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Crime.

An important case of counterfeiting was uncovered at Palermo where excellent counterfeit 1,000 L notes were in circulation. 30 persons were arrested, the plant and materials together with counterfeit notes to the value of 42 million Lira have been seized.

Prisons.

The question of overcrowding is still important but the seriousness of the position is now realized by all and the position is improving.

Control of Movement.

The additional restrictions have caused a great deal of additional work but have proved of great value in checking the activities of enemy agents.

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PHILIP HEALTHOperations.

The Italian Government has been most co-operative in finding doctors to go forward to recently recovered territory.

Diseases.

Smallpox. No further cases have occurred in Taranto, the disease in Naples is of a mild form. At 31 May 161 cases had been reported. There are no deaths.

Veneral. The decline of the VD rate continues. 2,000 hospital beds for infected prostitutes have now been provided in Italian Port Territory. The Italian Port. doctors and officials are co-operating well.

Malaria. AAI has made a considerable amount of Paris Green available for Regions. DDT powder which proved of such value in Typhus control is now proving of value in anti-malarial work, mixed with oil it is an effective larvicide, and mixed with kerosene or kerosene oil it is an effective destroyer of adult mosquito.

Zoonoses.

Swine Cholera. 2,500 swine have been lost in Region V from Swine Fever/ Hog Cholera. The production of vaccine for this disease and of other biologicals is proceeding satisfactorily.

PROPERTY CONTROL.

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2. Apulia, Calabria, Campania & Lucania.
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The development of various educational channels for infants, for recreation for youths (including Scouts), for adults, for extension classes, for the teaching of arts and crafts and science and for technical education are all proceeding.

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1. INTERIOR.

a. A Royal Decree reconstituting Local Government has now been published. Its effect is to continue the arrangements in regard to local administration introduced in AMG areas before the restoration. Steps are being taken to secure uniformity by applying when practicable the provisions of the decree to occupied territory.

2. LEGAL.

a. Advice and Drafting. The work of consolidating the 15 old proclamations into four (with new Italian translations of each) was completed.

The following matters were dealt with on behalf of various Sub-Commissions: restriction of movement of civilians; use of military vehicles by Italian Government and other non-military agencies; registration of aliens; threatened strikes in Public Utilities Services; arrest of civilians by Allied personnel in restored areas; rent increases in occupied territory.

b. Legislative.

i. The following matters were discussed with the Italian Government; marriage of members of the Allied Forces on Italian territory; defascistization and purgation of the Italian Civil Service and employees of semi-official bodies; jurisdiction of AM Courts in unoccupied territory; offences against Allied interests with particular reference to the disposition of stolen and damaged property and of the rights of Allied third parties.

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The preparation of draft legislation for the Allied Publications Board.

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The first trial by an Allied Military Court in Unoccupied Territory took place during the month at SALERNO. The two accused were charged in respect of a series of thefts from a British Army Post Office. They were both convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

3 SAFETY.

a Police: law and order has been well maintained. Despite adverse conditions the morale and discipline of the Italian Police is good. In the Army areas police have rendered excellent service in dealing with refugees, clearing military roads controlling civilian movement and assisting the Security Services.

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Police Uniforms: lack of adequate clothing, particularly boots, has become a serious problem. Efforts are being made to obtain the urgent needs of the Carabinieri and Finance Guards from Italian Army sources.

Incident at Xitta, Trapani Province, Sicily: a serious incident occurred on 9 April at Xitta in the Province of Trapani, Sicily, where the conduct of French troops (1st French Paratroop Regiment) had already aroused the resentment of the Italian population. On this occasion, unwelcome advances to an Italian girl by a party of drunken French soldiers precipitated a clash with a group of young Italians. Shots were exchanged on both sides. The French Commander sent to the scene a contingent of troops, armed with pistols, rifles and machine guns. The village was cordoned off, machine gun posts established at strategic points, and a house to house search carried out. Firing continued. On the French side, ten soldiers were wounded; on the Italian side, two civilians were killed and six injured. The affray broke out at 8 pm and the 'state of siege' ordered by the French Commander was established at about 11 pm. Shortly afterwards the Provincial Public Safety Officer arrived, but it was not until 1230 pm on the following day that he finally persuaded the French Commander to withdraw his troops and confine them to barracks. The policing of the village was then taken over by the CC.NR who restored law and order. A full enquiry is proceeding.

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111 Typhus: the decrease in typhus is now so great that no reason remains for depicting the case incidence.

Veterinary: During the month reports of four diseases, Rabies, Glanders, Epizootic Lymphangitis and Swine Fever, in different parts of Italy were received. The Italian Ministry of the Interior immediately issued instructions to the territory under its control concerning the proper counter measures to be adopted. Instructions along similar lines have been or are being issued by ACZ/AMG for the forward areas.

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- 4 Supply: The attention of the Italian authorities has been drawn to their responsibility concerning the safeguarding of medical supplies. Attempts are being made to stimulate the production of biologicals in Naples. The laboratories in Region I are now turning out large quantities of calf lymph.
- 5 Welfare: The adoption by the Italian Government of the Welfare programme in operation in Region I is anticipated.
- 5 EDUCATION.
- a Teaching:
- i The new "programs" for secondary schools for prospective elementary school teachers is completed and printed.
 - ii Commissions have been appointed to prepare a programme for all Industrial, Commercial, Agricultural and Nautical High Schools.
 - iii The publishing and distributing of the revised elementary school text books continued. Seven of the ten books (Naples printing) and six (printed in Palermo) have been distributed. The remaining three books of the Naples printing and two of the four to be printed in Sicily are almost ready. The new books have met widespread approval and are to be printed by Mideast for the North African Command.
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- d Youth Commission: This Commission prepared a new statute for the "Patronato Scolastico", (a communal commission for aid to needy students) and statutes for the setting up of school councils, including parents and teachers for the development of youth activities.
- e Preparations for opening kindergartens in Naples and providing children with school lunches have been made.
- f Grant to the University of Naples: The Minister has promised at least 23,000,000 lire for the repairing and rebuilding of property of the University of Naples.
- 6 General: Various councils and bodies have been established or re-organised including those to deal with adult Education and recreation, Higher Education, Nautical Education, Music and the Fine Arts.
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7 MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES.

a Protection of Monuments: List of Protected Monuments No 3 (Lazio and Abruzzi-Molise) in press. Remaining lists in preparation.

b **i** Despite strong recommendations made through the Executive Commissioner, the Royal Palace Palermo, is still occupied by troops.

ii The Royal Palace, Naples, has suffered further damage during repairs by Royal Engineers.

iii The important church of S. Giovanni in Venere, at Possepacia (Province - Chieti) has been occupied by troops since December. Severe damage to 13th century frescoes since the first report to AMG 8 Army was made in February.

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