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STRIKES, NAPLES
FEB. 1945 - MAR. 1946



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Food + Agriculture S/C

These comply with Minute 41.

Harley Penland?
25/2.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

Copies of Correspondence Related to above forwarded to AFHQ (95)

at 1000

[Signature]

28/2/30
HHS

de l'œuvre:

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CD. Please see Folio 44 on strike of 5 ME Maple. 3212
Also Folio 45 & 46 show action by Labor 9/6 + 210 Maple. 3212

5/12 Jif
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48.

But what is the present position. The medicine
took place on 26/1 & may affect supply. We ought
to know approximately don't, & no one officer
there attempted to find out. } }

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

ECON SEC

Col Walton ✓

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folio (31)

Please let me know what

action has been taken. I think we should

take the case up with AFHQ. for send me

Such a telegram.

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TO: Acting Vice President Economic Section AC

Reference folios 28 and 29 and Brigadier Lush's note (folio 34), 3241
 please see folio 32. Folios 35, 36, 37 are the answers to Food S/C
 letter at folio 32. Also see folio 38 which is Food S/C answers to
 Italian Government's letters (folios 35, 36, and 37) and also requests
 more detailed information.

James R. Smith
 for CHIEF OF STAFF
 Colonel
 Chief Supply Group

20 February 1946

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TO: Executive Commissioner AC

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Please let me know what
action has been taken. I think we should
take the case up with AFHQ for security
Such a telegram. *W 7872*

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more detailed information.

James V. Smith
for CHARLES V. WALTON
Colonel
Chief Supply Group

20 February 1946

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TO: Executive Commissioner AC

Invite attention to minute 39 above. What point do you think should
be raised with AFHQ?

Ed
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

J.H. M
21/2/46

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CSO- Folio 24 for info. Will follow up
 Encl 20/10

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~~CSO~~ - ^{Hurray.} ~~Naples strike settled~~, acc to fol. 26.
 Encl 24/10

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V.P. Econ Sec.

Ref 1 28.
 please.

May we have your comments
 H.S. 13/2
 Ex Commis. Office.

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Food - Agric Sec

Request comments, please.

Off 14/2 Econ Sec

~~Info~~

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Econ. Sec.

Copies of Action letter attached hereto.
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 Food Sec

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So to CC
Can you tell me what
action has been taken
in 11?
21/3
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A/Ex. Com.

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Please see Minutes of SICARD's Conference ref the NAPLES strikes as SIC's instructions.

1. Apr. 45

(Intd) R.T.

C.S.O.

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Noted. Are we being asked to make representations to the Italian Government with respect to AMG territory, i.e., NAPLES?

2. Apr. 45

(Intd) F.

Ex. Com.

Re Min. ¹⁷ - Yes, it would appear that AC is being asked to make representations in respect to AMG territory in NAPLES. However, this action may no longer be necessary in view of Labour Sub-Com report (18. Mar. File 5212/91/302) that Major Watson, DADL, in charge of employees of ENEL in NAPLES, had advised workers that he will initiate proceedings for a revision of their wage rates. The problem will be presented to the Labour and Wages Control Committee of ARPA. As a result of this assurance of consideration the workers returned to work.

2. Apr. 45

(Intd) L.W.S.

A/Ex. C.:

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Please see Minutes of SACRED's Conference ref the NAPLES strikes as SAC's instructions.

1. Apr. 45

(Intd) E.T.

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C.S.C.

Noted. Are we being asked to make representations to the Italian Government with respect to AM territory, i.e., NAPLES. ?

2. Apr. 45

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Ex. Com.

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3. Apr. 45

(Intd) L.W.S.

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A/Ex. C.:

For C.C. to see Memo prepared at folio 20, prior to his departure to tomorrow's SACRED conference.

A special meeting of Labor and Wages Control Committee of AMTB is called for 1600 hours, Thursday, 5 April.

4 April 45

Major

✓ 3 6/4 Noted. 7

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14 Dec 1

Σ 15/12

3.

I presume someone at sometime will get

DS/1412

Some news to the R. C. Naples.

4.

Major Rively

Will you ensure that COS
minutes 3 is attended to
— See Sect duty.

Σ 15/12

Ex Com

6. 1. Report to E. S. S. and copy of folio 5 sent to R. C. (Naples) 3238
2. for COS and CC to see folio 5 for info. re: threatened RAI strike in Naples. JCF 15/12

Σ 16/12

DS/10/12

Ex Com

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8. to see folio 7: action being taken on threatened RAI strike in Naples. JCF 19/12
RAI strike did NOT happen, although ...

Σ 19/12 DS/20/12

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If someone someone at sometime will get

Some news to the R. C. Naples. DR/1412

Major Rucy

Will you ensure that COS
memoirs 3 is attended to
— Econ Sect duty.

Ex Com

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Ex Com

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1) To see folio 7: action being taken on threatened RAI strike in Naples. DR/19/2
2) The strike did not materialize. DR/19/2

A/Ex. C.:

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- 1) To note folio 11, especially last sentence, inferring a meeting to be held between General Spofford and Chief Commissioner.
- 2) Folio 10 also refers. It is Labor S/C's report to Econ Sec on labor troubles in Naples area.

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MAR 4 1946

INCOMING MESSAGE

Date/Time of O MAR 021111 A

Message Centre No
Date/Time Recd.
Precedence

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FEB(?) 021400 A
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FROM NAFIES COMING: CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAFIES LIAISON GROUP
TO HQ. ALCON

UNCLASSIFIED

Your cable 1521 of 1st. March and our memorandum G/2148 of 26 February refers. Strike ended no action required. Reference NEG/1477. CITE AQAB.

A.C. DIST.

ACTION INFO LABOUR SO.
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON 2
FILE 2
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See M. 51.

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ALCOM HEADQUARTERS CITE ACLAB

1ST MARCH 1946

CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES LIAISON GROUP

1521

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR CABLE ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX OF TWENTY EIGHT FEBRUARY REGARDING TERMINATION OF STRIKE OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS PD

PARA TWO PD ASSUMED THAT CABLE SUPERSEDES YOUR MEMORANDUM CHARLIE TWO ONE FOUR EIGHT OF TWENTY SIX FEBRUARY AND THAT NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY USE TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN ROME PD

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LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

C.J. LEONE
CWO USA
ASST ADJUTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE- HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: N L G/1475 CITE ACLAB
Date/Time of Origin: FEB. 251743/A

MESSAGE CENTRE N°: G/9819
DATE TIME REC'D: FEB. 260900A

FEB 28 1946

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

FROM: PENSOUTH FROM CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
TO : HQ ALCOM

UNCLASSIFIED.

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Your 1400 of 25 February 3 district PBS Navy all informed 22 February. No settlement yet another meeting fixed for 26 with mens representatives strike not sponsored by confederation of Labour about 2500 workers involved electricity supplies not yet affected future may depend on meeting of 26.

- AC DIST
- ACTION LABOUR SC
- INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
- ECON 2
- FILE 2
- FLOAT

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CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES LIAISON

FROM ALCOM ACLAB

1400

25 FEB 1946

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MAR 1 1946

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PARA ONE PD YOUR CABLE (UTS LOVE ONE FOUR SEVEN THREE FEB TWENTY TWO
REFERS PD

PARA TWO PD IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY GIVEN NUMBER THREE DISTRICT DETAILS OF
STRIKE OF EMPLOYEES OF ELECTRICAL COMPANIES YOU SHOULD DO SO FORTHWITH PD ALSO
KEEP THAT DISTRICT INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY
PREFECT PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST FURTHER REPORT TO THIS OFFICE GIVING PRESENT POSITION
WHETHER/
OF STRIKE CMA OFFICIALLY SPONSORED BY GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR
CMA NUMBERS OF WORKERS INVOLVED CMA PROGRESS OF PREFECTS NEGOTIATIONS CMA
WHETHER STRIKE HAS IN FACT AFFECTED ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES AND WHETHER IT IS
LIKELY TO DO SO PD

See 46-51

LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
ASST ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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C/2148

26 February 1946

FEB 28 1946

SUBJECT: Strike of Employees of Electricity Company SME.

TO : HQ. A. C.

1. The strike of the clerical and maintenance staff of the SME appears to have reached a deadlock. The men object to the new agreement which was signed by their representatives with the Company on the 6th of February after negotiations begun last September.

2. Workers' representatives have put forward 14 points for settlement which the Company say means a new agreement.

3. There have been threats of a stoppage of all plants and to-day I called a meeting of representatives of P.B.S. 3 District, Naples Area, the Prefect and the SME Company. NOIC also attended.

4. At this conference it was clear that Allied troops have very few electricians and could not man emergency services.

5. Minimum requirements are Capuana Station with the Torre Annunziata Sub-Station to ensure functioning of grain mills.

6. The Prefect is asking the Italian Navy to have skilled naval ratings standing by to meet minimum requirements in personnel and NOIC is advising the Italian Admiral accordingly.

7. Another meeting with the men's representatives is being held on 27th of February. It does not appear, however, that any solution will be arrived at unless the Minister of the Interior in Rome can summon representatives of the Federazione Generale dell'Industria and Federazione Generale del Lavoro to come up from Naples and meet in Rome to work out an agreement. The Prefect is suggesting this course. May he be supported, please, as far as is practicable.

signed: J.A.C. PENNYCUICK, Colonel
CLO Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

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Original passed to Econ Sec

*See F. 45-46
M. 47-51*

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(MAJ H)*

Tel: 489081

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FOOD & AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

91-1/Food

18 February, 1946

SUBJECT: Ration Distributions, Crotone

TO : Alto Commissariato dell'Alimentazione

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1. Reference your letters GAR/1/2044 of 14 February, GAR/3/3986 of 14 February and GAR/2/687 of 14 February, 1946.

2. The situation with regard to the distribution of pasta in the Province of Catanzaro appears to be confused, as according to your written report allocations and movements to that Province have been carried out with great irregularity, whereas according to information obtained by telephone this morning from your Office, it would appear that pasta was normally allocated to Crotone for August, September, October and November, and half of the requirement was covered for December, 1945.

3. The matter obviously deserves a very careful investigation; and this Sub-Commission is most anxious to receive a true statement of the situation during the period in question.

4. With regard to sugar and oil, the situation seems to be even more confused, as sufficient allocations appear to have been made, but there is no record in your Office as to actual rations supplied to the population during the period in question.

5. This Headquarters is required to give a detailed answer to the query put forward by ANHQ in connection with alleged irregular distribution of pasta, oil and sugar in Crotone, and to promote immediate action with the SEPRAL of Catanzaro, which is responsible for the present alleged situation. It would appear that serious unrest among the local population is being caused by the failure of the Sepral to fulfill its proper functions.

6. It is, therefore, urged that a strict and immediate investigation be carried out on the spot and that this Office be informed as to whether rations of pasta, sugar and oil have, in fact, been distributed in the correct manner in Crotone.

7. Those statements made in your above-mentioned letter, which appear to divorce the Alto Commissariato from any responsibility in the sphere of alimentation once foodstuffs have been assigned to a Sepral, come as a surprise to this Sub-Commission. It has always been understood that your Alto Commissariato was fully responsible not only for seeing that imported

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and indigenous foodstuffs were assigned to, and actually reached, the various Segrals throughout Italy, but also for investigating whether the distribution to consumers was in fact being carried out properly by those Segrals, and for taking action when necessary to correct any mal-practices or omissions on the part of the Segrals. Your views on this aspect of the matter will be much appreciated, especially as UNRRA Italian Mission will have a great interest, under the terms of its Agreement with the Italian Government, in seeing that foodstuffs imported under UNRRA auspices during 1946 actually reach the people for whom they are intended.

W.J. Lamm
W.J. Lamm,
Director

Copy to:

UNRRA Italian Mission.

Bureau of Requirements & Distribution

Sub-Bureau of Relief Supply (Attn: Chief Supply Officer)

Food Division (Attn: Supply Officer,
Basic Programme)

(Attn: Supply Officer,
Welfare Food Programme)

Economic Section

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(Supply Group)

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MEMO FOR DR. ROGERS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

DIV.III -prot;N° GAR/3/3985

SUBJECT: CROTONE + Lack of sugar supply.

In re to information had about the fact that no sugar distribution has been made in the Commune of CROTONE (Catanzaro) since december, the following is pointed out:

- 1) - In order to supply Catanzaro province for the month of December 108 tons (namely the whole quantum required) had been allocated and regularly delivered to Sepral for distribution to consumers.
- 2) For January 87 tons have been allocated and we are informed about the Federconsorzi having provided for transfer of 86,909, thus completing deliveries made in January.
- 3) - For February an allocation of 144 tons has been arranged for, since 16 January.

The Federcons. Offices have not yet informed us about the forwarding having been effected.

This Alto Commissariata only controls provincial allocations and consignments to Sepral of foodstuff delivered to them and is not in situation to know if CROTONE Province has been or not supplied with sugar, and if not the reason of it, as Sepral is the responsible agency for allocations to Communes of the Province.

However, we have to date sent a wire to Sepral in Catanzaro asking them to inform us about the matter.

We shall transmit you further informations as soon as we receive a reply from Catanzaro.

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Rome, 14 February 1945

The Director General

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ALTO COMMISSARIATO DELL' ALIMENTAZIONE
DIREZ. GENERI ALIMENTARI RAZIONATI

MEMO FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

SUBJECT: LACK OF PASTA DISTRIBUTION IN SOME COMMUNES OF
COSENZA & CATANZARO PROVINCES FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER

As there is no local pasta manufacture, Cosenza and Catanzaro Provinces receive most part of their required pasta supply from Naples' Province.

During the period August - December, Naples has not effected the necessary deliveries regularly, for lack of transport and of electric energy on producers side, and because Naples had not a sufficient stock to be able to cover besides the local needs also the requirements of other provinces.

According to the program sent to Naples, all inter-communal stores of the province should have been supplied, contemporaneously, according to their needs. But the deliveries were delayed and in distributing them to the Communes irregularly, it occurred that while some Communes had been supplied since the period October - November, other did not get anything since August.

The provinces of Cosenza and Catanzaro were not able to provide for internal transfers from one store to another owing to reasons of public order.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTS
Segretariato Generale dell'Alimentazione

GAR/2887

14 February 1946

MEMO FOR DR. ROGERS.

SUBJECT: OIL ALLOCATION -CROTONE.

Province of Catanzaro to which the Commune of CROTONE belongs is supplied through withdrawals from the local oil collecting centers.

Catanzaro Province - which has a monthly requirement of qt. 1.054 of oil has received for the month of December from the oil collecting centers the following quantities:

OIL collected	on 7/12/1945		Qt.	214
"	"	"15/12/1945		" 720
"	"	" 23/12/1945		" 1071
"	"	" 31/12/1945		" 2030

Above given list shows that the Province had sufficient quantities of oil of its own and therefore the provincial Offices are to be responsible if no allocation has been made to the Commune of CROTONE.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FOOD & AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

91-1/food

15 February, 1946

SUBJECT: Alleged non-availability of Civil Rations

TO : Alto Commissariato dell'Alimentazione

1. Reference conversation (Prof. Pellegrini/Senior Italian Executive of this Sub-Commission) of 14 February 1946.

2. It has been reported through military channels that strikes of civilian employees employed on military timber production in Calabria have recently taken place.

3. A local Labour Sub-Committee meeting was held on 8 February 1946 to investigate this matter, and it is understood that the partial cause of the discontent is the non-availability of civilian rations. It is alleged that there has been no delivery of pasta since August 1943, and no delivery of sugar and olive oil since December 1945.

4. It is urgently requested that all possible action be taken with your alimentation authorities in Calabria to eliminate this cause of discontent, if it in fact exists. Please also forward at the earliest possible date a full report in connection with this matter.

W. J. LROG
W.J. LROG,
Director

Copy to:

AFHQ, C-5

HQ 8 District (Your 431 of 12 February 1946 refers)

HQ 52 Area

AC Liaison Officer, Bari

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ROUTINE

ALCOM ROME, INFO 3 DISTRICT

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Normal civilian rations in Crotona.

Complaints are received that pasta has not been issued on ration since August 1945 and sugar and oil since December 1945.

2. Effect on considerable number of workers serious causing strikes and general dissatisfaction.
3. Please advise Italian Government take immediate action with Septral responsible for present condition.

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ACTION - FOOD SC 2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC

LABOUR SC

FILE 2

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SUBJECT:- Alleged non-availability of Civil Rations

3 District
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ALCOM Liaison Office BARI

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ALCOM HQ ROME
ALCOM Liaison Office NAPLES
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1. It is understood that strikes of civilian employees engaged on military timber production in CALABRIA have recently taken place.
2. A local Labour Sub-Committee meeting was held on 8 Feb 46 to investigate the matter and it is understood that the partial cause of the discontent is the non-availability of civil rations. It is alleged that there has been no delivery of pasta since Aug 45 and no delivery of sugar and olive oil since Dec 45.
3. It is urgently requested that all possible action is taken with the civil authorities to eliminate this cause of discontent.
4. For GS - AFHQ and ALCOM NAPLES Liaison Office.
SPRAY - BRADLEY - TAYLOR spoke this date.

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(H.S. SPRAY) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
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Strike communal employees was of totally ended at 1230 hrs yesterday. 70 percent of all employees returned to their posts this morning. Remainder resuming work tomorrow morning.

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Action - Labor SC

Info - Chief Commissioner

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THE 1ST COMBINED COMMISSION
OF THE ARMY

REMARKS:

Strike in progress involving 1000 commercial employees. No
essential services involving the military being affected.

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Covered by folios 78479
in file 5213.

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ACTION LABOUR SC
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
TO COMMISSIONER
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19 OCT 1945

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How (CMT White)

Extract of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board Minutes of 7 Apr 45.

43- (e) Labour & Wages Control Committee

Meeting of 15 March 45. Accepted and approved.

The Committee was instructed to report back to the Board on the operation of the bonus scheme approved for use at 557 B.O.D. The Board considered great care must be exercised to ensure that any bonus schemes inaugurated did not in any way upset the general level of wages.

Meeting of 5 April 45. The Board deferred making any decision on the proposed bonus increase as it was considered that more specific information was required. This item was considered in conjunction with para 44 below.

The Board directed that the present negotiations in the particular cases of the ROME printers and the NAPLES R.F.M.E. employees should be completed and the recommendations submitted through the Labour & Wages Control Committee for interim action.

*Next meeting of Labor & Wages Committee
has been moved up to 1430 on 11 April.*

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7th April 1945.

Extract from the Minutes of SACMED's (Political)
Conference held on 5th April 1945.
(Original on File 217/EC).

Minute No.2.

"3. STRIKE OF ITALIAN ARTISANS.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 5th Meeting - Minute 5).

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON reported that the strike of Italian artisans in the NAPLES area was virtually over. Discussions would take place shortly with a view to setting up better machinery for the settlement of wage disputes in future. The Italian government, who had been approached through the Allied Commission, had been particularly cooperative in effecting prompt termination of this strike. "

Distribution by Ex.Com.

Economic Section
Labour S/Com (thru Econ Sec)

} Further to
this office
letter

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of 4 Apr 45.

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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
on
Strike Situations in Naples Area

- 1) There was a strike (March 26 to 30 of 1000 workers) at RENE plant at Baia in vicinity of Naples. Employees requested wage increases which had been granted similar workers in private industry. Workers returned to work upon being assured that DADL would initiate proceedings for their wage rate revision and their problem would be presented to the Labor and Wages Control Committee of AFIRB.

This case at hand: the RENE plant at Baia is not within the Commune of Naples but is in a suburb on the bay west of Pozzuoli and is not in AMG territory as such.

- 2) About 1500 public utility workers (gas, water and electric) staged a one-day "white" strike on 30 March demanding an Easter Bonus. Essential military services not affected but civilian services curtailed. They want the "carovita" bonus extended to 30 day/month instead of present 26 day/month scale.
- 3) The one-day strike of San Carlo Opera House employees was indicative of current clamor for wage increases.

This seems to be the extent of current reported labor troubles in Naples Area. Further information is being obtained by our Labor Sub Commission representatives on the ground.

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4 April 1945

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

(19)

Ref: 5211/19/EC.

4th April 1945.

SUBJECT: Strike of Italian Artisans.

TO : Economic Section,
Labour Sub-Com (thru' Econ Sec).

(15)

Herewith extract from the Minutes of SACMED's Political Conference of 29 March 1945 at which the subject of the recent strike of Italian artisans in NAPLES was discussed.

/JG.

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4 Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 5th Meeting
29th March 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

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TEL : 204

REF : LSC/208

30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Labour Trouble in Naples Area.

TO : Economic Section.

MAR 30 1945

1. There is current labour trouble at:

- (a) RMSE Workshops, Baia, near Naples;
- (b) Public Utilities in Naples.

2. On 28th March, 1000 workers at RMSE Depot went on strike in protest against delay in granting an increase similar to that given in private industries in Naples and surrounding territory (daily increase of 95 lire per adult worker). Negotiations had been opened on 17 March and workers became restive at delay.

DMR reported position to ADL on 20 March.

Labour Sub-Commission has requested Wages Sub-Committee, meeting 3 April, to give quick recommendation.

3. Public Utilities in Naples.

The demand of workers in Electricity, Gas and Water undertakings is for payment of an Easter bonus. To support demand, a "white strike" was staged for Good Friday, 30 March. Such a "strike" is a demonstration only - essential services are continued and there is an absolute guarantee that there will be no interference with the requirements of Armed Forces.

In such circumstances, the question becomes one for the Government.

- (a) in the interests of public health and maintenance of order;
- (b) in the capacity of principal shareholder of Public Utilities;
- (c) as having to approve any consequent increases in charges for services.

4. At Naples, Regional Labour Officer Captain Botham, is keeping in touch with the situation, and is contacting Italian Government local representatives. At Rome, Labour Sub-Commission is contacting Italian

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departments concerned.

W. E. Brain

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Public Utilities B/C.

W. E. BRAIN
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 894
 LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL : Ext. 204

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REF : LSC/208

19 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Threatened strike of R.A.I. employees at Naples.

TO : Major J. A. Quayle
Staff Officer to C.C.

1. This report is further to your memorandum of 14 February and my interim report of 15 February, regarding the above.

2. The strike of R.A.I. employees at Naples, threatened for 17 February, did not materialize. Dr. Rusca, the Director General at Rome, will receive a representative of the Naples employees today, Monday, 19 February. A member of Labor Sub-Commission will also discuss with Dr. Rusca today.

3. On the question of mid-shift meal for employees at Naples, which was one of the demands attached to the strike threat, the fact is that the Rome employees receive such a meal costing 6 lire per person, of which the employer pays 4 lire and the worker 2 lire. In Naples similar arrangement has not been made because, it is alleged, that food cannot be obtained as in Rome.

4. Rome employees also demand increase in wages but are not threatening strike action.

W. H. Braine
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 Director
 Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Chief of Staff (2)
 Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 Economic Section (1)
 Mr. Harlan Cleveland (1)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL : Ext. 204

WHB/rna

REF : LSC/108

15 February 1945

FEB 15 1945

SUBJECT: Threatened strike of R.A.I. employees in Naples.

TO : Major J. A. Quayle
Staff Officer to C.C.

1. This report is in reply to your memorandum of 14 February regarding the above.

2. It has been ascertained that the employees of R.A.I. threatened to go on strike on 16 February 1945 unless their demands are met.

The demands are for a mid-shift meal for all workers at the expense of the employer;

A special bonus of 30 lire per day for technicians;

A transportation bonus of 120 lire per month for technicians.

3. High Italian authorities in Rome are in touch with the situation -- the Minister of Communications (Cavallotti) has requested the Prefect in Naples to intervene because R.A.I. is a public service. Dr. Rusca, the Director General at Rome for R.A.I., has been negotiating with the workers' representatives and is disposed to grant the mid-shift meal if the workers will bear one-half the cost.

4. Allied Commission representatives in Naples are aware of the details, and the Regional Labor Officer is keeping in touch. 3212

5. Labor Sub-Commission will keep in close touch with developments. It is understood that P.S.B. program will not be affected.

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

cc: Chief of Staff (1)
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section (1)
Mr. Harlan Cleveland (1)
R.L. Southern Region. (1) sent as urgent.

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14 February 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Labor Sub-Commission
Attention: Mr. Brayne.

Radio Audizione Italiana

SUBJECT : Threatened strike of R.A.I. employees in Naples.

1. Mr. George Edman of PWB (phone 489171, Ext. 129) has phoned to say that the employees of R.A.I. in Naples threatened to go on strike tomorrow.

2. Mr. Edman does not know the basis of the dispute, but has guaranteed that the PWB programs will go on as usual, and since he regards this as entirely an R.A.I. matter, he does not propose to interfere.

3. The Chief Commissioner wishes you to get in touch with Mr. Edman to ascertain the details of this dispute and concert with him whatever action you may consider necessary.

J. A. Q.

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

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