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1. Forwarded herewith is the Report of Region 3 for month of January 1944 pursuant to AMG/620/14, 4 January 1944.

2. The report consists of a summary in quadruplicate to which is attached detailed reports of the respective Sections of this Headquarters.

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MONTHLY REPORT

AMG REGION 3

January 1944

In Accordance AMG/EC20/14-4 January 1944

1. GENERAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

The general condition of the people in the month of January presents many contrasts. Large numbers of people on the streets of Naples are well dressed. Many shops display pantry, candy and other foods at very high prices. Until all restaurants were placed off limits to military personnel, food of all kinds was served daily in plentiful quantities and new restaurants were being opened to take care of the booming business. In contrast to this are many beggars and hungry looking ragged children and other distressed individuals on the streets. People swarm over the dumps where military garbage is disposed of and many stories of individual hardship and distress come to this office.

The Italian Agencies for dispersing relief under vigorous prodding from AMG have continued to step up their efforts and are assisting more than three times the number of people in January than were given assistance in November.

The group of persons most seriously affected by inflation are low salaried civil servants, government pensioners and others with small fixed incomes.

While food is limited in both variety and quantity, the most serious lack seems to be milk for children and invalids.

Military Government would not change its policy of remaining impartial. One individual wished AMG recognition for a group of well-known citizens as a non-political advisory committee. He was told all groups of citizens spontaneously organized would receive the courteous attention of AMG but that it could not originate such a committee for such general and undefined purposes.

The channels through which applications for permission to publish newspapers were explained to leaders of the Comitato.

Evidence that the Communist Party is the most powerful party in the Naples area was apparent in meetings held by AMG and Comitato leaders to discuss elimination of Fascists from certain types of offices.

By month's end the monarchist group appeared to recover from the state of bewilderment and confusion in which the events of September had thrown them. The "opposition" parties of the Comitato, satisfied that their minimum demands are being satisfied for the elimination of Fascists, freedom of the press and of assembly as well as for a more developed and democratic political newspaper situation, gave the impression of adopting an increasingly more responsible attitude in preparation of their assumption of a share in the government which they seem to believe will soon be theirs.

3. ADMINISTRATION.

The physical reorganization completed in January facilitated changes in internal administration.

The Sergeant Major was relieved of other duties to devote full-time to handling the movement of correspondence. This has increased the speed of movement of papers in, out and within Headquarters to a satisfactory degree.

An effort was made to centralize all files and movement of correspondence but the nature of operations seemed to require decentralization to Sections. This required establishment of a numbering system by sections, which has been done, as well as clear definition of (a) material to be signed by or for the HCAO and (b) material to be signed in sections.

Employment of adequate, competent civilian help is important to efficiency. Recruiting and placement of civilian help for Headquarters has been centralized and is handled by an Assistant Adjutant General. This means one contact with the Labor Section and sorting of applicants before referral to sections. The result is that requirements for civilian employees have been met promptly with a good grade of worker.

4. JUSTICE.

The problem of finding sufficient personnel to man the military courts in the City of Naples is becoming increasingly more difficult. A superior court and three summary courts sit daily whole time and the remaining two take the full time of a judicial officer.

The officers necessary to man these courts have been loaned to Region 3 by other regions and there is danger they will be required for other duties. If that happens virtual breakdown is foreseen because the CAOs

do not have the time to devote to the courts. In addition PBS has requested the formation of another port area court because the present court cannot handle all the cases.

The General Court situation is also unsatisfactory. Region 4 officers who had operated this court have been withdrawn. Arrangements were then made with ACC to provide seven officers for this court when they could be spared from ACC duties. Now they too have gone north. At present the legal officer of the province and two CAGs are conducting the court.

It is believed that an official Italian translation should be provided when Allied Military Government orders are issued for publication by more than one headquarters. Recently an order was released for the provinces of Naples and Benevento and the published Italian versions were different.

A summary of court cases follows:

In all courts	Guilty	3188
	Not Guilty	488
Summary courts	Guilty	3138
	Not Guilty	453
Superior courts	Guilty	50
	Not Guilty	25

No General Court decisions rendered.

There were in the region 1276 convictions in our few cases, 1513 theft and illegal possession, 71 black market, 17 looting, 196 possession of arms and ammunition, 34 violations of Italian penal code and 81 other. Total convictions, 3188

revenue from the sale of new bonds. The sale of new bonds was beyond expectations. The following figures reflect this condition:

	AVELLINO	BENEVENTO	NAPLES
Bonds redeemed for cash	L.2,419,000	L.7,752,000	L.78,569,000
Old bonds exchanged for new	5,339,000	5,251,000	37,326,000
New bonds sold	3,162,000	539,500	85,346,000
Interest paid	4,767,000	3,240,000	48,230,000

Although the Finance department did not permit the Naples Stock Exchange to open there has been a certain amount of bonds sold through the banks with the department's approval. The banks were held responsible to know both parties in the sale and to refrain from handling transactions for leading Fascists or others outside their sphere of operations. With this limited market, the "unofficial over the counter" sale prices have shown a steady increase which reacted favorably on the sale of new bonds and increased the revenue of the State. Following are unofficial prices in Naples City for Treasury Bonds:

	9 Years 5%	9 Years 4%
31/8/43	75	No Market
11/9/43	71	No Market
3/11/43	54	49
2/12/43	58	53
3/ 1/44	75	69
2/ 2/44	80	73

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