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Items for Discussion at Regional Commissioners' ConferenceWednesday, 23rd of August

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- 1) Presentation of monthly reports. Some uniformity in the lay-out of Regions' monthly reports would greatly assist clarity. The method adopted by two or three Regions is recommended. This consists of Part I containing a broad review of the Region's activities for the month and Part II containing detailed reports under the headings of the various Sub-Commissions.
- 2) Weekly citizens for A.P.H. The new series of citizens to satisfy A.P.H.'s request for more news is due to reach us from Regions on Wednesday, the 23rd of August for preparation and dispatch to A.P.H. on Friday, the 25th of August. This itinerary is to be observed on the same days of each week. A V.O. letter has already been written to all Regional Commissioners but this opportunity could not be taken to put over the point that we want to get away to some extent from "health - good", "Food - satisfactory" and to make the report of more interest to those with but a casual knowledge of ACC organisation in London and Washington.
- 3) In file 302, folio 175, there is a letter from Public Safety Sub-Commission with a plan for the distribution of Carabinieri throughout Italy. In view of the correspondence which has taken place with Regions on the subject it is felt that the plan might be discussed with Regional Commissioners.
- 4) The Secretary General's Department wishes to emphasize the need for the collection and preservation of files in the whole of ACC organization for archive purposes. A short précis containing the points that it is desired to put over is attached.

see file 339

Archives

C. G. M. S. D.

A. discussion of the conference per. today

attached

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PRECIS OF REPORT TO R.C.'s CONFERENCEPOLITICAL SITUATION

There is no indication that the rank and file of the people in Region III are greatly concerned over party politics. Even in Naples City, where the parties are active and vociferous, a large part of the population is apathetic.

A general feeling of uneasiness persists over the transfer of territory to the Italian Government. This is probably due to the failure of the Government to make its authority felt in the provinces and to a doubt of the ability of the government to meet the economic needs of the population.

FOOD

A survey just completed on costs of living in Naples establishes the fact that the trend at present is downward. Food expenses in July were less than any month since February.

The potato situation is deplorable. In spite of protests of Region III officials against the uncontrolled movement of motor transport from other Regions for the purpose of purchasing potatoes, the movement continued and still continues. The operators of such transport have been purchasing directly from the producers paying prices far in excess of the established price, with the result that the producers do not bring their potatoes to the Consorzi Agrarii. Potatoes have now been added to the list of concealed commodities and have become Black Market. The situation is so serious now that Region III is having great difficulty in meeting the commitments to furnish potatoes to the armies. Prompt and vigorous action by higher authority at the outset would have prevented this situation. Uncontrolled exportation of surplus commodities under present economic conditions would not be permitted.

While the report of the quantities of grain delivered to the Granai del Popolo in Region III are far from satisfactory it is believed that these reports are very much incomplete due to the lack of adequate communication. The grain target for the Region is 17,000 tons of wheat and 1000 tons of barley. Reports inclusive of 16 August show actually collected 5,603 tons of wheat and 97 tons of barley.

TRANSPORTATION

The transportation situation continues to be bad. The serious difficulty is the lack of tires. Lorries are being taken out of services daily because of worn out tires. The Region continues to have its own transport ordered away. The latest loss is that of twenty W.D. trucks. Italian officials are seriously handicapped by lack of transportation. The collection of grain is necessarily slow because of lack of transportation. Civilian motor transport has been requisitioned. Their horses and mules were purchased by the armies. Now their oxen are being purchased by the French army for beef.

Region III instituted a passenger bus service from Naples to Rome for the convenience of civilians and government officials whose business required such a journey. After an unsuccessful effort to secure some cooperation in maintaining the service, it is being discontinued.

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CIVILIAN MOVEMENT

Region III continues to be the dumping ground for ex-refugees. The failure of the Italian Government to take any decisive action in this matter is causing serious difficulty. The burden is falling on Naples City which has no facilities to either house or feed these swarms of civilians. With no Refugee Officers in the Region and with an otherwise reduced staff, the Region Headquarters has now been ordered by the C.O.C.3 District to move the refugees in Naples. Efforts on the part of this Region to have something done with this problem have met with complete failure.

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION

In spite of reduced personnel every section of the Region is functioning well and efficiently. All officers have met their increased responsibilities cheerfully. The same can be said of all Provincial Commissioners. All promises to which we felt heir have been substantially fulfilled. There are no promises outstanding at present in Region III, nor are any being made.

Strenuous efforts have been made to establish a degree of confidence in A.C.C. administration with some little success.

Sub-Commissions of A.C.C. have made demands on sections of this Region ignoring the Regional Commissioner, which have been impossible. A notable example was a demand on the Regional Transportation Officer to furnish statistical data which would require the services of a research staff for several days at least.

The one bright spot in the administration of this Region since June 20 has been the sympathetic understanding and active support of the Executive Commissioner.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD,
Actg. Regional Commissioner.

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WAR ORGANISATION
OF THE
BR' 4 RED CROSS SOCIE and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

President: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN | Grand Prior: H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G.

Commissioner for Southern Europe:
Lt. General Sir ~~Bertram~~ *Kenneth McLeod* K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Headquarters: 32 Piazza Carita, Via Roma, NAPLES (Tel. 1659)

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NAPLES (Tel. 1659)

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PLEASE REPLY TO:

Colonel Herman E. Fiske
Deputy Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
S.C. & M.C. Section.
APO 394

HQ. SOUTH EUROPE COMMISSION
PROVINCIAL CROSS
ROME, I.

21st August, 1944.

Your Ref /107/30/CA of 18th August. Lt Gen. Sir Kenneth McLeod is away at present, but is expected back in Italy on 21st Aug. Your invitation to attend the Regional Commissioners Conference will be brought to his notice directly he arrives in Rome. Major Knight has been informed of your invitation to attend the Conference.

Daisy Maynell

(Daisy Maynell) Secretary to the Commissioner.

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AME EIGHTH ARMY.

The last two months has been marked by the steady advance to the Gothic Line and the unique problem of Florence. Here in face of great difficulty we have succeeded in putting supplies over the river and bringing a semblance of control to the city. 22 AUG Reel

The story of the forty tons of supplies daily manhandled across the Ponte Vecchio and their subsequent distribution constitutes an epic in AMG history. Aided by the Patriots we saw to it that no one lacked, ~~only~~ those who had not the temerity to come and fetch it. By way of diversion a German armoured vehicle would reconnoitre while sniping and mortar fire continued at intervals.

To turn to the general position affairs continue satisfactorily. The Adriatic Sector with its slower advances and less congested railways was less of a problem while the Centre was more difficult owing to heavily mined roads and blown bridges. There, however, as in the east, present food problems do not exist.

With the opening of the western ports the supply situation eased and stockpiles are now being built in preparation of further advances.

Refugees do not constitute a major problem for the moment. The rapid advance left many people unaware that the war had passed them and only one those positions where delaying actions were fought was any movement occasioned. Camps are now being moved forward.

Perhaps a warning for the future is the labour situation at TERNI. This town possesses a steelworks employing 7,000 inhabitants, which is badly damaged. Immediate re-employment is possible for half that number and the directors are unable to say when the balance can be absorbed. This applied to the larger enterprises of TURIN and MILAN presents a problem which will be a great strain on our administration as well as causing great distress to the people.

It was fortunate that SIENA was spared intact. The local administration was soon functioning and banks and post offices opened. A hopeful sign was a net inflow of cash into the banks and savings institutions. While mentioning finance I would add that it is found that owing to the shortage of livestock and machinery the cash disbursements on Amassi collection is relatively small compared with previous years.

A new problem of recent months is that of the Patriots. They have done very useful work in the prevention of wrecking, general intelligence and re-organisation of local administration. Their welfare, I am glad to say, is handled by the Patriots Branch, for which we are very thankful.

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General health continues to be satisfactory, only a few cases of typhoid being reported while malaria, though nearing its peak season, is causing no concern to the authorities thanks to the efforts made by the malarialogists. The hospital situation is fairly satisfactory but that of ambulances and drugs continues to deteriorate.

There has been one trouble mentioned at recent conferences and that is the unauthorised movement of civilians to Army areas. This has caused concern and without exception all are turned back. I hope after recent conferences the matter is fully understood that it is for the Armies to give permission for ~~movement~~ movement in their area.

It has been two months of almost continuous advance. I must thank those Regions who were always on our heels and ready to relieve us of responsibilities when we wished to be rid of them.

Read by Capt. V. J. 24/6

THE LAST TWO MONTHS HAS BEEN MARKED BY THE STEADY ADVANCE TO THE GOTHIC LINE AND THE URGENT PROBLEM OF FEEDING. Here in face of great difficulty we have succeeded in putting supplies over the river and bringing a semblance of control to the city.

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To turn to the general position affairs continue satisfactorily. The Adriatic sector with its slower advance and less congested railways was less of a problem while the Centre was more difficult owing to heavily mined roads and blown bridges. There however as in the east present food problems do not exist.

With the opening of the western ports the supply situation eased and stockpiles are now being built in preparation of further advance.

Owing to the harvest immediate problems do not exist and the Armed collections proceed satisfactorily.

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Perhaps a warning for the future is the labour situation at Fiume. This town possesses a steelworks employing 7,000 inhabitants. Immediate re-employment is possible for half that number and the directors are unable to say when the balance can be absorbed. This applied to the larger enterprises of Turin and Milan presents a problem which will be a great strain on our administration as well as causing great distress.

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and the organization of local administration.*

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Headquarters
Allied Military Government
Region IV
APO 394.

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R/5122

20 August 1944.

Subject: Regional Commissioners Conference.
To : HQ. Allied Control Commission
RC & MG Section.

1. Reference our R/5060 dated 13 August and your Signal 1384 dated 4 August, a short summary of the points to be made on subjects suggested for the Agenda is given below.

2. (a) Inter-Regional Trade.

The present inter-Regional restrictions on trade create Economic barriers out of administrative boundaries and are not sound. Their existence makes the gigantic task of feeding Rome doubly difficult.

(b) Use of Schooners.

The restrictions on Schooners are crippling to trade and initiative. Again extreme difficulties in the feeding of Rome are encountered as a result.

(c) Clearance of Mines and Explosives.

Our first experience of tackling this with Italian Military has been very bad. The troops have no equipment, no training and very little initiative or discipline. The problem is a national one and must be tackled by the Italians but we must start them off.

Urge the serious consideration of the proposal from SCAUT which is a constructive effort from entirely Italian sources. We can help with initial instruction.

This is a big task and must be faced as such. The present deathroll is very high.

(d) Refugees.

Urge acceptance of the Vatican scheme to repatriate refugees to their homes in the South - not merely to camps. The plan has the added attraction in that the returning trucks will feed the Institutions of Rome with food from the South.

To turn this proposal down any longer will be to obstruct a plan which achieves the desired result, which is ready to start at once, and which is being done by the Italians themselves.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. D. Bonham-Carter.

A.D. Bonham-Carter,
Lt COLONEL, R.Tks,
Executive Officer (Provinces).

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IX
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

REFERENCE: R IX/HD/3/1/1

19th August 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

21 AGG Recd

TO: HQ AGG
HC & MC Section.

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Reference para 3 of your letter 107/65/CA dated
5 Aug 44.

1. The following officers from this Region will
attend the Regional Commissioners Conference 22/23 Aug 44:-

Lt. Col. A.C. BOWMAN.
Lt. Col. H.H.S. HARTLEY
Lt. Col. P.E. THOMAS.

2. Accommodation will be required for Lt. Col. HARTLEY
and Lt. Col. THOMAS. Accommodation has already been arranged
for Lt. Col. BOWMAN.

3. No transport will be required.

4. These officers will arrive during the afternoon
of 21 Aug 44.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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H.H.S. HARTLEY,
Lt. Col.,
Executive Officer.

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20 AUG 1944

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21 Aug 44 2118
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Dear Guy,

Spurred the following memo
D.S. CS Supt Eighth Army by phone.

" My friend James speaking —
Brigadier's compliments to G.P. Capt
Benson. He urgently requires
rep of AMB 8 to Army & attend
conference WED 23 AUG only.
Officer attending will stay at
Brigadier's villa nights 22 & 23 "

Officer attending will stay at
Brigadier's villa nights 22723

Porter answered me. Although
it was not possible to speak to me
I asked Sigs to pass the message, to
which they agreed. The whole job
was done within 5 minutes of
your phoning in.

Yours Sincerely
G. Ginn

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From:

Secy Gen

21 AUG Recd

SUBJECT:

FILE No.

TO:

Mr. Naron, C.A. Br

21 Aug 1944

*Herewith 30 revised copies
of Agenda of Conference.*

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ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

Conference - 22 August 1944

AGENDA

Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Acting Chief Commissioners.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Region I | - Colonel A.M. Hancock |
| Region II | - Lt. Colonel W.H. McCleary |
| Region III | - Colonel J.S. Chapman |
| Region IV | - Colonel C. Poletti |
| Region V | - Colonel R.P. Marshall |
| Region VI | - Brigadier M. Carr |
| Region VII | - Lt. Colonel C.G. Fessley |
| Region VIII | - Colonel R.G. Kivikwood |
| Eighth Army AEC | - Group-Captain C.E. Benson |
| Fifth Army AEC | - Brigadier General E.E. Hume |
| Refugee Branch (Italians) | - Colonel L.R. Halls |
| Displaced Persons Sub-Commission | - Colonel C.S. Windlay |
| Patriots Branch | - Colonel C.D. McCarthy |

Executive Commissioner

- Brigadier H.S. Lush

Afternoon Session - 1430

3. Reports by Administrative Section:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Interior Sub-Commission | - Colonel R.G.B. Spicer |
| Public Safety Sub-Commission | - Colonel F.S. Kirk |
| Public Health Sub-Commission | - Brigadier G.S. Parkinson |
| Legal Sub-Commission | - Colonel R.H. Wilner |
| Education Sub-Commission | - Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith |
| Property Control Sub-Commission | - Lt. Colonel C. Carroll |
| Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission | - Major E.T. de Veld |

Acting Head

- Colonel G.R. Urjohn

Recess - 10 Minutes

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

Acting Head

- Colonel G.E. Upjohn

Recess - 10 Minutes

4. Reports by Economic Section:

Commerce Sub-Commission
 Industry Sub-Commission
 Labor Sub-Commission
 Agriculture Sub-Commission
 Food Sub-Commission
 Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.
 Finance Sub-Commission
 Transportation Sub-Commission
 Shipping Sub-Commission

Vice President

Colonel W.S. Evans
 Colonel J.S.E. Todd
 Colonel J.R. Bain
 Lt. Colonel W.A. Hartman
 Colonel W.J. Legg
 Lt. Colonel I.A. Janny
 Colonel A.P. Craftsey-Smith
 Colonel D.S. Adams
 Mr. J. Gibson Graham

Brigadier General William O'Dwyer

Recess - 10 Minutes

5. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

Naval Sub-Commission
 Army Sub-Commission
 Air Sub-Commission
 Communications Sub-Commission
 War Materials Disposal & Italian
 Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

- Rear Admiral C.E. Morgan
 - Major General L. Browning
 - Air Vice Marshal W.L.D. Bowen-Buscarlet
 - Colonel J.L. Henderson
 - Lt. Colonel J.A. Campbell

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

Phone:
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Ref/107/89/CA.

19 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX & "Z".
SCAO's Fifth & Eighth Armies.

1. Reference 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.

2. Sections, Sub-Commissions or Branches will be responsible for ensuring that a representative is present at the times indicated for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section (3)
Econ. Section (3)
Establishment Br. (2)
Patriots Br. (1)
Refugees Br. (1)
Legal Sub-Comm. (1)
Public Safety Sub-Comm. (1)
Interior Sub-Comm. (1)
Transportation Sub-Comm. (1)
Commerce Sub-Comm. (1)
Food Sub-Comm. (1)
Liaison Div. (1)

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCEWednesday 23rd AugustAGENDA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Item</u>
<u>Morning Session 0930 hrs.</u>		
0930 - 1130	R.C. & M.C. Section.	Estabs. Br.
		Patriots Br.
		Refugee Br.
		Refugee Br.
		Estabs. Br.
		Establishment; (a) Distribution of Memoranda.
		(b) Vehicle Maintenance.
<u>Recess - 15 minutes.</u>		
1145 - 1300	Administrative Section.	Admin. Section.
		Legal Sub-Comm.
		Public Safety Sub-Comm.
		Interior Sub-Comm.
		Restriction of Movement.
		Appointments and transportation of Prefectorial Officials.
<u>Afternoon Session.</u>		

Appointments and transportation of Prefectorial Officials.

Afternoon Session.

Economic Section. Civilian Transport.

1430 - 1545

POL for forward areas.

Price of wheat in the North.

Ration Scale.

Recess - 15 minutes.

Other business.

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Interior Sub-Comm.

Transportation
Sub-Comm.
Commerce Sub-Comm.

Food Sub-Comm.

Economic Section.

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ACC HQ

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16 Aug 44

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Civil Affairs Branch

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 PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS ARE INFORMED THAT THE PRESS WILL BE PRESENT INCLUDING
 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN PRESS

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 1st Lt AGO
 ADJUTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

18 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Agenda for Conference
22 August

FILE No.

18 Aug

1944

TO: CA Branch

Ref para 5. Mr. J. Gibson Graham will represent Shipping
Sub-Commission instead of Mr. Jan Campbell.

L.H.P.
T/3 Edmiston
Chief Clerk

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Conference - 22 August 1944

A G E E D A

Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Acting Chief Commissioner.
2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Sections:

Region I
Region II
Region III
Region IV
Region V
Region VI
Region VII
Region VIII
Region IX
Region X

Eight Army AGS

Fifth Army AGS

Refugee Branch (Italians)

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Patriots Branch

Executive Commission

- Brigadier H. Carr
- Colonel J.T. Zellers
- Colonel J.S. Chapman
- Colonel C. Poletti
- Colonel R. B. Marshall
- Colonel J.A.C. Perryquick
- Lt. Colonel G.G. Fensley
- Colonel R.G. Kirkwood
- Lt. Colonel A.C. Bowman
- Brigadier J.K. Dunlop
- Group Captain C.E. Pensen
- Brigadier General E.E. Hume
- Colonel I.R. Hills
- Colonel G.E. Findlay
- Colonel C.D. McCarthy
- Brigadier H.S. Lush

Afternoon Session - 1430

3. Address by Acting Chief Commissioner.
4. Reports by Administrative Section:

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
Acting Head

- Colonel E.S.S. Spicer
- Colonel P.S. Kirk
- Brigadier G.S. Parkinson
- Colonel R.H. Walker
- Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith
- Lt. Colonel G. Currell
- Major F.T. de Wald
- Colonel G.R. Wajohn

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Reports of Acting Chief of Commission.

4. Reports by Administrative Section:

- Colonel R.C.B. Baker
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- Brigadier G.E. Parkinson
- Colonel R.H. Wilner
- Lt. Colonel T.V. Smith
- Lt. Colonel C. Carroll
- Major T.T. de Malt
- Colonel G.R. Hyslop

Process - 10 Minutes

5. Reports by Executive Section:

- Commerce Sub-Commission
- Industry Sub-Commission
- Labor Sub-Commission
- Agriculture Sub-Commission
- Food Sub-Commission
- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.
- Finance Sub-Commission
- Transportation Sub-Commission
- Shipping Sub-Commission

Vice President

Process - 10 Minutes

6. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

- Naval Sub-Commission
- Army Sub-Commission
- Air Sub-Commission
- Communications Sub-Commission
- War Materials Disposal & Utilization
- Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

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J. Gibson Graham

Deputy Chief of Commission

- Rear Admiral G.E. Morgan
- Major General L. Ewening
- Vice Marshal W.B. Bowen-Buscalet
- Colonel J.L. Henderson
- Lt. Colonel J.M. Campbell

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1. QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/107/30/CA.

18 August 1944

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Lieut. General Sir Kenneth Molood, K.C.B.,
British Red Cross.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to extend to you an invitation to attend the Conference of the Regional Commissioners, Allied Control Commission, to be held on 22 and 23 Aug 1944.

2. It would be appreciated if the head of the relief services, Major Knight, could also attend.

3. Would you kindly let me know in order that appropriate seating arrangements may be made.

jsk

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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H. CHARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
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Ref/107/30/CA.

18 August 1944

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Lieut. General Sir Kenneth McLeod,
British Red Cross, 32 Piazza Casita,
Via Roma, NAPLES.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to extend to you an invitation to attend the Conference of the Regional Commissioners, Allied Control Commission, to be held on 22 and 23 Aug 1944.
2. It would be appreciated if the head of the relief services, Major Knight, could also attend.
3. Would you kindly let me know in order that appropriate seating arrangements may be made.

Jph

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

Ref/107/79/CA.

13 Aug 1944

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : W.E. Stevenson Esq., American Red Cross.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to extend to you an invitation to attend the Conference of the Regional Commissioners, Allied Control Commission, to be held on 22 and 23 August 1944.
2. It would be appreciated if the head of the relief services, Mr. Jefferson, could also attend.
3. Would you kindly let me know in order that appropriate seating arrangements may be made.

NORMAN H. FIERKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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15 AUG 1944
A.C.C.

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PLEASE SIGNAL HERE AUTHORITY TO SEND BRIGADIER CARR AND COLONEL HANCOCK TO YOUR HQ BY AIR TO CANADIAN RC CONFERENCE. EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AFTERNOON 20TH AUG. ARRANGEMENTS FOR BILLETTS ETC TO INCLUDE LIEUT DE BELLIS, AIDE, WHO IS PROCEEDING BY MOTOR ON 17TH AUG. SEND SIGNAL FOR AIR TRAVEL HERE FASTEST. URGENT.

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

Phone:
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Ref/107/71/CA.

15 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Heads of all Sub-Commissions.

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944, para.3.
2. Owing to the fact that there will be more speakers than on former occasions, reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions will, of necessity, be restricted to not more than five minutes instead of ten minutes as stated in the above letter.

7 Feb 1945
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IDP/1048/31-1

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

14 August 1944

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference.

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

1. Ref. para 7 of 107/65/CA of 5 August 1944.

2. There are no suggestions from this Sub-Commission.

For the Director:

[Signature]
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director

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15 AUG Recd

COLONEL PENNYCUICK AND CAPTAIN NEWBY WILL BE ARRIVING SUNDAY
20 AUGUST TO ATTEND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE. PLEASE
ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION.

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APO 394

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Ref/107/74/CA.

14 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : SCAO AMG Elba.

1. The above is being held at this HQ on the 22nd and 23rd August.
2. It is appreciated that it is a difficult journey for you but it is hoped that you will be able to come.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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REGION IV
APO 394.

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13 August 1944.

Subject: Regional Commissioners Conference.
To : HQ Allied Control Commission.
RC and MG Section.

14 AUG Recd

1. Reference your Signal No 1384 dated 4 August 1944, suggestions for the Agenda at the Regional Commissioners' Conference to be held on 22 and 23 August are given below.
2. (a) Inter-Regional Trade.
(b) Use of Schooners.
(c) Clearance of Mines and Explosives.
(d) Refugees.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. D. Bonham-Carter.

A.D. Bonham-Carter,
Lt Colonel, R.Tks.
Executive Officer (Provinces).

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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12 August 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners' Conference.

14 AUG Recd

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq. A.C.C.

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1. Reference your signal 1384 dated 5 August 1944.
2. Regional Commissioner, Region III has no suggestions for inclusion in Agenda of Executive Commissioner's meeting.



John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel, JAGD.,
Actg Regional Commissioner.

Copy to:
R.C. & M.G. Section, Hq. A.C.C.

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14 AUG 1944

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FOR HQ COMMANDANT RC AND MC SECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA (87) RC & MC SECTION
107/(87)/CA OF 5TH ABG. ACCOMMODATION IS REQUESTED REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION 7
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1st Lt. AGD.
ADJUTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

Ref: A/42/45

10 August 1944

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

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Request that my executive Officer Lt.Col. F.H.
McCleary accompany me to Rome to attend Regional Confe-
rence Aug. 22-23, in lieu of a Provincial Commissioner,
Please confirm by signal.

John T. Zellars
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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Approved 16/8

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

11 AUG Recd

Ref A : 43/44

8 August 1944

Subject: Material for Agenda Regional Commissioner's
Conference August 21-22.

To : R.C. & M.G. Section, Hqts., Allied Control
Commission.

Report that no new subjects for discussion are
submitted. The old subjects of vital importance are
transportation (rail and motor), amassing of olive oil,
clothing (cloth and shoes) disposition of surplus wine
in Appulian provinces.

pk 10/24

JOHN T. ZELLARS
Colonel, Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 G-5 Section
 APO 512

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 8 August 1944

G-5: 319.1

SUBJECT: Additional copies of ACC Reports.

11 AUG Recd

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
 APO 394.

The Civil Affairs Division War Department has requested us to increase the number of copies of reports which we have been forwarding by two.

In order for us to meet this request we should appreciate your making the following distribution to us in the future:

ACC Conference Report (2 sections) - 11 copies.
 ACC Weekly Bulletin 10 copies.

/s/ E. H. Metzger Jr., 1st Lt
 for /t/ CHARLES E. SPOFFORD
 Colonel, G.S.C.
 Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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 Weekly Bulletin 2
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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

10 August 1944

11 AUG Recd

IRB/Conf.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : R.C. and M.G. Section, Civil Affairs Branch.

1. Re para 7 of your 107/65/CA. of 5th Aug. 44.
2. It is desired to bring up the question outlined in Executive Commissioners Memo 75 dated 1st Aug. 44.
3. The point I wish to raise is:

" Have Regional Commissioners - in particular "
" R.Cs. of Region III, IV, and V any views or sug- "
" gestions which might assist the Italian Autho- "
" rities and ourselves in planning and carrying "
" out this repatriation of agriculturists."

F.M. Brister
F.M. BRISTER,
Lt. Col.,
Deputy Director.

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- Reports should be prepared so that they can be delivered in a minimum period of 10 minutes.

4. Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General précis of the proposed remarks by the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections not later than Sunday 20th August. These précis are required for furnishing to representatives of the press who are expected to be present at the Conference.
5. Regional Commissioners and SMO's AGF will submit précis of their proposed remarks to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.C. & M.G. Section) not later than Sunday 20th August.
6. The Executive Commissioner will preside at the Conference on Wednesday 23rd August. Vice Presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions are invited to attend or to send a senior officer who could discuss such agenda items affecting their departments which may be raised at the meeting.
7. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Wednesday 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 reach R.C. & M.G. Section, Civil Affairs Branch not later than 14th August.

3. Regional Commissioners and SOAO's All Armies are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in ROE at least one day prior to the opening of the conference.

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7. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Wednesday 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 reach R.C. & M.S. Section, Civil Service Branch not later than 14th August.

8. Regional Commissioners and SGO's are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in ROE at least one day prior to the opening of the conference. (B) Credit, R.C. & M.S. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

9. The Secretary General will act as Secretary on 22nd August. A Staff Officer of the C.A. Branch, R.C. & M.S. Section will act as Secretary on 23rd August.

ROBERT E. WISE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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☐	FINANCE
☐	FOOD
☐	INDUSTRY & COMMERCE
☐	LABOR
☐	MINING DIVISION
☐	PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
☐	REQUISITION DIVISION
☐	SHIPPING
☐	TRANSPORTATION (RAIL)
☐	TRANSPORTATION (SEAS)
☐	Exec Comm

For:

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☐	REMARKS/RECOMMENDATION
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☐	INVESTIGATION & REPORT
☐	SETTING AND RETURN
☐	DISPATCH

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BRIGADIER LUSH:

I AM REFERRING THIS
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THE U.P. MEETING THIS MORNING.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 594

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27 July 44

SUBJECT: Refugees Used for Agricultural Purposes

28 JUL Recd

TO : Executive Director

1. Para 5g, Minutes Regional Commissioners' Conference, 15 Apr 44 asked Economic Section to consider the possibility of utilizing the services of refugees normally engaged in agriculture.

2. As a result of a conference with representatives of Food and Labor Sub-Commissions ES/10, 13 May 44 to R.C. & M.C. Section made the following recommendation:

"In order to make the best use of refugees who are farmers or agricultural labourers the following recommendations are made:-

i. That they be located as near as possible to their former homes or, if this is impracticable, that they be located in agricultural labour deficit provinces, e.g., Campobasso, Foggia and Matera.

ii. That consideration be given to the establishment of Refugee camps in such areas.

iii. That as soon as the military situation permits, refugees in Southern camps be given priority to return to their former homes to carry on farming."

G. M. S. 1 *20 Aug*

G. M. S. 1, Lt. Colonel, R.A.
S.O. 1 (C.A.), Economic Section

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23 JUN 1944

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ACTION REQUIRED ON R.C.'s CONFERENCE

FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

- X 1. Instructions for operation of SEPRAL.
- X 2. Directive - Inter Regional trading.
- X 3. Wine control

ADMIN. SECTION

- X 1. Pool of Italian Officials.
- X 2. Watching process of Eparation.
- X 3. Delinquents in Grain Collection.
Press for speed-up in Italian Courts.

(Legal)

ESTABLISHMENTS BRANCH

Reminded
Col. Albright

- 1. Directive on Staff reduction.
Reg. III, IV and Rome Sub-Region.
- 2. Uniform for Italian Drivers.
- 3. Exchanges Italian Driver - trained
for untrained - (MIA)
- 4. Memo. on Supplies.

C.A. BRANCH AND R.C.'s.

- 1. Reports on EM/OR
- later drafted 2. Finance para to be added to monthly report.
- notes - 4 3. Period between calling for and submission
along with 4 of reports.
- 4. Press for de-requisitioning of prisons.
- (LO AMI) 5. "White boot" flash on Battle dress.
- X 6. Arrest of Italian Nationals (file 316)
- Instructions 7. Control of entry into Rome.

P.R. Branch

- in hands 1. Control of entry into Rome.

ECONOMIC SECTION

- X 1. Memo on Civil Supplies.

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- X Grain Tablets } to follow a report.
- X Major Ranches }

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

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Ref/107/61/CA.

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference, 31 May 1944.

TO : Distribution as per Minutes.

Reference Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference, Wednesday
31 May 1944, para.1.

~~DELETE~~ from (line 4) "The food distributed life in
the Province." (line 7).

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 324

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Ref/107/60/CA.

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C. Region VI.

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1. In reply to your letter HQ/1100 of 10 June 1944.
2. Thank you for drawing my attention to the paragraph in the minutes which I have now deleted. I agree that it was mis-leading, the exact position being quoted by Food Sub-Commission as follows :

"Grain farmers and their families do not have bread ration cards as they are entitled to growers retention. Full time grain farm labourers and their families do not have bread ration cards. Casual farm labourers do have ration cards."

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NORMAN E. PIERCE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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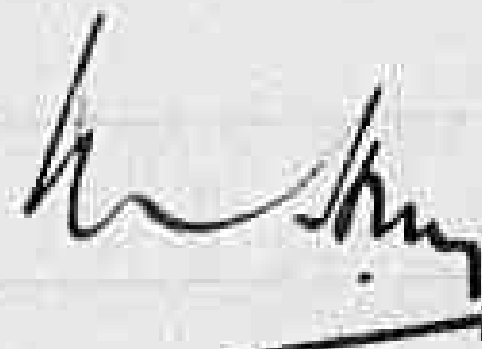
1) Food Sub Comm. state that farm farmers & full time farm laborers & their respective families do not have bread ration cards as they are entitled to government attention.

2) Casual farm laborers & their families do have bread ration cards.

3) As regards sub para 7 Minutes of R.C. Conference 31 MAY 44, Col LECG states that from line 4 "The food distributed....." to end of para "..... food to be issued" should be deleted.

1050 hrs

16 JUN 1944



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Capt. RA

Staff Officer Economic Sect

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WJL/am

Hq. Food Sub-Commission, ACC, APO 394, 15 June 1944

To: Economic Section

1. Grain farmers and their families do not have bread ration cards as they are entitled to growers retention.

Full time grain farm labourers and their families do not have bread ration cards. Casual farm labour do have bread ration cards.

2. Para I - Lines 1, 2, 3, 4 are correct. From line 4 "The food-to be issued" should be deleted.



W. J. Legg
Colonel
Chief, Food Sub-Commission

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Subject:- Italian P.O.W. Flashes.107
12 JUN Recd

10 June 44.

To:- R.C. & M.G. Section.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Ref. ACCL/222.

1. Reference Regional Commissioners Conference, 31 May 44.
2. 'A' Branch, A.A.I. have stated that no authority exists for the wearing of "White Boot" flashes by P.O.W. These men should be instructed to discontinue this practice.
3. A.F.H.Q., GRO 461/44 directs that the word "Italy" should be worn on each shoulder. In addition, the letter "I" is to be sewn on the left sleeve of the battle dress blouse, bush shirt and greatcoat, the top of the letter being one inch below the seam of the shoulder.

See file 5/5

Thurston James

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

May Conference file.
I want to see

GRO 461/44 file.

put on file
Thank you

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

Ref/107/53/CA

10 June 1944

Dear Jimmy

You will remember that at the recent Regional Commissioners' conference the Executive Commissioner asked you to take up with HQ A.A.I. the matter of the suitability of the "white boot" flash worn on battledress by Italian P.O.W's. (see minutes page 5 item 7).

Will you keep me in the picture so that I can, if called upon, report progress - or otherwise.

Yours
Driffield

Maj. Friend James.
ACC Liaison,
H.Q. A.A.I.

Dear Driffield,

10/6

DW/JR

Many thanks.
Oddly enough "A" phoned me
again just minutes after your call. They
had discovered a GPO on this subject.
A second copy of my report
is attached as MHIA are interested.
Yours 'Jimmy'

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Economic Section.

Pl. see 54.

Will you consult Food S.C.
on the reply to be sent.

1 It is my understanding that actual
food producers — farmers, labourers
— their families etc — do not have
ration cards.

2 It is also my recollection that the
explanation was correctly reported
in the minutes.

Dunfield White
Major E.
C.O.B.
12 Jun.

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BY FAST AIRMAIL

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

10 June 1944

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission (R.C. & M.G. Section)
SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners' Conference.
REFERENCE: HQ/1100

1. There appears to me to be an incorrect and most misleading statement in the first sub-para of Para.1 of the Minutes of the Regional Commissioners' Conference held on 31 May 44.

In this sub-para. the following statement appears:-

"The food distributed on the ration cards should represent the deficiency between the amount of food which the Italians could produce locally for themselves and what was necessary to support life in the Province".

In actual fact all food of certain categories (including bread or flour) whether produced locally or imported is distributed on standard ration cards.

Normally the amount distributed is not affected by the deficiency referred to except where local supplies are not available and the deficiency is not made up by import.

From the above statement it might also be inferred that if there were no deficiency of the nature referred to there need be no ration cards and further that if there was a local surplus the scale of rations might be raised so as to consume such surplus, thus doing away with any exportable surplus.

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M. Carr
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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

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Ref/107/53/GA

10 June 1944

You will remember that at the recent Regional Commissioners' conference the Executive Commissioner asked you to take up with HQ A.A.I. the matter of the suitability of the "white boot" flash worn on battledress by Italian P.O.W's. (see minutes page 5 item 7).

Will you keep me in the picture so that I can, if called upon, report progress - or otherwise.

Maj. Friend James.
AOC Liaison,
H.Q. A.A.I.

DW/JR

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107 Major Driffeld - White
CA Dr

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 594

SECRET
Auth: CG, AGO
Date: 5 June 1944
Init: [Signature]

SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES OF MONTHLY CONFERENCE -- 30 MAY 1944

Army Sub-commission, Major General Langley Browning

1. The Army Sub-commission is an agency set up by direct order of the Combined Chiefs of Staff with the functions of re-organizing and rehabilitating the Italian Army, and providing and accounting for supplies issued to the Italian Armed Forces (Navy, Army and Air) by the Allies.

2. Proposals have been put forward to C.C.S. by Gen. ALEXANDER, whereby the Italian Army will amount to a total strength of 541,170, sub-divided into:

Combat Div in the line.....	14,100
10 I.S. Divs, distributed over Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.....	101,200
Troops employed by the Allies (Labor Bns, Port Dets, etc.).....	180,000
Central Italian Administration.....	45,870

3. A single ration scale for all Italian troops is to replace in due course the "basic" and "combat" scales.

4. An establishment for the A.S.C. has been put forward to permit a central directing headquarters, a liaison staff with major Italian formations, and an executive and liaison staff to supervise the issue and accounting for supplies to the Italian Armed Forces. This has not been approved and we are still 11 officers and over 100 men short, despite having a large number on loan.

5. The reorganization and rehabilitation of the Italian Army is a very complex matter due to numerous factors:

- the best troops are either PW's, or north of the present line.
- the standard of Italian efficiency is lower than normal.
- a large percentage of the available Italian troops are in Sardinia, and shipping is short.
- the pre-war Italian Army was organized on an area basis, and therefore, many depots, data, and files are in German hands.
- industry is mainly in the North, and this affects clothing, boots and equipment generally for the Italian Army.
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- a. by exercising pressure on the Italian military authorities to put their own house in order and make the fullest use of their own resources,
- b. by backing them up in every possible and legitimate way, and
- c. by advising them of our views as to what they must do to make their Army "in fact effective", and thus worthy of the issue of supplies from Allied sources.

7. There is little contact and comradeship between officers and men. There is little thought of welfare, amenities, and good living conditions for the troops. There are many officers who are not suitable as leaders in a modern army. This is inevitable when promotion is by seniority, NOT merit; and when cadets for commission are chosen by influence, birth or financial status, without regard to ability, character and powers of leadership.

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6. Things are sorting out gradually; the Italians are cooperating according to their own lights, and there is an abundance of good-will among the Allies to solve all problems.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General Browning was asked whether there were any signs of epuration. The reply was, "No." It was felt that some might be needed at the Military Academy among the cadets, who were under the Fascist regime.

Naval Sub-commission, Commodore I. M. Palmer

1. Work of this Sub-commission has been carried on at Taranto during the past six weeks.
2. The Italian fleet has been carrying out patrolling, convoy, and troop-carrying duties. Submarines are employed on training duties.
3. 7000 men are employed at the Taranto dockyards. The Franco Tosi shipbuilding works employs about 5000 men. The lack of boots and clothing has caused a reduction of working parties by about 25%.
4. Since the 8th of September, 1943, the following Allied ships have been refitted with major repairs: 1 cruiser, 28 destroyers, and 110 minor craft. Refits to Italian ships have included 12 cruisers, 14 destroyers, 28 torpedo boats, 24 submarines, and others. The best record is the number of ships docked which total 449, consisting of 110 Allied warships, 72 Allied merchant ships, 228 Italian warships, 15 Italian merchant ships, and 24 Italian submarines.

5. Two 880 ton floating docks are at present being built in the Franco Tosi Shipyard, who also carry out a large amount of incidental repairs for the Allied Military, for railway engines, and the production in bulk of certain spare parts for landing craft.

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3. The Bomber Transport Wing during April flew a total of 150 sorties on supply-dropping missions in Yugoslavia and Albania. A net total of 145 tons of supplies were dropped. Bad weather conditions in the Balkans have hampered supply dropping this month. A severe blow was received on May 14, when 5 Cant 1007 aircraft were lost and two others severely damaged in a surprise attack by enemy aircraft. In spite of this the morale of the Cant crews is unshaken. Due to the difficulty in keeping the long-range fighters serviceable, it has been decided, for the present, to drop supplies at night. It is hoped to average six aircraft per night throughout the month, subject to weather conditions.
4. The Seaplane Wing continues to carry out very valuable work as part of the Mediterranean Area Coastal Air Forces. U-Boat hunts, convoy escort duties and air/sea rescue are their main duties. In addition there have been many sorties for courier services, anti-aircraft cooperation and parachute dropping exercises.
5. Future operations will be limited by our ability to maintain our rather elderly aircraft in serviceable condition. The Prime Minister has said that the Italian Air Force will be reinforced with British aircraft. It was thought that Allied aircraft was meant.

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2. The maintenance and equipment aspect of the I.A.F. is a slight improvement, but there is still the "go slow" element in the Italian Air Ministry whose inefficiency and red-tape hamper the operational side. Requisitioning of Air Force property still goes on. Usually it is the British Army which does this.

7. The labor dispute at the Alfa-Romeo works has been settled. The Sanita Works at Benevento has staged a remarkable recovery, and will eventually be the main I.A.F. fighter repair base.

Legal Sub-commission, Colonel G. R. Upjohn

1. Since the last meeting, 24 spy cases have been reviewed at HQ, AOC:

- a. 12 spies were sentenced to death and conviction confirmed.
- b. 6 were sentenced to death and conviction commuted.
- c. 2 were sentenced to imprisonment.
- d. 1 was sentenced to imprisonment, but sentence was quashed.
- e. 3 were found not guilty.

2. Other cases in Naples have shown a decrease due to increased activity of Naples Courts, and arrangements have now been completed for transfer of all curfew, speeding, and prostitution cases to Italian Courts.

3. In Italian Government territory, the Chief Commissioner's policy remains the same - that only exceptional cases will be tried by AMG Courts.

4. There is a big accumulation of cases in Sardinia. The situation has improved substantially since 19 additional judges have been provided.

5. The situation in Bari is not very satisfactory. A special committee of representatives from the Legal Sub-commission and the Ministry of Justice is now at Bari to consider ways and means of improving the position.

6. The Court of Cessation has been set up at Salerno and will be ready to move to Rome on short notice.

7. Relations with the new Minister of Justice and his staff are good. The Evacuation Decree providing for the punishment of Fascists has been their greatest work this month. They have personnel ready for Rome, which it is hoped will be adequate in the early stages of occupation.

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE 30 MAY 1944

The Conference was opened at 0930 by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane.

Remarks by the Chief Commissioner:

Things are moving fast. This may be the last Conference to be held in Naples. With the resumption of advance by the Armies, all units are working well together as a formation. Under operational conditions, the Army AMG's and spearheads are doing a first class piece of work.

Regions IV & V have been cooperating admirably in getting their personnel into liberated areas. Region III has the big task of governing the 3 Provinces and Naples. Regions I, II, VI, & VII are engaged in controlling and assisting Italian administration. The main problems in the operational areas remain the same -- food and refugees. These problems are always with us. From all reports, it appears that the job is being done well.

Our task is to run our show so that the Commander-in-Chief and the other Commanders in the field will have nothing to worry about except their operational tasks. In this, ACC has succeeded very well so far. The greater the speed of the advance, the greater our problems will become, and we are planning things ahead to meet new situations which will stretch our organization to the utmost. We have had plenty of time to deal with Rome, and plans are laid. General Alexander has referred to ACC/AMG as his "Third Army". The combat Armies are doing admirably, and we must also deliver the goods.

I --- REPORTS BY REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION.

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3. The High Commissioner is making good progress under difficult conditions. He lacks full support from Government circles. During May he visited all nine provinces and was enthusiastically welcomed.
4. The new Badoglio Government was received with favor and political activity is more orderly. Separatist activity continues, but only in a minor degree.
5. There has been labor agitation for more and cheaper food or more pay. It has required much persuasion to keep electricity workers working. Railway labor is also affected and to lesser extent sulphur miners.
6. Public health is better than a year ago, but there is evidence that tuberculosis and rickets are increasing owing to undernourishment. Further observations are being made along this line.
7. The police forces, particularly the Carabinieri, are gaining in prestige. The discovery and arrest of a band of forgers was accomplished. Forty million counterfeit lire were seized. In Agrigento Province a gang of kidnappers was rounded up and arrests were made.

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8. Refugees are being received in groups of 500 to 700. An organization for dealing with them is functioning satisfactorily.
9. The present policy regarding schooner control is seriously affecting essential coastwise transport of foodstuffs. Particularly is Messina affected and it is still semi-isolated. Schooner aid for coastwise shipping is essential.
10. Current revenue is 50 million lire greater than for the corresponding period last year.
11. Staff reductions during May included 38 officers and 37 other ranks. The Province of Enna is now combined with Caltanissetta; Ragusa with Siracusa, and Trapani with Palermo. This will accelerate the assuming of responsibility by Italian authorities.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: It would have been well to have had the supply Mission hear Colonel Hancock's report, as they talked of Sicily as a Utopia; this is not brought out by the actual facts. We should be careful in accepting remarks of visitors who may not be well acquainted with factual conditions. With reference to the price of wheat, the cost of production is higher in Sicily, but care should be exercised in differentiating between the areas. Inasmuch as Sicily suffered more from war damage than most of the other Regions, consideration will be given to the grant of a war bonus.

Labor difficulties have been met in other regions. The solution is not necessarily an increase in wages alone. The food ration must be raised and approval is being sought for this.

Reg'on II, Colonel J. T. Zellars.

1. Political reaction and popular opinion:

Very little change during the period. Both remain moderate and somewhat apathetic. The Communist Party appears to be in the ascendancy. Consolidation of public opinion is slow and almost entirely peaceful.

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 - c. Vegetables in fair quantity and variety are now within reach of almost everyone.
 - d. The chief interference with civilian supply and price control of agricultural products continues to be from Allied troops.
 - e. Transport of civilian supplies was very greatly aided during the month by the establishment of civilian haulage transport pools.

4. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries:

- a. Food crops continue to be excellent. Only a disaster such as heavy rains or a spell of hot winds within the next two weeks will prevent a bumper crop of grain, legumes, and leafy vegetables.

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- b. Forestry - No change in this situation, which remains satisfactory.
 - c. Fisheries - Some improvement in the collection and distribution, particularly in Bari Province.
 - d. Live stock - No serious shortage of farm animals except perhaps in Brindisi Province.
5. Labor:
- a. Italian labor organizations have progressed.
 - b. The dock-side labor unrest at Taranto was appeased, at least temporarily by additional rations.
 - c. Plans are completed to utilize imported agricultural labor for the grain harvest, which has commenced.
6. Public works and utilities:
- a. Much improvement in road and bridge repair, and in the organization of the Italians in this Region.
 - b. Plans now being made for reduction in consumption of electric power, when, and if, it becomes necessary.
7. Public safety and functions of Allied and Italian courts:
- a. The number of felonies and misdemeanors has decreased slightly during the month. No serious crimes reported.
 - b. Italian courts remain too slow and too cumbersome to clean up old cases and to keep abreast.
 - c. A circuit court of ACC officials, acting under Italian law, is now in session hearing cases of serious offences against Allied interests; a new departure in the history of ACC.
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b. No increase in small amount of malaria, except in the vicinity of Barlette. Malaria control measures going fairly well.

c. Situation regarding Italian hospitals has continued to improve.

d. Programs for cleaning up towns and cities are progressing, with Matera Province in the lead.

e. Medical supplies are adequate for June.

9. Education:

Tendency to improve.

10. Refugees:

a. General situation greatly improved.

b. Organization by Italians has progressed. All provinces now have reception centers.

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c. None received during May to 20th. On hand approximately 27,000. Prepared to receive 15,000 in June.

11. Communications;

- a. Roads - Much progress.
- b. Rail - Little, if any, progress.
- c. Telecommunications - Some, small progress.
- d. Posts - Some, small improvement.

12. Property control:

Remains in good order.

13. Finance matters have improved in some respects.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: Asked for his opinion on the price of wheat in Region II, Colonel Zellers said that he would like to see it at 1100 lire. The Chief Commissioner commented that Lucifero, the new Prefect at Bari was good, but that a good man was still needed in Brindisi.

Region III, Colonel C. Poletti.

1. Region III has been pushing ahead in reorganization of local government.
2. In Naples the number of spurious ration cards has been reduced by 300,000. Nine other large communes throughout the Region are having this ration control extended to them. It has been found that cheating has been done by the bakers, rather than by the consumers.
3. Programs for the collection of revenue, public works, and production of tobacco have been initiated.
4. Efforts have been made to clean up Naples as well as other cities.
5. 150,000 vaccinations for smallpox have been completed.
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9. Students have threatened to strike over the question of whether or not there will be an examination.

10. Whole-hearted cooperation has been given by every officer, and the cooperation received from PBS, the base sections, and No. 3 District has been greatly appreciated.

11. Regarding the program of the "Grani del Popolo":

a. The amount of seed which farmers are entitled to retain for early sowing (1.80%) is satisfactory, but that for late wheat sowing (1.25%) is a little low. It was 1.80% last year and it is recommended that the farmers be allowed to retain 1.50% for late wheat.

b. Price. Public officials, church people and other informed people believe that the price of 1000 lire for wheat is too low. It is thought that farmers will not turn in grain at that price. Some indirect incentive might prove more fruitful than increasing the price. For instance, farmers who turn in their grain could be given the right to purchase certain things which they need; such as fertilizer, footwear (which sell for 3000 lire per pair in some places), clothing (Red Cross clothing could be given to farmers who cooperate).

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c. The food ration should be increased for everyone. This would be an effective means of breaking the "psychology of scarcity". A ration of 200 grams bread and 80 grams pasta was suggested. This would help to bring in the grain. The "psychology of scarcity" is the real problem. Separate ration scales for heavy workers should be done away with. If the rations are increased for everybody, then the worker can make the adjustment within his own family.

12. Dissatisfaction exists among police groups; namely, Guardia Finanze, the Carabinieri, and the Agenzia Publica Sicurezza, who are not on the same ration level but do the same type of work. There has been a little talk of strikes, but trouble is not expected.

13. Transport. 80 trucks were lost to Rome and 80 more are being lost. 20 trucks were promised to this region from Potenza, if 20 were released to Salerno. The 20 were released to Salerno but the replacements have not arrived. Many of the trucks on hand are unserviceable. Those which were released were serviceable trucks. Large quantities of hemp need to be moved; also food supplies, fertilizer, etc. Civilian transport is being put to use as much as possible. 30 days food supply has been laid up in Benevento, which aids the transport situation somewhat.

14. Progress has been made in black market control. Tightening up in one way often aggravates the situation in another. Bakers have been found giving wet bread or short weight. It is felt that the margin of profit for retailers should be increased. The narrow margin at present is an incentive to cheat on the part of bakers.

15. There should be an allocation of food to restaurants and soft drink manufacturers. They now operate on black market supplies.

16. There is an urgent need for tires. Civilian public officials cannot fulfill their jobs without transport. The agricultural officials must get out to see the farmers to urge them to bring in their grain.

17. Plans are under way for the production of leather goods and shoes. Many farmers prefer tanned leather from which they can make their own shoes.

18. Region III is now ready to be turned over to the Italian Government whenever the Chief Commissioner sees fit.

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The Chief Commissioner also remarked that the Cardinal had spoken to him personally in favor of abolishing written examinations for students.

Referring to the price of wheat, General MacFarlane stated that there was a great deal to be said for giving farmers other incentives. Asked what he personally thought the price of wheat should be, Colonel Poletti replied that his figure was 1400 lire, the cost of labor being very high in Region III.

General MacFarlane said he was informed no more shoes or boots can be imported.

With regard to rations for the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza and others, the Chief Commissioner pointed out that efforts are still being made to settle the matter.

General MacFarlane added his thanks to No. 3 District, PBS, and others for their help to ACC.

The problem of tires is also being dealt with; mention was made of the setting up of retreading plants in Bari and Naples. The emergency of trucks for Roma had to be met.

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The Chief Commissioner said that he agreed with Colonel Poletti on the subject of the desirability of increasing the ration. It would do much to stem the black market.

Region IV, Brigadier J.K. Dunlop.

1. The main function of Region IV since the last conference has been preparation for its task in the wake of the advancing Armies.
2. Provincial teams in men and equipment are moved forward when needed to come under the command of the SCAO's of the Armies.
3. Advanced Headquarters was opened on Route 6 near Sparanise. This move has proved valuable; cooperation with Armies has been close and cordial. The policy of having an Advanced Hq well forward close behind AMG's of 5th and 8th Armies will be continued.
4. The Littoria, Roma Province, and Viterbo teams are now under the command of AMG 5th Army Field. Roma Sub-Region team is under command of AMG 5th Army. We have been asked to take an immediate interest in agriculture, malaria control, and engineering works in the Pontine Marshes area.
5. In collaboration with SCAO 8th Army a proposal has been submitted for dealing with the area lying between the Rapido and Melfa Rivers and Highway No. 6. This devastated area will need a special organization to deal with it.
6. Supply arrangements have been coordinated with the Armies. Region IV domestic transport has in the past week moved well over 100 tons of stores for 5th Army AMG. Schooners came into Gaeta port on Friday afternoon, 26 May. This port was opened early due to excellent work of 5th Army AMG, Supply Commission here, Royal Navy and an engineer unit of the 5th Army.
7. The problem of transport remains very pressing. We have been able to put a little of the domestic transport of Region IV at the disposal of AMG 5 Army Field.
8. Doctors are scarce. A malarologist is to be put on a study of the Pontine Marsh problem.
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10. Regional Commissioners of Regions I and III have cooperated by releasing men when they were needed.

11. CAOs have often gone into communities 5 or 6 hours after advancing troops, taking food, medical aid and bulletins.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: Thanks are due to Brigadier Dunlop and Group Captain Benson for coming from operations to the Conference to tell their story. Region IV is a good example of planning ahead. It is essential that there should be close cooperation with Regions behind when the Armies move forward. There is an immense amount of work on the shoulders of one officer in an AMG spearhead. The closer the regions can follow up to relieve the individual officers at the front, the smoother the work will go. We should continue to thin out behind in order to keep abreast of the job in front of us. The principle started in Sicily of combining provinces under one Provincial Commissioner must be applied elsewhere as we go forward.

Region V, Colonel F.L. Whitley.

1. Conditions have improved considerably. There has been an awakening of the people from their general apathy and they now realize that we are working for their good.

2. In general our efforts are to gather a big harvest.

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3. Politically the Region is quiet. A request was received from a Catholic youth organization to have meetings. This is being investigated. The Prefect of Foggia was a high Carabinieri official and is not identified with any political party. In Campobasso Province the new Prefect is a lawyer. He is enthusiastic and energetic and also has not identified himself with a party. A new prefect has arrived in Chieti.
4. The food situation is good. Vegetable farming is a big aid. Markets have a sufficient supply to take care of the civilians and the armies too, should they want supplies. Warehousing is a problem. Warehouses have been occupied by troops and it will be difficult to move them out. An excellent harvest is expected, but labor is scarce.
5. One quarter million sacks will be needed for grain in Foggia. 25,000 sacks a day will be required to handle 2,500 to 4,000 tons daily.
6. As an aid for grain collecting, two to four ships of about 5,000 tons could be used to great advantage. It is expected that 350,000 tons of wheat and barley will be harvested in Foggia alone.
7. Communal agricultural committees have been formed. Provincial committees should have been set up first.
8. 1,000 Italian soldiers to work on farms arrived on May 26. Additional groups arrive every two or three days. They need clothing and footwear. Footwear should be provided for farmers working on the harvest.
9. 70 civilian trucks will be inadequate for grain collection. A 24 hour run daily is anticipated, and the maximum haulage for one truck per day is estimated at 30 tons. No difficulties are expected in Campobasso and Chieti, however.
10. Crime is generally low. Black market activities are being curtailed. The Army is still in a minor way active in the black market.
11. Public Health continues favorably throughout the Region.
12. Education is being well handled and refugee work is being carried on.
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Comments by Chief Commissioner: Region V has to follow up the 8th Army on the hand side of the front line just as Region IV is doing on the left.

Regarding the occupation of warehouses by troops, orders have gone out on the subject. The importance of vacating these warehouses is appreciated.

The ships mentioned by Colonel Waitley are to be used for coastal, not export purposes.

Region VI, Brigadier M. Carr.

1. The general situation in Sardinia is satisfactory and steadily improving. There is a decrease in crime, food is more plentiful, regular transfers of the Italian Army are taking place, the prospects for harvest are very good, the internal transport situation is better, and morale has generally improved. No sulphur for future needs has yet arrived from Sicily, defascistization is making little headway, and there are still large numbers of prisoners awaiting trial.

2. There is very little political or subversive activity. The people are disappointed that no Sard was included in the new Cabinet. The main thought is that of uniting the nation and getting on with the war. This improvement in morale is due to the success of the Allied advance.

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3. Certain commodities are still awaiting shipment to the mainland. Approval for extension of night fishing areas has been sought. The ban on schooner sailings prevents further progress in the plans for inter-island trade. The question of use of spare space in Allied ships is being taken up.

4. Food. With an increase in local supplies, the food situation is generally satisfactory. There has been a good season in tunny fishing, and market prices of fish have improved. The price for grain has been received with satisfaction. The High Commissioner feels that neither price nor propaganda will get the farmers to bring in grain to be used in other communes, and he wishes to set up military commissions to enforce the amassing of grain.

5. Transport. The scheme for registration of all civilian vehicles, coming into force on June 1st, should help the civil transport situation. A number of vehicles will be driven off the roads, and we hope to use them for official purposes.

6. Public Safety. A considerable decrease in crime has been reported, 60% are robbery and theft cases. A further attempt to escape from the Island was frustrated. The number of demonstrations has diminished. One disturbance took place in the Nuoro area on May 3 regarding ownership of land. Civil courts are functioning again in the proper locations. The administration of justice is severely handicapped by lack of transport, but the courts are trying to clear up the cases quickly.

7. There has been some improvement in prison accommodation. Italian Army authorities are being pressed strongly to remove the remainder of military prisoners from civil jails. It seems impossible to get Italian authorities to take interest in the matter of giving provisional liberty to the civilians, or to deal with them quickly.

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1. General. Region VII was constituted on 23 April 1944, but headquarters was not functioning until May 1. The need for a firmer hand in ACC administration and advisory functions throughout Calabria was evident from the start. Progress has been made.

2. Staff. All officers, except one, ordered to Region HQ have now joined.

3. Peoples' Grainery Program. The program commenced slowly but is now making steady progress. All preliminaries are in hand.

4. Labor. There have been labor disturbances, potentially but not actually serious, at Crotona and at the Sila Power Station. Neither situation has been satisfactorily settled, but both are quiescent. It is expected that the Italian army will furnish labor for harvesting as needed. There will be an increase over former years in wages for harvest workers.

5. Legal. The Regional Legal Officer has established advisory liaison with all Italian courts and court officials. Cases are being tried at a faster rate.

6. Education. Schools are open, but the situation is unsatisfactory since supplies are badly needed, and too many buildings are still occupied by refugees and Italian troops. The teachers are working hard.

7. Property Control. In Cosenza Province all Allied property, and some personal and leasehold property, has been taken into custody. Progress is being made in the remainder of the Region.

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8. Agriculture. Sulphur, binder twine, and copper sulphate for agricultural purposes have been received in the Region and are being distributed.

9. Communications. Telephone and telegraph service has been reestablished everywhere.

10. Public Health. Nothing unusual on ordinary communicable diseases. In addition to the Italian medical authorities, close cooperation has been maintained with the British Military Mission located here. Active control measures are being taken against malaria and venereal disease.

11. Economics & Supply. There is an increase in the use of rail transportation, but limited rail facilities make distribution of supplies difficult. A supply accounting system is being established. During May the whole system of supply distribution was reorganized to remedy the state of chaos prevailing at the time of taking over. Prices are now stabilized and uniform throughout the Region.

A large shipment of charcoal has been held up due to lack of rail transportation.

The generous ration authorized for harvest workers will put a severe strain on ration stocks in Cosenza and Catanzaro Provinces. The rise in prices has been gradual, except in the case of meat.

12. Public Safety. Crimes of violence have not increased. Measures to control prostitution continue. Allied soldiers are a problem and throw a load upon our provincial public safety officers. There are no military police except in Reggio; there is need for more. There has been an improvement in the morale of the public due to the recent successes of the allies.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: It was a good thing to form a new Region out of Calabria, since Region II was too big, and I am glad to hear of the good work being done there. Calabria is important for the olive oil production which is a very vital product in Italy.

Eighth Army AMG, Group Captain C. E. Benson.

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a. Adriatic Coast: (5 Corps) The most important problem here is one of supply. We are building up a stock pile in Chieti Province of 2000 tons of flour. This will be sufficient to feed all Pescara and Teramo for one month. It is not wise to bring more supplies forward as yet. No advance has been made on this front except for the capture of one small town.

b. Central Sector: There is indication that the Germans are pulling out: two small towns have been captured. One of them was completely ruined, the other 50% ruined, and there were practically no inhabitants. To meet the supply question on this front we are building up a stock pile of 300 tons in Castel di Sangro which will be fed from Isernia later on.

c. Fighting Front: In the area captured up to 30 May we have actually occupied ten places of importance. The population of that area in peace time was about 40,000. Cassino, Pico, Piedimonte, and Pontecorvo have been completely destroyed, and there is no chance of inhabitants returning. There are only about 300 people living in semi-destroyed farm houses. The Germans had cleared the whole of the Cassino Plain up to 19 kilometers from the Hitler line, where the number of refugees is about 20,000. From the stock pile at Venafro food for 20 days was supplied to all the recently captured towns in this sector, and we have more to go on for the next advance. Very few inhabitants were found in these places; they had

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retired to the hills behind Roccasecca. We hear there are 20,000 refugees who came from Cassino, Fontecorvo, and Piedimonte. They are beginning to come down in huge numbers. It is practically impossible to stop them, and we are going to face a great refugee problem. In Gore, not yet captured, there are said to be another 20,000. The supply question is all right, thanks to Region IV, which is bringing food in from Gaeta.

The health situation is very good, only case of typhoid and 30 wounded civilians.

The banks have all been destroyed. The bank managers have gone, as have the C. Agrarios and the Sindacos, taking all the cash with them. There is no administration left and we must start afresh. No Carabinieri have been found, and only one PAI. We have brought in our own mobile police to stop civilians from coming back.

We have two serious problems. Medical personnel is short. Sick and wounded civilians have to be evacuated to backward areas, and we possess no ambulances whatsoever for this. For this reason more medical personnel is essential in the forward areas.

The second problem is that the Rapido River at Cassino has become a small lake. It is an excellent breeding place for malaria, and should be sprayed from the air.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: It would be a prudent plan to have at our disposal a number of trained Italian officials, so that we could put them in where the entire administrative machine had been moved. The Germans have not been feeding the people, and have even removed the existing livestock.

Fifth Army AMG, Colonel N.E. Fiske (in place of Brig. Gen. E.E. Hume).

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Refugees. The second group of 11,000 refugees has been located. The situation is improving with the more rapid advance and less destruction.

Public Health. The shortage of trained medical personnel is keenly felt in the Fifth Army. In spite of the large number of civilian battle casualties, the health situation is good, except for the refugees from the Pontine Marshes. Sufficient medical supplies are available.

Public Safety. No serious crimes have been reported, except for the misconduct of the troops.

Rome. The Rome Administration is ready to go into the City, and the transport problem is being solved; we appreciate the trucks which have been turned over to us.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: While visiting the areas which had been liberated at the front, he noticed that all personnel were doing their work very well indeed.

Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt. Colonel F. M. Brister.

1. Since the date of the last Conference the activities of the Branch have widened.
2. There are eight forward camps in the Eighth Army area, both mobile and

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static, with a capacity of 4,600, and a smaller one in the Fifth Army area.

3. Main camps are located at Aversa, Capua, Foggia and Naples, the latter having three camps with a holding capacity of 11,000. The main camps on the West have handled 45,000 refugees including about 9,000 since the latest Fifth Army push, have dealt with 91 battle casualties, and treated 4,750 in camp hospitals. Each camp has an infirmary sufficiently large to take care of all except chronic and very serious cases. 10 to 30% of all refugees have been treated for scabies. In these camps there have been 25 births, 11 deaths, 14 weddings, 47 christenings, and many confirmations. 90,000 garments have been issued to about 30,000 persons.

4. Social, religious and educational activities have been instituted in addition to the vital ones of food, medical care, disinfection, inoculation, registration, etc. There are also work facilities for the refugees; these include baking, shoemaking and tinsmithing.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: The refugee problem is a big one, and the principal aim is to reduce their number as far as possible. We must either get them back to their families or move them to King's Italy where they will not congest the Army areas.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel C.B. Findlay.

1. Our biggest influx is from Yugoslavia. We have been getting about 8,000 a month. They are a pleasure to deal with: they never grumble and are very cheerful and willing. We do not keep these Yugoslavs. 27,000 have already been sent to Egypt. We have had this ceiling raised to 40,000 and some will possibly go to North Africa. Last Friday we shipped 600 Jews to Palestine. We had more trouble with them than with the Yugoslavs due to the red tape tied around them by several governments, but the Inter-Allied Governmental Committee on Refugees was very helpful to us. The Jews had a considerable amount of money which they wanted to take with them but this could not be allowed. A receipt was given them which will be redeemable at a rate of exchange to be decided later on.

2. We have a Record Office where we keep particulars of all non-Italians in Italy which will be a help after the war. We have arranged for Red Cross messages to be sent to non-liberated countries.

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3. Regarding Welfare, we receive great help from the Red Cross workers. The men have been good, and the women workers are most valuable. The Red Cross has released a quantity of clothing but needles and thread are needed.

4. Our hospitals are doing a good job. Yugoslav nurses are being used to release Allied personnel for other jobs.

5. Regarding the future as we go northward, we shall come upon many internment camps. We have arranged to have these taken over. We will need more Allied personnel to look after them. I believe we could make use of wounded officers sent back from the front to reinforcement centers, when they are not being employed.

Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush.

The Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush, said that the Regional Control Section tried to minister to the needs of the Regional Commissioners, the Refugees Branch and the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, who had spoken that morning. The Section also passed to them the desires and instructions of the various Sub-Commissions co-ordinating this work and ensuring that it was carried out in the field. He expressed the gratitude of the Regions towards the Sub-Commissions who, particularly in the recent phases of the Commission's work, had been most helpful to officers in the field.

Brigadier Lush also emphasized the assistance which was always forthcoming from AAI. As an example he quoted the prompt arrangements made for the transport of 31,000 Italian soldiers from Sardinia to work in the Foggia harvest.

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The Executive Commissioner emphasized the necessity of conducting business through the proper channels. Apart from other reasons it was most essential in the work of the Commission to obtain from the Regions the views of the Italian people themselves. The Italians probably knew better than we what they wanted and what was good for their country and by obtaining information from the field we should avoid imposing upon them legislation or other schemes which might not be proper or suitable for the country. We had to build up from the bottom by knowing what the people needed and desired and what their reaction would be to proposals made by the Commission.

On the establishment side the Chief Commissioner might like to know how the 900 officers in the field were distributed. Figures were as follows:

Region I	-	83 officers.	These will be reduced. Less than 20 of them are Provincial Commissioners, the rest being specialists and financial experts.
Region II	-	70	"
Region III	-	149	"
Region IV	-	127	"
Region V	-	145	"
Region VI	-	39	"
Region VII	-	39	"
5th Army	-	56	"
8th Army	-	87	"
Rome Sub-Region	-	177	"

Our policy was to reduce our strength in Italian Government territory but not so rapidly as would check the smooth running in advisory control. Where Allied troops were present in large numbers either in Military Government or Italian Government territory, there there was need for more Allied officers of the Commission. As the troops moved away, particularly in Italian Government territory, officers could be reduced. This axiom had a general bearing on the distribution of 1270 officers throughout the territory up to the Rimini-Pisa line.

Brigadier Lush stated that the Commission obtained ready help from the G-5 Section AFHQ. 95 promotions for American officers had been approved and more were under consideration, and after considerable delay the promotion of 170 British officers had been approved that morning.

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Signor Zaniboni had been appointed by the Italian Government as High Commissioner for Italian refugees. At a meeting the day before Zaniboni had showed that he was fully aware of the apathy prevalent amongst the Italians regarding their own refugees. The High Commissioner appeared ready to start to work and to examine conditions in the provinces with a view to improvement.

In connection with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, as well as the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees, representatives of the War Refugee Board, Joint Distribution Committee, American Friends Society and the Friends Ambulance Unit had arrived in the territory and were working under the aegis of the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees. It was essential to co-ordinate the efforts of all these welfare and relief organizations to avoid confusion and duplication with other organizations such as the Red Cross.

In reply to the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Hancock said that the staff in Region I (Sicily) had been reduced from an initial number of about 250 officers, first of all to 160 and now to 83.

The Conference adjourned at 1245 and re-opened at 1430.

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II -- REPORTS BY INDEPENDENT SUB-COMMISSIONS.

Reports by the Army, Naval, and Air Sub-Commissions are included in the classified supplement to these Minutes.

Communications Sub-Commission, Colonel J. L. Henderson.

1. This Sub-Commission has recently taken over Civil Censorship as a third branch.
2. In Italian Government Territory communications for civilian use have been restored. About 70% of the total number of telegraph offices in Italian Government territory are in service.
3. The civil telephone service is now authorized for calls within provincial boundaries. About 12% of the communes now have telephone service, including all the larger towns. Direct telephone service is available for official use from Salerno to all provincial capitals on the Mainland and to Palermo, Messina, and Catania in Sicily.
4. The following new services have been started:
 - a. Registered, insured and express letters.
 - b. Newspaper post.
 - c. Air mail Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, Tripoli.
 - d. Maximum letter weight raised from 90 grams to 210 grams.
 - e. International Red Cross Service.
5. The first inward foreign mail arrived in April and included letters from the U.S.A., U.K., Africa, India, and Australia.
6. The volume of mail handled at Naples is over a million letters a month plus a quarter of a million prisoner of war letters.
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8. During May a policy was decided on by the Chief Commissioner, in agreement with AFHQ and AAI, to turn over the operational control of civil censorship in Italian Government territory to the Italian Government and simultaneously to permit control to be exercised by the Italian Military authorities. The transfer will be effected next month. The transfer of control to the Italian military authorities is made to place the censorship on its proper basis as an instrument of military security and to avoid any continuance of censorship as a political matter.

9. The Communications Sub-Commission has also gone into the question of releasing accommodations held by the Armies. Many post offices are occupied by troops or offices of the military.

Public Relations Branch, Major L. Fielden.

1. Representatives have been sent to Regions I and VI and to 5 and 8 Armies.
2. We have continued the publication of the Weekly Bulletin.
3. The Public Relations Branch notes trends of opinion. The exchange of representatives between the Russian Government and the Badoglio Government brought the entire Italian set-up under review in the Italian press.
4. Cooperation received from some parts of ACC has been extremely good. If the sub-commissions will cooperate we can give a good show in the press. By the middle of May we had a good showing in the Allied press and there were headlines in the New York press saying that ACC was now in capable hands.

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5. News of AMG operations in the front are difficult to get across since cables are limited. However, the press has used many reports from the front recently.
6. A difference is noticed between the British and American press. Here there are only two British correspondents, both well up with Italian affairs. They comment very little indeed. There has been a score on the American side who are up on politics. They write a great deal, filling columns of the American press. We can deduce that the British public is not as interested in politics.
7. The Allied Publications Board has to deal with licensing of papers in liberated Italy. This is a difficult question. We are extremely short of newsprint and there is insufficient censorship personnel. Priorities have been drawn up. Papers which will be given precedence are in three categories; namely, morale papers with Allied news and propaganda, papers for the political parties, and cultural and religious papers. These priorities necessitate having publication centers where the priorities will come into operation and censorship can be done.

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III - ADDRESS BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.

The chief event in the political field has been the formation of the new Government including representatives of all six political parties which had previously been in opposition. The new Cabinet is pulling together well but has hardly had time to prove its strength. The new Government has been quite well received in Rome and Northern Italy.

The King will transfer his powers to the Crown Prince when the Allies reach Rome. It is hoped that the badly needed political truce will now continue, and it is also hoped that political structures available in Rome will further strengthen the matter.

The new Government has taken over all obligations to the Allies of its predecessors. It has collaborated well with ACC. The price of wheat was settled in close collaboration with the Italian Government. We shall be able to find out, through trial and error, any adjustment that may be needed. No efforts will be spared to get the best amassi possible. A large number of people, including the Church, has been preaching this to the public.

The unfortunate results of an interview given by the Crown Prince to the TIMES threatened at one time to produce friction and injure harmony, but both sides agreed quickly and sensibly to let the matter drop.

Since the last meeting, a great deal of work has been done in preparing for the coming harvest, and equal efforts have been made in getting ready to follow up the Amies so that ACC can take over and carry on when new regions are reached.

One of our headaches is the threat of inflation, which has been gradually growing. The Anti-Inflation Committee is now reaching the end of its work, and will produce shortly its recommendations to end this menace.

It is our job to run Italy and give our Governments the picture from the Italian angle. From our angle it is becoming increasingly obvious that the primary means for encouraging the amassi and the harvest, and the solving of a large number of our major difficulties is to increase the food ration.

With regard to our internal administration, we must have cooperation and liaison between the many different units in our large complex organization. The larger and more complex the organization becomes, the more essential it is for work to pass through normal channels, and only in cases of emergency should deviation be made from this policy.

We are glad that Messrs. Murphy and MacMillan, some of the members of the Advisory Council, General Imnell, Colonel Spofford, and Mr. Lloyd are present. We are also glad to have our friends from the Red Cross, and we all know just how much we owe them in the field.

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IV -- REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Interior Sub-commission, Lt. Col. R.C.D. Spicer

1. The most outstanding event since the last report has been the publication of Royal Decree No. 111. This decree puts local government on a uniform and approved basis throughout Italian Government Territory, and by this institution, which has been effected, will insure that a uniform system is adopted throughout Military Government Territory, thus eliminating various and varying regional orders.

2. In regard to the institution of local government bodies, the progress is slow, but undoubtedly depends upon the personalities of the Prefects and of some Regional Commissioners.

3. Wherever a Giunta Comunale has been established, it has been a success. It is essential that officers of ACC or AMI who say "I can't be bothered with a Giunta-- I want one man", be firmly instructed to adopt a different attitude.

4. Survey and report tours have been made by officers of the Sub-commission, and observations are being sent to Regional Commissioners.

5. The third course organized by this Sub-commission was held for the purpose of instructing officers in the more intricate details of local government. 43 officers have now attended.

6. A fully cooperative and harmonious working liaison has been established between the new Minister of the Interior and his staff.

7. Every encouragement should be given to the democratic institutions of local government, and those responsible in the field must carry out that program with enthusiasm.

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3. The Italian Government is short of trained administrative officials. A Prefect pool is being formed at the moment, so these officers will be available when wanted in the forward areas. Men will not be drawn from this pool, however, if there is a suitable local man available.

Public Safety Sub-Commission, Colonel A. E. Young.

1. There have been indications of increasing confidence and assertiveness among the carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.
2. Replacement centers for Carabinieri personnel have been set up at Bari and Naples. Feeding of carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza is now satisfactorily settled by provision of either Allied or Italian Military rations. Clothing is the most pressing need.
3. The decree of 6 December was rescinded by the Council of Ministers and no militia will now be permitted to transfer to the Carabinieri.
4. Minister of Interior is making re-disposition of Questori to give the greatest effect, and also making provision for appointments which will be necessary as a result of the Allied advance.
5. Italian Army supplies are not available for Agents of Public Safety. Arrangements are being made for Heavy Workers' ration. First supply of footwear has already been received. Clothing is still needed. Great assistance has been received from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission in this matter.
6. The prison crisis which was evident at the beginning of the month has now considerably abated. Crimes of violence and disorder are still appreciable but give no real cause for anxiety or alarm. The forgeries in Sicily are of high standard. 38 arrests have been made and the matter is well in hand.
7. For reasons of military security an inter-provincial control of movement in AMG territory has been imposed. The restricted movement may affect economic rehabilitation, but the results even in a short period of operation have been highly satisfactory.
8. Acting in conjunction with the Italian Government, motor vehicle licensing has been standardised. This will facilitate road checks to reduce unauthorized civilian vehicles, unnecessary travel, and improper use of Allied petrol.

Comments by Chief Commissioner:

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asked whether the Carabinieri for Rome were without sufficient clothing, Gen. Browning said that all possible was being done to provide clothing for them, and the remedy was in the hands of the Carabinieri, who must get their clothing factories working. If they could not supply their own needs, we should have to furnish them with bottledress.

In reply to the Chief Commissioner's query, Colonel Young stated that he hoped there would be some Carabinieri in Rome whom we could employ.

Public Health Sub-commission, Brigadier G. S. Parkinson

1. There have been no deaths from the smallpox epidemic. The vaccinations have all been "taking", thus showing the general susceptibility of the population.
2. Malaria is one of the greatest problems we have to face. We have in Naples a first class malaria control unit, and we are fortunate in having members of the Rockefeller Foundation. The work being carried out is on the control side and the experimental side. Good results have been obtained in using DDT powder as a larvicide instead of Paris Green. Pumping work is being carried out and an allocation of planes has been obtained for use in spraying breeding places. Posters have been printed to help inform the public. The Pontine Marshes constitute a hazard, but restriction on the movement of population would help. In a recent test, it was found that 50% of the population are potential carriers of malaria.

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3. Venereal disease control is still not satisfactory. In Naples, 2000 hospital beds for prostitutes care for about 3000 a month. The problem among troops is one for unit control which military authorities should take up.

4. Medical supplies are coming in well except for some articles. It is hoped that two laboratories will be functioning in Naples shortly.

5. Sanitary conditions in towns have improved beyond our expectations.

6. The great difficulty is transport. Ambulances are needed to evacuate sick and wounded from the front areas.

7. Personnel is desperately short. Italians have been helpful, and Italian medical officers are being employed.

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The report by the Legal Sub-commission is included in the classified supplement to these minutes.

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Education Sub-commission, Lt. Col. T. V. Smith.

1. Little has been carried out with respect to derequisitioning, but more is being done about finding outside rooms, and doubling or trebling shifts of classes. In Avellino Province, there has been experimentation with tents as school houses.

2. Our collaboration with the new Minister of Education has been satisfactory. The Ministry is approaching its problems seriously and energetically. It is moving to lift the Fascist ban against foreign professors, to complete the work of defascistization in the schools, and to strengthen the school system from bottom to top.

3. There have been student strikes against lengthening of the school term in Sicily. The Minister is determined to improve educational standards. He complains that our own publicity overplays student demonstration, and stimulates into articulate exhibitionism a perfectly natural but otherwise unexpressed student uneasiness.

4. Inspection visits to Calabria and Sicily have been made. Classes were visited in many schools, and school officials were engaged in earnest discussion of two main problems; the completion of a card file on defascistization, and the compilation of dependable statistics on school plants, school attendance, school administration, etc.

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5. Much experimentation has been going on in AIG Region III in the field of youth and adult education.

6. The distribution of text books is now complete. While we have not been able to print all required, the 200,000 distributed have made more than a dent upon the pressing need. We now approach the task of printing more than a million during the summer, and a supply of good quality paper has been received from the U.S.A.

Property Control Sub-commission, Lt. Col. C. P. Harris.

1. The Italian Government has passed a decree abrogating the application of the War Law of 1938 to the property of Governments and Nationals of the United Nations and France. Arrangements have been made for a formal distribution of the same to the owners, and in their absence, to the Property Control Sub-commission. This Decree will be published in a few days, and it will be applied to Military Government Territory.

2. Financial arrangements have also been agreed, under which the Italian Government will advance such monies as are required for the maintenance of United Nations and French properties.

3. Real properties will continue to be managed by the banks appointed for

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this purpose, under the direction of the Property Control Sub-Commission.

4. Relations with the Minister of Finance have been admirable. He appreciates that the property of foreigners in Italy must be properly treated.

Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Major E. T. de Wald

1. Administrative

- a. Pamphlets of Protected Monuments in Italy, nos. 1 and 2 have been distributed. There were many demands for these in Sardinia and Liberated Italy. During last week List No. 3, Lazio, Abruzzi and Molise were distributed to the Fifth and Eighth Armies. List No. 4, the Marches, Tuscany and Umbria has just come off the press.

- b. Liaison with IMAF established. IMAF has requested information and lists. Lt. Hart went to Sardinia for the editing of information concerning air damage in enemy occupied Italy from air-photographs. An air-damage file has been set up.

- c. Liaison with Italian Officials. We have held fortnightly meetings with officials of the Italian Government concerning preservation of monuments and art treasures.

2. Activities in the Field. Major Norton reported on the condition of the Monte Cassino Abbey. Two officers were sent to the Fifth Army, one for the field and the other for Rome.

Comments by Chief Commissioners: All appreciated the issuance of the Guide to Rome and lists of monuments for the Services.

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4. Everywhere there are welcome signs of recovery.

V --- REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION.

Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel W. Evans.

1. Survey of the utilization of the industrial resources for:

a. Products needed by the Allied forces. A considerable contribution has been made in the production of industrial gases. Various lamp products include canvas, rope, twine, and sacks. There has been some cement production, and engineering materials have been allocated to the Services.

b. Products needed to meet essential civilian requirements.

(1) After food, fertilizer is one of the most essential civilian

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requirements. It is being produced in Sicily.

- (2) Textiles and shoes. Requisitions for Regions I to VI were submitted to, and passed by G-5, AFHQ, but it is not known if they will be supplied.
- (3) Fabrics. Arrangements have been made to repair Army uniforms, but there will be only about 100,000 available by the end of the year. Cotton cloth manufacture can be stepped up. Requisitions for raw cotton have been submitted. There are some stocks on hand, and some is being imported.
- (4) Footwear. The lack of shoes is more critical than that of clothing. A great number went into the black market. The draft of proposed legislation to control the situation was submitted to the Italian Government; in the meantime, all leather has been blocked. A request for 500,000 shoes as immediate essential requirement has been made to AFHQ. As a temporary expedient, we have organized a factory to repair shoes. We cannot get more leather which is badly needed.

- (5) Glass. No coal could be supplied for the manufacture of glass.
- (6) Paper. There is no possibility of making paper in the available factories without cellulose.
- (7) Tires. The tire situation is serious. No local resources are available, and importation of tires is imperative.
- (8) Other essential civilian requirements produced or about to be produced are tobacco, soap, and matches.

c. Products needed by the United Nations such as almonds, argols, bergamot oil, citric acid, cadmium, lemons, oranges, sulphur, and wines have been exported to the value of approximately L. 400,000,000.

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1. During the month our main energies have been directed to labor disputes, allegedly impending stoppages and the consequent examination of wage structures to ascertain what are the facts in each alleged grievance. Reasonably satisfactory progress has been made.
2. The answer on the labor front is food, not wages. A general increase ^{30%} in wages will merely inflate the cost of commodities that are available.
3. Unfortunately, we find that whenever workers ask for an increase, even ACC officers, under pressure, urge, "Give them something." The result is that the Labor Sub-Commission has the appearance of being the only body to say "No."
4. Always there is the implied threat of a strike. I don't believe we will have a strike, and even if we did, it would not last, and perhaps a trial of strength is necessary. We cannot continue to raise wages because of pressure.
5. The Italian is good at "back door" methods, often the easy way; but he should be stopped and made to face the facts honestly.
6. There is an absence of respect for the authority of the Italian Government.
7. The answer is more food. There can be no general increase in wages. The food position is improving.

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8. A few examples of what we have found may be of interest, and help indicate that things are not as they appear on the surface and that there appears to be sabotage of our effort to preserve the economy of the country:

a. Always the "base wage" is quoted, but there is in addition Temporary Increase, Family Allowances, and about 54 Indemnities.

b. L. 1000 loan when told NOT to; 150% increase on one indemnity; British officer 'approved' wage increase on his own.

c. Wholesale upgrading to get into higher wage group; 'forgetting' important elements in wage; 'forgetting' advances in kind repaid at ridiculously low rate; 70% on each item NOT on total.

9. We must not go to Rome with a mental or actual precommitment of wages higher than the Army scale. The ration, it is believed, will be the same; only after a period of trial will examination of the wage situation be considered.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: The work of the Labor Sub-Commission is one of the most difficult and thankless jobs to carry out.

Regarding the increase of food, this matter is more important than currency, inflation, and labor wage problems.

The Chief Commissioner stressed working together as a team. This crops up frequently in the work of the Labor Sub-Commission, because people are apt to forget that we have one authority to control labor and wage questions, and quite naturally there is a tendency to deal with these questions as they arise. The proper court is to consult the Labor Sub-Commission before deciding them. This applies mostly to the Services, who should work in close collaboration with this Sub-Commission.

Agriculture Sub-Commission, Lt. Colonel W. A. Hartman.

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b. Amassing. Progress in establishing organization and amassing machinery is well in hand. Six Royal Decrees will soon be passed for the blocking of crops on farms. Necessary forms are being distributed to the field as rapidly as they come off the press. People's Granary, Bulletin No. I, released on 12 May, contains a summary of suggestions which may be helpful to RGS and PCs. Bulletin No. II contains an outline of action taken in Matera Province, to ensure the collection of a maximum amount of wheat.

c. Sacks, Binder Twine and Warehouses. Every effort is being made to locate all available sacks and allocate them according to the needs. Supplies of binder twine are being shipped to the most important wheat production areas as rapidly as availability permits. They may be a little short. Imports during June will be transported to the most critical areas as soon as the ships arrive.

d. Other Agricultural Supplies. Copper sulphate, ammonium nitrate, rope, bailing wire, super phosphate, and other farm supplies have been allocated.

2. Fisheries.

a. Thirty tuna nets have been placed in position in the waters adjoining Sicily, Sardinia, and the mainland. A preliminary estimate of the catch of tuna is between 1500 to 2000 tons.

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b. Arrangements have been made for a schooner service between Palermo and Naples for importing surplus tuna to Naples. The first ship should arrive on June 5th.

c. 175 fishermen from the Island of Procida have been transferred to the Calabrian coast to increase the catch of fish for consumption in Naples. A minimum of 500 qtls. should reach the Naples market each week following May 27.

d. The Allied Flag Officer for Western Italy has authorized fishing with lights 1½ hours before sunrise and from dusk to 1½ hours after sunset in the Gulfs of Naples and Salerno. Night fishing has also been authorized off the coast 15 miles south of Salerno to Reggio. This will result in a considerable increase in production.

3. Forestry.

a. A coordinated fuel wood and charcoal production and distribution plan has been prepared to eliminate the present competition.

b. Following a conference with the Ministry and with key Italian Forestry officials reorganization of the Royal Forestry Corps and the development of a coordinated timber harvest and sawmill program will take place to meet civilian and military needs, especially for constructional timber.

Food Sub-Commission, Colonel W. J. LESA.

1. General statement of Food Situation. Arrangements have been made for the importation of supplies and the forwarding of food to the Eighth and Fifth Armies. Plans have been laid for the supplying of Rome. The overall situation is satisfactory, and represents about 30 to 40 days supply for the whole of occupied Italy.

2. Plans for Distribution of Grain from Surplus to Deficient Areas. Distribution problems are increasing. We are ensuring an adequate supply of flour for harvesters. We are constantly in touch with Eighth and Fifth Armies to ensure their immediate supplies and to make plans for the opening up of advance supply depots.

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3. New Ration Scale - Heavy Workers. A new heavy workers ration scale will operate from the first of June and will eliminate the difficulties in regard to the heavy workers rations. All workers directly employed by or for the Armed Forces including public utilities workers, foresters, and firemen, will receive increased rations. 3647

The ration of pasta in the "A" Scale is 100 grams a day for heavy workers. This will be increased to 113 grams. On the "B" Scale a ration of 50 grams of pasta a day is permitted. In this way the division between the Army workers and the non-Army workers is maintained.

Through rationing and enforcement measures we are cooperating with Region III to reduce the number of forgers and counterfeiters. There has been a reduction from 15 to 7% since May.

4. Ration Cards - Progress Report. Plans have been laid to build up a record of persons entitled to bread ration cards. This is being prepared by the Regional Commissioners and the information will be available by 15 June. We will be able in time to issue a national ration card.

Plans have been laid for the movement of grain during the forthcoming

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harvest and details will be circulated to the Regional Commissioners.

There is a good number of sacks in the hands of the Provincial officials. They were frozen at one time by the Food Sub-Commission but have now been released for the harvest.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: Asked by the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Legg said that an adequate supply of milk would be available for the children of Rome.

Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, Lt. Colonel L. A. Jenny.

1. Military Highways. Military highways and bridges are being reconstructed throughout occupied Italy. We have been directed also to take over military highways in Sicily and Sardinia. An extensive requisition has been made for highway construction equipment from the United States. Considerable difficulty is experienced in financing projects, and at times money is not available to pay contractors.

2. Rates for Utility Services. Considerable progress has been made. More applications for rate adjustments for gas, water, and electric companies are expected as soon as the Decree permitting increases in Italian Government Territory has been passed.

3. Electricity Rationing. Local Boards have been set up in accordance with the Italian Decree, working under the general supervision and direction of this Sub-Commission. The problem of further rationing with the movement forward of our Armed Forces is being given consideration.

4. Power Line to Rome. Several hundred men are at work on the reconstruction of this line, following the Armies as closely as possible. Field supervision of the work is under direction of PES, with an electrical officer of this Sub-Commission to assist. Any apparatus designed for 150 volts alternating current would not function in Rome, since they use a different voltage.

5. Assignments to Regions. An effort has been made to assign Public Works and electrical engineers to Regions where required.

6. Inspections. The new Minister of Public Works and the Director of this Sub-Commission made an inspection trip through Sicily. Visits were also made to Region V and Region II to settle certain important outstanding military problems.

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Finance Sub-Commission, Colonel E. H. Foley.

1. As part of the reconstitution of the Italian Cabinet on 21 April, 1944, Colonel Guido Jung resigned as Minister of Finance and was replaced by Ing. Quinto Quintieri (non-party), president of the Bank of Calabria, and Dott. Antonio Pesenti, Communist Party, a former professor of Economics, jailed by the Fascist Government in 1934, has been appointed Under-Secretary. These officials have shown themselves to be very cooperative.

2. Colonel Graffey-Smith, Joint Director of Finance Sub-Commission, and Colonel Crawshaw, Chief Accountant, recently returned from London, where various problems in connection with accounting for funds and supplies were discussed.

3. In order to coordinate ACC policy in the field of inflation control, the Chief Commissioner has appointed the Allied Anti-Inflation Committee with the Deputy Chief Commissioner as Chairman. This Committee, which includes Mr. Harold Glasser of the U. S. Treasury and Mr. E.M.H. Lloyd, the British Financial Adviser in the Middle East, is reviewing all current anti-inflation measures and will make recommendations.

4. Progress has been made on revisions of taxation measures and on the preparation of the budget for the next fiscal year.

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5. Detailed financial plans have been laid for the occupation of Rome. The Ministry of Finance and the Banca d'Italia have designated representatives who will proceed to Rome and, under the orders of the Senior Finance Officer, Fifth Army A.G., aid in maintaining continuity in bank operations and control. The central records of the Finance Ministry, the central bank, and the Exchange Control Institute will be safeguarded.

6. The personal remittance system is functioning smoothly and at the present time it is estimated that payment orders amounting to more than 300,000 dollars have been issued by U. S. Banks and 3,000 pounds by the Bank of England to the Italian banks responsible for making payment to the designated payees in Italy.

7. A new form of counterfeiting appeared last month in Region I. The gang was arrested and plates, press, and notes seized.

8. The competent Italian Ministries have agreed in principle to the employment of the Magazzina Generali as the agency to handle and account for civilian supplies in Region III.

Transportation Sub-Commission, Lt. Colonel L. E. Vining.

1. Railways. Military control on the mainland and in Sardinia is still maintained. Since 1 April the responsibility for the operation of Bari Division was taken over by the Italian State Railways. Technical personnel however still continue operation in the Ports. The volume of civil freight traffic again shows an increase.

A revised system of securing rail transportation has been issued for ACC and civilian traffic in order to:

- a. simplify rail movement;
- b. maintain a stricter control of consignments;
- c. ensure that no unauthorized traffic is moved.

2. Road Transport. 604 British and American trucks were made available to the various Regions and A.G.

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3. Schooners. Movements by schooner have increased but it must still be regarded as an unreliable means, although the tightening of control should ^{improve} matters. A new scheme formulated by MEDBO for the operation of schooners is now awaiting final approval.

The DSTO retains a prior call on all schooners and it appears doubtful if many will be available for civil movement as rail devastation in forward areas is likely to cause an extra call for schooners.

The amount of movement required to and from Sicily and the mainland is such that it appears coastal schooners will have to be kept to a minimum.

Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Ian Campbell.

The main item of interest has been the appointment of Lt. General Matteini as Head of the Italian Merchant Marine replacing the former Minister who was removed at the suggestion of the Shipping Sub-Commission.

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Schooners. The number of schooners available has a total capacity of 39,000 tons. The cargo carried by this fleet will reach a total of 31,000 tons. The actual chartering of the schooners will be handled by an Italian Government agency, which will help bring about a better cooperation of the schooner fleet as a whole.

Schooner traffic tends to help the black market, but the permit system as a control is helping to arrest this traffic, and the transportation of unauthorized persons is also coming under control.

Deep Sea Vessels. These are generally in a poor condition with the exception of those which were trading at ports not in the Mediterranean. They are being repaired by us and put back into service.

During the past month two Italian tankers and one passenger vessel have been placed under Allied control, having been released from Portuguese ports. There are eight more to come from Spain. They should be released soon, as the crews have reached Gibraltar to man them.

Schooner traffic between Sardinia and Naples will begin soon.

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Vice President, Economic Section - Colonel D. S. Adams (for Hon. Mr. Henry Greedy)

1. With the occupation of additional areas the Regions must be adequately staffed with the necessary technical officers; this because of the ceiling established for total officer personnel. It is necessary that we call forward from longer established Regions, officers to staff the new Regions. This will require numerous changes of assignment. A complete and correct file of all our sub-commissions' personnel and their respective assignments is maintained by Headquarters Economic Section. Changes of assignment must be worked out with the Sub-Commission concerned, the Establishment Branch, and cleared with the Regional Commissioner. Every effort is being made to cooperate with the interested parties in order that these changes will create the least disturbance and in order to make the best use of our limited number of officers.

2. A development since our last meeting has been the establishment of a Coal Division, which has been placed in Transportation Sub-Commission; this for the reason that the importation and distribution of coal was handled by a subsidiary of the Italian State Railways, which are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Communications, with whom the Transportation Sub-Commission deals on various matters. This division is now engaged in working out a plan with the Italian Government for the development of a civilian organization that will be competent to take over and handle the importation and distribution of coal. This Coal Division will become the agency that eventually will screen all of our coal requirements and deal as an ACC agency, direct with AFHQ on these matters. This should ensure much greater consideration being given to coal requirements for essential industries.

3. Trucks are limited in number and too much importance cannot be placed on the matter of maintenance. Trucks have to be allocated to the various Regions on the basis of their real needs only. In forward areas a splendid job is being done in getting truck loads of food into towns, many times within a few hours after their capture. However, it is still necessary that we maintain the fine record made in clearing our supplies promptly from Naples port, as well as other ports, and transport must be continued in other rear areas for the distribution of supplies and the handling of the coming harvest. This means that equipment presently assigned must be utilized to its fullest capacity and in double shifts. More trucks are coming but recent cables do not yet give us definite arrival dates.

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4. The matter of price control has not been touched on, as it is one that is not exclusive to any of our sub-commissions, but is handled by the Price Group of the Economic Section. This group is made up of specialist officers of the several sub-commissions involved, together with Mr. Wadleigh of the Economic Section. In addition to the matter of routine price matters, this group developed much information and material needed in recommending a price for wheat and now have the responsibility of establishing the prices of other grains and pulses which must be related to the price of wheat. These prices are being worked out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, so that the prices may be correlated closely in all Italian territory. The Minister of Industry and Commerce, and the Minister of Agriculture, have agreed to set up a price office in order to collaborate with our price group in this work. The price of wheat established is one that will give the average producer not only his cost of production, but a substantial profit besides. When compared to the price of wheat in various other producing countries, it will be realized the producer is being paid a substantial price. The price is about 80% more than is paid to the producer in the United States or Canada. Price alone will not guarantee the easing of wheat. Further, we cannot set the price high enough to compete with black market prices. It is felt that a higher price would only promote inflation; however, the price has been agreed with the Italian Government, and now that it has been established, for this most important commodity, we have now a price anchor to which to relate other prices and endeavor to hold the inflation movement at this general level.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: It is necessary to establish a level for prices, and as wheat is the first large commodity and due for coming soon, the price at 1000 lire per quintal will be the base for the fixation of prices for all kinds of consumer goods.

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VI -- DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CAPTAIN ELIERY W. STONE, USNR.

1. The detailed explanation of the many problems of this Commission has been so complete during this Conference that any remarks of mine would seem to be a duplication of effort.

The basic problem before us is the question of increasing the daily ration, not only because of the physical needs of the people and our own responsibility due to our promises, but because it is and must be the keystone to the prevention of runaway inflation, like that which occurred in Germany after the last war. It must be prevented here, and the steps we take may well serve as a guide to similar efforts in other countries of Europe.

In my opinion the daily ration must be increased.

2. We have now had four of these conferences. Even the severest critic could not help but see that material progress is being made by this Commission, but much as we have accomplished, we are only just under way. We have many problems ahead, but our experience will make our performance there even better.

On behalf of the Chief Commissioner I want to thank all of you for sitting through this Conference and for your contributions.

The Conference adjourned at 1620 hours.

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Para.4, line 2, delete "Region VII" substitute "Region VIII".

Para.5, line 2, delete "Region VIII en bloc" substitute "Region VII en bloc".

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MINUTES OFRegional Commissioners ConferenceWednesday, 31 May 44.Presiding: BRIGADIER M. S. LUSH.ACTION.Opening remarks by Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner.

The Executive Commissioner said that he thought that great progress had been made in all Regions. The AMG with the Armies and Regions IV and V were operating to their full capacity in the combat areas and much had been done, not only in Region III, but in Italian Government territory.

He expressed appreciation of the reports, both official and unofficial, which had been sent to him by Regional Commissioners and which gave him a much fuller picture of what was going on in the field.

Operations were now in full swing and all the forward elements needed constant support. The duty of the Regional Control & Military Government Section was to maintain the balance between the needs of AMG and the Regions in Italian Government territory. The problems of the latter were not made the less difficult and must always be sympathetically considered.

Staff of Regions IV and V had been practically completed. Staff of Region **VIII** had not yet been earmarked although their supply side had been set in motion with the idea of setting up a forward supply group in the western ports as they fell into our hands.

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He was grateful to Regional Commissioners in Italian Government territory for the prompt assistance they had given in surrendering officers for forward areas. He emphasised the necessity of very careful selection of the officers chosen to remain in Italian Government territory. Regional Commissioners must take care not to allow officers to dig themselves in too much and it was for Regional Commissioners to advise Headquarters as to those best fitted for advisory work and those who were obviously the men for executive work in the forward areas. In the liberated Regions we had to adopt the policy of helping the administration of the Italian Government with the minimum of highly selected men.

Brigadier Lush said that he had noted in the reports given by Regional Commissioners at the previous day's meeting very little reference to the progress of local government. He asked Regional Commissioners to remember that the development of local government, the only basis of sound administration, was the primary duty of Regional Commissioners. The economic problems would be often more obvious and clearly most important but they should not be allowed to exclude attention to the administrative side of Regional work.

He asked Regional Commissioners to let Headquarters know of any shortcomings that might be apparent. After four months of re-organisation there must be matters which needed correction and co-ordination to the advantage of officers in the field. Headquarters must know from Regional Commissioners what should be done in this respect.

1. Ration Card Percentage.

The Executive Commissioner explained the Chief Commissioner's policy of distributing to each Province sufficient food to feed on the

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ration scale the percentage of the population recommended by the Provincial Commissioner as entitled to ration cards. The food distributed on the ration cards should represent the deficiency between the amount of food which the Italians could produce locally for themselves and what was necessary to support life in the Province. Regional Commissioners had been asked to produce percentage figures. This would be taken as a guide to food to be issued.

Colonel Legg explained. He said that based on the number of growers entitled to retention allowance so much food would be allotted to a Prefect whose job it would then be to see that the people were fed. The detailed responsibility would be that of the organisation SEPRA. It will therefore be necessary to reduce the number of holders of ration cards to fit in with the allotment of food. As a working basis the standard figure of 65% has been adopted. According to the views of Regional Commissioners adjustments in relation to this figure would be made but the percentage figure would need to be kept under review and the recommendations of Regional Commissioners would be called for at intervals. Reductions or increases in the percentage figure would be considered, but there should be no arbitrary reduction. Parallel with this there would be required an epuration of ration cards. Colonel Hancock, Region I, explained how the system was working in Sicily. It was agreed that a similar system should operate throughout all Regions. Food Sub-Commission would prepare instructions to the Regions.

Food Sub-Commission.

Later in the meeting Colonel Legg announced that on an examination of the figures it was found that, excluding Region III, the percentage for the total population for ration card issues worked out at 71%. The figure 65% would have to be re-considered.

2. Epuration.

Colonel Wilmer said the Epuration decree was signed by the Italian Government. This decree is punitive in Italian Government territory. The death penalty is applicable for some crimes.

The Executive Commissioner read out the Chief Commissioner's directive regarding the arrest and suspension of Italian officials encountered in territory to be captured in the future. Lists of posts were being prepared by the Administrative Section and other Sub-Commissions. Arrangements had been completed for the handing over of the arrested officials to the Italian Government.

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Colonel Spicer was asked to help by providing a pool of Italian officials from which appointments could be made in order that administration could be carried on. The appointment of an Italian staff to watch the epuration process will also be considered.

Colonel Wilmer stated that the decree could be made applicable to Military Government territory. Colonel Young reminded the meeting of Executive Memorandum No. 45.

Brigadier Carr asked about the epuration of the CC, RR and it was answered that this was the responsibility of the Commanding General of the CC, RR. A directive was requested to amend Clause 4 of the decree of December 28th. Executive Commissioner suggested either the appointment of an officer to watch the process of epuration and defascistization, or the formation of a committee. Colonel Young said he had proposals on the subject which he would submit. To remove all officials might mean chaos for a short period though it was generally agreed that a clean sweep would be the best in the long run. The Executive Commissioner said that the policy was to move as many as possible, using discretion sparingly and only in exceptional cases.

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3. Staff Matters.

(a) Colonel Albright said the ceiling for all Italy up to the Rimini-Pisa line was 1270 officers, 635 American and 635 British. We must hold to this ceiling. It had been computed that for all Italy a further 300 officers and 600 EM/ORs would be necessary. Inquiry as to the possibility of getting these officers posted now for training to avoid inexperienced officers having to be employed if rapid tactical moves occurred, had not yet been satisfactorily answered. No information was available as to where these personnel were to come from.

Further cuts must come in Regions III, IV and Rome Staffs, and Regional Commissioners must plan future cuts now. Directive to be issued shortly would include provisional figures. Specialist officers would also be affected. Officers would be required to double up jobs inside Sections. There will be a shortage of Provincial Officers.

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(b) Complaints have been received that specialist officers were being improperly employed or moved with reference to the Sub-Commissions concerned. There must be clearance between Regional Commissioners and Sub-Commissions. When Regional Commissioners use officers on other jobs, e.g., Police Officers as Supply Officers, it must be reported. No transfers to be made within specialist duties without authority of Headquarters. In considering organisation and re-organisation of Regional Staffs, Economic and Administrative Sections will give numbers required with suggested names in an Appendix. Colonel Kirkwood suggested a purge; some officers were good, many were poor. Executive Commissioner reminded Regional Commissioners that, as was said at last conference, they must take the responsibility of reporting in writing on officers. Headquarters cannot act without Regional Commissioners' written statement.

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- (d) Reporting of stolen cars. The importance of reporting stolen cars was stressed. Reports must be sent in at once to avoid reduction of transport strength. US Army administrative procedure requires that these "reports of survey" be forwarded at once and on approval such vehicles can be replaced if replacements are available. When applying for tyres, full details of the car concerned must be supplied.
- (e) Italian drivers. Regional Headquarters must make arrangements for the housing and feeding of the drivers and provision of places for safeguarding cars. The provision of some form of uniform, e.g., standard overall, for Italian civilian drivers, was suggested and Establishment Branch asked to consider this.
- (f) 2675th Regiment. Colonel Parkin said Companies of this Regiment were commanded by junior officers. Senior officers should back these junior officers. A memorandum of which the main features were read, is to be published.
- (g) Administrative requirements for June.
(i) Efficiency reports on officers for the period 1st Jan to 30th June. General instructions for the preparation of the efficiency reports will be despatched by 10th June to all Regions. Efficiency reports must be in this Headquarters by 15th July.

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(ii) Need to tighten up the arrangements for safe-guarding Commission vehicles.

(iii) Promotion and reduction of NCOs must be the subject of reports addressed to C.O. 2675th Regt. They will be acted on when received.

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(h) Investigation of Rumours.

Cases of rumours reflecting on the integrity of officers have been reported. Two investigating officers have been appointed and will be sent to Regions where necessary, but if proper enquiry is made rumours might be discounted before these officers went out. This should be done immediately.

4. Collection of Commodities.

(a) Grain (Grano di Popolo). The Executive Commissioner said that all officers must be used for harvesting of commodities. Colonel Adams said that the schemes had been fully explained and asked for questions:-

Region I - Was a fee admissible for volunteer committee members? Reply, No. The assessment committee members were on the pay roll. Pages 13-14 of the appropriate decree were being amended to make all administrative officers responsible to the Provincial Inspector.

Region VI - asked for binder twine. Informed supplies were being distributed.

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(c) Composition of Committees.

Composition of the communal committees - could CC,RR officials function on the committees? Yes, though this provision was merely to keep them in the picture; they would have no right to vote. It was further suggested that a consumer could act on communal committees, and it was agreed that where a suitable person was available he could be co-opted.

5. Regional Reports.

(a) Colonel Bowman explained that it was not intended to distribute Regional reports to all the Regions. They were for the use of this HQ, but copies could be had on application either to the Regions concerned or this HQ. Distribution was considered satisfactory.

(b) Pro-Forma Monthly Report. Regional Commissioners agreed that no amendment to the form of report was necessary except that a short para should be added to the report dealing with Finance. Agreed. Executive Commissioner stressed that reports must be factual and must not contain demands for personnel or supplies, which must be submitted in the usual way.

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- (c) Regional Commissioners reported that they were getting material from the Information Section. Generally the feeling was that reports were a necessary evil and that they could be handled so long as sufficient time was given to collect the necessary data and information. Agreed that Civil Affairs Branch should ensure that a reasonable period is allowed between calling for report and date of submission.

- (a) Distribution within HQ. ACC. This is a matter for the HQ. Regional Commissioners were invited to suggest when submitting reports that they should be circulated in special quarters.

6. Transport Officers' Duties.

It was explained that Transport Officers were entitled to communicate direct with the Transportation Sub-Commission on all technical matters, but on all questions involving policy the Regional Commissioner must take action.

7. Italian Armed Forces.

- (a) Clothing. Colonel Pidsley (Army Sub-Commission) stated that there was no Allied Nations clothing scale for the Italian Armed Forces. The policy is that United Nations should make up deficiencies in essentials. The Army were receiving Battle-dress dyed "forest green"; the CC,RR had their own special uniform and no Battledress was being issued to them. Repair factories were functioning and would help in the repair of clothing etc. The question of boots was a different one; 8,000 pairs were being distributed to the CC,RR and 2,000 to the CG, FF.

- (b) Underclothing. This was not being distributed now but is being retained for the colder weather.

- (c) Rations. At present in the Italian Army there were two ration scales; "basic" for troops in back areas, and "combat" for those in the fighting zones. These scales were being abolished and would be replaced by one scale in future.

- (d) Drivers. The Executive Commissioner stressed ACC's need for Italian drivers and pointed out that the ones we were getting now were bad. Colonel Pidsley reported that drivers were being trained at a school and that ACC would probably get trained drivers in due course. Exchanges of trained for untrained drivers could probably be effected.

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The Executive Commissioner instructed Major Friend James, Liaison Officer, to take up with AAI the question of Italian POWs in battledress which could only be distinguished from British battledress by a flash on their arm. This flash was the "white boot of Italy". This could be mistaken for a divisional sign and it is considered that a better distinguishing mark should be found.

8. Prisons.

Colonel Young explained that the position with regard to prisons, at one time in danger of becoming a scandal, was getting better. The Italian Government have appointed a Prison Director and an Inspectorate. AAI have given a lot of assistance and three main prisons have already been handed back to ACC. In future AAI will not requisition prisons unless operationally necessary. Regional Commissioners were requested to keep pressing for re-requisitioning of prisons which were considered not operationally necessary for the Army.

9. Emergency Supplies.

Colonel Bowman spoke on this subject from the liaison standpoint and stated that it was imperative that needs should be forecast and supplies estimated well in advance. The policy of planning ahead should be one which Regional Commissioners should keep constantly

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before then. While there were many items they could not estimate for, there were many they could. A memorandum on Supplies (Military and Civil) that will give guidance on sources and methods is under consideration.

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It was agreed to adopt the procedure set out in HQ letter 316/64/CA. Colonel Wilmer said it was working satisfactorily in Regions II and VII. (No. 8 District).

11. Other Business.

(a) The Chief Commissioner desires Vice Presidents to consult Regional Commissioners on subjects which would affect the work of ACC. Regional Commissioners should similarly consult Provincial Commissioners in order that the views of all are collated - a clear picture can thus be obtained of the effects of rulings or decisions taken.

(b) Ration Scale for Harvesters. Colonel Hancock raised the question of a ration scale for harvesters. It was pointed out that by local usage and custom farmers always kept in reserve sufficient supplies of food to meet harvesters' needs. The publication of a special ration scale seemed to be unnecessary unless it was confined to "imported labour". There was a danger that food supplies would be diverted into channels where they would not really be necessary.

Discussion showed general agreement that actual need should be the criterion. Colonel Legg said he would consider the question. Executive Commissioner promised a ruling by letter on June 1st.

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(c) Control of entry into Rome. It was decided that no one would be allowed into Rome from any Region or ACC HQ without a permit signed by the Chief Commissioner. Road blocks would be established on all roads leading to Rome to stop an influx of civilians. The policy was "stay put" until the position was more settled. The Italian Press would be used to state policy and issue instructions.

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(e) Civilian Movement. Region V (Colonel Whittley) asked if the restriction on civilian movement in certain areas could be raised to permit movement over 40 Km. instead of 10 Km. This would greatly assist the harvesting. GSI (b) and Security Branch to arrange if possible.

(f) Wine Control. Transportation Sub-Commission (Lt. Col. Vining) reported that stocks of wine greatly in excess of bids were being carried on freight trains. Permits appeared to be issued indiscriminately. Colonel Legg undertook to investigate cases and to fix a suitable ration basis. The use of schooners would help in this wine trading and in other directions if the policy could be defined. Executive Commissioner said he would press MEDBO through Shipping Sub-Commission for a decision.

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The proceedings terminated at 1720 hours.

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2 Army Operations

1. Since the attack on May 11th, 28 Communes have been taken over. The advance has been so rapid that contact with C.A.O.'s has been difficult. Communes now being occupied are less damaged than those occupied earlier in the advance. The population is slowly returning to their homes and local Government is beginning to function again.
2. Provincial Government of LIVORNA is being reorganized and 5 Communes in FIORINIA Province have been turned over to the Provincial Administration. The remainder of Naples Province was handed over to Region III at midday on 22 May.
3. Food has been transported to newly occupied towns, sometimes only a few hours after conquest. All requests for food have been met. 125 tons of food are now in the advanced depot at TERRACINA and schooners unloaded in GARA on 28th May. Supplies are now on a sales basis in all communes up to the line TERRACINA - PEO (and including these towns).
4. Refugees. Now that the front is moving quickly there is no real refugee problem; the people are slowly sorting themselves out and returning to their own villages. Up to May 20 11,000 were handled in II Corps area. Since then steady decrease. Sortition of refugees coming out of Pontine Marshes deplorable.
5. Public Health. There is a shortage of Hospital facilities and trained personnel. Laboratories have been opened at TUD, TERRACINA, GARA and FORMIA. Medical Supplies are ample and are being distributed. 4 Italian Doctors (Army) are working in Corps Areas. 5 Army Surgeon is very co-operative providing ambulances for evacuating civilian casualties. A few cases of typhoid reported, but general health good.
6. Public Safety. There is now serious crime in newly occupied territory except rape by CHITTI and the latter is thought to be under control now as French authorities are believed to be taking drastic steps. C.A.R. are urgently required. Usual complaints about Fascist leanings of C.A.R. Patrols on Highway 7 to keep civilians off the road.
7. Rome Provincial Administration. HQ is still concentrating at GARA. VIAREGGIO District. C.A.O.s reported to SAC VI Corps on 28th May and TIVOLI party on 29th May. C.A.R. are going up under Provincial CAPOs as soon as available.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Monthly Conference - 30 May 1944

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Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:

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| Region I | - Colonel A.N. Hancock |
| Region II | - Colonel J.T. Zellars |
| Region III | - Colonel C. Poletti |
| Region IV | - Brigadier P.K. Dunlop |
| Region V | - Colonel F.L. Whitley |
| Region VI | - Brigadier M. Carr |
| Region VII | - Colonel R.G. Kirkwood |
| Eighth Army AMG | - Gp-Capt. C.E. Benson |
| Fifth Army AMG | - Brig. Gen. E.E. Hume |
| Refugee Branch (Italians) | - Lt.Col. F.M. Brister |
| Displaced Persons Sub-Commission | - Colonel C.B. Findlay |

Executive Commissioner

- Brigadier M.S. Lush

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3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

1115 to 1245

- Naval Sub-Commission
 Army Sub-Commission
 Air Sub-Commission
 Communications Sub-Commission
 War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
 Public Relations Branch

- Rear Adm. C.E. Morgan
 - Maj. Gen. L. Browning
 - Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
 - Colonel J.L. Henderson
 - Major J.A. Campbell
 - Major L. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1430

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.

5. Reports by Administrative Section:

1445 to 1615

- Interior Sub-Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 Public Health Sub-Commission
 Legal Sub-Commission
 Education Sub-Commission
 Property Control Sub-Commission

- Lt. Col. R.G.B. Spicer
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- Major E.T. de Wald
- Air Commo. The Rt Hon The Viscount
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6. Reports by Economic Section:

1630 to 1800

- 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
- Vice President
- Colonel W. Evans
- Colonel J.R. Bain
- Lt. Col. W.A. Hartman
- Colonel W.J. Legg
- Lt. Col. L.A. Jenny
- Colonel E.H. Foley
- Lt. Col. I.E. Vining
- Mr. Ian Campbell
- Colonel D.S. Adams (for Hon. Mr.
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7. Closing remarks by Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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PRECIS OF R.C. REGION I REPORT FOR
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Reactions to official announcement of wheat price for coming harvest has caused grave concern in all quarters. Repetition of last year's bitter experience is feared if some additional inducement not offered to deliver wheat to collecting points. Evasion easier than enforcement.

Deferred premium to farmers advocated of Lire 500 per quintal payable after $3\frac{1}{2}$ million quintals wheat delivered to granaries. Payment in Italian Government treasury bonds suggested, and scaling of premium according to area under cultivation with maximum to small holders, tenants or share-croppers of 10 hectares or less.

Ration scale for harvesters unnecessary in Sicily owing local usage of liberal bread, pasta and wine supplied by farmers to harvesters as part of labor pact and custom.

Progress of H.C. hampered by lack of full support from Government circles.

Labor agitation for more and cheaper food or more pay. Electric workers, Railway labor and sulphur miners particularly affected and ready for strike. Grievances justified; negotiations at Hq. require speeding up to avoid serious trouble.

Public Health: Evidence that tuberculosis rickets increasing owing to undernourishment.

Public Safety: Crime well within normal limits. Two outstanding performances by CC.RR and P.S. Agents during month. Details given.

Schooner control seriously affecting essential coastwise transport of foodstuffs.

Finance: Revenue up on last year by 50 million lire.

Staff reductions have entailed amalgamation of provinces. Details given.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref : A / 51 / 15

24 May 1944.

Subject: Summary of Report on Situation in Region II, (Freese)
for period 20 April - 20 May 1944.

To : R.C. & M.G. Section, Civil Affairs Branch, Allied
Control Commission Hqts., Main.

A. Political reaction and popular opinion:

Very little change during the period. Both remain moderate and somewhat apathetic. The Communist party appears to be in the ascendancy in its organization. Consolidation of public opinion is slow and almost void of explosiveness. The chief outward expressions consist of defacing buildings with unsightly signs, somewhat likened to childish pranks.

During the month there were many expressions of a hopeful future on part of many Italians.

B. Local Government - Provincial:

This tedious problem remains slow in motion, although on the whole there is some evidence of improvement. Good signs: A new Prefect of proven quality has recently been posted to Bari. Italian labor organizations in Potenza Province can now function efficiently with only remote ACC control; the organization of the Grannei di Populo in Matera Province has been very thoroughly accomplished.

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C. Economic resources and supply, with special reference to food:

Small industrial and agricultural plants continue to gradually renew operations.

The production and distribution of charcoal increased slightly during the month.

With respect to food, nature has continued to smile on Region II, with the result that vegetables in fair quantity and variety are now within reach of almost everyone who possesses a few lire or a small patch of soil.

The situation regarding bread and pasta remains unchanged.

Bread is still gold.

The chief interference with civilian supply and price control of agricultural products continues to emanate from Allied Troop Commanders.

Transport of civilian supplies was very greatly aided during the month through the establishment of civilian haulage transport pools.

Civilian clothing situation remains unsatisfactory.

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D. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries:

Food crops continue to be excellent. Only a disaster such as heavy rains or a spell of hot winds within the next two weeks will prevent a bumper crop of grain, legumes and leafy vegetables.

Forestry - No change in this situation which remains satisfactory.

Fisheries - Some improvement in the collection and distribution particularly in Bari Province.

Live Stock - Have reached good condition. No serious shortage of farm animals except perhaps in Brindisi Province.

E. Labor:

Italian labor organizations have progressed.

The dock side labor unrest at Taranto was appeased at least temporarily by additional rations.

Plans are completed to utilize imported agricultural labor for the grain harvest from regional sources exclusively.

Matera Province will need the greatest number of imported agricultural laborers for the grain harvest and plans made accordingly.

Workers, men, women, and children are in the fields and the harvest is under way.

F. Public works and utilities:

Much improvement in road repair and bridge repair, and in the organization and operations of the Italians in this region in this regard.

Plans now being made for reductions in uses of electric power, when, and if it becomes necessary.

G. Public safety and functions of Allied and Italian courts:

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A circuit court of ACC officials acting under Italian law is now in session hearing cases of serious offenses against Allied interests; a new departure in the history of A.S.G. ^{ACC}

The overcrowded prison situation remains unchanged except the cancerous spot of Bari which has further spread. All hands are after this problem.

H. Public health to include welfare and condition of the people:

Public health remains good, the flurry of small pox in Taranto was quickly washed out by prompt cooperative action on part of Allies and Italian authorities.

No increase in small amount of malaria, except in one spot - the vicinity of Barletta.

Situation regarding Italian hospitals has continued to improve. Malaria control measures going fairly well.

Programs for cleaning up towns and cities are progressing, with Matera Province in the lead and Bari trailing far behind.

Medical supplies are adequate through June.

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I. Education:

Very little change in this matter, may be slight improvement.

J. Refugees:

General situation greatly improved.
Organization by Italians has progressed. All provinces now have reception centers.
None received during May to 20th. On hand approximately 27,000. Prepared to receive 15,000 in June.

K. Communications:

Roads - Much progress.
Rail - Little, if any progress.
Telecommunications - Some, small progress.
Posts - Some, small improvement.

L. Property control:

Remains in good order.

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TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC 29 May 1944

SUBJECT : Chief Commissioners Conference -
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FILE No.: R4/337(R4)

1. The main function of Region IV has been the preparation for its task in the wake of the advancing Armies.

2. The policy has been adopted of building up Provincial Teams in men and equipment and, at an agreed time, moving them forward to come under command Armies.

The Littoria, Rome Province and Viterbo Teams are now under command AMG 5th Army Field. Rome Sub-Region Team is under command AMG 5th Army (CAS). Frosinone and Rieti Teams are under command AMG 8th Army. Terni and Perugia Teams are in Naples.

3. In order to secure close cooperation with AMG Armies, an Advanced Headquarters was opened on Route 6 near Spaurisse. This move has proved valuable; cooperation with Armies has been close and cordial.

4. The policy of moving an Advanced HQ well forward close behind AMG's 5th and 8th Armies will be continued.

5. Supply arrangements have been coordinated with Armies. Region IV's domestic transport has, in the past week, moved well over 100 tons of stores for 5th Army AMG.

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SUBJECT:- Precis of Rep by S.C.A.O. 8th Army.

AMG Rear Eighth Army

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DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
(R.C. AND M.G. SECTION).

Reference your 107/2/CA dated 5 May 44, herewith precis required.

1. General. No change but addition of a part of FROSINONE Province in the Liri Valley including CASSINO.
 - (a) State of new territory: completely destroyed. Civilians being kept out of towns.
 - (b) State of Monastery.
 - (c) Future prospects.
2. Health good. Mobile hospitals. Lack of beds and blankets from FOGGIA.
3. Position of stock-piles. Aims and attainments.
4. Agriculture. Looks like good crops where cultivation possible. Crops will be late. AGGIASSI SCHEME being put into force.
5. Refugees. Mobile and static camps set up with British and Italian staffs.
6. No riots, disturbances or political demonstrations.

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Headquarters, S. Europe Commission
 British Red Cross, C.M.F.

23rd May, 1944.

Lt. General Sir Bertram Sergison Brooke very much regrets that
 owing to absence from Naples he will be unable to attend the
 Conference of Regional Commissioners to be held on May 30, 31 and
 June 1, 1944.

Lt. Gen informed
 2 p.m.

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

Ref/107/17/CA.

23 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.Cs. Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII & IX. Z
SCAOs. 5th & 8th Armies.

1. Reference 107/12/CA of 18 May 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.
2. It is anticipated that Col. C.M. Spofford, Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., will be present and will speak on items 3 (f) and 3 (g).
3. Officers named in brackets will be responsible for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Arrangements should be made for attendance at times to be notified before the meeting. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

WDW/RAC.

for Dr. Spofford (Lt. Col.)
for NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Section (3)
Econ Section (3)
Establishment Pr. (2)
Army Sub-Commission (1)
Chief Liaison Officer (1)
(Lt. Col. Bowman) (1)
Hq. 2675 Regt. (1)

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wedn sday, 31-May-23 Aug
Thursday, 1 June

AGENDAITEM

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|---|---|
| 1. Ration Card Percentage. | |
| 2. Epuration (Defascistization) | Legal (Col. Upjohn) |
| 3. Staff Matters. | Establishment Branch
(Col. Albright) |
| (a) Reduction of Staffs
Regions I, II and VII. | |
| (b) Specialist Officers. | |
| (c) Formation of Staffs for
new Regions. | (Col. Parkin) |
| (d) Italian Drivers. | |
| (e) 2675 Regt. Admin. | |
| (f) Responsibility of Senior Officers. | |
| (g) Investigation of Rumours, and
reports on officers. | Economic Section
(Col. Adams) |
| 4. (a) Collection of Commodities
e.g. grain (Grainio di Popolo) | |
| (b) Price of barley, pulses and
olive oil. | |
| (c) Collection (Grain): | Region II (Col. Zellars) |
| (i) Courts to deal with
delinquents. | and Legal (Col. Upjohn) |
| (ii) Composition of Committees. | |
| 5. Regional reports: | |
| (a) Distribution of reports. | |
| (b) New pro-forma (497/44/24 of 25 Apr.) | |
| (c) Reduction in number and type of
reports called for by HQ. A.C.C. | |
| (d) Circulation of reports within
HQ. A.C.C. | R.C. & M.G. Section. |
| 6. Transport: | |
| (a) A.C.C. | |
| (b) Italian Commission. | Establishment Branch. |

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5. Regional reports:

- (a) Distribution of reports.
- (b) New pro-forma (497/44/GA of 25 Apr.)
- (c) Reduction in number and type of reports called for by HQ. A.C.C.
- (d) Circulation of reports within HQ. A.C.C.

6. Transport:

- (a) A.C.C.
- (b) Italian Government,
- (c) Transport Officer in Regions.

7. Italian Armed Forces - Clothing, Equipment and Rations.

8. Prisons - Overcrowding, causes and remedies.

9. "Emergency" Supplies.

10. Arrest of Italian Nationals.

11. Other business.

Establishment Branch. 301

R.C. & M.G. Section, Region IV (Brig. Dunlop)

Army Sub-Commission (Major-Gen. Browning)

Public Safety (Col. Young)

Chief Liaison Officer (Lt. Col. Bowman)

Civil Affairs Branch.

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Civil Affairs Branch

23 May 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Major Driffield-White.

1. Even a very short trial of the scheme for passing through the ACC - AAI Liaison Office correspondence between elements of the Commission and Headquarters A.A.I., seems to indicate pretty clearly that considerable time and effort would be saved, and much inconvenience and misunderstanding avoided, if Regional Commissioners and heads of sections of sub-commissions generally might be regularly reminded of the existence, functions and efficiency of our liaison staff at that headquarters, and its availability to all of our officers.

2. I suggest that a few words on this subject by the Chief Commissioner or the Executive Commissioner at the forthcoming Regional Commissioners' meeting might be productive of further beneficial results.

L. C. Bowman

*you include this in preparing
A.C.B.
on item 9 of agenda - sub A above*

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To: Major Bieffeld White

Subject: Ab's Conference - May

For inclusion for agenda

1. Army complaint of impairment of Italian Unit's roles by Acc officers in Sabana region - general principle of not interfering with work of army units (see corres. file 6/146/CA - (1008105))

2. Reg Commr. Reg I. to submit interim details of results of civilian &c vehicle road check, vide corres 191/CA (para 4) on page 21. (see note on 21. by Maj Bieffeld White)

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(1) Avoid answer, but try to get it soon. That may affect subsequent action.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

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21 MAY 44
18 May 44

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (P.C. & M.G. Section)

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

REFERENCE: HQ/1055

1. With reference to Para.6 of your 107/2/CA of 5 May 44, I propose to bring Major SHIRK, Provincial Commissioner, NUORO with me to the Regional Commissioner's Conference. We shall arrive about midday on 23 May 44.
2. Will you please arrange accommodation for Major SHIRK. At the time of the last conference I was invited to stay with the Chief Commissioner and am in communication with his A.D.C. on the subject. We shall arrive probably by courier plane on May 29th but in view of the uncertain time of arrival I suggest we should ring for transport when we arrive at the airport.

HC/ceh



M. Carr
M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

cc - Copy to HQ Encl. sent 27/5.

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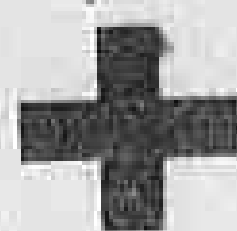
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To
Maj Driffeld White
JWC 20/5

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AMERICAN RED CROSS
Civilian War Relief
APO 782
U.S. Army

20 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners' Conference

TO : Colonel Norman E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission, R.C. & M.G. Section, APO 394.

1. Mr. Stevenson has asked me to reply to yours of May 11
regarding attendance at the Regional Commissioners conference.

2. We appreciate very much this invitation. Mr. Stevenson
and I will plan to attend on May 30, and I shall attempt to remain
through as much of the balance of the conference as possible.

W. W. Jefferson
Director,
Civilian War Relief

*Will major Doc.
see Gen.
I will do it
see also 10
Informed 2/12*

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

Ref/107/12/CA

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Reference 107/2/CA of 5 May 1944 attached is list of items that have been submitted for discussion at the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.

2. If, after study of the subjects, there are any particular questions to which answers are required, will you please submit these in writing in order that the answers may be prepared before the meeting or be incorporated in the explanatory statements.

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

Copy to:

Admin. Section (3)
Economic Section (3)
Establishment Branch (2)
Army Sub-Commission
Civil Affairs Branch (2)
Chief Liaison Officer (Lt. Col. Bowman)

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 31 May
Thursday, 1 June

Suggested Items for Agenda

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Suggested by</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Ration Card Percentage		(see D/O letter to R.O. Ref. 1003/274/CA) ✓ Spec. reports
2. Epuration (Defascistization)	Legal	
3. Staff Matters.		
a) Reduction of Staffs Regions I, II and VII	Establishments Branch.	a) See letter 57/33/CA of 18 May 1944
b) Specialist Officers		b) Inter-regional transfers
c) Italian Drivers		Col. Spofford
d) 2675 Regt Admin. Responsibility of Senior Officers		
e) Investigation of Rumours.		
4. a) <u>Collection of Commodities</u> e.g. grain (Grano di Popolo)		
b) Price of barley, pulses and olive oil.		
c) <u>Collection (Grain)</u>	Region II	
1. Courts to deal with delinquents		1. Suggests AMG Courts
2. Composition of Committees		2. Inclusion of Consumer member on Provincial and Communal Committees.
5. Transport		
a) A.C.C.	Establishments	
b) Italian Government	R.O. & M.G.	
c) Transport Officer in Regions	Region IV	Economic Section to explain duties, responsibilities and position in relation to Transportation Sub-Commission. Answers to general queries; procedure to be explained.
6. Italian Armed Forces Clothing Equipment and Rations	Army Sub-Commission	
7. Prisons - overcrowding. causes and remedies.	Public Safety	See letter 317/81/CA of 20 May 1944
8. "Emergency" Supplies	Chief Liaison Officer (Lt. Col. Bowman)	Suggests that "Emergencies" arise too often through lack of foresight and we are often put in the position of 'sup-pliers'. Word by Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner might cure some of this.
9. Arrest of Italian Nationals	Civil Affairs Branch.	See letter 314/64/CA of 20 May 1944

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(a) distribution
(b) comment on
(c) reduction of
(d) ...

(see D/O letter to R.O. Ref. 1003/274/CA) ✓

Spec. reports

a) See letter 57/33/CA of 18 May 1944
b) Inter-regional transfers
Col. Spofford

Responsible ...
... reports on ...

1. Suggests AMG Courts
2. Inclusion of Consumer member on Provincial and Communal Committees.

Economic Section to explain duties, responsibilities and position in relation to Transportation Sub-Commission. Answers to general queries; procedure to be explained.

See letter 317/81/CA of 20 May 1944

Suggests that "Emergencies" arise too often through lack of foresight and we are often put in the position of 'sup-pliers'.
Word by Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner might cure some of this.

See letter 314/64/CA of 20 May 1944

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UNITED STATES COMMISSION
APO 394

Date

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FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
Economic Section	
HC & MG Section	
Civil Affairs Branch	
PW & Displaced Pers Sub Com	
Italian Refugees Branch	
Security Branch	
Information Branch	
Establishment Branch	
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G-1 (B)	
G-2	
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Hq Comdt (Rear Hq)	
Adjutant (Main Hq)	
Adjutant (Rear Hq)	
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Pool of Interpreters	
Political Section	
Independent Sub-Commissions	
Navy	
Land Forces	
Air Forces	
Telecommunications & Posts	
War Material Disposal	
Public Relations Officer	
Liaison Section Hq A.C.M.F.	

FOR:

Signature _____
 Remarks/Recommendation _____
 Information _____
 Approval/Disapproval _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
 Dispatch _____

REMARKS:

Mayon Difficult to write
 Thank you for notes of R.C.
 Conference Agenda Col Young has
 returned a la from the
 Security Council JMK Capt

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCETuesday, 31 May
Thursday, 1 JuneItems for Agenda suggested by Regions
and Sub-Commissions.

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Suggested by</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Transport Officers in Regions.	Region IV.	ECOM. Section to explain duties, responsibilities and position in relation to Transportation Sub- Commission.
2. Prisons - overcrowding, causes and remedies.	Public Safety.	Points in course of preparation by Major Wilcox.
3. Collection of Garbi. (a) Courts to deal with delinquents. (b) Composition of Committees.	Region II.	(a) Suggests AME Courts. (b) Inclusion of Consumer member on Provincial and Communal Committees.
4. Italian Armed Forces - Clothing Equipment and Rations.	Army Sub- Commission.	Answers to general queries; procedure to be explained. (Suggests that questions be submitted beforehand so that answers may be prepared).
5. "Emergency" Supplies.	Chief Liaison Officer, (Lt.Col.Bowman)	Suggests that "Emergencies" arise too often through lack of foresight and we are often put in the position of "suppliants". Word by Chief Commissioner or Executive Commissioner might cure some of this.

Memo: -

Lancet at Staff Meeting. 17/May.
EC instructed copies to Branches.Copies sent to. Estab for HQ Comd.
Exec. Office.

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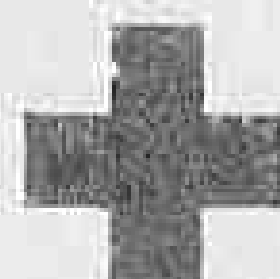
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WAR ORGANISATION
OF THE

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM



President:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Prior:
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G.



H.Q. South Europe Commission,
British Red Cross,
C.M.F.

16th May, 1944.

Major A. Knight, M.V.O., Assistant Commissioner, British Red Cross War Relief, will be very glad to attend the Allied Control Commission conference for Regional Commissioners to be held on May 30th, 31st and June 1st.

Major W. Driffeld White,
A.C.C. H.Q.

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informed.
I will do this 16/5
Informed 20/5*

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SUBJECT:- Conference

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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11 May 44.

R.C. & H.Q. Section,
Civil Affairs Branch,
H.Q. A.C.C.

1. In accordance with para 5, Letter 107/2/GA dated 5 May, the following subject is suggested for the agenda:-

"Italian Armed Forces - Clothing, equipment and rations."

2. Many questions on this subject have been sent to this HQ. It is believed that A.C.C. personnel who desire information on this subject could submit questions to me prior to the discussion, so that answers could be prepared here and delivered at the conference.

ABC

A. Browning
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

107 May
14 MAY Recd

11 May 1944

Ref: A / 43 / 4

SUBJECT: - Suggestions for agenda

TO : - R.C. & M.S. Section
HQ. A.C.C. Main

Reference para 5, you letter 107/2/CA, 5 May subject;
Regional Commissioner Conference, the following points are submit-
ted for discussion:

Collection of grain:

(a) A.M.S. Courts to deal with delinquents in col-
lecting.

(b) Provincial and Communal Committees should have
as a member one consumer each.

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Consult. Legal. or (a) or (b)
Econ. Sect. for
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For-cleary Lt. Colonel
JOHN T. ZELLARS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Administrative Section

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12 May 44.

SUBJECT : Agenda for Executive Commissioner's Meeting on 31 May 44.
TO : RC & MG Section.

- 1 Reference your 107/2/GA of 5 May 44, para 5.
- 2 The only item to be submitted for inclusion in the Agenda of the Executive Commissioner's Meeting on 31 May 44 is as under.

Public Safety

Prison Overcrowding - Extent, causes and remedies.



Asked Maj. Wilson
 for brief on this matter
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R.R. Cripps
 R.R. Cripps,
 Lt Colonel,
 for VP Adm Sec.

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Allied Control Commission
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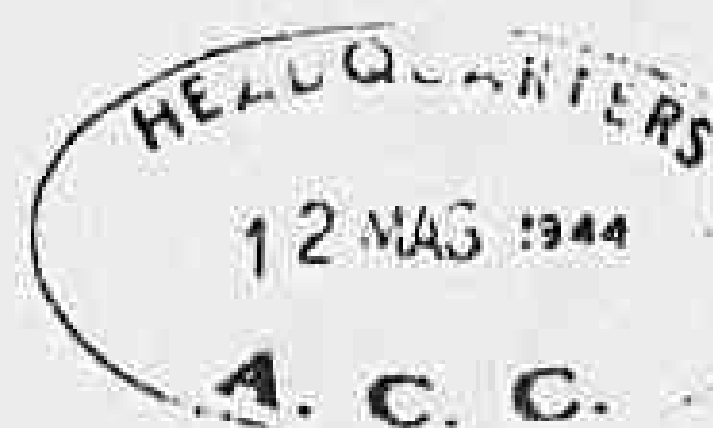
TO : HQ, ACC (R.C. & M.G. Section)

FROM : Regional Commissioner, Region IV, ACC

SUBJECT: Items for forthcoming Executive Commissioner's Conference.

REF : AR4/337(ACC)

DATE : 12 May, 1944



1. I shall be glad if the Director of Transportation Sub-Commission could be prepared to discuss the position of Transport Officers in Regions.

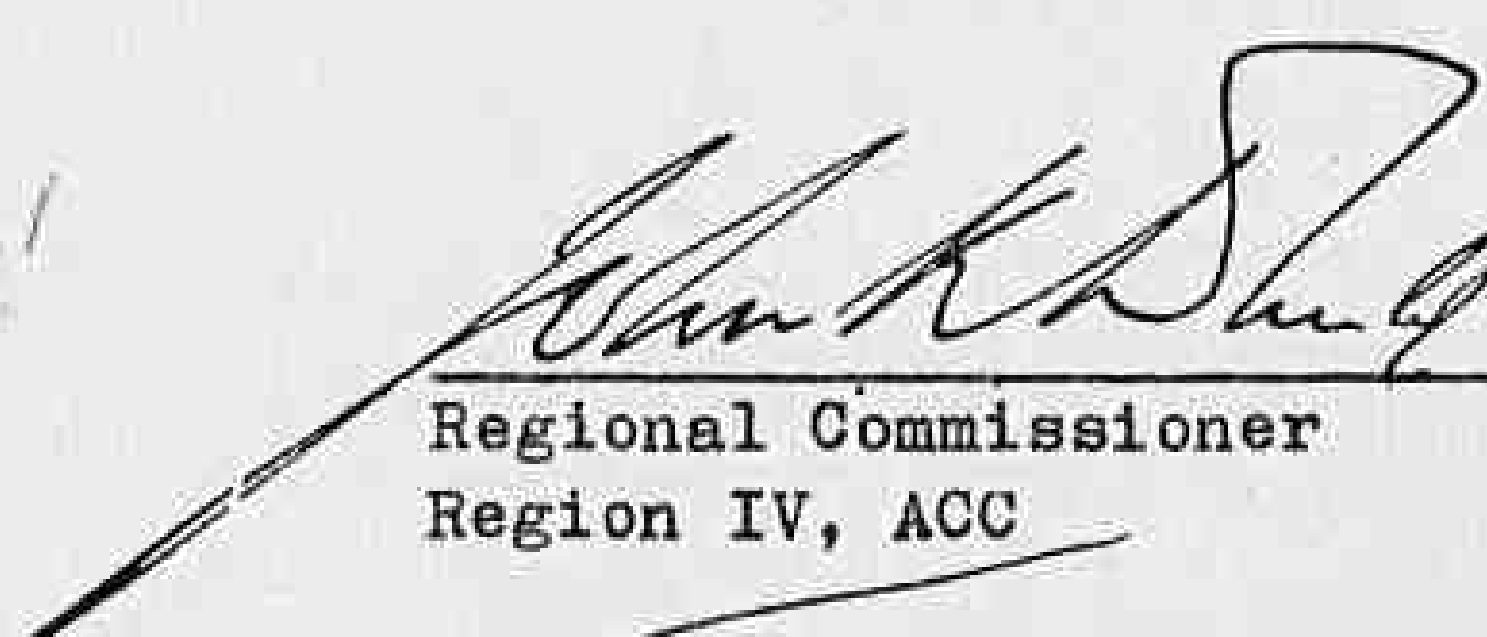
2. The question is raised by the Transportation Commissioner's letter ACC Tn/5/154 of the 8th May, addressed to Regional Engineer, Advanced HQ, Region IV, ACC.

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The General*

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Regional Commissioner
Region IV, ACC

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R.C. & M.G. SECTION
Civil Affairs Branch.

MEMORANDUM

11 May 1944.

TO: Major Driffield White.

FR: Lt. Col. Alfred C. Bowman.

1. You will recall our discussion at the CAB Staff meeting on last Monday concerning the many problems with which various components of the Commission have been confronted by reason of failure to foresee even normal, seasonal future requirements, resulting in far too frequent "emergencies", and friction with outside agencies.

2. I suggest that a few words from the Chief Commissioner or the Executive Commissioner on the absolute necessity of anticipating future supply needs could profitably be included in the agenda for the next Regional Commissioners Conference.

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

107/80/3A
Ref/107/1/CA.

18
11 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Lt. General Sir Sergison Brooks, KCB, KCMG, CBE, DSO,
British Red Cross, 32 Piazza Casita,
Via Roma, NAPLES.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to extend to you an invitation to attend the Conference of the Regional Commissioners, Allied Control Commission, to be held on May 30, 31 and June 1, 1944.
22 + 23 Aug 1944
2. It would be appreciated if the head of the relief services, Major Knight, could also attend.
3. Would you kindly let me know in order that appropriate seating arrangements may be made.

for
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

107/71/A
Ref/107/3/0A.18 Aug 1944
11 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : W.E. Stevenson Esq., American Red Cross.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to extend to you an invitation to attend the Conference of the Regional Commissioners, Allied Control Commission, to be held ~~on May 30, 31 and June 1, 1944.~~
on 22 to 23 Aug 1944.
2. It would be appreciated if the head of the relief services, Mr. Jefferson, could also attend.
3. Would you kindly let me know in order that appropriate seating arrangements may be made.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

Ref/107/2/CA

5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The next conference will be held in Naples on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 30, 31 and June 1, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside on Tuesday May 30. The meeting will commence at 0930 hours.

The agenda will be:

- a) Reports by Regional Commissioners and ECAO's Armies AMG.
 - b) Address by Chief Commissioner.
 - c) Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections.
3. a) Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General précis of the proposed remarks of the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections by 1200 hours on Monday May 29, 1944.
- b) Regional Commissioners and S.C.A.O.'s AMs, Armies will submit their précis to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.C. & M.G. Section) by 1200 hours on Sunday May 28, 1944.
4. The Executive Commissioner will preside on Wednesday May 31. The meeting will commence at 0930 hours. Vice presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions may be invited to attend the discussion of agenda items affecting their departments at times to be notified before the meeting.
5. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Wednesday 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 reach R.C. & M.G. Section Civil Affairs Branch, not later than 13 May 1944.
6. Regional Commissioners and ECAO's AMG Armies are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from military divisions should assemble in Naples at 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.

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7. a) The Secretary General will act as Secretary on May 30, 1944.
- b) A staff officer of the C.A. Branch, R.C. & M.C. Section will act as secretary 31 May and June 1, 1944.

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

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