civil administration of the province.

The Legal, Police, Agricultural, Medical etc. Dpts. are frequently tied to their offices for lack of transport facilities.

Requisitioning by the Prefect is impossible, as so much took place in the early stages by the Army, the Yugo Slavs, Partisans, Russians etc. that there is nothing available left.

It is urged therefore that vehicles be made available either from the Villa di Santina park near Monfalcone, or from the vehicle park at Caserta or elsewhere to meet these pressing needs.

Under the auspices of ENAC some 15,000 tons of foodstuffs, industry, agriculture, and fuel wood etc. were carried on pool vehicles during the month.

The financial aspect shows a net Credit to the Pool after payment

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H.N. BRIGHT.
Lieutenant Colonel.
Provincial Commissioner.

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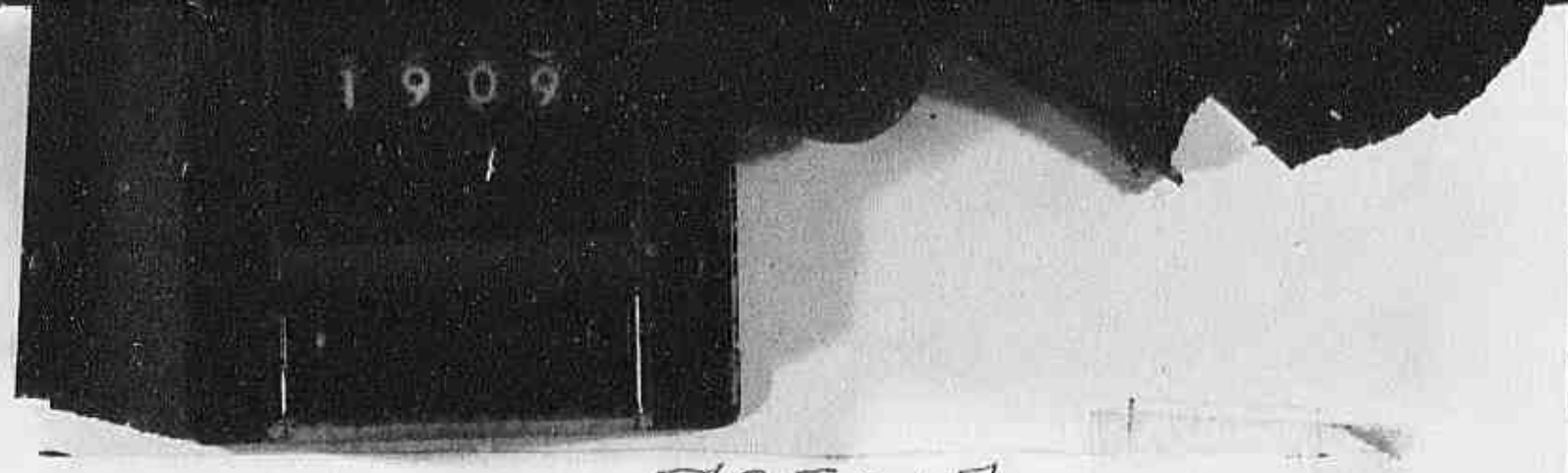

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