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to Coss. See 177 for info. M.V. 4/2
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M.V. To CFA & tea Com.
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to Coss. 182 for info. M.V. 7/2.
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to Coss. 187
C.S.O. Please see 185 & 186 on return of assets formerly
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C.S.O. No info please send info to M.V.
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to him 182 for info. J.H. M.
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Q should be most grateful if you could
explain the working of this arrangement
me - at your convenience
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Office of Ex. Com.
around 132 has been
discussed with Executive Committee.

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Ex Com S/C

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me - at your convenience

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disbursed with Executive Committee
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PA - Gdn. structure

BT 141

Chp/ 136. Jon with 140. 132 being dealt with by
142. \$74. Finance S/C.

Blawko - Has coffee register over 136?

Am/ 9/11

Capt. Radio Room. There is tel.

143. 144

136 in und. H. 16/11. N.Y.U. - AR

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142 has been up to H. 14/11.

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Ex. Com. Q. 147 for - for - for -
142. MS/xx

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CSS - Ref. folio 118. Sec. Sec advises had in
S/C ~~Informant~~ this matter with AFH & who,
apparently were involved in the dilemma. In the
obvious no action be taken. They will know.
Ludicrous letter it seems that ~~to~~ Sulphina
~~Rand~~ ~~intervened~~ ~~had~~ ~~apposed~~ ~~of~~ various persons
in no case

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TO: Executive Commissioner

In compliance with oral request from Staff Officer White of your
office, attached at folio ~~120~~, 121, ~~122~~ are copies of confidential
information relative to Sulphina.
and 1/23

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

A. Devereux
L. D. DESIRE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

25 Sept 45

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CBG - Ref. folio 124. In Em. regard this ~~and~~ 3658
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TO: Executive Commissioner

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FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

L. D. Denstre

L. D. DENSTRE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

25 Sept 45

For info

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CSO - By folio 124. Em Com requested this ~~info~~ ³⁶⁵⁸

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CSO - Folio 127 for info
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25 April 1946

SUBJECT : Exchange of Austrian Schillings

APR 25 1946

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
C-5 Section, AFHQ

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1. I attach hereto a translation of a letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs in which he requests that foreign exchange credits be made available to the Italian Government for (a) the lire expenditures of U.S. and British personnel who visit Italy on leave from Austria, and (b) the purchases effected in Italy by U.S. and British forces stationed in Austria of such items as fruit, vegetables, etc.

2. I should be grateful if you could have enquiries made of the Fiscal Director, MOUSA, to determine what arrangements govern the exchange of Austrian schillings and German marks into lire for U.S. personnel visiting Italy from Austria and Germany. I had always assumed that all such exchanges were effected through U.S. Army Disbursing Officers and that as a result the Italian Government received, as a credit to the U.S. Net Troop Expenditure account, the dollar equivalent of the lire so made available. If it should develop that this procedure is not in force (either because the necessary book-keeping arrangements have not been made, or because Italian lire are obtained from sources other than U.S. Army Disbursing Officers, as Dr. De Gasperi alleges), I would recommend that the problem be brought to the attention of the War and Treasury Departments by the Fiscal Director, as it is clearly the intention of the net troop expenditure account that all lire outpayments by U.S. military personnel accrue to the Italian Government as dollar credits, and it would appear immaterial whether the personnel involved are stationed in Italy or are on leave here. Analytically, the dollars involved would be transferred from the Austrian Suspense Account on the books of the U.S. Treasury to the Italian Suspense Account, and then from the latter account to the Italian Net Troop Expenditure account; the actual book-keeping entries could no doubt be easily rescribed by the U.S. Army Finance Department, if not already in effect. **3657** steps should be taken to prevent military personnel from importing into Italy lire purchased from banks or on the open market.

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3. As regards the British side, I assume that the question of sterling credits for the lire expenditures of British troops from Austria is inseparable from the larger question of sterling credits for the lire expenditures of British troops in Italy, which the Italian Government has from time to time raised with the British Government, and I see no alternative but to inform the Minister that the smaller question cannot be discussed separately.

4. With reference to the question of purchases of Italian fruits and vegetables by the Allied Forces in Austria, I understand that the U.S. forces are prepared to pay in dollars and that therefore no financial question arises. We will put the U.S. purchasing officers in touch with the Ministry of Foreign Trade in order that the necessary permissions may be obtained. On the British side, however, I have not heard of any similar arrangements, and I assume that British purchases are being effected with funds obtained from British Army Paymasters. I would further advise from our extensive correspondence on the financial aspects of military exports (particularly your letters R-40 of 25 February and 21 March, 1946) that your H. M. is not prepared to consider recommending the establishment of sterling or schilling credits at the present time for exports such as are referred to by Minister of Foreign Affairs in the aforesaid letter, and I will so advise him.

M. S. LUSH

Poland, A + B

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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25 April 1946

APR 25

My Dear Mr. Minister,

I write with reference to your letter
13/13018/24 of 17 April, 1946.

The question of the conversion into lire of Austrian schillings by Allied Military personnel coming from Austria to Italy is a matter which must be referred to Allied Force Headquarters and I have done so, asking that the problem be examined and that we be advised what can be done to make foreign exchange available to your Government as a result of such conversion.

As regards the purchase of fruit and vegetables in Italy for export to Austria by Allied military units, we are taking steps to have all such purchasing arrangements by U.S. forces made through the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade, in order that the Ministry may arrange for payment in foreign exchange. The financial aspect of purchases by British forces is now being considered with AFHQ.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dott. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister for Foreign Affairs
ROMA

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Ref. : 4608/198/EC

25 April 1946.

To : Adjutant

Will you please insert the following in the Daily Bulletin:

"UNPAID BILLS"

The attention of all concerned is drawn to Establishment Memo. No. 19 of 1 November 1945 which clearly stated that Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission are responsible for seeing through to final discharge such contracts as have been entered into by the Sub-Commission.

The Allied Supply Accounting Agency is not competent, to certify the validity of claims or to effect settlement, on behalf of AC, and Representatives of Italian Firms with accounts outstanding against the Allied Commission will not be referred to this agency.

A. W. Knisely.

Chief Staff Officer
to Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copies to:- A.S.C.A. through C.F.A., A.C.

File 290/EC.

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IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Rome, 17 April 1946.

APR 23 1946

Dear Admiral,

The Italian competent organs have pointed out to us the following facts:

The Allied Military who are in Austria have periodic intervals of rest in Italy. When they leave Austria they change their shillings into lire against the National Bank, at the rate of lire 6.25 per shilling, and sometimes a more favourable rate, which the Bank gives, evidently in order to get rid of the currency in lire left by the German soldiers when they were repatriated from Italy.

During their stay in Italy the Allied Military buy up notable quantities of goods, which they export to Austria.

It is also proved that the Allied Military Mess in Austria is provided with food bought mostly on the Italian market.

These operations, which subtract a quantity of goods from the Italian market, constitute a real and proper exportation, without the counterpart, neither in goods nor money.

Therefore the Italian Government would be extremely grateful to the Allied Governments if they would examine and control the exportations above mentioned and to credit the counter-value in dollars or sterlings, or in Austrian shillings.

I beg you, dear Admiral, to accept my highest esteem

/s/ De Gasperi

TO : Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner,

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IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

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Rome, 13 April. 1946.

APR 16 1946

Dear Admiral,

The Ambassador Carendini has received instructions to consign to the "Comitato di Londra dei Sostituti dei ministri degli Esteri" a Memorandum concerning the questions finance and economy connected with the Peace Treaty, and particularly that of the reparations.

The document shows, by the date given (unfortunately incomplete) by the Italian Administration, the damage suffered by our economy during the war, the contribution given to Germany, the contribution given to the economic value of Etiopia and of Albania, and finally the report shows some ideas of the probable confiscation of Italian property abroad. Other two Memorandums treat respectively the question of the gold withdrawn by the Germans from the Banca d'Italia, and that of the Mercantile Marine.

I am sending you a copy of the above mentioned documents. I feel sure that you, knowing well the difficulty of the Italian economic situation, will appreciate the considerations contained therein, and will kindly refer them to the Allied Government.

With great esteem and consideration

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Adm. Admiralty CFA
Adm. Admiralty
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/s/ De Gasperi
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To : Admiral Ellery STONE
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
ROME

6.c. D.F. - 16 April
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ALLIED SUPPLY ACCOUNTING AGENCY

Branch of

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
CMF.

Postal Address

c/o FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394 CMF.

Ref : 13658/F/A

Subject: Unpaid Bills.

Date 16 April 1946

To : Executive Commissioner
(~~T.M.~~ Lt. Col. Timmons) Economic Section

1. This Agency is being seriously inconvenienced by Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission referring cases of unpaid accounts to this office.

2. There appears to be a general impression within A.C. that the Allied Supply Accounting Agency is a liquidating agency for all AMG Regions in respect of contracts and transactions by officers of these Regions which have not been finally concluded.

3. Numerous Italians, representing firms with which A.C./A.I.G. have entered into contracts, settlement for which has not been effected prior to the departure of AC officers or closing of Regions, visit this office daily, all of whom state that they have been referred here by the various Sub-Commissions on whose behalf the contract was instituted.

4. Establishment Memorandum Number 19 of 1st November 1945 clearly states that Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission are responsible for seeing such contracts as have been entered into by the Sub-Commission, through to final discharge. 135

5. It would be greatly appreciated if the attention of Sub-Commissions be again drawn to Establishment Memorandum No. 19 and to the fact that this agency is not competent to certify the validity of claims or effect settlement thereof, on behalf of Allied Commission.

J.W. Young
J.W. YOUNG
Lt. Col. B.W.
Chief Accountant, 3651
Allied Supply Accounting Agency.

To : Executive Commissioner

I recommend that requested action be taken.

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B.E. Timmons
Lt. Col.

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2 April 1946

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My dear Dr. Arpesani,

I refer to your letter No. 146/SP
of 12 March, 1946.

The removal of Messrs. De Frigessi
and Sulfina from their positions as General managers
of the Riunione Adriatica di Sicurtà and Assicurazioni
Generali di Venezia insurance companies was ordered by
AMG Venezia Giulia at the time the epuration of non-
statal concerns was carried out in that territory.

Copies of certain confidential
information in the possession of the Allied Governments
on the previous activities of De Frigessi and Sulfina
have already been made available to the Minister of
Industry and Commerce.

If the Italian Government now
wishes to take any action in the cases of De Frigessi
and Sulfina, I suggest that they be heard by an
appropriate Italian epuration commission empowered
to deal with cases of this nature.

Should Messrs. De Frigessi and
Sulfina be acquitted, AMG Venezia Giulia will have
no objection to their reinstatement in their former
positions with their respective companies.

. . . Very truly 3653

EW Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. G. Arpesani
Undersecretary of State
Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

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APR 1 1945

AIDE MEMORIE FOR ADMIRAL STONE

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"Assicurazioni Generali di Venezia" and "Riunions Adria=
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Italian economic life and they have suffered very serious losses
on account of the war particularly in the sector of their foreign
interests.

It is to be stressed that the two above mentioned Companies
are in special need in this moment of the managers who well know
the traditions and who can protect the interests of their firms
particularly in the matter of the latter's positions in foreign
markets.

Comm. Sulfina and Comm. Frigessi could therefore be now
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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate it enor=
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Roma, March 27th, 1946.

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Rome, March 27th, 1946.

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(M.P.J.H.)*

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY.

No. 11774

Rome, 21 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

Up to the time when the Northern Provinces were turned over to the Italian Government, the R. Zecca, which is dependant of this Ministry, made accurate accounting researches to ascertain whether the availability of precious metals, gold and silver, which exist in the treasury, correspond to the quantity which should exist on a book-keeping basis.

These investigations are extremely difficult owing to the complicated events of the last six years, years in which the losses due to German appropriation, especially gold, and to the importation of war-booty silver, played an important part.

However it seems that quantities of silver either in money or bars exist, whose source it is difficult to define, and which therefore is considered war-booty.

The investigations are now in course, and it will take some time before they are completed, but I thought it wise to inform you of this matter now.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(a) Corbina.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 12 March, 1946.

1146/SP.

Dear Admiral,

In our last meeting I heard with great pleasure that, thanks to your interest, the matter relative to Signor De Frigenti, and Signor Sulfina, General Managers of the Adriatic and General Insurance Companies, (Compagnie di Assicurazioni Adriatico di Sicurtà e Generali di Venezia), would soon be settled.

As I pointed out to you it is most necessary to settle two points at once.

First: Both De Frigenti and Sulfina deserve esteem and consideration, and should be given back their normal activities without limitations of any sort whatsoever.

Secondly: The above mentioned Companies, owing to complete inactivity abroad, and the confused situation of the insurance market at home, need experienced people who, having been at the head of the Companies during their expansion, are the only ones who can carry on in moments of difficulty.

I am sure that you, who have already given Italy proof of your understanding and sincere friendship, will intervene, so that in the insurance field too, her interests may be defended. You must understand that the thriving of these Companies means that many modest Italians will go on being in a position to earn a living.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours truly,

(s) G. Arpesani.

Admiral Ellery V. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

cc. 14/0720/15

My dear friend,

I call upon your courtesy in connection with a question which is of great importance for the Italian financial situation.

The A. F. A. has appropriated the necessary instruments formerly sequestered from the Germans, also the current account balances in favour of German organisations, formerly existing in the hands of Italy and other Italian banking institutions.

Up to the 5th inst., such appropriations amounted to nearly 16 million lire. Out of this amount, nearly one million concerned sums collected by the Allies (157 million lire the Bank of Italy, and 223 million lire from banking institutions), and nearly 15 million referred to current bank and tire ho-ho accounts.

Forwards you will observe that, by letter written 30 August 1945, increases and will probably over reach 20 million lire being due account the Italian Bank Notes which the Italian forces sequestered from the Germans.

Letter dated 1st December last, addressed to Mr. G. V. Connor Linenau of the A. F. A. Italy, it was already established that both the original some instruments and the current account balances in favour of Germany, nominally to the credit of the Germans or actually in their possession, were in fact Italian assets which had been sequestered from the Germans.

Until now, however, the A. F. A. has not informed Germany why so far nothing has been done by the Army of Italy.

In view of the Italian Government's justifiable demand of this question from you, I beg you to give me the following information.

In the name of the Army and Ministry of War, formerly in the possession of the Germans and sequestered by the Allies authorities, it is possible to distinguish on the one side the case and another which is often spoken of as the Germans' war-treasures property. Of these **3645** million lire were appropriated by the Germans, and some must have entered the hands of the Allies. It is not known at present which of these must have entered the hands of the Allies. However, they last took care of through military requisition a considerable sum.

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to the 5th bank, such appropriations amounted to nearly 16 million. Out of this amount, partly or entirely concerned sums collected by the Allies (157 million for the Bank of Italy, and 923 million from banking institutions), and nearly 18 million referred to other Italian accounts.

There is reason to believe that the latter figure is confined to income and will represent over 90 percent of funds in account with Italian bank notes which the Allies forcedly requisitioned from the Germans.

Until now, however, the A.R.A. has not - from any favorable review to our request sent forth by the Bank of Italy,

in the opinion of the Italian Government the judicial aspect of this question is as follows.

In the view of the same and moreover recent, formerly in the possession of the German and Italian secret service by the allied authorities, it is possible to distinguish on one side the sum and notes which - when taken possession of by the Germans - were property of the Allies, and therefore to be expropriated by the Allies; there should however pertaining to Germany, there must be returned to their lawful owners.

As far as the sum and notes pertaining to the Italian Government it is true that they were expropriated by the Germans as a body. However, there is no doubt that in view of the relations of the continental Allies and the Allies, the said sums and notes must be considered as taken free the enemy at the moment in which they fell into the hands of the Allies. In that event, therefore, they lost their nature of common war booty against a co-belligerent state.

Yet a third category of sum and notes, found in the possession of the Germans, is composed of assets which the present authorities formally leaving out their power as occupiers obtained from the republican Government or the group of collaboration within the zone of the Alliance against the United Nations, and the lawful Italian Government.

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There is no doubt that such sums belonged to the Exchequer and were administered by an unlawful Government which carried out transactions which were ~~illegal~~ in each case a violation against the property of the State.

The Allied Authorities therefore by becoming possessed of these sums have appropriated assets which did not constitute German war booty, but were instead assets which the German Government had received on other grounds from a party which had no right to dispose of them.

Such assets must therefore be returned to the Body to whom they belong, and from whom they have been unlawfully subtracted, that is, the Italian Government.

Very likely this third category of assets forms the largest share of the sums appropriated by the ~~new~~... However, it appears clearly from the above that - irrespective of the sum in question falling into one or the other of the categories referred to - the Italian Exchequer is the lawful owner.

I strongly rely on the fact that the Allied Authorities, after having examined this question, will recognize the soundness of the Italian Government's point of view.

The considerable amount of these assets would cause a solution of this question to have a strong repercussion upon the situation of the Italian Treasury and I shall be very grateful to you therefore if you will give the matter your attention and give instructions for the release of the above assets.

Please accept, my dear Admiral, my most cordial greetings,

(S) De Gasperi.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT

APO 394

HQCI

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Exchange of Lire.

FEB 9 1946

TO: Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Reference your 8/7 of 5 February 1946. Herewith copy of
instructions re: Lire Exchange.

I regret, no exchange can be made in prices charged at NAAFI
or PX as these are not fixed by this Headquarters.

A. G. G. Lt. Col. 3643
A.G. GRAHAM, M.C.
HQ. Commandant.

copy to Julian Paulin.
Lt. Col. Julian Paulin.
J. G. C. R.
H.S. 912.
(cso)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

FEB 7 1946

Originator's Reference: C 19965
Date Time of Origin : 06120A

Message Centre : G/8743
Date Time Rec'd : 060900
Precedence : PRIORITY

FROM : AFHQ GHQ CMF.
TO : XIII CORPS - DISTWO - DISTTHREE - RAAC - INFO BTA - BREEKMIL -
ACABRIT - ALCOM - TBNA - FILEAST - EXFOR

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Reference GHQ CMF signal C 19230 February 2.

- Compensation may be paid to wives of British military personnel who arrived in CMF from UK in January for lire in their possession up to an individual limit of 2000 lire. Payment will be made by appropriate imprest holder on application. Each payment will be supported by certificate signed by wife that compensation has not previously been paid on the lire produced that such lire was acquired at the rate of 400 to pound sterling. Payment will be recorded on nominal rolls as in paragraph 7 our C 19230 February 2.
- All family allowances paid during February will be at New 900 rate.

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6 FEB 1946

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Ref: 4609/181/33.

6 February 1946.

SUBJECT: New Rate of Exchange.

TO : Chief Financial Adviser.
HQ. Commandant.

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1. Attached is copy of letter Ref: 4/7 of 5 February 1946 received by the Executive Commissioner from Lt.Col. Tomlin of the I.G.C.R.
2. Will you please reply direct to Lt.Col. Tomlin (copy to this office) giving him any assistance you can in this matter.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

JG.

Copy to: Lt.Col. Tomlin,
I.G.C.R.

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES

Reference: 4/7

Allied Commission Headquarters,
Rome, C.M.F.

5th February, 1946.

FEB 5 1946

To: The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission HQ, C.M.F.
From: The Resident Representative, IGCR, Italy.

The recent changes in exchange values which have been carried out without any previous notice have caused serious anomalies which cannot be straightened out until later.

Meanwhile, all charges by official allied organizations for accommodation and messing, PX and NAAFI, etc., based on official rates, have been increased to correspond with the preferential rate, which at present IGCR officials do not receive.

Until the financial position of IGCR officials can be regularized, can the charges for such officials be kept down to the rates existing before the change-over, or alternatively, can I be informed officially of the exact date on which these increases were imposed and the basis on which they have been calculated.

Julian Tomlin
Lt. Col. Julian L. Tomlin,
Resident Representative,
I.G.C.R.

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13 COMINT: AFHQ: DASHBEE: RMAC: VOLCOM: BAGG: JS: GABRIE: JACOB
 INFO: GENERAL: AC-BRIT: ALCO: JEWEL: RIBBLE: SJ: SJON

UNCLASSIFIED:

1. SUBJECT IS ITALIAN LINE EXCHANGE RATE.
2. ARMY RATE OF EXCHANGE IS ADJUSTED TO 900 LINE TO POUND STARTING FROM 30 JANUARY.
 THIS RATE APPLIES TO ALL PAY LOADERS PAYED IN CANTONS OFFICERS SHIPS ETC.
3. FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED FORWARDED TO ALL COMMANDING OFFICERS AND
 HEADS OF SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS WAITING FOR TROOPS
4. ALL INTRAD ROLLERS WILL ENSURE THAT ANY TRANSACTION UP TO CLOSER OF BUSINESS
 29 JANUARY HAS BEEN ENTERED UP. ACCOUNT WILL THEN BE BALANCED AS BALANCE BROUGHT
 FORWARD. NO ADJUSTMENT OF BALANCE WILL BE MADE BY INTRAD ROLLERS AS RESULT OF CHANGE
 IN RATE.
5. CASH ISSUES OF LINE RATES SINCE 30 JANUARY INCLUSIVE TO OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS
 WILL BE CHARGED TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT THE NEW RATE 900. THIS MEANS THAT INTRAD
 ROLLS RECEIVED THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW RATE FOR ALL LINE DRAWN BY THEM FROM 30 JAN.
 INCLUSIVE. ACTION TO MAKE THESE ADJUSTMENTS IS BEING TAKEN BY THE PAY AUTHORITIES
 AND NO ACTION IS NECESSARY BY UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS.
6. AUTHORITY IS GIVEN FOR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO ALL ARMY PAY LOADERS IN THE
 BAL HOLDING OF LINE WITHIN THE LIMIT OF THEIR TOTAL LINE CASH DRAWINGS FROM 30 JAN
 TO 29 JANUARY BOTH DATES INCCLUSIVE. *See h-176* *PA J. S.*
7. PROCEDURE FOR COMPENSATION AS FOLLOWS. NOMINAL ROLLS WILL BE PREPARED AS FOLLOWS. (A) RANK RANK ROLL (B) AMOUNT ADMISSIBLE FOR COMPENSATION (C) AMOUNT IN
 COMPENSATION (D) RANK'S SIGNATURE. ALL ROLLS PRESENT WITH UNITS WILL BE ASKED
 FOR PAYLOAD SIGNATURE AND BE INSTRUCTED TO PRODUCE ALL LINE IN THE FOLLOWING
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THE IMPREST HOLDER WILL CHECK THE AMOUNTS PRODUCED AND WILL EXAMINE AB 64 PART 2 OR AF 3241 IN EACH CASE. HE WILL RECORD ON NOMINAL ROLLS THE TOTAL LIRE PRODUCED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL LESS REPEAT LESS (A) ANY AMOUNT RECORDED IN AB 64 PART 2 OR AF W3241 AS A LIRE CASH PAYMENT ON OR AFTER 30 JANUARY AND (B) ANY AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE TOTAL CASH DRAWING FROM JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 29 INCLUSIVE AS RECORDED IN AB 64 PART 2 OR AF W 3241.

ALL LIRE PRODUCED WILL THEN BE RETURNED TO INDIVIDUAL PLUS FIVE LIRE FOR EVERY FOUR LIRE RECORDED ON NOMINAL ROLL.

8. ALL ABS 64 PART 2 AND AFS W3241 (LAST COUNTERFOIL) WILL BE ENDORSED BY IMPREST HOLDER "LIRE COMPENSATION PAID (DATE) ". NOMINAL ROLLS WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED "LIRE COMPENSATION " CERTIFIED CORRECT BY O.C. AND ATTACHED TO IMPREST ACCOUNT AS VOUCHERS.

9. AREA AND FIELD CASHIERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DEAL WITH IMPREST HOLDERS ONLY AND NOT INDIVIDUALS. OFFICERS COMPENSATION WILL BE INCLUDED IN UNIT FOILS AND WILL NOT BE PAID BY CASHIERS.

10. ALL PRI MESS WELFARE CVMN BNCS ETC ACCOUNTS WILL BE BALANCED AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS 29 JANUARY AND CASH BALANCES WILL BE CHECKED BASN PERSONALLY AND CERTIFIED BY C.O. OR HEAD OF ORGANIZATION.

11. ALL ACCOUNT HOLDERS IN TEN ABOVE WILL REPORT BALANCES HELD ON EACH ACCOUNT BY CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY C.O. OR HEAD OF ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTED BY BANK CERTIFICATE WHERE APPLICABLE DIRECT TO COMMAND PAYMASTER BY 16 FEB.

12. MEDLOC EXCHANGES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS. (A) FOR PERSONNEL PROCEEDING UK EX QMF EXCHANGES TO STERLING AT CHANNEL PORTS WILL BE EFFECTED AT OLD 400 RATE ONLY IN CASES WHERE AB 64 PART 2 AND AF W3241 DO NOT BEAR ENDORSEMENT "LIRE COMPENSATION PAID".

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ALL ISSUES MADE ON OR AFTER 30 JANUARY WILL HOCEVER BE EXCHANGED TO STERLING AT 900 RATE IN VIEW OF PARA 5 ABOVE. (B) FOR PERSONNEL RETURNING EX UK TO CMF EXCHANGES FROM STERLING TO LIFFE AT CHANNEL PORTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTED AT NEW 900 RATE FROM 31 JANUARY INCLUSIVE AND DURING PERIOD 31 JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 5 INCLUSIVE ABC 64 PART 2 AND ABC W3241 ARE BEING ADVISED "LIFFE EXCHANGES EFFECTED 900 TO POUND". THEREFORE ONLY PERSONNEL LEAVING CHANNEL PORTS PRIOR TO 31 JANUARY CAN HAVE CLAIM TO COMPENSATION.

13. PASS TO ALL UNITS SOONEST POSSIBLE.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE

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13106/F

28 January 1946

JAN 28 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Rates of Exchange.

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5 Section,
~~AHQ~~.

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1. I refer to my letter 13106/F of 16 January, 1946, on the subject of Italian Rates of Exchange.
2. You have undoubtedly seen the press report on the front page of "The Stars and Stripes" for 27 January, 1946, reporting that personnel of the U.S. Embassy, Rome, are converting their pay checks at the rate of 225 lire equal one dollar.
3. We have confirmed with the U.S. Embassy that the above-mentioned report is correct. The Banca d'Italia is now authorized to purchase U.S. Embassy dollar checks at the new "diplomatic" rate, and some such transactions have already taken place.

Copies to:

Executive Commissioner.
Acting Vice-President,
Economic Section.
U.S. Embassy.
British Embassy.
Finance Sub Commission.

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ELLIERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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13106/P.

16 January 1946.

SUBJECT : Italian Notes of Exchange.

To : Assistant Chief of Staff, C.I.C.,
A.P.C.

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1. I refer to our letters 13106/P of 7 November 1945, and
13091 of 29 November 1945, regarding the institution by the Italian
Government of an export premium and import surcharge program for the
financing of foreign trade, using a standard coefficient of 225 lire
equal one dollar.

2. We now understand that the Italian Minister of the Treasury
has agreed to apply a "diplomatic rate", which is also 225 lire to the
dollar, to the conversion into lire of the salaries of personnel of
the U.S. Embassy, Rome. We understand that this same rate will be
extended to other Embassies that produce current foreign exchange for
Italy. In view of the possible repercussions among allied military
personnel when this application of a more favorable rate than the
official one becomes public, it is suggested you may wish to bring
the contents of this letter to the attention of the Deputy Comptroller-
Treasurer, G.C., and Fiscal Director, D.P.M.

3. It is also understood informally from the U.S. Embassy, Rome,
that consideration has the whole problem of the diplomatic and export rates
in relation to the troop pay rate under consideration and that negotiations
may be begun with the Italian Government for the extension of the more
favorable rate to troop pay. We would appreciate your keeping us
closely advised of any developments.

/s/ Harry W. Stone

Harry W. Stone,
Lieutenant Colonel,
Chief, Economic Officer.
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Copy to : U.S. Embassy,
British Embassy.

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ASPIRE NO. 42/208

Re 1205 Jun 46

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PARA ONE TO INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE GOING TO APPROXIMATE EXISTING LIRA EXCHANGE RATE TO HAVE NO REPORT NO INFORMATION THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT CHANGES IN OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE IS CONTINGENTED TO WE HAVE NO REPORT NO EXPLANATION OF HOW IT CAN BECOME TO THE PROSPECT TO
PARA TWO TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSE FOR USELESS DIVULGATION DNA WHICH WE
DISCUSSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR THIS REASON DNA WOULD NOT HAVE HAD ANYTHING
OF EXCHANGE RATE DEVALUATION

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PARA TWO PD YOUR PRESENT BUDGET APPROVAL PROCEDURE IS CONCURRED IN PD
COLONEL HOWELL HAS TO HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCREENING OF BUDGETS
BY CENTRAL OFFICE IN MILAN PD WHAT IS PRESENT STATUS QUERY

PARA THREE PD MINISTRY OF TREASURY HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ALIE ACQUE
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Asst Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: B6 / 39

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 121600A

FROM: HQ, ALLIED MIL. GOVT. VENICE PROVINCE

TO : (TBC) SUCCESSOR COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION ROMA

JAN 14 1946

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Understand 2 billion lire recently allocated by Italian Government to Magistrato ALLIE ACQUA for Public Works in Venetian Region for next 6 months. Magistrato ALLIE ACQUA denies any part of this grant available for UNRDP. Besides as still under UNRDP this ~~am~~ believe 3 to 5 million lire are contracted for projects in direct relief of unemployment. If Province excluded from this grant request immediate allocation of 300 million lire as first instalment for reconstruction and improvement which would relieve materially serious unemployment in this Province.

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TO : (INFO) EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION HOME

JAN 14 1946

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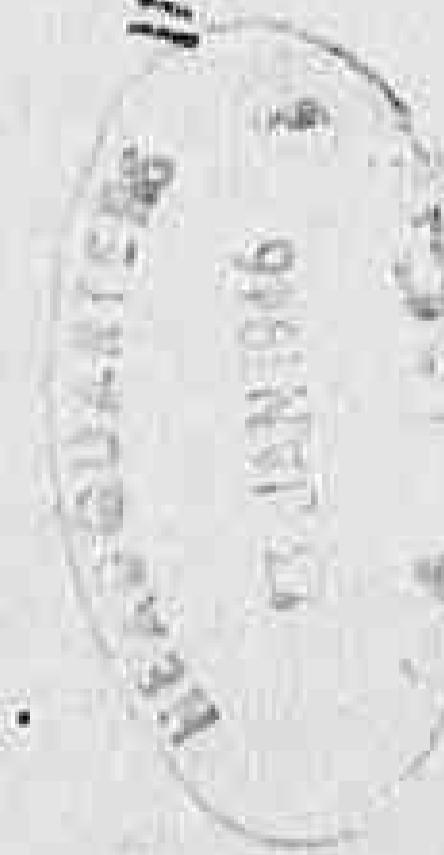
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This message will not be distributed outside
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Headquarters level. It is to be handled
without benefit of cipher equipment.
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NOTE VERBALE

JAN 10 1946

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its
compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under
instructions from the Department of State at Washington, has the
honor to submit the following additional information with reference
to the subject matter discussed in the Embassy's Note Verbale No. 360,
dated November 10, 1945, and Note Verbale No. 361, dated December 10,
1945.

The United States Treasury Department has now released the
dollars which have accumulated in the United States in Italian post-
liberation blocked accounts (as defined in General License S2A).
However, the last paragraph of the Embassy's Note Verbale No. 361,
dated December 10, 1945, is still applicable.

To the

Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rome.

Rome, December 29, 1945

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NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under instructions from the Department of State at Washington, has the honor to submit the following additional information with reference to the subject matter discussed in the Embassy's Note Verbaile No. 275, dated October 25, 1945.

As provided in the net troop pay formula, there is included in the total dollar amount made available to the Italian Government the dollar equivalent of lire paid out by United States Army Disbursing Officers in redemption of military payment orders and in exchange for other currencies in the hands of repatriated Italian prisoners-of-war.

To the

Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rome.

Rome, December 29, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13052/F

27 December 1945

SUBJECT: Blocked Account.

TO : Associazione Costruttori
della Provincia di Caltanissetta.

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1. I refer to your letter Prot. No. 2073 of 13 December, 1945.
2. The subject of your letter now falls within the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. You should accordingly address yourself to the Ministry of the Treasury, Rome.

(Signed) B.E.L. TIMMONS
Lt. Col.
Deputy Director
Finance Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

31 December 1945

JAN 3 1946

Ref. ES/11.14

SUBJECT : Implementation in North Italy of the Ministerial
Decree on the Price of Matches.

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My dear Mr. Minister:

I refer to your letter of 18 December 1945, reference
03/23013, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, to which I
have been requested to reply.

In view of the fact that the northern regions of Italy
will be returned to the control of your government by
1 January 1946, the question raised by you of implementing
the decree of 2 February 1945 may be considered academic, and
it is not believed that any action need be taken by the
Allied Commission.

Very truly yours,

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

Dottore Mario Scoccimarro
Minister of Finance, Italian Government
ROME

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Translation

The Minister of Finance
n. 05/25/13

Rome, 18 December 1945

DEC 28 1945

To Admiral ~~Giuseppe~~
Chief of the Allied Commission
in Veneto

Roma

In a previous letter sent by the Administration of the monopoly to the Headquarters of the Allied Commission, it was asked to extend to northern Italy the matches selling rate, fixed by the Government by a Ministerial Decree of February 2nd 1945 published on the *gazzetta Ufficiale* n. 28 of March 6th, 1945.

The form prescribed and followed for the determination of the said rate, which, we repeat, caused the manifestation of the will of the Government, through a decree, - in this case, a Ministerial Decree - shows that this is a purely fiscal regulation, taken in the interest of and on account of the Italian state.

Therefore, not to frustrate the intention of the Italian Government, it is urgent to issue orders so that the above mentioned matches selling rate may be extended without delay to the provinces which are still under Allied administration.

In fact, the difference between the rates brings about a smaller fiscal revenue for what concerns sales in northern Italy, and encourages the smuggling of matches from the north toward the south, to the benefit of black market.

Do you think that, after taking in consideration the above mentioned reasons, you will kindly issue orders for the new rates to be immediately enforced in the northern provinces.

THE MINISTER

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Translation

Builders' Association
Caltanissetta

Caltanissetta, 13. 12. 45

n. 2073

DEC 21 1945

Subject : Concealed credits of the Casano Carmelo Concern of Cela

To : Admiral Stone - Allied Commission

The Casano Carmelo Concern that belongs to our Association, carried out for the Air Force (Demanio Aeronautico) works amounting to L. 3.428.587.00. This sum has been blocked.

The above mentioned concern asked us to point out that the above mentioned works were not carried out on the request of the German as it was mistakenly believed, but according to the orders of the Air Force Ministry, as from the minute of the Ufficio Staccato of the Demanio Aeronautico of Catania.

In fact, the Italian Air Force allocated such works to the Casano Carmelo Concern, after a competition between the various concerns.

The said works were carried out under the control of Italian technicians, in the National territory, and before the state of emergency.

In consideration of what we have just explained we beg this Ministry to see that the regulations as from N. 1 and N. 2 of ordinance n. 112611, dated 20.7.1944, of the Treasury Department be enforced in favour of the above mentioned concern, ordering also the settling of the account keeping of the works which is still pending, and issuing orders to have the concealed credits unblocked.

We enclose full particulars about the works that have been carried out, with the corresponding sums.

We shall appreciate it if you let us know your answer.

THE PRESIDENT

(Dr. Ing. Umberto Tuccillo)

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Rome.

13/23/45

1st December, 1945

Dear Brigadier Lush,

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2. In view of the increasing cost of living the Italian Government has recently decreed (Decree Law No. 213 of 22nd March, 1945) an increase in the stipends of the Italian clergy. By this law the annual stipend of a parish priest is raised from Lire 3,500 to Lire 10,010; that of a curate is raised to Lire 5,720, of an Archbishop to Lire 51,480, of a Bishop to Lire 48,620. (I cannot see how they contrive to exist on even these increased salaries; they must have other resources.) Anyway, it appears that in North Italy, i.e. in the Provinces north of the Provinces of Ravenna, Florence and Pistoia, Lucca and Apuania, an A.N.G. Order dated 5th June, 1945 prohibits the application of the Italian Decree, so that the clergy in those Provinces must still live on the previous, and completely inadequate stipends. They have accordingly appealed to the Vatican to urge reconsideration of the A.N.G. Order, and the Vatican have invoked my good offices to this end.

3. Unless there is some very good overriding consideration, there would seem to be a very good case on compassionate grounds for the modification of the Order so as to allow the clergy to receive their increased pay. Would you kindly let me know what I can reply to the Vatican *36'23*

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Brigadier K.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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NOTE TO THE EMBASSY

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under instruction from the Department of State at Washington, has the honor to submit the following additional information with reference to the subject matter discussed in the Embassy's note verbale No. 300, dated November 10, 1945.

The United States Treasury Department will shortly free from control through appropriate licenses all Italian post-liberation dollars which have accumulated in the United States since September 8, 1943. Further licenses issued by the United States Treasury covering the expenditure of such dollars will not be necessary.

In view of the imminence of the above measure, it is essential that the Italian Government take all measures which may be necessary in keeping with the full responsibility which it will have to ensure that available dollar assets shall be most effectively husbanded to meet national requirements.

The Italian Government will, of course, continue to consult with the Allied Commission with respect to all cases involving the use of post-liberation dollar assets to settle obligations arising prior to September 8, 1943.

To the

P. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Executive Commissioner

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To the

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R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Rome.

Done, December 10, 1945

H.J.W.

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Ref: 4603/153/WC

11 December 1945

My dear Marchese,

I write with reference to your letter No. 31597/3
of 3 December 1945. I am afraid that I personally am unable
to authorize the payment of compensation for accidents but
I have passed your letter to Claims and Warnings, Rome Area
Allied Command, requesting them to inform you what steps the
boy should take to obtain an indemnity for his amputation.

I trust you will hear favourably from them in the
near future.

Very truly yours,

P. H. McCLEARY

MILROY T. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Marchese Roberto Lucifero
Minister of the Royal Household
Quirinal Palace
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4603/152/EQ

11 December 1945

SUBJECT: Compensation for Accident

TO : Claims and Hiring
Rome Area Allied Command

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1. The attached letter No. 31597/3 of 3 December 1945 has been forwarded to this Headquarters by Marchese Lucifero, the Minister of the Royal Household.

2. We would be grateful if you could look into this case favourably and inform the Marchese what steps the boy should take to obtain compensation for his amputation.

For the Chief Commissioner:

P. H. McCLELLAN

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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The Minister of the Royal Household

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N. 31597/3

Rome, 3 December 1945

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My dear Admiral,

fifteen years old Pugliese Vincenzo of the late Egidio of Taranto, via Garibaldi 4, 4 palazzina, int. 2, asked for the support of H.R.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom to obtain an indemnity for the amputation of his left leg brought about in March 1944 by the collision of a British raft against the wharf of the harbour on which he happened to be standing.

The boy lost his father who was a technical worker of the R. Arsenal, and his mother who has four other children to provide for, finds herself in the most squalid poverty.

According to the intentions of His Royal Highness, I shall greatly appreciate it if you see what can be done for this unfortunate family in which the Lieutenant is greatly interested.

Thanking you in advance, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

s. Lucifer

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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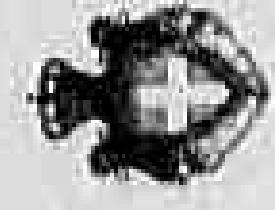
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IL MINISTRO DELLA REAL CASA

N. 31597
Roma, L^e 3 DIC. 1945 →

Illustre Ammiraglio,

Il giovane da me nato, via Garibaldi 4, 4^o Palazzina
so fu figlio di Renzo, via Garibaldi 4, 4^o Palazzina
int. 2, ha inviato il pettinino di S.A.T. al luogotenente
generale per ottenere un riacquisto per l'indumento
delle famme sinistra subita in seguito ad uno con una
motocicletta inglese entro nel marzo 1944 e si trovava sulle
la banchina di attracco del porto.

Il giovanetto è orfano del padre che era
operario specializzato dell'E. Azzenale e ventuno la madre
sua, che ha altri quattro figli a carico, si trova nella
più squallida miseria.

Secondo le intenzioni di sua Altezza Reale
le sarà pertanto fatto se vorrà vedere tutto quello che
le si possibile di fare in favore di questa sventurata fa-
miglia alla quale il luogotenente si interessò vivamente.
Mi scusi, Illustre Ammiraglio, e con i
più cordiali saluti ed antichetti ringraziamenti di cre-
do,

Carlo ~

Carlo

P. Lucifero
(Ufficio della Real Cesa) 3618

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Illustris. Amministr. di

Il giovanello quindicenne pugliese Vincenzo su Leglio da Taranto, via Garibaldi 4, 4° Palazzina Ant. 2, ha invocato il patrocinio di S.A.S. il Luogotenente Generale per ottenere un riscarcimento per l'ammutazione delle sanie sinistra subita in seguito ad urto con una moto - zattera iniziale venuta nel marzo 1944 si trovava sulla banchina di attracco del porto.

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In conclusi, Illustrissime Amministr. si consigli cordiali saluti ed anticipati ringraziamenti mi crega,

Le m
Luisford

F. Luisford
(Ministro della Real Casa)
giugno 1948

Illustris.
Amministr. Sir Harry W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

P.O.Y.A.
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Ref: 4608/149/RD.

6 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Charities.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
PIEMONTE REGION.

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I refer to your letter PR/DBO/312.1 of 29 Nov 45.

1. In congratulating the Provincial Commissioner of CUNEO and his officers for raising so large a sum to help a charity named "Solidarieta Popolare" (a remarkably uncharitable name) I cannot help remarking that the President of the C.L.N. is also chairman of this by no means nebulous charity. I hope the funds went down the human rather than the political drain.

2. I commend the Provincial Commissioner for both charitable efforts.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUGA

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Office of the Deputy Regional Commissioner.

29th November 1945.

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REFERENCE : PR/DRC/312.1

SUBJECT : Charities.

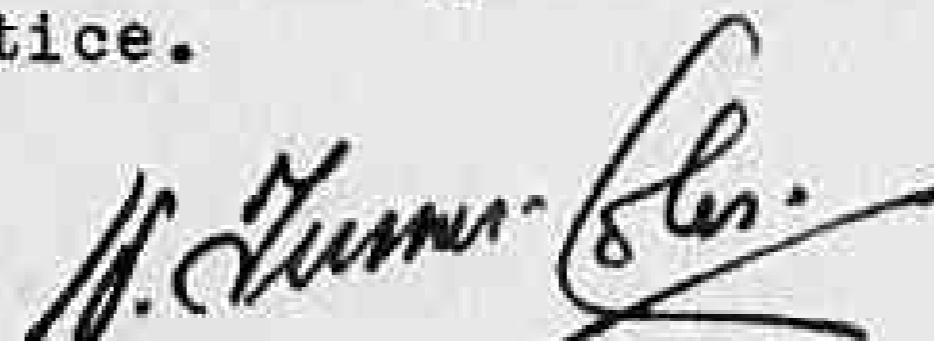
TO : Executive Commissioner,
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

1. The Provincial Commissioner (Lt.Col. A.H. Gardner) and Cuneo Provincial team set out to assist the SOLIDARIETA POPOLARE and made their target - 50.000 Lire - not that anyone expected to reach that figure - however they organised so successfully that the sum of 50.300 Lire was handed over to the President of the Committee, (who is also President of the C.L.N.)

Copy of letter of thanks and newspapers report attached.

2. In addition, the hall below Provincial HQ was lent to the University Students Association for a dance and their annual celebrations on condition that half the profits should be given to the P.C., to pass to any charity chosen by him. This resulted in 5.500 Lire being given to the Mother Superior of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb of Cuneo.

3. I feel that these achievements reflect the greatest credit on AMG and should be brought to your notice.



W. TURNER-COLES,
Lt. Colonel;
DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.

WTC/JBS.

Copy to:- Lt.Col. A.H. Gardner,
P.C., Cuneo Province.

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Cuneo, 20 Novembre 1945

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Illmo Sig. A.Z. GARDNER
Major R.A.
Provincial Commissioner
AMG CUNEO PROVINCE

OFFERTA PER LA SOLIDARIETÀ POPOLARE

Con viva e sincera gratitudine La ringrazio Illustre Comandante per la generosa offerta che Ella ha fatto pervenire al Presidente della Solidarietà Popolare, e più ancora per l'espressione con cui Ella ha voluto accompagnare il gesto che è altamente simbolico in quanto traduce nella concreta realtà quell'aiuto morale e materiale che gli Alleati da Lei così degnamente rappresentati, danno alla rinascita del nostro Paese.

Voglia, La prego, interpretare la nostra gratitudine verso i Signori Ufficiali, Sottufficiali e soldati che hanno contribuito a quest'opera di umana e sociale solidarietà, e garantire il migliore nostro ossequio.

IL PRESIDENTE DEL COMITATO
Ing. Antonio Toselli.

SUBJECT: Thanksgiving.

Date: 20th - XI - 1945

Dear Major,

With deep and sincere gratitude we thank you for the generous offering You sent to the President of the Popular Solidarity Committee, and much more for the declaration with which You accompanied this offering deeply symbolic, which really gives form to that moral and positive help promised by the A.M.G. (of which You are the intelligent Leader in Cuneo) for our Country's revival.

Please, participate our great gratitude also to all Officers Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of Yours, who took part in that humane and social deed of Solidarity. Very truly yours

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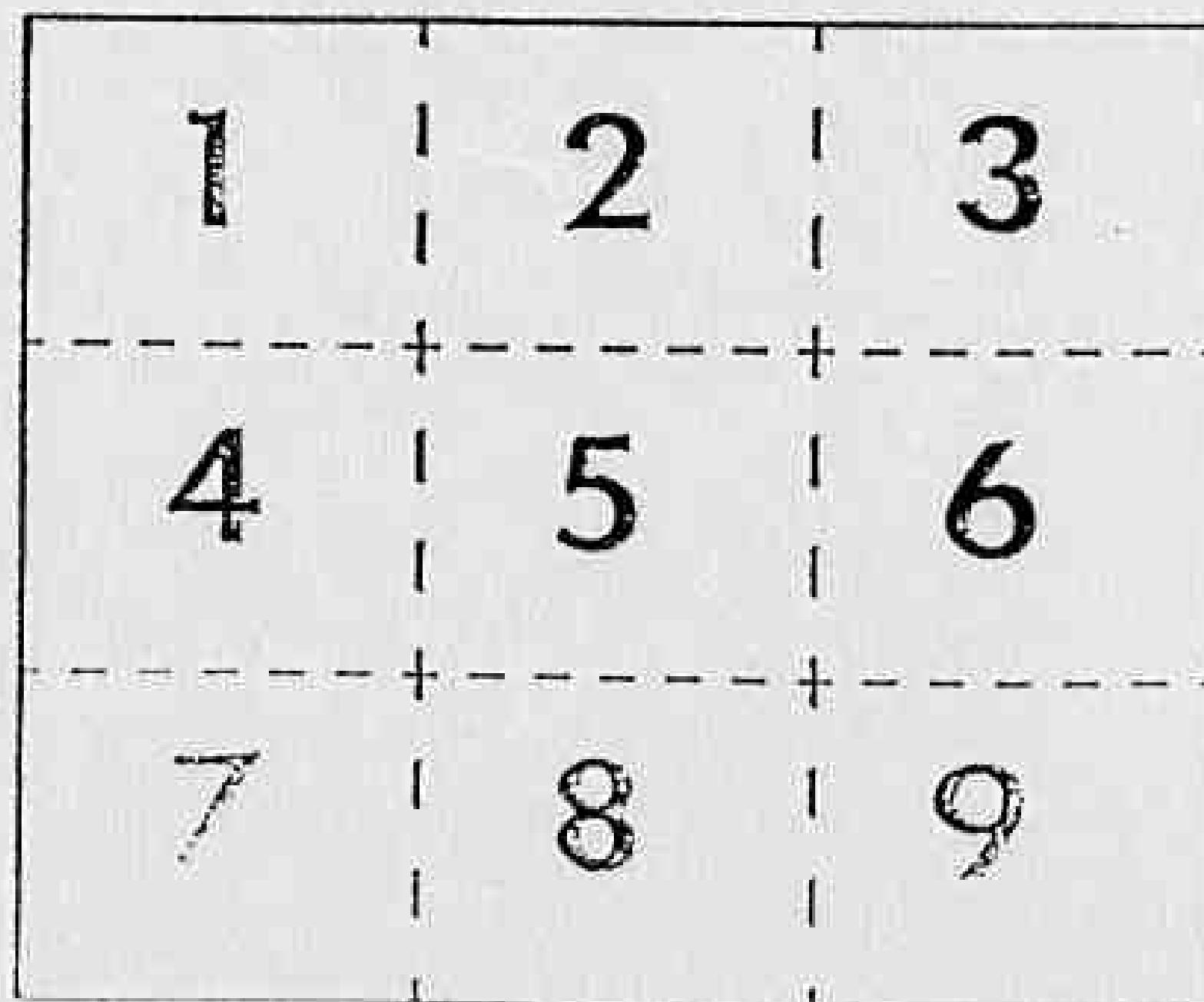
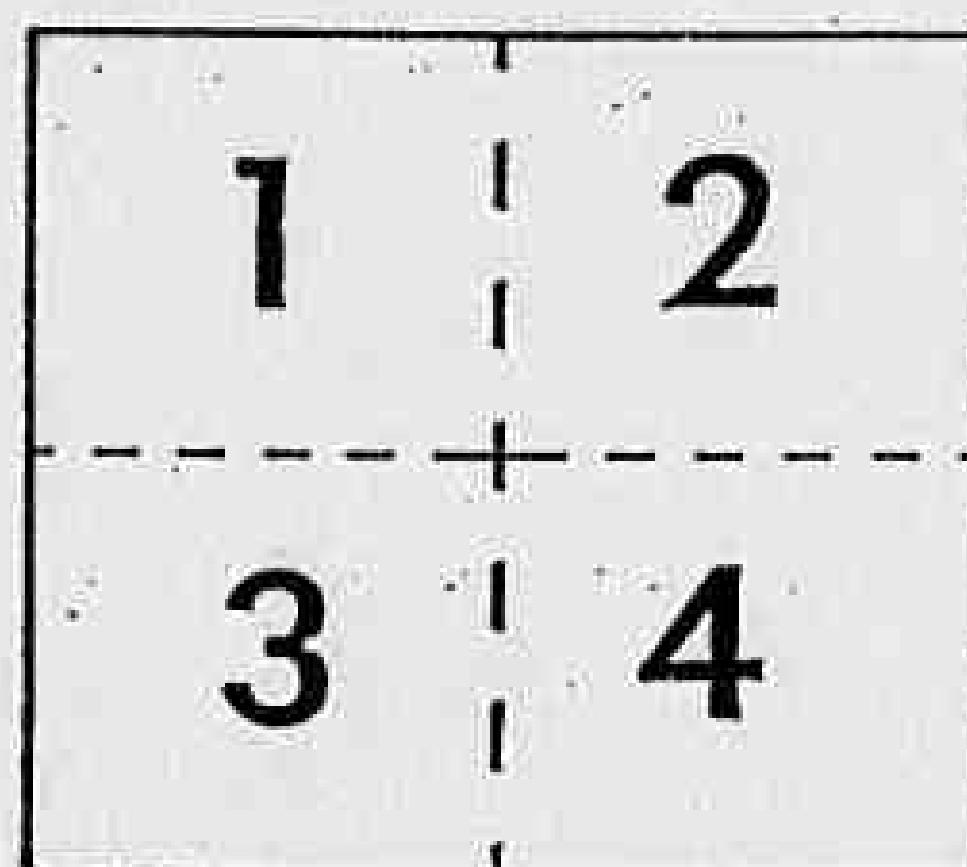
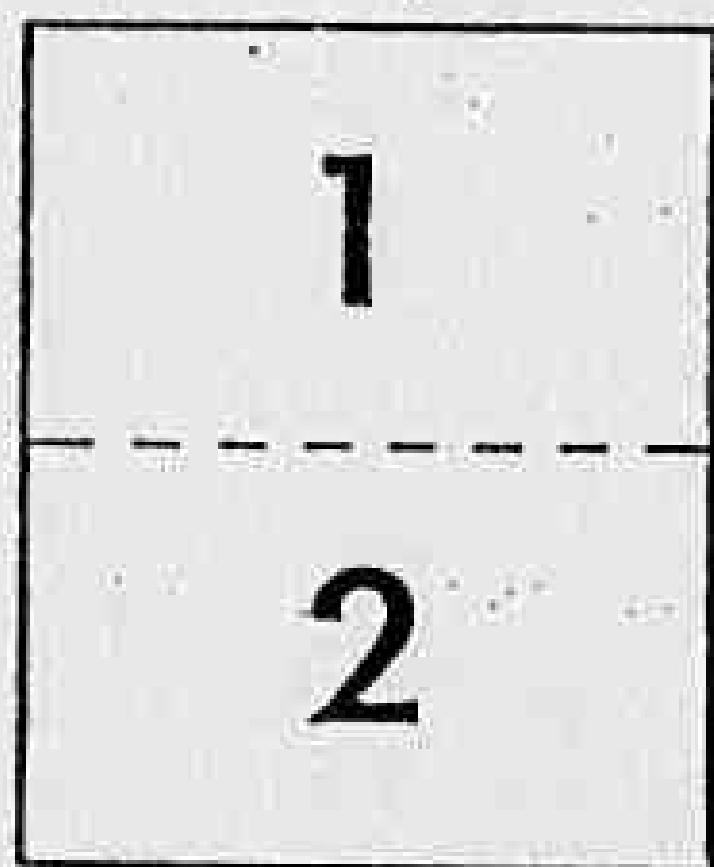
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ORGANO INFORMATIVO DEL COMITATO PROVINCIALE DI LIB

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PUBBLICITA': Rivolgersi I.P.A.C. - Impresa Pubblicità-Affissioni Cuneese Rag. FEDELE BER

L'opera del Comitato Provinciale di Liberazione Nazionale

2° tempo: Dai giorni della liberazione al 31 luglio scorso

L'attività del C.L.N. provinciale, iniziata in periodo clandestino, come già pubblicato, fin dal settembre 1943, dopo l'insurrezione può essere nettamente scissa in due periodi: anteriore e posteriore all'insediamento del Comando Alleato nella Provincia. Tra il 24 aprile e l'8 maggio l'attività fu soprattutto rivolta a mantenere, quanto maggiormente possibile, intatte le organizzazioni amministrative preposte all'andamento della Provincia, nominando personalità adatte alla continuazione della vita economico-amministrativa, ed emanando norme di ordine pubblico e di riorganizzazione economica.

Risalgono a questo periodo tutte le nomine utili all'andamento della vita provinciale, in sostituzione degli elementi compromessi nel passato regime.

Venutasi a creare una carta maggiore regolarità, dopo il primo momento caotico della Rivoluzione, il Comitato assunse figura di organo propulsore e coordinatore fra tutti gli Enti pubblici della Provincia e all'uopo diede a se stesso una nuova più lineare organizzazione.

Ritenne, quindi, opportuno costituire un Corpo di Segretari Ispettori, sia per le istanze dei C. I. N. Comunali della Provincia, sia per lo espletamento delle normali pratiche d'Ufficio, così da snellire e coordinare l'organizzazione generale.

località periferiche, dove percorso è provinciale per l'epurazione, susseguente motivi di contrasto fra le amministrazioni stesse o fra queste e la popolazione.

Tale sua opera fu proficua e nella maggioranza dei casi, la Amministrazione comunale procedono attualmente alla costituzione della Corte di Assise straordinaria, designandone giuridicamente riconosciuta dall'A.M.G. In relazione all'Ordinanza n. 36 furono posteriormente istituite le Commissioni straordinarie, designate anche regolarità e soddisfazione pubblica.

Circa i C.L.N. di base il Comitato ministrati dei cittadini giurati.

si attenne al concetto che essi devono assumere veste consultiva.

Nei rapporti colle autorità centrali della provincia seguì la direttiva di lasciare loro la dovuta autonomia di lavoro, relativa alle funzioni corrispondenti, pur mantenendo ben chiaro il concetto di avocare di volta in volta, nello spirito di perfetta collaborazione, alle proprie sedute per riferire sull'attività svolta o per le dovute direttive.

Provvide alla istituzione, fin dal periodo della clandestinità, di una Commissione Alimentazione, i cui membri funzionassero come Commissario alla Sopral, così da poter provvedere alle più urgenti necessità provinciali subito dopo l'insurrezione.

Dopo la prima normalizzazione, il Comitato agì in modo da potenziare la Commissione Economica e i Commissari alla Sopral, per far fronte al più grave fra tutti: il problema alimentare, ed emanò disposizioni miranti alla costituzione di Commissioni presso e di controllo per porre ri-

Un martire dell'idea
L'avv. Guido Calleri

vittima di Mathausen

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Di assai stimata famiglia monregalese, che ebbe nel padre un valente avvocato, nacque Guido Calleri il 21 marzo 1896. Sullo stampo di lui si forgiò il carattere adamantino del figlio.

Tutto dedito al superamento di sé stesso col Suo spirito di sacrificio di indesesso lavoratore, nella difficile professione forese profuse tesori di energie in notti insonni fra libri di tutti i diritti. Affabile e generoso quale avvocato non disdegnavo i colleghi che facevano ricorso a lui: i giovani ritrovavano un amico, un aiuto e incoraggiamento a lavorare, i più anziani conforto nel suo profondo sapere, nella inesauribile retta giuridica.

Amb sopra ogni altra cosa la famiglia di cui fece il sacrario del più puro affetto: soave e vigile irraggiò attorno a sé la fiamma che dentro gli ardeva, onde la casa ne ricevette luce, calore, armonia.

Facendo e impenso, dalla parola vivace e ferrea, fu tra le figure più note del Foro di Cuneo.

Negli scritti portava le stesse doti di veemenza, di ardore e di logica. Nel fervore delle discussioni politiche si distingueva per vitalità e lungimiranza, per la fede convinta nelle teorie positivistiche ed evoluzionistiche.

Fu fin dai primi albori del fascismo acerrimo nemico di quella poli-

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«EX RUMIS SURGAM»

SABATO 24 NOVEMBRE 1945

STRUZZIONE

DEL COMITATO PROVINCIALE DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE DI CUNEO

A.C. - Impresa Pubblicità-Affissioni Cuneese

Rag. FEDELE BERTOLINO & C. Cuneo, Corso Gesso, 18, Tel. 88

Sede: Via XX Settembre, 8 - Tel. 3-03

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L'epurazione, susseguente...
dell'Ordinanza n. 96 fuente istituite le Commissioni d'inchiesta dall'A.M.G. dell'insurrezione provvisoria della Corte di Cuneo, designandone gli uffici, indicando i noiosi indagini giurati.

Ufficio del Comando cui in Giunta consultò opportunamente i cinque membri teentativi, scelti fra le persone nei singoli rami. Infine, delle difficoltà smobilitazione dei Liberi, il Comitato favorire l'organizzazione d'Assistenza ai Partiti agli smobilitati una vita civile.

contatto con l'opposizione. Comitato fondò il gruppo «Ricostruzione», fatto di redazione, con triticità, i cinque al C. L. N. e a cui si era di ampia informazione provinciale, sotto concerto il com-

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Le due Clarisse miracolate a Boves

Miracoli che risalgono al 1927 e 1938 ed i cui benefici effetti durano tutt'ora - Le due suore prodigiosamente guarite da morbi gravissimi

Per primi demmo notizia ai nostri lettori senza alcuna intenzione di travisare la verità ma col solo nobile intento di glorificare quel Dio «che atterra e suscita che affanna e consola», attraverso l'intercessione dello stuolo numeroso dei Santi d'ogni epoca, circa i sensazionali miracoli che richiameranno al convento delle clarisse di Boves una folla di pellegrini che vorranno avvicinare le due suore prodigiosamente guarite.

Dopo il rigoroso e giusto riserbo che chiudeva ogni possibilità di conoscere i particolari dei due straordinari fatti ci è stato finalmente possibile apprendere quanto ha formato oggetto dell'oculato processo di esperti radiologi, del Padre Gesuita Miccinelli, incaricato dal Promotore della Fede e da quattro giudici diocesani, circa le due miracolate che devono la loro guarigione all'intercessione del Pontefice dell'Eucaristia, Papa Pio X.

Esse sono suor Maddalena Giordano da Boves e suor Benedetta De Maria da Airasca. Nel ringraziare il confratello settimanale «la Guida» per la cortese permissione di avere qualche cenno graditissimo sugli eccezionali avvenimenti, diamo oggi breve ragguaglio per i nostri lettori.

L'attuale processo, svoltosi dal 5 al 14 corrente, ha rilevato come al-

Al Santuario della Medaglia Miracolosa di Mellana

Venne richiesta insistente per la località della Mellana dove sorge l'artistico Santuario della Medaglia Miracolosa e riposano le spoglie del fondatore don Garavagno, la costruzione di una fontana che sarebbe quanto mai confortevole per i numerosi pellegrini e tornerebbe di indubbio vantaggio turistico per l'incantevole zona, metà di tante passeggiate dei cuneesi.

Sarà la nostra una voce clamante nel deserto oppure, anche nel groviglio difficile della ripresa ediliaria, sarà tenuta presente questa modesta richiesta della frazione che pure ha dato tanto generoso contributo di sangue e di sacrifici nella lotta di liberazione?

VITA MONREGALESE

Solidarietà in atto

La Giunta Comunale, nella seduta del 21 corrente ha deliberato:

- a) di contribuire in larga misura alla refazione per 200 bambini degli Asili infantili urbani (minestra e pane) per 120 giorni e con un totale di L. 100.800;

- b) di istituire la refazione gratuita, per 90 giorni, per 100 bam-

L. 4 (contro il costo reale di L. 12), L'E.C.A. cioè sosterrà per ogni minestrone una spesa di L. 8. All'epoca il sussidio straordinario del Comune all'ECA si aggirerà sulle lire 250 mila, sufficiente per la distribuzione semigratuita di circa 270 minestrone al giorno per tutto l'inverno.

La Giunta e il Sindaco compagno Silvestrini, non hanno bisogno di violinature. Bastano i fatti, che, stavolta, parlano bene. Essi sono tali, da guardare all'immediato riguardo avvenire con discreta fiducia e con molta speranza.

Notiziario Brigasco

Festa scolastica

(Italico) Per la patronale di S. Martino vi fu una simpatia festosa per la premiazione dei bimbi maggiormente distintisi per profilo scolastico. L'ing. A. Rulfi, ricordato il fratello tenente Attilio, valoroso caduto della guerra 1916, ha consegnato libri e premi in denaro agli alunni, per i quali ha con commosse parole ringraziato uno dei genitori.

Via XX Settembre intitolata al Caduto Clerico

Il 4 corrente, dopo la messa per i Caduti, A. Rulfi ha intitolato

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mento caotico della Rivoluzione, il Comitato assunse figura di organo propulsore e coordinatore fra tutti gli Enti pubblici della Provincia e all'upo diede a se stesso una nuova più lineare organizzazione.

Ritenne, quindi, opportuno costituire un Corpo di Segretari Ispettori, sia per le ispezioni dei C. I. N. Comunali della Provincia, sia per lo espletamento delle normali pratiche d'Ufficio, così da snellire e coordinare l'organizzazione generale.

Il concetto generale a cui esso si attenne fu di potenziare il C. I. N. di base e comunali, unica vera rappresentanza, attraverso i Partiti, della volontà popolare, fin quando essa non sia legalmente espressa attraverso le libere votazioni.

Fu però cura del Comitato preciare loro le opportune direttive, affinché esorbitassero dalle funzioni tipicamente politiche ad essi demandate.

Dal punto di vista amministrativo, il Comitato sostenne il proprio sforzo nella regolarizzazione della costituzione delle Giunte Comunali, e all'upo emanò una norma che incitasse a tutti i Comuni, insis... sulla unitarietà dei Partiti e sull'immissione, con voto deliberativo dei rappresentanti gli interessi di categoria e delle singole località amministrate.

Lo sforzo per chiarire concetti, sanare contrasti, appianare difficoltà fu lungo e non facile, e ne fece trarre vantaggio con oltre 40 ispezioni della

Commissione Alimentazione, i cui membri funzionavano come Commissario alla Sopral, così da poter provvedere alle più urgenti necessità provinciali subito dopo l'insurrezione.

Dopo la prima formalizzazione, il Comitato agì in modo da potenziare la Commissione Economico e i Commissari alla Sopral, per far fronte al più grave fra tutti: il problema alimentare, ed emanò disposizioni miranti alla costituzione di Commissioni prezzi e di controllo per porre riparo al commercio illegale dei generi alimentari.

Curd la costituzione delle Camere del Lavoro, indicando i relativi Commissari, successivamente quella dell'Ufficio provinciale del lavoro e favorì tutte le iniziative private utili al benessere della comunità.

L'assistenza ai reduci e agli ex-internati fu pronta ed efficace sia con somme all'Associazione ex-Internati, sia con servizi di trasporto automobilistici, sia con la riammissione nella vita civile dei rimpatriati.

Per far fronte alle prime difficoltà d'impianto delle varie Associazioni, quale la Fondazione di Solidarietà Nazionale e consimili, aderì al concetto di nominare di volta in volta dei Commissari straordinari. Erogò pure, sui propri fondi di cassa, notevoli somme da devolversi agli Enti assistenziali di alcuni Comuni.

Nei riguardi della epurazione politica provvide, fin dalla clandestinità, all'istituzione di una Commissione

nione pubblica il Comitato fondò il giornale provinciale « Ricostruzione », cui avevano diritto di redazione, con carattere di pariteticità, i cinque Partiti aderenti al C. I. N. e a cui volle dare carattere di ampia informazione della vita provinciale, soprattutto per quanto concerne il complesso economico.

Una nostra inchiesta

30 milioni di danni per il maltempo

E i fondi per porvi riparo?

Da una nostra inchiesta abbiamo appurato che i danni per le recenti alluvioni in provincia sarebbero a circa 30 milioni di lire. I valli, più danneggiati sono quelle del Po e della Varaita.

Presso Paesana un solidissimo ponte che aveva resistito ancora ai bombardamenti è stato completamente asportato. In Vallo Varaita, come abbiamo già pubblicato, rendendo alle decisioni dei sindaci Sampeyre, Bellino e Casteldel-Tino le frane e le inondazioni hanno fatto del malanno per un danno incalcolabile.

La amministrazione provinciale dovrebbe provvedere per le spese per un pronto rialzamento di strade e ponti interrotti. Ma i restauri sarebbero resi assai problematici sotto questo punto di vista in quanto i debiti della gestione fascista hanno lasciato un vuoto sensibile nelle disponibilità, per cui si rendono necessari e tempestivi opportuni provvedimenti per sanare la deficitaria situazione in vista di tanti impellenti problemi.

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Fatti di... vecsi

Si parla d'ordinanze per gli alleggi — Emesse nella sede pretorile — Che c'è forse bisogno di staffile — Per stare sotto un tetto al giorno d'oggi! — In quel di via Santorre Santarosa — I ladri narcotizzano i pulcini — A Villarbasse invece gli assassini — Fan giochi di prestigio, forse a forza! — Invece s'arriva a San Rocco una signora — T'ammazzano e non vien riconosciuta — Nessuno ci pensa più: la sconosciuta — In s... grande città presto s'ignora! — Ma le donne di Corsica e Torino — Di Villarbasse, la Grasiosi a Roma — Queste contan di più, che bel'azzurro! — Che mestieraccio fare il questurino! — Dicon che Santa croce il calciatore — Goda l'ammirazione di tifosine — A Cuneo ed altrove, ma alla fine — Il calcio è il calcio, e l'amor famosel — Al

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all'intercessione del Pontefice dell'Eucaristia, Papa Pio X.

Esse sono suor Maddalena Giordano da Boves e suor Benedetta De Maria da Airasca. Nel ringraziare il confratello settimanale «la Guida» per la cortese permissione di avere qualche cenno graditissimo sugli eccezionali avvenimenti, diamo oggi breve ragguaglio per i nostri lettori.

L'attuale processo, svoltosi dal 5 al 14 corrente, ha rilevato come alcune gravi affezioni polmonari della prima (suor Maddalena) siano perfettamente cicatrizzate e dal lontano 1927 (sono trascorsi 18 anni), ella stia benissimo e svolga regolarmente le sue mansioni di sagrestana del convento.

Ecco il fatto che desidero, ancora, vivo stupore e che fu pubblicato su un bollettino romano.

La povera suor Maddalena, data per perduta dal medico curante, seguendo un pio consiglio, iniziò una novena al Pontefice Pio X, morto in odore di santità.

La vigilia di San Pietro del 10 anno 1927, la moribonda, che, seguito al grave morbo era stata da tempo colpita da una forma di completa afezia, quasi per superiore ispirazione, con la fede che trasporta le montagne, inghiotti nella sua cameretta una ciliegia, nella cui polpa aveva mescolato gli angoli smussati di un'effigie regalatale raffigurante il Pontefice Pio X. La guarigione fu istantanea ed ella riacquistò subito l'uso delle facoltà vocali, recitò una giaculatoria e si sentì bene.

Si recò dalla madre badessa e (come già insistentemente si parlava in questi giorni a Boves «vox populi vox Dei») fu vista allora con senso di grande spavento dalle consorelle che credevano ravisare nella rediviva l'ombra di suor Maddalena defunta, che venisse a dar loro, dall'al di là, l'ultimo addio.

Circa il caso di suor Benedetta, alla Curia, il Segretario di Sua Eccellenza ci ha detto trattarsi con ogni probabilità (per quanto egli non abbia potuto leggere le risultanze del processo) di un tumore intestinale scomparso in modo prodigioso nel 1938 dalla sera alla mattina per l'intercessione del Taumaturgo Pontefice.

Le congregazioni romane cui sono state rimesse le laboriose e dettagliate risultanze delle 380 pagine del processo informativo vaglieranno ciononostante ancora con l'abituale oculatissima cautela i due fatti prima di pronunciarsi sul miracolo per la causa di beatificazione.

Sappiamo che la Commissione stessa, dopo il suo rientro a Roma, ripartirà alla volta della Francia ove dovrà accertare altri due miracoli che si attribuiscono all'intercessione di Papa Sarto.

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Via XX Settembre intitolata al Caduto Clerico

Il 4 corrente, dopo la messa per i Caduti, è stata intitolata la vecchia via XX settembre al nome del Caduto per la libertà Cesare Clerico. Il parroco don Ginaia ha rivocato con elevato dire il passato dell'esercito italiano e le gesta delle corose formazioni partigiane. L'eroe di guerra Garuccioni, ha avuto parole toccanti nell'omaggio all'epopea partigiana sia in patria che all'estero ed ha ricordato il caduto Clerico. E' seguito nel pellegrinaggio al cimitero, dove è stato benedetto il monumento ai Caduti: hanno partecipato in massa ai riti i carabinieri e finanzieri tutta la popolazione.

CRONACA GARESSINA

40 mila persone dell'alta Valle Tanaro chiedono il ripristino delle vie di comunicazione

Domenica a Garezzio sindaci ed industriali della alta Valle Tanaro si sono riuniti per una mozione alle autorità allo scopo di ottenere che i contatti e le comunicazioni dal centro e viceversa nei riflessi del paese dell'alta valle (ove abitano circa 40 mila persone) e che ora sono completamente interrotti siano al più presto ristabili e possibilmente prima della cruda stagione per consentire almeno il rifornimento degli alimenti, in quanto le scorte attuali non sono sufficienti per l'inverno. Per il momento la situazione è così grave che se fra 15 giorni non sarà provveduto in qualche modo, le varie fabbriche (Lodoga, miniere di Bagno e ecc.) dovranno sospendere la loro attività, per impossibilità dei necessari collegamenti onde fare affluire i vari prodotti.

L'attuale scomodità per arrivare a Garezzio

Attualmente per recarsi da Cuneo a Garezzio occorre fare un periplo quanto mai scomodo ed anachronistico.

Infatti a Mondovì nessuna comunicazione ferroviaria. Ed allora ci si potrà rassegnare a prendere il trenino sino a S. Michele. E poi? Eccoci ad una deviazione che neanche il trasitto di circa

oiali alleati — prigionieri a Garezzio — li riformi di vivere, di armi, di medicinali; studi personalmente contro la difesa della valle del Tanaro; stabilisca collegamenti coi Comitati di liberazione nazionale e col Comitato militare lombardo. Tradito da alcuni nazi-fascisti, si rifugiò a Milano, dove continuò la sua attività patriottica. Il 29 settembre 1944 fu arrestato e poi internato in Germania. A soli 39 anni trova morto nei campi di Ebensee. A venti anni era entrato nel complesso delle grandi industrie chimico-farmaceutiche fondate dal nonno; a soli 35 anni era presidente dell'Istituto sieroterapico nazionale.

Mentre superiore, dalle grandi vaste industrie, preferì Mathan von Melk ed Ebensee al tradimento. Garezzio non dimenticherà mai il benemerito industriale e benefattore, e si stringe con affetto sincero attorno alla vedova ed ai teneri figli, chiusi nell'acerbo dolore.

Quintali di castagne e patate pro solidarietà popolare

Le offerte della città e delle frazioni per la solidarietà popolare sono state veramente nobilissime. Ogni cittadino ha generosamente risposto all'appello con offerte in denaro ed in natura. Fra queste ultime si registrano numerosi quintali

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Fino a ieri risultava paro che il grandioso banco di beneficenza allestito in piazza Galimberti ha fruttato l'introito di lire 180 mila.

Non siamo in grado di dare per ora il consuntivo delle donazioni in natura raccolte nelle campagne, ma possiamo iniziare la pubblicazione degli offerenti di somme della città, mentre additiamo ancora l'esemplare spontanea deliberazione dei macellai per gratuita vendita di carni ai pensionati in tre mesi consecutivi dell'inverno, certi che altri alimenaristi potranno studiare un progetto analogo non troppo abbastanza encomiabile e meritoso.

Ecco pertanto il primo elenco dei donatori:

CLN provinciale, 10.000; AMG, ballo benefico, 50.300; Alunni Gimnasio e S. Pollio n. 1315; Banca Popolare Novara, 10.000; Camera del Lavoro, 15.459,35; Monge, v. Augali, 100; Monza Maria, 2000; (1° versamento), 1212.

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Prof. Boella, 100; Luciano Angelo, 100; dr. Giuseppe Rossi, 500, Ass. mai iscritti al p.n.t., 1000; ved. Toselli Maria, 200; dr. Toselli Tancrelli, 500; Scuola media statale n. 2, 1500; Istituto tecnico com. geom., 1800; De Sanctis e Minetti, 500; Giordano Michele, mulino di Savigliano, 1000; Consorzio grossi e aliment., 40.000 (fanno parte del Consorzio i signori Bergadano e Marchelli, Degiovanni, Menardo, Benni, Cardoni, Dotta, Girnudi, Gallo, Musso, Campia, Maccagno, Gerlosio, Quaglia, Cavallo, Megna, Bruno e Scoddo); Istituto S. Paolo, 2000; Filiali Giov. Massia, Rocavione, 5568; sig. Elia Michele, 5000; notai Giarro, 1000; Drogheria Della, 1000; Consorzio sinistra Stura, 10.000; Partito Comunista Cuneo, 1000; Maestranze filanda Costa, 1800; Isoardi Luigi, telerie, 2000; Operai deposito locomotive, 1000.

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I telegrammi privati per l'interno del Regno possono d'ora innanzi, accettarsi solo se «urgenti» a tripla linea.

Fatti di... vecchi

Si parla d'ordinanze per gli alloggi — Emesse nella sede pretorile — Che c'è forse bisogno di staffile — Per stare sotto un tetto al giorno d'oggi — In quel di via Santorre Santarosa — I ladri narcotizzano i pulcini — A Villarbasse invece gli assassini — Fan giochi di prestigio, forse a fosa! — Invece s'arca a San Rocco una signora — T'ammassano e non vien riconosciuta — Nessun ci pensa più: la sconosciuta — In s... grande città presto s'ignora! — Ma le donne di Corsica e Torino — Di Villarbasse, la Grasiosi a Roma — Queste contan di più, che bel passioma! — Che mestieraccio fare il questurino! — Dicon che Santacroce il calciatore — Goda l'ammirazione di tifosine — A Cuneo ed altrove, ma alla fine — Il calcio è il calcio, e l'amor l'amore! — Al Cine Nazional, è storia vera — Una brigata di studiosa gente — Ha fatto col petardi... un accidente! — Pionbar su quella bella capinera — I miracoli a Boves son viva — Attualità che lieto fanno il mondo — Ma in quel paese è ver che il finimondo — Sta succedendo alla cooperativa — Penicillina, aspergillina, e il sole — Inscatolato come le sardine — Il bombardar atomico, la fine — Del mondo in poche ore e le robbole — Che cestano parecchio sono cose — Che parlano di progresso inusitato — La crisi di governo? un apparato — Perché in spine... nascon con le rose — Ma con tante incrinazioni il gran segreto — Scoperto ancor non è nell'altra sfera — Di porre il freno alla borsa nera — Ma forse ci sarà con tutto il nostro aceto 361 — Ciò rebbe farlar dolce e chiaro — Con la bocca di zucchero fermato — Ai pasticceri di Torino e grato — Festeggiare il Natale... a Taci, soma.

Il sacerdote Canfilo Vallotta, sopravvissuto dall'infarto di Gusen n. 1 presso Mathausen, così ci parla: «Circa l'avv. Calleri sempre assieme fummo. Anzi con Calleri ho dormito parecchio notti assieme nel modesto pagliericcia. Quanto era buono, sempre sorridente, delicato, aveva solo 45 anni ma ne dimostrava di più. Alla metà di settembre si ammalò, febbre e piaghe molteplici alle gambe, venne ricoverato nella pseudo infermeria e dopo un mese uscì, ma non era più lui. Andò ancora al lavoro col badile ma scesce e dopo non seppe più nulla».

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Seguiranno lunghi anni di passione o di sofferenza,

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E in un'altra uilanza civile manfestò questa gioia fra i primissimi con parola alata e vibrante.

Nel periodo di cospirazione partigiana lo trovammo anche fra i primi no ciononost col sacro consiglio, col profondo discernimento. Aiutò con donaro e abnegazione i figli della rinascita; mise colo per la a loro disposizione una casa di campagna in quel di Roburont che divenne ben presto il prezioso ritrovo dei primi e più audaci elementi partigiani. Fu così che incominciò l'auricola del martirio.

Verso la fine dell'aprile 1944 i bianchi reazionari inchergalesi traennero e lo fecero arrestare dai barbarici tortoni.

Lungo e terribile, il calvario come quello di tutti i deportati politici. Poco notizie abbiam di Lui, a parte alcuni scritti fatti pervenire alla famiglia, ma tali da porre il Martire in piena luce, anche tra lo fatiche, la fame, lo sovraffico.

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Il dottor Paolo Sarti di Castellam...

senti bene. Si recò da (come già in va in questi populi vox con senso di consorelle ch nella rediviva dalena defun loro, dall'al Circa il c alla Curia, i cellenza ci ogni probabi spuntare l'alba di un nuovo mondo, tanze del pr o la barbaro sembrò definitivamente intestinale sconfitto, l'avv. Calleri divenne raggiante, esultante di gioia quant'altri mai.

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Ma ci consola

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essere a tempestivi
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- possono d'ora in-
- solo se « urgenti »

ti di... versi
nave per gli alle-
lla sede pretorile —
isogno di staffile —
un tetto al giorno
nel di via Santorre
adri narcotizzano i
barbasse invece gli
giochi di prestigio,
Inver s'arco a San
ra — T'ammazzano
moscinta — Nessun
a sconosciuta — In
presto s'ignora! —

Corsico e Torino —
la Graxiosi a Roma
in di più, che bel-
de mestieraccio fare
— Dicon che Santa-
re — Goda l'amme-
— A Cuneo ed al-
vive — Il calcio è
uor l'amore! — Al
storia vera — Una
gente — Ha fat-
un accidente! —

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es son vita — At-
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Il sacerdote Canillo Vallotta, sopravvissuto dall'infuso di Gusen n. 1 presso Mathausen, così ci parla:

* Circa l'avv. Calleri sempre assieme fummo. Anzi con Calleri ho dormito parecchia notte assieme nel modesto pagliericchio. Quanto era buono, sempre sorridente, delicato, aveva solo 15 anni ma ne dimostrava di più.

Alla metà di settembre si ammalò, febbre e piaghe molteplici alle gambe, venne ricoverato nella pseudo infermeria e dopo un mese uscì, ma non era più lui. Andò ancora al lavoro col badile ma lasciò e dopo non seppe più nulla».

Il dottor Paolo Sudi di Castellaz-

sentì bene.

Si recò dalla madre badessa e (come già insistentemente si parlava in questi giorni a Boves « vox populi vox Dei ») fu vista allora con senso di grande spavento dalle consorelle che crederotto ravisare nella riediviva l'ombra di suor Madalena defunta, che venisse a dar loro, dall'al di là, l'ultimo addio.

Circa il caso di suor Benedetta, alla Curia, il Segretario di Sua Eccellenza ci ha detto trattarsi con ogni probabilità (per quanto egli non abbia potuto leggere le risultanze del processo) di un tumore intestinale scomparso in modo prodigioso nel 1938 dalla sera alla mattina per l'intercessione del Taumaturgo Pontefice.

Le congregazioni romane cui sono state rimesse le laboriose e dettagliate risultanze delle 380 pagine del processo informativo vagheranno ciononostante ancora con l'abituale oculatissima cautela i due fatti prima di pronunciarsi sul miracolo per la causa di beatificazione. Sappiamo che la Commissione stessa, dopo il suo rientro a Roma, ripartirà alla volta della Francia dove dovrà accettare altri due miracoli che si attribuiscono all'intercessione di Papa Sarto.

zzzo Bormida, compagno di prigionia, ci fornisce un interessantissimo particolare. « Spogliato di tutto riuscì a salvare, nascondendoli in bocca i gemelli d'oro, memoria del padre. Due compagni di cella, l'avv. Olivieri di Parma e Vallobra di Torino, abitati al trasporto di macigni nell'interno di una galleria, versavano in pietosissime condizioni di salute, prossimi alla fine se avessero continuato in quell'ortiglia di Gavia. L'avv. Calleri, coi gemelli, finìa grande risorsa per l'internato, riuscì a comprare l'aguzzino ed ottenere che i carissimi amici venissero trasferiti seco lui ad altro lavoro.

Coll'avv. Calleri scomparve una luminosa figura di ardente, operoso patriota di onesto presentore dei principi di una vera democrazia. Egli sarà sicuramente rimpianto da quanti ne poterono apprezzare l'ingegno e la cordiale umanità.

Ma ci consola il pensiero che i primi formazioni di partigiani: uomo morti non sono degli assenti: sono esemplare ed intrepido nella sua mo-

litudine della alta Valle Tanaro si sono riuniti per una mozione alle autorità allo scopo di ottenere che i contatti e le comunicazioni dal centro e viceversa nei riflessi dei paesi dell'alta valle (ove abitano circa 40 mila persone) e che ora sono completamente interrotti siano al più presto ristabili e possibilmente prima della cruda stagione per consentire almeno il rifornimento degli alimenti. In quanto le scorte attuali non sono sufficienti per l'inverno. Per il momento la situazione è così grave che se fra 15 giorni non sarà provveduto in qualche modo, le varie fabbriche (Ledoga, miniere di Bagnasco ecc.) dovranno sospendere la loro attività, per impossibilità dei necessari collegamenti onde far affluire i vari prodotti.

L'attuale scomodità per arrivare a Garessio

Attualmente per recarsi da Cuneo a Garessio occorre fare un periplo quanto mai scomodo ed anacronistico.

Infatti a Mondovì nessuna comunicazione ferroviaria. Ed allora ci si potrà passeggiare a piedi per il trenino sino a S. Michele. E poi? Ecco ad una deviazione che prolunga il tragitto di circa venti chilometri e per di più in strade montagnose. Infatti eccoci ancora costretti a seguire il percorso S. Michele-Cova-Mombasiglio-Battifollo-Bagnasco e finalmente, Garessio!

Ora chiediamo, a nome di quanti sono con noi nel riscontrare tanta deficenza di comunicazioni, che sia quanto meno provveduto ad una prontissima riattivazione della ferrovia nel tratto Ormea-Nuccetto ed inoltre al collegamento attraverso automezzi sulla vecchia circonvallazione di Nuccetto a destra del Tanaro (già tanto sfruttata nell'inverno scorso dai germanici) per un conseguente riallacciamento alla nazionale Ormea-Ceva. E' chiedere troppo?

L'omaggio a Roberto Lepetit

Garessio ha tributato estreme onoranze alla memoria dell'industriale Roberto Lepetit, organizzatore delle

— li riforni di viveri, di armi, di medicinali; studiò personalmente con loro la difesa della valle del Tanaro; stabilì i collegamenti coi Comitati di liberazione nazionale e col Comitato militare lombardo. Tradito da alcuni nazi-fascisti, si rifugiò a Milano, dove continuò la sua attività patriottica. Il 29 settembre 1944 fu arrestato e poi internato in Germania. A soli 30 anni trova morto nei campi di Ebensee. A venti anni era entrata nel complesso delle grandi industrie chimico-farmaceutiche fondate dal nonno; a soli 35 anni era presidente dell'Istituto sieroterapico nazionale.

Monto superiore, dalle grandi vedute industriali, preferì Mathausen, Melk ed Ebensee al tradimento. Garessio non dimenticherà mai il benemerito industriale e benefattore, e si stringe con affetto sincero attorno alla vedova ed ai teneri figli, chiusi nell'acerbo dolore.

Quintali di castagne e patate pro solidarietà popolare

Le offerte della città e delle frazioni per la solidarietà popolare sono state veramente notevoli. Ogni cittadino ha generosamente risposto all'appello con offerte in denaro ed in natura. Fra queste ultime si registrano numerosi quintali di patate e castagne secche.

Nell'Arma dei Carabinieri

Il maresciallo maggiore Renzo Ivaldi è stato testé destinato dalla legione di Alessandria all'importante comando della nostra città. Il maresciallo Ivaldi è preceduto da ottima fama di funzionario energico e integro. A lui il nostro cordiale benvenuto.

Per i restauri d'una caserma

La locale caserma dei carabinieri non è ancora in condizioni di abitabilità, malgrado il vivo interesse delle bozze autorizzate. Essa necessita di urgenti ed importanti restauri perché venga nuovamente danneggiata per rappresaglia dalle forze armate nazi-fasciste in ritirata. Attualmente il comando della stazione si ospita nella villa del comune Oresti Seghers. E' assolutamente indispensabile nell'interesse dell'ordine pubblico che anche tale istituzione venga esaminata e portata ad al-

l. R. desira si misse a contatto con il M.R. con la massima sollecitudine.

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10 November 1945

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SUBJECT : Claim of Gr. Uff. S. Sinaglia.

TO : Deputy Chief Claims Officer for Italy,
U.S. Claims Service,
APO 512.

1. I attach hereto a translation of a letter and attachment from the Ministry of the Royal Household, regarding a claim registered with the U.S. Claims Service by Gr. Uff. Sebastiano Sinaglia for the loss or damage of his property stored in the Royal Palace at Caserta.

2. I understand that the U.S. Claims Service is in the process of arranging for the Italian Government to complete the investigation of all outstanding claims and make adjustments thereon, and that it is therefore presently intended to pass Gr. Uff. Sinaglia's claim to the Italian Government without further action by the U.S. Claims Service. However, in view of the size of the claim and the interest of the Lieutenant-General of the Realm therein, I should be grateful if this claim could again be considered and if you could advise me whether any adjustment could be made to Gr. Uff. Sinaglia, in view of the fact that action in the case has already been so long delayed.

(Sgd) ELLERY W. SPENCE
Rear Admiral, 361,
Chief Commissioner.

See my May 14th

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10 November 1945

My dear Mr. Minister:

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1. I write with reference to your letter 14621/57
of 31 October, regarding the claim of Gr. Uff. Sebastiano
Sinaglia.

2. I have taken the matter up with the U.S. Deputy
Chief Claims Officer for Italy and have requested that
special consideration be given to Gr. Uff. Sinaglia's
case, in order that if possible the claim may be settled.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Marchese Roberto Lucifero,
Ministro della Real Casa.

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Ministry for Post war Relief

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Rome, 4 November 1947

My dear Admiral,

my trip in the Tuscan areas which were most devastated by war prevented me from answering at once your letter of October 23rd, regarding the orphans which are being taken care of by this ministry.

While I am most grateful for your interest for our poor children I cannot but tell you how amazed I am that the complaints for the payment which hadn't been done should have been sent to you, and not directly to me, minister in charge, or to the president of the Council. Either of us would have taken the necessary action.

This inconvenience is due to the following fact: the payments take place every three months, for this ministry follows the same procedure as the ministry of the interior and the Italian Red Cross regarding the same matter. It is also due to the fact that, this ministry makes its payment according to the regulations of the state treasury, and considering the bureaucratic centralization of our state administration, many days are often required for what could be done in a few hours. For instance: I signed an order of payment of 5.000.000 for the central management of the National Association of disabled soldiers, whose seat is at 300 yards from my ministry. Well, it took 37 days for the sum to reach its addressee.

Considering the numerous and always urgent tasks which this ministry must carry out, my offices together with those of the Treasury Department, are studying a new system thanks to which I could directly and rapidly make payments through the channel of the Banca Nazionale del Lavoro. Thus, inconveniences like the one mentioned could no longer happen.

I fully realize the problem of relief to war orphans, orphans of the partisans and civilians who died in the war, and also to the poorest among the children belonging to the categories of people which this ministry helps. For this reason, I created a new office, which I entrusted to one of the most esteemed of our university professors. I intend to reorganize this branch of relief, and to this end I set aside 300.000.000. I consider the 'medrinate' to be archaic.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

THE MINISTER

S. Russo

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner
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The Ministry of the Royal Household

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Rome, 31 October 1945

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My dear Admiral,

I take the liberty of directly appealing to your kind courtesy on behalf of His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom who is particularly concerned about this matter, regarding the Superintendent of his Household who has been doing service for forty years and is entrusted with most confidential tasks.

His Royal Highness will be most grateful if you consider with your usual courtesy the circumstances expressed in the enclosed memorandum and the request which concludes it.

As you will see, Cr. Uff. Sebastiano Sinaglia has lost almost all his personal property and furniture as well as the things that had been entrusted to him by Countess Filo della Torre, in the Royal Palace of Caserta, in January 1944, while he was in Rome - by order of His Royal Highness - to safeguard the interests of the Administration during enemy occupation.

As can be seen from the memorandum, and as it has been ascertained by the inquiry made thanks to the personal intervention of H. Ex. Kirk, by the U.S.A. Regional Claims Service of Naples, this has nothing to do with war action, and is a matter of looting; it is therefore no concern of the national authorities, which don't foresee any indemnity for damages caused in the above mentioned circumstances. From the enclosed memorandum, you will also see that Cr. Uff. Sinaglia is willing to agree to the results of the counter-examination ordered by the Officer of the U.S.A. Claims Service Regional regarding the estimate of the damages, provided the allied authority, which up to now, showed such goodwill for this case, decides to settle this matter quickly. Only in this way can he face the serious economic crisis and moral discouragement due to the sentimental value of the lost objects, which were caused by this unfortunate incident; this would also be a great satisfaction for His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom who considered and is still considering with particular comprehension in which this official happens to find himself.

I hope you will forgive my putting you to such inconvenience, and I thank you for whatever action you will deem it advisable to take to settle this matter in a fair and satisfactory way, and also for the answer you will very kindly send me for the information of His Royal Highness.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

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Truly yours,

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Admiral Ellery Grone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission - Rome
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July 1945 Minister of the Royal Household
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HISTORIES OF THE ROYAL MACHINES IN THE ESTATES OF THE CHIEFEST

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part of these things, and chiefly the largest and heaviest pieces of furniture found in very bad condition. In particular, a few old iron stoves, and some ancient valuable articles; however, we never saw all reported and not found among our baggage; English manufactures; Holland lead; various odd articles; silver ware, cut-glass, &c.; complete trunks; gun barrels; blunderbusses; &c. well as many other things, such as old papers, &c.

The changes caused are enormous, for it is difficult to imagine what some of the earliest fruits of 50 years of work, could have been, by such a rapid, and sudden, and complete reversal of subjects, and methods, as we have seen. It would be difficult to conceive of any other country where the change from one epoch to another has been so great, and so sudden, as in ours.

According to an estimate made by an expert in December, 1914, at a reasonable rate of prices during the year, the amount required to cover the cost of the construction of the new building would be Rs. 3,192,500. On the other hand, the total amount available for the construction of the new building is Rs. 60,000/-.

Gen. W^t. C. Ingalls ungraciously adds to his Ingenuity he is entitled to. He would like his file not to be handed over to the "Control Miltary", and begs whatever

Thanks to the intervention of H.E. Ambassador Alexander Kirk and the
Captain Robert L. WILSON (U.S.A. Claims Service Regional of Naples), after nine
months careful investigation, researches, examinations, corroborated by statements,
surveys, etc., the proceeding was handed over for settlement to Major
G.J. BANCALI, Executive Officer of Deputy Chief Claims of Rome, (Piazza Augusto
Imperatore, n. 52), who stated a short time ago that, instead of being
settled by his office, the case was now to be sent to the "Comitato Generale del
Genio Militare", this as an assertion that the removal of the said property
took place because of the requisition of Caserta by the allied military command.

A part of these things, and chiefly the largest and heaviest pieces of
furniture were found in very bad conditions in various premises of the Royal
Palace; a few others still are in a few premises occupied by allied military
offices. However, most of the remaining things, i.e. things of smaller size
and greater commercial value were all removed and not found again; by such
things, we mean ancient artistic silver; various chinaware, porcelain cut-glass
baskets; Flemish pictures; Holland glass; various collectibles; silver boxes
historical; artistic monographs; table linen, and household linen; blankets,
as well as many other things, family papers, etc.

The damages caused are enormous, for ex. uff. Signorini lost all his possessions
which represented the fruit of 40 years of work, and which he cannot get back
also, if such things hadn't been taken, by selling the most valuable objects,
himself and Comessina paid would have been able, now and later on to cope with
the ever increasing difficulties of life.

According to an estimate made by an expert in December 1946 and enclosed
with the inquiry (there) was a considerable sum of prices during the year), the
amount of the damages suffered by gr. uff. Signorini is of 5.497.000. The damage
was suffered by Countessina also of L. 3.192.500. Certain Wilson had a counter-
valuation made by an expert of the claims in Naples, which amounted to gr.
Signorini 60.000.

Gr. uff. Signorini urgently needs this indemnity he is entitled to. He would
like his files not to be handed over to the "Genio Militare", and asks whether
the allied authorities concerned, considering the special case, could kindly
examine the possibility of coming to a settlement, which, without being in
opposition with their principles in numbers or measures of indemnification, would enable to
a prompt and direct liquidation with gr. uff. Signorini.

Rome, 25 October 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

13005/F

3 November 1945

SUBJECT : Advances of lire to Advisory
Council for Italy.

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TO : The Chief of Secretariat,
The Advisory Council for Italy.

1. I am directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to inform the Advisory Council for Italy that the previous authorization given to the Allied Commission to make advances of AM lire to meet the expenses incurred in Italy by the Advisory Council is revoked as of 1 November, 1945. No such advances will, therefore, be made after 1 November, 1945.

2. The Combined Chiefs of Staff further state that this decision was made in view of the fact that adequate remittance facilities to Italy have been established and in view of the agreement reached at the meeting of the Advisory Council held on 2 April, 1944, that each Government represented on the Council should be responsible for the payment of salaries and personal allowances of its delegations. Administrative expenses common to the Council should be divided equally among the participating Governments.

3. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have instructed that the various national delegations to the Advisory Council should be notified that in view of the agreement reached on 2 April 1944, referred to above, they should make reimbursement to the Allied Financial Agency for past advances. Full details of such advances may be secured from the Financial Agent of the Advisory Council or from the Allied Financial Agency. I am enclosing additional copies of this letter in order you may furnish one to each delegation to the Advisory Council.

(Signed) ROBERT B. MENAPACE.

Colonel.

Copies to:

Chief Commissioner	Polad (A)	Director,
Executive Commissioner	Polad (B)	Finance Sub Commission
Acting Vice President,	Financial Agent,	
Economic Section	Advisory Council	
British Embassy	C-5 (Financial Advisor) AFHQ	
U.S. Embassy	Chief, Allied Financial Agency	

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

1 November 1945
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ESTABLISHMENT MEMORANDUM:

NUMBER: 19)

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

1. In many instances bills for payment of overdue accounts on contracts for services rendered or supplies delivered on order of various Sub-Commissions, are erroneously being addressed by civilian creditors to the Finance Sub-Commission.
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2. It is the responsibility of any Sub-Commission entering into a contract with a civilian firm on behalf of Allied Commission, to see the contract through to final discharge.
3. When a bill is received, the allied officer handling the contract is responsible:
 - a. To review the bill and to establish whether the goods have been delivered, or the services rendered, and to verify that the charges charged are correct;
 - b. to prepare a payment voucher in duplicate and have the same authorized by the Head of the Sub-Commission or his designee; and
 - c. to send the payment voucher and ~~dated~~ bill to the allied financial agency, c/o Banca d'Italia, Rome, who will arrange for payment.
4. In the future the Finance Sub-Commission will refer all bills received by it to the Sub-Commission concerned for appropriate action 3607, accordance with the foregoing procedure.

BY COMMAND OF RECD. ADMIRAL STORE,

C. H. PARKIN

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BY COMMAND OF H.E.I. - JERUSALEM STORE:

C. H. PARKIN
Colonel, Infantry
Actg Vice President

OFFICER: J. L. JONES
J. L. JONES
Colonel,
Executive Officer (B)

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2 November 1945

My dear Archbishop Riberi:

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1. I write with reference to your letter of 29 October, 1945.

2. I have carefully investigated the request made in your letter and I regret that it is not possible for the cheque given by the German Consulate in Milan to the Istituto Giulio, in the amount of 142,000 lire, to be paid. Upon orders of higher authority all official German funds found in Italy have been seized, and our directives do not permit the payment of any claims or cheques out of such funds. I would suggest that you lodge your claim for 142,000 lire with the Italian Ministry of the Treasury, in order that, should the sequestered funds later become available for distribution, you may be in a position to receive payment.

3. I also regret to state that the Allied Commission is permitted to disburse funds only for official purposes and it is therefore not possible to make a grant-in-aid to the Istituto Giulio.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier, 3605
Executive Commissioner.

Monsignor Antonio Riberi,
Arcivescovo tit. di Para
Nunciatura Apostolica d'Italia,
Via D. O., 29
Roma.

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The resident of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 26 October 1948

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Dear Admiral,

You certainly know how the difference between Italian internal prices and international ones gave to the production of our exports, which would be necessary to make them available to us.

The interministerial committee for reconstruction, which has been handling this matter, excluded for obvious motives a modification of the exchange proportion between the lire and foreign values; it suggested adopting one increase coefficient for all exports and for all countries, identical for imports and exports, to be used as an instrument for the countries intending to balance the level of internal and international prices. This corrective would for the present moment be fixed at 100%, which would mean L. 200 for a dollar. In this way, all exporters would earn twice the amount of the official exchange in Italian value and all importers would pay the value allocated to them on the same basis.

In matters of direct purchases, the state keeps the right of having goods coded in the countries at prices which are more in proportion with those of the Italian market. On the other hand, should reasons of a social character make it necessary, the treasury would assume the burden of financing the selling, under cost, of certain imported products (wheat, foodstuffs, etc), the accounting being kept in a very clear way.

The above mentioned coefficient would be managed, from what concerns discounting, by the 'Foreign Trade Fund' foreseen in the decree which is being published, and was presented by the ministry of Industry and Commerce, on advice of the interministerial committee for reconstruction.

The temporary character of the regulation and the use of the increase coefficient as instrument of maneuver make it necessary to supply more information. The coming of foreign supplies, the resumption of Italian economic activity and the surplus left available by the 'Foreign Trade Fund' for circulation in circulation, enable us to believe that the level of internal prices is destined to decrease and balance that of international prices.

To facilitate such a tendency and hasten its course, it is foreseen that we might proceed to further reductions of the integrative coefficient at present adopted.

I am at your disposition for whatever explanation you may ask.

S. Serruccio Ferri

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Dated 26 Oct 1948

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Admiral Harry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 838/68/EC

16 October 1945

SUBJECT: Budget Contribution ("ncona Commune")

TO : Finance Subcommission

1. In his monthly report for September AC LO "ncona Commune states:

"The Ministry of the Interior has not yet advanced the usual contribution for the budget 1945. The only income of the Commune has been 3,000,000 lire from taxes, with which it was impossible to pay 'liberation bonus' to personnel, and arrears of increased wages from November 1943 to July 1944."

2. The Executive Commissioner wishes this to be brought to the notice of the Ministry of Finance, requesting them to speed up the contribution for the budget.

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Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ufficio Italiano dei Cambi

The President

Rome, 24 September 1945

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Dear Admiral,

I have the honour of enclosing a few copies of the two circulars containing the fac-simile of the authorized signatures of the Ufficio Italiano dei Cambi, acting as such as well as functioning as liquidator of the Istituto Nazionale per i Cambi con l'Estero.

Created by D.L.L. 17/9/1944, in force on 2/8/45, the Ufficio Italiano dei Cambi is the organization which is entrusted with the control of the currencies formerly exercised by the no longer existing Istitambi, whose tasks and functions are now fulfilled by the said office.

Regarding this control, I have kept in mind the requests you made to the Chief of the Italian Government, in the name of the Allied Commission, in your letter of the 15th and 31st of July, letters which I have taken in due consideration, and which I made the subject of a communication to the Board of Managers of the office in the first meeting, on August 27th.

I can assure you that the Council has acknowledged the requests of the Allied Commission, and that, in what concerns the functions of the office, which are of an executive character, it will take all the initiatives deemed necessary to have the monetary control reach the desired end.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours sincerely,

S. Luigi Sisaudi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Rear-Admiral, U.S.N.R.
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COM.

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21 Sept. 1945

Ref: 13191/F

SUBJECT: Michele Sulfina

TO : Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

1. Reference your attached request for a memorandum on Michele Sulfina, Direttore Generale Assicurazioni Generali di Venezia, Trieste.

2. Attached hereto are copies of our letter 13191/F of 2 August to G-5, A.F.H.Q., and copy of G-5's letter G5/019.11 of 6 August in reply. These letters summarise the general history of the discussion between Finance Sub-Commission, A.F.H.Q., and London and Washington, concerning Sulfina's undesirability for a high insurance position in Italy.

3. The actual suspension of Sulfina has been effected by the Finance Division A.M.G. Venezia Giulia.

/s/ A. G. Graffney Smith, Brig.
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

6 August 1945

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FILE: G-5/019.11

SUBJECT: Michele Sulfina, Direttore Generale, Assicurazioni Generali di Venezia, Trieste.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attention: Finance Sub/Commission)

1. Reference is made to your letter 13191/F of 2 August on the above subject.
2. It is agreed that the suspension of SULFINA from his position as Director General of the Assicurazioni Generali di Venezia is desirable and is long overdue. You will recall that the Combined Chiefs of Staff were advised in MAT 655 and in the March Report of the Finance Sub-Commission of the lack of progress made by the Italian Government in eliminating undesirable personnel from Italian insurance companies. Subsequently, in MAT 821 of 16 July, the special problems of controlling the above company and the Riunione Adriatica were brought to the attention of the C.C.S.
3. However, the action which you request this Headquarters to take would appear to be more appropriate for AMG Venezia Giulia in consultation with you.
4. It is accordingly suggested that you acquaint AMG Venezia Giulia fully with the desire of the C.C.S. that the Italian insurance companies be purged of undesirable personnel and provide the AMG authorities with such information respecting SULFINA as may be useful to them. Thereafter AMG Venezia Giulia would be in a position to expel SULFINA from the area or to deny him entry to the area, or to intern him. At the same time, efforts should be continued to induce the Italian Government to take more vigorous steps to eliminate undesirable personnel from the insurance offices operating in Italy.
5. A copy of this letter will be sent to AMG Venezia Giulia, who are requested to give all suitable cooperation in preventing SULFINA from continuing his activities as an insurance official.

/s/ A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, USA
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION13191/F

APO 394

2 August 1945

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Subject: Michele SULFINA, Direttore Generale, Assicurazioni
Generali di Venezia, Trieste.

To: C-5, (Financial Adviser) A.F.H.Q.

1. The above-named individual has been the subject of much information from Allied sources indicating him to be a person undesirable, in the sense of TAM 417, to retain the senior executive position (or any other position) in this Company.
2. This information is contained partly in a Washington document ("Confidential Reports on Insurance Executives") and partly in a report of a year ago from the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. Other documents received from the Board of Trade, London, have disclosed the unfavorable attitude on the part of the authorities there towards the company, at least during the period of Sulfina's control of it, whilst in March of this year the U. S. Embassy in Rome received a request from the State Department asking why Sulfina was still in office in the Company. Yet an earlier enquiry from the State Department was received in August 1944.
3. As explained to the U. S. Embassy in reply to their query in March, Sulfina remained in office (then in Rome) for lack of legal process to remove him, and for lack of action on the part of the Allied authorities to have him interned. On Allied occupation of Trieste, however, the Head Office of the Company (where his post really is) declared him as a Direttore Generale to AMG Venezia Giulia, which, at our urgent behest, ordered his suspension under AMG authority.
4. Our request for this suspension was based upon the information in our possession, and the suspension itself will not, we are certain, be looked upon with other than approval by higher Allied authority. Nevertheless, the suspension is based not so much upon Sulfina's Fascist antecedents as upon his furtherance of and cooperation with German economic interests that were closely associated with Assicurazioni Generali.
5. It is hence considered that although his removal from the company has been actively looked for by CCS, and hence that his present suspension will be welcomed, the case is not one that should follow the normal processes of investigation into alleged Fascists since, in such an event, there is a good chance of his being exonerated, with consequences that would be most undesirable. His history as known here only discloses that he was a close friend and collaborator with Count VOLPI, and that although he is a very evident Jew, he was granted exemption from Jewish disabilities until late

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in 1943, and this alone is scarcely likely to result in his removal by current anti-Fascist measures. It can be added that during the last year, he has made persistent, and partly successful attempts to communicate with various bodies on the Allied black lists.

6. It therefore seems a case for C-2 AFHQ to handle, and it is accordingly requested that the matter be placed before them with the object of (a) securing a covering approval for a suspension effected by AMG Venezia Giulia at our request primarily for C-2 reasons, and (b) having proper orders issued to Venezia Giulia for the conversion of their suspension into something more permanent.

7. In the event of C-2 not already having at their disposal sufficient data to justify such action, it is suggested that one of their representatives contact this Sub-Commission for perusal of the documents in our possession. We can in turn introduce him to the U. S. Embassy for ascertainment of the information in their possession.

8. A copy of this letter is being sent to the U. S. Embassy for their information.

For the Chief Commissioner,

/s/ A. P. Graffey-Smith
Brigadier
Joint Director
Finance Sub-Commission

Copies to:

U. S. Embassy (Miss Fogarty)
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Assicurazioni Generali di Venezia
General Insurances of Venice
Via Depretis, 31

Naples, 4 Sept. 1945

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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The Internal Commissions of the Venice General Insurances and of the "Anonima Infortuni", Naples General Agency, express the wish of the whole staff for the Director General, Gr. Uff. Michele Sulfina, to resume his functions as soon as possible, and trust their request will be taken in kind consideration and granted.

All the collaborators and dependents of the "Assicurazioni Generali Venezia" and of the "Anonima Infortuni" are unanimously of the opinion and fully realize how necessary the valuable contribution and great competence of Gr. Uff. Michele Sulfina would be at the present difficult time, for the work of reconstruction which the said Companies are carrying out within the general frame of national reconstruction.

Such a request is also made in the interest of all the workers considering the moral character of Gr. Uff. Michele Sulfina who during many years has always been mindful of their requirements and always did all he could to overcome the great difficulties of the last painful years.

The dependents of the "Assicurazioni Generali Venezia" and "Anonima Infortuni" trust that you will grant their request for they know what you have done and are still doing for their country, in connection with the help and relief which the United Nations give to unfortunate Italy during this difficult and painful period of her history for her reconstruction. Gr. Uff. Michele Sulfina is to be considered as important for this work of reconstruction.

THE INTERNAL COMMISSIONS OF THE
ASSICURAZIONI GENERALI VENEZIA & ANONIMA INFORTUNI

s. Paolo Rossi Giuseppe D'Auria

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Trieste, 14th Sept 1945

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Excellency,

Upon my return here I found a letter from the Allied Military Government (13 Corps), signed by Col. Alfred C. Bowman TAGD, S.C.A.O., ordering my Company to dismiss General Manager Sulfina. No reason was stated for such a decision.

I have accordingly issued directions for the execution of the above order and attach hereto a copy of the letter to Gr. Uff. Michele Sulfina, residing in Rome.

I feel it my duty to inform you of the above and beg to remain, Excellency

Yours faithfully

(Capt. A.N. Cosulich)

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Admiral E.W. STONE
ROME.

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Trieste, 12 Sept 1945

Gr. Uff. Michele Sulfina
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We inform you that on 11th September we have received from Allied Military Government the following order :

" I, Alfred C. Bowman, Colonel United States Army, Senior Civil Affairs Officer, AMG 13th Corps, hereby order that Mr. Michele Sulfina be dismissed from your Company as from the date of your receipt of this letter.

Mr. Sulfina Michele is forbidden to occupy any position of any kind whatsoever in your Company or in any Company or concern which transacts insurance business in those parts of Venezia Giulia occupied by the Allied Forces.

Disobedience of this order will constitute a contravention of Article V Section 42 of Proclamation No. 1 for which the responsible person or persons will be dealt with by the appropriate Allied Military Court. "

Being our duty to execute this order we are obliged to inform you that since the 11th September you have been dismissed from our Company.

Yours truly,

ASSICURAZIONI GENERALI
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