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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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Minutes of Conference on Refugees
17 March 44

Present: Regional Commissioners and Staff, representatives British Navy, U.S. Navy, HQ No. 1 District, I. F. S., Red Cross etc.

1. PLAN

- a. To accept 20,000 refugees per month starting 1 April.
- b. 2/3 or 14,000 to enter SYRACUSE.
1/3 or 6,000 to enter PALERMO.
- c. Arrivals expected.
1400 - 1500 every 3 days SYRACUSE.
700 - 750 every 3 days PALERMO.
24 hours notice has been requested.
- d. Reception Camps to be provided by 1 April as follows
complete with disinfecting plant, medical, feeding, security
screening and sleeping arrangements and segregated as necessary
at SYRACUSE by HQ No. 1 District
at PALERMO by I.F.S.
222 I.F.S. Camp 4,500
overflow camp PALERMO 2,500
staying camp MONTELLA

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222 E. 7. Camp 4,500
overflow camp FAIRBANKS 2,500
at FAIRBANKS by I.I.S.
staying camp MONTICELLO
with total numbers including reserve 3,500
I.I.S. is considering TERMINAL INTERIOR as an alternative.
- e. Turn-around at Camps
target date including disinfecting, screening and
documentation 7 days
Allowance in reserve 3 days
figures given above allow for 15 days' intake at each port.
- f. Provision for evacuation to be by special train of 500 a
time at 24 hours notice, or by I.I.S. vehicles.

2. COMPOUND OF THE PLAN

- a. Both Navy and Army authorities approve plan of 2/3 SYRACUSE
and 1/3 FAIRBANKS.
- r. Military requirements necessitate disposal of refugees for
April and May only in following areas:
no refugees in communes on MESSINA-FAIRBANKS road.
no refugees in provinces of MESSINA, CATANIA, PACHA, MESSINA, 2
SYRACUSE North of West to West line through town of SYRACUSE
Nothing West of line inclusive FAIRBANKS to inclusive SYRACUSE.
Provinces without restrictions: SYRACUSE (less SYRACUSE),
CATANIA, CATANIA, SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE
SYRACUSE, SYRACUSE.
HQ No. 1 District agrees to forward map showing number of
communes which may be found available in restricted provinces.

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Agreed that Italian administration must accept primary responsibility.

b. Break-down of responsibility for reception was agreed as follows:

- (1) HQ No. 1 District.
222 I.M. and P.M. Camps to be provided complete with washing and cooking facilities, latrines, wire, and tents ready 1 April.
2 Disinfectors No. 3.
1000 sacks or gunbags and labels. (for disinfecting)
2000 blankets (for disinfecting)
Cover stoves - 50 on sites.
Administrative staff - 2 officers and 100 P.M.
222 I.M. Camp
1 officer and 50 P.M. P.M.10.
Security personnel for screening - 250 a day.
Vehicles from ship to camp and for administration.
HQ No. 1 District will consider whether any types may be available for Italian ambulances, and whether any condemned food stocks can be granted.

(2) I.E.S.

Camp at MONTILLO complete with washing and cooking and latrine facilities, tents and wire, or alternative at MONTILLO. To be ready 1 April.
Hospital tent and cots for emergency station.
1000 blankets (for disinfecting)
500 flour bags (for disinfecting)
3500 mine outfits
3500 socks

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venting and cooking facilities, latrines, wire, and tents ready 1 April.

2 Disinfectors No. 3.
 1000 Sacks or Tubs and Labels. (for disinfecting)
 2000 Blankets (for disinfecting)
 5000 Blankets - 50 on sites.
 Administrative staff - 2 officers and 100 I.M.
 222 I.M. Camp
 1 Officer and 50 I.M. PRIMO.

British guards
 Security personnel for screening - 250 a day.
 Vehicles from ship to camp and for administration.
 No. 1 district will consider whether any types may be available for Italian ambulances, and whether any condemned food stocks can be salvaged.

(2) I.I.C.

Camp at MONTELLIO complete with vesting and cooking and latrine facilities, tents and wire, or alternative at MONTELLIO. To be ready 1 April.

Hospital tent and cots for emergency station.
 1000 Blankets (for disinfecting)
 500 Blankets (for disinfecting)
 3500 Mass outfits
 3500 Blankets
 Trucks from ship to camp, for administration and in lieu of ambulances.

Administrative staff - 100. Officers and 100 I.M.
 Guards - 46 Italian Regiment
 Security Personnel

I.I.C. offers loan of special liaison for Refugee staff under A.C.C. officer to contact Italians quickly.

(3) A.C.C.

Disinfectors for MONTELLIO Camp - Public Health
 D.D.M. or equivalent powder for SYPACUST - Public Health
 Soap - SYPACUST and FAIRBANKS - Economics & Supplies
 Food for Reception Camp
 Food and Milk for infants and nursing mothers
 Economics & Supplies
 Contracts for local Bakeries - SYPACUST and FAIRBANKS
 Economics & Supplies
 Special identity cards - Public Safety
 Liaison with Military for Security Control
 Public Safety
 Signal of departure of ships to be obtained from Italy for forwarding to I.I.C. and SYPACUST 24 hours prior
 Executive Officer

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(4) Italian Red Cross Medical Staffs at reception camps	SYRACUSE	1 superintendent	PALESTINE	1 superintendent
		2 doctors		2 doctors
		2 female doctors		1 female doctor
		nurses		nurses
		8 orderlies for disinfectors		orderlies for disinfectors
		Hospitals - SYRACUSE 180 beds		
		PALESTINE 110 beds		
		Ambulances at ship and camp.		
		Propaganda for collections of clothing and necessities.		
		Soup kitchens as and when available.		
(5) U.S. Red Cross.		To consider allotment of reserves of shoes and clothing to both reception camps.		
(6) ITALIAN Administration		Provision of 7000 bowls	SYRACUSE	
		7000 spoons		
		14000 blankets	SYRACUSE	
		14000 towels		
		7000 blankets	PALESTINE	
		7000 towels		
		Necessary drugs to camp hospitals		
		Responsible for Documentation staffs	SYRACUSE AND	
		and necessary documents	PALESTINE	
		Relieving arrangements in camps		
		Evacuation to communes		

4- POSSIBLE LARGE ACCOMMODATION SITES NOTED FOR INFORMATION

Place Description No. Availability

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nurses
 8 orderlies for disinfectors
 orderlies for disinfectors
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 PALERMO 110 beds
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 Soup kitchens as and when available.

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SYRACUSE

7000 spoons

SYRACUSE

14000 blankets

14000 towels

PALERMO

7000 blankets

7000 towels

necessary drugs to camp hospitals

Responsible for Documentation staffs SYRACUSE AND
 and necessary documents PALERMO

Billetting arrangements in communes
 Evacuation to communes

4. POSSIBLE LARGE ACCOMMODATION SITES NOTED FOR INFORMATION

Place	Description	No.	Availability
POCCA PALUMBA ALLA SAN CATALDO	Railway hatted camp and area Camp site with guildings	1050 200	Now Now
VITTORIA	Old P.W. Camp and air station	300	Now
	Building with beds	500	Now

DISSEMINATION
 HQ ACU-6
 Region I all dept's.
 Prov. Commissioners-2 each
 HQ No. 1 District-12
 I.I.S.-12
 S.N.O.P.S.I.-3
 U.S. Navy-3
 Liaison officer No. 1 District-1
 Capt. Atkinson Grimshaw-1
 Major Guseley-1
 U.S. Red Cross-3
 Stores-20

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Public Health S.C.
Security, B.
Int Supply, S.C.

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