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WAGES, STATE OFFICIALS & EMPLOYEES
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89.

H.S. 917

C.S.O. Ref letter of 88 and attached report:
 I have heard by telephone that the Statal &
 para-statal Employees have now stopped
 strike. I have spoken to Mr. Braine
 Labour Attaché, Mr. Embassy, and he
 is going to inform this week end to
 investigate and make recommendations.

AUL
7/5

98.

V.P. Econ Sec.

Please see folio 97 for info. *Aloud Kivichy*
 31/5

99.

C.S.O.

Exec. Com. -

Folio 97 seen by P/P. and copies of his
 letter to Ministry of Finance have been
 forwarded to Chief Coman. Ustine -
Ustine
 31/5
 C.S.O.

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Ex. Com.

C/SO - folios 71 & 73, subject strike of fatal employees over salaries, for info

T-100/18/10.

Encl 18/10

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75.

Will you let me know what the result of the

discussion of the Council

18/10/10

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C/SO - folio 76 for info. Apparently Naples communal employees went on strike anyhow. This appeared in this morning float file so no information from Labor H. adj. Shall follow up

Encl 20/10

18/10/10
out on 18/10/10

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C/SO - Ref. min. 75, folios 78 & 79 give the latest information - Paras 4-6 throw further light on folio 76, the subject of min. 77.

Encl

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folio 81 has come in on the same subject

Encl 27/10

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Folio 81 has come in on the same subject. Encl 20/10

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P. 79 & 81 for info

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See by cc etc. 24/10. 22/10

C.S.O.

Please see strips on Slide at to Supra at
59 & 60. You will see that the 'Action' on 60 is wanted to
Finance S/C. Shouldn't Econ Section prepare a letter to the
Italian Govt. asking for an explanation of the Minister of
Labour's dangerous statements?

10/8/45

DK.

62.

Mr. Handley

Prof. Gifford Smith telephoned a
Statement last night in Ca. Palletti
to use at his Press Conference
this morning. The statement was
sympathetic to the Reg. The statement
which speaks to the White & N.
Italy is expected to have been
settled by him, as the result of the
statement which White & N. is
to May 1st take the liberation of Rome.
Check with Finance & Law Dept.

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Ed. 1/6.

Spoke C.S.O. this

15/8

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Labour's dangerous statements?

10/8/45

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br.

Min. Havelly.

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Sp. 14/8.

Spoke CSO 14/8

14/8

CSO

Please see page 68. for info.

CSO

also 13/8

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L.H. Please see folios 54-57 - also work on folio 57
of ERM sect. min. & min. & answering charges as per folio 54
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2/20/65
2/25/65

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L.H. Please see folio 54 for info. also report

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L.H. For info please see folio 54. Spoke with Col. Thompson who
informs me this is the only complaint received. Since it is not
important as implementation of DERS, I will raise salaries of other
& particular employees accordingly. Has written to ST. GDR regarding
the the Ministry request, by letter. & made the decision retroactive
& may, as requested by Sig. Seleni & Paris at conference July 13.

also 2/13

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OK but same reply to 54

that be sent.

2/27/65

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L.H. Please see your min. chart. Reply on folio 57

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Please see file for info. *atb refer*

*CIO informed there
of points in this
letter. @ 2/16*

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atb For info please see file 54. *atb* will call, Singapore who
informs me this is the only complaint received. Since it is not
important as implementation of item 116 will, raise salaries of other
& promoted employees considerably. Also written to St. Louis regarding
the they offering request by letter. I made this decision retroactive
to May, as requested by Sig. Green & Paris at conference Dec 13.

atb 2/13

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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your ~~signature~~/information/~~approval~~.

P38 in reply to P35.

PHI in reply to P34.

7/8/21/6.

Noted by CC *[Signature]* 23/6

~~JUN 21 1966~~
~~1966~~

JUN 22 RECD
1805

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Chas Executive Commissioner

CC enquired as to action on 35.
Please see 38.

21/6/45 J. 20/6

[Signature]

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A/VE Economic Section.

Please see Minute 25 overleaf. I should be grateful if you would confirm that you and Mr. BRATON can attend at 1000 hours on Monday 26 March in CO's office.

24 March 1945.

Bratton
C.S.O.

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Mr. Antolini -

Mr. Braine's office notified. He was out but I have asked to have him call me if for any reason he cannot come at the time specified

24 Mar

(FED)

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ROBERT L. DOE
MAJOR A.G.R.

To: EXEC. Comm.:

Braine & I will attend:

[Signature]

Acting V.P.
ECON. SEC.
24 MARCH 1945

[Signature]

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CSO
A/EX. C.29.29.

This Meeting postponed to 15:30 today in C.O's office.
All informed (Col. Fiske, Mr. Antolini and Mr Braine).

26 Mar 45.

30.27/3 Meeting held 26/3 2JCH
Major32

32 Please see files 31, re wages of State Employees. 3255
Bellevue Ex Comm would be interested in Mr Braine's
letter, as well as Jim Syc director.

JCH, 5/4/45

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I.

SO: Might this matter be introduced at next Exec. Comm. meeting for discussion? See folios 4 and 6. JCB 1/3/75

8.

Major Review

Check in the problem with Mr. Brane.

SO: May this subject (folio 4, para. 4) be taken up at next meeting? JCB 2/6/75
and has been cleared with some. JCB 7/3

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D/Ex Com

Pl See 21. Ex Sect want a meeting between

CC

A/VP

Laborn Hc.

on wages in industry. I suggest you

also should attend.

Edith.

20/3.

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Main Reply.

Check in this problem with Mr. Braine.

C's 50: Pass this subject (folio 4 para. 4) be taken up at next meeting? JCS 26/2
and has been clearing with me. JCS 7/3
the problems and concerns with folio 9. JCS 7/3

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D/S Lane

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Enclt.

20/3.

10th Monday 23

23/3 CC will meet with A/VP I am see +
in Labor etc at 1000 hours Monday
26 March in his office. A/VP to
be present. F.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Tel.: Udine 1516

Ext.: 1

PC/23

25 May 46

MAY 31 1946

To : CAMERA CONFEDERALE DEL LAVORO - UDINE
THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY Provincial Union
of State Employees.

Subject : State employees in Udine - Wage claim.

Ref. your respective letters of the 22 May 1946 for which I thank you:

It is hardly necessary for me to say that I am in profound sympathy with reasonable claims put forward by the State Employees of this Province. To this end my friend Mr. W.H. Braine, Labour Attache' and Counsellor of the British Embassy in Rome, kindly came here to investigate conditions of wages and cost of living in view of the peculiar circumstances of this Province.

In the same way and with the same diligence as he is arranging for all the necessary conditions for the transfer of labour from this Province to Austria, he has given unremitting thought to the amelioration of the conditions of State Employees in the Province.

With my approval therefore H.M. Mr. W.H. Braine is making the following proposals to the Italian Government:

(a) Decree No. 13 of 11 Jan 1946 be applied to Udine so as to give state employees the benefit of the "Accommodation Bonus" with arrears as from the date on which the decree originally took effect.

(b) The cost of living bonus as for the larger centres of population be applied to Udine, again with arrears. This measure to continue as long as the Province remains under A.M.G. with Allied Troops present as in current circumstances, but without prejudice to reversion to normal status as regards bonus when these present conditions cease to apply.

(c) Immediate action be taken by the Prefect with the support of the Allied authorities, to introduce centers and co-operative shopping facilities for state employees, on the same lines as in other important centers.

I am now anxiously awaiting the approval of the Italian Government of these recommendations.

Pardon, an early reply, I am not justified in anticipating the Italian Government's decision in this matter, though on account of the reasons advanced, I am hopeful of their concurrence.

I cannot, however, agree to the suggestion of Professor Fortunato to authorize payment of a sum equal to one month's pay for each employee prior to an assurance that our recommendations are approved.

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(c) Immediate action be taken by the Prefect with the support of the Allied Authorities, to introduce canteens and co-operative shopping facilities for State employees, on the same lines as in other important centres.

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distressed persons in the province, including unemployed, concerning whom I visited Venice yesterday to obtain further immediate financing of Public Works in Udine, is ever uppermost in my mind and I can assure them that every effort will be made to alleviate their hardships.

HHH/4.

12/3-9 hr.
H.N. BRIGHT, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

Copies to : Mr. W.E. DEALNE, Labour Attache', British Embassy - ROME.
UFFICIO DEL LAVORO - UDINE.
LEGAL OFFICER, MIG. UDINE.
MIG. INSPECTOR - UDINE.
Mig. S.S. - ROME.

ALL CAOs.
S.P.P.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/H.04

28 May 1946

SUBJECT: State Employees - Udine AMG Territory.TO : The Ministry of Finance
Rome.

1.- State employees in Udine are in a state of agitation regarding salaries and allowances. They made representations on this account in April and a strike ensued from 6th May to 13th May, 1946. The State employees resumed work on the understanding that their claims would be investigated.

2.- In accordance with the application of the existing Decrees employees in Udine Province are receiving a cost of living bonus which is smaller than in larger centres such as Milan, Turin and Genoa. They are also not receiving housing allowance because actual war damage has not reduced housing accommodation by as much as 40 per cent., the actual figure is 30 per cent. damage. There is, however, a good case for improving their conditions. Udine is now the only district in Italy proper which is under Allied Military Government. At the same time it accommodates a large number of Allied troops, the concentration of which is stronger in that area than elsewhere. In the neighbouring area of Venezia Giulia (which for the purpose is regarded as not being in Italy proper since its financial and other arrangements are independent), a cost of living bonus has been fixed by A.M.G. at a higher figure than in Udine, which necessarily aggravates the discontent among State employees in the latter area. Venezia Giulia also serves to attract away from Udine the food products and unrationed commodities which would otherwise be available in the markets in Udine. The resultant scarcity raises prices in the open markets. It is also stated that purchases by Allied personnel further affect conditions. As regards availability of accommodation, the requisitioning and use of premises by the Allied troops is stated to account for at least another 15% of available accommodation so that the occupants have lost at least 45% of the pre-war available accommodation.

3.- On balance it seems appropriate and expedient to make some concessions to State employees in the Udine AMG Territory, but in such a way as not to prejudice the general conditions of State employees elsewhere, or the eventual state of affairs.

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when this territory is returned to the Italian Government. If it is accepted that the retention under A.M.G. of this remaining Province of Italy and the presence of Allied Forces, together with the proximity to Venezia Giulia, have all contribute to create an abnormal situation, particularly for State employees, such a situation could be recognised by applying the special housing allowance as for an area which has suffered owing to military activities, and by removing the differentiation between an area of this size and other centres of large population, such modifications to apply only so long as the present conditions continue. It would be open to the Italian Government to revert to their standard practices on taking over the territory, if conditions have become more normal. It is suggested that the removal of population differentiation could properly date as from 1st January, 1946, and the application of the housing allowance could be granted as from the original date of application of Decree N°.18 namely 16th October 1945.

4.- It will be appreciated if you will give urgent consideration to this question and acquaint the Allied Commission of your decision at an early date so that the Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. UDINE Province, who is anxious to take early action in the matter may be informed.

5.- For your information there are enclosed copies of a letter received by the Provincial Commissioner, A.M.G. UDINE from the Camera Confederale del Lavoro, UDINE dated 29 April, 1945, and the order of the day transmitted therewith.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON

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Colonel, A.G.

Acting Vice President.

Copy to:

I. P.C., A.M.G. UDINE.

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CAMERA FEDERALE DEL LAVORO
UDINE

Udine 29 Aprile 1946

Prot. N° 2583

A S.E.
IL GOVERNATORE Col. BRIGHT

U D I N E

Questa camera Confederale del Lavoro si onora di portare a conoscenza della E.V. il testo dell'Ordine del Giorno votato all'unanimità dai dipendenti statali, perastatali, Enti Pubblici e pensionati della Provincia, in occasione dell'assemblea generale del 26 corrente.

Sono note a V.E. le miserrime condizioni degli impiegati e dei pensionati. Ed è ben nota agli stessi la comprensione e la benevolenza di V.E.

In uno dei paragrafi del detto Ordine del Giorno, gli impiegati i pensionati chiedono, appunto il Vostro benevole ed autorevole interessamento presso il Governo di Roma per l'accoglimento delle modeste e giuste richieste precisate nell'Ordine del Giorno.

Fiduciosi nel benevole interessamento dell'E.V. porgiamo il ringraziamento nostro, dagli impiegati e dei pensionati.

p. LA SEGRETERIA

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ORDINE = DEL = GIORNO

L'Assemblea Generale degli impiegati Statali e dei Pensionati della Provincia di Udine, convocati in pubblico comizio oggi 26 Aprile 1946,

CONSTATATO il grave disagio economico in cui versano i dipendenti pubblici di questa Provincia;

CONSIDERATO che una azione energica di carattere generale diretta a conseguire un adeguamento degli stipendi e delle pensioni al costo della vita, riconosciuto equo ed umano dagli stessi uomini di Governo, non può essere espletata oggi, dato il delicato momento politico della Nazione in vista delle prossime elezioni della Costituente;

RILEVATE le particolarissime condizioni della città di Udine con riferimento alla grave crisi degli alloggi ed all'eccezionale costo della vita molto più alto di quello di molte altre città italiane;

VERSO ATTO che a tutt'oggi nessun provvedimento è stato preso dai competenti organi Governativi in merito alle richieste avanzate dal locale Sindaco dipendenti Statali appoggiato dalla locale Camera Confederale del Lavoro;

RITENUTO che con gli attuali assegni corrisposti ai dipendenti di questa Provincia non è umanamente possibile sopportare alle più elementari esigenze della vita, e che ogni ulteriore indugio da parte delle competenti Autorità per l'accoglimento delle giuste e moderate richieste avanzate dal predetto Sindaco Dipendenti Statali inciderebbe gravemente e irrimediabilmente sul tenore di vita, già molto basso e disagiatissimo, dei dipendenti e delle loro famiglie residenti in questa Provincia;

DEGLI

DAL MANDATO ALL'ESECUTIVO DEL LOCALE SINDACATO DEI D.S. perché interessi la locale Camera Confederale del Lavoro onde ottenere:

- a) corresponsione dell'indennità di carovita nella misura unica Nazionale (100% senza alcuna riduzione);
- b) retrodatazione dei miglioramenti economici corrisposti con i decreti 13/3/45 N. 116; 6/12/43 R. 15 B. e 18/II/44 N. 328 alla data dell'applicazione dell'Italia Centro Meridionale;
- c) fissare il termine perentorio al 6/5 p.v. trascorso il quale gli impiegati della Provincia passeranno immediatamente all'azione con la proclamazione dello sciopero generale ad oltranza facendo presente che trattandosi di rivendicazioni di carattere locali i cui benefici sono già da tempo goduti dai dipendenti nelle altre provincie, l'azione stessa non può provocare alcuna ripercussione di carattere politico.

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DA ALTRESI' MANDATO ALLO STESSO ESECUTIVO S.D.S. di fare presente a S. Eccellenza il Governatore della Provincia di Udine le tristi e disagiosissime condizioni economiche dei dipendenti e dei pensionati, rivolgendogli viva preghiera affinché voglia usare della Sua autorevole influenza ed appoggiare le richieste della categoria presso il Governo di Roma.

DA ATTO alla Camera Confederale del Lavoro della esasperazione dei funzionari Governativi e dei Pensionati di questa Provincia i quali sapranno difendere con energia e fermezza, ad onta di qualsiasi sacrificio, il loro sacrosanto diritto alla vita.=

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ROME.

27th May, 1946.

To: Acting Vice President,
Economic Section,
Allied Commission.

MAY 27 1946

Subject: State Employees - Udine A.M.G. Territory.

1. State employees in Udine are in a state of agitation regarding salaries and allowances. They made representations on this account in April and a strike ensued from 6th May to 13th May, 1946. The State employees resumed work on the understanding that their claims would be investigated.

2. The salaries of State employees are regulated by Italian Government Decrees, the latest being D.L.L. 722, which fixes basic rates and cost of living bonus, the latter being subject to differentiation according to the size of the cities and towns in which the employees are serving. The cost of living allowance varies quarterly. There is also provision for a housing allowance, payable according to Decree No. 18, where bombardment and war activities have reduced the available accommodation by more than 40 per cent.

3. In accordance with the application of these Decrees employees in Udine Province are receiving a cost of living bonus which is smaller than in larger centres such as Milan, Turin and Genoa. They are also not receiving housing allowance because actual war damage has not reduced housing accommodation by as much as 40 per cent. The actual figure is 30 per cent. damage. There is, however, a good case for improving their conditions. Udine is now the only district in Italy proper which is under Allied Military Government. At the same time it accommodates a large number of Allied troops, the concentration of which is stronger in that area than elsewhere. In the neighbouring area of Venezia Giulia (which for this purpose is regarded as not being in Italy proper since its financial and other arrangements are independent), a cost of living bonus has been fixed by A.M.G. at a much higher figure than in Udine, which necessarily aggravates the discontent among State employees in the latter area. Venezia Giulia also serves to attract away from Udine the food products and unrationed commodities which would otherwise be available in the open and black market in Udine. The resultant scarcity raises prices in the open market. It is also stated that purchases by Allied personnel further affect conditions. As regards availability of accommodation, the requisitioning and use of premises by the Allied troops is stated to account for at least another 15 per cent. of available accommodation so that the occupants have lost at least 45 per cent. of the pre-war available accommodation.

4. On balance it seems appropriate and expedient to ³⁸⁴⁷ make concessions to State employees in the Udine A.M.G. territory, but in such a way as not to prejudice the general conditions of State employees elsewhere, or the eventual state of affairs when his territory is returned to the Italian Government. If it is accepted that the retention under A.M.G. of this remaining Province of Italy and the presence of Allied Forces, together with the proximity to Venezia Giulia, have all contributed to create an

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5. If these recommendations are accepted it will be necessary to approach the Italian Government through the Ministry of Finance so that the necessary instructions may be issued to the local Intendenza di Finanza, to approve the appropriate payment of arrears and current allowances. This should be done by the Financial Adviser of Allied Commission, and with the elections due on 2nd June and subsequent State activity it is most expedient that action should be urgent and a prompt communication made to Provincial Commissioner, Udine Province, so that he may know the situation.

6. The above Memorandum derives from consideration of the position following a visit to Udine Province.

W.H. Braine

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
Office of the Provincial Commissioner

Tel. No. 1516
A.M.S. Udine Ext. 1
File No PG/69.

Date: 1 May 46.

MAY 7 1946

SUBJECT: Appeal by Statal and para-statal employees.

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner.

86787.

I attach an appeal by the Statal and para-statal employees of this Province and request that it may be forwarded to the Italian Government for their urgent attention.

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

HNB/mq.-

Encls: ().

EC DIST. 7 May

ACTION:- ECONOEL (2)

INFO-EC.

" Mr. Embury (Housing)

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TRANSLATION

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Requested by Camera Confederale del Lavoro and by Unione Provinciale Dipendenti Statali of this Province, I forwarded the attached letter of said "Organo Sindacale" with a copy of Order of the Day voted by employees and pensioners of this Province in their General Meeting of 26 April.

The requests asked for in the a/m order of day are, I think, modest and I therefore beg Y.E. to accept the prayers of employees and pensioners and to kindly apply to the Rome Government for the satisfaction of said requests.

Thank you. Many regards.

The Prefect.

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Translation

ORDER OF THE DAY

The General Assembly of State Employees and Pensioners of the Province of Udine held a public meeting today the 26 April 1946.

They pointed out the serious economic conditions of the public officials of this Province.

They were of the opinion that energetic action of a general character towards conforming the salaries and pensions to the cost of living, considered just and humane by the members of the Government themselves, could not be carried out at present owing to the Nation's delicate political situation caused by the forthcoming elections on the constituency.

They drew attention to the particular conditions of the city of Udine regarding the serious housing problem and the exceptional cost of living which is much higher than in many other Italian towns.

They noted that up to date no measures have been taken by the competent governmental organs regarding the requests put forward by the local Sindacato of State Employees supported by the local Camera Confederale del Lavoro.

They were of the opinion that with the present sums paid to employees of this Province it was not humanely possible to meet the most elementary exigencies of life and that any further delay on the part of the competent authorities to accede to the just and moderate requests put forward by the said Sindacato of State Employees would have a serious and irremediable effect on the standard of life, already very low and uncomfortable, of the employees and their families in this Province.

THEY THUS DECIDED

To authorize the Executive of the local Sindacato of State Employees to approach the Camera Confederale del Lavoro in order to obtain:

- a) payment of a cost of living indemnity corresponding to the national standard of 100% without reduction;
- b) ante-dating of the economic improvements corresponding to the decrees 13/3/45 N.116; 6/12/43 N.18 B. and 18/11/44 N. 328, to the date applied by Central and Southern Italy;
- c) the fixing of a definite time limit for the 6 May after which the employees of the Province would immediately start action with the calling of a general strike, and pointing out that as it was a case of local vindication for the non-receiving of benefits which employees in other provinces have been enjoying for a long time, this action would not cause any political repercussions.

Give authority likewise to the same Sindacato of State Employees to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor of the Province of Udine the sad and difficult economic conditions of the employees and pensioners, begging him to use his authoritative influence in supporting their requests with the Government in Rome.

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To Admiral Stone
Allied Commission - Rome

Arezzo, 25 October 1945
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After repeatedly and uselessly sending requests to the General Management of the State Railways and the Florence local management, to obtain the economic treatment fixed by various Government decrees, the undersigned agents, suspended from service, in expectation of an epuration judgement, find themselves obliged to ask for your intervention with the Ministry of Transports to have the regulations obeyed.

The undersigned take the liberty of drawing your attention on the following facts: 1) Against art. 22 of D.L.L. 27/6/94, n. 139, they were suspended from service without waiting for the decree of the Minister of Transports. Therefore, till the decree of the Minister is published, they are entitled to a full salary and family indemnity, while the Florence management only paid miserly sums varying from 600 to 1300 according to the qualifications. All their protests have been vain for they have only been paid as they should have been since June 1945.

2) According to D.L.L. 23 February 1945, n. 14, art. 1, officials suspended from service are entitled to their salary, family or high cost of living indemnity, and also the temporary indemnity granted by R.D.L. 6/12/1943, n. 18/3.

The Rome General Management ordered all local managements to make the above mentioned payments. The Florence management does not intend to do so by the March, April and May months, and it seems that this is because the Florence railway-men threatened to go on strike if such payments were not made.

3) The Arezzo management which had also suspended the agents while waiting for the judgement of epuration paid them what was owed to them ever since last August.

From the above mentioned facts it can be seen that the Government issued logical and human regulations regarding the suspended agents. However, there is no reason why the Florence management should submit to the railway-men trade union which should show discipline and consideration for what comes from the Government.

Your excellency will easily understand the position in which the families of the agents suspended for political motives now find themselves after receiving 600 or 1000 lire a month for 10 months, when such a sum was barely sufficient to buy bread.

The undersigned agents point out that there is no charge against them for violence or anything of the kind and their discrimination is certain.

They ask for your intervention to be paid according to the Government's regulations. Your intervention will save them and their families from misery.

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ACTION:- Economic SEC (3)

INFO:- CHIEF COMMR

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APO 394

LABOR SUB COMMISSION

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REF : LSC/411

22 October 1945

SUBJECT: Wage Increase to State and Parastatal Employees-
Strike of Parastatal Workers in Naples.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference is made to memorandum LSC/411 of 20 October 1945.
2. Following Labor Sub-Commission representations to the Italian Government, the Minister of Labor has indicated that in the opinion of his Ministry the Naples Municipal workers shall be granted for the current month of October an advance of 3000 lire in accordance with the award made to all state employees. The Minister adds that the municipality of Naples retains the faculty of agreeing to a simultaneous payment of a further advances of 3000 lire in respect of the month of November if this is within the municipality's financial possibilities.
3. This information was immediately transmitted by telephone to Naples and it was subsequently reported by Colonel Guy Warren that 75% of the total number of parastatal workers who were on strike had resumed work yesterday. It was expected that the balance of the workers would resume work today.
4. The financial aspects of the payment of the advance to the municipal workers has been a subject of separate directions from the Finance Sub-Commission.

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W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 204

20 October 1945.

REF : ISC/411.

OCT 22 1945

SUBJECT: Wage Increase to State and
Para-statal Employees. - Strike of Para-Statal Employees
Naples.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. The Italian Council of Ministers at their meeting held on 19th October 1945 agreed that a substantial improvement in wages of State and Para-statal employees and pensioners was necessary, and instructed that a draft-decree be prepared for approval, the increases to be retroactive to 1st October 1945, and be not less than a minimum of 2,000 lire per month.

2. While the new decree is in course of preparation it was decided that in the meantime an advance of 2,000 lire is to be paid to all State and Para-statal employees at the end of the current month.

3. An advance, the amount of which will shortly be announced, will also be paid at the end of this month to State pensioners.

4. On 19th October 1945 a cable was received from the Commissioner of Naples Commune intimating that a strike involving 11,000 communal employees was in progress, but that no essential services involving the Military were affected.

5. Col. Guy Warren, AC/AMG. Liaison Officer in Naples, reported by telephone to-day that the number of work people on strike had now increased to 13/14,000, and that they were demanding an immediate advance of 4,000 lire to be made up of 2,000 lire in respect of month of October and 2,000 lire in respect of month of November.

6. Col. Warren assured the representatives of the workers that he would endeavour through A.C. Headquarters to meet their

Wishes, and on this understanding the workers' representatives have arranged to consult the work people to-day with a view to persuading them to resume work immediately.

7. The position has been represented by the Labour Sub-Commission to the Italian Government and the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro, and it is understood that both the Italian Authorities and the Confederazione are considering what action is possible on the lines indicated.

W.H. Braine

W.H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

cc.: Chief Commissioner,
Vice-President, Economic Section,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS WAGE NEGOTIATIONS FOR INCREASE OF SALARY OF STATE AND PARA
STATAL EMPLOYEES PD REFERENCE CASE NUMBER SEVEN TWO TWO EIGHT OF SIXTEEN OCTOBER
PD FOLLOWING MEETING BETWEEN CONFEDERAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA LAVORO AND ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT LAST NIGHT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO REFER THE QUESTION TO COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS MEETING TODAY PD

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EMPLOYEES THREATENED FOR TODAY SEVENTEEN OCTOBER HAS BEEN CALLED OFF PD

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 INCREASE FOR ALL STATE AND PARA STATE EMPLOYEES PD IF INCREASES NOT GRANTED
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From: 19 CORPS AND LABOR DIVISION
to: HQ ALCON LABOR SUBCOMMISSION

HEADQUARTERS
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1. Economic Section 19 CORPS AND disapproves application of Revised General Order No 48 as doing too much for too few at too great cost for industry in present financial condition.
2. Proposal now under consideration includes coverage of all industrial commercial and public employees who are residents and have worked at least 3 months in area between June 1944 and June 1945.
3. Proposed daily benefits to range from 75 Lire to 125 Lire for notional family or larger families plus regular family allowances.
4. Method of payment to be through employers except for public workers and those in small establishments.
5. PROVIDENZA to bear entire initial cost with employer and employee contributions to be later determined.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

10 August 1945

REF : LSC/704

SUBJECT: Strike of Public Employees, Milan

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TO : Acting Vice-President
Economic Section

1. It has been reported that the strike of Government employees over the question of the retroactive date on wage increase Decree, No. 116, was terminated today at 1200 hours.

2. It is understood that the strike was terminated upon representations that this Decree would, in fact, be made retroactive to 1 May 1945.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

Copies to:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Finance Sub-Commission

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11 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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In view of reports from the northern Regions that the strike of state employees is being attributed locally to lack of action by Allied Military Government in failing to implement DIL 116 as from 1 May 1945, I consider that it is most necessary to review the history of this case with the object of demonstrating that such criticisms are unfounded.

You will remember that at the Allied Commission conference with the Ministers which you attended on 13 July, 1945, Minister Soleri represented that the Italian Government wished Allied Military Government to implement in the north the provisions of DIL 116 of 13 March, 1945, with effect from 1 May, 1945. In his presentation the Minister imposed three stipulations:

- (a) That no liberation bonus should be paid;
- (b) Interim payments already made should be deducted;
- (c) Civil Servants should not request any further increase of pay when the economic price of bread was instituted.

You will recall that in your closing remarks at the end of the morning session you endorsed Minister Soleri's request and stressed the necessity of improving the position of state employees. This was the first indication to the Allied Commission of the Italian Government's wishes in this matter; and after the meeting it was intimated to Minister Soleri that he should submit the Italian Government's proposals in detail.

Shortly after the meeting Minister Soleri left for the north of Italy in connection with the bond issue campaign; and as a result of his absence and his deplorable state of health no approach was made to the Allied Commission. The Italian Treasury stated that they were unable to take action in the absence of the Minister. Strenuous but vain efforts were made to make contact with Minister Soleri in Piemonte; and on 25 July a letter, of which a copy is attached, was written to the President of the Council of Ministers. You will see from the third paragraph that the invitation to make an official approach was renewed.

No reply was however received from the Italian Government and your secretary was telephoned on three occasions and requested to expedite the letter which has not been received up to the time of writing. The announcement made yesterday regarding the payment of the liberation bonus to all state

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employees may be the reason why the Italian Government was reluctant to communicate their wishes as requested. But it is not clear why the request was not made to make DLL 116 retroactive to 1 May, 1945, withdrawing the previous stipulation regarding the non-payment of the liberation bonus. I wish to urge most strongly that the Allied Commission be informed immediately of

- (a) the Italian Government's wishes regarding the implementation of DLL 116 with any required stipulations;
- (b) the details of the liberation bonus payment;
- (c) whether you wish DLL 116 to be made retroactive in the north to 1 May, 1945, in addition to the payment of the liberation bonus.

Finally, it is reported from the northern Regions that Minister of Labour Barbereschi had stated repeatedly that DLL 116 was to be made retroactive to 1 May, 1945. You will observe from the foregoing that Allied Commission/Allied Military Government have not been officially approached in this matter and I should be grateful if you will take the necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of similar unauthorized statements which effect the result of causing disaffection.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13065/F

25 July 1945

SUBJECT: Effective Date of DLL 13 March 1945, No. 116.

TO : Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers.

1. It was represented at the Allied Commission - Ministerial conference on 13 July that the Italian Government wishes to implement the provisions of DLL 13 March 1945, No. 116, with effect from 1st May 1945, imposing three conditions, namely:-

- (i) That no liberation bonus shall be paid;
- (ii) Interim payments already made will be deducted;
- (iii) Civil Servants will not request any further increase when the economic price of bread is instituted.

2. It was expected that Minister Soleri would communicate the Government's wishes in detail to this Sub-Commission following that meeting, but probably owing to circumstances connected with his state of health and his trip north, this was not done.

3. We shall be glad to receive a definite letter making the above proposal to Allied Military Government whereupon in accordance therewith prompt consideration will be given to the implementation desired by the Government.

4. Referring to the three conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) mentioned in paragraph 1 above, would it be the wish of the Government that a statement embodying these conditions be issued by Allied Military Government to the Prefects and Intendenti di Finanza of the various provinces? If so it will be appreciated if you will recommend a draft of such a statement.

(Sgd) ROBERT B. MENAPACE,
Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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TEL : 416

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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REF : LSC/416 + 203

10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Strike Threat Public Employees North Italy.

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. Word was received today from CGIL of a threat of strike to start 10 August unless wage increase provisions of Decree 116 were made retroactive to 1 May rather than to 1 August as per AMG order.

2. The Italian Government had previously requested the 1 May date on this decree but Allied Commission failed to take action because no formal request in writing was transmitted to Finance Sub-Commission. Brigadier Graffey-Smith has advised me that the new Minister of the Treasury has agreed to forward this request today. Upon receipt of same Allied Commission will take necessary action to make wage increases retroactive to 1 May. There is no disagreement as to policy.

DAVID C. GAGES
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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Strike of statal and para statal employees at LA SPEZIA
threatening to spread all over north ITALY. EASON - decision to(for?)
Finance not to make decree 116 retroactive to May 1st. Decree is
actually in force as of 1st August. Please advise.

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AMG LIGURIA REGION
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1. When the Italian Minister of Labor, Signor BARBARESCI, was at LA SPEZIA about a fortnight ago he told the Prefect that the new decree relative to pay would be antedated to 1st May. This included decree number 116 which we have authority to pay only from 1st August. This declaration which the Prefect has made public has caused strikes and a lot of dissatisfaction amongst the people in LA SPEZIA who blame AMG for the non payment of the back money.
2. If in fact the Minister did say this and referred to decree 116 it is considered most reprehensible and dangerous, and steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence.
3. It is also recommended that the whole question of pay be taken up urgently with Finance SC in order to secure a solution to the present unsatisfactory situation. End signed JORDAN for CARR.

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1. A state of disquiet exists in the Province of LA SPEZIA over the question of wages and a quasi general strike is in force by state and parastatal workers. It is alleged that the Italian Minister of Labor, Signor BARBARESCHI, on a recent visit stated that all decrees including number 116 would be antedated to May 1st.

2. This information was made known publicly by the Prefect. Notices have been displayed in LA SPEZIA that the strike will continue until this decree is implemented with effect from 1st May not 1st August as authorized by AMG.

3. Much inconvenience is being caused but no actual disorder has occurred. End signed JORDAN for CARR.

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JUL 24 1945

From: AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED CARR

To: HQ ALCON FOR LUSH INFO FINANCE SC ALCON HQ LABOUR SC ALCON HQ

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Considerable reduction July remuneration statal and para statal employees is inevitable with consequent threat of unrest unless remedied by some measure such as repetition special grant authorised for June under your 13006/F of 4 May. Your 13065/F of 19 July, this Hq letter LIG/PIN/2201/2/80 of 15 July and telegram 559 of 19 July refer. Request urgent action to rectify. End signed CARR.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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25 June 1945

TEL : Ext. 416

REF : LSC/413/44

JUN 25 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Government Decrees - Salaries, Wages and Pensions
of Public Employees.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission

1. It has been decided to implement, or otherwise place into full operation, in the North, the following Decrees: RDL No. 18-B of 6 December, 1943; DLL No. 328 of 18 November, 1944; RDL No. 85 of 13 March, 1944, and DLL No. 41 of 30 January, 1945. This action has been approved by Acting Vice-President, Economic Section. The first two Decrees mentioned provide for salary increases to public employees, while the latter two provide for increases in pensions.

2. In preparing the necessary legal documents to effectuate this action, it is suggested that some provision should be made that any salaries, wages, allowances, indemnities and pensions which have hitherto been paid pursuant to General Order No. 41, but which were predicated upon authority granted since 8 September, 1943 by the Fascist-Republican Government, be abrogated. Such provision would leave no doubt either as to the elimination of possible September, 1943 increases or as to the fact that the Decrees under consideration will go into effect upon the basis as it existed in September, 1943.

3. There should be a further provision which would continue until further notice the Indennita per Offese Belliche (bombardamento), RDL No. 1498 of December, 1942, in all places where it was being paid on 3 April, 1945. This indemnity would expire by operation of the limitations of the Decree establishing it, and it is our intention to continue it in full force and effect until decision has been taken to implement Decree No. 116 of 16 March, 1945, which makes effective provision therefor.

4. The increases provided for by implementation of these Decrees will start from 1 June 1945.

5. It would be appreciated if this were treated as urgent. This memorandum has the concurrence of Finance Sub-Commission.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director

cc: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Finance Sub-Commission

(CAR. ARNOLOV)

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LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

22 June 1945

REF : LSC/805

23 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Lombardia Region - Correspondence

TO : Lombardia Regional Commissioner
Attention: Regional Labor Officer.

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1. This is in reply to your signal 1258 of 20 June.
2. With reference to Paragraph 1, the Ministry is being requested to send a fully authorized representative for the purpose of supervising liquidation of the Fascist-Republican labor ministry.
3. With reference to Paragraph 2 of your signal, representatives of the social insurance agencies and the Ministry have already been in your city for sometime for the purpose suggested.
4. Reference Paragraph 3 of your signal, it has been agreed to increase wages of statal and para-statal employees immediately to the level referred to by Decree 328 in the South. Memorandum giving more specific details on this will follow.

DAVID G. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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TEL : Ext. 416

21 June 1945

REF : LSC/416

22 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Increase in Wages of Railway Workers in the North.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Your memorandum 420/41/TM 1 of 15 June refers.

2. The matter of the bonus authorized by General Di Raimondo in May has been called to the attention of the Director of Military Railways by memorandum, a copy of which has already been forwarded to you. In addition, A.F.L.R.S. will undertake to communicate to Director of Military Railways upon the same subject.

3. It is considered that this is appropriate action under the circumstances.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (Capt. Highland)

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SUBJECT:

Increase in Pay to State Employees

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	7/6	Finance S/C	1 Ref atchd 5213/40/EC of 20 June, inf/rnds. 2. Can you please furnish a reply for the Executive Commission? CECIL B. HIGHLAND, JR. Captain, Infantry	E/S LMA
2	21/6	Economic Section	1. An advance was granted to all State and public employees in June in north Italy by Finance S/C directive 13035/F of 14 June. This advance was approximately equal to one month's gross pay. We are presently considering to bring the northern level of public wages up to that of the south.	Finance S/C

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LOMBARDIA REGION

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22 JUN 1945

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FAIR TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS CITE ACLAB FAIR

PARA TWO FD ACTION BEING TAKEN TO INCREASE PAY OF STATAL AND PARA DASH STATAL EMPLOYERS FD MEMO WILL FOLLOW FD

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LABOR SUBCOMMISSION

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(Mrs. Norbert)

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NICHOLAS PICCINO
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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ROUTINEFrom: LOMBARDIA REGION LABOUR DIVISION FOR POLETTI SIGNED DI FEDE
To: ALLIED COMMISSION ROME AGLAB

JUN 21 1945

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1. Please urge Ministry of Labour to send up high ranking representative to take over the liquidation of all property and funds of former fascist Labour Ministry and to supervise the many local offices which formerly depended on that ministry.

2. Urge can to send representatives to establish contact with local social insurance institutes.

3. Give us latest information on wages for state and parastatal employees

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JUNE 20 1935
ROUTINE

From: LOMBARDIA REGION POLETTI SIGNED POLETTI
To: HQ ALCON ACXC

JUN 21 1945

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1. Need directive for increased pay to all Governmental employees. Strikes already threatened.
2. Must have directive in time for us to give additional pay 27 of month.

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ROGER CHARLIE VENEZIA REGION FROM ALCOM

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14 JUNE 1945

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PD ROGER ONE TWO OF JUNE ONE THREE PD

PAREN TO ROGER CHARLIE VENEZIA REGION FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACECO PAREN

PARA TWO PD ACTION IN PROCESS OF COMPLETION IS SUBSTANTIALLY IN AGREEMENT WITH
PARAGRAPHS ONE CMA TWO CMA AND THREE PD YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED PROMPTLY WHEN
DECISIONS ARE REACHED PD

PARA THREE PD PARAGRAPH FOUR WAS ACTED UPON PER LETTER TO ALL REGIONAL
COMMISSIONERS FROM THIS HQ CMA FILE ONE THREE ZERO THREE FIVE SLANT FOX DATED
FOURTEEN JUNE CMA SUBJECT CMA PAYMENT FOR JUNE ONE NINE FOUR FIVE IN ANTICIPATION
OF WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR STATE AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN NORTHERN ITALY PD
PARA FOUR PD PARAGRAPH FIVE NOTED

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JACK WILLIAMS
Capt, Infantry

NICHOLAS PICHINO 4
CWO, USA
Adjutant

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Ref: 5213/40/EC

20 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is copy of letter R/0124, 15 June 45, from the Regional Commissioner, Lombardina Region, together with a copy of translation of the newspaper cutting therein referred to.

2. I shall be pleased to have your comment thereon.

2 Incls:
as above

E. Morden May
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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25 June
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

19 June 1945

REF : LSC/416

JUN 20 1945

SUBJECT: Bonus to Railway Workers in the North.

TO : Director of Military Railway Service
Rome

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1. Our attention has been called to the fact that during May, 1945 General Di Raimondo authorized the payment of a bonus of up to 2,000 lire to railway workers in the North. Payment of this bonus has since been ratified by letter of Finance Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, 12035/F of 14 June, 1945.

2. As you are undoubtedly aware, the Allied Commission has undertaken a very strict economic policy in the North for the purpose of avoiding the ill effects of undue inflation. A very important part of this policy consists of wage control. To this end an effort is being made to synchronize wage movements of all groups, including private employees, Government employees, and employees of the Allied Forces. It is of the utmost importance that any wage increases which are permitted be undertaken in connection with wages and salaries of other groups of employees in the North. No such increases should, therefore, be authorized without prior submission to Headquarters, Allied Commission.

3. It is proposed to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Labor and Wages Control Committee.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Executive Commissioner ✓
Transportation Sub-Commission

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18 June 1945

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PAREN TO AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR RFO FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACTIN PAREN

PARA TWO PD A PAYMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR STATE AND
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED PD SEE FINANCE SUBCOMMISSION DIRECTIVE
ONE THREE ZERO THREE FIVE SLANT FOX OF ONE FOUR JUNE TO YOU PD FOR YOUR
OWN INFORMATION ONLY CMA PROBLEM OF FURTHER GRADUATED INCREASES TO RAISE
LEVEL OF ALL PUBLIC WAGES IS NOW BEING STUDIED PD WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY
PAYMENT OF PREMIO DI LIBERTA TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

FINANCE SUB COM.

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA Asst Adjutant

Copy to 5219/EC "Liberation Premium"

*From Economic Section
(19 June 45)*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

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15 June 1945

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

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1. Enclosed is an article which appeared in the Popolo, which is the newspaper of the Democratic-Christian party, making a plea for increase in pay to state employees. All other newspapers have carried similar pleas and my Provincial Commissioners and Prefects have all urged an immediate increase in pay to state employees.

2. In my opinion, such an increase should be given and if we do, we can successfully withstand any pressure for the payment of a Premio di Liberta.

Charles Polatti

CHARLES POLOTTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Newspaper article
"Il Popolo"
15 June 1945

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Economic problem of the officials

In a recent meeting held by the officials who belong to or sympathize with the Christian Democrat Party was approved an order of the day acknowledging their economic treatment to be unbearable because undoubtedly lower in comparison with that of all similar categories of workers, and considering the continuous increase of the prices, they have asked:

1) the extension with an immediate effect of the economic treatment granted in the Centre and South. Should this not be possible at present, they ask for a special regulation to be made for an equivalent treatment.

2) the granting of the liberation bonus already allotted to other categories of workers.

Those who participated in the meeting asked the representatives of Christian Democracy to grant them the support of the party to obtain that their urgent wishes be granted without delay.

Yesterday, the school workers (lavoratori della scuola) met in the Camera del lavoro. During the meeting, summoned to deal with the difficult economic question, the Commission for Public Instruction was offered to increase by 160 per cent the salaries under 3000 Lire and 25 per cent those which exceed such a figure.

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ROUTINE

LOMBARDIA REGION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR POLETTI SIGNED POLETTI
HQ ALCON ACXK

JUN 16 1945

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1. Growing demand for increase in pay for State employees and also for payment of reward of liberation.
2. I favor granting an increase in pay and refusing the reward of liberation.

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16 JUN 1945

HQ VENEZUELA REGION

HQ ALCOM

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Urgent. Regional Commissioners conference with all Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions was held yesterday and Regional Commissioner had conference with 6 Prefects this morning. Following represents generally agreed opinion.

First. It is not possible to maintain General Order Number 41.

Second. It should be possible to exercise control at agreed higher levels on bread., mincestra, flour, fats sugar and meat.

Third. Prices of other goods should be left to find own level subject to Special orders where necessary.

Fourth. There is necessity for immediate and definite scaling up of wages of Statal and Parastatal employees including Communal employees.

Fifth. Claims for increase in industrial and agricultural wages should be subject to normal methods of negotiation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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14 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Payment for June 1945 in Anticipation of Wage Adjustment for State and Public Employees in Northern Italy.

TO :	Regional Commissioners:	Emilia Region	(for RFO)	20 copies
		Liguria	"	"
		Lombardia	"	"
		Piemonte	"	"
		Venezia Region	"	"
		AMG 5th Army	(for SFO)	5 copies
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1. In view of the apparent urgent need for an adjustment of salaries and wages of State and Public Employees resident in the area north of the Economic Line and in view of the time required to complete a comprehensive study, it has been decided to grant in anticipation of such adjustments an additional payment for the month of June.

2. The anticipation for the month of June will be limited to the amounts stated for the following categories if the sum as defined in paragraph 3 below exceeds such limitation.

- a. Married - One month's gross pay, but not exceed - L. 2,000.
- b. Unmarried, " " " " " " - L. 1,250.
- c. Under 18 - " " " " " " - L. 1,000.

3. For this purpose "gross pay" is interpreted to include basic wage plus such ordinary and extraordinary indemnities as currently represent an integral part of their total salary.

a. Periodical premiums for industriousness and productivity are expressly excluded.

4. The term "State and Public Employees" is interpreted to include employees of permanent and temporary status of the State, Provinces, Communes, Enti Parastatali and Public Institutions and Concerns (Aziende) which are administered by any of the foregoing governmental units.

a. Employees under suspension are not eligible.

5. The anticipation granted by this directive will be the only additional grant to be paid for the month of June 1945.

a. Any wage increases or bonuses ordered paid from official funds shall be adjusted to the scale set forth in paragraph 2 above.

6. This anticipation will in no way affect the payment to Railway workers as ordered by Comm. Di Raimondo, Director General of Italian State Railways, for the month of May, which is hereby approved and authorized.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

CCP Secretary
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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APO 594
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 504

14 June 1945

REF : LSC/416 + 410

15 JUN 1945

SUBJECT: Wages of State Employees.

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. The regulation of wages of Italian State employees is a matter to be arranged through Finance Sub-Commission, Headquarters A.C., in conjunction with the Italian Treasury. Labor Sub-Commission has expressed the opinion to Finance Sub-Commission that the present trend indicates that by September conditions in the general living conditions in the North of Italy will approximate those in Central and Southern Italy. If this assumption is correct it would be advisable not to bring State employees' salaries immediately to the level of Central and Southern Italy because there would be no further advances to be made if general conditions in the North deteriorate as they may be expected to deteriorate between now and September.

2. In general terms it appears that an immediate increase of about 2,000 lire per month should be given to State employees in the North, and that plans should be made for further graduated increases to bring State employees' salaries up to the general level for such workers in the Central and South.

3. It is understood that Finance Sub-Commission is actively pursuing this question.

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

cc: Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section

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24 March 1945

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SUBJECT : Administration of Posts and Telegraphs Dept.
Employees in A.M.G.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Toscana Region

1. It is considered that it would be expedient to authorize the Italian Government to settle individual personnel cases affecting pay, appointment, transfer, etc. of junior personnel in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in A.M.G. territory where civil postal communications have been restored.

2. This has the objects of avoiding as far as possible the difficulties that result from differing treatments in Italian Government and A.M.G. areas, and of relieving A.M.G. officers from having to deal with routine cases involving a detailed knowledge of Italian Government regulations and practice.

3. A draft is attached of a proposed letter to the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs.

4. Would you please say whether you concur in this action.

(Sgd) W. G. L. L. L.
Brigadier,
R/Executive Commissioner.

Incl : Draft of proposed letter to the U.S. of State for P.T.

Copy to : Chief Commissioner.
Ex. Commissioner

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SUBJECT : Administration of Personnel of Posts and Telegraphs in ~~AM~~ Territory
TO : The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. Subject to the over-riding authority of Allied Regional or Provincial authorities and provided that there is no infringement of A.M.G. orders or proclamations, you may instruct Provincial Directors of the Posts and Telegraphs Department and Directors of Circoli in provinces in Allied Military Government territory to which postal services have been resumed to refer to your office all individual cases affecting appointments, transfers, retirement, discipline, remuneration, etc.
2. All financial circulars of general application will continue to be submitted to the Finance Sub-Commission by the Central Accountant (Ragioneria Centrale) with sufficient copies for distribution through Allied channels to all interested offices.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/7.11

19 March 1945

MAR 20 1945

SUBJECT: Wages in Italian Industry
TO : Executive Commissioner ✓

1. It is requested that an interview be arranged for the Acting Vice President of this Section and the Director of the Labour Sub-Commission with the Chief Commissioner on the subject of Wage Policy. The attached two letters from Labour Sub-Commission refer.

a. Conference with Director of Military Railway Services on the subject of wage adjustments of Italian State Railway Employees. Request for approval to encourage the operation of joint negotiation machinery in the Italian Railway Service.

b. Conference with Minister Gronchi. The policy of the Italian Government is to substitute a clearly defined basic wage scale with a variable cost of living bonus. This is an important departure from the policy of holding the line. The position in Military Government territory remains the same. The ministry propose to establish a Standing Advisory Council composed of representatives of Industry and Labour.

J. Bruce Thompson

J. B. THOMPSON, Lt.Col. R.A.
Staff Officer, Ec. Section

Copy sent to Go to CC on 24 Mar,
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SUBJECT: Wages of I.S.R. Employees

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
4	3/2/45	Gen. McKinley	1. This is a rather important matter, particularly in view of the new CCS directive which provides that as to labor, AC will only give advice when requested. 2. May I suggest a full discussion with the Labor S/C before further steps are taken. 3. Washington is not at all pleased with our labor record to date. The Chief Commissioner has some very definite ideas on this subject. 4. Think it would be well to get a picture from Mr. Braine on the entire labor question, unions, etc. - then discuss with the Chief Commissioner.	

sd.
L. D. DUNSMORE
Colonel, FA, CSO
Economic Section

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SUBJECT: Wages of I.S.R. Employees

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	11/2/45	Col. Densmore	1. Ref attached memo LSC/411 of 3 Feb 45. See last para, which requests approval in principle for course suggested in para 2c. 2. I agree in principle, with emphasis on the fact that our part in the affair is to encourage the development of negotiation machinery through the Italian organizations. Even in something as militarily important as the RRs, we cannot very well take direct steps to form the negotiation machinery. From what is said, I gather this was also the sense of the 3 Feb conference. 3. If you agree, please forward to Labor S/C	Exec. Dir., Econ Sec. Harlan Cleveland
2.	14/2/45	Labor S/C	1. Mr. Braine, I am not clear as to what steps the Labor S/C would take to carry out 2 (c) of attached. Will it not be necessary for Labor S/C to work thru the Italian Government?	Densmore
3.	22/2/45	Col. Densmore	I think we could discuss with Gronchi (as Labour Minister) or with the Ministry of Communications, or both, and ask if they are satisfied with the opportunities for ventilating grievances and negotiating working conditions (these two are often as important as wages) and if such machinery is adequate to avoid strike threats. If it is not, and I think it is not, we can offer to advise on develop of such.	W. H. Braine LSC 3589

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

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REF : LSC/411

3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Wages of Italian State Railway Employees,
Memorandum of Meeting at Ministry of Communications -
3 February 1945.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Brigadier Waghorn, Director of Military Railway Services, and Lt. Col. Panell conferred with Mr. W.H. Braine, Director of the Labour Sub-Commission, and Mr. D.S. Sachs; and Major Reed and Major Hall of Finance Sub-Commission.

2. Brigadier Waghorn referred to evidence that unsatisfactory conditions of service was seriously affecting the efficient working of State Railways and there was loss of skilled personnel to other more remunerative employment. He thought that measures should be taken to anticipate interruption of services for these causes. After discussion, it was agreed that the only alternative methods of meeting the situation were:

(a) To allow events to take their course, in which case public complaints or grievances in the Press or by public demonstration would lead to threats of more violent action and probably eventually to strike action, leading to stoppage of Railway Services;

(b) To anticipate demands by making timely concessions before requests were formulated;

(c) To encourage the use of an agreed constitutional method by which there might be consultation and negotiation on issues of wages and conditions between the interested parties.

3. In view of the possible repercussions on all grades of Government employees of improved conditions of service for Railway workers, Finance Sub-Commission drew attention to the possible transference of the Railway Services to Allied Military Organizations but did not press this issue.

4. It was agreed that the third course was preferable but ^{that} in suggesting allowing its adoption, Allied Commission and Military Railways Services should avoid any indication of support for wage concessions or other improvements to Italian State Railway workers, since the knowledge of such support would not only prejudice the position of Allied Commission in respect of criticism and eventual approval of agreements but would

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lead to extravagant claims being made on behalf of the workers.

5. It was agreed that Labour Sub-Commission, to which the question stood referred from the Wages Committee, should recommend the development of alternative 3 to Economic Section, and ~~should~~ seek approval to encourage the operation of joint negotiation machinery in the Italian Railway Service.

6. *May I have your approval in principle, please?*

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission.

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Staff Officer to CC		Establishment Section	
Chief of Staff		Executive Officer (A)	
Message Center		Executive Officer (B)	
Civil Affairs Section		G-1 (A)	
DP & Rep		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
Local Govt		G-1 (B)	
Patriots Branch		G-4 (A)	
Public Safety		G-4 (B)	
Security Division		2675th Regt	
Public Health		Headquarters Commandant	
Legal		Adjutant	
Education		Navy	
Monuments & Fine Arts		Land Forces (MFA)	
Economic Section		Air	
Requisition Division		Communications	
Agriculture		Civil Censorship Group	
Commerce		M.A.D. & P.O.A.	
Finance		Public Relations Branch	
Property Control Div		Information Division	
Food		Archivist	
Industry		U.N.R.R.A.	
Mineral Division		I.G.C.R.	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 204

Ref: LSC/1002 + 408

Subject: Wages in Italian Industry.

12 March, 1945.

To: Economic Section.

1. The following points emerged from a discussion with Minister Gronchi on 12th March, 1945.

2. The policy of the Italian Government, adopted as a result of discussions with representatives of Italian industry and the Italian workers (C.G.I.L.) now provides for discussion on wage scales to take place as regards individual industry. The intention is to substitute a clearly defined basic wage scale in place of the present patchwork structure of a wage scale dating back to the collective agreements of 1942, to which numerous bonuses were added. After definition of the basic wage scale it is proposed to add a variable bonus, adjusted in accordance with the cost of living. It is not proposed to give legal effect to these new wage agreements but to rely upon the voluntary acceptance of the new wage rates by all concerned. If non-compliance were prevalent other steps might have to be considered and in this connection the activities of the Italian Labour Inspectorate would be of importance.

3. This policy represents an important departure from the policy of holding wage levels and of allowing deviations only as a result of acceptance of proposals by the Italian Government and embodiment in a legal decree. In Italian administered territory there is accordingly no theoretical ceiling for wages and the only limit to wage increases is that set by the good sense of the negotiating parties and the influence exercised by the Government, should appeal be made to it in the course of negotiations.

4. In view of this new policy there appears to be little purpose in submitting new wage agreements made in Italian Government territory to Allied Commission for approval, unless those wage agreements are of national application or are of application at any particular point inside A.M.G. territory.

5. The position inside A.M.G. territory remains, however, as before, viz., that with variations in wage agreements, proposed after negotiation between interested parties, that must be approved by A.M.G. Such proposals are registered by the Labour Offices (Italian State Offices) and would be submitted to A.M.G. for approval by the Labour Officers. The question naturally arises whether Regional Commissioners in A.M.G. or Labour Sub-Commission at A.C. Headquarters would be able to refer to any yardstick or measure to assist in deciding whether the proposed increase should be granted. The Armed Forces wage scale would in itself be a guide only as to prevalent conditions in liberated Italy as a whole and could be held as a rigid ceiling to be applied to new proposals, since the Armed Forces wage scale in its turn is expected to keep in step with developments in the wage structure in private industry. The proposal which has ^{apparently} been adopted by agreement with the Italian / Government

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Government for the attachment of employers' and workers' representatives, together with representatives of the Italian Government, while serving in an advisory or consultative capacity on wages or industrial issues, will provide an Advisory Committee to which questions of doubt could be referred. This proposal should be developed in conjunction with Finance Sub-Commission and Industry Sub-Commission.

6. It is relevant to report that the Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour have apparently completed its proposals for the operation of Uffici del Lavoro which will be communicated after agreement with the workers' representatives (C.C.I.L.) These proposals are understood to include the establishment of a Standing Advisory Council, comprised of representatives of Industry and Labour which besides advising on the operation of the Uffici del Lavoro would be available for discussion on general questions of wage policy.

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W. H. BRAINE

Director,
Labour Sub-Commission.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 10 March 1945.

Differential in Wages.

CA Sec raised this matter. Ex C stated it had been discussed at a meeting of the Local Resources Board. He said the differential disappeared only in regard to State employees. So far as industrial employees were concerned there was a differential of 15% and AC employees were regarded as industrial workers. The question of abolishing the differential in Rome for industrial and Allied Force employees had been put forward for consideration.

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 204

8 March 1945

SUBJECT: Procedure for Wage Adjustment

MAR 10 1945

Sir:

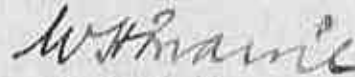
I refer to your letter of 29 January concerning the above subject.

It is understood that you make the following proposals for wage adjustment agreements covering employees both in Italian Government and AMG territories:

- (1) The Regional Labor Office will submit wage agreements to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor for approval;
- (2) If AMG territory is involved the agreement will be referred to Allied Commission for approval.

The above proposals are accepted by Allied Commission.

Yours very truly,



W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

H. E. Giovanni Gronchi
Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labor
Italian Government
Rome

cc: Legal Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission
Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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2 March 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

MAR 4 - 1945

I refer to your letter of 19 February 1945 on the subject of representation allowances for Prefects.

It is the view of this Commission that your Government is free to fix whatever allowances you deem necessary to allow Prefects adequately to discharge their duties.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier

for EILEEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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The President of the Council of Minister
Minister of the Interior

Rome, 19 February 1945

To Admiral Ellery M. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

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Dear Admiral,

I take the liberty of drawing your kind attention on the economic situation in which the direct representatives of the Government are now finding themselves in the provinces.

The Prefects are allowed a representation indemnity to enable them to fulfil the duties of their charge and to show themselves hospitable to the High Authorities who might come to or stay in their respective towns.

This indemnity is still being paid as it had been fixed in 1926, with two reductions of 12% each, which took place in 1930 and in 1934, so that it varies from a maximum of L. 1172 to a minimum of L. 168 monthly, respectively for the titularies of the seats of a greater importance (Rome, Naples, etc.) and for those who have minor seats, while to the Prefects who have the charge of a Director General, Inspector General, etc., the indemnity paid amounts to half the sum fixed for minor seats, i.e., L. 234 monthly.

Considering the very serious economic difficulties in which the Prefects find themselves, it has been suggested to raise the above mentioned indemnity to L. 3000 monthly minimum for the prefects who are titularies of minor seats and for those who have minor seats, and to L. 5000 for the Prefects who are titularies of seats of greater importance.

However, the Ministry of Finance communicated that the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission hasn't approved the regulation.

Considering the devaluation of the currency, the indemnity which is now in force is ridiculous and doesn't allow the prefects to fulfil, even in part, the duties of representation which their charge imply. I therefore beg you to see that the regulation is re-examined in a spirit of kind comprehension, for the serious needs of the moment and the delicate functions which the Prefects have to fulfil in the midst of enormous difficulties.

Yours very truly,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 451

12 February 1945

Ref: 3405/COS

SUBJECT: Financial (Cost of Living) Considerations of
Italian State Officials.

TO : DCOS, Economic Section.

1. Transmitted herewith is letter from Regional Commissioner, ABRUZZI-MARCHES Region, with attachments representing a cross-section study of the various parts of this Region: part AM and part AC (liberated) territory.
2. This is passed to you for information and consideration of your various Sub-Commissions concerned.
3. True, they look to us to bring them an honest economy, - an organized plan, and they are willing on the whole to work for themselves to work out their own livelihood as good public servants.
4. May this please be discussed with Civil Affairs Section for intelligent discussion at some future COS meeting to be chosen later.

JCB
+ Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: V.P. Political Section.
DCOS, Civil Affairs Section.

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TO: HQ AG (Civil Affairs Section) (For attention of Brig. Jash)

FROM: HQ AME/AG Abruzzi Marche Region.

SUBJECT: Public Employees - Salaries.

REF: R5/519/17

DATE: 8 February 1945

1. I have been considering for some time the disastrous financial position of certain state officials; particularly those in AME territory.
2. I view the problem with so much concern that I ask that you will give special consideration to it yourself so that a satisfactory solution may put an end to the present impossible situation.
3. I attach details of a series of cases of which I confirm the genuineness. I have chosen these from a large collection in order to illustrate a cross section through the levels of society - the picture, indeed, is a very sorry one, and one which reflects no credit except on the unfortunate officials who are somehow still carrying on.
4. We are here to tidy up the aftermaths of battle and to prepare the Italian authorities to take over from us as soon as possible. But it is not fair when officials on whom we must rely to help us are reduced to penury, and are, in fact, often half-starved.
5. Honest officials - there are some - are now reduced to selling their few remaining personal possessions in order to live, as all their savings have gone. The not-so-honest ones are forced to implement their income by the very means that we claim we are here to abolish. How can they do otherwise?
6. I repeat: The present situation is impossible! Surely in AME Territory, anyhow, it is up to us to look after the civil servants working for us. If by granting them additional salaries or allowances there we can force the Italian Government to do the same for their dependents outside AME territory, so much the better.
7. I have received many deputations from these people and have felt humiliated by being unable to do anything for them. They go on working mostly in the hope that we shall see that they are treated fairly at last.
8. The payment of such bonuses as "Bonbardamento" indemnity, or "Disagiataissima Residenza" neither of which is adequate to the situation, and to which, anyhow, the state employees in the two provinces of Ancona and Pesaro are not entitled, only boggles the situation.
9. State officials in AME areas are forced by the conditions of their present service to live separated from their families and away from their homes, and should, I think, be given a special bonus to enable them to meet the additional expenses forced upon them.

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10. State officials in AME areas should certainly be given the same cost-of-living bonus as we give A.F. employees.

11. I consider that the same officials in AME area should be given a ration scale equivalent to that for heavy workers.

12. Even with these concessions I cannot see that they will be in a position to make both ends meet, and the concessions I have suggested are only a small bite out of a large, and at present, very indigestible cherry.

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/s/ C.H. FRENCH
/t/ C.H.A. FRENCH
Colonel.
Regional Commissioner.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 20 February 1945.

Wages of Italian Civil Servants. CA Sec reported that RC Abruzzi-Marche had written about the sorry plight of the civil servants. Econ Sec said that Labour Sub-Commission were studying this problem.

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