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The Surplus and Special Materials Branch, with a view toward its impending liquidation, began to arrange for the disposition of its functions. Conferences were held among personnel of this Branch, UNRRA, and others to arrive at a proper functional distribution of the activities of the Branch. An order is now being awaited for the official accomplishment of the arrangements agreed upon. In the meantime, virtually all operating personnel have been released or transferred to other AC units or to UNRRA, leaving only a skeleton administrative staff to perform the remaining tasks of the Branch.

Through the efforts of the S & S Branch, the Italian Government, through AAR, appointed a number of sub-agents in various parts of the country to receive from OFIC surplus fixed assets and installations sold to the Italian Government.

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All activities of the Branch respecting the allocation of tires and tubes were terminated on 7 January 1946, with the final handing over to the Italian Government of all remaining control functions of the Tires Section.

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1. GENERAL

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With the appointment of Mr. Albert E. Dickens as Chief, Surplus & Special Materials Branch of the Supply Group, Economic Section, was activated on 1 November 1945. Apart from Mr. Dickens and his Staff Assistant, personnel were recruited from the former Commerce Sub-Commission, which Sub-Commission became Commerce (Foreign Trade) Sub-Commission. Basic functions of the new branch include the following:-

- a). Continuation of such matters as pertain to the former Materials Division of Commerce Sub-Commission.
- b). Maintaining close liaison with the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission on the sale of all types of American surplus material to the Italian Government.
- c). Dealing with all enquiries and queries pertaining to the availability and disposal of both British and American surplus property.
- d). Preparation of an analytical study of requirements of the present population of Italy in textiles and footwear.
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b). All functions of the Tire Section of the Materials Division have been delegated to the Italian Ministry of Industry & Commerce.

c). Information supplied by the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission indicates that, for the period 15 September - 15 October 1945, total sales of surplus property made to the Italian Government were to the value of \$ 2,930,933.67 £.

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3. TIRE SECTION

All functions of the Tire Section have been delegated to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The following briefly sums up the principal activities of the Tire Section since February 1945:

- a). Original LAC Airgram 40, 58, and 119 called for 20,000 tires and 20,000 tubes of various sizes to be supplied from American and British stocks for the period of disease and unrest in Italy. To date the entire American responsibility has been met and approximately one fourth of the British portion which leaves balance of approximately 9,000 tires and 9,000 tubes yet to come forward on the original requisition.
- b). Since February 1945 approximately 6,000 tires and 3,000 tubes have been distributed among Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, C.I.P., Motor Maintenance Group, Super Garage, Agriculture Sub-Commission, all AMG regions, and also to meet special individual demands of high priority.
- c). Since June 1945, approximately 6,000 tires and 10,000 tubes have been allocated to the Italian Government with authority to distribute same in the territory under its direct control. The Pirelli and Michelin Companies have been utilized as distributing agents for the Italian Government.
- d). A system was devised whereby each release made by the Italian Government had to be channeled through the Tire Section for the issuance of a tire permit. In this way a constant check could be kept to ensure proper distribution.
- e). A complete detailed report indicating the position of the Pirelli Company and their tire stock, including salvage tires, repaired and retreaded tires, and newly manufactured tires, has been passed to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce with authority to control all the tire activities of Pirelli. Upon investigation this office found that Pirelli had been processing salvage tires but had not been declaring them as no policy for payment had been given their Society by the Finance Sub-Commission. The Italian Government agreed to distribute such tires at a price that would be fair but still cover the estimated figures of expense drawn up by Pirelli. In this way 1,168 tires repaired by Pirelli have been passed to the Italian Government for distribution.

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