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REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APC 394
 ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

AOC/18/B/INT.

5 May 44.

SUBJECT: Minutes - Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO: Political Section (Attn: Mr CAGGIA).

1. As requested by you in our conversation of 3 May, the following is the information for which you asked.
2. The Interior Sub Commission was originally allotted two functions, Local Government and the Church.
3. At a fairly recent interview between the Director and Mr Reber, the latter informed the Director that Church matters (which I understood to include matters such as that referred to in para 9b page 12 of the Minutes of the PC's meeting of 15 Apr) would be referred to Monsignor Carol, Vatican Liaison Officer in Naples who would deal either direct or through the Political Section with the Italian Government.
4. On this understanding I have agreed to the low ceiling of seven officers for the Interior Sub Commission Staff, which does not include an officer thoroughly conversant with Church matters.

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 STANDGATE.
 VP Adm Sec.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner (By AOC/19/INT dated 30 Apr refers)
 , Political Section (Mr Reber)

PA to Exec. Comm.

for V. Committee

See. for a/c

This should be mentioned at the Staff meeting tomorrow

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Subject: Minutes - Reg. Comm. Conf. ⁶⁶

To: V.P. Admin Sec.

1. Ref. of letter ACC/19/INT of
20 Apr 1944

It is noted ~~that the~~
Interior Sub-Comm. is taking no
action.

2. ~~It is understood that~~ It has been agreed
Political Section will handle all
negotiations concerning the Church
matters in question

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Pro mem for Mr. DeWhite

Above letter as desired 3012

You were to speak tomorrow
to ~~several~~ all this
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
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Ref/107/64/Gl.

2. May 1944.

SUBJECT: Minutes of R.O.'s Conference, 15 - 16 April 1944.
TO : Distribution below.

Amendment.

Executive Commissioner's Opening Remarks.

In second para. line 3 should read :

"monthly reports should report facts and NOT ventilate
complaints or"

Please amend all copies.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HQ. A.A.I.
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- 7 - Lt.Col.Regis, Allied Advisory Council.
- 2 - AMG 5th Army (CAS)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

100/19/100.

30 Apr 44.

SUBJECT : Minutes - Regional Commissioners Conference.TO : Executive Commissioner.

- 1 Reference Minutes of Regional Commissioners' Meeting 15 Apr, p.12 para 9b.
- 2 Will you please note that this Section has been informed that all negotiations with or about the Church will be conducted by the Political Section and not by the Interior Sub Commission. Under the circumstances it is suggested that the Political Section should be asked to take up the matter in question.
- 3 The Interior Sub Comm is taking no action.

Spoke with Caccia & had him gate
2 apce. Chd to have Pol Sec handle Bureau's Security and
causings of espionage charges. 3/5
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STANISLAW
VP Adm Sec.

Col Drake

Exec. Comm. asked about this item in the
minutes his morning & will 5/11 again on Thursday morning.
is ruling against Pol. Sec. 3/5

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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Ref/107/63/CA.

30 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Minutes of R.C.'s Conference.
TO : AMG Five Army (Field).

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As requested an additional copy of Minutes of R.C.'s
Conference 15 - 16 April is attached hereto.

N.R.
for NORMAN R. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

30 April 1944.

Ref/107/62/CA.

SUBJECT: Minutes of R.C.'s Conference.

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. As requested in your MGS 337-10 of 25 April 1944, an additional copy of Minutes of R.C.'s Conference held on 15 - 16 April 1944 is attached.

2. In future five copies will be forwarded to you.

MS for
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner,

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28. April 1944.

IRB/CONFERENCES.

SUBJECT : Action on Minutes- R.C.'s Conference.

TO : HQ. A.C.C. R.C. & M.G. Section.

Ref. your Ref./107/CA dated 25 April 44 on the
above subject.

The minutes of the Conference held April 15 & 16,
1944 have not as yet been received in this office.

May a copy please therefore be sent, if it has not
already been dispatched to us.

F. M. Brister
F. M. BRISTER
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. ARMY

27th April 1944.

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Subject: Minutes of Conferences.

To : H.Q., A.C.C. ✓
Secretary-General.

Would you please supply this HQ with the following copies
of the Conferences held at HQ ACC:

3 Copies of Minutes of Conference 14th April. (now yet receive)
1 Copy of Minutes of Conference 15-16 April.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. MAYNE,
Lt. Col., U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff.
AMG FIFTH ARMY.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS 337-10

25 April 1944

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. We have just received four (4) copies of Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference, 15 April - 16 April 1944. Please send us one additional copy of these Minutes.

2. We would appreciate your forwarding us five (5) copies in the future.



For *E.H. McLogan Jr.* *3005*
 CHARLES W. SPOFFORD,
 Colonel, G.S.C.,
 Chief of Section.

Send a note from 2-1001

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 HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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27 APR 1944

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26 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Discipline

TO : All American Officers, Labor Sub-Commission

1. Item 12, Para. (c), page 13 of the minutes of Regional Commissioners' Conference, 15 April, 1944 - 16 April, 1944, states that all American officers "..... should be instructed to re-read Articles of War and confirm".

2. Please take the necessary action and confirm to this office.

JAMES O. BABCOCK,
 Major, S.R.,
 A/D/Director,
 Labor Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Executive Commissioner

Col. *Smith*

The word "confirm" seems
 to be a typing error that got
 missed - it should be
 "inform".

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Is amendment by special
 notice necessary?

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/cl.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Action on Minutes - R.Cs. Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. (a) It will be noted that the left margin of the minutes of the Conference held April 15 & 16, 1944, has been headed ACTION and a note made of the officers or Branch of whom action is expected.

(b) As regards the Admin and Economic Sections, it would be appreciated if V.Ps. would examine the relevant paragraphs and take such action as in their opinion they consider necessary.

2. The annotation "All concerned" may refer to some or all of the following :

- (a) Regional Commissioners.
- (b) SCAG's 5 and 8 Army AMG.
- (c) Heads of Sections.
- (d) Heads of Sub-Commissions.
- (e) Heads of Branches.
- (f) Transport Officers.
- (g) Dispatch Officers.
- (h) Headquarter Commandants.
- (i) Provincial Commissioners.
- (j) Personal Assistants.

3. You are requested to examine the minutes carefully and to ensure that where action is required it is taken promptly.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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MGS 337-10

21 April 1944

SUBJECT: Minutes of Conference

TO : HQ A.C.C.

The Report of ACC Monthly Conference 14 April has been received here. 4 copies only were in fact received. It will be remembered that in this section's MGS 337-5 of 22 March it was asked that 5 copies of all of such reports should be furnished so as to allow of outside distribution as indicated.

Will you therefore please mail ^{one}~~two~~ additional copies of the report here to enable distribution to be completed.

*T. B. Jackman*T. B. JACKMAN
Major

Copy sent to Sec Gen for ACTION
also copy of minutes 15-4-44.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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Ref/107/55/CA.

24 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Lt.Col.Regis, Allied Advisory Council,
Villa Natarasso, 480 Via Tasso, NAPLES.

1. Seven copies of Minutes of Regional Commissioners Meeting held at this Headquarters 15 and 16 April 1944 are passed to you for information.
2. Copies of minutes for meeting held on 14 April 1944 have already been passed to you.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/54/CA

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Major-General Sir Brian Robertson, Bart,
C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.
Chief Administrative Officer,
HQ. A.A.I. (Adm Ech), C.M.F.

Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference held at this
Headquarters on 14 - 16 April 1944 are passed to you for information.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref/107/53/CA.

24 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Brig-General L.L. Lemitzer,
D.C.G.S.,
HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference held at this
Headquarters on 14 - 16 April 1944 are passed to you for information.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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22 April 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: ALL Concerned

SUBJECT: Classification of Conference Minutes

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The matters contained on pages 8 and 9 (Section II A, B, and C),
Reports of the Navy, Army and Air Sub-Commissions, in the Minutes of the
Monthly Conference of 19 April 1944 are classified as "SECRET" and will
be so treated by all holders.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Robert E. Doe

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

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WASHINGTON
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
R.M. & H.C. SECTION
APO 354

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23 April, 1954.

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SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

Re: Regions I, II, III, V, VI, and VII.

Minutes of Regional Commissioners conference for Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th April are attached hereto, sufficient copies are forwarded for Provincial Commissioners.

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FOR HONORARY R. PIERCE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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MINUTES OF

Regional Commissioners Conference

Saturday, 15 Apr 44 - Sunday, 16 Apr 44.

PRESIDING : Brigadier M. S. Lush.

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Executive Commissioner's opening remarks.

Executive Commissioner spoke generally on work in the Regions and the Chief Commissioner's satisfaction with the manner in which Regional Officers were working.

He said the monthly reports should be amplified by special reports and information on current events and repeated his ruling that monthly reports should report facts and ventilate complaints or suggestions.

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The Administrative Section were not getting enough information from Regions. It was therefore desirable for Regional Commissioners to correspond direct with Vice President Administrative Section, especially on Local Government matters, and direct with Sub-Commissions of the Section, sending copies to Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Regional Commissioners gave their views on their suggested channels of communication. The general consensus of opinion was for one channel of correspondence through the Regional Control and Military Government Section.

It was agreed that existing arrangements should stand, but copies of correspondence should be sent to Head of Section concerned. This would also apply in the opposite direction, Heads of Sections sending out requests and information to Regions with copies to Regional Control and Military Government Section. Orders and Directives would issue as heretofore from Regional Control and Military Government Section.

All concerned

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All concerned

Difficulties in replying to correspondence speedily were appreciated, but every effort would be made to speed up. Interim replies should be sent when delay was inevitable. Headquarters would do the same.

Item No.1 - Regional Control Matters.

(a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.

Chairman explained that Allied Armies in Italy objected to free movement in Regions III, IV, and V, and that restriction had to be imposed on these areas.

It was agreed that the pass system was unsatisfactory owing to lack of personnel for checking purposes but that fixing of boundaries on natural barriers would assist.

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It was agreed that Col. Kirk should see Brig. Airey and Col. Gibson, explain Regional Commissioner's views and produce a scheme conforming to pass-system principle. Italian police must be persuaded to co-operate. Identity card issue would be extended and passes issued only to holders of authentic and valid identity cards.

(b) Monthly Reports.

The suggestion to introduce quarterly reports was not favoured as it was thought the period covered was too long.

All
concerned

Agreed that monthly reports be abridged to a summary of events, covering all divisions. Full divisional reports to be sent to Sub-Commissions.

R.C. &
M.G. Sec.

A directive would be issued showing the form the report is to take, and the number of copies required.

(c) Marriages with Italians.R.Cs.
SCOs.
Armies.
R.C. &
M.G. Sec.

The steps to be taken prior to sanction being granted for British soldiers to marry Italians were outlined, and it was stated that the yardstick must be the avoidance of scandal and injury to a soldier's military value. Inside Allied Control Commission organisation all requests must be submitted to Chief Commissioner through Establishments Branch.

(d) Medical Supplies.

Col. Griffin said that there was some misunderstanding regarding fixing of prices. Some were adding 15% + 35%, others adding 15% and then adding 35% of the total so obtained, thus effecting an overall increase of 52.8%. This was in process of being regulated.

There was a quantity of German and Italian supplies at low prices finding its way into the Black Market. 1935 price should be increased to release these goods.

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M.G. Sec.

Chairman said that a copy of Region III draft order on this subject would be sent to Regional Commissioners.

(e) Liaison Officers.

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R.C. &
M.G. Sec.

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(c) Liaison Officers.

Estab.
Branch

No liaison officers would be appointed except with agreement of this Headquarters. Indiscriminate use of the term "Liaison" should be avoided. An order would be published shortly on this point.

Item No. 2 - Establishment Matters.(a) Staffs of Regions in relation to Allied Control Commission Ceiling.

Chairman stated that there was little chance of increasing the ceiling of 1222 officers. The proportion of specialist officers to administrators will inevitably increase as Allied Control Commission territory enlarged. 304 officers was the bedrock for Provincial Officers of all Regions. Regional Headquarters (Administrative) Staffs must therefore be reduced.

The titles accorded Regional Staffs was too many. Regional Commissioner, Executive Officer, General Staff Officer, and Headquarters Commandant should be sufficient to cover them all.

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(b) Promotion of Officers.

Chairman said that lists were being examined on 16 April. A lag between publication of U.S. and British promotions was possible due to divergence in procedure.

(c) Reports on Officers.

The Executive Commissioner explained that Regional Commissioners need not hesitate to render reports on officers of another nationality, and that he was sure that this system was acceptable to all American and British officers who might be the subject of such reports. Official reports must be signed by the officer of the same nationality, and endorsed by the Reporting officer who could also express his views in a covering letter.

If help was required on establishment matters assistance would be given, and if necessary an officer sent out.

All concerned. transfer. Agreed reports on officers would be submitted half-yearly and on

(a) Promotion EM/ORs.

Enlisted men were 45 over-strength. Only promotion to rank of Pfc possible.

Clerks were below strength and general duty men overstrength. Promotion was only possible therefore in the former category. General duty men were invited for training at Headquarters as Clerks and if satisfactory for transfer to the R.A.S.C.

It was stated that drivers had no chances of promotion and a higher proportion of N.C.Os. was recommended. This was to be represented in the appropriate quarter.

(e) Use of Italian Military Personnel.

Dilution to the maximum with Italian personnel was essential to make EM/ORs available for other duties. Security must be the only limitation.

It was stated that 10 officers and 263 Other Ranks would shortly be available. It was hoped that they could be distributed in self-contained platoons of 1 officer and 25 - 30 Other Ranks. There were

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Estab.
Branch.

Regions I, III, IV, V and VII requested platoons.

(f) Maintenance M.T.

The vital importance of first echelon maintenance was emphasized. Regional Commissioners must search among personnel for those with any technical knowledge. Assistance should be sought from any local M.T. units.

(g) Registration of Requisitioned Vehicles.

All requisitioned vehicles must be officially registered and instructions would shortly be issued.

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Executive Commissioner directed that only those vehicles essential for official work be used and that Regional Commissioners should scrutinize the vehicles held. A number of vehicles would be required by the Italian Government.

(h) Essential Civilian Vehicles.

An Italian Government decree and an AME directive were shortly being published.

(i) Friends Ambulance Unit - Status of Personnel.

All concerned

All assistance was requested for the Friends Ambulance personnel and it was suggested that they be treated on the officer level, at Regional Commissioners' discretion.

Item No. 3 - Harvesting, Unassing and Distribution of Wheat Crop 1944.

(a) Colonel Adams (A/Vice President, Economic Section) stated that Italy was expected to feed itself on a basic flour ration of 200 gms. The first crop estimate has already been made. Sicily's and Sardinia's crops would feed those countries respectively. On the mainland substantial quantities of wheat from surplus producing areas would need to be moved to other areas on the mainland.

(b) Major Hartmann (Chief, Agriculture Sub-Commission) outlined the plan as follows:

Channel of communication will be:

From Minister to Compartimento,
Compartimento to Province,
Province to Comune.

Each Comune to have two executive bodies:

(1) 1 - 4 Italian officers for:

declarations,
assessment,
verification,
surrounding,
forwarding of summaries,
inspection of unassing.

(2) A local committee consisting of:

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inspection of assessing.

(2) 1 local committee consisting of :

Sindaco
Priest, Questore or similar local official.
Farmer, member of Farmers' Union or Association.
Farmer nominated by Inspector.

(c) The Committee's duty would be to screen statistics of wheat production, retention and assessing, and to instigate prosecutions.

(d) Among other views expressed Region II asked which Court would try offenders. The lower court would be unsatisfactory, and the higher would be inundated.

(e) Lt.Col. Cousens suggested a vigorous publicity campaign to stress that feeding the population is an Italian responsibility. Non-co-operation would mean hunger. Lower courts should have increased powers.

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- (f) It was stated that HWB was anxious to help and its help should be enlisted.
- (g) Lt. Col. Mayne stated that from his experience in the Middle East, amassing was similar to tax collection. An organization was essential. Authority should be conferred on the officials with the warning that dismissal would be the penalty for failure in their tasks.
- (h) Brig. Parkinson (Director, Public Health Sub-Commission) appealed for a correction of the impression reaching London or Washington that we were satisfied with conditions of the Italian people.
- (i) Col. Adams said that the amassing of the wheat, either in bulk or sacks, is a Regional responsibility. This principle also applies to the problem of warehousing where many warehouses have been destroyed.
- (j) Col. Legg (Director, Food Sub-Commission) stated that sacks were going into Regions at the rate of 80,000 per month and issues of sacked food should be on a sack for sack basis. Estimates of sack and sack repair material requirements should be made now, particularly in Region V.
- (k) Major Hartmann stated that it was hoped to assess 43% of the crop estimate, and that transportation would be necessary to make inspectors and committees mobile.
- (l) Varying opinions were given on which crops should be assessed.
- (m) Col. Adams then announced as part of the plan that a reduction of the seed retention allowance to 1 1/2 quintals per hectare would be made. The food retention allowance would be permitted only to farmers, their families and full-time agricultural workers. "Gleaners" would not receive the retention allowance.
- (n) On the question of price to be paid to farmers the policy was to announce this on or before May 15th. The average of Regional Commissioners' suggestions for price was given and ranged from 900 to 1500 lire per quintal, average 1150 lire as compared with the landed cost of imported wheat 1135 lire.

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(c) Col. Adams further stated that :

- (i) A food ration increase was unlikely.
- (ii) The recommendation of all regional commissioners was that only wheat, barley and olive oil should be compulsorily assessed.

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(i) A food ration increase was unlikely.

(ii) The recommendation of all regional commissioners was that only wheat, barley and olive oil should be compulsorily assessed.

(iii) Price for wheat would be announced on or before May 15th, and suggestions for one price for all Italy would be considered.

Item No.4 - Refugees, Disposal and Feeding.

(a) Lt.Col.Hulls, Refugee Branch, stated that refugees could not be sent overseas and must be accommodated within Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. He suggested that it be done by house to house billeting as done in England.

(b) Among many objections were transportation, the different scales of rations and the hunger of refugees.

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Section.

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- (c) It was suggested that communal feeding be instituted, giving one hot meal per day.
- (d) This was an important problem and he emphasized the point that the Italian Government must take a bigger interest in refugees.
- (e) Col. Poletti (Region III) desired an officer under his command who would deal with the refugee problem and keep him informed. He explained his difficulties in placing refugees and stated he was placing a few in Avellino and South Naples, none in Benevento and filling up Salerno.
- (f) Region II had received from No. 2 District a list of designated communes for the reception of refugees.
- (g) Col. Fiske gave his experiences and said that in his opinion refugees were not fitting into the life of the country; proper distribution or re-distribution was necessary, and that Allied Control Commission should get the needs brought home to the Italian Government. It might be advantageous for Agriculture and Labour Sub-Commissions to study the problem.
- (h) Lt. Col. Cousens suggested that the problem should be dealt with at a high level and that the Church should be asked to take an interest in it. He suggested that one Italian military officer might be allocated to each commune to deal with the refugee problem.

Item No. 6 - Malaria Control.

Executive Commissioner reminded Regional Commissioners that Malaria Control was an administrative and not merely a medical duty to which they must give fullest attention.

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- (b) Col. Russell stated that good work had been done by local committees during the period 1930 - 1940 and that the committees, set up by the Italian Government must be restored to their old jobs.

The dangers were the transmission of the disease from civilians to troops and epidemics, for which all the conditions were favourable.

He suggested close co-operation and co-ordination of military and civil efforts.

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(c) Funds to meet labour costs were available for dealing with the problem.

(d) Oil (Diesel No.2) in drums on indent could also be obtained. Transport was a difficulty and escorts would be required to prevent theft of the oil. A method of rendering the oil unfit for other use would be sought.

(e) He suggested that their efforts should start from Line of Communications and military centres and work outwards thus ensuring the maximum assistance to the war effort.

(f) Control Service.

The services of a Medical Officer, Entomologist and Engineer were available on demand.

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(g) Paris Green was in short supply and would only be used for the benefit of the Armed Forces. The oil would be used for civilian purposes. Sprayers were in short supply but more were expected shortly.

(h) Col. Russell explained that the peak breeding period was June, falling sharply after September. Malarial cases begin about July with the peak at the end of August.

The treatment was :

- (i) DDT, which was in plentiful supply.
- (ii) Prophylactics to be applied to civil workers on civil projects.

There was not enough DDT for suppressive use by civilians and the Eighth Army should be informed that Allied Control Commission will not be able to supply.

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Item No. 5 - De-fascistization in Regions.

(a) Col. Unjohn explained that a uniform procedure was essential and that efforts so far have been unsatisfactory. He suggested that the initial step be taken by a questionnaire and it would depend on the answers whether a Fascist was dismissed.

(b) Executive Memorandum No. 45 had outlined one plan, using the "scheduled personnel", but indiscriminate and wholesale use of this might result in administrative chaos.

(c) The Royal Decree of 28th December had been ineffective due to lack of Italian Government interest.

(d) He explained that draft plan submitted by Col. Poletti was the effort of a local Italian Committee.

(e) Lt. Col. Wilmer explained the order drafted by Region III and said that automatic dismissal would create chaos. He suggested a Commission composed of Italians to deal with the purging of Fascists in occupied territory. The question of appeal from the decisions of the Commissions was raised but it was felt that if allowed it would result in a mass of appeals. A General Order ought to be issued based on the proposed Regional Order and ought not to wait for a change in the Italian Government. The Order should exclude the Army areas where extraneous people and Commissions were not suitable. The idea was that the Commission should instigate the removal of Fascists. Allied Control Commission would not punish but would only be concerned in dismissal from posts or appointments.

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It was agreed that the Order prepared by Region III be the basis of the new Order and that the order should not be made to apply to elements of the Italian Army, e.g. Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.

Col. Upjohn said that a clause would be inserted retaining power for the Regional Commissioner to veto the decision of the Commissions either permanently or temporarily.

Item No. 7 - Road Haulage.

Col. Adams said that negotiations for sale of 1000 Allied vehicles to the Italian Government and their eventual disposal to the transport organisations were proceeding. In the meantime, 450 vehicles were working in the Regions. SIMA (an Italian Company) would operate in Region II; an agency group in Region III and Region V had their own organisation. The 80 vehicles provided by PES on the West side were

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functioning well. The 120 handed over by the 1001 G.T. Coy on the East side only 65 were serviceable to start with but these had been replaced by 120 completely new British vehicles and these are now in service.

Lt.Col. Carnes said maintenance of vehicles was the responsibility of the Italians. The responsibility for seeing this done was that of the Regional Commissioners and an organisation should be set up for this purpose. Spare parts and tools would be available for British and United States vehicles and indents could be submitted and would be accepted. Garages would be available for repairs, but the question of trained supervisory U.S. and British personnel was the difficulty.

Item No.6 - Public Relations.

(a) Major Fielden pointed out that as film units could only be used after dark propaganda would benefit if the curfew be changed. He stated that Allied Armies in Italy and No.3 District had no objection to 2130 hours being fixed as the time for commencement of curfew in Region III.

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Agreed that this be arranged.

(b) Weekly Bulletin.

Regions were unanimous that it should be continued. All Regions were asked to co-operate and contribute news.

(c) Position of P.W.B.

P.W.B. was under command of A.D.H.Q. Executive Commissioner said that Regional Commissioners must get P.W.B. officers interested so that they would not put out the wrong kind of information and propaganda.

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The local (Regional) Publications Boards were still a little undecided in the activities but the position was improving and application could be forwarded to these Boards with more confidence. All applications for licenses to publish should bear the endorsements of the appropriate Allied Control Commission officer.

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ACTIONItem No.9 - Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.

(a) Mr. Nichol said that the Services used all the schooners and there was little left over for the use of the civilian organisations. It was pointed out that any schooner under 50 tons might be used without permission but the following had to be borne in mind:

- (i) the schooner should be registered, and
- (ii) before sailing the route should be confirmed by Naval authorities.

(b) It was suggested that an Italian Director General be appointed to deal with shipping. His appointment would be non-political. Alternatively, a Committee should be set up. Bids for tonnage in excess of 50 tons must be submitted to Economic Section who would allocate.

(c) The need for a directive on shipping was urgent and Mr. Nichol said he would consider this.

Shipping
Sub-Com.Item No.10 - Social Welfare.

To be continued in Sicily as at present.

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agreed that scheme be adopted and published as a General Order, copy to go to Armies.

Item No.12 - Restoration of Post Office Services.

Major Head explained that the Italian Government had issued 55 circulars and a memorandum covering these was being prepared for use of forward areas to ensure continuity. For security reasons the truly Postal side of the services had to be delayed: banking and financial services could be opened earlier.

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- (c) Archives of Allied Control Commission.

Mr. Jenkinson was invited to add to his previous remarks and said that an important item was the Commission's own archives, which were important. It was also important to educate the Italians in the proper preservation of their own modern archives in order to reduce search for valuable data in the future. The ultimate disposal of the Commission's archives was a matter for consideration.

Asked that ruling should be given on "tumbling" and "paging" in reproducing documents that would have to be preserved.

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Agreed to refer matter to Archives Advisory Committee.

Suggested that individual histories would also be of value, as distinct from formal War Diaries.

All concerned.

Agreed that War Diaries be dispensed with but that some kind of journal be kept to be supplemented by historiography.

Other Business.

Sunday, April 16, 1944.

1. Executive Commissioner announced to the Conference that he and Col. Adams (Economic Section) had reported to the Chief Commissioner the views of the Conference on the massing and price programmes arrived at the previous day. The Chief Commissioner had decided to take the matter up at once with the Italian Government and to press for a definite decision as quickly as possible.

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2. Information Division.

Major Hinkel explained the functions of the Division as including:

- (i) The collection and dissemination of information of value to the Commission.
- (ii) The maintenance of a reference library, a catalogue of which would be issued shortly.
- (iii) Liaison with other ~~24~~ 26 ~~intelligence~~ intelligence agencies.
- (iv) Issue of maps.
- (v) The collection of information on German occupied Italy.

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Summing up, Executive Commissioner said that every effort had to be made to avoid the Chief Commissioner and his staff at Headquarters being non-sighted. B/O reports and telephone calls on matters of immediate importance would help to achieve this.

All concerned.

3. Internal Transportation - Report on visits to Regions.

Col. Pennyquick had been instructed to visit Regional Headquarters to study the internal transport situation. He had found conditions so varied that he had come to the conclusion that the only criterion that could be adopted was to base the number of cars required on the number of officers employed.

On Establishment there was a deficiency of about 250 official cars. To cover this there were about 400 requisitioned cars and in view of the unreliable condition of these cars this was not too many.

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Three points should receive immediate attention:

(1) The proper employment of cars as to type, which would involve re-distribution, etc. cars suited to town and level running might be unsuitable for country and long distance work over in/different roads.

(11) Servicing difficulties owing to lack of tools and garage facilities but more could be done.

(iii) Pooling to achieve economy in use. There should be a minimum of individual allocations.

4. Leave for Officers.

Question raised by Regional Commissioner Region II.

It was pointed out that during operationally static periods the Armies were allowing "Local leave". Could this be applied to A.C.C. Officers?

The Executive Commissioner stated that provided not more than 20% of officers were on leave at any one time, and that no officers on leave from other Regions attempted to enter Army areas "Local leave" could be granted by Regional Commissioners.

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Establishments would take up the matter of regularising travel.

Agreed that this provision should also apply to H/Os.

Establishments to arrange accommodation in Rest Homes and Rest Camps where necessary.

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Arising out of this, Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners to encourage visits to Headquarters by Provincial Commissioners.

5. Visits of Italian Government officials.

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Agreed to examine the requirements again with a view to comparing Carabinieri strength for proper duties.

(ii) Arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri.

Executive Commissioner explained that a proposal had been received to grant powers of arrest of Allied Military Personnel to Carabinieri and asked Regional Commissioners' views. The consensus of opinion was against it.

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Agreed to reply accordingly.

(iii) Tentative.

Brig. General Hume said he required tents for his own personnel in connection with CAS planning. He had arranged to draw from G-4, 5 Army but had since found that only 2675 Regt authority would be accepted. 2675 Regt cannot supply without a movement order. This would be taken up.

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7. 2675 Regiment.

Following a general discussion on powers and responsibilities of the Regimental organization, including :

- (a) Completion of Records.
- (b) Possibility of obtaining qualified specialists known to be in Replacement Depots, either directly or on exchange.
- (c) Reports on officers.

Agreed that Establishments would issue a memorandum covering these and other points for the information of Regional Commissioners and Branch. ... Company Commanders.

8. Eighth Army (Group-Capt. Benson) wished to discuss :

- (a) Labour rates.
- (b) Transportation costs in connection with food supplies.

The question of difference of labour rates in adjoining regions was discussed briefly and it was agreed that it should be taken up with the Labour Sub-Commission.

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agreed that it would probably earn goodwill and increase our influence. Suggested that Interior Sub-Commission take up with the Italian Government.

(c) Whether money from ASL funds could be advanced for the repair of Churches which were not National Monuments in those places where no other place of worship existed.

It was thought that the Vatican had funds which could be applied to this. It was contrary to general policy in other countries.

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Agreed that the matter be taken up with Monsignor Carroll, the Vatican representative.

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10. Colonel Farren (Executive Officer) asked :

(a) That Regional Commissioners should furnish quickly, in the case of British Officers, A.F. 1946 for those officers who had been ordered to another theatre.

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(b) For instructions regarding the disposal of the surplus mess funds of the Military Government School and Holding Centre, Tizi Ouzou.

He explained that the 145% of the surplus allocated to any new School and Holding Centre remained to be distributed as no new School was to be set up.

Colonel Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner designate of Region VII asked if his new mess could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Farren and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

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(c) Colonel Farren had looked into the question of rations for Italian Military personnel and found that the regulations provided that the rations should be supplied by Italian Government (Military Supplies). As this would not be convenient especially in the case of small isolated groups, he would attempt to get the procedure altered. Regulations would be circulated.

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11. Displaced Persons - Assistance.

Executive Commissioner said that application had been received from the Missions attached to Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for funds from which payments might be made to their nationals residing normally in the country and not displaced.

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12. Deputy Executive Commissioner (Colonel Fiske) said:

(a) He wished to thank all Regional Commissioners and SCAD's (Armies) for the help and co-operation he had received on his visits to the respective territories.

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(b) The course on Local Government (Italian) to be held by the Interior Sub-Commission at Salerno would not assemble before 1st May. Actual date would be notified.

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(c) Discipline. He called the attention of American officers to the matter of discipline. They should be instructed to re-read "Articles of War" and confirm. Major Hinkel (Information Division) was instructed to make copies available. Executive Commissioner endorsed this in respect of British officers and said that officers should be reminded that the Commission was a military unit.

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(d) Classification of Documents. The classification TOP SECRET should only be used in very exceptional cases. Its use should be avoided as far as possible.

(e) Functions of Civil Affairs Branch. The principle function was co-ordination which sometimes meant a little delay in the initial stages but saved time in the long run. Another function was to keep personnel evenly spread over the areas, and to see that officers were most fittingly employed. He had noticed a tendency to overloading at Regional and Provincial Headquarters.

13. Executive Commissioner announced :

(a) The forthcoming issue of a booklet of memoranda for the guidance of officers of the Commission and commended it for study.

(b) Date of next conference - about 1st June.

Brig. Carr requested that it should not be at a weekend and this was agreed.

The Conference closed at 12.15 hours.

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE

14 APRIL 1944

The Conference was opened at 0930 hours by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, who welcomed the Regional Commissioners, guests, and members of the Advisory Council. General MacFarlane pointed out that the Commission is still suffering "growing pains" in the third month of its present incarnation, but stated that he is quite pleased with the manner in which the problems are being sorted out and tackled. Sincere appreciation was given for work well done, both in the Regions and at Headquarters, which show that the organization has begun to pull together as a team.

The Chief Commissioner commented that the Commission was a sort of "Cinderella" in its present position; some people had written considerable criticism of us. He stated that constructive criticism would be very gladly welcomed. A fitting end to the Cinderella story would be in the glass factory at Venice.

In closing the Chief Commissioner pointed out that the conference gave the Commission a chance to get tabloid expression of problems and the ways AFCO was trying to deal with them.

I. REPORTS BY REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION.

A. Regional Commissioner, Region I (Sicily), Lt Col A. N. HANCOCK.

1. There has been considerable activity in the Region.
2. Marshal Badoglio visited Catania and Messina in order to institute Manetto as High Commissioner. His earnestness and sincerity impressed everyone, wherever he went; it is thought he stands a good chance of becoming the "grand old man of Italy." Signor Reale was also a visitor to Sicily.
3. It is noted that the Separatist movement is not dead. Now that there is freedom of speech and press, it is necessary to frame a policy in regard to the future of this movement.
4. Dr. Paolo, Minister of Telecommunications and Posts, visited the Island. Communication has been extended to the Mainland and is operating between all 82,000. Since 18 March Sicilian railways have been devoted to civilian transportation. Repair of railway between Catania - Messina and Moesina - Palermo is recommended. This would relieve Moesina from its semi-isolation.

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5. Regarding the distribution of food, the black market supply is low. Allotments of wheat are enormous, since they are based on reports that 50% of the population grow their own, whereas only 17% are engaged in agriculture. It is recommended that the monthly allotment of wheat to State be increased and price of bread raised, which would improve the present situation. The present low price is maintained by a subsidy which seems impossible to maintain because of lack of tax income. A slight rise in the price of bread would not create hardship, and would enable the subsidy to cease.

6. Crime and public safety show slight improvement in spite of several uprisings. A plan was made to Interior Sub-Commission, to give juridical powers under Italian Government to Public Health, Public Welfare and Public Safety Institutions formed by AIG together with an assurance of continuation.

7. The collaboration of sub-commissioners was requested to assure closer co-
 ordination between ministries and High Commissioner for Socially. Ministries have been con-
 tinuing direct with the Projects.

3. The Ministries have been soliciting public officials; that is, making appointments when their nominees were already in office, which is contrary to the terms of transfer.

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9. The Italian press has been encouraging displaced nationals to register for eventual return to previous domicile in Tripolitania, Cirenaica, and North Africa.

10. A Royal Decree suspends for 1944 State exams for doctors, veterinary surgeons and other professions but allows candidates to practice. This was noted as a dangerous practice.

11. Shipments enroute to U.A. for the month have been 10,000 tons.

12. The first group of refugees numbering 1,034 reached Syracuse during the Easter period.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner referred to the question of central organization with High Commissioner stating that he had spoken to Marshal Badoglio who is in favor of carrying on as formerly with AIG. General MacFarlane also asked about the disturbance connected with French troops in Tripoli. There was nothing further to report at the time on this matter.

5. Regional Commissioner, Region II (Southern Italy), Lt Col G. H. McCaffrey.

1. The situation is unsatisfactory. Popular opinion is still strongly with the Allies but against the Badoglio Government. The people will neither cooperate nor help; they only do so because of our support.

2. In Astara Province the prosecution of several cases was necessary in order to force the embargo of grain. Often instructions from the Ministries will vary thereby giving excuses for delay in work.

3. There are three groups of subversive Fascists in the Region, but it is believed they are being successfully dealt with by police and counter espionage agents.

4. The Minister of the Interior has undertaken to remove three ASL Prefects, and he has also shown his desire to reinstate Fascist Prefects.

5. Regarding de-Fascistization the following removals have been made: 13 in Bari, none since December in Brindisi, none in Lecce, 50 in Taranto. After much hard work in removing Fascists under ASL, the Ministries have been putting back in office one by one those removed under ASL. This is bringing complaints from the Italian population. The Fascist youth organization GIL is being revived, only it is now called GI.

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7. The 260 gram bread ration has been retained; medical supplies have been coming in good and hospitals functioning well.

8. While the refugee situation has been improving, Italian families object to more people being pushed in on them, and there is further objection from the refugees themselves as to their families being split up. Good reception centers are functioning in several provinces. Morale has rapidly improved.

9. The crop situation looks very encouraging. The wheat crops should be favorable if proper rainfall is forthcoming. It is important to decide now on a policy in regard to marketing of wheat.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner comments on the gloomy Fascist picture painted by Colonel McGuffrey by stating that it was the Advisory Council appointed by the Moscow Conference which suggested that the portion of Southern Italy should be headed back to Southern administration. It is now to make it run in the best possible way. General MacFarlane further points out that the Communist Party's acceptance of the Badoglio Government may help the present attitude toward this Government by weakening its base.

Colonel McGuffrey, when asked what could be done to help this gloomy picture, replied that the strengthening of the base of the government as soon as possible and the cleaning out of Fascists now in office would serve this end.

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General MacFarlane then asked that all the Regional Commissioners should bring any such cases to his attention immediately so that they might be taken up with Marshal Badoglio for consideration by the Italian Government to get the desired action.

6. Regional Commissioner, Region III (Umbria), Lt Col C. Poletti.

1. ACC/AIG have been doing a very fine job with progress made in all fields. There have been no disturbances of any kind; even in politics there is no state of discontent. The policy of the Chief Commissioner to allow the Giunta party meetings has proven very valuable. The people now have the sense of being able to express themselves.

2. Cleaning up garbage has been facilitated by 60 trucks now working in Naples alone, which places the city in much better shape. Constant pressure is placed on the Italians to improve the situation. 5,000 drums have been obtained for distribution throughout the city for collecting refuse and garbage.

3. Satisfactory progress has been made in public works with improvements on roads, streets, side walks and sewers.

4. The most urgent problem is that of the "black market." A reorganization of distribution of AIG food has taken place and we are now using our own transport to take food from docks to district warehouses. The police have been strengthened; individually they now have a greater appreciation of their jobs. Some of the head racketeers have been pulled in and it is hoped to bring about prosecution and sentences speedily. "Out of bounds" signs which have been dealt out in cooperation with FIS have given good results. A price list which is restricted to essential goods is to be made up for the Italians. In the communes citizen squads have been started with efforts to make the people feel that honesty can be achieved.

5. A fishing agency has been established and 5 Italian commissioners appointed. Markets have been opened and prices for fish will be fixed. Fishermen are at present opposed to this action, because it will mean a lower price for fish.

6. An attempt has been made to improve transportation.

7. The "bottle" is still being fought against other regions. It is felt necessary at times to issue permits to persons so they may enter other regions to bring food into Naples. Attention of other Regional Commissioners was invited to the fact that there is quite a concentration of the population in Naples.

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Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner explained that pressure has been put on the Italian Government to get directives on agriculture, but no such directives have been obtained. If no such directives are forthcoming in the very near future, severe pressure will be brought to bear. The Agriculture Sub-Commission also needs this cooperation.

General MacFarlane expressed his appreciation for the splendid work done by ACC together with PBS, No. 3 District and Base Sub-Area in connection with the Vesuvius emergency operations. The job was rapidly and efficiently done.

5. Regional Commissioner, Region V (Foggia & Cammino), Colonel P. L. Whitely.

1. This Region was activated only about two months ago. This is the first report of activities.

2. The political situation is quite satisfactory, with political agitators causing only a little disturbance. The people in general stand by the turn of war; but the masses are apathetic, living from day to day. Some are seeking political advantage. One incident arose in which a political meeting of 9 March at Bari was called without notifying the Regional Commissioner. Through this occasion a vice-

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sinlaco lost his post. Another case was noted where Carabinieri were endeavoring to round up absentees without permission. Military police have assisted the Carabinieri greatly. It is found they have to be watched when on their own.

Activity of the Benito Brothers has caused several political disturbances. There was one incident at Gargano when District 2 had cut off electricity without advising the people. When a pasta factory could not turn out its product the Benito Brothers endeavored to organize a riot. Colonel Whitley asked that in the future notification be given of any intended cut-off of utilities to avoid recurrences.

3. Regarding the food situation new ration cards are being instituted. Supply of olive oil is inadequate. Meat prices are sky high. People in the agricultural areas are to be reduced to a proper quota. 90% of the communes have 80% of the people engaged in agriculture, or 75% are thus engaged.

4. Forestry is underway on the Gargano Peninsula. A company of New Zealanders is at present logging for military purposes. There is a forest guard party to see that regard is given to conservation.

5. Herds of deer have been destroyed by Air Corps units on hunting parties.

6. Potatoes are being planted; some are spoiling due to lack of transport. Grain planting has been completed to about 90%. It is planned to raise 40% in Puglia Province and 16 to 20% in Campobasso and other provinces. 20,000 sacks are needed as well as the necessary twine in order properly to mass the grain. Cows will need to be exercised by stencilling to see that the tags do not get into the black market.

7. Inland fisheries are being developed as well as the sea fishing industry throughout Puglia Province. A tariff is placed on fish imported to keep from robbing the local markets, since fish command a far higher price in other localities. Fishermen need nets and cordage. At present most of the fishing is carried on in sailing schooners. More people who have lower educations should be encouraged to enter into the fishing business.

8. Regional Commissioner, Region VI (Sardinia), Brigadier M. Carr.

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3. On the legal side, the civilian courts are to be reconstituted. Major bailiwick from AOS has been working on this project. 35 more judges are required. Over 5,000 cases are awaiting trial by military tribunals. The number is piling up. Detention prisons have been overcrowded. Situation has been improving somewhat.
4. With reference to industry and commerce, lack of transportation has been a severe handicap. No progress has been made in obtaining small vessels for inter-island trade. Six small schooners which are lying idle in port of Cagliari have been requested. Night fishing is to begin, and if this increases the fish intake there will be a need for more transportation.
5. Wheat is in good condition with but slight damage from cold. A need exists for sulfur and fertilizers.
6. Crime has increased, especially robberies and thefts, full reports of which have been rendered.
7. Preliminary arrangements have been made for taking 10,000 refugees if there is an emergency.
8. Health situation is satisfactory, however there is an increase in prostitution and venereal disease. All available medical supplies have been distributed to the provinces and there have been complaints about shortages. It is hoped that this situation has been dealt with.
9. Throughout the month of March transportation to the mainland was satisfactory.

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Comments by Chief Commissioners: General MacFarlane remarked that the Shipping Sub-Commission would let the Conference know about the six schooners at Cagliari.

E. Eighth Army AMG, P. Garsia C. E. Benson.

1. No political problems. AMG Eighth Army has been undergoing a period of reorganization. Adriatic Coast in Campobasso Province now divided in control. Provinces of Benevento and Naples are still under administrative control of Region III. Only operation orders from Army bring AMG Eighth Army into the picture. The Northern Coast is severely handicapped as Allied Forces have not captured provincial capital.

2. Food situation is satisfactory. There is a railroad and food can be distributed by our own trucks. There is one tendency which has been noted on which help is needed from AOC; namely, warehouses have been threatened with requisitioning for billeting purposes. These warehouses will be needed at harvest-time for storage of crops.

3. No report can be given on health, disturbances or public safety. All is going along well.

4. In Campobasso Province the food supplies are going to be built up. Stocks in Anagni have been built up with food for one month for 40,000 people.

5. A new Prefect is needed in Campobasso Province.

6. With reference to transport, we are at present lucky to have 50 trucks which were handed over by the Army. When AMG moves on it will be difficult for Campobasso to feed itself. The availability of these trucks is vital.

7. There is nothing to report concerning Benevento and Naples Provinces except labor prices. It has been found difficult to get the necessary labor to work on bridges and roads which the Army requires because of the excessive prices in provinces.

8. The campaign against disease is a troublesome problem now. Places are being cleared up, but we are desperately short of doctors.

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6. Fifth Army A/C, Commander General B. B. Hume.

1. Some A/C personnel of Fifth Army were reassigned to Eighth Army accompanying the military units transferred from one army to the other.

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2. Arrangements were made with Region III for their administration of those command areas in the rear of Fifth Army area (between rear corps and rear army lines); this to include anti-malarial work.

3. The wholesale evacuation of civilian population from the Anzio-Nettuno Area was a considerable undertaking. Care has been taken to safeguard labor requirements and the cattle in the area.

4. Casualties of A/C personnel in the beachhead area have been: 3 officers wounded, the enlisted men disabled by wounds and thereby to be evacuated to the United States. Four carabinieri were killed. Our supply depot was destroyed by shell fire and we have been forced out of three separate headquarters.

5. In regard to carabinieri affairs it was again brought out that carabinieri must be kept for Rome. The 200 Carabinieri taken, in spite of protests, for permanent assignment to Sicily, have been ready to depart for more than a fortnight, but are still without orders.

6. It is suggested that some arrangement may be made whereby a part of the livestock (chiefly sheep) from the Anzio-Nettuno Area be brought out for use as food. The evacuation of the bulk of the civilian population greatly increased the problem of caring for these people. The Italian troops of the French Expeditionary Corps are very desirous of having fresh mutton made available, and have their own facilities for slaughtering, etc.

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7. Recent changes have reduced the commissioned personnel of the Fifth Army to about 25.

8. Movements within the Fifth Army area are being closely checked by military police. Civilians are evacuated from the most forward zone. Behind this is a second zone in which civilians are allowed to remain, but unauthorized movement between towns and villages is prohibited. In the rest of the Army area the 10 kilometer rule applies. In general civilians are not permitted to go north of the Volturno River. A special control officer at Capua issues passes in exceptional cases. All military personnel having official business in the forward areas should hold passes from their commanding officers stating the dates on which visits are authorized and for what purpose. The town of Sessa Aurunca is out of bounds, except to pass holders.

9. A military court is sitting at Santa Maria to try cases of espionage and sabotage. So far 24 persons have been tried and 22 found guilty.

10. Food supply for Rome is to be taken forward in ships made available by G-4, Fifth Army, for the period of the British Army's occupation of the city. We expect to unload all of the schooners in which we now have food stocks.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacFarlane assured General Hume that it is realized that Carabinieri are needed for Rome, and he expressed the hope that they will be returned promptly when Rome is reached.

H. Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt Col L. R. Hulls.

1. From 1 March to 14 April it has been necessary to move 21,000 refugees from forward areas and disperse them in Southern Provinces. This included 11,000 from the beachhead. The refugees have been made up of 15-20% men, 30-35% women and 50% children. They have been moved by lorries or by ICI's and travel has been hard. Losses among the 21,000 were 5.

2. c. Whilst the majority during March went to Region II, some have gone to Region I and III. As far as possible are being sent to Region II this month or next, which will give them a chance to digest those already sent.

b. Regions II and III are having considerable difficulties in absorbing their quotas, due to the numbers and movements of troops in their areas. They will only be able to absorb maximum numbers in the future, by working in closest contact with area commanders, who now know the general situation and have been directed by their district commanders to assist, and by house to house collecting.

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d. Movement by sea to Sicily commenced last week. 1,000 were embarked on the Italo on April 5th and a further 750 on the 11th. The first voyage was made without difficulty.

3. Real troubles for refugees commenced when they arrive in reception areas and are dispersed in quarters. In general the Italian authorities have failed to look after these people, whose condition in certain places is deplorable. It is intended to leave no limit in the minds of Italian priests that this responsibility is theirs. We recognise their difficulties, the main one being food, and intend to assist without allowing them to think that we are assuming their burden. People don't like refugees and it is very difficult to billet them. It is essential that they be kept off the lines of communication. There is requirement from the Italians to provide food service. We are making it clear, that if their welfare committees will work, e.g. in setting up soup kitchens, we will make available food supplies which will give refugees a hot meal a day.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner stated that we are now doing our best to set the Italian Red Cross on its feet, which would help the refugee problem.

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40 A. 1. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel R. S. Ryan, Chief

1. This Sub-Commission deals with all displaced persons and refugees except Italians, mostly with Yugoslavs. The type of Yugoslav has changed during the last month or so previously they were received from Delantia but are now coming through the German lines. The latter are mostly orphans, women with children and old men and women. Refugees are now in such a condition as to require more medical attention. 90 orphans were received on one ship alone. There are two orphanages homes started at present.

2. Higher headquarters estimated that the Yugoslav refugee problem would cease. There were 4,500 per month in February and March. During the first week of April 2,000 were received. They are not kept in camps. We have moved 16,249 Yugoslavs to Middle East, and of these approximately 5,000 were moved during March.

3. Organization of Sub-Commission is still on insecure foundation.

4. Method of feeding, source of feeding and accommodation stores are problems.

5. There are two hospitals at present with 100 beds in each occupied all the time. Red Cross has rendered valuable welfare and nursing assistance. There has been some support from the army, but they have been taking personnel away. Yugoslavs, Czechs, Poles and Italian Army doctors are being trained to carry on the work.

6. With reference to accommodation stores, the ACC has set up no means of supplying. Army initially supplied these, but they are becoming less and less a source of supply and we will have to make our own arrangements. We have helped ourselves as much as possible but will need some assistance in the matter of material.

7. The ration is inadequate for small children, nursing mothers, etc. This is helped somewhat by hospital comforts. The army does not consider it their job, thus the Italian subsistence ration is all that they have to fall back on. This is a problem to be dealt with by ACC. The numbers are not great compared with the ration supplied to the army, therefore it is not a problem of taking food from the army.

8. It is believed that the refugees should be registered when possible and sent home, or they could be sent to other communities and given a chance to start life on a new footing.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner asked whether there were able-bodied Yugoslavs coming over who were capable of service in General Milankovic's Army. Colonel Kirkwood replied that such men were being trained and returned to Yugoslavia.

J. Executive Commissioner, Brigadier A. S. Lush.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner noted that there were able-bodied Yugoslavs coming over who were capable of service in general army. Colonel Richardson replied that such men were being trained and returned to Yugoslavia.

3. Executive Commissioner, Pittsburgh, H. D. Bush.

1. The reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section were concluded by Brigadier Bush, who stated that the picture given at this Conference is better than the one given at the last. This was attributed to the fact that the officers had obtained a map of their jobs and also to the ending of the food situation. The grave difficulties are in regard to transportation, especially in distribution of food. The favorable crop forecast points to one remedy for the situation.
2. The problems in the forward areas at the moment are simpler than those in liberated Italy. Direct government is easier than advisory control. There is an inevitable slowing down when the Italian Government takes over. As with Allied officers in charge and with their resources cut off much more than Italian officials who are acting under cover of a government which itself is in no way positive and who find themselves in difficult circumstances. It is a difficult task for Regional Commissioners in liberated Italy, not only to prevent themselves entering too much into the executive form of government but also to persuade Italian officials not to take on their top hats. Italian officials must be encouraged to take initiative. The situation is easier in the islands where there are High Commissioners than in the mainland where Prefects are unanswerable directly to the govern-

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3. ~~Expenditure~~ ~~Commission~~ is ~~liberalized~~ Italy would be ~~gratified~~ to AGC in forward areas. It would be a help in the future in handing over Regions to the Italian Government.

4. It is very necessary to maintain close and constant contact between Headquarters and regional Commissioners. This is brought to the attention of heads of Sub-Commissions in all aspects of their work. Headquarters also ought to know what is happening in the Regions, particularly so in the case of the Administrative Section which deals with the local government problems.

5. The Chief Commissioner had decided that Region II would be divided into two parts. Calabria would form a new Region VII. Apulia and Lucania would comprise the new Region II.

6. 509 officers had been sent to other theatres. It is hoped that there will be no further calls for officers.

7. Lists of promotions for officers (both American and British) are to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner in the course of the next few days.

A recess was called at 1125 and the Conference resumed at 1140.

II. REPORTS BY INDEPENDENT SUB-COMMISSIONS.

A. Navy Sub-Commission, Commodore I. B. Palmer.

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1. The Italian fleet during the last six months has employed 502 ships on patrol work and transporting troops from North Africa to Naples. All reports have been satisfactory. Particular praise is due to Italian sub-marines for running in food and supplies to troops during Aegean operations, while under constant bombing. Most are now employed on training duties.

2. It has been asked why so many men have left the Italian Navy. At the present time Italian officers and men are relieving our personnel starting in Sicily and working North. We are asking that they relieve us of some of the work in the port of Naples. Admiral Morgan has asked the Minister for a detailed report, after which answers to personnel questions can be given.

3. There has been some ill feeling in regard to food and pay for those doing hard labor who feel they are not on the proper status. Colonel Bain of Labor Sub-Commission has promised aid in this matter.

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5. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier C. C. DuBois.
 1. Major General L. Browning is now in the process of taking over the Army Sub-Commission.
 2. Ration ceiling was reviewed at conference between Chief Commissioner and HQ AAF on March 21; and recommendations for future strength include Security Police and Fire Pac in addition to Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza. If approved, this will raise the ration ceiling to 557,000, compared with current authority for 500,000 and actual present strength 480,000.
 3. Since 25 March, ISMA has supervised the issue of all Allied supplies shipped direct for Italian Armed Forces to the Mainland. In Sardinia and Sicily the Allied Garrison is at present supervising these issues, and ISMA is organizing the receiving through HQ AAF. It should like now to initiate liaison between ISMA Supply Supervisors at the various ports and those of Food Sub-Commission. The supply situation has organized the question of how many troops are to stay in Sardinia and how many come to the Mainland.

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4. On the Italian Army, Allied Forces have 75,000 of the Italian Army under their command including 13,000 combat troops; the program is to build that up to 194,000 including a combat division of 14,000.

The Italian Army is calling in all illegal absentees of the 1923 class plus all illegally absent motor drivers; it will continue one class at a time until all are in control.

5. With reference to Saragosa, shipping ceased but is now starting again. Practically no Italian Army troops have been brought across to the island during the past month, but Italian warships are now re-commencing to transport thousands and tens of thousands. Of the garrison in Sardinia 20,000 are working for the allies. 5,000 Italian Yugoslav soldiers are in the process of transfer to Corsica for field labor under the Allied Garrison there.

6. In Sicily the Hq 12 Italian Corps commenced formation in Palermo in mid March. It is carrying out a census of the inclusive 1912 to 1924 age classes who are legally liable for service and will then ask for permission to call them up within the action ceiling.

C. Air Sub-Commission, Air Commodore W.A.B. Brown-Euseurlet.

1. There has been a continuance of operational work in the war effort. The Fighter Wing has been employed in offensive sweeps with good results along the Balaton-Geest under the operational control of the Desert Air Force. Long range fighters have been used to give escort to I.A.F. supply dropping aircraft over Yugoslavia. The Bomber Transport Wing has been employed in dropping supplies to partisans and Italian troops in Yugoslavia and evacuating wounded. The Coastal Wing has carried out convoy-escort duties, anti-submarine patrols and air-sea rescue flights. The number of sorties carried out by each of these to date has been 1,520 for the Fighter Wing, 1,360 for the Bomber-Transport Wing and 741 for the Coastal Wing.

2. With the advent of fine weather it is hoped to work up to an aggregate of 1,000 sorties per month. Between 1st and 6th April there have been 44 supply dropping sorties, of which 37 have been successful, and 51 tons net of supplies have been dropped.

3. The maintenance and equipment position is not satisfactory. There is no proper organization for dealing with either. Energetic steps are now being taken to put these on a proper basis. The success of these steps will depend to a great extent on the payment of civilian firms working for the I.A.F. for work carried out since the armistice. At present the Italian Government is being extremely dilatory in making these payments, and some firms may have to close down temporarily for lack of funds.

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4. A total of 10,285 I.A.F. personnel are now on loan to the Allied Forces. The U.S.A.A.F. has taken up by far the greater proportion of these. It is satisfactory to note that they are giving excellent service in all branches. Since future demands may prejudice the operational capacity of the I.A.F., it will be necessary in the future to reserve the right to recall those required for I.A.F. duties when this becomes essential. Technical personnel are urgently needed. There are a number of highly skilled technicians in Sardinia and also in North Africa. It is important to get the maximum number of technical personnel that can be obtained from all sources.

5. Further in regard to maintenance, we must have full access to all salvaged Italian Air Force material. There is a need for stronger orders to prevent further requisitioning of Air Force equipment.

6. A total of 515 I.A.F. Avanti personnel have been trained as a "Commando" battalion equipped with rifles, automatic rifles, machine-guns, and light mortars. They should be fit to do a combat job very shortly.

7. It is believed it would help to give a little more publicity to the good work being done by the Italian Air Force.

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D. Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission, Colonel J. L. Robinson.

1. Internal telegraph service has been restored in and between all ten provinces of the mainland and all provinces in Sicily. There is service in Sardinia too, but no outlet from Sardinia, except for official traffic.

2. Telephone calls are limited to urban calls except for officials.

3. Work being handled at present includes the following:

a. Extension of internal telegraph service to include Naples, Avellino, Benevento, up to rear army boundary.

b. Resumption of civil calls within provincial boundaries up to the zone line.

c. The question of resumption of external cable service has been raised.

d. Repair of the main Salsano - Reggio cable is proceeding; when complete, this will give official telephone service with Catanzaro, Reggio, etc. and with Messina, Catania, and Palermo.

4. The internal and foreign mail service has been extended to include Naples and Avellino provinces up to the rear army boundary. The extension into Benevento Province is in hand. Other special services have been worked out for the Vatican, I.R.C.C., Italian prisoners of war, and to Italians in occupied territory.

5. Other activities have included correspondence with Military Signals over freeing of circuits for Italian Government use, and restoration of direct and Coast Watching circuits; correspondence with civil censorship; analyzing and submitting to Economic Section proposed rates for telegraph, telephone and postal services, arranging for supplies of stamps from U. S. for Italian Government; supervising Allied Control Commission communications.

E. War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, Colonel J. T. Collins.

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2. In Sicily the turn over to the Italians of war materials in excess of Allied needs is progressing. As regards the Western half of the Island it is about 95% complete, and the Eastern half is not so far advanced. On the mainland and in Sardinia the turnover continues as the tactical situation permits.

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3. From available statistics and reconnaissance it was found that in Sicily prior to Allied invasion there were 60 factories producing war materials or essentials therefor. Of these 60, twelve are now producing in whole or in part either directly or under Allied supervision or by service troops themselves. Twelve to fourteen were completely destroyed by war. The remainder are producing from nothing to very little--those are mostly small factories without raw materials.

4. It was since the last conference that this Sub-Commission has acquired the additional responsibility of War Factories. This term applies only to Italian manufacturing plants in three general categories.

a. Italian War Factories operated directly by or under direct supervision of Allied forces.

b. Italian War Factories operated directly by or under direct supervision of the Italian War Ministry.

c. Italian War Factories (Auxiliaries) operating in the production of War Materials under supervision of Italian War Ministry.

5. On the mainland the factories are nearly all used for the maintenance and repair of our own materials and equipment. The use of these factories is unsatisfactory.

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2. Public Relations Branch, Major L. Fielden.

1. The Public Relations Branch was officially established on April 1st. During January and February Major Fielden was the only PEO with ABC though there were five PEOs attached to Regions III, IV and Fifth Army ABC. Regional PEOs have now been abolished and the officers assigned to this branch at Headquarters ABC.
2. During March representatives of 45 newspapers or newspaper syndicates consulted this Public Relations Branch and were supplied with the information and services they required. Interviews were arranged with members of ABC as requested. Twenty-six press releases in various subjects of the Commission's work were handled. A press conference was convened on March 10. Arrangements were worked out for supplying regular news to the papers controlled by the PEO. The Allied Publications Board on which the PEO sat as a representative of ABC was reorganized and local boards were set up to deal with applications to publish.
3. Owing partly to the reorganization of ABC and partly to the fall in the battle front a growing interest was shown by correspondents and this interest should soon be reflected in the Allied press.
4. A weekly resume to Regional Commissioners of ABC activities has been started in an attempt to bridge some of the present gaps in relationships. It is hoped to produce a regular ABC Journal about the work of ABC, the need for it being found in the fact that there is a great deal of expert detail which is liable to get by-passed.
5. Major Fielden pointed out that the PEO is sometimes regarded as being without clearly defined functions. It is one of the main activities of this Branch to see that the press gets the correct information, improve information being one of the chief causes for error in the Allied press. In order to get an accurate and comprehensive picture of the whole work of ABC to the press it will help greatly if every scrap of news regarding developments is obtained quickly.
6. Public Relations work had been concentrated at Headquarters, but in the near future men will be sent out into the Regions to get in touch with the activities there.

The morning session of the Conference adjourned at 1215 hours.

The afternoon session opened at 1430 hours.

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III. Address by Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel MacFarlane.

General MacFarlane commented on the political situation as being brighter than at the time of the last conference. Then there was the threat of a strike by parties of the left with reference to the Prime Minister's speech. After several discussions with the leaders involved, they called off the strike and held a public meeting of protest instead.

The Communist Party changed its policy and agreed to work with the Government of Marshal Badoglio. There had been little change in the 6 parties otherwise. The main objection had been the King. The King had recently crystallized his present intentions and the reaction of the parties to his declaration is awaited. The question is whether the other parties will follow the lead given by the Communist Party or hold out for further action from the King. The leadership of the Communist Party is to be warmly welcomed by us. These parties have had no constitutional method of achieving their aims, which has kept the threat of strikes and disturbances before us.

The end in view is a broader-based Government as the greater the representation of the people the more they will pull together for the common cause. With the present action of the Communist Party and the statement of the King we are much nearer the goal of broadening the base of the Government.

The Chief Commissioner attended the Advisory Council members who were present. Now that these representatives are resident in Naples we shall have the benefit of their local advice in connection with political problems.

General MacFarlane expressed his regret at the departure of Colonel MacGiffrey, Brigadier Duchesne and Air Commodore Foster. A welcome was given to Air Commodore Bowen-Euscarlet, now Director of the Air Sub-Commission. There have been other changes in the high positions in SO. Brigadiers Dunlop and Carr have changed positions. Colonel Kirkwood would take over the new Region VII. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission would be taken over by Colonel Pinsky.

A welcome was also given to General De Savin, French Representative with the Commission.

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There is still scope for improvement in contacts between Regions and Headquarters. It is desired that people should get out from Headquarters, and on the other hand, visitors from Regions will be welcomed here.

General MacArthur reminded the Commissioners again of the way in which ACC works. As we go forward we begin activities in territory with the ACCs of the armies. This is followed up by regional military government and then the time is ripe, and the Advisory Council approves, the territory is handed over to the Italians and ACC assumes advisory functions. It is essential to train the Italians, as we do not have the manpower to run the show. The time to clean up Fascism is during the ACC period. Things must be sorted out, Fascists must be evicted and the right Italians must be picked and trained while we are exercising military government. It is much more difficult to do this after becoming "advisory" and losing the executive role. Once an Italian has been appointed by ACC, he cannot be removed without our consent. Unless the Italians can produce a man whom we feel is fit, they cannot replace our man. Therefore it is most important to train them during the ACC stage. If the right man cannot be found, then Headquarters should be advised at once. Marshal Badoglio has always cooperated when asked to provide men.

The Regions will normally "stay put" when control passes to the Italian Government. Personnel will be reduced in numbers and functions will be advisory. This advisory job will become easy or difficult depending upon the operative period under ACC.

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IV. *Reviews of Economic Growth*

Industry not Covered: Ship-Owners, Colonial Shipyards.

2. • visiting commission from CCC emphasized the importance of relief of skilled labor shortage in US and UK. Shipping space is no longer the sole overriding consideration. Importation of raw materials is preferable to manufactured products.

3. Local Resources Boards have continued excellent cooperation from Local Resources Section, H.C.I. (Adm. Ech.) but it is clear that Local Boards in Sicily and Gibraltar require definite policy directives to prevent confusion. Director and Joint Vico Chairmen are proceeding forthwith to Sicily for this purpose.

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73 industrial plants have now been surveyed including many of major importance and a report on heavy industrial is forthcoming in the printers edition.

b. Quaker soda is now actually Keweenaw cigarette paper is en route. Thus soap and tobacco industries are being frustrated.

6. The screening of the requisitions for the next six months considered work. The items numbered 1743 varying from a day's maintenance to a day's

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a. Lack of transportation, especially in the time situation, is hindering the instructions issued by C.I.C. and AFHQ for requisitioning things have proven impossible to observe in practice.

b. There have been no quotas of logistical personnel determined for Infantry and Commerce functions. At Headquarters there is an acute shortage of translators, the services of the interpreters and translators pool being inadequate.

5. Labour Sub-Commission, Colonel J. S. Eddy.

a. Final draft of a Royal Decree, which is in essence a right decree for Italian labor, has been completed, and is now being submitted for acceptance. This is the completion of long months of experience and study with the Italian Government, Italian labor, and the results of AFHQ/AFM administration. This document, when issued, may well stand as a lasting monument of Allied Occupation, and should be broadcast to other nations in the Axis sphere as concrete evidence of our aims and purposes. This will be followed by a further decree giving trade unions a charter setting forth their rights, privileges and restrictions.

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2. The war course has shown that too frequently we meet with non-cooperation. Problems have been handled at too low a level. It is of the utmost importance that the Labor Sub-Commission definitely and actually be recognized as the principal authority in all labor matters for all Italian Territory, so as to eliminate interference and decisions made by various other agencies and Governments without reference to, or clearance by, the Labor Sub-Commission. Too many problems have been handled which have been picked at and made even previously. Field officers should keep us advised. In this connection, it is pointed out that there are no field officers in Sardinia, Region II, Fifth Army, Eighth Army, Displaced Persons, and Italian Refugee Branch.

3. It has become more apparent than ever, particularly since the Italian Government has been given jurisdiction over certain areas, that the responsibilities and problems of the Labor Sub-Commission have more than doubled, therefore another urgent request is made for increased personnel to handle this formidable task.

Comments by Chief Commissioners: The Chief Commissioner emphasized the necessity of referring matters to the Labor Sub-Commission when labor plays a part in them, and all concerned were urged to make full use of this Sub-Commission's services. The lack of personnel is something which must be faced since we are held down to a ceiling. It will be seen that one can be kept about giving them more personnel in the field. One difficulty with the limited ceiling is that you cannot ensure having enough of the right people in the right places. In many cases the problem is not capable of being solved.

C. Agriculture Sub-Commission, Major W. A. Parker.

1. The Italian Minister of Agriculture and the Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission conferred with Allied and Italian officials in Sicily, Apulia, Lucania, and Calabria in the interest of creating uniform agricultural organizations in the field to obtain maximum production at harvest and in marketing of wheat and other vital crops.

2. It has been endeavored to get a plan defined. The new Minister advised that a field check would be necessary before such a plan could be outlined. Such field checks have been completed in Regions I and II. The Minister at each place spoke to various agricultural officials and expressed to them that they must in with reference to organization. They have had instructions and pressure has been brought to bear, but we still have no defined plan in writing.

3. We do not have more than ten trained agricultural officers in the theatre. Also the Minister cannot locate competent men who are willing to accept responsibilities. We have suggested names to him, but he has refused to do anything about it. We have promises but no written results. The Agriculture Sub-Commission has the complete cooperation of the Ministry's staff except the Minister himself when it comes to action.

4. Another problem is transportation. No Italian agricultural official has a car in Sicily. The Minister has pushed on this question. The provision of at least 1 car to each Commandant Inspector and 2 cars to each Provincial Inspector is necessary.

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5. Beginning April 15 provincial officials will be making out a crop condition report. This will become a bi-monthly report. A revised forecast by 15 May will be on additional basis for completing plans to obtain maximum harvesting of wheat and other crops.

6. Seed potato imports totaled about 37,000 tons, a large proportion of which arrived after latest sowing date 15 March; about 2500 tons of late arrivals had to be diverted to army ration sterilization due to long time on test plus other reasons necessitated diverting an additional 2500 tons for food use. With these exceptions loss of seed has been extremely small in light of obstacles that were overcome to get seed in ground.

7. A survey of fishing conditions and needs to get a maximum harvest are being completed for all occupied territory including gardening fishing supplies available from local resources are being distributed to areas which require largest fish catch. Arrangements are in process of completion to insure that fishing operations in season along coastal waters of Italy and North Africa, a provision has been obtained to

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extend night fishing operations at several points along coasts of Italy and Sardinia; a fish marketing plan has been made into effect in Naples area which will minimize black market operations and result in more equitable distribution; etc. Close working relations have been established with Fisheries Section of Italian Ministry of Agriculture on the above and all other activities of the Division.

6. Fuel wood harvest operations in Fifth Army area about 10 miles from Cassino continue to provide for all needs of hospitals and other army purposes in forward areas. About 100 civilians are employed on this job. Steps have been taken to re-activate the Italian Royal Forestry Corps to assume responsibility for necessary forestry operations. Most of the personnel do not have forestry training. It seems to have been a typical Fascist organization.

D. Food Sub-Commission, Lt Col W. J. J. 1942.

1. The Food Sub-Commission is one of the younger sub-commissions, whose principal job is to ensure that the people receive their daily bread. This has been achieved. The ration scale and miscellaneous food issues for April are higher and more varied than for any previous month. May issues are expected to be on a similar scale. Regarding distribution, May and June will be difficult months. Of ten cereal ships, nine will be grain ships and one only will be flour. Previously these ships have been mixed cargo. The program now, however, is different; of this fact the Regional Commissioners should be informed. With only two ports accepting bulk grain, we are faced with the problem of a tonnage of 65,000 tons. Also 500,000 quintal-size sacks will be needed to handle the grain. This complicates distribution and puts a strain on the men. Further in regard to the sack problem, the Food Sub-Commission has opened up recovering depots to resack flour and grain, which involves much work.

2. There is a pressing need to take into account local resources. We have planned to take care of the supplies, both wheat and cereal crops, to which major attention has been given.

3. Regional Commissioners have spoken about Regional resources and trade. Free trade should be encouraged but requires coordination and control. A civil supply Italian group is working closely with Minister Lucifera and by this means it is hoped to control the basic items of supplies of cereals and pulse crops of this country. Despite the changes in the Ministry of Agriculture definite progress has been made. Agriculture will provide the answer to many food problems and to the many requests for an increase in ration scale.

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E. Finance Sub-Commission, Colonel E. M. Policy.

1. During March steps have been taken to establish the Banca d'Italia as the central bank for the Italian Government in the liberated area. For King's Italy the branch of Salarno has been made acting head office, and the branches in Regions III, V and VI are managed from Naples. An officer of the Finance sub-Commission has been appointed liaison officer to the Bank and has his office in the Salerno Branch. This information has enabled us to finance the Italian Government's deficit out of the existing currency reserves of the Banca d'Italia. Since April 1, no advances of new lire currency are being made to the Italian Government or pre-estimated organizations and arrangements are now being made to finance provinces and communes out of bank funds. In fact the currency reserves of the central bank have stood at such a level that we are withdrawing 1.5 billion lire from the Banca d'Italia. This withdrawal is in the form of a partial repayment of the advances made to the Italian Government or its sub-divisions by 100/100. Such advances total about 5 billion lire and the re-

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payment is approximately 2/5 of this amount.

2. Colonial policy, while in Washington, discussed for the printing and preparation of new Italian Government currency. It is estimated that this currency will not be available for approximately six months from final approval of the design. When available, we can take steps in economic warfare and inflationary control.

3. Black market dealing in non-legal tender money has been developing. It is hoped to take effective action to stamp out this currency coming in and put a stop to vibrations of law involved in transactions in which it is implicated.

4. More drastic penalties are recommended when sentencing convicted burglars, as a number of cases involving robbery of air line currency are constantly coming to light. The volume of cases is not dangerous but should be checked.

5. The present economic situation of liberated Italy is chiefly characterized by an extreme shortage of materials with consequent high black market prices. The largest single source of income in liberated Italy is the Italian Government's deficit, which is estimated to be 20 billion lire since 1 July 1943, and is now over 30 billion lire per month. The monetary measures we are taking include an attempt to reduce the level of Italian Government spending, more drastic tax measures and a reduction in the size of the deficit by more Government borrowing from the people.

6. A Commission from Washington has visited here to see how records are being kept regarding imports. It is necessary to test account supplies coming in. We must know what goods come in, country of origin and what disposition is made of them. The Regional Commissioners must help in this collection of supply accounting data. The Chief Accountant reports that the necessary information is very slow in forthcoming from the Regions.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner stressed the point made by Colonial Policy regarding the furnishing of proper information to Headquarters so that the show may run properly.

F. Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, Lt Col L. A. Janny.

1. Work is progressing in regard to military highways but the lack of personnel and equipment is a handicap. Military authorities have asked that we extend and accelerate our organization and steps have been taken to accomplish this. Personnel will have to be increased and highway construction material must be imported from the United States. A plan has been put up to Kalam for review.

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3. Colonel Jany mentioned the incident occurring in Tegucigalpa where a power factory had to be shut down when their electricity supply was cut off. He explained that this rationing of electricity was an emergency measure brought about by a refusal to pay for electricity. The decree for this rationing was not ready although the Minister had been asked for it. Thus rationing was actually undertaken by us before the Decree became effective, and the demand was kept within the amount allotted by the Local Resources Board. When the Decree was published in the Gazette, we found that it did not conform to the final draft which we had approved and which was stronger and more precise than the published form. After discussing this matter with the Legal Sub-Commission we requested the passage of a new Decree in the form approved by us and cancelling the one in effect now.

4. Studies are in progress in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the National Marine, for raising sunken ships in various harbors as is to clear harbors and make use of the ships; and five million lire have been appropriated for this. Studies are also in progress for the rehabilitation of shipyards capable of building and 1 wooden vessels from 200 to 300 tons.

5. Officers of this Sub-Commission have visited Sicily and Genoa and have studied the city conditions in these two Nations. Some changes are being contemplated in Sicily.

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6. ACC has just been asked to study the question of setting over and operating the various plants involving essential construction materials. The armed forces have taken over any plants and materials are taken to the front area.

7. At the last meeting a statement was made that the situation as far as electrical current in Rome was concerned was favorable. Work for restoration has been assigned to ESI. Financing the project and providing labor and food for workers was assigned to ACC.

8. Army and navy ACC regional and army units have requisitioned automobiles and trucks belonging to the Italian engineer forces. This practice must cease. We are planning to issue special permits to them, with the cooperation of the armed forces. "fitting" their equipment as they can function.

9. A very large number of varied problems have been handled including repairs to buildings and buildings "fireward" for the Volturno Building. Also the recent eruption of Vesuvius added to our tasks.

10. The Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has a basic task to perform. It is composed of specialists in various fields but does not have enough men to handle the tasks that have been given to it to perform. A few more men are needed at headquarters. Regions IV, VII, VIII must have personnel. Region VIII needs electrical experts to be into Rome about four more are needed immediately.

3. Transportation Sub-Commission, Colonel J. A. Pich.

1. The military authorities still retain control of railways on the Mainland and in Sardinia. In Sicily the complete supervision of the whole of the railways became the responsibility of ACC as from 18 March, and it is a little early to assess the results. The volume of civil freight movement generally has increased as compared with the previous month.

2. Owing to a shortage of coal, locomotives and rolling stock, and the heavy priority requirements of Allied Forces, the railway facilities available for civil traffic are still barely sufficient to meet essential civil needs. No increase in civil passenger train services can yet be made.

3. 550 trucks have been made available since the last meeting, of which 150 are awaiting allocation. Will be handed over to the Italian Government in the near future. The 1901 S.S. Coy. (120 trucks) will be handed over to Region II for work in a few days.

4. Movements arranged through this Sub-Commission for schooner transport are increasing. The setting up of a more satisfactory organization for schooner transport is pending. A few schooners have been allocated to specific points for local civil movements. It is hoped to secure increased allotments for regular local movements, as seen as sufficient evidence of need is forthcoming.

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II. Shipping Sub-Committee, Mr. Robert Hinch.

1. The registration of the echelons is proceeding in a more orderly and rapid manner than was anticipated. They are very limited in number. Towards 200 echelons are now registered, and a considerable number of these are employed under the direction of the Mediterranean Shipping Board Sub-Committee in work for the services of the Allied Nations.

2. It will now become increasingly difficult for this Sub-Committee to function unless the echelon requirements of the arm are presented once a month in practical form to order that the allocation of shipping may be made for its fulfillment.

3. The following plan is illustrated to show the necessity for speeding the programs which is so urgently desired. Since almost the total requirements of four for six months of 1945 are arriving from Australia in one large ship, in order to get our own going together it is desirable that this ship should discharge at one port. Mr. Nicol together with his colleagues have acquired no so what contributions the Sub-Committee can make towards the distribution of this flour to its ultimate destination. A program such as this can be quickly and provided all parties get their fair share of the goods.

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4. The operation of other Italian ships has been a matter on which this sub-Committee has been most closely engaged in conjunction with the Commander-in-Chief and our principals in Washington and London. The ships now being employed in helpful service are the result of machinery which we have created. The Italian shipping service is as follows:

a. Inside the Mediterranean--mesunier type 10838 G.R.T., cargo vessels 73,252 D.T.T. and tankers 46,298 D.T.T.

b. Outside the Mediterranean--passenger type 54,770 G.R.T., and cargo vessels 10,225 D.T.T.

c. Acting Vice President of Economic Section, Colonel E. G. Adams (reporting in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Henry Grady).

1. The reports of the Sub-Committees have given an overall picture of the activities. Although we feel at times that progress is slow, it is apparent from the reports already made that very substantial progress has been made in a comparatively short time.

2. This is impressive when we look back and realize that the General's first conference was held only a little over two months ago. That was the first time the Regions and Headquarters gathered together as one organization under one command with jurisdiction over all civil affairs activities in this theatre. On the economic side it is a more possible rapid progress in making effective its program in connection with wage levels, food, clothing and distribution, accounting, requisitioning, for imports, for essential requirements, and to the control of local resources.

3. ACC is now establishing itself with the various services as an important section of the Allied Forces in Italy; an agency that can be depended upon to handle the many problems involving civilian labor, local resources, including food, an inner and other materials; also the handling and distribution of food imports.

4. Looking ahead, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. One job facing us right now is the food situation. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have invited to us their expectation that, with the coming harvest, Italy must feed itself and no longer rely on the imports of food which we have had in past months. The responsibility for effecting this policy is placed on ACC and, of course, the Italian Government must assume its proper responsibility in this connection and has already been approached on the matter. The possibility of Italy feeding itself is already being explored by the ACC for the collection and handling of the grain, reduction in food and seed retentions, price of wheat, etc. will be discussed with the Regional Commissioners while they are here. The necessity for feeding the Italian people, from local resources is one of such general concern that all members of ACC should be acquainted with this policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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The Economic Section and Regional Commissioners have a primary responsibility but will need the cooperation of all of ACC, particularly Public Health and Public Safety Sub-Commission. Also all publicity releases will have to closely support this policy.

Comments by Chief Commissioners: The Chief Commissioner commented that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it should. This may be true in certain cases to political insecurity of certain Ministers. It will presumably show Italy's lack of the courage of a broader-based and more secure Government. A must realize, however, the manner in which the Italian Government came into being. Marshal Salvo's it out one large initial was this Government. They did not bring experienced personnel from Rome. Thus we are working with an untrained staff which, but have built up with difficulty. We must get everything possible out of the as rapidly and efficiently as possible. It is no surprise that they are not functioning as we would expect a Government to function. That does not mean we should not try by all means means to get the goods from them.

...Conference was called at 1630 and the conference resumed at 1645.

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8. INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION, I.D. 30110.

a. Interior Sub-Commission, Colonel A. G. E. Sider.

1. There has been the misconception that Interior Sub-Commission is bracketed with Public Health. Whereas it deals with the interior of the interior outside the sphere of Public Health, Public Welfare and Public Safety. There is almost daily contact with Minister P. or his staff. Multifarious matters concerning Prefects, Sindes and other executive matters come up.
2. A course in local government was held between 16-22 March. Officers attended from RA, AGC and Regions I, II, III, and V. The interest shown was gratifying and the Interior staff learned much from the students. A second course is in progress.
3. Colonel Sider with his staff officer has visited Benevento, Avellino, Campobasso, Benevento, San Vittore, and ASDA. C. Corps Main HQ Military Section. In each place the senior officer was interviewed and with his permission, whenever possible, the prefects. It was a surprise to find that the Giunta Comunale is actually functioning in Region III and 5th Army areas, even north of the Volturno.
4. Captain P. P. Temple of the Sub-Commission has been on tour in Sardegna since late April.
5. Local Government in the lines approved by the Chief Commissioner is active in Region III. The first meeting of the Giunta Provinciale Administrative in Salerno Province was attended by officers of the first course as guests. An immense amount of business was done and the citizen members sat for the first time. It is firmly believed that these appointments and opportunities are producing and will produce a better and more feeling of responsibility in the administration of their country by the men of the people is expected to career officials, and will play no mean part in stabilizing affairs.
6. The Royal Decree in regard to the reconstitution of local government is still under discussion with the Minister of the Interior. The Legal Sub-Commission has been constituted and has advised court in amendments.
7. Public Safety Sub-Commission, Colonel F. C. Kirk.
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6. Replacement pools for Carabinieri have been established at Naples & Bari.
7. A tour of inspection is being conducted from a disciplinary point of view in the Guardia di Finanza.
8. Fire control and civil defense are still at tie.
9. Licensing is being worked with a uniform system.
10. A scheme for de-fascistization in AMG areas has been proposed and will be considered at the meeting tomorrow.

C. Public Health Sub-Commission, President G. G. Pizzarello.

1. The Typhus fever has dispersed. A Hygiene Advisory Board has been set up. The first meeting has been held with discussions of venereal disease, malaria control and sanitation of towns and villages.
2. The Italian Government has been asked to set up a VD Department and to take more vigorous action in dealing with pimps and clandestine prostitution. More

hospital beds have been provided for prostitutes. There has been a slight fall in the VD rate among troops in Region I.

3. Malaria control initiated by Colonel Russell of the Moslem Valley Command. A malaria survey of Sardinia has been made. A fall in the number of malaria cases. Meetings have been held to ensure uniformity of action and cooperation. We are trying to get the Italians to cooperate as much as possible.

4. The increased ration in hospitals have been much appreciated.

5. A veterinary survey of Sicily has been made which shows that the Italian veterinary service is setting back to peace conditions and the biologists are being produced in quantity. Directives have been sent out on the transmission of live stock.

6. Medical supplies are coming in regularly and distribution is better. Additional stores have been set up in convenient places. More clothing was received and distributed. There is a shortage only in certain items rather than the sufficient contingents of supplies.

7. There has been a certain amount of pilfering of Red Cross clothing. Investigations are being made. Drugs have also been stolen in hospitals.

8. Close liaison with the Italian Government has been maintained with the view of eventually setting up a Welfare Department to meet the requirements of the Italian people.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacPhee has inquired regarding forage for army mules in Sardinia. It was not definitely known, but reported that forage was to be shipped from the mainland.

The Chief Commissioner examined the work of Colonel Russell and the Moslem Valley Command. He has seen the fine results brought forth in Sicily with the typhus epidemic.

D. Local Sub-Commission. Colonel G. R. Upjohn.

1. The allied military courts have been requested to give to Regional Commissioners the right to review all cases of imprisonment. This is a most important duty, and it is hoped the Commissioners will as part of the reviewing themselves.

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The Chief Commissioner commanded the work of Colonel Russell and the Rockefeller Foundation Institute on the. The results brought forth in working with the various officials.

2. General Sub-Commission, Colonel G. B. Smith.

1. The military courts have been requested to give to National Commission the right to review all cases of imprisonment. This is a very important duty, and it is hoped the Commissioners will be part of the reviewing themselves.

2. The Chief Legal Officer in a Region is a key man who can help the Commissioner administer justice. It is noted that a sentence in a country district may not be accurate in a place like prison. Thus speaking a word in a country in the Regions. As a further step, there will be distributed shortly, "Justice without mercy" which will be told of technical means.

3. There are 24 legal officers on loan in Naples. 4000 cases were tried last month. It has been discussed with the Italian Government whereby they will have over 100 of the legal work in Naples. As the officers cannot be left in this city.

4. The policy of putting forces that we desire through Naples has proven satisfactory. The Italian Government is to reimburse in a week to ten days some secret which is held in occupied territories.

5. The Italian Government has some useful work in getting a pool of judges as they come through the line. A substantial number must be kept for Rome but we can keep Brigadier Carr's staff.

6. Precise legislation has been developed. Many excellent laws have passed under Mussolini's regime. The bad fascists laws are being handed out.

7. Further directive from the is being drafted as to the requisitioning of legal property. This is a very difficult situation. Previous directives were very conflicting. As soon as instructions are forthcoming they will be embodied in a directive to the field.

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2. Education Sub-Commission, Lt Col R. V. Smith.

1. The High School youth organization has shown a good record and has been very active. A concert to raise funds to further their organization was held in Salerno.

2. An investigation has been in universities to see what kind of standards are operating among the students.

3. A survey of schools was instituted in Regions III and IV trying to get a picture of what was happening there. It is hoped that it will be done under the law. They are trying to be constructive in the Italian system.

3. Property Control Sub-Commission, Lt Col G. A. Harris.

1. In Region I the process of taking custody of all Allied property is nearly complete. Also this is true in Region IV.

2. We have reached an agreement with the Italian Government as to the steps necessary to legalize the activities of the Property Control Sub-Commission under Italian law.

3. A satisfactory agreement on the financial side of operations has been reached whereby the Italian Government will advance necessary funds there the income is insufficient. They also agreed to advance funds in cases where a change has been caused to property.

4. Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Major S. T. A. Wild.

1. The reorganization of personnel has been somewhat of a problem but it is hoped that it will be satisfactorily solved.

2. There was supervision of activities in the field which Sub-Commissions had undertaken. In Regions I, II and III there were a number of monuments and churches needing attention as a result of war damage. Work in Region I is finished and is practically finished in Region II; the difficult problems are in Region III. Those are of two kinds: (1) Repair of churches damaged. In the last German raid a very famous Renaissance church was struck and partly demolished. Due to efficient cooperation with Italian officials, repairs were completed in two weeks. (2) Buildings such as the Royal Palace which suffered damage due to looting or mishandling by troops. A Commission was established to take care of such items.

3. Action taken on the recommendations of the Collier report include the following:

a. Care of National Museum, Royal Palace, San Martino, Palazzo...

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with Italian officials, regarding items considered in the past. (2) Build-
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troops. A Commission was established to take care of such items.

3. Action taken on the recommendations of the Collier report includes the
following:

a. Copy of National Museum, Royal Palace, San Martino, Rome. 3519
b. Preparation of draft regarding the protection of property of his-
torical and educational importance in Italy; submission of it to HQ and (Adm. Ref.);
their issuance of it is Administrative Instruction No. 10.

c. The preparation of lists of protected monuments as required by the
Administrative Instruction on the 3. Lazio and Abruzzi now in hands of printer.
South Italy follows immediately and also Tuscan.

d. The preparation of 1933. publication on art in Italy.

e. Inspection trips to the most important areas were made by the Director
and Deputy Director.

f. In regard to the future we are ready for action as the armies move for-
ward.

g. This Sub-Commission came into being through the President of the United
States and cultural remains in the U.S. and U.S. we are to give first aid to our
damaged items if happens but we are not just a sweeping up squad. It is our first duty
to try to avoid that being damage to works of art.

H. Vice President of Administrative Section, The Rt Hon. The Viscount Stansgate.

1. Lord Stansgate stated his belief that all profit greatly by the experience. He expressed his desire to be more fully informed about the activities of the Economic Section since they are the backbone of the whole program.

2. Comment was made on the close contact which could be had with the Italian Ministers due to their advantageous location. We discuss what is happening, even though we may know not what the man in the street thinks.

3. Lord Stansgate remarked that he would like to regard the Regional Commissioners as our "eyes and ears." It is unnecessary to hear from them more than just in the monthly reports. We need their impressions. The Headquarters is trying to build up the morale of the Italian people. The Regional Commissioners should fully inform the Sub-Commissions of the state of affairs as they note them. lively daily contact is needed.

4. Reference was made to the fact that some Directors object to the actions of Ministers in removing prefects. This is another item which should be brought to Headquarters attention.

5. Regarding visits to the field, 43 individuals have been in the field 165 days. We should be very glad to have men from the Regions in to visit Headquarters.

6. It is hoped that we may do something in the direct war effort. We must help the Anglo-Italian relationships and get the Italians' hearts into the war effort.

VI. Closing Address by Deputy Chief Commissioner, Captain Henry V. Stone, DUNS.

Captain Stone stated his belief that it had been a very constructive meeting because many had had numerous critical things to say. This is a healthy sign. Since ACC was created to take the business of government off the shoulders of the C-in-C, if everything were running smoothly there would be no need for us.

Facing the Italian people was the first big problem. When they are fed they can tackle the cultural and other problems. A comparison of the children to be seen during our first days in Italy with those of today will show that ACC has done of worth.

Cooperation and coordination is needed in the Sub-Commissions. The fault here has been one of the omission rather than commission. There is a need for greater personal contact between those whose problems are similar, and between ACC officers and their Italian opposites.

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Cooperation and coordination is needed in the Sub-Commissions. The fault here has been one of the omission rather than commission. There is a need for greater personal contact between these three problems as similar, and between AGC officers and their Italian counterparts.

The work of de-Fascistization is coming along with a degree being passed for the Amalgamation of Fascist crimes.

The Communist Party's aid for cooperation with the King and Marshal Badoglio gives us hope for a broader-based government.

The Conference adjourned at 1800 hours.

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Major, - G.D.
Secretary General

Regional Commissioners Conference.AGENDA for Saturday
Meeting. pkApril 15th 1944.

1. Regional Control Matters.
(Executive Commissioner)
 - (a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.
 - (b) Monthly Reports and Sitreps.
 - (c) Dealing with correspondence in Regional and Provincial Headquarters.
 - (d) Marriages with Italian civilian women.
 - (e) Provision and distribution of Medical Supplies.
 - (f) Unauthorized appointment of Liaison Officers.
2. Establishment Matters.
(Col. Albright and Col. Farren)
 - (a) Staffs of Regions in relation to ACC ceiling.
 - (b) Promotion of Officers.
 - (c) Reports on Officers - in addition to regulation reports, report on the work and abilities of officers in their special fields. To be rendered quarterly, or on transfer.
 - (d) Promotion of EM/OR's.
 - (e) Deficiencies of Personnel in : (i) Clerks.
(ii) Drivers.
 - (f) Surpluses of Personnel - General Duty NCO's and EM/OR's.
 - (g) Use of Italian Military Personnel.
 - (h) Visits of G-1 and G-4 representatives to Regions.
 - (i) M.T. Maintenance.
 - (j) Registration of Requisitioned vehicles.
 - (k) Registration and authorisation of Essential Civilian Vehicles.
 - (l) Friends Ambulance Unit - status of personnel.
3. Harvesting, Amassing and Distribution of wheat crop 1944.
(Col. Adams, Col. Evans, Col. Legg, and Major Hartmann)
4. Refugees - Dispersal and Feeding.
(Lt. Col. Hulls)
5. De-fascistization in Regions.
(Col. Upjohn)

R.L.O's to attend.
6. Malaria Control.
(Col. P.F. Russell)
7. Road Haulage Organisation.
(Col. Adams, Col. Fitch)

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8. Public Relations.
(Major Fielden)
 - (a) Curfew (F.W.B. Film Showings)
 - (b) Weekly Bulletin.
9. Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.
(Col. Adams & Mr. Ian Campbell)
10. Social Welfare (Region III Order).
(Lt. Col. Poletti)
11. Promotion of Italian State Employees.
(Col. Henderson, Lt. Col. J.R. Smith)
12. Restoration of Post Office Services.
(Col. Henderson & Major Head)
13. Other business.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

13 April 1944

Desks will be available for use by Regional Commissioners as follows:

Room 8	Mezzanine Floor	3
" 13	" "	1
" 42	2nd Floor	2
" 43	" "	1
" 26	1st "	1 or 2

Room 26 is Lord Stansgate's room, and it is, therefore, dependent upon his attendance at the conference whether 1 or 2 desks will be available in this room.

The following cars have been reserved for the sole use of the Regional Commissioners attending the meetings in Naples:

Ford, 4-seater Staff Car No. M713732, Dr. Battenham
Ford, 4-seater Staff Car No. M714031, Dr. Misell

These cars will be held in the Headquarters Motor Pool at Piazza Municipio, Naples, and can be ordered through the Dispatch Office, Room 6, Provincia Building, Tel, Ext. 39.

R. H. Robertson
R. H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant.

Lt. Col.

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

Monthly Conference - 14 April 1944

A G E N D A

Morning Session - 0830

1. Opening remarks by Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:
- Region I (Sicily)
 - Region II (Southern Italy)
 - Region III (Campania)
 - Region V (Foggia & Gargano)
 - Region VI (Sardinia)
 - Eighth Army AMG
 - Fifth Army AMG
 - Refugee Branch (Italians)
 - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Executive Commissioner

- Lt Col A.M. Hancock
- Lt Col G.H. McCaffrey
- Lt Col O. Peletti
- Colonel F.S. Whitely
- Brigadier M. Carr
- Cpt Capt C.E. Benson
- Brig Gen E.E. Hure
- Lt Col L.R. Halls
- Col R.G. Markwood
- Brigadier M.S. Luch

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3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

1115 to 1245

- Navy Sub-Commission
- Army Sub-Commission
- Air Sub-Commission
- Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission
- War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
- Public Relations Branch

- Commodore J.H. Palmer
- Brig. C.C. Duchesne
- Air Comm. W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
- Colonel J.L. Henderson
- Colonel J.T. Zellars
- Major L. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1430

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.

5. Reports by Economic Section:

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- Comptroller I.H. Palmer
- Brig. G.C. Buchanan
- Air Corps. W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
- Colonel J.L. Henderson
- Colonel J.T. Zellars
- Major L. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1450

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.

5. Reports by Economic Section:

1445 to 1615

- Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
- Labour Sub-Commission
- Agriculture Sub-Commission
- Food Sub-Commission
- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission
- Finance Sub-Commission
- Transportation Sub-Commission
- Shipping Sub-Commission

- Colonel W. Evans
- Colonel J.R. Bain
- Major W.A. Hartman
- Lt Col W.J. Legg
- Lt Col L.A. Jenny
- Colonel M.H. Foley
- Colonel S.A. Fitch
- Mr. Ian Campbell

Vice President

- Colonel B.S. Adams (for Hon. Mr. Henry Grady)

6. Reports by Administrative Section:

1650 to 1700

- Interior Sub-Commission
- Public Safety Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- Legal Sub-Commission
- Education Sub-Commission
- Property Control Sub-Commission
- Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission

- Lt Col R.C.B. Spicer
- Colonel P.O. Kirk
- Brig. G.S. Parkinson
- Colonel G.R. Upjohn
- Lt Col T.V. Smith
- Lt Col G.R. Harris
- Major E.T. de Wald

Vice President

- The Rt Hon The Viscount Stansgate

7. Closing remarks by Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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12 April 1944

IRG/Reports

SUBJECT: Agenda for R.C. meeting 15 April 1944.

TO: The Secretary General
The Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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1. Herewith precis of remarks as requested, for the Regional Commissioners meeting on Friday 14 April 1944.

2. As regards the Agenda for the R.C. meeting on Saturday, 15 April 44. I propose that the question of dispersal of refugees be included in the Agenda. My statement of the points to be discussed is contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Enclosure.

L. R. HULLS
L. R. HULLS,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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HEAD OFFICE
ITALIAN REFUGEE BOARD
ALBANY CONTROL COMMISSION

12 April 1944.

IRL/Reports

SUBJECT: Pre-dis of report by The Director, Italian Refugee Board, A.C.C.
Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO: The Secretary General

AGENDA

1. Numbers during travel.
2. Dispersal.
3. Situation in Communes, Failure of Italian authorities to do their part.

REPORT

1. From 1 March to date (14 Apr.) it has been necessary to move 21000 from forward areas and disperse them in southern provinces. This included 11000 from Beachhead.

There have been no complaints from Formation Commanders in forward areas, 5.5% of roads being encumbered by refugees.

Refugees are made up of:-

15-20% men
 30-35% women
 50% children

These people have been moved by lorries or by LCI's and travel has been hard. Losses amongst this 21000 have been five

We have opened 2 big Transit Camps in this area since March 1st, capacity 5000. This has facilitated Transportation problems.

2. Whilst the majority during March went to Region II, some have gone to Region I and III. Few are being sent to Region II this month or, I hope, next.

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Regions II and III are having considerable difficulties in absorbing their quotas, due to the numbers and movements of troops in their areas. They will only be able to absorb maximum numbers in future, by working in closest contact with area commanders, who now know the general situation and have been directed by their District Commanders to assist.

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Region I has set about this problem with far greater effectiveness at Ayrshire also. In conjunction with District I and II, they have made extensive reception and dispersal plans for large numbers.

Movement by sea to Italy commenced last week. 1000 were embarked on the "Munich" on April 5th and a further 750 on the 11th. The first voyage was made without difficulty.

3. Real troubles for refugees commence when they arrive in reception areas and are dispersed in camps. In general the Italian authorities have failed to look after these people, whose conditions in certain places is deplorable. It is intended to leave no doubt in the minds of Italian staffs that this responsibility is theirs. We recognize their difficulties, the one of which is food, and intend to assist without allowing them to think we are assuming their burden.

The main requirement from the Italians is personal services. Making it clear, that if their welfare committees will look, e.g. in setting up soup kitchens, we will make available food supplies which will give a hot meal a day.

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This will provide part of a refugees food shortage. The other part must come from local produce, fruits, nuts, wine, which is not available to these people for lack of funds, but which must be made available by the local authorities.

With the above measures working, there should remain no excuse for not adopting general house to house billeting which should go some way to solving the main problem, i.e. absorption of large numbers.

L. N. Rhodes
L. N. Rhodes,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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Office of the Secretary General
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10 April 1944

Subject: Conference

To: All concerned
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The Chief Commissioner's conference scheduled for 1430 hours
today is postponed to Wednesday, 12 April, at 1100 hours.

Robert E. Doe

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed Remarks by Agriculture Sub-Commission Representative
at R. C. Conference 14 - 15 April 1944.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner - THRU CHANNELS.

1. Attached statement is submitted in response to 107/13/CA dated
29 March 1944.

W. A. Hariman

W. A. HARIMAN
Major
Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
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4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Proposed Remarks by Agriculture Sub-Commission at R. C.
Conference 14-15 April 1944.

1. His Excellency the Italian Minister of Agriculture and the Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission conferred with Allied and Italian officials in Sicily, Apulia, Lucania, and Calabria in the interest of creating uniform agricultural organizations in the field to maximize the production harvest and amassing of wheat and other vital crops.

2. The major objectives of these conferences may be summarized as follows:

a. To discuss the broad framework of the proposed Italian agricultural field organization with Regional ACC officers and solicit their full cooperation in establishing agreed upon organization to be charged with responsibility for accomplishment of mutual objectives.

b. To instruct Italian agricultural field officials regarding their increased field or responsibility and of supervisory relationships of ACC officers with activities or their offices.

c. To impress upon all, the extreme importance of an all out effort to amass every quintal of wheat in excess of legalized retentions.

d. To become familiar with major problems involved in maximizing the harvest and amassing of wheat and other vital crops and to discuss with ACC officers and Italian officials, including Prefects and Carabinieri, ways and means of overcoming same.

3. The agreed upon channel of authority in the Italian organization flows from the Minister of Agriculture, to the Chief Agricultural Inspector in each Compartment, to the Provincial Agricultural Inspectors, to their respective zone or district field officials.

4. Italian officials were instructed that a first priority job was to organize a Committee in each Comune composed of 2 or more farmers, 2 or more leading Italians, other than farmers, with the Sindaco serving as President of the Committee. These Committees to serve on a voluntary basis. Functions will include securing and screening agricultural statistics with special reference to wheat acreage, yield, authorized retentions, amounts to be amassed etc.

5. It was also agreed that one qualified ACC Agricultural officer will be located in an office with or adjoining each Compartment Agricultural Inspector to serve in a supervisory capacity with Italian officials and also to serve as chief ACC liaison officer for the respective RC'S and the Agriculture Sub-Commission.

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6. Several major problems which must be solved without delay to make it possible for the Italian Agricultural Organization to function are;

a. Provision of at least 1 car to each Compartment Inspector and 2 cars to each Provincial Inspectors.

b. Getting Minister to prepare and release written instructions covering organization plans he presents forcefully at each conference.

c. Employing adequately qualified Italian officials.

7. Shortage of qualified agricultural ACC officers and transportation for same is also a serious ACC handicap.

8. The Minister and Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission, plan to confer with ACC and Italian officials in all other areas not yet visited.

9. Arrangements are being completed to establish closer working relation than exist at present between Ministry of Agriculture and Consorzio Agrario.

10. Seed potato imports totaled about 37,000 tons a large proportion of which arrived after latest safe planting date 15 March; about 2500 tons of late arrival had to be diverted to Army ration; sterility due to long time on boat or for other reasons and inadequate transport to handle unexpected large volumes at certain ports necessitated diverting an additional 1500 tons for food use. With these exceptions loss for seed has been extremely small in light of obstacles that were overcome to get seed in ground.

11. Arrangements have been completed to obtain crop condition reports bimonthly and a revised forecast by 15 May as an additional basis for completing plans to maximize amassing of wheat and other crops.

12. Limited amounts of urgently needed supplies such as copper sulphate, agricultural sulphur, corn and other seeds have been located at various unexpected points in Italy and small quantities of imports are arriving. Allocations of these supplies to crops and areas where they will produce maximum food or fibers is being undertaken by the Agri. Sub-Comm. Normal Italian channels such as Consorzio Agrario and private dealers are being utilized.

13. Survey of fishing conditions and needs to maximize harvest are being completed for all occupied territory including Sardinia; fishing supplies available from local resources are being distributed to areas which assure largest fish catch. Arrangements are in process of completion to assure tuna fishing operations in season along coastal waters of Italy and North Africa; approval has been obtained to extend night fishing operations at several points along coasts of Italy and Sardinia; a fish marketing plan has gone into effect in Naples area which will minimize black market operations and result in more equitable distribution; etc. Close working relations have been established with Fisheries Section of Italian Ministry of Agriculture on the above and all other activities of the Division.

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14. Fuelwood harvest operations in the 5th Army area about 10 miles from Cassino continues to provide for all needs of hospitals and other army purposes in forward areas. About 160 civilians are employed on this job. Surveys revealed location of some 45000 railroad ties needed by Military Railway Service. Steps have been taken to re-activate the Italian Royal Corps to assume responsibility for necessary forestry operations.



W. A. HARTMAN
Major
Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/107/26/CA

8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.

Ref. 107/13/CA of 29 March 1944.

1. Attached is a Provisional Agenda for the Saturday meeting of the above conference.
2. Notes on each item are appended. These are not exhaustive but are intended to give an idea of the scope of discussion. They should serve to enable you to collect relevant data for contribution to the discussions.

E. D. Field
for NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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All Officers named on Agenda.
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Secretary General.

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Regional Commissioners Conference.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA for Saturday Meeting.

April 15th 1944.

1. Harvesting, Winnowing and Distribution of wheat crop 1944.
(Col. Adams, Col. Evans, Col. Legg and Major Hartmann)
2. Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.
(Col. Adams & Mr. Ian Campbell)
3. Restoration of Post Office Services.
(Col. Henderson & Major Head)
4. Road Haulage Organisation.
(Col. Adams, Col. Fitch)

Regional Commissioners to give brief resume of situation
in Region.
5. Malaria Control.
(Col. P. F. Russell)
6. Promotion of Italian State Employees.
(Col. Henderson, Lt. Col. J. R. Smith)
7. Other business.

NOTE ON ITEM 1.

1. In order to keep imports of wheat to a minimum the maximum of home-grown wheat must be "amassed".
2. To effect this the following policy has been decided upon :
 - (a) Establishment of Committees of farmers and citizens in each Commune and under the supervision of the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture for the purpose of screening statistics of wheat production, retention and amassing.
 - (b) Announcement on May 15, 1944, of firm price for wheat delivered to amassi.
 - (c) Reduction of seed retention allowance to $1\frac{1}{2}$ quintals per hectare.
 - (d) Limitation of food retention allowance to farmers and their families and full time agricultural workers.

NOTE ON ITEM 2.

1. All schooners under 300 tons are being registered.
2. Schooners can help to relieve railways.
3. All voyages will be controlled by one authority -- MEDCO Schooners Sub-Committee -- who will arrange for return cargoes.
4. Bidding, charter, loading.
Information^{on} the methods for these will be given, explained and discussed.

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NOTE ON ITEM 3.

Initial Restoration of Post Office Services

1. Post Office services fall into three main categories:
 - (a) Miscellaneous services (Payment of teachers salaries, receipt of tax revenue etc.)
 - (b) Mails collection and delivery.
 - (c) Financial services (Money Orders, Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Current banking accounts).
2. Post Offices may be opened by CAO's for miscellaneous services as soon as required and practicable.
3. The basis for the restoration of mail services is set out in Executive Memorandum No. 35 now in the press.
4. Financial Services.
 - (a) Experience shows that there is frequently a need for such services to be in operation before civil mail services are functioning.
 - (b) Both the Finance and the Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commissions are directly interested in the working of the financial services, the former in relation to expediency and financial backing, the latter for the actual operation.
 - (c) The number of Regional Postal Officers available in the past has not been sufficient to cope with the development of services, and the future position in this respect is not secure. As a result, the operating of financial services is necessarily, at the outset, being developed by different Finance Officers, on a Province by Province basis. Such a basis of development necessitates each officer concerned issuing 'ad hoc' instructions, and restricts effective co-ordination of policy and practice.
 - (d) The maintenance of these financial services depends amongst other things, upon
 - (i) the initial and continued availability of forms, Savings Bank books, Postal Bond sheets, etc, and
 - (ii) the provision - in advance of a normal mail service - of a means of communication for transmitting the cash, forms and advices concerned to Post Offices and/or the public.

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R.C. & M.A. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/107/25/GA

8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation for Officers Attending
Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Hq. Commandant, Hq. ACC.

1. Enclosed is copy of letter from Air
Forces Sub-Commission forwarded to you for neces-
sary action.

2. Reply direct to Air Forces Sub-Commission
with a copy of letter to this Section is requested.

NORMAN E. WISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Administrative Section

3 April 1944

ACC/3013/PH

SUBJECT: - Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : - R. C. and M.G. Section.

Reference 107/11/CA. dated 30 March 1944.

It is suggested that "Malaria Control" should be included on the agenda for the Saturday meeting. The discussion would be opened by Colonel Paul F. Russell, Director of Malaria Control Section, Public Health Sub-Commission and would deal with the following matters: Provincial anti-malaria Committees' programmes, labor available, civil and military, transport, equipment, supplies of larvacides and anti-malarial drugs.

R. R. Cripps
R. R. CRIPPS
Lt. Colonel,
for CSO Adm. Sec. ACC

Copy to: Colonel Paul F. Russell
P.H. Sub-Commission, ACC Main HQ.

Action taken
All agreed
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

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Re: 107/24/CA.

8 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.Cs. Regions II, III, IV, V, VI.

1. Reference this H.C. memorandum 107/13/CA of 29 Mar 44. I am desired by the Chief Commissioner to request that you will arrange for the attendance at the Conference on April 14 and 15, 1944, of your Regional Chief Legal Officer.
2. Attention is directed to para.5 of the above-quoted memorandum.

NORMAN E. FENCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Region I (for information).
Secy. General.
Admin. Section (2)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

GMS/adv

ES/23

5 April 44.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference 14 April 44.

TO : Deputy Executive Commissioner.

1. It is requested that the subject 'Harvesting, Amassing and Distribution of the Wheat Crop' be included in the Agenda for 14 April 44.

2. In order to reduce imports of wheat to the minimum the amounts of home-grown wheat amassed must be maximized. Accordingly, the following decisions and action have been taken:-

a. Voluntary farmers and citizens committees, supervised by Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture, will be established in each commune to obtain and screen statistics of wheat production and retention so that amassing may be enforced.

b. Firm price for wheat delivered to amassi will be announced 15 May.

c. Italian Government has been requested to publish and enforce decrees reducing the seed retention allowance to 1½ quintals per hectare and limiting food retentions to farmers and their families and full time agricultural laborers.

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D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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Action taken

See agenda 29

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BY HAND

HQ A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

5 APR 1944

(Date)

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ELECTRIC POWER	
FINANCE	
FOOD	
INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION	
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE	
MINING DIV	
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES	
SHIPPING	
Maj. DUFFIELD-WHITE	☒
FOR:	
Signature	
Remarks/Recommendation	
Information	
Approval/Disapproval	
Appropriate Action	☒
Investigation & Report	
Noting & Return	
Dispatch	

REMARKS:

as requested.

MAY
Capt. RA.

Staff Officer Economic Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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AGENDA

Conference of Regional Commissioners 15 April 44.

Coastwise & Inter-Regional Shipping

Many queries have been raised recently, especially by Regions I and VI, as to shipment by Schooners.

All schooners under 300 tons are now being registered in order that their voyages may be controlled by one authority (MEDBO Schooner Sub-Committee) and arrangements made for return cargoes.

In view of the fact that schooners can help very considerably to relieve railways, it is considered advisable that Regions should have full information regarding the method of bidding, charter, loading, etc.

Mr. IAN CAMPBELL, Chairman of MEDBO (he is also a staff officer of Shipping Sub Comm. ACC) will attend and explain shortly the present position and answer any queries.

Col. ADAMS, Economic Sect. will also be present.

M. Hay
M. HAY
Capt. RA.
Staff Officer Economic Section

*Actions taken**See 29*

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4 APR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply
refer to: PS/16.2.142

3 April 1944

Subject : Regional Commissioners Conference.

To : R.C. and M.G. Section.

1. The attached agenda is forwarded as a suggested item for the conference.

2. The subject is of some importance to the forward Regions, as it has been found that there is a demand to establish financial services requiring transit of papers, both for Postal financial services and bank transactions, before mail services can be opened.

3. In order that such services may be opened in a manner suitable for subsequent centralised operation, it is hoped to issue standard schedules, and Regional officers may be glad of some discussion on the subject.

4. It is desired that Major S.H. Head, Officer i/c Posts Branch of this Sub-Commission, Should speak on the subject, should it be accepted as an item of the agenda.

J.L. Henderson

J.L. Henderson
Colonel

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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Initial res' ration of Post Office Services 8

1. Post Office services fall into three main categories:-

- (a) Miscellaneous services (Payment of teachers salaries, receipt of tax revenue etc.)
- (b) Mails collection and delivery.
- (c) Financial services (Money Orders, Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Current banking accounts) 3.

2. Post Offices may be opened by CAO's for miscellaneous services as soon as required and practicable and the basis for the restoration of mail services is set out in *

*(Cross reference required here to the booklet of Directives now in course of printing)

4.5. (a) So far as the re-introduction of the Post Office Financial services is concerned Experience now shows that there is frequently a need for such services to be in operation before civil mail services are functioning.

(b) Both the Finance and the Telecomms and Postal Sub-Commissions are directly interested in the working of the financial services, the former in relation to expediency and financial backing, the latter as regards the actual operating.

(c) The number of Regional Postal Officers available in the past has not been sufficient to cope with the development of services, and the future position in this respect is not by any means secure. As a result, the operating of financial services is necessarily, at the outset, being developed by different Finance Officers, on a Province by Province basis. Such a basis of development necessitates each officer concerned issuing 'ad hoc' instructions, and restricts effective co-ordination of policy and practice.

(d) The maintenance of these financial services depends amongst other things, upon

(1) The initial and continued availability of forms, Saving Bank books, Postal Bond sheets, etc.

(11) The provision - in advance of a normal mail service - of a means of communication for transmitting the cash, forms and advices concerned to Post Offices and/or the public.

5.4. To meet, essentially, those cases in which a Postal Officer will be available to deal with the restoration of all main services, sets of schedules are now being prepared detailing, as far as possible, the procedure to be followed at each of the various stages. The schedules will incorporate the A.C.C and/or Italian Government's instructions which have been issued to date, in respect of services operating in the Postal Officer areas. The intention is that, as these officers become responsible for an additional part or complete province, they will hand to the Post Office Provincial Director a set of the schedules, and, at the appropriate stages, instruct him to proceed with the introduction

of each service on the lines laid down.

5. ~~Following upon the foregoing,~~ The following points are put forward for the consideration of the Conference:-

(a) (1) That all Regional Commissioners and SCAO's of Army A.M.G. accept a supply of the schedules, for the attention of the Postal or Finance Officer who will be responsible for the Post Office services.

(b) (1) That R.C.'s keep the Sub-Commissioners advised of developments.

(c) (1) That, in setting up official communications for the transmission of forms ~~etc.~~ (Para A(d)), the eventual requirements for letter delivery services be kept in mind as far as possible, particularly in relation to Censorship and Security considerations.

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FROM : AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.M.F.

TO : R.C. & M.G. SECTION (APO 394),
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

DATE : 3rd APRIL 1944.

REF : 136/S.2.

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Regional Commissioners Conference.

1. Reference your communication 107/13/01 dated 29th March 1944, it will be appreciated if accommodation may be reserved for :-

AIR COMMODORE W.A.B. BOGREN-BUSCARLET.

FLYING OFFICER E.S. KENNEDY (P.A. to Air Commodore).

2. The above mentioned Officers will be arriving at Naples on Thursday 13th April 1944.

3. May confirmation, and address of accommodation reserved be sent to this Sub Commission, please.

W. L. Hunter

(W. L. Hunter)

Wing Commander,

Air Commodore,

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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COASTWISE + INTER-REGIONAL SHIPPING

be added to the Agenda for the R.C.A.O.'s Conference

Second day. 15th Apr 44

Col ADAMS & M^r IAN CAMPBELL (MEDBO) in 3551

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Update May 8
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Lissadams Co. Econ Sect.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Economic Section

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SUBJECT Regional Commissioners Conference

FILE No. ES/23

TO: Deputy Executive Commissioner

4 April 1944

Reference 107/13/CA dated 29 March 44, it is requested that the subject of the amassing and distribution of the wheat crop be included in the agenda of the Saturday meeting.

J. Bruce Thompson Maj - RA

D. S. ADAMS
Colonel, C. E.
Executive Officer
Economic Section

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Mr. J. W.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/107/14/CA.

30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : See Distribution Below.

1. Reference memorandum 107/13/CA of 29 March 1944.
2. The precis of remarks requested in para. 2 (c) of above-quoted memorandum is required by the Secretary General by 1200 hrs on day previous to meeting.
3. Will you please make the necessary amendment.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

29 March 1944

Ref: 107/13/CA

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : See Distribution.

1. This is to confirm that as arranged at the last Regional Commissioners Conference the next conference will be held at Hq. ACC, Provincia Building, Naples on Friday April 14 and Saturday April 15, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside at the Friday meeting which will commence at 0900 hours.

The Agenda will be:

- a) Address by Chief Commissioner.
- b) Reports by Regional Commissioners and SCAO's AMG Armies.
- c) Reports by Head of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections. (Officers making reports are requested to furnish the Secretary General with a precis of their remarks immediately before the meeting).

3. The Executive Commissioner will preside at the Saturday meeting which will commence at 0930 hours. Attendance of heads of sections and Sub-Commissions may be required by agenda items, at times to be notified before the meeting.

4. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Saturday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should be in the hands of the Deputy Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.G. Section by 4 April 1944 latest. *C. Clark. Please let us see when they come in. H*

5. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in Naples least one day prior to the opening of the conference. R.C. & M.G. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

6. The Secretary General will act as Secretary of the Friday Meeting.

A staff officer of the C.A. Branch R.C. & M.G. Section will act as secretary of the Saturday meeting.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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