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FOOD, IMPORTS
FEB. - MAY 1946

Chief Commissioner.

1. At SACRED's meeting on Thursday, speaking from the attached paper, I gave a full and grim story of the food situation. This caused some concern. You should read the UNHRA telegram at 103.

2. Mr. Legg and I consider the situation the worst in all our experience in Italy. I gained the impression, however, that UNHRA is still planning on wishful thinking rather than on the cold facts as displayed by Mr. Legg's figures.

16 Feb. 46.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/8.12

6 May 1946

SUBJECT: Coffee

MAY 7 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. The Italian Government's prohibition of the importation of coffee, both in trade channels and in gift packages, was based upon its desire to permit import of only essentials.

2. The restriction on the importation of coffee Franco Valuta will end 1 July. The forward date, 1 July, was affixed so that the various traders would have an opportunity to get their businesses in order with some degree of equity to all.

3. The relaxation of the prohibition against coffee in gift packages was 1 April. Since you noted advertisements prohibiting coffee in gift packages during your visit to the United States, it is believed that the publicity at home has suffered inaccuracy from a time lag. Suggestion is being made to the IRO that he obtain a release of the latest information designed to clarify the position.

4. Gift Packages — The following is a brief review of the gift package rulings:

(A) Nov. 44 - Authorizing 1.8 kilogram packages without duty. Coffee excluded.

Dec. 45 - Weight increased to 5 kilograms without duty, or 12 kilograms, the difference in weights being subject to duty. Coffee excluded.

Apr 46 - Weight increased to 20 kilograms without duty. Packages may include 5 kilograms of coffee.

(B) A 50 kilogram package may be received duty free and without permits if it contains cereals, flour, pasta, dried legumes, or wine.

See in 122
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AG
Acting Vice President

cc: Public Relations Officer.

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REF: 4805/EC

13 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Food Situation - Supplementary Report.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. Forwarded herewith is correspondence for the information of HQAFHQ.


Steve Ringo
Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Bureau of Requirements and Distribution

HO/DB

Tel: 550

4 March 1946

Ref: NY 8.03

MAR 5 1946

SUBJECT: World Food Supplies

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Attn: Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section

1. At the suggestion of the Executive Commissioner of A. G. I am sending you copies of the following:

- A. Copy of Cable No. 1355, dated 6 February 1946, from UNRRA Washington to UNRRA Rome addressed to the attention of the President of the Council of Ministers on the subject of the serious situation which has arisen in relation to world food supplies.
- B. Copy of press release dated 11 February 1946 from the Giornale del Mattino which contains Prime Minister De Gasperi's reply to Mr. Lehman.

For the Chief of Mission:

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Deputy Chief of Mission

Enclosures: (2)
Per para 1

cc: Chief of Mission
Executive Commissioner, A.G.
A/VP, Economic Section, A.G.
S/Bureau of Relief Supply
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CABLE CONTROL NO. 01331

Rec'd UN/ROME 7.2.1946 Time 09:00

Action Chief of Mission
 Subject A/1/003
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FROM: WASHINGTON

TO : UN/ROMA NO. 1355

6.2.1946 Time 11:44

Unnumbered Rome Attention Alcide De Gasperi Repeated Rome 1955 it is my duty to inform you that a very serious situation has arisen in relation to world food supplies. For a variety of reasons the supply position in the main supplying countries has deteriorated over the last few weeks. As you well know, the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is entirely dependent of these supplying countries for the aid which it can bring to Italy. I have directed the Chief of the UNRRA Mission in Italy to inform your Government of the present position, but in addition to this I feel it desirable to inform you personally of the very difficult and dangerous position with which we are faced.

2. I have communicated with the heads of the Governments in the main supplying countries in an endeavour to obtain the maximum possible quantity of food for use in liberated countries, you may rest assured that I shall continue to do everything possible to assure the maximum quantity of food is sent to the people of your country, but it is my responsibility to warn you that availability supplies over the next few months are likely to be very greatly reduced compared to the quantities which it had been hoped preciously would be available for shipment to Italy.

3. I trust, therefore, that you and your Government will continue to take every possible measure to ensure that available supplies of food in your country are controlled with the greatest possible care. Having regard to the present food supply position it would be wise, in my judgement, to reduce consumption of all foods to a bare minimum until the world position is better. This is indeed a drastic step, but it is one which I believe to be wise in any country which is dependent to any considerable extent on imported food supplies. The essential thing is to ensure that the people can be kept alive until the harvest comes in.

4. I repeat that I shall do everything possible to see that the maximum quantities of available food are sent to your country, but it is imperative that until further notice the greatest possible economy in consumption of food should be exercised.

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Giornale del Mattino - 11.2.46

(Translation)

The Premier Minister De Gasperi answered Mr. Lehman, as follows:

"The Italian Government has the greatest understanding for your cry of alarm and thanks you for your promise to take all possible counter-measures.

From our part we intend to establish a strict food discipline, trying to use every possible food resource and exercising a particularly severe control over the cereals and fats sector. It is my duty, however, to inform you that the latest reductions brought our ration to an extremely low level that does not even reach 700 calories daily.

Furthermore, the scarce availability of non-rationed products, due to the winter months, makes it impossible for town dwelling populations to complete their food ration, and reach 1500 calories, the indispensable limit necessary to avoid serious consequences not only from the economic point of view, but also owing to the great increase of tuberculosis, which is to be found especially amongst prisoners, refugees, and displaced persons who are returning home, and expect, with full right, particular consideration. I am sure that UNRRA will - in the general problem of requirements of liberated countries - take this question into consideration and will make every possible effort to ensure to the Italian people - with the February-June plan - the minimum calories necessary for life.

L'Indipendente - 13.2.46

(Translation)

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TO: Executive Commissioner, *m/114*

Attached opposite for your information are copies of the UNRRA wheat cables about which I spoke at the Vice Presidents' meeting this morning. I have sent the Chief Commissioner a folder similar to this one.

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20 Feb 46

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Harley Cleveland
HARLEY CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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CABLE CONTROL NO. 0-431

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FROM: WASHINGTON

TO : UNRRA ROME NO. 1355

6.2.1946 Time 11.44 FEB 05 1946

UNNUMBERED ROME ATTENTION ALCIDE DE GASPERI REPEATED ROME

1355 IT IS MY DUTY TO INFORM YOU THAT A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION HAS ARISEN IN RELATION TO WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THE SUPPLY POSITION IN THE MAIN SUPPLYING COUNTRIES HAS DETERIORATED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS.

AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION IS ENTIRELY DEPENDENT ON THESE SUPPLYING COUNTRIES FOR THE AID WHICH IT CAN BRING TO ITALY. I HAVE DIRECTED THE CHIEF OF THE UNRRA MISSION IN ITALY TO INFORM YOUR GOVERNMENT OF THE PRESENT POSITION, BUT IN ADDITION TO THIS I FEEL IT DESIRABLE TO INFORM YOU PERSONALLY OF THE VERY DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS POSITION WITH WHICH WE ARE FACED.

2. I HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH THE HEADS OF THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE MAIN SUPPLYING COUNTRIES IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE QUANTITY OF FOOD FOR USE IN LIBERATED COUNTRIES YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT I SHALL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE THAT THE MAXIMUM QUANTITY OF

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3. I TRUST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL

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CONTINUE TO TAKE EVERY POSSIBLE MEASURE TO ENSURE THAT AVAILABLE SUPPLIES OF FOOD IN YOUR COUNTRY ARE CONTROLLED WITH THE GREATEST POSSIBLE CARE. HAVING REGARD TO THE PRESENT FOOD SUPPLY POSITION IT WOULD BE WISE, IN MY JUDGEMENT, TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF ALL FOODS TO A BARE MINIMUM UNTIL THE WORLD POSITION IS BETTER. THIS IS INDEED A DRASTIC STEP, BUT IT IS ONE WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE WISE IN ANY COUNTRY WHICH IS DEPENDENT TO ANY CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON IMPORTED FOOD SUPPLIES. THE ESSENTIAL THING IS TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE CAN BE KEPT ALIVE UNTIL THE HARVEST COMES IN.

4. I REPEAT THAT I SHALL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT THE MAXIMUM QUANTITIES OF AVAILABLE FOOD ARE SENT TO YOUR COUNTRY, BUT IT IS IMELAGATIVE THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE ECONOMY IN CONSUMPTION OF FOOD SHOULD BE EXERCISED.

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CABLE CONTROL NO. 04127

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Subject S/5/COI
Info Chief of Mission (2)
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FROM: WASHINGTON

TO : UMBRA ROME NO. 1333

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1. REFUR 1323 ON BASIS LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION PRESENT APPROXIMATIONS ARE

THAT UMBRA WILL SHIP THAT IS CLEAR FROM PORTS IN FEBRUARY TO ITALY 1745 WHEAT

403 WHEAT FLOUR 35 CANTONAL 154 CATS. ALL FIGURES HUNDREDS REPEAT HUNDREDS MET
LONG TONS.

2. AS ASSESSMENTLY STATED PARAGRAPH 1 OUR 1323 FOREGOING FIGURES MAY BE CHANGED
SUBSTANTIALLY OWING INTERNAL TRANSPORT AND OTHER OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, WE
MUST EMPHASIZE THAT SUCH CHANGES MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE DOWNWARD THAN UPWARD.

3. IN PARAGRAPH 2 OUR 1323 WE STATED THAT UMBRA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY
ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO ITS WARE PROGRAM OF WHEAT GRAINS FROM UNITED
STATES ARGENTINA OR AUSTRALIA. WE VERY MUCH REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT TO DATE
WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SUCH ASSURANCES.

4. IN VIEW

A) PROBABILITY CLEARANCES IN FEBRUARY WILL FOR REASONS STATED IN PARAGRAPH
2 ABOVE BE LESS THAN FIGURES GIVE IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND

B) CATASTROPHIC WARE SHIPMENT POSITION REFERRED PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE WE
CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY THE URGENT NECESSITY OF EARLY ACTION TO COM-
SERVE TO THE UTMOST ALL STOCKS OF EACH AND EVERY FOOD BOTH HOME PRODUCED

AND IMPORTED AND ALSO ARRIVALS OF SUCH AND EVERY FOOD ITEM IMPORTED IN

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1. REOUR 1323 ON BASIS LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION PRESENT APPROXIMATIONS ARE THAT UNRRA WILL SHIP THAT IS CLEAR FROM PORTS IN FEBRUARY TO ITALY 1715 WHEAT 423 WHEAT FLOUR 35 CATTLE 154 CATS. ALL FIGURES HUNDREDS REPEAT HUNDREDS NET

LONG TONS.

2. AS APPLICABLY STATED PARAGRAPH 1 OUR 1323 FOREGOING FIGURES MAY BE CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY OWING INTERNAL TRANSPORT AND OTHER OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, WE MUST EMPHASIZE THAT SUCH CHANGES MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE DOWNWARD THAN UPWARD.

3. IN PARAGRAPH 2 OUR 1323 WE STATED THAT UNRRA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO ITS MARCH PROGRAM OF BREAD GRAINS FROM UNITED STATES ARGENTINA OR AUSTRALIA. WE VERY MUCH REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SUCH ASSURANCES.

4. IN VIEW

A) PROBABILITY CLEARANCES IN FEBRUARY WILL FOR REASONS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE BE LESS THAN FIGURES CITE IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND

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5. WE WOULD REMIND YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS GIVEN A COMMITMENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SUPPLYING COUNTRIES CONCERNED AND ALSO TO THE COMBINED FOOD BOARD THAT EVERY POUND OF EACH ONE OF THE PRODUCTS INCLUDING BREAD INCLUDING CATS ENUMERATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE AND ALSO EACH ONE ENUMERATED

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IN OUR 1326 WILL BE USED IN ITALY SOLELY FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IN LIEU OF THE NORMAL BREAD CEREALS.

6. REOUR 1333 PLEASE DISREGARD ALL FIGURES THEREIN ON BREAD CEREALS AND THEIR SUBSTITUTES. ONING NECESSITY DEAL WITH ALL SUCH PRODUCTS ON HAND TO MONTH BASIS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE NO REPEAT NO BULK CARGOES OF GRAINS WILL BE INCLUDED IN MONTHLY CABLES SUMMARIZING TENTATIVE LOADING PROGRAMS. HENCE- FORTH WE WILL RESTRICT CABLED INFORMATION ON GRAINS TO

- A) SPECIAL CABLES SIMILAR TO THIS ONE AND OUR 1326 ON ESTIMATED MONTHLY CLEARANCES OF EACH BREAD CEREAL AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR AND
- B) NOTIFICATION IN CABLES ON TENTATIVE LOADING PROGRAMS OF ONLY PARCELS THAT IS PARTS OF CARGOES OF GRAINS AND GRAIN PRODUCTS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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13th February 1946.

MEMORANDUM ON THE FOOD SITUATION.

1. The following is the position as reported by the Food Sub-Commission and the UNRRA Food Section.

2. Monthly consumption in Italy on a ration of 200 grams of bread daily and 500 grams of pasta monthly in Southern Italy amounts to 250,000 tons. On 1st February estimated stock was 211,000 tons, i.e., less than a month's supply. Arrivals and amassi in February produced 250,000 tons.

3. March arrivals will amount to 240,000 tons and after that date UNRRA has not yet received any assurances with respect to monthly programmes including March loadings from the United States, Argentine or Australia.

4. UNRRA are therefore considering cancelling the pasta ration altogether as from 1st March. As a result of this and with the estimated arrivals through May and June, the availability on 1st June will fall short by 50,000 tons of the consumption and on 1st July there will be no grain in the country. ~~whatsoever~~. The only way to tide over the feeding of the country through June and July, by which time the harvest should be coming in, is to reduce the bread ration to 150 grams and cancel the pasta ration altogether.

5. This reduced ration would bring Italy on to a ration which is exactly half of the minimum subsistence ration for which AFHQ have secured from CCS throughout the last two years.

6. The latest telegram from UNRRA WASHINGTON is extremely pessimistic and refers to "the catastrophic March shipment position" and warns UNRRA ITALY that figures will probably have a downward tendency.

7. As can be seen, the situation is extremely grave.

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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SUBJECT: *Cereal Situation.*

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
13/2		AF chief Commission DC.	Attachments: - a) USRAAM Washington Cable 1388 b) A study of the cereal situation March thru June based on certain factors and assumptions. I think it represents the situation at its worst, but it does indicate the situation that might arise if USRAAM only gets 55% of its grain requirements as indicated. And if Italy only gets 55%, but this has not yet been settled. Please return <u>Action Cable</u>	Wheat

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Estimate of Cereals stock Position (excluding rice)

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in terms of wheat and

in metric tons

Col. I	Col. II
Estimated stock on hand as at 1 Feb	210,740
Arrived in February of FEA Program	53,170
" " " UNHRA "	24,343
Signalled FEA Program	33,505
" " for Venezia Giulia and Udine	8,000
" UNHRA Program	61,669
Expected FEA "	16,536
" UNHRA "	38,471
Estimated amassing in Feb.	15,000
Total availability	461,434
Monthly maintenance (including 500 grs pasta in South Italy)	224,000
Estimated stock on hand as at 1 March	237,434
Expected arrivals as latest informations (cable 01427-No.1386 of 8.2.46) Wheat	171,500
48,300 Flour	52,950
3,500 oatmeal	3,500
15,400 oats	7,700
Estimated amassing in March	5,000
Total availability	477,984
Monthly maintenance - March (only bread)	226,000
Estimated stock on hand as at 1 April	251,984
Estimated arrivals (March loading progr.)	100,000
Total availability	351,984
Monthly maintenance April (only bread)	219,000
Estimated stock on hand as at 1 May	132,984
Estimated arrivals (April loading progr.)	150,000
Total availability	282,984
Monthly maintenance May (only bread)	226,000
Estimated stock on hand as at 1 June	55,984
Estimated arrivals in June (May loading programme)	150,000
Total availability	206,984
Monthly maintenance June	?
Estimated stock on hand as at 1 July	210,484

15,336	
38,471	
15,000	
461,434	
224,000	
237,434	
171,500	
52,850	
3,500	
7,700	
5,000	
477,984	477,984
226,000	169,500
251,984	308,424
100,000	100,000
351,984	408,484
219,000	164,250
132,984	244,234
150,000	150,000
282,984	394,234
226,000	169,500
56,984	224,734
150,000	150,000
206,984	374,734
?	164,250
	210,484

Estimated amassing in Feb.

Total availability

Monthly maintenance (including 500 grs
(38 days) pasta in South Italy)

Estimated stock on hand as at 1 March

Expected arrivals as latest information

(cable 01427-No.1382 of 8.2.46) Wheat

48,300 Flour

3,500 oatmeal

15,400 oats

Estimated amassing in March

Total availability

Monthly maintenance - March (only bread)

Estimated stock on hand as at 1 April

Estimated arrivals (March loading progr.)

Total availability

Monthly maintenance April (only bread)

Estimated stock on hand as at 1 May

Estimated arrivals (April loading progr.)

Total availability

Monthly maintenance May (only bread)

Estimated stock on hand as at 1 June

Estimated arrivals in June (May loading programme)

Total availability

Monthly maintenance June

Estimated stock on hand as at 1 July

Col. I is on basis of actual ration scales for January and February, and 200 grs bread only for March, April, May and June.

Col. II is on basis of 150 grs bread ration for March, April, May, June.

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