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FOOD SUPPLIES FOR THE NORTH
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For info please see folios 102 & 101 in
Reply to E. Comm's letter at folio 100

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Recd today 11/27/8
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C80- Ref. folio 104. Shall I refer to Food & C
for draft of reply

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Capt. white yes pl. as soon as possible.

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Draft reply by 20/11

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Note Letter (ref 112) expected today or tomorrow. B.U.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

91-1/Feed

26 February, 1946

SUBJECT: Supplies for Trieste

TO : Executive Commissioner

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1. Reference attached correspondence.
2. The fact that Udine province is not self-sufficient in all commodities is well known to this Section. Nevertheless, there are certain commodities, such as fresh meat and milk, which it can export to Venezia Giulia, for which area it is traditionally a supplying province. In any case, the maintenance of Udine in imported feedstuffs continues to be a military responsibility.
3. The difficulties in the way of stopping the onward transfer to Zone B of "a considerable part of the feedstuffs sent to Zone A" are considerable; but there may be some improvement when a control is placed on the Mergan Line, as contemplated in a recent letter from AFHQ.
4. In the circumstances, it is not considered that any further action needs to be taken on this letter. The situation is now well known to all immediately concerned in this matter.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND,
Acting Vice-President

Enclosure:
As above

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Translation

State Department
The Secretary General

Rome, 30 January 1946

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Dear Admiral,

I received your letter n. FA/91/1, dated November 29th, and I thank you for the news you so kindly sent me about the steps taken by the Allied Authorities to assure food supplies for Trieste.

I am in a position to tell you that this Ministry brought to the attention of the Authorities in charge what you told me about the difficulties caused by the opposition of some Italian officials regarding the sending of supplies from Northern Italy towards the Trieste zone. The necessary instructions have already been issued on such a matter. On the other hand, however, it has been ascertained that, for what concerns the opposition made by the Udine province, the province in question isn't selfsufficing, and therefore products to be sent to Trieste should be found elsewhere. It also appears that a considerable part of the foodstuffs sent to zone A are then being transported into zone B and forwarded to Jugoslavia, which makes the amount of foodstuffs supply permanently inadequate in Trieste. I therefore take the liberty of bringing the matter to your kind attention.

Thanking you for your kind intervention in favour of the Trieste population, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

G. R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery A. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

EC DIST - 2 Feb

ACTION - ECON (390)

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29 Nov. 1945
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Dear Dr. Prunas:

I have carefully noted your letter of 8 November 1945, No. 15/25778/65, in connection with the food situation in Trieste, as reported to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. As you indicate, the Ministry of Food is not in a position to assist directly in the administration of the food situation in Trieste.

It is a fact that the ration in the Trieste area is being maintained at a rate equivalent to that distributed in Northern Italy, although it has been necessary to adjust the ration upward slightly to meet special conditions in some areas where local availability of foodstuffs is limited. This policy is considered appropriate to the situation and adequate to meet the requirements of the civil population in the area.

Necessarily, it is the responsibility of AMG 13 Corps to maintain the food supply. In order to insure most satisfactory liaison between the Italian food administration in Northern Italy and AMG 13 Corps, a special liaison office of the Commissario Interregionale dell'Alimentazione per l'Alta Italia has been established in Trieste.

With specific reference to your request as to how the Italian Government can contribute, as much as possible, to supplying the food requirements of the people of Trieste, I should like to call your attention to the fact that a great deal of difficulty has been experienced in maintaining the normal flow of foodstuffs from Northern Italy into the Trieste area. Negative action by local officials in adjoining areas of Northern Italy have often interfered with the movement of foodstuffs to Venezia Giulia.

Such action as the Italian Government may take to insure the uninterrupted movement of foodstuffs normally supplied to Venezia Giulia by Northern Italy will be of material assistance. In that general connection, the Allied Commission will appreciate receiving reports of specific instances which indicate that the

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food situation in Trieste may be unsatisfactory, and will transmit them to AMB 13 Corps with appropriate recommendations.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

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GALLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dottore R. Prunas
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Palazzo Chigi
Rome

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Rough translation

n° 15/25778/65

Rome, November 8th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

the serious food situation in Trieste has been reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The question was taken up with the Food Ministry, and such department has done all within its power to help the inhabitants of the city, by taking the initiative of assigning special quantities of food. It appears however that it was not possible to overcome obstacles deriving from the fact that Trieste is under the administration of the Allied Military Government.

The situation keeps on being distressing: the closing in of winter will make it all the more so. Therefore I shall appreciate it greatly if you will give the matter your kind attention and examine whether a way can be found in which the Italian Government would be allowed to contribute, as much as possible, in relieving the needs of food of the people of Trieste.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) R. PRUNAS

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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E.C. DIST - 13 Nov

ACTION: ECON SEC (2)

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri



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INFO: CHIEF COMMR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: A325/109/53

10 November 1945

SUBJECT: Food Supply for North Italy

TO : Headquarters Region XII,
(Attn: Regional Commissioner)

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1. References your RKII/CLL.14 of 15 October 1945. As you say, the question of food supply for the north is of grave concern to the Economic Section of this Headquarters.

2. Efforts have been made to secure the import of an additional 125,000 tons of wheat during December, and on 27 October a signal requesting this was sent to OCS for OCAO and CLAO. Unfortunately no provision was originally made for Venetian Region, which was assumed to be self-sufficient; as it is hoped by the Economic Section that the 70 days supply of cereals may be increased if the rice crop comes up to expectation.

3. It is agreed that should an increased import programme be accepted it would be highly desirable for publicity to be given to it in order to check black market speculations and to enhance public morale.

F. H. MCCLEARY

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref. 21-3/ 16 /FOOD

6 November 1945

SUBJECT: Food Supply, Northern Italy

NOV 8 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner

Reference 4825/EC dated 19 October 1945.

1. The following comments are made on the letter from the Regional Commissioner Venetia Region (Ref. RXII/014.14 of 15 October).

a) No comment would appear to be necessary on paras 1, 2 and 3 of this letter.

b) With reference to para 4, the amassing figures as given are agreed. It is estimated that there should be at least 70 days supply of cereals in the Region, and it is hoped that this figure may be increased should the rice crop come up to expectation.

c) Reference para 5, the situation is at this stage largely dependent on our success in securing an increased amount of wheat which we have requested in MOC 354 (copy attached for your information). No provision for imports was originally made for Venetia Region, which was assumed to be self-sufficient.

2. It is considered that should an increased import programme be accepted, it would be highly desirable for publicity to be given to it in order to check black market speculations and to enhance public morale.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

1 Enclosure

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27 October 1945

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1. This is MCC cable 354. Subject is: Provision of Wheat for Italy, October to December 1945.

2. Reference COM 226, para 10.

3. To ensure maintenance of existing bread and pasta ration scales an additional quantity of 125,000 tons of wheat must be delivered to Italy during December. Resultant stock position would then be: stock as at 1 October - 592,717 tons, indigenous collection of wheat equivalents 1 October to 31 December 200,000 tons, part repayment of Austria loans, 17,000 tons, planned November repayment of balance of Austria loans - 25,000 tons, planned arrivals under YB Program 1 October to 31 December ex United States 350,000 tons, supplemental import now requested 125,000 tons, total availability 1,309,717 tons, less issues to mills 1 October to 31 December - 927,000 tons, estimated stock as of 31 December 382,717 tons.

4. Indicated stock as of 31 December 1945 is considerably below the optimum working inventory for that date. In view of inaccessibility of some of the indigenous stock, concentration of bulk of remainder in two parts of the country, and large percentage which will consist of corn and rice, any reduction from the indicated stocks of 31 December would jeopardise the maintenance of the present bread ration in urban areas at the coldest period of the year.

5. To facilitate procurement of this supplemental request, Italian government has agreed to deletion of November and December imports of dehydrated soup for from third revision of FEA program of basic supplies for Italy, dated 28 September 1945, and to the transfer of a further portion of the November - December loading from the YB financial program to YT financial program.

6. Full justification and new requisition for period ending 31 July 1946 will follow by airgram.

7. For your advance information, in addition to the planned loadings December arrival January from United States sources under FEA YB program, there will be a requirement for loading December arrival January of more than 200,000 tons.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4825/EO

19 October 1945

SUBJECT: Food Supply, Northern Italy

TO : Economic Section

1. May we have your comments on the attached letter from Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region (Ref: RXII/014.14 of 15 October) as soon as possible.

E.M. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

15 October, 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Att'n: Executive Commissioner) ✓ OCT 16 1945

SUBJECT : Food Supply for North Italy.

FILE NO : RXII/014.14

1. I am sure that the question of food supply for North Italy is already engaging the earnest attention of your economic section. I realise that the problem may well be bound up in part with the future policy of U.M.R.R.A.

2. I do however urge that the problem be brought into the forefront of our deliberations. If you could give Regional Commissioners some guidance as to the future it would be of great assistance.

3. The position, in general, in the Northeast, is that the political and public safety situation is settling down, but, all in authority, Prefects and the like, are all frightened of cold and hunger this winter.

4. The amassing, in the end, has not gone too badly up here. We have got in about 80% of Rome's estimate, and over 90% of the best local estimate. Yet even so we have only some 70 days' supply of grain for the Region. That means that by Christmas we shall be out of bread. Already Prefects are beginning to talk about the necessity of cutting the bread ration.

5. It is clear that if wheat ships are going to arrive in the port of Venice in time to be of use they should be there by the end of November, which is only some six weeks away.

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7. As I have written, in the first paragraph, I am sure that you know and appreciate all this. The people up here, however, get anxious and wonder whether Rome is doing anything. I should like to reassure them.

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Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/861

20 August 1945

AUG 21 1945

SUBJECT: Food for the North

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 4825/EC of 15 August 1945, subject as above.
2. Attached is copy of signal 3906 which was dispatched on 19 August in compliance with request contained in paragraph 3 of your letter.

Enclosure:
As above

Distribution:
Chief Commissioner
Economic Section,
Attn: Col. Denamore

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

Signal 3906, 19 August 1945, sent to Regional Commissioners of Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardia and Venezia Regions; Office of Representative of Chief Commissioner, AO, Milan; and SCAC Venezia Giulia for information.

Subject is progress of wheat collection.

1. Wholly inconsistent variations exist between provinces. The Executive Commissioner points out that the complete dependence of Northern Regions upon domestic production of wheat necessitates your prompt and vigorous action to bring the situation reported in Alessandria, Cuneo, Turino, Genoa, Como, Mantova, Padova, Treviso, Vicenza and like provinces in line with provinces such as Vercelli, Cremona, Rovigo and Venezia.

2. Considerable discrepancies between AMO and UNSEA reports are noted. UPSEA and Consorzi Agrari reports to their headquarters must be reconciled with your data.

3. Any reduction in the estimated production must be carefully reviewed since deliveries indicate that original estimates may have been 19% low in Bologna, 24% low in Ferrara and 13% low in Ravenna. Audit will proceed without delay to provinces indicated to verify production.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

Ref: 4825/50

15 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Food for the North.

TO : Economic Section.
Attn: Colonel Demaree.

1. Since the VP's meeting this morning Colonel Legg has been to see me and speak about the food situation in the North. As you know we are relying on the annual in the North for the feeding of the northern Regions. From his point of view LIGURIA will have to be looked after as is customary for they are not an annexing Region. EMILIA and VERONESE are doing well, LOMBARDIA not too badly, but PIEMONTE is very much behind, to such an extent that if we continue the policy of "no annual, no food" then TURIN will be without flour on about September 5th.

2. My own opinion is that we should continue this policy and every effort, therefore, must be made to step up the PIEMONTE annual production.

3. I think that a telegram should be sent to the Northern Regions pointing out their dependence on the annual for food, with particular reference to PIEMONTE, and instructing the Regional Commissioners to get on with it.

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner

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