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FROM FEB-1945  
TO DEC-1946  
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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your ~~signature~~ <sup>approved</sup> information

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F.C. *[Signature]* 27 1946

26/9/46.

*McLan Bury*  
BRIGADIER  
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Chief Commissioner.

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10 May.

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to Executive Comm. 504  
JWD 11/6  
JWD 12/15

to Comm.

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see 40 + 41. This was sent  
up by Leon see. with no comment. N.S. 1415 504  
There is a similar report - under Feb. - see 38  
Discuss at Ex Com's meeting

JWD 14/15

N.S. 1415

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48.

see to Comm.

Ref folio 45. please see folio 47 for  
wife. Aug 28/9 N.S. 3019  
N.S. 3019

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Please see folio 30 & 31 a report by labor off on strike in Snyper Mine & Catmonetta. I believe C.C. would be interested in seeing this report in view of his notation on folio 29

ABD 9/7/45

ABD

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Executive Commissioner.

wish to see

CC will be interested in folio 31 which relates to folio 29 on which he has asked for follow-up action.

10 July 45.

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CSO.

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Executive Commissioner.

Please see folio 34. Believe C.C. should see this in view of his note on folio 29. It appears strike in Snyper mine is not settled. I note in min 33 that C.C. has apparently not seen folio 31.

Si 12/7.

ABD 12/7/45

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34 seen by CC and EC.

J. 12/7

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negotiations  
should be  
made to pre-  
vent flooding  
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SMC/25/32

29 June 1965

Vice President,  
Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference Industry Sub-Commission letter 4448-926.4 of 23 June at folio 25.
2. Please take action through Public Safety Sub-Commission on the Chief Commissioner's minute above.

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*L. S. ...*  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (please restrain your Sub-Commissions from sending correspondence direct to the Chief Commissioner).

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Public Safety.

Note folio 23.24 and Minute 25 para (2) for action

29 June

*L. S. ...*  
CAS.

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29 June 1945

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Civil Affairs Section.

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Executive Commissioner,  
Public Safety

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Public Safety.

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Note Folio 23.2nd and March 25 para (2) for action  
29 June  
L. D. Birmingham  
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OK See

The particulars of Para 4 of 23 were brought to notice of the Director of Public Security, Mr. H. Entwistle by Capt. Chapman personally on 2 July 45. He promised every attention.

Trans. Public Safety

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RMS:GS.

Seen by CSO p. 9.

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CS 7.  
to see folio 5 for explanation of removal of file at Palermo.  
Note that a meeting is removed for Sunday 11 Feb. 45.  
Have had copy of folio 6 sent to our Labor S/C for info. JCS 7/2

↑ W/ep.  
Σ 8/2

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Cos Sirap from Sicily at 208.

Σ 6/2  
~~10.~~  
Labor Sub Com should find out ALL about  
the strike & inform CI & S (21 info) (b)  
DR 7/2

~~11.~~

Major R. W. Wick.  
My take up on w/ 10. early

Σ 7/5  
12.  
3A.

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CSO: Labor S/C (Mr. Brayne) has been consulted and informed of 10 above.  
He is in process of putting into operation his system of strike reporting  
which will give us an early insight on strike conditions & threatened  
strikes as well. He will so inform on this at 8. JCS 7/2  
see file 5212/EC.

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Noted from 16.  
File 14/1/45

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Cos Strip from Sec 14, at 8.8.

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the strike & inform CIB & C2 myself  
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see file 5212/EC.

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Noted above 16.  
14/1/45

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Labo Please see files 17 & 18. Am forwarding up  
files to  
Labo 17/6/45  
778/196

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CC 5201

4 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Anti-Strike Affidavit.

TO : G-5 Section, HTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. ARMY.

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1. Referring to my dispatch 5694 of 3 December on the protest of the C.G.I.L. against the War Department requirement that Italian workers paid from War Department appropriated funds be required to sign "no strike" affidavits, I forward you herewith a translation of the written protest referred to in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned dispatch.

W. Stone

ELLSKY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:  
US Ambassador  
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Ex Commr ✓  
CC

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*Copy to*

PA 5/12  
*[Handwritten signature]*

TRANSLATION

CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA DEL LAVORO  
24655/46 DV/alf

Rome, 3 December 1946

**SUBJECT:** Italian workers employed by the American Armed Forces in Italy  
Memorandum of the CGIL concerning Italian workers employed by the American Armed Forces in Italy.

Dear Admiral,

This Confederal Secretariat has the honor of summing-up in the present memorandum the objections which it feels called upon to make with regard to the obligation made to the Italians employed by American Military authorities in Italy to sign the declaration pledging themselves not to "strike against the American Government" nor to belong to any organization admitting the principle of striking "against the American Government."

The American law which imposes such an obligation upon the employees of the War Department cannot but concern the American or foreign citizens employed in America. The same law cannot, in our opinion, be applied to Italian citizens working in Italy, even though these be employed by American Military authorities, inasmuch as such a law is contrary to the present Italian laws insofar as the right to strike is concerned.

In fact, since the Unitary Syndical Organization of the Italian workers, i.e. the CGIL, admits the right to strike, all Italian workers employed by American authorities in Italy must give up their right to belong to their guild, which, according to Italian laws, would constitute a coercion of individual freedom and would negate the right of association which in Italy has been recognized without exception to all workers, including those depending from the Italian War Ministry.

According to universally recognized principles of international labor legislation, the workers of all countries must submit to the laws which are in force in the country where they are working. Therefore Italian workers employed in Italy, even though this employment be given by armed forces of other countries, are entitled to the same treatment as other similar Italian workers.

This Confederal Secretariat takes the liberty to remark that the above obligation imposed upon the Italian workers does not appear justified since they have never struck against the American Armed Forces, much less "against the American Government"; this latter a supposition which we consider absurd as it is practically impossible. The fact that there have been no serious demonstrations on the part of Italian workers against American and Allied Armed Forces - notwithstanding existing good reasons for dissatisfaction of a syndical nature - is due to the general feelings of sympathy of the Italian people, and particularly of the working classes, for the armed forces who have contributed with such valor to the liberation of our country and of Europe from Fascist and Nazi barbarity.

May we make a last consideration; owing to Italy's situation of inferiority, from the international point of view, and to the not yet complete national independence of our country, there is a difused tendency among our people to see even in facts of little consequence motives of humiliation to our national feelings. The obligation imposed upon the Italian workers to submit to laws of another country, which are contrary to the Italian laws, is resented by many people as an offense to Italian dignity and national independence.

For all these reasons the Confederal Secretariat begs the competent American authorities to free the Italian workers employed by American Armed Forces from the above obligation. At the same time the CGIL pledges itself formally to avoid any strike or demonstration of workers against American and Allied Armed Forces, as has been the case so far.

Finally, pending the examination of this request by the competent American authorities, we beg that the above-mentioned obligation be suspended. Trusting that the American authorities, also in consideration of the friendship and collaborating relations which exist between the Italian people and authorities and the American Armed Forces in Italy, will grant our request, we beg you to accept our regards and remain

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Mazzadri  
Di Vittorio  
La Segreteria Confederale

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome

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 FROM WAR DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO SIGN SO STRIKE AFFIDAVIT PD  
 PARA TWO PD I EXPLAINED FULLY THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S DECISION  
 WHICH REQUIRED THE ACTION TAKEN BY MTOUSA PD THEY ASKED IF I WOULD FORWARD TO COMGEN MTOUSA  
 A WRITTEN PROTEST FOR TRANSMISSION TO WAR DEPARTMENT PD I AGREED TO FORWARD UPON ITS RECEIPT  
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 FORMATIONS IN ITALY VIS A VIS CIVILIANS WORKING FOR ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR PD 3202  
 PARA FOUR PD BECAUSE OF POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS THEY STRONGLY URGE THAT REQUIREMENT BE  
 SUSPENDED UNTIL THEIR PROTEST WHICH THEY HOPE WILL BE TELEGRAPHED TO WASHINGTON CAN BE

*Cap W*

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CONSIDERED BY WAR DEPARTMENT PD THEY PLEDGE NO BARRIERS AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS DURING  
SUCH WAITING PERIOD PD  
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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

Chief Commissioner

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CC 9253

2 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Anti-Strike Affidavits.

TO : G-5 Section, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

With reference to HQ MTOUSA letter AG 230.1404 A-O dated 23 November 1946 giving instructions to secure signatures to affidavits from civilian employees paid from appropriated funds of the War Department, the attached is a translation of an article which appeared in the Saturday, 30 November, edition of "L'UNITA".

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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Ex Commr ✓  
CO 7106 Regt.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Capt K

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TRANSLATION

WE HAVE A RIGHT TO GO ON STRIKE AT HOME!

People working for American Military Authorities will be called today to sign a "sworn statement" worded as follows:-

"I swear that I have never taken part in any strike against the Government of the United States, and that I will never take part in such strikes as long as I remain an employee of the United States Government: that I am not a member of employee-organizations of the Government who admit the right of striking against the Government of the United States: and that for as long as I remain a Government employee I will not become a member of similar organizations."

It seems that the refusal to sign this statement will be punished with immediate dismissal.

We learn that the Camera del Lavoro will contact American Authorities today for the necessary explanations. In the meantime employees are invited not to sign the statement. Such a gesture would mean for them to become accomplices of the illegal interferences of the American Authorities in the internal Italian situation. This they will never do. And while in their name we protest against this offense towards the national feelings of our workers, we reaffirm that they are perfectly free to strike if they so wish, a fundamental freedom which is true of every real democracy. And the Italian workers -- with our respects to the Qualunquista press, which in order to serve the interests of home and foreign capitalism wish to see the reviving energies of the Italian proletariat dashed to the ground -- will know how to defend their victory with every means of democratic struggle which they have at their disposal.

From: "L'UNITA", 30 November 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APC 794  
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

MEMO

28 September '46

TO: Executive Commissioner.

SEP 28 1946

Terms of settlement of the telephone operators' strike have not been decided definitely. Tentative conditions, subject to final approval today, are:

- a. A 30% wage increase effective from 1 August 1946.
- b. A 12% wage increase from 1 January 1946 to 31 July 1946 plus one months' pay.

*L.R. Humbert*  
L.R. HUMBERT,  
Lt. Col. Sig.C.  
Director.

(Capt. K)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

MEMO

26 September '46

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. All interurbane telephone operators of the Concessionary telephone companies went on strike this afternoon. They will report for duty tomorrow, but if there has not been a settlement they will not work.
2. Azienda di Stato telephone operators, long distance service, are not on strike. This Agency furnishes long distance service at Milan, Palermo, Naples, Torino, Genoa, Padova, Venezia, Bologna, Florence, Leghorn, Bari, Messina, and Rome.
3. Operators who handle military service in Concessionary companies are not on strike and have given assurance they will not strike.
4. Italian Government agencies will continue their efforts tonight to terminate the strike.

*L.R. Humbert*  
 L.R. HUMBERT,  
 Lt. Col. Sig.C.  
 Director.  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

26 September 1946

MEMO

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. A strike of Italian telephone operators; reported by the morning papers to be scheduled to take effect at 1400 hours today, had not become effective at 1515. Representatives of the Azienda di Stato, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the Ministry of Labor are in conference trying to avert the strike.

2. Some officials of the operating telephone companies seem to believe that the strike will take place in spite of the best efforts of the Ministries.

3. The operators unions agreed, sometime ago, that a general strike of telephone operators would be handled so as to permit continued operation of military communications. If the agreement is followed there should not be an interruption of military service.

*L.R. Humbert*  
L.R. HUMBERT,  
Lt. Col. Sig. C.  
Director.

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**ACTION**

Sir

Ref ECs Min H3

I have transferred  
the report to this  
file where it should  
have been filed  
originally.

H.S. P/A-1515 <sup>92</sup> 14/5

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*X 14.04*  
*C.S.O.*

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER  
PETROLEUM DIVISION  
APO 794

FDA/jeb/E-37

7 May 1946

MAY 1 1946

SUBJECT: CIP Installation; Strike

TO : Colonel Walton (Acting Vice President Allied Commission)

1. Subject strike went into effect 7 May.

2. Present Situation:

(a) The CIP installations at Naples and Leghorn under U.S. Military control will continue to operate. Confirmation as to situation in Bari, Venice, Vado has not been received as yet. Trieste is not involved with CIP and therefore should continue operations. The operations of these latter installations are supervised by the British Military.

(b) Civilian Port Installations (Not covered by military supervision), it is understood there is stoppage of work involved.

(c) It is understood, but not confirmed, that the strike order will not effect installations directly servicing military units.

3. Future Situation:

(a) The American Military in conjunction with the British Military are in a position to operate the ports of Naples and Leghorn for an indefinite period.

(b) If the Petroleum Products are not moved from the secondary or civilian installations (sea or interior) to provide ullage for stocks to be moved from the primary ports of Naples, Trieste, etc., ullages will not be provided for unloading T2 tankers from the United States and hence demurrage of \$ 4500 per day per tanker will rapidly accumulate and be chargeable to UNRRA or to the Italian government.

*see M42 & 43*

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4. The present sea terminal storage capacity in Italy is extremely small compared to the import program for Petroleum Products to Italy. Any interruption of Petroleum distribution system in Italy (i.e. to strikes) is bound to seriously effect the flow of Petroleum Products, the Italian economy and the UNRRA efforts towards rehabilitation.

5. The Allied (American and British) Military import program and needs will be given first priority. At the present time these commitments can satisfactorily be handled by the military forces in Italy.

6. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this strike or ceasing of operations of the civilian installations at this time will seriously effect the Italian people.

7. It has just been reported by DDS & T, CMF that the installations in Bari are involved with the strike. United States troops in Foggia area will be supplied by railroad tank cars from Naples installations.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER:

Copy to:  
Commanding Officer PBS

*F. D. Atkinson*  
F.D. ATKINSON  
Major AC  
Division Chief

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APC 794  
Industry and Utilities Branch

Tel: 303

7 May 1946

MAY 9 1946

Ref: ES/13.01 X 1404

SUBJECT: Strike of S.I.L.P.

TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section ✓

The following notes are supplied for your information:

The C.I.P. Workers organization is known as the Sindacato Italiano Lavoratori Petrolio (S.I.L.P.) representing the workers in Central Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

Yesterday afternoon, 6 May 1946, a committee from S.I.L.P. met the directors of C.I.P. and made known their demands. They asked for increases from 4,000 to 6,000 lire pay monthly increase in salary. The total for all the workers concerned would amount to 110,000,000 lire per month increase. The meeting ended without any action being taken.

The S.I.L.P. held further meetings which are reported to have ended at midnight last night at which they decided to call a general strike effective at once. This, of course, came without notice to C.I.P. This controversy has been brewing for the past few days and the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Industry have both been notified of the situation by C.I.P. They have taken no action.

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Major Atkinson, Chief of PES Petroleum Section has also written you a memorandum pointing out the implications occasioned by the strike. There is no immediate danger of military supplies. Com. Insoa has informed that all installations serving the Allied Military Forces will continue to be operated by S.I.L.P. workers.

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The ports of Genova, Venice and, of course, Trieste, will not be affected by the present strike. However, they will not be able to discharge all the POL products at these two ports for any length of time. It is estimated that in about a week or ten days, should the strike continue, the ocean storage will have been filled and since none of it will be dispatched to inland, C.I.P. distributing points, tankers will be unable to discharge. In this event the demurrage amounting to 4 to 5 thousand dollars per day each tanker will commence. This, of course, will be chargeable to UNPRA/Italian Government, and would mean in the long run spending more money for gasoline for Italy. Should the strike continue for 10 days or more, it is estimated that the rail and road transport will be further curtailed, thus preventing the movement of UNPRA supplies.

Major Greenacre (FHQ) has been notified of the situation by telephone and is checking up on the British installations. Major Atkinson's memorandum should clarify the position so far as the U.S. Army installations are concerned.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

*H. M. Walker*

H. M. WALKER  
Colonel, CE  
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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Ext. 416

14.04

REF : L80/521

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Sulphur mines strike in Caltanissetta

JUL 11 1945

TO : Brig. Gen. W. D. McKinley  
Acting Vice President  
Economic Section

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1. Reference is made to my report dated 7th July summarising the history of the sulphur mine strike in Sicily.

2. The Ministry of Labour informs us that a telephone message has been received this morning from the Regional Labour Officer at Palermo, stating that agreement in the dispute has been reached. It is understood that the employers have agreed to make payment of wage increase retro-active from 16th February. The Ministry of Labour states that the work-ers have accepted this offer and have resumed their employment.

3. As soon as we receive confirmation of settlement of the dispute a further report will be furnished to you.

DAVID O. SACHS  
Deputy Director  
Labour Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Ex Comm  
(11 JULY 45)



(CAPT ARNOLD)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

DCS:gb

TEL : 416

7 July 1945

REF : LSC/521

JUL 9 1945

SUBJECT: SULPHUR MINES STRIKE IN CALTANISSETTA.

TO : Brig. Gen. E. D. McKinley  
Acting Vice-President  
Economic Section.

1. This will summarize the history and present status of the sulphur mine strike in CALTANISSETTA, SICILY. Reference signal from Liaison Officer Palermo to Alcom of 3 July.

2. In April 1945 Gronchi visited Sicily and promised action to improve working conditions in the sulphur mines. Subsequently a temporary special indemnity of 30 lire per day was paid to each worker, and an arbitration board was set up to consider more permanent improvements. This board consists of Chairman (Judge Uzzo), two experts appointed by the Italian Government, three representatives of employers and three representatives of workers.

3. On 16th June 1945 the Arbitration Board recommended a wage increase (to include "caropane") of 90 lire per day to workers over 18 years of age, 60 lire for workers between 16 and 18, and 45 lire for workers under 16. The Board advised that this wage increase would necessitate raising the price of sulphur from 5700 lire to 9000 lire per quintal. The wage increase was to be dated one month prior to the effective date of the price increase. Objection to these recommendations was made by:

- a. The miners who demanded retroactive payment of wage increase to 16th February 1945;
- b. Gronchi who held that the sulphur industry could only stand an increase of 2000 lire per quintal (i.e., a price of 7700 lire).

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This was the position when the miners came out on strike on 20th June and furnacemen and pumpers joined in the strike on 28th June. The Italian Government sent technical investigators to Caltanissetta and they returned on 5th July.

see M.32933.

4. According to the Italian Ministry of Labour the position as of today is:

- a. The government inspectors have recommended an increase in the price of sulphur to 8570 lire per quintal and this will cover the wage increase as proposed by the Arbitration Board.
- b. A compromise has been suggested for retroactive payment - 1st April has been put to the workers but their decision is not yet known.
- c. The whole question is being considered personally by Gronchi and Barbaresi and they realize that they must reconcile the wage-price aspect. Both Ministers are, however, away this weekend.

5. In our opinion the issues involved in the strike are entirely for settlement by the Italian government. We have made it quite clear to the Ministry of Labour that early and satisfactory results are vital and are to their own advantage. The wage increase that is demanded does not appear exorbitant, and the existence of the Arbitration Board provides adequate negotiating machinery. If the industry itself is not economically sound enough to stand the new, properly negotiated wage increases, that does not in itself make the proposed rates unreasonable. It seems that Gronchi has little alternative but to agree to the increased price per ton of sulphur and it may then follow that State subsidization is necessary to enable sulphur to be marketed at competitive prices.

It is understood that, in any case, and even without the price increases suggested in para 4 a above the Italian sulphur industry would find it difficult to compete with American price levels (even including freightage to Europe).

We are in close contact with the Italian Ministry of Labour and will continue to remind them of the need for an early, firm decision.

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

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For urgent follow  
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Sulphur mine strike continues, workers unwilling to accept 90 lire increase unless dated back to February. ALL CALTANISSETTA mines are now left unattended and pumps are not operating. Non operation of pumps can continue for only about 10 days without injury to machinery and timber shoring.

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- Action - Labour SC
- Info - Chief Commissioner
- Econ Sec
- Industry SC 2
- P Safety SC
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Charles Highland  
and Engin  
(Capt. Raymond)

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TO: ALCOM LIAISON PALERMO

29 Jun 45

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL NUMBER TWO SEVEN DATED TWO ONE JUNE FOUR FIVE PD  
PARER TO ALCOM LIAISON PALERMO FROM ALCOM CITE ACCAE PARER  
 PARA TWO PD PLEASE MAKE VIGOROUS REPRESENTATIONS TO ENSURE POLICE PROTECTION  
 OF SUSPENS MINE FROM PHYSICAL DAMAGE INCLUDING FLOODING PD PUBLIC SAFETY  
 SUBCOMMISSION WILL MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM THIS END

Internal Distribution: Public Safety S/C.

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Civil Affairs Section

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,  
CPO USA  
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

JUN 23 1945  
1600  
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Tel: 489081  
Ext: 559

JHP/cc.

Ref: Mines-926.1

23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Sicily Sulphur Workers Strike.

TO : Labour Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

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1. Reference is made to Signal 27 from Liaison Officer Palermo to ACLAB Rome, dated 21 June.

2. Question of price of sulphur is undoubtedly a matter for Inter-ministerial Price Committee to handle with approval of our Economic Section. Inasmuch as the sulphur distribution program is almost exclusively one of internal Italian distribution, it would appear that our only interest is in the affect on Italian economy.

3. Increases in wages of 45 to 90 lire per day represent increases in cost of production of sulphur equivalent to from 1200 to 2250 lire per ton, roughly.

4. It is hoped that all precautions possible will be taken by Italian Public Safety authorities to see that the mines are protected from physical damage including flooding which would result from enforced shutting down of mine dewatering pumps. Serious damage to mines would mean continued unemployment and loss of sulphur important to Italian Economy.

See his Maj M. J. 23186

JOHN H. POLLARD, Lt. Comdr.

For W. J. MASKREY,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Acting Director,  
Industry Sub-Commission.

- c/c - Economic Section (1)
- Chief Commissioner (1)
- P. Safety S/C (1)
- Float (1)
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SEE M. 24 - 25, 26, 27  
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MORTON ALCOM PALERMO  
ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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Subject is mine strike in CALTANISSETTA Province. Sulphur workers had requested wage increase of from 100 to 170 lire (R) lire per day above present daily wage scale which ranges from 89 to 151 lire. On 16 June a workers and employers committee agreed to an increase ranging from 45 to 90 depending on age of the worker provided that sulphur be increased from present price of 5700 lire to 9000 per ton but workers have not waited. They went on strike yesterday. Believe strike has involved all Sicilian sulphur mines.

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ACTION: ECON SECT  
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
LABOR S/C  
INDUSTRY S/C 2  
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ROUTINE

MORTONALCOM PALERMO  
ALCOM HOME FOR ACLAB

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Sulphur mines will be damaged if pumpers leave posts. Will remain until Mondays meeting but operators fear will abandon pumps unless wages are then increased. Operators contend wage increase impossible without price increase. Perhaps ACLAB may wish to act to facilitate immediate price increase.

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- INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
- ECON SEC
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PRIORITY

MORTON ALCOM PALERMO  
HQ ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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Strike situation generally unchanged. Estimate 5000 sulphur workers on strike. Understand conciliation meeting scheduled for Monday at GALTANISSETTA Prefettura will result in offer of temporary 50 lire increase in anticipation of some permanent increase.

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JUN 16 1730B

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JUN 17 1425B  
ROUTINE

LOMBARDIA REGION LABOR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DI FEDE  
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACLAB

JUN 17 1945

RESTRICTED.

1. 5000 postal and telegraph workers of MIANO on strike this morning for higher wages. CAMERA DEL LAVORO secretaries were contacted and they requested workers to return to work pending further discussions. Workers have resumed work this afternoon.

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ACTION: Labor S/C  
INFO: Chief Commissioner  
Ex Commissioner  
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JUN 17 1200E  
ROUTINE

LOMBARDIA REGION LABOUR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DE FEDE  
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACLAB

JUN 17 1945

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1. Subject strike.
2. 20000 workers of SESTO S. GIOVANNI (Prov of MILAN) went on strike this morning as a protest against sentence of 20 years imposed on ex-Prefect of GENOVA "BASILE". Workers demanded death sentence because BASILE was responsible for deportation of 7000 Italian workers into GERMANY many of whom died in concentration camps.
3. This was peaceful demonstration. We have been assured that workers will return to work on Monday 18 June.

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MAY 13 0700B  
ROUTINE

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FBI INFORMATION MAY 13 1945

**CONFIDENTIAL**

1500 workers for contractors of Italian State Railways went on strike BOLOGNA City 8 May and returned to work 9 May when negotiations began with Italian Advisory Committee. Present contract rate is 10.95 lire per hour for unskilled workers or approx 104 lire per 8 hour day including average family assistance and all indemnities. General Order Number 41 being posted today but actual wages in many cases have already risen since date of liberation to 20 lire and more per hour. Workers asking 29.50 lire per hour for unskilled workers or approx 250 lire per 8 hour day including average family assistance and all indemnities. Employers in general agreement. Advise concerning relation of Army scale to private wage adjustment. Authorization is requested to use full cost of living bonus in BOLOGNA province instead of 50 percent as authorized by 5 ARMY on 7 May.

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- Info - A/President
- Chief Commissioner
- Exec Comm
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- Finance
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Ref: 5210/15/EC.

25 April 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, informed me on enquiry this morning that a strike of the electrical workers in Rome was now in operation. Reasons for the strike are failure of the Italian Government to meet the demands of the workers that they should come on to the same level of wages (in relation to certain specific increases) as the water and gas employees.

2. Mr. Braine is in close touch with the Italian Government and is doing his best to persuade them to reach a conclusion before 1st May. In the meantime the strikers have agreed to carry on the essential services which include all Allied military circuits. Mr. Braine, however, considers that if the strike continues until 1st May (Labour Day) these services may be affected.

3. I have informed Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, who will be prepared to man and operate the essential military circuits, if needs be.

Strike now called off • C.G., RAAC informed.

HSL/JG.

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Copy to: Economic Section (2)  
P.S. Branch.  
File 5212/EC

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AICOM HQ FOR LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

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Prefect BRIMENSI informed this office as follows.

On April 18 approximately 1000 workers of the firms METALLURGICHE SACCA and LA  
RIMASCENTE failed to work. Representatives of the workers requested Prefect's intervention  
to obtain increase of their wages. Agreement has been reached and the increase has been  
risen from 902160 (90 to 1607) lire per day. Public order is normal. Further information  
requested from Prefect by this office

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A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
EXEC COMMISSIONER  
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APR 23 1945

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*C/S 12/13*

Originator's Reference: REX 391  
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 08/1145A.

Message Centre No: D/1094  
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 08/1530  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM SICILIA REGION (CARR)  
TO: HQ ALCOM

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**SECRET**

FEB 9 1945

SECRET.

1. Ref your wire 1166 dated 6 February.
2. Rumors of strike statal and parastatal workers were persistent last week but no strike was called.
3. Meeting certain workers PALERMO last Sunday decisions postponed to further meeting next Sunday.

**ACTION**

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Action: C o S 2  
INFO: A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
ECON SEC  
LABOUR S/C  
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CITE: REG 386  
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FEB 6/0845  
ROUTINE

From: ALCOM SICILIA REGION PALERMO (CAFRO)

To: HQ ALCOM

FEB 6 1945

**CONFIDENTIAL.**

Sitrep SICILIA Region February W.

No unusual political activity. Food situation relieved by receipt 2755 tons wheat 7513 tons barley SANTA CHIARA sailed February 4 with 822 tons citrus fruit 50 tons hayseed. Public safety situation quiet, threatened strike state workers believed postponed 1 week armed holdups continue including 2 train holdups January 27. Health small pox and typhoid greatly reduced. Prices continue to rise

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- Action Chief of Staff (2)
- Info A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
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TO AFHQ (G-3 Ops)

AFHQ G-2 (CI) ALCOM FOR AMIA MIA LO

FEB 7 1945

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REF OUR CO420 DATED 05 (.) STRIKE DID NOT TAKE PLACE (.)

PALERMO REPORTED CALM (.) ALL INFORMED

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Chief of Staff Sec ←  
C.A. Sec  
Public Safety Sub Com.

cos Dist 7/2/45

Labour 3/1/45

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**ALLIED COMMISSION  
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394**

**OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER  
PHONE: 15555 EXT 1**

FILE: RC/201

5 Feb 1945

*My dear Lush,*

FEB 7 1945

Your personal assistant (Miss Russel) rang up this afternoon to ask about a general strike here - I gathered you had received some information about this from AFHQ.

I presume that this anxiety about a general strike here arose out of a so-called "warning order" issued yesterday by 204 sub-area (copy enclosed for reference). My Headquarters received their copy of this warning order on the evening of Sunday 4 February but my headquarters knew on the morning of 4 February that the rumoured strike would not take place. When we received a copy of the enclosed order it was too late to do anything to rectify the situation.

I think these sort of alarms are bound to occur so long as 204 sub-area are located at CATANIA away from this Headquarters and the seat of the local government. I shall take an early opportunity of seeing the Area Commander and suggesting that he should not send out information of this nature without first consulting this Headquarters.

There have been continuous rumours of a general strike of statal and para-statal employees here not only at PALERMO but in other cities in the Island. These rumours are all the aftermath of the general strike which, I understand, was at one time planned throughout Liberated Italy as noted in reports received from your Labour Subcommittee. The present situation here is, it is now rumoured, that a meeting of representatives of the organisations concerned will be held on Sunday next 11 FEB to decide what action should be taken. I have instructed the Regional Labour Officer to keep your Labour Subcommittee informed of any developments.

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*Yours sincerely  
M. Carr*

**M. CARR  
Brigadier  
Regional Commissioner**

**Brigadier M.S. LUSH C.B. C.B.E. M.C.  
Chief of Staff  
Allied Commission Headquarters**

R O M E

*see Minute 7.*

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INCOMING MESSAGE

DATE : 4 FEBRUARY 1945  
 CLASSIFICATION : RESTRICTED  
 PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE  
 ORIGINATED BY : 804 SUB AREA (G) CITY CO 265  
 SO : 51 FSS, OO TPS PALERMO, USJOB PALERMO,  
 TERRITORIAL HQ  
 REPEAT FOR INFO TO : PALERMO, LOGG (AREA) PALERMO

RESTRICTED PD WARRANT ORDER PD 51 FSS REPORT GENERAL STRIKE  
 OF STATE EMPLOYEES WILL TAKE PLACE IN PALERMO AG AND FROM  
 5 FEBRUARY PD STRIKE IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE CAMERA DEL  
 LAVORO ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS AGAINST THE HIGH PRICES AND NON  
 FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROMISE IN RESPECT TO INCREASES IN  
 WAGES PD NOT KNOWN WHETHER PUBLIC UTILITY PLANTS WILL BE  
 AFFECTED NO DISORDERS MAY OCCUR PD PALERMO REPORTED QUITE PD  
 ALL ENFORCED

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FROM: DISTHI

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TO: MMIA

FEB 7 1945

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GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED PALERMO COMMENCING 05 (.) CAMERA  
DEL LAVORO ORGANISING IN VIEW HIGH PRICES AND NON - FULFIL  
MENT GOVERNMENT PROMISE TO INCREASE WAGES (.) NOT KNOWN  
WHETHER PUBLIC UTILITY PLANTS WILL BE AFFECTED (.) PALERMO  
QUIET BUT DISORDERS POSSIBLE (.) ALL INFORMED

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*Palermo 2-7-45*

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ALCOM SICILIA REGION RPTD DISTRESS

1166

6 Feb 45

PRIORITY

*f. look up*

SECRET PD

DISTRESS REPORT STRIKE IMMINENT PALERMO PD

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION RPTD DISTRESS FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

CONFIRM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CARR DASH LHM THAT NO STRIKE IMMINENT

*Major Quaye informed this date that, in future, to refer reports and questions regarding strikes to Labor S/C at once.*

*JCB 6/2*

*Also informed Col. Jackson by phone this date of above cable info.*

*JCB 6/2*

**Dist  
Econ S/C  
Labour S/C**

Chief of Staff  
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NICHOLAS POMBINO,  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant

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*PAJ 6/2*

*JK*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Office of the Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

JAC/hjp

1500 hours  
5 February 1945

MEMO TO: Chief of Staff

Colonel Jackman of G-5 AFHQ reports that they have received a signal from No. 3 District to the effect that a general strike is imminent in Palermo. He would be grateful to know if we have any information on this subject.

J. A. Quayle.

J. A. QUAYLE  
Major, R. A.  
Staff Officer to CC

*Handwritten notes:*  
① (1) Information concerning  
② Category of signal concerned  
③ a detail of the amount  
date  
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⑤ What action does head  
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- ① What demands are being made by whom for a general strike - about public utilities
- ②
- ③

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see file 2

We had better check on this by telegraph reflected No 3 Jan. 7 early by 10:30 AM

Confirm telephone conversation Carr - Rush that no strike imminent. Also Tell Dept & authorities to refer questions on strike to Labour Sub Com 3170

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STRIKES, GENERAL  
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INFORMATION FILE  
OFFICE OF  
CHIEF OF STAFF

STRIKES

GENERAL

TO BE READ IN CONTINUATION WITH

STRIKES - NAPLES S211/EC

STRIKES - EMERGENCY ACTION DURING S207/EC

STRIKES - SAGUNIA S214/EC

STRIKES IN THE NORTH S221/EC

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CHIEF OF STAFF

STRIKES

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TO BE READ IN CONNECTION WITH

STRIKES - NAPLES 5211/EC

STRIKES - EMERGENCY ACTION DURING 5204/EC

STRIKES - SARUNIA 5214/EC

STRIKES IN THE NOCT. 5221/EC

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FROM FEB-1945  
TO DEC-1946  
CATALOGUE.

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Attached is submitted for your

~~signature~~  
information

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F.C. *[Signature]*

SEP 27 1946

26/9/46.

*[Signature]*

BRIGADIER  
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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Chief Commissioner.

38.

Attached is submitted for your information

MAY 11 1945  
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F.C.

10 May.

Alambkin  
Capt  
Executive Commr. 15

✓ TWD 11/16  
NW 13/15

to Commr.

see 40 + 41  
42 + 43. This was sent  
up by Leon Lee, with no comment. N.S. 1415 510.  
There is a similar report in another file - see 38  
Discuss with Comr's machine

N.S. 1415

NW 14/15

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see dx comm.

Ref folio 45. please see folio 47 for  
info.

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Please see folios 30 & 31 a report by labor rep on strike in Sulphur Mines of Caltonoretha. I believe C.C. would be interested in seeing this report in view of his notation on folio 29

ABW 9/7/45

ABW

33.

Executive Commissioner.

CC will ~~be~~ <sup>wish to see</sup> folio 31 which relates to folio 29 on which he has asked for follow-up action.

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CSO

10 July 45.

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Executive Commissioner.

Please see folio 34. Believe C.C. should see this in view of his note on folio 29. It appears strike in Sulphur Mines is not settled. I note in min 33 that C.C. has apparently not seen folio 31.

ABW 12/7/45

Σ 12/7.

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34 seen by CC and EC.

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E.O. (34)

Vigorous, rep-  
resentations  
should be  
made to pro-  
vent flooding  
26/5/50  
4/23/66

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29 June 1945

Vice President,  
Civil Affairs Section.

- 1. Reference Industry Sub-Commission letter lines 326.4 of 23 June at folio 23.
- 2. Please take action through Public Safety Sub-Commission on the Chief Commissioner's minute above.

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*W. Stewart*  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (Please restrain your Sub-Commissions from sending copies outside direct to the Chief Commissioner).

Public Safety.

Note Folio 23.2d and Minute 25 para (2) for action  
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W. Stambourgh 1/61  
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29 June

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Minutes of 23 June were brought to notice

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made to pre-vent flooding  
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29 June 1945

Vice President,  
Civil Affairs Section.

- 1. Reference Industry sub-Commission letter Aires-926.1 of 23 June at Folio 23.
- 2. Please take action through Public Safety Sub-Commission on the Chief Commissioner's minute above.

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[Signature]  
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (please restrain your Sub-Commissions from sending copies of notice direct to the Chief Commissioner).

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Public Safety.

Note Folio 23 2nd and March 25 para (2) for action

29 June

[Signature]  
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OK See

The particulars of Para 4 of 23 were brought to notice of the Director of Public Security, M. H. Anterior by Call. Chapman personally on 2 July 45. He promised every attention.

Frank Jackson whole.

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21/3/65

seen by CSO p. 3

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 7.  
 COS: to see folio 5 for explanation of removal etc at Palermo.  
 Note that a meeting is removed for Sunday 11 Feb. 45.  
 News had copy of folio 6 sent to our Labor S/C for info. JCB 7/2

TVC  
 8/2

9.  
 COS: Strip from Sicily at 8.

6/2  
 10.  
 Labor Sub Com should find out All about  
 the strike & inform CI & S (2) myself  
 DR 7/2

11.

Major R. W. ...

My take up on a 10. early

12.  
 3A.  
 7/5  
 3206

C 50: Labor S/C (Mr. Brynne) has been consulted and informed of 10 above.  
 He is in process of putting into operation his system of strike reporting  
 which will give us an early insight in strike conditions & threatened  
 strikes as well. He will so inform on this at 8. JCB 7/2  
 see file 5212/EC.

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Noted from 16.  
 10/11/45

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LOS Strip from Sicily at 8.8.

8. 6/2  
~~10.~~

Labor Sub Com should find out ALL about  
the strike & inform CIB & CIA info  
DR 7/2

~~11.~~

Major Rwy.

My take up on in 10. early

8. 7/5  
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~~3A.~~

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C50: Labor S/C (Mr. Brayne) has been consulted and informed of 10 above.  
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which will give us an early insight on strike conditions & threatened  
strikes as well. He will be inform on this at 8.8. JCB 7/2  
see file 5212/EC.

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Noted above 16.  
CIB 14/1/45

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Labo Please see files 17 & 18. Am forwarding up  
files 18

CIB 17/6/45

7/1/46

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CG 5201

4 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Anti-Strike Affidavit.

TO : G-5 Section, HTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Referring to my dispatch 5694 of 3 December on the protest of the C.G.I.L. against the War Department requirement that Italian workers paid from War Department appropriated funds be required to sign "no strike" affidavits, I forward you herewith a translation of the written protest referred to in paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned dispatch.

[Signature]

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:  
US Ambassador  
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Ex Commr ✓  
CC

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Capt K

PA 5/12  
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TRANSLATION

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CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA DEL LAVORO  
24655/46 DV/rlf

Rome, 3 December 1946

**SUBJECT:** Italian workers employed by the American Armed Forces in Italy  
Memorandum of the CGIL concerning Italian workers employed by the American Armed Forces in Italy.

Dear Admiral,

This Confederal Secretariat has the honor of summing-up in the present memorandum the objections which it feels called upon to make with regard to the obligation made to the Italians employed by American Military authorities in Italy to sign the declaration pledging themselves not to "strike against the American Government" nor to belong to any organization admitting the principle of striking "against the American Government."

The American law which imposes such an obligation upon the employees of the War Department cannot but concern the American or foreign citizens employed in America. The same law cannot, in our opinion, be applied to Italian citizens working in Italy, even though these be employed by American Military authorities, inasmuch as such a law is contrary to the present Italian laws insofar as the right to strike is concerned.

In fact, since the Unitary Syndical Organization of the Italian workers, i.e. the CGIL, admits the right to strike, all Italian workers employed by American authorities in Italy must give up their right to belong to their guild, which, according to Italian laws, would constitute a coercion of individual freedom and would negate the right of association which in Italy has been recognized without exception to all workers, including those depending from the Italian War Ministry.

According to universally recognized principles of international labor legislation, the workers of all countries must submit to the laws which are in force in the country where they are working. Therefore Italian workers employed in Italy, even though this employment be given by armed forces of other countries, are entitled to the same treatment as other similar Italian workers.

This Confederal Secretariat takes the liberty to remark that the above obligation imposed upon the Italian workers does not appear justified since they have never struck against the American Armed Forces, much less "against the American Government"; this latter a supposition which we consider absurd as it is practically impossible. The fact that there have been no serious demonstrations on the part of Italian workers against American and Allied Armed Forces - notwithstanding existing good reasons for dissatisfaction of a syndical nature - is due to the general feelings of sympathy of the Italian people, and particularly of the working classes, for the armed forces who have contributed with such valor to the liberation of our country and of Europe from Fascist and Nazi barbarity.

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May we make a last consideration; owing to Italy's situation of inferiority, from the international point of view, and to the not yet complete national independence of our country, there is a difused tendency among our people to see even in facts of little consequence motives of humiliation to our national feelings. The obligation imposed upon the Italian workers to submit to laws of another country, which are contrary to the Italian laws, is resented by many people as an offense to Italian dignity and national independence.

For all these reasons the Confederal Secretariat begs the competent American authorities to free the Italian workers employed by American Armed Forces from the above obligation. At the same time the CGIL pledges itself formally to avoid any strike or demonstration of workers against American and Allied Armed Forces, as has been the case so far.

Finally, pending the examination of this request by the competent American authorities, we beg that the above-mentioned obligation be suspended. Trusting that the American authorities, also in consideration of the friendship and collaborating relations which exist between the Italian people and authorities and the American Armed Forces in Italy, will grant our request, we beg you to accept our regards and remain

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Lizzadri  
 DI Vittorio  
 La Segreteria Confederale

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
 Chief Commissioner  
 Allied Commission  
 Rome

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PARA TWO PD I EXPLAINED FULLY THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S DECISION WHICH REQUIRED THE ACTION TAKEN BY MTGUSA PD THEY ASKED IF I WOULD FORWARD TO COMGEN MTGUSA A WRITTEN PROTEST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WAR DEPARTMENT PD I AGREED TO FORWARD UPON ITS RECEIPT EXPECTED TODAY PD

PARA THREE PD THEIR OBJECTIONS ARE FIRST THAT THE RIGHT TO STRIKE CMA INCLUDING AGAINST THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH IS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY THE EMPLOYER IN THE MANY STATAL AND PARASTATAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ITALY CMA WILL SERIOUSLY DAMAGE CONSTITUENTS AND CLAIM WAR DEPARTMENT'S ACTION WILL BE USED BY REACTIONARY ELEMENTS PD SECOND THAT WAR DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENT IS DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST ITALIAN CIVILIANS EMPLOYED BY AMERICAN MILITARY FORMATIONS IN ITALY VES A VES CIVILIANS WORKING FOR ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR PD 3202

PARA FOUR PD BECAUSE OF POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS THEY STRONGLY URGE THAT REQUIREMENT BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THEIR PROTEST WHICH THEY HOPE WILL BE TELEGRAPHED TO WASHINGTON CAN BE

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2 December 1946.

SUBJECT: Anti-Strike Affidavits.

TO : G-5 Section, MTOUSA, APO 512, U.S. Army.

With reference to HQ MTOUSA letter AG 230.1404, A-0 dated 23 November 1946 giving instructions to secure signatures to affidavits from civilian employees paid from appropriated funds of the War Department, the attached is a translation of an article which appeared in the Saturday, 30 November, edition of "L'UNITA".

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

WE HAVE A RIGHT TO GO ON STRIKE AT HOME!

People working for American Military Authorities will be called today to sign a "sworn statement" worded as follows:-

"I swear that I have never taken part in any strike against the Government of the United States, and that I will never take part in such strikes as long as I remain an employee of the United States Government; that I am not a member of employee-organizations of the Government who admit the right of striking against the Government of the United States; and that for as long as I remain a Government employee I will not become a member of similar organizations."

It seems that the refusal to sign this statement will be punished with immediate dismissal.

We learn that the Camera del Lavoro will contact American Authorities today for the necessary explanations. In the meantime employees are invited not to sign the statement. Such a gesture would mean for them to become accomplices of the illegal interferences of the American Authorities in the internal Italian situation. This they will never do. And while in their name we protest against this offense towards the national feelings of our workers, we reaffirm that they are perfectly free to strike if they so wish, a fundamental freedom which is true of every real democracy. And the Italian workers -- with our respects to the Qualunquista press, which in order to serve the interests of home and foreign capitalism wish to see the reviving energies of the Italian proletariat dashed to the ground -- will know how to defend their victory with every means of democratic struggle which they have at their disposal.

From: "L'UNITA", 30 November 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

28 September '46

MEMO

TO: Executive Commissioner.

SEP 28 1946

Terms of settlement of the telephone operators' strike have not been decided definitely. Tentative conditions, subject to final approval today, are:

- a. A 30% wage increase effective from 1 August 1946.
- b. A 12% wage increase from 1 January 1946 to 31 July 1946 plus one months' pay.

*L.R. Humbert*  
L.R. HUMBERT,  
Lt. Col. Sig. C.  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/ec

MEMO

26 September '46

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. All interurbane telephone operators of the Concessionary telephone companies went on strike this afternoon. They will report for duty tomorrow, but if there has not been a settlement they will not work.
2. Azienda di Stato telephone operators, long distance service, are not on strike. This Agency furnishes long distance service at Milan, Palermo, Naples, Torino, Genoa, Padova, Venezia, Bologna, Florence, Leghorn, Bari, Messina, and Rome.
3. Operators who handle military service in Concessionary companies are not on strike and have given assurance they will not strike.
4. Italian Government agencies will continue their efforts tonight to terminate the strike.

*L.R. Humbert*  
L.R. HUMBERT,  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
Communications Sub-Commission

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26 September 1946

MEMO

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. A strike of Italian telephone operators; reported by the morning papers to be scheduled to take effect at 1400 hours today, had not become effective at 1515. Representatives of the Azienda di Stato, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications and the Ministry of Labor are in conference trying to avert the strike.
2. Some officials of the operating telephone companies seem to believe that the strike will take place in spite of the best efforts of the Ministries.
3. The operators unions agreed, sometime ago, that a general strike of telephone operators would be handled so as to permit continued operation of military communications. If the agreement is followed there should not be an interruption of military service.

*L.R. Humbert*  
L.R. HUMBERT,  
Lt. Col. Sig. C.  
Director.

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OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER  
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7 May 1946

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SUBJECT: CIP Installation; Strike

TO : Colonel Walton (Acting Vice President Allied Commission)

1. Subject strike went into effect 7 May.

2. Present Situation:

(a) The CIP installations at Naples and Leghorn under U.S. Military control will continue to operate. Confirmation as to situation in Bari, Venice, Vado has not been received as yet. Trieste is not involved with CIP and therefore should continue operations. The operations of these latter installations are supervised by the British Military.

(b) Civilian Port Installations (Not covered by military supervision), it is understood there is stoppage of work involved.

(c) It is understood, but not confirmed, that the strike order will not effect installations directly servicing military units.

3. Future Situation:

(a) The American Military in conjunction with the British Military are in a position to operate the ports of Naples and Leghorn for an indefinite period.

(b) If the Petroleum Products are not moved from the secondary or civilian installations (sea or interior) to provide ullage for stocks to be moved from the primary ports of Naples, Trieste, etc., ullages will not be provided for unloading T2 tankers from the United States and hence demurrage of \$ 4500 per day per tanker will rapidly accumulate and be chargeable to UNRRA or to the Italian government.

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4. The present sea terminal storage capacity in Italy is extremely small compared to the import program for Petroleum Products to Italy. Any interruption of Petroleum distribution system in Italy (i.e. to strikes) is bound to seriously effect the flow of Petroleum Products, the Italian economy and the UNRRA efforts towards rehabilitation.

5. The Allied (American and British) Military import program and needs will be given first priority. At the present time these commitments can satisfactorily be handled by the military forces in Italy.

6. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that this strike or ceasing of operations of the civilian installations at this time will seriously effect the Italian people.

7. It has just been reported by DDS & T, CMF that the installations in Bari are involved with the strike. United States troops in Foggia area will be supplied by railroad tank cars from Naples installations.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER:

Copy to:  
Commanding Officer PBS

*F. D. Atkinson*  
F.D. ATKINSON  
Major AC  
Division Chief

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APC 794  
Industry and Utilities Branch

Tel: 303

7 May 1946  
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Ref: ES/13.01 X/1404

SUBJECT: Strike of S.I.L.P.

TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section ✓

The following notes are supplied for your information:

The C.I.P. Workers organization is known as the Sindacato Italiano Lavoratori Petrolio (S.I.L.P.) representing the workers in Central Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

Yesterday afternoon, 6 May 1946, a committee from S.I.L.P. met the directors of C.I.P. and made known their demands. They asked for increases from 4,000 to 6,000 lire pay monthly increase in salary. The total for all the workers concerned would amount to 110,000,000 lire per month increase. The meeting ended without any action being taken.

The S.I.L.P. held further meetings which are reported to have ended at midnight last night at which they decided to call a general strike effective at once. This, of course, came without notice to C.I.P. This controversy has been brewing for the past few days and the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Industry have both been notified of the situation by C.I.P. They have taken no action.

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Major Atkinson, Chief of PBS Petroleum Section has also written you a memorandum pointing out the implications occasioned by the strike. There is no immediate danger of military supplies. Com. Insom has informed that all installations serving the Allied Military Forces will continue to be operated by S.I.L.P. workers.

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The ports of Genova, Venice and, of course, Trieste, will not be affected by the present strike. However, they will not be able to discharge all the POL products at these two ports for any length of time. It is estimated that in about a week or ten days, should the strike continue, the ocean storage will have been filled and since none of it will be dispatched to inland, C.I.P. distributing points, tankers will be unable to discharge. In this event the demurrage amounting to 4 to 5 thousand dollars per day each tanker will commence. This, of course, will be chargeable to UMRRA/Italian Government, and would mean in the long run spending more money for gasoline for Italy. Should the strike continue for 10 days or more, it is estimated that the rail and road transport will be further curtailed, thus preventing the movement of UMRRA supplies.

Major Greenacre (FM) has been notified of the situation by telephone and is checking up on the British installations. Major Atkinson's memorandum should clarify the position so far as the U.S. Army installations are concerned.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

*H. M. Walker*  
 H. M. WALKER  
 Colonel, CE  
 Director

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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10 July 1945

REF : LSC/521

SUBJECT: Sulphur mines strike in Galtanissetta

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TO : Brig. Gen. W. D. McKinley  
Acting Vice President  
Economic Section

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1. Reference is made to my report dated 7th July summarizing the history of the sulphur mine strike in Sicily.

2. The Ministry of Labour informs us that a telephone message has been received this morning from the Regional Labour Officer at Palermo, stating that agreement in the dispute has been reached. It is understood that the employers have agreed to make payment of wage increase retro-active from 16th February. The Ministry of Labour states that the workers have accepted this offer and have resumed their employment.

3. As soon as we receive confirmation of settlement of the dispute a further report will be furnished to you.

DAVID O. SACHS  
Deputy Director  
Labour Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Ex Commr  
(11 July 45)



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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : 416

7 July 1945

REF : LSC/521

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SUBJECT: SULPHUR MINES STRIKE IN CALTANISSETTA.

TO : Brig. Gen. E. D. McKinley  
Acting Vice-President  
Economic Section.

1. This will summarize the history and present status of the sulphur mine strike in CALTANISSETTA, SICILY. Reference signal from Liaison Officer Palermo to Alcom of 3 July.

2. In April 1945 Gronchi visited Sicily and promised action to improve working conditions in the sulphur mines. Subsequently a temporary special indemnity of 30 lire per day was paid to each worker, and an arbitration board was set up to consider more permanent improvements. This board consists of Chairman (Judge Uzzo), two experts appointed by the Italian Government, three representatives of employers and three representatives of workers.

3. On 16th June 1945 the Arbitration board recommended a wage increase (to include "caropane") of 90 lire per day to workers over 18 years of age, 60 lire for workers between 16 and 18, and 45 lire for workers under 16. The Board advised that this wage increase would necessitate raising the price of sulphur from 5700 lire to 9000 lire per quintal. The wage increase was to be dated one month prior to the effective date of the price increase. Objection to these recommendations was made by:

- a. The miners who demanded retroactive payment of wage increase to 16th February 1945;
- b. Gronchi who held that the sulphur industry could only stand an increase of 2000 lire per quintal (i.e., a price of 7700 lire).

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This was the position when the miners came out on strike on 20th June and furnacemen and pumpers joined in the strike on 28th June. The Italian Government sent technical investigators to Caltanissetta and they returned on 5th July.

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4. According to the Italian Ministry of Labour the position as of today is:

- a. The government inspectors have recommended an increase in the price of sulphur to 8570 lire per quintal and this will cover the wage increase as proposed by the Arbitration Board.
- b. A compromise has been suggested for retroactive payment - 1st April has been put to the workers but their decision is not yet known.
- c. The whole question is being considered personally by Gronchi and Barbareschi and they realize that they must reconcile the wage-price aspect. Both Ministers are, however, away this weekend.

5. In our opinion the issues involved in the strike are entirely for settlement by the Italian government. We have made it quite clear to the Ministry of Labour that early and satisfactory results are vital and are to their own advantage. The wage increase that is demanded does not appear exorbitant, and the existence of the Arbitration Board provides adequate negotiating machinery. If the industry itself is not economically sound enough to stand the new, properly negotiated wage increases, that does not in itself make the proposed rates unreasonable. It seems that Gronchi has little alternative but to agree to the increased price per ton of sulphur and it may then follow that State subsidization is necessary to enable sulphur to be marketed at competitive prices.

It is understood that, in any case, and even without the price increases suggested in para 4 a above the Italian sulphur industry would find it difficult to compete with American price levels (even including freightage to Europe).

We are in close contact with the Italian Ministry of Labour and will continue to remind them of the need for an early, firm decision.

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

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MORTON ALCOM PALERMO  
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Sulphur mine strike continues, workers unwilling to accept 90 lire increase unless dated back to February. All CALTANISSETTA mines are now left unattended and pumps are not operating. Non operation of pumps can continue for only about 10 days without injurary to machinery and timber shoring.

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TO: ALCOM LIAISON PALERMO

29 Jun 45

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL NUMBER TWO SEVEN DATED TWO ONE JUNE FOUR FIVE PD  
PARA TWO PD PLEASE MAKE VIGOROUS REPRESENTATIONS TO ENSURE POLICE PROTECTION  
OF SULPHUR MINES FROM PHYSICAL DAMAGE INCLUDING FLOODING PD PUBLIC SAFETY  
 SUBCOMMISSION WILL MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT FROM THIS END

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,  
 CWO USA  
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INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 489081  
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Ref: Mines-926.1

23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Sicily Sulphur Workers Strike.

TO : Labour Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

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1. Reference is made to Signal 27 from Liaison Officer Palermo to ACLAB Rome, dated 21 June.

2. Question of price of sulphur is undoubtedly a matter for Inter-ministerial Price Committee to handle with approval of our Economic Section. Inasmuch as the sulphur distribution program is almost exclusively one of internal Italian distribution, it would appear that our only interest is in the affect on Italian economy.

3. Increases in wages of 45 to 90 lire per day represent increases in cost of production of sulphur equivalent to from 1200 to 2250 lire per ton, roughly.

4. It is hoped that all precautions possible will be taken by Italian Public Safety authorities to see that the mines are protected from physical damage including flooding which would result from enforced shutting down of mine dewatering pumps. Serious damage to mines would mean continued unemployment and loss of sulphur important to Italian Economy.

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JOHN H. POLLARD, Lt. Comdr.

For W. J. MASKREY,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Acting Director,  
Industry Sub-Commission.

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ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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Subject is mine strike in CALTANISSETTA Province. Sulphur workers had requested wag increase of from 100 to 170 lire (R) lire per day above present daily wage scale which ranges from 89 to 151 lire. On 16 June a workers and employers committee agreed to an increase ranging from 45 to 90 depending on age of the worker provided that sulphur be increased from present price of 5700 lire to 9000 per ton but workers have not waited. They went on strike yesterday. Believe strike has involved all Sicilian sulphur mines.

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ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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Sulphur mines will be damaged if pumpers leave posts. Will remain until Mondays meeting but operators fear will abandon pumps unless wages are then increased. Operators contend wage increase impossible without price increase. Perhaps ACLAB may wish to act to facilitate immediate price increase.

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HQ ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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Strike situation generally unchanged. Estimate 5000 sulphur workers on strike. Understand conciliation meeting scheduled for Monday at CALTANISSETTA Prefettura will result in offer of temporary 50 lire increase in anticipation of some permanent increase.

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LOMBARDIA REGION LABOR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DI FEDE  
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JUN 17 1945

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1. 5000 postal and telegraph workers of MILANO on strike this morning for higher wages. CAMERA DEL LAVORO secretaries were contacted and they requested workers to return to work pending further discussions. Workers have resumed work this afternoon.

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LOMBARDIA REGION LABOUR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DE FEDE  
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACLAE

JUN 17 1945

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1. Subject strike.
2. 20000 workers of SESTO S. GIOVANNI (Prov of MILAN) went on strike this morning as a protest against sentence of 20 years imposed on ex-Prefect of GENOVA "BASILE". Workers demanded death sentence because BASILE was responsible for deportation of 7000 Italian workers into GERMANY many of whom died in concentration camps.
3. This was peaceful demonstration. We have been assured that workers will return to work on Monday 18 June.

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1500 workers for contractors of Italian State Railways went on strike BOLOGNA City 8 May and returned to work 9 May when negotiations began with Italian Advisory Committee. Present contract rate is 10.95 lire per hour for unskilled workers or approx 104 lire per 8 hour day including average family assistance and all indemnities. General Order Number 41 being posted today but actual wages in many cases have already risen since date of liberation to 20 lire and more per hour. Workers asking 29.50 lire per hour for unskilled workers or approx 250 lire per 8 hour day including average family assistance and all indemnities. Employers in general agreement. Advise concerning relation of Army scale to private wage adjustment. Authorization is requested to use full cost of living bonus in BOLOGNA province instead of 50 percent as authorized by 5 ARMY on 7 May.

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- Info - A/President
- Chief Commissioner
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25 April 1949.

Chief Commissioner.

1. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, informed me on enquiry this morning that a strike of the electrical workers in Rome was now in operation. Reasons for the strike are failure of the Italian Government to meet the demands of the workers that they should come on to the same level of wages (in relation to certain specific increases) as the water and gas employees.

2. Mr. Brains is in close touch with the Italian Government and is doing his best to persuade them to reach a conclusion before 1st May. In the meantime the strikers have agreed to carry on the essential services which include all Allied military circuits. Mr. Brains, however, considers that if the strike continues until 1st May (Labour Day) these services may be affected.

3. I have informed Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, who will be prepared to man and operate the essential military circuits, if needs be.

Scine was called off • C.G., RAAC informed.

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Prefect BRINDISI informed this office as follows.

On April 18 approximately 1000 workers of the firms METALLURGICHE SACA and LA RINASCITA failed to work. Representatives of the workers requested Prefect's intervention to obtain increase of their wages. Agreement has been reached and the increase has been risen from 902160 (90 to 160P) liras per day. Public order is normal. Further information requested from Prefect by this office

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: REX 391  
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 08/1145A

Message Centre No: D/1094  
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 08/1530  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM SICILIA REGION (CARR)  
TO: HQ ALCOM

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1. Ref your wire 1166 dated 6 February.
2. Rumors of strike statal and parastatal workers were persistent last week but no strike was called.
3. Meeting certain workers PALERMO last Sunday decisions postponed to further meeting next Sunday.

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From: ALCOM SICILIA REGION PALERMO (CAFR)

To: HQ ALCOM

FEB 6 1946

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Sitrep SICILIA Region February W.

No unusual political activity. Food situation relieved by receipt 2755 tons wheat 7513 tons barley SANTA CHIARA sailed February 4 with 822 tons citrus fruit 50 tons hayseed. Public safety situation quiet, threatened strike state workers believed postponed 1 week armed holdups continue including 2 train holdups January 27. Health small pox and typhoid greatly reduced. Prices continue to rise

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TO AFHQ (G-3 Ops)

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FEB 7 1945

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REF OUR GO420 DATED 06 (.) STRIKE DID NOT TAKE PLACE (.)  
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**ALLIED COMMISSION**  
**SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS**  
**APO 394**

**OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER**  
**PHONE: 13555 EXT 1**

FILE: RC/201

5 Feb 1945

*My dear Lush,*

FEB 7 1945

Your personal Assistant (Miss Russel) rang up this afternoon to ask about a general strike here - I gathered you had received some information about this from AFHQ.

I presume that this anxiety about a general strike here arose out of a so-called 'warning order' issued yesterday by 204 sub-area (copy enclosed for reference). My headquarters received their copy of this warning order on the evening of Sunday 4 February but my Headquarters knew on the morning of 4 February that the rumoured strike would not take place. When we received a copy of the enclosed order it was too late to do anything to rectify the situation.

I think these sort of alarms are bound to occur so long as 204 sub-area are located at CATANIA away from this Headquarters and the seat of the local government. I shall take an early opportunity of seeing the Area Commander and suggesting that he should not send out information of this nature without first consulting this Headquarters.

There have been continuous rumours of a general strike of statal and para-statal employees here not only at PALERMO but in other cities in the Island. These rumours are all the aftermath of the general strike which, I understand, was at one time planned throughout Liberated Italy as noted in reports received from your Labour Subcommittee. The present situation here is, it is now rumoured, that a meeting of representatives of the organisations concerned will be held on Sunday next 11 FEB to decide what action should be taken. I have instructed the Regional Labour Officer to keep your Labour Subcommittee informed of any developments.

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*Yours sincerely*  
*M. Carr*

M. CARR  
Brigadier  
Regional Commissioner

Brigadier M.S. Lush C.B. C.B.E. M.C.  
Chief of Staff  
Allied Commission Headquarters

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*see Minute 7.*

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INCOMING MESSAGE

DATE : 4 FEBRUARY 1945  
 CLASSIFICATION : RESTRICTED  
 PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE  
 ORIGINATED BY : 204 SUB AREA (C) SITE CO 203  
 TO : 51 FSS, CC TPS PALERMO, USMOB PALERMO,  
 TERRITORIAL HQ  
 REPEAT FOR INFO TO : PALERMO, LEGG (RSMIA) PALERMO

RESTRICTED PD WARNING: ORDER PD 51 FSS REPORT A GENERAL STRIKE  
 OF STATE EMPLOYEES WILL TAKE PLACE IN PALERMO AS AND FROM  
 5 FEBRUARY PD STRIKE IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE CAMERA DEL  
 LAVORO ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS AGAINST THE HIGH PRICES AND NON  
 FULFILLMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROMISE IN RESPECT TO INCREASES IN  
 WAGES PD NOT KNOWN WHETHER PUBLIC UTILITY PLANTS WILL BE  
 AFFECTED PD DISORDERS MAY OCCUR PD PALERMO REPORTED QUITE PD  
 ALL INFORMED

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TO: MMIA

FEB 7 1945

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WHETHER PUBLIC UTILITY PLANTS WILL BE AFFECTED (.) PALERMO  
QUIET BUT DISORDERS POSSIBLE (.) ALL INFORMED

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ALCOM SICILIA REGION RPTD DISTURB

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6 Feb 45

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*7-leaf report*

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DISTURB REPORT STRIKE IMMINENT PALERMO PD

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION RPTD DISTURB FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

CONFIRM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION GARR DASH LISH THAT NO STRIKE IMMINENT

*Major Quayle informed this date that, in future, to refer reports and questions regarding strikes to Labor S/C at once.*

*JCB 6/2*

*Also informed Col. Jackson by phone this date of above cable info.*

*JCB 6/2*

Dist:  
Econ Sec  
Labour S/C

Chief of Staff  
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,  
CWO, USA  
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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1500 hours  
5 February 1945

MEMO TO: Chief of Staff

Colonel Jackman of G-5 AFHQ reports that they have received a signal from No. 3 District to the effect that a general strike is imminent in Palermo. He would be grateful to know if we have any information on this subject.

*J.A. Quayle*

J. A. QUAYLE  
Major, R. A.  
Staff Officer to CC

*Industries concerned*  
*Category*  
*date*  
*Who says*  
*What action does local*  
*Commission del Lavoro take*  
*encouraging a*  
*the Commission*

