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PEOPLES' GRANARY BULLETINS
MAY-AUG. 1944

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

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RMP : 197/24/3A

11 August 44

SUBJECT : Film "Grass del Popolo".

TO : Agricultural Sub-Commission.

With regard to our request for the loan of Mobile Projectors to show this film AAL, have replied that owing to shortage of equipment no AAS. equipment can be made available for this purpose.

[Handwritten signature]

IRVING E. FISHER
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

[Handwritten signature]
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SUBJECT:- Film "Onai del Popolo".

ACC Liaison,
HQ AAL.

Reference your 291 dated 29 Jul 44.

It is regretted that owing to shortage of equipment no AKE equipment can be made available for this purpose.

JIC/REL.

Copy to:- Welfare (your AKE/LAL/5/13 dated 26 Jul refers)

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HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

AAL/5053/A(PS).

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11600 May
to Brigadier,
DAG.

Rec 2448

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Subject:- Film "Granai del Popolo."

29 July 44.

To:- A (PS).

From:- A.C.C.Liaison.

Ref. ACCE/291.

29 Jul Recd

1. Reference attached correspondence.
2. It would be appreciated if authority is given for a complete equipment to be allotted in order that this film may be shown.

Thos James

Major,
A.C.C.Liaison Officer.

Copy to:- Army Kinema Service.
HQ. A.C.C. ✓

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*Spoke to Major James
who said he would make
arrangements for the equipment
for the film.*

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Subject:- Film "Granai del Popolo"

COPY

Major Friend James, DCLI,
ACC LO, HQ. AAI.

Army Cinema Service

HQ. AAI.

C.M.F.

AKS/AAI/5/13

Ref 197/17/CA dated 28 Jul 44, addressed to you by
HQ ACC, and telephone conversation of today's date
(Maj Friend James - Lt.Col.W.Hamilton speaking).

1. The allocation of AKS projectors in this theatre
is controlled by Welfare Branch and approved by 'A'.
All units are fully occupied at ~~the~~ moment.
2. It is suggested however, that in view of the
importance of the subject, application might be made to
the latter Branch to have a complete equipment diverted
for the purpose of demonstrating the film.

28 July 44.
WH/HJS

Sgd: W.Hamilton, Lt.Col.,
Chief Technical Adviser.

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Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

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28 JUL Recd

TEL:262

AGR/32020

26 July 1944

SUBJECT: Distribution of Film "Granni del Popolo"

To : F.W.E. Film Division, att Distribution Section,
Lt.P.Levi

1. Reference this office letter 32020 of 26 July 44, herewith below is requested distribution by ACC/AMG Regions, of the abovementioned film, forty copies of which are to be made available in the first instance.

2. Should it be possible to provide additional copies, it is requested that these be distributed on the same proportionate basis, unless it is determined that additional exhibitors have come into operation in the meantime. In this latter case, application should be made to this office for reallocation of copies, stating the increases in the numbers of available cinemas, by provinces, over these previously notified.

3. Region	Includes Provinces	No copies
Region I	Sicilia	6
Region II	Bari, Brindisi Lecce, Taranto Matera, Potenza	7
Region III	Napoli, Benevento Avellino, Salerno	6
Region IV	Perugia, Terni Viterbo, Rieti, Roma (part) Frosinone, Littoria	7
Region V	Pesaro, Ancona, Macerata, Ascoli Teramo, Aquila, Pescara, Chieti Campobasso	3

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Region VI	Sardegna	3
Region VII	Cosenza, Catanzaro,	3
	Reggio Calabria	
Region VIII	Massa, Lucca,	
	Pistoia, Pisa	
	Firenze, Livorno,	
	Arezzo, Siena,	
	Grosseto	
Rome	Roma Città,	3
	environs	
Foggia	Foggia	3

4. Commercial distributors should be warned that their territories do not correspond exactly with the ACC/ANG regional grouping of provinces. They should therefore contact the Regional Commissioners of all Regions, part or all of which lie within their territory, immediately on receipt of your instructions, in order that these Regional allotments may be interpreted into the form of provincial exhibition schedules by the time of the actual receipt of the films.

W.A. HARTMAN
Lt.Col
Director

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

Phone: 17
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Ref/197/17/CA

28 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Film "Granai del Popolo".

TO : Major Friend James, DCLJ,
L.O., HQ. AAI.

1. Reference telephone conversation (Major Friend James - Major Reakes) it is confirmed that Agriculture Sub-Commission would like to have on loan for a period from a month to six weeks, five Mobile Projector Units for the purpose of showing the above film.
2. This film has been prepared for publication to the public and it is hoped by this means to encourage the in-gathering of grain. As in many places electricity is not functioning and also in the rural districts there is often no picture houses, it is thought that if one or two projector units could be made available the film could be shown to those people who are most interested.
3. Please approach AAI and ascertain if they would be prepared to let AOC have one or two of these units immediately. It may appear to be a big request but it is absolutely essential that as much of the grain as possible is amassed, and this film will go a long way to encouraging the small farmer to hand in his grain.

*Goodnight
for*

pk
NORMAN. FINE,
Colonel,
Dep. Exec. Commissioner.

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

Phone:
470695

Ref/197/16/CA.

28 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Publicity Film "Granai del Popolo".

TO : R.C. Rome Region.

There is sent to you for information copy of a
letter sent out by Agriculture Sub-Commission dated 26 July
1944.

fr

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl
as above

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Coc. Shipp.

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Aggravation Se.
wish this letter to go out
re. Film Granai del Popolo.
In effect it asks R. Co
to assist in distribution
when approached
+ I have no doubt
they will be pleased
to do so. Would
you get Ex Com? to
sign.

Jpk

26/7 DEC

I would

like to discuss with you

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

3A/wht

Tel 262

32020/MSR

26 July 1944

SUBJECT: Publicity Film "Granai del Popolo".

TO : RC's Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, RC's for all PG's.

1. A 15 minute trailer film, entitled as above, has been produced by PWB in consultation with the Agriculture Sub-Commission. Distribution will begin the week of 24 July.

2. This film tells of the objectives of the Granai del Popolo and outlines the responsibility of the farmers in that program. It also includes shots of the Italian Council of Ministers, with individual members exhorting the people to support the grain collection program.

3. The trailer will be circulated through commercial distributing agencies under supervision of PWB. Allotments to Regions will be based on (a) relative potential importance of the area to the Granai del Popolo (b) availability of cinema theaters (c) availability of electric power. Exhibitors will be instructed to show this film only with first class feature programs. Pictorial posters will accompany copies of the film, for display in theater foyers.

4. Eighty copies have been printed for use in theaters plus five copies for use in mobile projection units in areas which cannot be serviced by commercial means. It is also desired wherever possible, to arrange showings in schools during the daytime.

5. All details of the initial distribution are to be handled by PWB to the commercial distributors. The latter will be instructed to contact the appropriate RC's for advice on distribution within each Region, and for assistance in transportation where necessary.

6. In view of the limited time during which this film will be of value, RC's are requested to advise Commercial Distributors on the importance of the film.

- a. To arrange for special showing to special groups wherever possible.
- b. To urge the cooperation of Provincial Commissioners in securing complete distribution in theaters in their territories.

BY COMMAND OF CAPTAIN STONE (USAR)

W. S. Lush
W.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Dist:

Economic Section
All Provincial Commissioners
All Agricultural Officers

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Col Shipp.

1. No mention here of unfit British officers who are to help (? 57 area - file with EC)
2. Ref para 18 I do not consider showing film in cinemas will achieve the object. Emphasis should be on mobile units (sub para 3) for rural areas, but only five copies are envisaged.

27 July 44.

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Dep. Ex. Comm:

Ref this trailer film (see para 18) I have spoken to Agric. SC (Col. Dickie) and said we attached importance to the mobile units and said we would do our best to help him if he wanted any more from the Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 262

JRCS/11
24 July 1944

AGR/32030

SUBJECT: Peoples' Granary - Bulletin No. 3.

TO : All PC's for PC's, Agricultural Officers and Others.

A. GENERAL.

1. This third edition of the Peoples Granary Bulletin finds all the Provinces engaged in harvest operations; in some cases the work is still in its early stages, in others it is nearing completion. The difficulties which have been surmounted to date by Allied Officers and Italian officials alike, would have seemed insuperable in normal times. It remains now to continue to apply the vigorous measures - many of them largely improvisations - which have been adopted, until the goal has been reached which will ensure adequate food for the people of Italy. In so doing we will have made mistakes, but lessons learned must now be collected and turned to account for future years.

B. METHOD.

2. Considerable confusion has arisen with regard to dealing with minor cereals and legumes blocked on farms. Telegraphic instructions have now been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture through the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, that the Provincial Consorzi are the sole purchasing authority for these products. Such quantities as are offered may now be purchased, the Consorzi paying 75% of the base price on account, until grading tables are distributed and full payments can be made. Complete instructions will be provided through the appropriate channels.

3. Queries have been received as to how to deal with the collection of grain from properties astride provincial or communal boundaries, and those located nearer a warehouse in an adjoining commune than one in the home commune. While it is only fair that each municipality receive credit for grain collected within its confines the dictates of efficiency demand that only the shortest and most convenient route be undertaken and accordingly records will have to be adjusted inter-communally.

4. Various opinions as to the probable success of the Granai del Popolo program have been formed by different officers proceeding from this and Regional HQ's on field trips. Three views generally agreed upon, however, are:

a. That despite the vigorous directives issued by the responsible Allied Officers, in nearly every case the Ispettorati and UFFSA officials concerned leave much to be desired in acceptance of responsibility, aggressiveness and confidence.

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c. That many Communal Committees are not fulfilling the purpose for which they were formed, for a variety of reasons ranging from political interference to physical inability to meet frequently enough.

It is urged that the responsible officers spare no effort to convince the Italian Officials, on the one hand that they can have full confidence in Allied backing of bold and vigorous measures, and on the other, of equal confidence in swift retribution for any person, private, or official who obstructs the Granai del Popolo by reason of apathy, inefficiency or intent.

5. The problem of mine clearance in the newly liberated areas is an ever-present one. HQ and MG Section of this HQ has operational control of two Italian Engineer Companies for this work. Requests for their services, with full justification for any priorities claimed, should be forwarded through R.C. channels, in order that a schedule may be made up. Attempts are being made to increase the number of engineers available

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6. Although it is realized that in certain areas warehousing difficulties are acute, it is felt that some Sindaco are not fully alive to their responsibilities to provide adequate storage space. Every effort must be made to make them employ all possible means, including fiduciary commitment to sealed bins on reliable farms and on other properties of this type.

7. A new standard system of recording collections of grain for the Granai del Popolo has been announced by this HQ (Economic Section letter GR/32020, dated 15 July 1944) a copy of which should be in the possession of all concerned. The effect of the above is to reduce the paper work of Provincial Supply Officers, while facilitating the transmission of readily accessible information.

8. The return of sacks from consuming centres to exporting centers by the fastest possible means is of prime importance to the grain collection and distribution programme, and must be closely supervised by Provincial officers concerned.

9. The time is approaching when sufficient experience will have been gained with the working of Communal Committees to permit of recommendations for the improvement of their organization and functioning. Suggestions are therefore solicited, through Agricultural channels, with the approval of SO's, to be despatched to this HQ, as early as it is possible to crystallize views on the subject.

10. With the olive crop looming on the horizon, it will be the earliest desire of all to profit by the lessons learned from the grain collection programme. In order that plans and legislation be timely, it is requested that Regions consult with the appropriate Italian personnel, official and otherwise, and submit recommendations to this HQ. Proposals should reach this office not later than 15 August, in order that suitable national plans, laid by the Italian Ministry, may be reviewed by AGC. officers in the light of considered opinions, and with due regard to special local conditions.

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C. CONCLUSION

12. The Ministry of Interior has instructed the Prefects by wire that Sindaco must give full priority of their time and energy to collaboration with the Communal Committees during the harvest and collection period. It is the stated intention of that Ministry to apply drastic disciplinary action to apathetic or obstructionist officials.

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13. a) Salerno Province has adopted an excellent plan for making the best possible use in harvest control work of the limited number of officers available. It consists of dividing the Province into three geographical zones, each sub-divided into (a) pianura, (b) collina, and (c) montagna groups of Communes. Three officers of the PC's staff combine with their normal duties, visits to the communes of the sub-zones of their respective zones in rotation (a), (b) and (c) as the harvest progresses. They are accompanied by an UPSEA or Ispettorato official, and provided with questionnaires. Copies of the plan can undoubtedly be obtained from Provincial HQ Salerno, by those interested.

b) A comprehensive series of notes for the guidance of Harvest Control Officers has been issued by Foggia Province. It would be well worth while obtaining a copy in order to compare notes locally.

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14. All wheat and barley collections will in future be Consorzio Agrario transactions, eliminating the previous practice of millers buying direct from the threshing floors. This ties in with the new standard system of recording collections, and at the same time should effectively reduce leakages. (See App.D. Bulletin n°2)

15. It is reported that a so-called National Agricultural Association is being organized under the leadership of one Amiraglio Scelzi of Taranto. It would appear that this Society is primarily one of landowners who stand in opposition to any radical tendencies in regard to land tenure matters.

D. LEGAL

16. A decree is under consideration by the Ministries of Finance and Agriculture, authorizing local banks to grant long-term, low-interest loans to the Consorzi Agrari.

17. Herewith a check list of recent Italian legislation on agricultural matters. All have been endorsed for use in M.C. Territory.

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M.D.	--	28 June "	Base prices of controlled cereals and legumes, 1944	38
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Commercial distribution agencies will handle the copies of this film. They are being asked to contract appropriate Regional and Provincial Commissioners for advice and assistance in obtaining rapid transmission of copies to the most important centres.

It is hoped to have five additional non-inflammable copies for use in mobile projection units as soon as these latter become available. They will be routed to districts where coverage would be otherwise obtainable.

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Pictorial posters, containing stills of the film for display in cinema foyers, are being prepared as in normal commercial practice.

Arrangements are projected whereby this film may be shown in schools during the mornings.

19. In conjunction with the film programme, P.W.B. is arranging to release a series of photographs and stories to all Italian newspapers. "Bollettino di Notizie", the P.W.B. publication which is designed to reach centres where newspapers and radio are not available, will also carry this material.

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21. Coincidentally reports have been received of fears that supplementary consignments may be required, reducing the retentions which have been announced. It should be stressed that these retentions are set by law, and that is not the policy of the Italian Government nor A.C.C./A.M.C. to permit any deviation from the law, by the enforcement agencies or by the public. Liberal interpretations of said retention regulations will be permitted, but any tendency to abuse this concession must be expected to involve the fullest and most forcible consequences.

W. A. Hartman

for W.A. HARTMAN
Lt.-COLONEL
Director

DISTRIBUTION:

14	-	Region I
11	-	Region II
9	-	Region III
6	-	Region IV
8	-	Region V
8	-	Region VI
8	-	Region VII
3	-	AMG 5th Army
3	-	AMG 8th Army

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Propaganda and reports

for W.A. HARTMAN
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2	-	PWE	
2	-	Pub. Rel. Branch	
1	-	Economic Section	
1	-	Food Sub-Commission	
1	-	Labor Sub-Commission	
1	-	Industry & Commerce	
1	-	Minister of Agriculture	
5	-	Region IX via R.C. + I.D. Sec.	
1	-	Fed. Consorzi Agrari, via Major	Merritt.
20	-	File	

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

James
Date

Suspense

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Secy Gen to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
HC & MC Section - <i>Brig Lush</i>	<i>✓</i>
Civil Affairs Branch	<i>✓</i>
PW & Displaced Pers Sub-Com	<i>✓</i>
Italian Refugee Branch	
Security Branch	
Information Branch	
Establishment Branch	
Ex Offrs	
G-1 (A)	
G-1 (B)	
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Adjutant (Main Hq)	
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Pool of Interpreters	
Political Section	
Independent Sub-Commissions	
Navy	
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Air Forces	
Telecommunication & Posts	
War Material Disposal	
Public Relations Officer	
Liaison Section Hq A.C.C.F.	
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FOR:

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

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FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secy Gen to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
HC & MG Section - <i>Brig Lush</i>	<i>✓</i>
Civil Affairs Branch	<i>✓</i>
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<i>Per. 15-16-17 1944-45</i>	
<i>will be of special interest to you.</i>	

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Agriculture Sub-Commission

APD 394

ACE/32020

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Peoples' Granary - Bulletin No. 2.

TO : All PC's for PC's, Agricultural Officers and Others.

A. GENERAL:

1. This second edition of Peoples' Granary Bulletin, contains an outline of an excellent program of action put into effect in Matera Province plus many other pertinent suggestions. It is hereby requested that each PC submit to this HQ office a copy of his overall action program. It is also suggested that each PC prepare a current outline of action and results and submit same at least every two weeks to respective PC's.

2. Attached as Appendix A is a copy of "The Matera Plan", that is in itself more of a result than a plan. It is a draft of the arrangements made in Matera Province for maximizing the consignment of grain for the Granai del Popolo including a plan for control of wheat leakage and a propaganda program. This work was undertaken under the active supervision of the PC Region II with the collaboration of PC Matera, and the executive functions were coordinated under the chairmanship of Ist. Lt. Frank J. Verdine (A). By 19 May, all Sindaci in the province had been given their final instructions, and had pledged their 100% support in administering the spirit and the letter of grain-collecting legislation.

3. Amendment:

Reference Bulletin No. 1, para. 1, last line should read D. Legal, E. Propaganda.

B. REMARKS:

4. The storage situation is still critical in many areas. The Ministry of Agriculture is issuing instructions placing personal responsibility on each Mayor to provide suitable, safe storage within the commune, for amounts of grain up to the local annual consumption. It is hoped that this step will help solve the problem, without interfering with the Consorzio's primary responsibility for collecting the grain (see also para 2b).

5. Overcoming critical shortage of parts and repairs for agriculture power plants implements, and transportation, will require the greatest ingenuity on the part of Allied and Italian personnel. Constant touch should be kept with military salvage dumps, and military and civilian workshops, in order to enlist their maximum assistance.

6. More sacks must be found quickly if the collection of grain is not to be delayed. We appeal again for help in disclosing hidden supplies of Italian sacks. In any event, the provision of additional sacks will have to be supplemented by imposing stiff fines on farmers who retain sacks beyond a stated time limit and by keeping up a quick turn-round of sacks between farm and warehouse.

7. Allied Officers must keep constantly under review the P.O.L. situation with relation to farming, threshing and agriculture transport requirements. Should supplementary funds be needed at the earliest possible moment, giving full

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3. Amendment:

Reference Bulletin No. 1, para. 1, last line should read D. Legal, Z. Propaganda.
B. REPEATED:

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10. Instructions on business procedure and duties of Communal Committees have been issued by the Ministerial Directives, translations of which appear at Appendices B and C.

11. Technical and Operating Directives for the Consorzi Agrari are being issued by temporary National Consorzi headquarters. These are approved by the Agriculture Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture and relevant portions will be released in English from time to time, in order to facilitate control.

12. A workable system of priority credits (Bulletin No. 1, para. 7) is still under consideration. It has been proposed that since most commodities of interest to the farmer are in short supply, the premiums should be in the form of services furnished by the Italian Government. Practical suggestions along this line will be heartily welcomed.

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21. Prices of cereals other than wheat, and legumes, are being worked out, and those of all grains subject to price control. They will be published shortly.

D. LEGAL:

22. A Ministerial Decree has been drafted and will be issued within the next few days, blocking at the farm for sale only through licensed channels, at controlled prices, certain cereals and legumes, viz., maize, oats, rye, rice, horse beans, and dried lentils, chick peas, chickling vetches, peas, and beans.

23. Another Ministerial Decree is being drafted controlling the activities of power and hand threshers through the Ispettorato channels. A comprehensive Ministerial Directive has been issued on this subject, and a translation is appended at "D".

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24. A third Ministerial Decree is in the process of preparation, freezing farm rental, and share tenant agreements of all types and extending contracts until the end of the state of war in Italy. This measure is preparatory to an review of the whole question of rentals and contracts in the light of increased cost of living.

2 PROPOGANDA:

25. A good talking point in favor of the visible, tangible Granai del Popolo is the retention in the Commune under Communal control, of all locally produced wheat and barley up to the limit of annual requirements. Care must be taken not to put too narrow an interpretation on 'in the Commune' or good nearby storage space may be neglected.

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1 - Minister of Agriculture
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1 - Fed. Consorzi Agrari, AT: Captain Merritt.
20 - File

APPENDIX "A"

I GRANAI DEL POPOLO

(The Matera Plan)

The Matera Plan has been built, step by step, for the sole purpose of securing the maximum collection of grain from this year's harvest.

In the doing of the necessary preliminary trade work to accomplish this purpose and by thoroughly arousing and enthusing Italian officials, the Matera Plan began to operate

To describe the plan, then, is largely to recite the following actions taken well in advance of the harvesting of the crop.

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5. SITA officials and mechanics instructed on required maintenance, inspection and operation of these trucks.
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7. Chauffeurs secured for these vehicles with provision for servicing, maintenance and pooling.

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GRAIN PRODUCERS

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18. Transportation of fuel and lubricants to distribution points in advance of harvesting.
19. Procurement of binder twine for harvesting.
20. Acquisition for belting.
21. Requisition for repair parts of agricultural machinery.
22. Removal of bombing targets for harvesting areas.
23. Removal of unexploded bombs from fields.
24. Special meeting 17 May with larger growers to discuss program and insure cooperation.

WORKERS

25. Examination of workers wage question.
26. Arrangements with labor to insure arrival of 12,000 harvest workers indispensable for province.
27. Constant effort to obtain cooperation of all unions and their leaders.
28. Drawing supplies of grain from communes and preparing in advance supply of pasta for harvest workers.
29. Procurement of wine for harvest workers.
30. Procurement of increased rations for harvest workers.
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32. Instructions to Mayors to give priority and make full use of refugee labor.
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 - b. Personnel (meticulously selected).
 - c. Instructions.
 - d. Materials. (Denuncias etc.).
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53. Prefectural announcement to all Mayors of organization of UFEA.
54. Organization of Provincial Committee.
 - a. First meeting, 15 May.
55. Selection and approval of 32 Communal Committees.
56. Specific instructions prepared for UFEA men in communes.
57. Meeting in Matera on May 18 of all Mayors, warehousemen, technicians and UFEA representatives to discuss campaign and to receive:
 - a. Denuncia Aziendale (50,000).
 - b. Special violation notices (asking public to report violations to ACC).
 - c. Instructions of actions for workers.

List of speakers:

- 1st Lt. Frank J. Verdame, Asst P.C. - Coordinating chairman.
- Tamburro Dott. Guido Prefect, - General exhortation and welcome.
- La Bella Sig. Matteo, - Detailed examination of grain campaign.
- Gasbarri Sig. Alfredo, - Instructions to statistical members of Communes.
- Gallitelli Sig. Domenico, Instructions to warehousemen for Consorzio.
- Salomone Sig. Luigi, - Major's viewpoint in checking black market.
- Major J. S. Iansill, P.C., - Call to arms.
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- a. Hidden on farm. This possible only if leakage at threshing machine. Hidden in walls, wells, barrels, haystacks, buried.
- b. Payment of rent, kept for family use, seed, etc. People keep grain on farm and in town, declaration of where grain stored, all other grain found confiscate without payment. Room for error in the estimation of how much grain is in a storeroom.

4. WHEN TURNED INTO CONSORZIO

- a. Dishonest records kept. Wrong weight, poor quality, full price not paid, etc. Consorzio warehousemen have been cleaned out and reorganized.

5. AFTER PUT IN GRAINERY

- a. Theft by outsider. Use good warehouse or provide guard.
- b. Illegal distribution. Detected from records kept.

6. DURING EXPORTATION

- a. Theft from train. Use of military guard on all freight trains.
- b. Theft from truck. Make driver personally responsible. Use guard.

7. AFTER HARVEST AND COLLECTION IS COMPLETE

- a. Use of both ration cards and grinding permit. Check Municipal records and spot check mills for people with grinding permits.
- b. Extra ration cards in families. Check Municipal records against number in family.
- c. Dishonest millers. Return only 60 kg of flour for 100 kg which was brought for grinding. Police Check.
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5. The Provveditore agli Studi will cooperate in getting school children interested in devising other combinations.

APPENDIX B

WORKING PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNAL COMMITTEES

1. The membership for Communal Committees for Agriculture is as follows:

- I. The Mayor
- II. A representative of the Clergy - Effective Member
- III. A local farmer representing large farms - Effective Member
- IV. A local farmer representing small farms - " "
- V-VI. Two representatives of the Agricultural Laborers. " "
- VII. An officer of the U.P.S.E.A. " Member with functions of Secretary.
- VIII. Local Carabinieri Commander - Associate member without vote.

2. The Committee will normally meet weekly at a time and day posted in plain view on the Communal notice board. It will also meet as required at the call of the President. During the harvest period it will meet each evening.

Five voting members form a quorum, but of these two at least must be representatives of categories IV to VI inclusive.

Decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote, the vote of the President prevailing in case of a tie.

The local Commander of CC PR will attend all meetings, as an associate member, without the privilege of voting.

The UPSEA official will perform the duties of secretary of the Committee. He will keep the members of the Committee informed of any instructions from Central and Provincial government offices, which might in any way interest the Committee or affect its activities. He has an effective vote except when the Committee arbitrating between producers and UPSEA, on matters of crops census and regulation of harvesting and collecting grain.

The Mayor as President normally must attend all meetings and direct the work of the Committee; only in exceptional cases may he delegate his duties to a member of the Committee, who will discharge the duties for one meeting only.

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Five voting members form a quorum, but of these two at least must be representatives of categories IV to VI inclusive.

Decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote, the vote of the President prevailing in case of a tie.

The local Commander of CC RR will attend all meetings, as an associate member, without the privilege of voting.

The UP32A official will perform the duties of secretary of the Committee. He will keep the members of the Committee informed of any instructions from Central and provincial government offices, which might in any way interest the Committee or affect its activities. He has an effective vote except when the Committee arbitrating between producers and UP32A, on matters of crops census and regulation of harvesting and collecting grain.

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The Chief of the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture may send an official representative to the meetings of the Committee at any time he considers it desirable. The superior authorities of officials of church and state who are members of the Committee, and members of the Provincial Committee may attend as observers and advisors at the meetings of the Communal Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee will keep the minutes of each meeting. These will record all discussions and will be read and approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee may, in consideration of the importance of certain discussions forward the minutes of one or more relevant meetings to the Provincial Committee for examination and consideration.

The Provincial Committee is charged with the control of the Communal Committees of the Province, and vested with the authority to take all necessary steps to ensure the efficient operation of the latter.

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APPENDIX "C"

TASKS OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR AGRICULTURE

1. HOW TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS TO RETAIN WHEAT AND BARLEY, AS PER NOTES ON BACK TO THE DEMUNZIA FORM. On the back of form IC the person making the declaration shall note (above the information referring to the composition of the family), the place where he intends to store his legal retentions.
2. On receiving the "Demunzia Aziendale" by the farmers the UPSEA official, who in every Comune belongs to the Communal Committee for Agriculture, shall require people concerned to write on the back of the form the list of people entitled to retention shares.
3. Very full name must be followed by the qualification, and married women or widows are to be recorded under their husband's name followed by maiden name in parenthesis.
4. Article 3 of L.D. of May 2, 1944, which describes categories of people entitled to retention rates, lays down among other things under (a) that non-manual operators who personally and continuously attend to management of their farms to the exclusion of any other activity, are entitled to such retentions. This provision must be interpreted as excluding from the right to retentions, owners well known to be absent from the management of their farms, but not those living in the neighborhood of the farms and who are still able to perform some other job without prejudice to the management of the farm itself, to which they devote part time each day.
5. At every meeting of the Communal Committee the representative of the UPSEA will bring the lists he has received and the names will be discussed by the committee in order to examine whether from their local knowledge the names belong to people included in the prescribed categories.
6. In this way at every meeting there will be compiled an alphabetical list of people whom the Committee considers entitled to retentions of wheat and barley, and beside each name there will be mentioned the qualification of the person and the quantity of cereal allotted. A copy of this list will be posted on the Communal notice board so that all the citizens may criticize and advise the Committee of any mistake.
7. After finishing the examination of all "Demunzia Aziendale", of farmers and of the lists thereof, the representative of UPSEA shall compile from the partial lists a general alphabetical list of people entitled to retention shares as approved by the Committee, and a copy of this list shall be posted on the Communal notice board. Another copy, signed by the Mayor on every page, shall be used for releasing milling cards Bollette di Macinazione, which, this year shall bear on their first page the list of people to whom the card refers. When releasing milling cards, there shall be a controlling entry on the official copy signed by the Mayor at every page, certifying that all the names involved on the milling cards appear on the approved list and nothing on the official copy, beside each name, the number of the milling card in which the name is included.
8. Thus it will be easy to check each name shown on the official list for the number of the milling card on which it appears. The official compiling the card must sign it is liable for controlling the names, in order to prevent the name of one person appearing on more than one milling card.

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10. The Communal Committee, which is in a position to have accurate information of the individual operators and local agricultural affairs, must then determine whether the figures are correct. If it does not think so, it shall require the representative of the UPSEA to revise the figures, and eventually shall arbitrate them finally. Arbitrating cases where people concerned do not agree with quantities of cereals to be delivered to Granai del Popolo, as figured by the representative of the UPSEA.
11. This is an extremely delicate function confided by the Italian people to the honesty and justice of the members of the Communal Committee.

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12. On the grounds of its own personal technical experience of figures of local production and of its knowledge of matters of fact, the committee shall be able, admitting to the discussion the people concerned, to give an arbitrated and final judgement which as the expression of a popular judgement, the person concerned will be bound to obey.

Controlling the Threshing:

13. This is the subject of a separate directive.

Controlling the whole system of delivering cereals to Granai del Popolo and denouncing to the Prefect any irregularity.

14. The Committee, at every weekly meeting, shall estimate the average hectare yield of the harvest in accordance with the development of the crop and shall record the situation in the minutes.
15. The Communal Committee, after completing the operations necessary for the delivery of the fixed quotas, shall ascertain the average production per hectare of the communal areas. Then they will make a list of the producers of cereals subject to compulsory delivery, assigning to each of them a point for every quintal of wheat or barley produced. The amount of these points will be added to another point per every quintal produced per hectare above the communal average and diminished by another point for every one produced under the average. The total will be divided by the number of hectares planted in wheat or barley and the result recorded on the milling card and Denuncia form.

16. The total of the production points will be noted by the Communal office releasing the milling card, in the space provided on the card below of the instructions.

17. These production points shall be used as a basis for the future allowance of fertilizers and other agricultural supplies according to provisions to be notified later.

Directing farmers to declare area they intend to seed with cereals and legumes for grain in the next grain season.

18. The Communal Committee shall obtain from the Provincial Committee, the date referring to the quantity of supplies allowed to the Commune and shall compile an allotment list for the farmers of the Commune and send this list to the appropriate Consorzio Agrari. This will ensure a national allotment distribution controlled by the farmers themselves.

APPENDIX 'D'

(Translation)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

SAVED 17 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Provisions for the Regulation of the Carrying on and the Encouragement of Threshing and Shelling by Machine and Other Means and Systems, of Cereals and Legumes - Crop 1944.

By a Decree in course of publication there shall be abrogated R.L.D. 23 April 1942 No. 433.

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On the basis of the provisions contained in the forthcoming decree which will regulate the conduct of threshing and shelling for the current harvest, the following interim instructions are issued.

1. Any person wishing to carry on threshing and shelling of cereals and legumes by power-operated machines must provide himself with license, to be issued by the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

The license is type A, for threshing and shelling only on the lands conducted by the licensee or licensees and type B for threshing and shelling on account of third parties or his or their account and of third parties.

The associations and societies however constituted among the farmers for the purpose of supervising the threshing and shelling on lands conducted by them or by their members must provide themselves with licenses type A. If they wish to carry on such operations on account of third parties also they must provide themselves with the licenses type B.

No license shall be issued other than in exceptional cases for the operation of threshing and shelling machines not supplied with proper fire extinguishers or not having the necessary technical supervision and efficiency.

2. Licenses are issued, beginning from the 1st May of every year and within a month from the presentation of the application therefore on authority of the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture, on recommendation of the Provincial Committee of Agriculture and the Chief of the Inspectorate of Industry and Labor (ex 'Ispettorato Corporativo').

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3. The license is valid only for the machine or machines, for the kind or the kinds of product, for the current year, and within the limits of the province for which it has been issued, or re-issued.

The operators of machines who wish to use them in other provinces must submit the licenses for authorization visas of the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture competent for territories concerned.

4. The Committee mentioned in para. 2 shall also rule upon:

a. The maximum number of machines required within the limits of the provincial territory, for threshing on account of third parties according to the exigencies of production.

b. The technical supervision and efficiency of the machines destined for threshing and shelling of cereals and legumes.

2. On the possibility of procuring a distribution plan for the use of threshing machines within the province.

3. Proposed relative to certifying technical efficiency will be entailed by payment to the Public Property of state tax of 200 lire for each type of threshing and shelling machine whatever the size of the cylinder.

On presenting his application the applicant must prove to have already made the above mentioned payment.

4. In recommendation of the Provincial Committee of Agriculture, the applicant, Inspector of Agriculture and Public Landmarks at any time if the technical efficiency of machines, or the personnel in charge are questioned, or they lack fire-extinguishers or if the licensee does not observe the following provisions of the above mentioned decree or laws, the above the threshing rates fixed by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labor, or by the corresponding provincial authorities.

To detection of non-conformity to the rates is entrusted to the Labor Inspectorate competent for the territory.

5. Herewith are average rates of threshing by power operated machines fuel supplied at the expense of the thrasher, agreed on basic prices by the competent Ministries and which will serve for fixing, by the Provincial Committees of Agriculture, the rates in each province for the same grain crop.

1. Threshing in load up to 50 qals. of grain 50 lire for each qal. threshed.

2. In loads over 50 qals. up to 100 qals. of grain 45 lire for each qal. threshed.

(3) In loads over 100 qals. of grain 35 lire for each qal. threshed.

6. Above rates apply to grain threshing by machines operated by petrol motors.

7. In cases where the thrasher also carries out cutting and mechanical pressing of straw, the charges will be 12 lire for each qal. of pressed or cut straw, exclusive of the price of binding, and 15 lire for each qal. of pressing.

8. The thrasher must furnish at his own expense during the threshing operations at least three qualified workers for the operating of the threshing machine and for the feeding the machines.

9. All other workers will be paid by the producer.

10. The Provincial Committees will note that the above mentioned average threshing rates refer to normal threshing machines, with 120 cm cylinders, powered by machine or kerosene or gasoline.

11. In cases of threshing machines are powered by other means (coal, steam exhausted olive husk, etc.) or in case products other than wheat to be threshed, the rates will be decided by the Provincial Committee, in conjunction with the Chiefs of the Industry and Labor Inspectorates according to the prices of the fuels used, the type of work required and the zone in which operated.

12. The licensee of each operating threshing machine must hold a quadruplicate receipt book supplied, on payment, by the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture, for recording the data and certificate indicated hereafter. As soon as each weighing operation is completed the data of the single weighings will be noted in pen or copying pencil, and the original of the above mentioned receipt book and 3 carbon copies maintained.

13. This receipt book shall similar to that of the last season by the General Inspectorate of Agriculture, and signatures in order to

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b. Above rates apply to grain threshing by machines operated by petrol motors.

c. In cases where the thrasher also carries out cutting and mechanical pressing of straw, the charge will be 12 lire for each qtl. of pressed or cut straw, exclusive of the price of baling wire in the case of pressing.

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f. The Provincial Committees will note that the above mentioned average threshing rates refer to normal threshing machines, with 120 cm cylinders, powered by naphtha or kerosene or gasoline.

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b. This receipt book shall similar to that printed last season by the General Statistic Institute for the obligation of statement of cereals and legumes in order to utilize all remaining receipt books on hand. The Provincial Inspectorate will provide receipts as required.

c. The licensee will forward the following records and statements, countersigned by him on the three carbon copies receipt book:

(1) duplicate receipt name of his land and the acreage of seeded ground from which the product came;

(2) triplicate receipt, within a week from the end of the threshing operation to the Town-Hall of the production commune, which after extracting the data which may interest the Food Office will forward it to the Central Statistical Office for the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor;

(3) quadruplicate receipt to the communal office in whose territory the product has been grown.

d. UNEA will send the quadruplicate to the appropriate Provincial Inspectorate. In this receipt will appear the amount threshed, the identity of the producers of the land from which the grain came and the commune in which the land is located.

6. The quadruplicate will be sent daily to UPSEA as above mentioned for lots which can be threshed in one day and immediately on completion of the threshing of lots which need more than one working day.

Within a week from the day of the last threshing the receipt books, even if utilized only in part, must be sent back to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture which issued them.

7. a. All those who carry on the threshing and shelling by means and systems other than mechanical power are obliged to state previously to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture through Communal Offices of the UPSEA, the day on which such operations will start, and to ask for the appropriate authorization in order that the Communal Office may grant them a permit to transport grains from the threshing floors, at least 5 days before use for a permit for each threshing machine and for each threshing floor. Original applications will be sent to the Communal Office of the UPSEA which will forward a copy to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

b. The application will be made on plain paper, and will contain the following information:

- (1) The date of beginning threshing or shelling of the grain.
 - (2) Daily average amount of grain which can be threshed;
 - (3) Number of estimated working days of hand threshing machines and threshing floors.
 - (4) Whether the threshing machines or floors are utilized on account of his own farm or for third parties or for both.
- (In the latter cases, the application must contain the working itinerary of the hand threshing machine, and the names of the producers who will utilize the hand threshing machine or the threshing floor.)
- (5) The exact locations of the private hand threshing machines and of the communal and private threshing floors to be used.

8. Communal floors employing treading, beating or flailing methods are those floors to which are brought the cereals of more than one producer.

a. Private floors are those to which are brought the cereals of a single producer.

b. When threshing is over either the licensed owner or operator of the threshing machine, or the licensed owner or operator of the threshing floor, will certify on the proper form to the Communal Office of UPSEA the amount of the threshed product.

9. For control of the threshing operations and for checking of the certified amounts of grain and the acreage seeded the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture, may avail himself of the services of UPSEA and request the assistance of the agents of the judiciary police (Agents of the Civil Police).

10. Infractions of the above provisions and those which will in future be issued by the Ministry are punishable by the terms of R.D.I. 22 April 1943 No. 245 and by revocation of the threshing or shelling license. A recommendation of the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

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SUBJECT: Peoples' Granary - Bulletin No. 1.

TO : All RC's for PC's, Agricultural Officers and others.

1. The overall purpose of this bulletin is to provide a medium for exchange of pertinent information and suggestions concerning various phases of our all out efforts to maximize the collection of wheat, barley, and other vital war crops, harvested this summer and fall. Additional issues will be prepared and released as often as subject matter justifies. Information and suggestions are hereby solicited from all participants in the program. The task of editing material received will be expedited if outlined under either of the following five sections into which the remainder of this bulletin is divided, viz. A. General B. Methods C. Control Measures D. Propaganda E. Legal.

A. GENERAL:

2. Attainment of our mission is largely dependent upon success experienced in establishment of efficient functioning Italian Agricultural Organization, coordination of all warehouse and transportation facilities with demands at various points, continuous liaison with Italian officials to develop ways and means to overcome local obstacles particularly with reference to enforcement phases of program, and frequent exchange of information through this bulletin or other media.

3. Wheat and Barley decree and Ministerial organization Directive, copies of which have been distributed to you, provide the organization frame work within which you will function. Procedures must be adjusted within that framework to meet peculiar local situations. Prefects should be encouraged to issue such additional directives as are necessary.

B. METHODS:

4. Ministerial decree and directive makes the Consorzio responsible for an important part of the program. Tentative dead line dates should be established for completion of delivery of grain to the warehouses within limitations of transport, warehouse, and threshing facilities. Until new warehouse receipt forms are printed and made available, last years supply should be used.

5. Warehouse capacity should be analyzed in terms of available transportation facilities and estimated rate of threshing. Estimates for the harvest must be correlated with truck, railroad, and other transport means at key points in each province.

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6. A survey of sack resources is now underway but help is needed throughout occupied Italy to locate hidden supplies of sacks and number of sacks held by farmers. Manufacture of new sacks is underway at top speed. Plan now to get along with fewer sacks than your estimated minimum requirements. Careful estimation should be made on a spot check basis of wheat and barley yields before, during, and after harvest. Results should be checked against reports received from farmers by Communal Committees. Discrepancies should be checked by the Allied Agricultural officer available for expert judgment.

7. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Sub-Commission are giving consideration to a workable or practicable procedure for giving priority credits to farmers for the purchase of Agriculture supplies which may become available in the future. The idea is to provide some form of a bonus for early and complete delivery of grain. Details will be revealed in a later bulletin.

8. Every person authorized to receive a retention will be issued a milling card by offices of U.P.S.E.A.. These cards must be countersigned by the Communal Committee to eliminate fraudulent entries. Cards will serve as movement authorization for legal retentions. Again lack of heavy paper and printing facilities may delay release of cards for an additional few weeks. Space has been provided on cards for recording priority credits earned by farmers for purchase of supplies.

9. Suggestions regarding ways and means to control thresher and miller activities are hereby solicited. One excellent suggestion, if it can be made workable with limited transport facilities, would be to haul grain to warehouses direct from threshing machines. Consideration should be given to have local Prefects prepare and issue special directives covering hand and machine methods for threshing and milling.

10. A directive including questions and answers regarding those entitled to retentions is being prepared by the Minister of Agriculture for release to Communal Committees.

11. Appeals by farmers from rulings by assessment officials should be arbitrated by the voluntary Communal committees and taken to Provincial or Compartment or higher authority only when necessary. Records of unsatisfactory settlements should be kept.

C. CONTROL MEASURES.

12. Establish check points along main traffic routes between farms and warehouses.

13. Make arrangements to obtain cooperation of military authorities to make periodical "Blitz Checks", simultaneously throughout a given group of Communes or the entire province. Violations must be convicted justly and without delay.

14. Organize routes for threshing machines whenever practicable and arrange for necessary machine repair facilities at central points in each province. Request Prefect to issue local directives placing ceilings on charges for repairs of threshing and other harvest machines, trucks, etc.

15. Make Communal officials responsible for investigating suspicious cases on representations presented by one or more members of voluntary Communal committees.

16. Develop and put in force every procedure possible to punish violators within a very limited time. Imprisonments rather than fines should be stressed.

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17. Make one Allied officer responsible for a specific group of Communes in every major grain production area.

18. Mobilize local Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza, Forestale and other Italian police and regulatory organizations for work in cooperation with such assistance as can be obtained from any military unit located within the immediate vicinity of major production areas.

19. Consider plans to exchange senior Carabinieri MCO's between provinces to eliminate or reduce possible collusion or other forms of graft experienced in past years.

20. Establish rates at which grain should reach warehouses in respective Communes. If the flow of grain falls behind estimated rate in view of threshing progress special investigation should be instigated and enforcement or control measures should be strengthened when and where necessary.

21. Ministerial directive will instruct Sindaco to prepare and post list of those entitled to retentions.

D. LEGAL

22. Status of all relevant laws is being reviewed. Preliminary review indicates that penalties extend from ordinary fines to the death penalty. Existing legislation appears to be full of loop holes. Efforts are being made to have one legal officer work on this subject continuously.

23. Consideration is being given to providing an automatic basic minimum jail penalty on conviction, and the possibility of automatic confiscation of all or part of produce and possibly all or part of farm property of convicted persons.

24. Suggest local directives placing equal responsibility on owners and tenants for adherence to existing laws.

25. Dependents of convicted persons should be placed on producers food cards when convictions involve imprisonment of offenders. Special heavy penalties should be established for officials found guilty of collusion or other violation.

E. PROPAGANDA

26. Coordinated AGC and ICB program is underway. Program involves press, movies of a few Communal Committees in operation, radio, mobile sound trucks, posters, hand bills, etc.

27. Phase one during May - build up to press and radio announcements. Phase two during June and July - high pressure exploitation via all propaganda media. Details of these programs will be circulated when outlines have been completed.

28. A few of the high lights to be stressed are:

a. Rehabilitation of Italy and stability of lire.

b. Retentions only to those manually employed on farms or otherwise engaged in full time farm operations, this represents genuine step toward demoralization.

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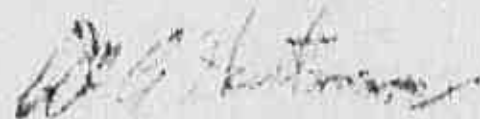
c. Use term peoples' granaries, collection, delivery, contribute, etc. in all conversations and correspondence; never use the word "AMBASCO". Prejudices, educational level, local interest, etc. must be considered in planning special local propaganda program.

d. Simplicity and self-evident conclusions will be goals.

29. Most effective results will be obtained by impressing Italian officials and voluntary Communal Committees with their responsibilities. Allied officers must be assured that Italian officials and members of voluntary Communal Committees are thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the program. Allied officers should become acquainted with local Italian officials and Committee members by attending meetings as observers whenever possible.

30. Exploit every idea which gives promise of conviction that full cooperation will result in eliminating or reducing black market activities and in retarding inflationary tendencies. Unless these two cancers are cured or checked every Italian citizen should be made to understand that the rehabilitation of Italy as a nation and each individual thereof will suffer accordingly.

31. Information and suggestions for use in future bulletins should be sent to this Sub-Commission.



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