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LABOUR INFO
OCT. 1944 - JULY 1946

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CSO My letter at 65. Would you like me
to see Mr. Braine, Mr. En., about this? I think
that this would be the easiest way to get a
basis for a reply and so yes. J.S. 95.

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TO: Chief Commissioner (Thru: Executive Commissioner).

Letter opposite, LSC/1306 of 21 January 1946, is forwarded for your information and retention if desired.

Exec Sec
25 Jan 46

5/18/46
25/1/46

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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Chief Commissioner.

~~Approved~~
Attached is submitted for your signature information

JAN 23 1946
0910

W. C. Clegg

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A/c.c. 4 51 for info. H. 9/14
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CSO, H. Attached are letters I propose to send in reply to f. 54. If you approve, I will sign. 2-32

A/c.c. Letter opposite (f. 54) for action approval
CSO, 15 15 8 26/4. H. 26/4

Approved *W. C. Clegg* 27/4.

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25 Jan 46

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

Chief Commissioner.

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WV *27/4.*

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Executive Commissioner:

CC enquired what action had been taken on folio 23.
He may therefore wish to see folio 26 - Labour S/C's reply.

12 July 45.

CCO.

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Sum by b.b. and b.b. *21/7.*

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Exo 21/11

Exo Please see 31 for info

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CCO. Please see 35 for info.

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Ex-Com P. 35 for info

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CCO Please see 38 for info

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CCO Please see 40 for info

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12 July 45.

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Sum by b.b. and b.b. p. 24/7.

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SPH 6/12/45

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REMARKS	From
1 21 Feb 45 Exec. Commission (15) This memo is the result of your question of this subject in a recent Ex C meeting. 2) The policy expressed in the second para under 3, of Mr. Braine's memo, is concurred in by Economic Section. 3) For information & return to Econ. Sec.	Ex. Dir As
2 22/2 CSO: Original returned, copy at folio 14. The meat of Mr. Braine's memo is par. 3	JCH 22/2
Y. 22/2 MS 22/2	Harlan Garland

CSO Executive Commissioner.

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Y. 24/6.

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late

R folio 23 - I have already asked Econ Sec to follow up & keep me informed. on 6/7/45. Will advise you.

late 7/7/45

listed 11/11 28

late. Ref. 23 see min 24. - at folios 25, 26 & 27

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CASH 7/7/45

H. 24/28

Let's. Ref folio 23 see min 24. - At folios 25, 26 & 27
 please see answer from Lator Sp. - C.C. is interested in
 this as per note attached to first copy of signed. Moved
 you please inform him. Thanks.

CASH 12/7/45

C.C.S.

1. RC Abruzzi-Marche wrote in on 22 December regarding the provincial labour offices in Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and Aquila (all being in Italian Government territory), and was concerned that the Italian Government was cutting the budgetary allocation of these offices below a level at which they could operate effectively, and that their staffs would have to be cut.

2. This letter came into this HQ on 23/12 and was sent up to the Economic Section by us on 24/12 asking for a "speedy reply". An interim reply was sent on 2 January to RC Abruzzi Marche Region saying the matter was "being pressed with the Italian Government".

3. On 6 February Economic Section produced a letter for your signature, which satisfactorily deals with Col. FRANCH's fears regarding the finance for these labour offices, but also says that assurance has been given by the Minister of Labour that personnel will not be dismissed without the prior consent of AC. This gives strong emphasis to your warning at last evening's meeting that Labour are going to have great difficulty in implementing the new directive. I would draw your particular attention in this connection to para.4 of letter at 32a. on this file from GRONCHI, which shows how entirely the Minister of Labour is off the track of this question of AC giving consent.

4. I suggest that you must take the following action:

- a. Send for Mr. BRAINE and tell him how very much he is off the rails and how he must immediately correct this atmosphere of AC interfering with the Ministry of Labour. *Col. Dausane should attend.*
- b. A strong letter or minute from you to the Economic Section asking for an explanation for the appalling delay in dealing with this matter.

SEE (12)

7 February 45.

C.C.S.

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From Embassy.
 5202 To Chief Cons
 12 Point Labour in Italy - 31st July 1946. ES/104.04
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Unemployment.

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The latest official figures show over one and a half million unemployed registered at the Ministry of Labour. Since it is estimated that there is at least a further million of unemployed but not registered, it appears that the total unemployment now passes the two million mark which has hitherto been the estimate.

Surplus Labour.

Italian Government Decree 552 of 13th May extended the ban on dismissal of surplus labour until 31st December, 1946. Although the effective period of the ban has now expired, at the time of this report no agreement on the question of extension or otherwise has been reached between organised industry and organised labour.

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Notwithstanding the Government policy of avoiding increases in wages and of instituting reduction of prices with increased supply of necessary commodities at controlled prices, the first days of the new Government have been marked by the general concession of a Republic bonus of 3,000 lire to heads of families and 1,500 lire to others; an increase of petrol workers' wages varying from 2,800 lire for labourers to 5,000 lire for technicians, monthly rates in each case; settlement of the Turin strike (in which stay-in tactics on the part of the workers were noticeable) by the grant of advance payments of 1,600 lire for heads of families, 1,200 lire for women and non heads of families; and 800 lire to others.

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Allied Force Wage Scale.

In accordance with the policy of following Italian industrial practice, it is proposed that the Italian Government's decision to pay the Republic bonus shall be applied to Armed Force civilian

/ employees;

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employees; and an immediate increase in the cost of living bonus is proposed in order to reflect adjustments in industrial bonus. Special recommendations have also been made regarding the effective date of calculation of dismissal bonus.

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Ref: 5202/69/EO

10 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Workmen in Austria.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, AMG
Udine Province.

Ref your letter EO/23 dated 30 April 46, there seems to have been some misunderstanding in this matter caused by the fact that there are two entirely different sets of working parties.

Firstly there is a party of 600 Italians who were recruited by the American authorities for work in the U.S. Zone of Austria and who are already at work and it was to this party that our 5202/56/EO of 25 April 46 referred.

The other party referred to in your letter under reference is the party to be recruited for work in the British Zone of Austria and for whom negotiations are not yet complete.

It is regretted that the writer of this HQ's letter 5202/56/EO was not conversant with these facts before troubling you.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Telegram

A.C. Vienna

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6 May 46

Labour Division, Allied Commission for
Austria (British Element).

Personal for Iley, from Braine, Rome.

Hourly rates of wages in Italian
building industry in Udine Province are
as follows:-

Specialised craftsmen	18 lire 70 centesimi
Skilled tradesmen	16 " 90 "
Semi-skilled, namely tradesmen assistants	15 " 95 "
Unskilled	14 " 70 "

Above are basic rates for adult males.

In addition each category of worker receives
daily allowances as follows:-

Family Allowances:

Wife	- 14 lire
Other adult dependent	- 11 lire, 5 centesimi
Each dependent child	- 13 lire

Cost of living allowances
(variable quarterly)

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two days' pay per month for Christmas
Bonus payable on dismissal or at

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Christmas, and two days' pay per year
dismissal bonus.

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

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CSO

To: The Chief Commissioner, —
Headquarters,
Allied Commission Italy,
A.P.O. 394.

Subject: Proposal for Recruitment of Italian
Workers for Austria.

1. There is a general shortage of building trade labour in Austria and this shortage is particularly acute in Karnten and Steiermark (British Zone)
2. Before the war there was a seasonal migration of labour between Northern Italy and Western Austria, especially of building trade workers, brick makers and land workers. The Austrian authorities are anxious to re-open this movement and 50 brick makers and 400 bricklayers are required for Karnten and 350 of the latter for Steiermark. It is stated that the brick makers could be recruited from Udine and the bricklayers from other towns in Northern Italy. Transport, therefore, could be arranged without very much difficulty. The Building Employers Section of the Chambers of Commerce concerned is willing to accept responsibility for housing and feeding the workers and to guarantee continued and regular employment up to next Autumn. Consultation has already taken place with the Trade Unions concerned who are agreeable to the importation of labour from Italy and, in fact, propose to send a representative with the President of the Provincial Labour Office to interview and engage workers on behalf of employers in both Steiermark and Karnten. The rates of pay and other conditions will be those applicable to Austrian civilians engaged on the same class of work.

3. Steps are being taken to overcome the difficulty regarding the remittance of money from Italian workers to their dependents in Italy but it is suggested that for the present recruitment should be limited to single men without domestic responsibilities in Italy. Reciprocal arrangements with regard to Social Insurance and Accident Compensation are being worked out on the same lines as those in operation before the war.

4. The arrangements on this side are under the aegis of M.G. and the interests of the Italian workers will be kept under close review.

5. The President of the Landesarbeitsamt, Karnten, has authority to act for both provinces in matters relating to the recruitment of this labour.

6. We should be glad if you would acquaint the Italian Government with the proposal to recruit this labour from Northern Italy, where we understand there is an unemployment problem, and confirm that there are no objections and, in order that the season may be as long as possible, we should

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Vienna
April 8rd 1946.

R. A. K. R.
Director,
Labour Division.

Copy to:

W. Branie.
Adv. Hq. Labour Division
S.M.G.O. Karnten (For Labour Officer)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. 1516 M. G. Udine Ext. 4

File No. PC/23

Date 30 Apr 46

To : Executive Commissioner,
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

Subject: Italian workmen in Austria.

Reference your 5205/56/EC dated 25 Apr 46.

1. No arrangements have been made through this HQ for transfer of any Italian labour from Italy to Austria.
2. Your HQs and the Labour Attache', British Embassy, have been advised continuously of all correspondence on this subject between this HQ and the Director, Labour Division, Vienna.

The following letters and telegrams refer :

My BA/110 dated 18 Mar 46

(Telegram) 48

My UDI/PC/23 Dated 1 Apr 46

(Letter) NR 49

Unnumbered letter of Labour Attache', British Embassy, dated 22 Mar 46 addressed to Executive Commissioner.

My BA/116 dated 26 Mar 46.

(Telegram) 44

Your 5202/50/EC dated 29 Mar 46.

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My BA/126 dated 1 Apr 46.

(Telegram) 43

HNB/gt.

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

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AMG ULINE PROVINCE

MAY 1 1946

DIRECTOR LABOUR DIVISION ALLIED COMMISSION AUSTRIA VIENNE ,INFO: LABOUR ATTACHE
BRITISH EMBASSY ROME HQ ALCOM (FOR VICE PRESIDENT ECONOMIC SECTION)

NR
UNCLASSIFIED:

Ref your AOA/LAB/76 dated 22 March. In view of letter from Labour Attache
British Embassy dated 22 March suggesting written request be made to Allied
Commission Rome indication general terms of proposals. Request visit Mission
be deferred until HQ AC Rome with Italian Government can decide necessary
conditions for recruitment.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ROUTINE

HQ AMG UDINE PROVINCE

MAY 3 1946

LABOUR SECTION MILITARY GOVERNMENT KLAENFURT

INFO/ ACA (BE) VIENNA LABOUR DIV ACA (ADV D AFHQ) KLAENFURT

HQ ALCOM (LABOUR SUB COMMISSION) ROME

NR

REFERENCE. UNCLASSIFIED.

REF MGK/4012/3/LAO DATED 29 MARCH. ON 26 MARCH I WIRED DIRECTOR LABOUR DIVISION ACA VIENNA THAT IN VIEW OF ADVICE FROM LABOUR ATTACHE BRITISH EMBASSY REQUESTING SUBMISSION GENERAL TERMS OF PROPOSAL S TO ALLIED COMMISSION ROME IT WAS ADVISABLE TO POSTPONE VISIT OF MISSION UNTIL AC ROME WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COULD DECIDE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR RECRUITMENT OF LABOUR. MUST REQUEST YOUR CONTACT HQ AC ROME LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION BEFORE ARRIVAL OF MISSION. HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO ACT ON YOUR PROPOSAL WITHOUT HQ AC APPROVAL

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INFO ACTN: ECON SEC

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5202/62/EC.

29 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Proposal for recruitment in
UDINE Province of Italian
workers for AUSTRIA.

TO : Mr. W. H. Braine,
Labour Attaché,
British Embassy,
ROME.

Reference your letter dated 24 April 1946.

I am directed to say that the Acting Chief Commissioner
has approved the issue of the telegram you have prepared.

b/N. W. HIND SMITH
MND

for Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

ROME.

24th April, 1946.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Italy.

APR 25 1946

Subject: Proposal for recruitment in
Udine Province of Italian
workers for Austria.

1. The Italian Minister of Labour has indicated his agreement to recruitment of Italian labour from Udine Province to work in Austria, British Military Zone, and attached telegram prepared for issue, if you approve, from Allied Commission advises all concerned that initial recruitment may commence as soon as possible.

W.H. Braine
W.H. BRAINE.

Labour Attaché.

✓ See memo 60.61. 25.19
(copy in 1)

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DRAFT TELEGRAM.

To: Allied Commission Austria, Labour Division,
British Element, Vienna.

Repeated to: Headquarters, A.M.G., Udine.
A.M.G. XIII Corps.
A.F.H.Q.

Subject: Recruitment of Italian workers in Province
of Udine and elsewhere in Northern Italy for
employment in Western Austria, particularly
Carinthia and Styria.

Italian Minister of Labour views proposition with
favour and has now instructed Italian Regional Labour
Office, Venice, and Italian Provincial Labour Office,
Udine, to co-operate with authorised Austrian
representatives, who may therefore proceed to initiate
recruitment while details regarding remittances and
insurance are being worked out.

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Ref: 5202/56/23

25 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Workmen in Austria.

TO : AME Udine.

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1. We have received a communication from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding 600 Italian workmen due to arrive in Salzburg for reconstruction work.
 2. The Ministry inquires as to conditions and details of enrollment and locality where recruiting took place.
 3. We are without information in this matter.
 4. Assuming arrangements were made through you, please furnish information requested, which we shall pass on to the Italian Ministry.

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Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Ref: 5202/55/73

25 April 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Workmen in Austria.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.

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1. We have no information at this Headquarters regarding the 600 Italian workmen due to arrive in Salzburg for reconstruction work.
 2. Presumably all arrangements were made between the Austrian Authorities and AMG Udine.
 3. We are communicating with AMG Udine today to learn what arrangements were made.
 4. You will be informed of the reply.

H/DOJ.
Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian workmen in Austria.

1. The Austrian Authorities have informed the Italian Commercial Representative in Vienna that about 600 Italian workmen are due to arrive in Salzburg in view of the reconstruction of the town.

2. The a/m workmen are supposed to be billeted by the American Military Authorities.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would appreciate to receive any possible information on this matter, and, particularly, about the conditions and details of such enrolment and the locality where it took place. *A*

Rome, April 23rd, 1946

*Mr. Bureau 43951
Mr. 13rd
British Embassy
478266*

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9th April, 1946.

Dear Colonel Walton,

The British Labour Party Delegation, headed by Professor Laski and including Mrs. Laski, Mr. Burnshaw, and Major and Mrs. Healy, has arrived in Italy as guests of the Italian Socialist Party and for the special purpose of attending the Italian Socialist Party Congress at Florence.

The programme as agreed by the Italians and the British Delegation is as follows:-

- 8th April - Milan. Press Conference and public meeting.
- 9th April - Turin. Public meeting.
- 10th April - Florence, for Congress, 11th to 14th April.
- 15th April - Party arrives Rome to meet principal members of Italian Government.
- 16th April - Reception and press conference at Grand Hotel.
- 17th April - Sightseeing in Rome, including visit to Vatican.
- 18th April - Professor Laski departs to U.K. by air.

Mrs. Laski and Mr. Burnshaw return as soon as possible after 18th to Paris by rail.

Major and Mrs. Healy make private arrangements for further visiting in Italy.

Mr. Braine is accompanying the party and endeavours to ring me at regular intervals. If you have any messages for him I will do my best to convey them.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
E.J. HIRD.

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Colonel C.W. Walton,
A.C.

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[Handwritten notes: Seen by Mrs. Healy, 11/4/46]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. : 9 April 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Laski Program - Mr. Hird of the British Embassy has promised to bring me the Laski program this afternoon.

2. Trevis Report - Mr. Trevis, U. S. Embassy, has promised to give me a written report on his trip to the North.

3. Food Report - Mr. Cleveland, UNRRA, has stated that he will be in the meeting tomorrow. He hopes to have additional information from a 6:00 p.m. telephone call this evening. UNRRA has been advised not to push a reduction of the ration at this time, pending receipt of further information.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Acting Vice President

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PA [signature]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5202/50/20 ✓

29 March 1946

SUBJECT: Proposal Recruitment of Italian Workers for Austria.

TO : AG. Austria (British Increment).

1. Reference your letter File No. MEK/4012/LAB of 16 March 46.
2. Since this matter requires the approval of the Italian Government it is requested that you send a formal written request to A.G., Rome.
3. In this connection the attached letter from Mr. Braine, British Embassy, Rome, should be taken in consideration, particularly paras 2 and 4.

For the Chief Commissioner,

15/ Steve Riggio
Capt.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to:- P.C. 1116 Uline Prov.
:- Econ Section.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

22nd March, 1946.

[Copy to Executive Commissioner,
Economic Section]

MAR 22 1946

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Subject: Proposed recruitment of Italian workers
for Austria.

1. Referenced is made to A.M.G. Udine telegram BA/110 of 18th March, indicating that A.M.G. Austria have requested permission for Major Umm, Labour Section, to visit Udine to arrange importation to Austria of Italian building trade workers.

2. The proposal is attractive at first sight in that it would relieve unemployment in Udine. But there are many difficulties to be resolved at higher level before Italian civilians can be recruited for voluntary transfer to Austria. There is the question of the relationship between Italy, or A.M.G. controlled Udine, and the Austrian State, or the British A.M.G. controlled zone: the safeguarding of interests of Italian civilians in the latter zone, the arrangements for housing and rationing circulation; the question of the employer, i.e. whether British A.M.G. or Austrian civil local authorities, or private enterprises; the question of rates of pay and remittances at the appropriate rates of exchange; the safeguarding of social insurance rights in Italy and the provision against accidents or other liabilities in Austria.

3. In connection with the transfer of Italian workers to France and Belgium, all these points have been covered in treaties or agreements made between the Italian Government and the respective importing governments; and it does not seem that Major Umm and A.M.G. Udine have sufficient authority between themselves to arrange such questions.

4. Accordingly it is suggested that British A.M.G. Austria be requested to send a formal written request to Allied C.O. Commission, Rome, indicating in general terms their proposals on

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

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Tel: UDINE 1516
Ext. 2

18 March 46.

File No. : UDI/PC/23

Subject : Importation of Italian Building
Trade Workers to Austria. ✓

To : Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission.

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1. Reference this HQ signal BA/110 of 18 March 46.
 2. The attached copy of a letter received from M.G. LAND
KAERNTEN is forwarded in amplification of the signal.

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Encl: (1)

Copy to : Main HQ 13 Corps.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND KAERTEN

Tel. 1701 - 5
Ext. 223

File No. : - MGK/4012/LAB

Subject : - Importation of Italian Building
Trade Workers to Austria.

To : - The M.G.O. , Udine, Italy.

16 March 1946.

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Would you please be good enough to make preliminary enquiries about the accomodation of Major Unna and the Austrian Officials. In the case of the latter it is suggested that the Italian opposite numbers of the Austrian officials may be useful contacts for you. The definite date of arrival is not yet known but you will be given that date as much in advance of the visit as possible.

The negotiations will involve a certain amount of road travel between Northern Italian Towns and it would be appreciated if you would arrange that petrol supplies could be made available. Any assistance you could give would be appreciated as this labour supply is considered to be ²³⁰⁰ urgent.

Signed ? Col
Senior Military Government Officer
H.Q.Mil.Gov. KAERTEN

Copies to :

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AMG UDINE
ALCOM INFO MAIN 13 CORPS

FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

MAR 19 1946

UNCLASSIFIED.

Request received from M F Austria for Major, Unna Labour Section,
to accompany 3 important Austrian officials to this Province
shortly to arrange importation to Austria of Italian building
trade workers.

In view of employment visit most welcome subject your approval.
Suggest A C Labour advisor preferably Mister Broome if available.
Will wire definite date available later.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL. : Ext. 804

21 January 1946

REF : LSC/1306

SUBJECT: Surplus Labor in Northern Italian Industry

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. Representatives of industry and of organized labor, under the Chairmanship of the Italian Minister of Labor (with whom were associated the Ministers of the Treasury, of Industry, and of Public Works), reached agreement on 19 January 1946 regarding the treatment to be accorded to surplus labor following the expiration on 31 December of previous dispositions in this respect.

2. DLL No. 788, relating to the ban on dismissals and to the payment from Cassa Integrazione of two-thirds pay to suspended workers, will be continued until 30 April 1946 with certain modifications:

- (a) The ban on dismissals is modified to permit discharges within the following percentages in relation to the number of workers as at 31 December, 1945:

Up to 5% for the period 1 to 28 February;

4% from 1 to 15 March;

4% from 16 to 31 March.

A meeting will be held before 10 March to decide whether the percentage for the period 1 to 30 April should be higher than that for the preceding month.

- (b) Workers to be discharged should, so far as possible, be chosen from among disciplinary cases; those with other sources of income, i.e., subsidiary occupations, small businesses, etc.; those coming from other branches of employment or other industries, such as agriculture, commerce, etc.; regard being paid to the number of persons working in each family.

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3. The choice of workers to be discharged will normally be agreed with the Internal Commission or Work Shop Committee, differences being referred to an arbitration tribunal under an independent chairman and with two representatives of each side -- decisions being given within 15 days of reference.

4. Where the situation is so grave in particular industries that the continuance of their activity is threatened, the local employers' and workers' organizations will meet to consider the adoption of all possible means to avoid irreparable damage, including measures outside the scope of the present agreement. If local organizations cannot arrive at agreement, the national organizations will take up the question.

5. To provide for the employment of repatriates, and for the sharing of available work, establishments will so far as technically possible substitute workers with other means of subsistence by unemployed workers with preference to repatriates and partisans. Similarly, the possibility of reducing the working week to 40 hours will be examined to provide a share-out of available employment amongst the workers.

Members of the Internal Commissions are, so far as possible, safeguarded against discharge without prior agreement on the part of their respective trade unions. Workers who resign voluntarily will be entitled to dismissal bonus as if they had been discharged. Workers discharge will receive for 60 days (unless other employment is found in the meantime) an allowance at the rate of 66% of normal pay for a 40-hour week, to be paid at the charge of the Cassa Integrazione.

6. From the 1st of February, 1946, the charge to the Cassa Integrazione in respect of payment to workers suspended or on short time is established at the rate of 50% of the overall pay in respect of hours not worked from 0 to 24 per week, and at the rate of 66% for hours not worked between 24 and 40 hours per week. (NOTE: This is a reduction of the charge hitherto borne by the Cassa Integrazione which under D.L. No. 733 was at the rate of 66% for all hours not worked in industry in Northern Italy, viz., from 0 to 40).

7. It will be necessary for a legal decree to be made to give effect to the provisions of the new agreement of 19 January, 1946, but it is understood that this decree will shortly follow. The effect of this agreement should be to begin the removal of surplus labor from industry in Northern Italy -- if the agreement works there should be an overall reduction of 15% in the two months, February and March, to be followed by a proportionate reduction in April. During the negotiations the employers stood

out for the right to include in these percentages a small number (percentages to be specified) of individuals to be discharged at the sole discretion of the employer, i.e., without the necessity of reference to the Internal Commission. The negotiations almost broke down on this issue because the workers refused to give way; and eventually, as will be seen from the agreement, the employers did not press the issue.

Although in theory this agreement provides, as did the earlier Decrees Nos. 523 and 788, that the Cassa Integrazione should reimburse employers in respect of the stated percentages of "make-up" pay standing at the charge of the Cassa, it is understood that in practice the local offices of the Cassa have been unable to make such reimbursements because of the absence of adequate funds. The delay in reimbursement has been a serious embarrassment to the firms who have had to make the weekly payments to the workers. It remains to be seen whether better arrangements will be made under the new agreement.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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ALCOM LO BARI
HQ ALCOM FOR ACBXC FOR ACCAS FOR ECON
INFO: 54 AREA 52 AREA UNRRA (ITALY) BARI

DEC 6 1945

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Strike of AGIP and CIP workers ended in Apulia and Lucania

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5 DEC 1945

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ACTION: P.SAFETY S/C
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSION
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL. : Ext. 804

5 December 1945

REF : LSC/588

DEC 4 1945

SUBJECT: Petrol Distribution - Threatened Strike
CIP and AGIP

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. It is understood that on Saturday, 1 December, the Italian Government, the petrol distribution undertakings, CIP and AGIP, and the workers' representatives agreed jointly to put into operation the wage agreement already provisionally made. On this understanding the workers agreed to return to work on Monday, 3 December.

2. The threatened extension of the strike to the North of Italy had been suspended at the instance of AMG for 10 days while the workers' representatives visited Rome. It is now expected that the strike will not take place in the North, and AMG are being requested to implement in the North of Italy the agreement already made for that area which had been suspended pending the understanding with the Italian Government.

W. H. Braine
W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

CC: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner (2)
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ALCOM LO BARI

DEC 3 1945

ACTION: HQ ALCOM FOR AGEC FOR ACCAS FOR ECON

INFO: 52 AREA, -54 AREA, -UNRRA(ITALY), BARI.

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Para 1. No petrol is being issued to civilian vehicles other than those working for the Allies. Workers have refused to obey instructions of Regional representative of AGIP in Apulia and Lucania to issue sufficient petrol for maintenance of essential services. Matter is to be reconsidered at meeting tonight.

Para 2. All distribution of food including flour to bakeries has ceased throughout Apulia and Lucania.

Para 3. 2000 liters a day are being issued for the clearance of grain from a ship in Bari port to warehouses.

Para 4. Understand that if Ministry of Treasury would approve recent wage-agreement already approved by Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Finance strike would end.

Note- Delayed by service.

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Ref: 5202/33/83

23 Nov 45

SUBJECT: Commission of Workers and Employees
from the Naples Navalmeccanica.

TO : Commissioner,
AMG Naples.

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The Chief Commissioner has received attached telegram
and proposes to take no action.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

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Translation

DD NAPLES 76336 31 21 09/10

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TO : ADMIRAL STONE ROME

COMMISSION OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM THE NAPLES NAVALMECCANICA
ASK YOU TO GRANT THEM AN APPOINTMENT STOP THEY WOULD LEAVE NAPLES
AS SOON AS THEY KNOW THE DATE OF THEIR APPOINTMENT

SECRETARY DE BENEDETTO ROMOLO
NAVALMECCANICA NAPLES PARCO MARGHERITA

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INCOMING MESSAGE

DD NAPOLI 76336 31 21 09/10 =

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin:

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TO :

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ROUTINE

AMG LABOUR DIVISION PIEMONTE REGION
HQ ALCOM (FOR ATTENTION LABOUR SC

NOV 21 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. Subject is dismissal of workers.
2. Employers who have surplus workers in one locality following transfer of plant or establishment to another district on closure of dispersal units are being advised by this labour division that such workers cannot be discharged under existing legislation unless alternative employment has been found for them. Legal Division this HQ concur with this view.
3. Will you confirm that this is correct as employers appear to be acting on assumption that dismissals in such circumstances are permissible provided they are covered by collective contract or alternatively if agreement to discharge is obtained from internal commission or labour inspectorate.
4. Camera del Lavoro have refused to advise workers whose dismissal have been agreed on internal commission and labour inspectorate.
5. If workers cannot be dismissed in such circumstances can it be stated to what extent employers will be reimbursed under cassa integrazione for wages paid.
6. Employers are obviously not clear as to position and these points should be covered in decree about to be issued or in your accompanying memorandum.

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✓	Vice President		ECOLOGIC SECTION
	Brig. Anderson		Production Div.
	Col. Walton		Supply Div.
	Col. Densmore		Agriculture Sub-Comm.
	Lt. Col. Moore		Commerce
	Mr. Hughes		Finance
	Maj. Smith		Food
	Maj. Clark		Industry
	Maj. Tooty		Labor
	Capt. Atkins		P W & U
	Capt. Williams		Transportation
	Capt. Highland		Chief Commissioner
	Lt. Biloreto		Executive Commissioner
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REMARKS:

1. Reference incoming signal E/8157 of 5 July,
attention is invited to attached ltr LSC/515 of 10 July.

2. The recommendation in para 8 of Labor S/C's
letter is considered sound and no further action will be
taken unless directed by your office.

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Brigadier General/MSA
Acting Vice President.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL. : -Ext. 493.

10 July 45.

REF. : LSC/515.

JUL 12 1945

SUBJECT: Stevedore Labour - Palermo.

TO : Economic Section
(attention: Capt. Highland)

1. Reference Cable No.E/8157 regarding the Compagnia Portuale di Palermo.

2. The Compagnia Portuale is a State decasualisation dockworkers scheme and is in no way a "Fascist" organisation, merely because it is the only stevedore organisation recognised in Italian Ports. The Compagnia Portuale were originally established by Italian law in 1920 (two years prior to the Fascist regime). Private industry stevedore organisations, such as the Longshoremen mentioned in the cable which crept in are now being frozen out.

3. The matter has been discussed with Transportation Sub-Commission and with General Matteini of the Ministry of Marine and it appears that Director Pirrone has made repeated representations to the Italian Ministry on the lines of the present cable. Indeed considerable correspondence has taken place between Pirrone and the Ministry during the past twelve months. General Matteini has undertaken to furnish to the Sub-Commission a copy of the whole of the correspondence in the course of the next few days.

4. Epuration of Fascist elements of the Portuale is stated to have taken place last year and General Matteini is of opinion that the allegation that such elements are now within the portuale should be discredited.

5. It seems that the Longshoremen Organisation in Palermo represents about 80 casual workers, who have not been absorbed into the Compagnia Portuale, which latter has now 580 permanent

workers on its pay roll. These 80 men are called for work only when the Portuale's staff is insufficient to cope with the work on hand.

6. The Italian Ministry of Marine are in constant touch with the position at Palermo, and the question of the Longshoremen Union is under constant review.

7. Confidentially it was stated that Pirrone who is really a contractor, is a disreputable person and is to be regarded as an unsatisfactory employer, who exploits workers.

8. *It is suggested that a reply to the cable is not necessary.*

David C. Sachs
DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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ADMIRAL STONE ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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JUL 6 1945

IN CLEAR.

Our Longshoremen Union which has been re-organized after the Allied Ban of 1945. until today has fulfilled with discipline and diligence the unloading of coal from steamships in the port of PALERMO, thus preventing other port unions from causing disturbances with strikes and senseless troubles, while the war was going on. Our union, well organized and equipped has always been opposed by Fascists still controlling the "Compagnia Portuale Di Palermo" (Port Company Of Palermo) and seeking to obtain monopolization of labor in order to impose excessive tariffs and to come into possession of our contracts, which can be evidenced by investigations carried out by the Allied Military Police of PALERMO. Since two years we have been working for the state railways, which, through our collaboration have made a saving of many millions of lires. The Ministry of Merchant Marine informs today that it has obtained from the Allied Command the authorization to commit that work exclusively to the Port Unions thus affecting our independent organization, which is composed of efficient workers and men who have been persecuted by Fascism. Back in 1929 they were opposed same as today. Therefore we beg you to intervene in order that under a regime of freedom, a new attempt against our organization be avoided.

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The Allies have fought and shed their blood to give us that Freedom which today after the liberation, they want to deny us. We have always opposed fascism and for that reason we have suffered persecutions; therefore we have the right to get back our jobs again. Today they follow the same old system and avail themselves to a Fascist Law to deprive us of our work. We ask your intervention also as a reward for

(Capt ARNOLDY)

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the collaboration we gave to the Allied Troops since the first day they liberated our city from Nazi-Fascist tyranny. We thank you.

Director Giuseppe Pirrone
Via Ruggero Settimo Palazzo Scelso Palermo

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101 AMG 5TH ARMY - LOMBARDIA REGION

18 JUNE 1945

ROUTINE

JUN 20 1945

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS PROPOSED LABOR CONVENTION OF DELEGATES OF CAMERE DEL LAVORO TO BE HELD IN MILAN TWENTY FOUR AND TWENTY FIVE JUNE PD

PARA TWO AMG FIFTH ARMY CMA REPEAT REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS CITE ACIAH PAREN

PARA TWO PD ALCON RECOMMEND THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO HOLD MEETING IF FIFTH ARMY APPROVE PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST NOTIFICATION WHETHER FIFTH ARMY APPROVE AND INDICATION OF CONDITIONS THAT FIFTH ARMY MAY DECIDE TO IMPOSE PD

PARA FOUR PD MEETING WOULD COMPRISE TWO HUNDRED PROPERLY APPOINTED DELEGATES OF VARIOUS CAMERE DEL LAVORO IN NORTHERN REGIONS AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC PD

PARA FIVE PD THE ORGANIZERS ARE THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF ITALIAN LABOR WHO GUARANTEE THAT QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED WOULD BE GENERAL LABOR QUESTIONS AND WOULD EXCLUDE PARTY POLITICS PD

LABOR SUBCOMMISSION

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W H Brainer

(Capt. Arnold)

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
OWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JDF/pa

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REF. : LSC/208

17 April 1945

SUBJECT : Information on Labour Disputes
and Wage Negotiations.

APR 17 Rec'd

TO : See distribution list.

1. You are requested to supply to Labour Sub-Commission, A.C. Headquarters, direct information which you may be able to secure on all labour disputes and wage negotiations which occur in your territory.

2. It is extremely important that such information be gathered and forwarded as soon as possible in order that this Headquarters be kept informed of developments in the labour field throughout Italy. Your prompt action in these matters will enable us to act timely on anything which may affect Allied Forces labour.

3. When you hear of a labour dispute or labour unrest you should:

- (a) Telegraph or telephone immediately Labour Sub-Commission in Rome - 489081, extension 384 (Mr. DI PEDRE) and state the nature of the dispute, the number of workers involved, the type of industry affected, requests made by the workers and offices or officials (Italian or Allied) concerned.
- (b) Report daily to the same office the progress of the case until the dispute is settled.
- (c) Forward a report containing the details of the settlement as soon as the necessary information is available.

4. When you hear of wage demands made by workers of a particular industry, you should:

- (a) Ascertain the number of workers involved, the industry

affected, the Officers or Officials concerned, the steps taken to meet the demands and you should follow the same procedure outlined in 3 (a).

- (b) Ascertain the wages presently received by the workers involved and the amount of increase demanded.
- (c) Keep informed of the various steps of negotiation until a wage agreement is concluded, at which time you will forward a detailed report, including a copy of the agreement when one is available.

5. To obtain the information required in (3) and (4) you will find it helpful to keep in touch with the local labour office of the Ministry of Labour, the local Camera del Lavoro and the local association of employers.

For the Chief Commissioner

Norman E. Fisher

NORMAN E. FISHER
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

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Commissioner, Naples Commune.

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16 March, 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

MAR 16 1945

In your letter 13764/8878 of 11 January, 1945, addressed to Local Government Sub-Commission, you referred to an inquiry from the Prefect of Florence regarding the institution of Internal Commissions in State offices and in establishments under the control of the State, and you indicated that the Italian Government does not approve the institution of such Commissions in non-industrial establishments under Government control.

This Allied Commission agrees with your view that Internal Commissions as operating in industrial establishments are not appropriate to non-industrial Government establishments. I think it opportune to mention, however, that it appears to be proper to allow freedom of organization of professional, technical, administrative and clerical Government employees for the normal purposes of workers' associations. Obviously, for State employees the right to strike should be withheld and additional restrictions should be placed on members of the police and security forces.

Apart from the particular question raised by the Prefect of Florence, Allied Military Government will encounter the question of the association of Government non-industrial employees and Internal Commissions in areas now under Allied Military Government and in the North of Italy when it becomes liberated. It is desirable, therefore, that there should be agreement with the Italian Government on the policy to be observed, and I should be glad to learn the extent to which Your Excellency is in agreement with the general principles mentioned.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL : Ext 204
REF : LSC/1102 (Your ref: 14.04/ES)
SUBJECT : Labor Offices
TO : Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section.

19 February 1945

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1. Reference is made to Colonel Densmore's minute of 16 February on the above subject.

I have already discussed the question of Labor Offices informally with Minister Gronchi and with Undersecretary for Labor, Paresce. I have indicated that whatever system is to be adopted must insure the maximum amount of cooperation from all the interests involved, i.e., employers, trade unions, Camera del Lavoro, and the individual workers themselves. The attack by CGIL on these Offices has more of a political flavor than a labor one, and it does not follow that they will be abolished as has been suggested.

2. Minister Gronchi has promised to give me details of his proposals for the performance of the functions of these Offices so that we may arrive at some agreement before formal proposals are made. I will report in detail as soon as particulars are available.

3. I think it should be recognized that in pursuance of military practice D.A.D.L.'s, and similar military employing agencies, set up their own offices for the engagement of civilian workers. (We should also note that patriot offices will act similarly for the engagement of partisans in the North.) Labor Offices should serve as a placing agency of civilians with Armed Forces but this is affected by the activities of D.A.D.L. and other engaging agencies; they should serve as focal points for registration of civilians; for collection of information; for guidance and reference on wages and working conditions questions, and for action in connection with threatened or actual trade disputes. The extent to which they perform these functions varies according to the efficiency of the personnel of the various offices.

If the Italian authorities can convince us that the necessary functions can be efficiently performed by offices which are a modification of the Labor Office system, or are in substitution for the Labor Office system, I assume that we should not force the present system upon them either in liberated territory or in territory about to be liberated.

4. Further special reports on this subject will be rendered.

see 17.15 + 16
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W.H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Conference held on 13 February 1945.

Labour Offices COS said that the question of Labour Offices wanted investigation; there was evidence that the Italians did not like them. Econ Sec reported that Mr. Braine was looking into the whole question and also in regard to our labour policy for the North. CA Sec stressed that they must be told of any alteration to Labour Offices policy so that they could take the necessary action in respect of their instructions for posting of General Orders in the North.

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Ref: 5202/12/COS.

8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Labour Offices.

TO : DCS, Economic Section.

1. On 22 December RG, Abruzzi-Marche, addressed a letter to the Commission enquiring about provincial labour offices in Italian Government Provinces in his Region.

2. The letter was sent to your Section on 24 December and beyond an interim reply sent on 2 January I heard nothing further until 6 February when your letter 7.04/RI was submitted to me. This deals satisfactorily with Colonel French's fears regarding the finance for these offices, but it also contains a statement that assurance has been given by the Minister of Labour that personnel will not be dismissed without the prior consent of AC.

3. Even in the palmey days of control it would be difficult to justify this obligation on the part of the Italian Government for one cannot insist that the officials concerned are in any way key men. It disturbs me to feel that the Labour Sub-Commission should at this stage and in view of the developments culminating in the issue of the present directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, continue in this line of thought.

4. I should be glad if you would make it quite clear to the Labour Sub-Commission that there can be no question of insisting on such assurances from the Italian Government who are at liberty to dismiss Italian Government personnel in Italian Government territory as they please.

MSL/JG.

MSL.
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

see M. II

Ref/7.04/SS.

9 February 1945

SUBJECT : Labour Offices.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Abruzzi-Marche Region.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum R5/519/9 dated 22 December 1944 regarding the provision of budgets for Labor Offices in Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and L'Aquila.
2. The Ministry of Labor, Industry and Commerce indicates that financial provision has been made for the Labor Offices of Chieti and Teramo but that Pescara and L'Aquila did not ask for funds.
3. Further the Undersecretary for Labor in the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor has also given assurance that while the staff are in effect in the posts in Labor Offices their salaries will be paid. Certain questions which have arisen in making actual payments of salaries are understood to be due to difficulties in transmitting funds, and effective steps are being taken immediately to ease this situation.

Joseph C. Rivoli
for Brigadier, *signed*
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

7.04 E/S
Ext. 415

RED/mem
January 2, 1945

SUBJECT: Labor Offices

TO : Regional Commissioner - Abruzzo Marche Region.

1. With reference to your letter R5/519/9 of 22 December, concerning Labor Offices, this matter is now being pressed with the Italian Government and you will be informed of the action taken as soon as a firm conclusion is reached.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone.

(Sgd) L.D. DENSMORE,
Colonel, F.A.,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section.

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see M. II.

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Ref: 5202/3/GOS.

24 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Labour Offices in CHIETI, PESCARA, TERAMO
and AQUILA Provinces.

TO : DCOS, Economic Section.

1. Reference R/5/519/9 letter from RC, Abruzzi-Marche Region of 22 Dec, above subject, two copies attached.
2. May you please see that a speedy reply is prepared for signature of the Chief of Staff?

JCR/JG.

JCR
4 Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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28/12 785017

TO :- HQ AC (Attention Brigadier Lush)

FROM :- HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.

SUBJECT :- Labour Offices.

REF :- R5/519/9.

DATE :- 22 December, 1944.

23 DEC 1944

1. I am much concerned over the position of the Labour offices in the provinces of Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and L'Aquila, recently handed back to the Italian Government.
2. As you know AMG budgets come to an end on December 31, after which, of course, they come under the Italian Government in these provinces. Recently the Minister of Labour has sent out a circular cutting the budgets in these provinces for Labour Offices from 50-60%. If these budgets stand, they will, in my opinion, render these offices inoperative, and we may as well close them up at once.
3. A further circular has been sent out by the Italian Government directing that no employees and no persons employed under AMG be dismissed. This is not clear to me, as presumably we are thereby compelled to keep the whole of the staff, with the result that budgets would be spread altogether too thinly.
4. Wage increases to 145 lire per day for unskilled labour have already been approved for these provinces by the Italian Government, thereby increasing the cost of living. It will now, in my opinion, be impossible to retain the staff at the wage levels of the proposed budget, and I feel sure will result in making the labour offices useless. If we are to be of any service to the Italian working people and to the industries that we hope to develop in Italy, I am convinced that these labour offices must function. If they are closed, labour itself will certainly trend towards the various political parties, and to be influenced and controlled thereby.
5. There may be something behind this part of the budgeting which I do not know about, and it may have a political significance which is not apparent on the surface.
6. I understand that all the facts related above have been put before the Labour Sub-Commission, but it is imperative that we have a decision from them by the end of the year regarding the future of these labour offices, otherwise I feel the worst for the provinces in question.

C.H.A. FRENCH,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to:- Labour Sub-Division, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

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 C.H.A. FRANCH,
 Colonel,
 Regional Commissioner.

Copy to:- Labour Sub-Division, Abruzzi-Marche Region.

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Ref/5202/6/008.

Tel : 473808

21 December 44.

SUBJECT : Promotions of Italian Railway Officials.

TO : Regional Commissioner - SICILIA Region.

Attached letter from CASARONA FERDINANDO, of Licata, dated 8 December 44, is transmitted to you for investigation and appropriate action.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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Translation

Sindacato Ferroviari Italiani
Sezione di Licata

n. 117

Licata, 8 December 1941

To Admiral Eliery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
R o m e

Subject: Promotion granted by the American Military Command.

When the Americans landed in Licata, first cit. to be freed from fascism, the undersigned were promoted to a superior rank by Major Butler, Commander of this railway station:
Parisi Giuseppe - Milano Andrea - Casarona Ferdinando - Scaglione Carmelo -
Lauria Giuseppe - Lauria Francesco - Costanza Serafino-Gianetta Pietro -
Sicilia Giuseppe - Russo Giuseppe. The order was transmitted to the Sezione Movimento delle Ferrovie in Palermo to be approved, but there was no result.

We transmitted the order to the Central Direction in Rome. There has been no result. The undersigned, in the name of his companions, asks your intervention by the competent office, so that the promotions granted by the American Command to those who at once put themselves at its disposal should be acknowledged.

Ref: The decrees 11.2.94, n. 31

Il Segretario Sezionale
s. Casarona Ferdinando

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ROUTINE

FROM: CAMERA DEL LAVORO, BARI

DEC 1944

TO: COMMISSIONE ALLEATA, CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA LAVORO, COMITATO NAZIONALE
LIBERAZIONE, ROMA



FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IN CLEAR.

Organizations of Public Administration's employees, as adherents Chamber of Work, complaining about insufficiency of the increase allowed on their appointments, ask for the immediate Governments Reconstitution which should be an expression of Liberation Committees and Organised Labor Forces to protect workmen's interests. They are ready to act in order to prevent that retrograde and hostile forces could prevail.

M/C Note

This is translation of cable
received through Civil Channels

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

Ref: 5202/3/008

Tel: 209

8 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter from Signor Giannone Luigi.

TO : Economic Section.

Attached letter from Signor Giannone Luigi, Caltanissetta, dated 30 November 44, is passed to you for appropriate action please.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff

Copy to: SO to Chief Commissioner.

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Translation

To the Department of Industry, Commerce and Work
General Direction of Work
Personnel of Work Offices Service

to be seen by:

Comodoro Stone
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
R o m e

The undersigned Giannone Luigi, regent of the Relief Section of this Provincial Work Office, appeals to this Ministry for his situation is now unbearable.

On 26 October 1943, he was taken by the Provincial Work Office of Galtanissetta (cf. enclosure 1) and attached to the Relief Section; as no other employees came to join this section, he was entrusted with the regency (cf. enclos. 2 & 3).

As it can easily be ascertained, he had an enormous amount of work to do (cf. enclos. 4 & 5). Because of their importance, the Relief Service of Galtanissetta should have its own organization.

The undersigned is still alone to do his work which is becoming more difficult every day because of the state of agitation of the working masses. His salary is smaller than that of many others who have far less work to do, and no diploma.

He therefore asks this Ministry, and the Chief of the Allied Commission to take in kind consideration the following requests:

- 1) Orders should be given to take one employee and one typist who would work for the Relief Section only;
- 2) I should be officially appointed regent, and this with a retroactive effect, from the date I was taken;
- 3) I should be given a regency indemnity, of no less than 1.000 Lira monthly, with a retroactive effect too.

Trusting that my requests will be taken in considerate ration, I remain,

Yours truly,

S. Giannone Luigi

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Ref: 302/1/303. 1

To: Acting Chief Commissioner.

2nd October, 1944.

Mr Braine, Labour Attache to the British Embassy, came to see me this morning to pay a courtesy call on his appointment here. He explained that this appointment was a new departure on the part of H.M.G., and one which was being followed in other Embassies.

His duties were to observe labour conditions and policy in this country, both from the point of view of employees and employers and to advise H.M. Ambassador and H.M.G., having in view the long term policy of labour which must also be one of the objectives of the Italian Government. Supplementary to this, one of his duties was to project into the consciousness of the Italians the immense contribution by the people of the Allied Nations towards the War effort and the suffering and privations borne by them, particularly in the United Kingdom.

He was careful to emphasise that he had no executive functions and that he would in all his contacts be most careful not to act or appear to act in conflict with the A.C.C. He hoped that he would be allowed access to A.C.C. Conferences and documents on labour in the same way as the Commercial Attache.

He has seen Colonel Bain and gave me a very sympathetic appreciation of the difficulties faced both by the Labour Sub-Commission and the Italian Government on labour problems. Colonel Bain had expressed himself very fully and Mr Braine had gained the impression, as you had, that Colonel Bain's usefulness has probably now come to an end.

I told him that he would have the same access to A.C.C., as the Commercial Attache, that we would welcome his advice and that we would give him every opportunity to study the problems. I asked him whether he would suggest to me any British civilian expert to replace Colonel Bain. He promised to do so.

I was impressed by Mr Braine's approach to the subject, his appreciation of the problems and of his own position. I think he will act discreetly and will be of real help to us. At the moment he has no American counterpart but gave me the impression that the American Embassy would probably consider making a similar appointment.

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Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Acting Head, —
Economic Section.

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