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Togliatti gave a long interview to the newspaper "Milano Sera". Of the Liberals, he said that their action in recent months represented a factor making for confusion and disorder. He criticized both De Gasperi and Bonomi, saying of the latter that his attempt to form a democratic concentration was a cover to preserve monarchic institutions.

A new National Democratic Union has appeared sponsored by Orlando, Croce, Nitti, and others. A manifesto was issued on April 1st in which it was claimed that the new union was a fusion of the liberal and democratic tendencies. The important thing in the manifesto is its statement on the institutional question to the effect that complete liberty of conscience is left to all members of the bloc; that is to say, there will be no party line.

In connection with the Boundary Commission, Mr. Halford stated that it had been to Pola, Fiume and Gorizia. It is not yet known when the Commission will return to London.

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Mr. Halford further reported that a communique of the Ministry of the Interior had been published in the local press denying AC interference in the elections. This seemed strange in view of the fact that no complaints had been lodged with the Commission, and the Chief Commissioner directed that Minister Romita be approached on the subject of the communique.

5. Wheat Situation

Colonel Walton stated that the wheat position was getting increasingly bad. The scheduled shipments from the U.S. are not adequate to support the ration until the harvest and UNRRA has made strong representations to Washington to the effect that unless more wheat is shipped a reduction for the April ration will have to be recommended. At present rate of consumption stocks will be very low by May 1st. Brigadier Lush suggested that AFHQ should be warned about this situation.

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9. Repatriation of PCWs

Colonel Kerr stated that some 11,000 POWs had been repatriated in the week ending 24 March, leaving a total of some 318,000 overseas.

10. Elections

Brigadier Carr reported that elections had been held in 1560 communes last Sunday. No definite information was yet available as to the outcome, but the trend, he thought, would follow that of previous elections. Polling was heavy and no reports had been received of any disorders.

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Upon the Chief Commissioner's inquiry as to whether a second lift of the three ships engaged in repatriation from India was projected, Rear Admiral Warren replied that as far as it is known the answer is no.

12. Airline between the U.S. and Italy

AVM Brodie reported that on 2 April TWA had started a regular air service between the United States and Italy.

13. Report on Displaced Persons Camps

Colonel Findlay reported that the administration of camps has been taken over by UNRRA, but that AC is still responsible for them until CCS give approval. He observed that in the figures he would quote no account had been taken of the large number of displaced persons in Italy who do not come under UNRRA or AC jurisdiction but AFHQ's. Before Christmas 1945 four camps in Southern Italy had been taken over by UNRRA. Early in January 46 UNRRA took over from AC two group camps in the North comprising about ten camps in all. Since then another two had been taken over thus making a total of twelve. In the next ten days UNRRA is expected to take over a group of camps at Milan, Turin, and Genova, as well as one in Bari. After these four, UNRRA has no intention to take over any more. This will leave under AC three camps in the extreme North (which will be closed when the Venezia Giulia problem is solved), two camps in Central Italy, and a group of two large Polish camps in the South. The question whether the displaced persons in certain camps taken over by UNRRA in January come within UNRRA's Charter or not is at present being determined, causing considerable difficulty. The Army is still supplying food for all camps. At present AC is undertaking to replace army stocks used or causing Italian Government to do so. UNRRA, after the agreement is signed, is undertaking to replace army stocks used in their camps.

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The Chief Commissioner called attention to an announcement made in the press by SACMED in support of AMG in Zone A and in particular support of such local security measures as AMG, through its civil police, find it necessary to adopt from time to time to handle local questions. The announcement appeared in the U.S. and English service papers and in all the Italian papers.

4. Coal Situation

With reference to para 4 of Minutes of 20 March, Mr. Cleveland stated that the coal strike in the U.S. now seems to be certain. However, Italy has a priority on exports from the U.S., which will be enough to keep up the April loadings from

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stockpiles. Conservation measures have been taken. Apropos of Arsa coal, the Chief Commissioner directed the attention of Colonel Walton and Lt Col Timmons to a cable received from AFHQ requesting that all commercial transactions between Italian Government territory and Zone "B", Venezia Giulia, be channelled through the clearing account recently set up in Zone "A". Colonel Walton mentioned a telegram from AFHQ saying that the question of coal from the Arsa mines would be handled by AFHQ.

5. Political Resume

Mr. Jones gave a brief resume of the current political situation. A government press release announced that a Special Commission composed of members of the Consult from Venezia Giulia has been appointed to study a plan for the administrative autono of Venezia Giulia. The Commission is to report its recommendations by 30 April. According to Prague press reports, Marshal Tito has stated that Yugoslavia will accept the findings of the Boundary Commission now in Venezia Giulia provided the findings are favorable to Yugoslavia, but that if they are unfavorable the matter will have to be decided at the peace conference.

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7. Supplies for Italian Services

Colonel Walton reported that notes verbale have been delivered to the Italian Government by the U.S. and British Embassies regarding the priorities of UNRRA on procurement of imported and surplus materials.

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8. Wheat Situation

With reference to para 5 of Minutes of 20 March, Mr. Cleveland reported negotiations are in progress looking to the diversion to Italy of seven wheat ships loaded in the U.S. for the U.K. to make up for the seven ships diverted from Italy to Japan. If sufficient wheat arrives around the end of April or the first part of May it will not be necessary to reduce the ration.

9. FEA Personnel

Mr. Cleveland reported that personnel transferred from the AC to the American Embassy and still carried on FEA payrolls have all been ordered to return to the U.S., due probably to budget reductions.

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16. Congratulations

On behalf of his colleagues, the Chief Commissioner expressed his great pleasure to Admiral Moullec at his recent advancement to the rank of Rear Admiral and of his appointment to the very important position of French Delegate to the UNO Security Council.

17. Introduction

The Chief Commissioner introduced Colonel Robert C. Ross, who has relieved Colonel Parkin as Commanding Officer of the 2675th Regiment.

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With reference to para 1 of Minutes of 20 March, the future of AC, the Chief Commissioner reported on recent developments. A directive has been received, but not yet implemented, suggesting in effect that a number of functions still remaining with AC be assumed by AFHQ through the establishment in Rome of a small G-5 Section (which undoubtedly would be staffed in part by AC personnel) to perform work of certain non-service sub-commissions. Overall contact with the Italian Government would be left to AC and contact with the Prime Minister would be through the Chief Commissioner. The reason for the above changes is not altogether obvious except that it may be a transitional step toward the time when AC is abolished and SACMED will deal directly with the Italian Government. For the time being at least, the service sub-commissions would be retained in AC until Italy has been given a full sovereign status.

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2. Boundary Commission

With reference to para 2 of Minutes of 20 March, the Chief Commissioner stated that the Boundary Commission has returned to Zone A and is expected to leave shortly for London.

3. AMG in Venezia Giulia

The Chief Commissioner called attention to an announcement made in the press by SACMED in support of AMG in Zone A and in particular support of such local security measures as AMG, through its civil police, find it necessary to adopt from time to time to handle local questions. The announcement appeared in the U.S. and English service papers and in all the Italian papers.

4. Coal Situation

With reference to para 4 of Minutes of 20 March, Mr. Cleveland stated that the coal strike in the U.S. now seems to be certain. However, Italy has a priority on exports from the U.S., which will be enough to keep up the April loadings from

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5. Political Resume

Mr. Jones gave a brief resume of the current political situation. A government press release announced that a Special Commission composed of members of the Consult from Venezia Giulia has been appointed to study a plan for the administrative autono of Venezia Giulia. The Commission is to report its recommendations by 30 April. According to Prague press reports, Marshal Tito has stated that Yugoslavia will accept the findings of the Boundary Commission now in Venezia Giulia provided the findings are favorable to Yugoslavia, but that if they are unfavorable the matter will have to be decided at the peace conference.

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7. Supplies for Italian Services

Colonel Walton reported that notes verbale have been delivered to the Italian Government by the U.S. and British Embassies regarding the priorities of UNRRA on procurement of imported and surplus materials.

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Mr. Cleveland reported that personnel transferred from the AC to the American Embassy and still carried on FEA payrolls have all been ordered to return to the U.S., due probably to budget reductions.

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15. Increase in Strength of Carabinieri

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16. Congratulations

On behalf of his colleagues, the Chief Commissioner expressed his great pleasure to Admiral Moullec at his recent advancement to the rank of Rear Admiral and of his appointment to the very important position of French Delegate to the UNO Security Council.

17. Introduction

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6. Industrial Labor Relations

The Chief Commissioner reported that the difficulty caused in the North by workers' committees virtually taking over management functions in industry might soon be settled as a result of compromise between intelligent representatives of

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With reference to para 2 of Minutes of 20 February 1946, the Chief Commissioner stated that there was nothing to report on the future of the AC. Certain changes in the Economic Section have been proposed to AFHQ partly because of the fact that FEA personnel are required to be out of the AC as of 1 March. The proposed changes will bring to an end the so-called "two-hat" arrangement whereby certain UNRRA officials were also AC officials. A skeleton Economic Section consisting of approximately 30 officers will be retained for the present.

2. Strength of Carabinieri

The Chief Commissioner stated that SACMED has agreed to AC proposals and has recommended to the CCS an increase of 10,000 in the authorized strength of the Carabinieri, bringing the ceiling up to 75,000. No reply has yet been received from the CCS but recommendations have been made independently through the embassies to the Foreign Office and the State Department to support the recommendation and also to permit that strength in the final peace treaty. In this connection Brigadier Lush reported that there was a very definite increase in confidence in the Carabinieri, largely due to the improved equipment and better clothing with which the Carabinieri are now supplied.

3. Political Resume

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Mr. Hopkinson gave a brief resume of the general political situation. The main item for the past week has been the discussions going on about the definition of powers of the constituent assembly and the question of a referendum on the institutional question. During the week there was considerable discussion in the Inner Cabinet (one representative from each of the six parties) on those points. The Liberals wanted a double referendum, first on the institutional question, and secondly on the powers of the Costituente, both referenda to be held at the same time. The Labor Democrats agreed with the Liberals in wanting two referenda. The Socialists took the line that the Costituente should be a sovereign assembly, but they would not object to a referendum on the institutional question after the Costituente had convened. Generally speaking, this represented the views of the Communists and the Action Party as well. The Christian Democrats wanted two referenda, the referendum on the institutional question to take place after the Costituente had convened. According to the press, the matter was resolved on 26 February when the Liberals won out. Thus, on 26 May when the national elections are held, the people will be called on to decide the institutional question. As reported, the conditions laid down are that at time of convening of the Costituente the present government will resign; and in case a republic is favored the

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new president of the council will exercise powers as head of the state for the period of the session of the Costituente. The powers of the costituente have not yet been defined.

The visit of the Venezia Giulia border commission has been postponed until next week due to a difference of opinion as to where the commission should be allowed to go. The Soviet proposal reportedly is that the commission should be allowed to visit only Trieste and the border claimed by Yugoslavia, while the other powers favor permitting the commission to go where they wish in both Zones A and B.

Speeches in the House of Commons by Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Bevin were well received in Italy, although the Chief Commissioner stated that some Italian officials were dismayed by Mr. Bevin's apparent willingness to consider ceding territory to others on the assumption that economic disarrangements caused thereby could be settled by trade agreements.

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5. Elections

With reference to para 9 of Minutes of 20 February 1946, Brigadier Carr stated that up to 16 February 96% of the electoral lists had been compiled and 56% approved. It is now expected that elections will be held during the period 10 March to 7 April in 4,835 communes.

6. Industrial Labor Relations

The Chief Commissioner reported that the difficulty caused in the North by workers' committees virtually taking over management functions in industry might soon be settled as a result of compromise between intelligent representatives of

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of both labor and management. The trend appears to be along lines similar to those in the U.S. and U.K., that is, the setting up of labor-management committees but limiting their functions to those subjects normally covered in the U.S. and U.K. committees, i.e., wages and hours, working conditions and employee grievances and definitely excluding the committees from management functions. The system gives greater recognition to the worker than he had in the Fascist regime. The first such agreement to be announced would probably be that made with the Fiat Group. The Chief Commissioner added that if the next step would be the transfer of administration of unemployment compensation from private management to the Government, a rational set-up will finally be obtained.

7. Air Transport of Perishables

Air Vice Marshal Brodie reported that arrangements have been made for the transport of perishable foods, fish, etc., by air from Sardinia to Rome for communal kitchens and a similar arrangement is hoped for between Venice and Milan. The Chief Commissioner complimented AVM Brodie on a fine job.

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With reference to para 10 of Minutes of 20 February 1946, Captain Mentz reported that British minesweepers have completed a clearance sweep of the area between Genoa and Savona and then proceeded inshore of the minefields between Savona and San Remo, carrying out a check sweep as they went, thus confirming the safety of this inshore channel for navigation. A check sweep about to be undertaken south of San Remo will open up the approach to that port from seaward, as well as to Imperia. Four Italian trawler crews arrived in Malta on the 21st for four British trawlers being transferred on loan to the Italian Navy.

12. Repatriation

With reference to para 11 of Minutes of 20 February 1946, Captain Mentz reported that the following vessels arrived in Naples during the week with Italian POW repatriates: MONTECUCCOLI from Port Said with 700 POW's; ABRUZZI

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from Algiers with 750 POW's; and the S.S. TOSCANA from Bizerta with 1200 POW's. The ABRUZZI is now on route to Casablanca for a further lift of POW's to Naples.

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 20 February 1946, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Parkin, Brigadier Carr, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hopkinson, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Colonel Kerr, Captain Mentz, Colonel Savko, Capitaine Moullec, Major Leacocos, Lt Colonel Hannaford, Lt Colonel Timmons, Colonel Walton, Lt Colonel Wilbe-Jones.

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Mr. Cleveland reported that AFHQ has stated that Venezia Giulia should be treated as far as possible as within the Italian economy. The Chief Commissioner observed that the Italian Government, as a result of this policy, could justifiably request permission to enter Venezia Giulia and also ask for representation on the Joint Economic Committee. The Chief Commissioner requested that Mr. Cleveland discuss this point informally with AFHQ before informing the Italian Government of the AFHQ ruling.

With reference to para 5 of Minutes of 13 February 1946, Brigadier Lush stated that a letter has been prepared for the Chief Commissioner's signature making suggestions on this subject.

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5. Political Resume

Mr. Jones gave a brief resume of the political situation. The Consulta continued meeting during the week. A measure proposing obligatory voting in the forthcoming elections was introduced, meeting fierce opposition from the Communists and other left-wing groups, which resulted in a violent reaction by the right-wing parties. The measure was carried by a vote of 179 to 156. It should be realized, however, that this is merely an expression of opinion by the Consulta and is not binding on the Government.

As a result of the split in the Action Party and the subsequent resignation of the Action ministers, Lombardi was reconfirmed as Minister of Transport, Cianca took over Lussu's post of Minister without Portfolio for the Consulta, and Mario Bracci took over La Malfa's post as Minister of Foreign Trade.

The "Uomo Qualunque" movement has been holding a congress in Rome. The most important development was the alignment of the Democrat party with the "Uomo Qualunque." Thus all independent parties right of CLN tend to be aligned with the "UQ." The movement was voted to become a party and Giannini was elected its president. During the Congress Signor Patrissi made a speech in which he attributed Italy's ills to "exiles" who had been outside the country and working for the downfall of Italy, a speech which created a furore in the Consulta which includes many "exiles." The Consulta passed a motion to expel him and the question is now up to the Government for final decision.

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8. Private Trade

Mr. Cleveland stated that on 15 February private trade officially opened with the U.S. and the British Empire. On 20 February the press reported resumption of private trade with Belgium.

9. Elections

With reference to para 3 of Minutes of 13 February 1946, Brigadier Carr reported that up to 12 February 95% of the electoral lists had been compiled and 50% approved; 3,953 communes have already fixed dates for elections but a total of 4,498 are expected to hold elections during the period March to 7 April.

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10. Minesweeping

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11. Repatriation

With reference to para 7 of Minutes of 13 February 1946, Captain Mentz reported that the "MONTECUCCOLI" arrived in Port Said on the 18th from Naples carrying about 200 persons embarked for the Near East and is due back in Naples on the 22nd with 700 Italian POW repatriates. The "ABRUZZI" returned to Naples on the 18th with 700 Italian POW's from Algiers. The "TOSCANA" sailed from Naples on the 17th for Bizerta to embark some 1200 Italian POW's awaiting repatriation.

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Captain Mentz stated that the Ministry of Marine has informed the Navy S/C that after restoration of the North no further action was taken to conscript 1923 and 1924 recruits as they exceeded the requirements. Negotiations are in progress for the transfer of these recruits to the Italian Army. Enlistment of volunteers for 1946 for the Navy will be completed at the end of February. The number of enlistees will be reduced from 1600 to 1025.

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Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Parkin, Brigadier Carr, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hopkinson, AVM Brodie, Major General Browning, Rear Admiral Warren, Major Leonidoff, Captain Moullec, Lieutenant Colonel Bergin, Colonel Weber, Lieutenant Colonel Timmons, Lieutenant Colonel K. Wilbe-Jones.

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There has been also much comment relative to the Austrian Government claim to Adige and its suggestion that the territory be placed under UNO trusteeship but under Austrian administration. The Italians are opposed to the claim, and the Prime Minister in a recent newspaper interview spoke of the steps being taken to grant autonomy to the area. De Gasperi also presented to the various ambassadors a memorandum for formal transmission to the Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

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It presented the Italian Government's claim to Adige, and the Prime Minister explained that such action had been taken not because the area was considered as disputed but so as to match the formal claim put in by Austria.

Mr. Hopkinson reported that Nenni had made an important speech in Genova during which he discussed foreign and internal policy. Referring to the Adige question, he stated that Austria could claim the territory only on ethnic grounds. On the subject of the powers of the Costituente, he declared that some democratic parties were raising questions which appeared to tend to divert attention from the Costituente. He declared that compulsory voting was not undemocratic and that the Socialists would not oppose the referendum in principle.

Mr. Hopkinson further reported that two congresses had opened their sessions during the week -- that of the "Uomo Qualunque" front and Action Party's.

7. German Files in Bolzano

Mr. Cleveland reported that some discussions were takingplace on the question of the disposition of German files in Bolzano. These are of value because of the information they contain on production capacity and related subjects in respect of Northern Italy. He explained that these files had records which could be the basis for various types of claims against German, Austrian, and Italian firms. An analysis is being made of the types of claims that might be gotten out of the files. The matter had been taken up with the Poleds and it had been suggested that the Commission put up a paper to AFHQ embodying an appreciation of their value and recommendations for their disposition.

8. North Italian Industrial Council

Mr. Cleveland reported that the North Italian Industrial Council was functioning again. Under decree, the Council can continue only until 31 March. The question is now being discussed whether it will be succeeded by a national industrial council or a national economic council.

9. Cotton Textile Committee

Mr. Cleveland reported that the Committee had made the decision that no cotton textiles from Europe can be sent to the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Cleveland suggested that AC should protest this decision. The American Embassy had sent a strong cable of protest, and the Chief Commissioner suggested the British Embassy should do likewise. The matter called for a combined Allied decision.

10. Italian POWs

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Mr. Cleveland reported that some discussions were takingplace on the question of the disposition of German files in Bolzano. These are of value because of the information they contain on production capacity and related subjects in respect of Northern Italy. He explained that these files had records which could be the basis for various types of claims against German, Austrian, and Italian firms. An analysis is being made of the types of claims that might be gotten out of the files. The matter had been taken up with the Polads and it had been suggested that the Commission put up a paper to AFHQ embodying an appreciation of their value and recommendations for their disposition.

8. North Italian Industrial Council

Mr. Cleveland reported that the North Italian Industrial Council was functioning again. Under decree, the Council can continue only until 31 March. The question is now being discussed whether it will be succeeded by a national industrial council or a national economic council.

9. Cotton Textile Committee

Mr. Cleveland reported that the Committee had made the decision that no cotton textiles from Europe can be sent to the Western Hemisphere. Mr. Cleveland suggested that AC should protest this decision. The American Embassy had sent a strong cable of protest, and the Chief Commissioner suggested the British Embassy should do likewise. The matter called for a combined Allied decision.

10. Italian POWs

Rear Admiral Warren stated that both the "Duca degli Abruzzi" and the "Montecuccoli" had arrived with several hundred IPOWs and Italian civilians. The "Eritrea" is expected from the East with Italian and Dutch repatriates from the East Indies.

11. Minesweeping

Rear Admiral Warren reported that a general statement on minesweeping operations is being prepared by the Navy Subcommission and that it would be ready by the end of the month.

12. Entry of Ships into La Spezia

Rear Admiral Warren announced that the approval that had been granted for vessels to enter the port of La Spezia had been revoked owing to the fact that the channel was not wide enough. The passage is being widened now by the Italian

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Government. Another cruiser had put in at La Spezia for complete refit -- this made a total of two and was creating work for the unemployed in that area.

13. War Establishment

Brigadier Lush announced that the Commission's proposal for the British War Establishment had been put up to AFHQ for approval.

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Vice President's Meeting, 1000 hours, 13 February 1946, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Parkin, Major Reakes, Mr. Wesley Jones, AVM Brodie, Major General Browning, Rear Admiral Warren, Major Leonidoff, Captain Moullec, Major Leacacos, Lieutenant Colonel Timmons, Lieutenant Colonel K. Wilbe-Jones, Major Temple.

1. Future of AC

Brigadier Lush stated there was nothing to report.

2. Supplying of Venezia Giulia

Brigadier Lush stated that AFHQ had signalled CCS regarding UNRRA taking over this responsibility.

3. Elections

Major Temple presented a summary of the progress on preparations for elections. He stated that the latest information was that 13,359 lists, or 92% of the population, had been compiled, and 6,098 lists, or 42% of the total, had been approved. The progress during the second half of January had been marked, 70% of the lists having been compiled and 24% approved during the first half of the month. It was anticipated that progress would continue to accelerate. The total number of lists for Italy, excluding Venezia Giulia, was 14,428.

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Mr. Wesley Jones gave a brief political resume. The Action Party congress has resulted in a clean split between the right and left wings as a consequence of which Lussu, Minister for the Consulta and party secretary, Lombardi, Minister of Transport (both left wing) and La Malfa, Minister of Foreign Trade and right wing leader, resigned their posts in the Government to the party directorate. This, however, was not a Government crisis since it meant only a reshuffle of Action Party representation.

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Almost immediately after these resignations, Parri, former Prime Minister withdrew from the party, followed by LaMalfa and others. Parri said the party no longer represented its original ideals and talked of starting a new party. 2689
Democratic Republican Concentration. Fernando Schiavetti was elected party secretary to replace Lussu. While the Government has not taken action, it looks as if Lombardi will be re-confirmed in his post while Alberto Cianca will get Lussu's post and Aurelio Peccei or Siglienti to take LaMalfa's.

The Council of the Labor Democrat Party and the Congress of the Republican Party also have met. Bonomi made a speech in which he called for an alliance of parties of the center representing the liberal, democratic elements of the middle class and stationed politically between the Socialists Communists and Christian Democrats. The Republican Party Congress, which advocated decentralization of state administration, was visited by Parri who was greeted with great applause. Parri said his attendance had nothing to do with his resignation from the Action Party.

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5. German RUK Files in Bolzano

Mr. Cleveland stated that a report on these files was being prepared for AFHQ.

6. Minesweeping

Four further Italian crews for the British motor minesweepers being handed to the Italians left Taranto for Malta on 1 February.

Four of the British minesweeping trawlers already transferred on loan would arrive in Naples on 15 February from Malta.

7. Repatriation

Using the cruisers "Garibaldi", "Abruzzi" and "Montecuccoli", and the ex-hospital ship "Toscana", a programme of six sailings to French North African ports during the next three weeks had been agreed upon by the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison, the Italian Prisoners of War Division of M.M.I.A. and the French authorities.

This should secure the repatriation of more than 5,000 Italian prisoners of war.

Further the "Montecuccoli" would carry out one lift from Port Said to Naples before the end of month.

8. Transport for Italian Army

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9. Transport for Italian Police Authorities

Civilian prisoners had been ferried between the mainland and the penal settlements of Pianosa and Elba in the torpedo boat "Monzambano" during the past seven days.

10. Patrolling of Adriatic

Brigadier Lush stated that a meeting held with AFHQ with regard to the relaxation of military control in and out of Italy he was informed that AFHQ were disposed to hand over the whole of control to the Italian Government. One of the points that arose was the coastguard service and AC had been asked to press the Italians to reorganize their coastguard service to maintain efficiency.

Brigadier Lush considered that the Italian reaction to this might be that C in C Med restricted naval patrol in the Adriatic and that an additional handicap was shortage of craft. He directed Navy Sub-Commission to take the matter up with C in C Med and endeavour to obtain relaxation of control and derequisitioning of craft.

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12. War Establishment

Brigadier Lush announced that the proposal for the British War Establishment had been approved in principle by the AFHQ Committee and depended on WO concurrence.

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23 January 1946

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 23 January 1946, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Lieutenant Colonel McCleary, Mr. Holstein, Colonel Parkin, Brigadier Carr, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hopkinson, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Colonel Kerr, Commodore Ziroli, Colonel Savko, Captain Moullec, Lieutenant Colonel Bergin, Colonel Weber, Lieutenant Colonel Timmons.

1. Italo-Swiss Agreement

In response to the Chief Commissioner's inquiry, Lt Col Timmons stated it was understood from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the views of the U.S. and U.K. Governments on the debt repayment provisions of the Italo-Swiss Trade Agreement had been conveyed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Swiss Government, but that no reply from the Swiss had been received. The Chief Commissioner directed that the status of this matter be again checked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Future of AC

The Chief Commissioner stated the situation remained the same and added that he had been unofficially informed that one reason for the delay in the new directive has been the question of the handing over to the Embassies of those economic functions of the Commission which will not be taken over by UNRRA.

3. Ceiling for Carabinieri

Reference paragraph 4 of Minutes of 16 January 1946, the Chief Commissioner stated unofficially that the Prime Minister is going to make a request for an increase in the carabinieri so as to bring the total to 75,000. The Chief Commissioner added that he would support the request vigorously.

4. Supplies Loaned to Venezia Giulia

Reference paragraph 6, Minutes of 16 January 46, the Chief Commissioner observed he was in agreement with the main points but not with some of the arguments contained in a draft cable prepared by the Economic Section for dispatch to AFHQ. Revision thereof is under way. The Chief Commissioner also stated he agreed the Commission should oppose the view taken by CCS in this matter.

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5. Feeding of the Italian Army and Navy

The Chief Commissioner reported that the situation was not good. It was understood that the Italian Mission in Washington had been completely unable to procure in this field because procurement of food for overseas shipment has been entirely dominated by UNRRA. The Chief Commissioner announced that a tentative decision had been reached to the effect that if UNRRA did not clear up the matter shortly the Prime Minister would be informed that he should seize such indigenous supplies as are required to feed the armed forces and leave it up to UNRRA to supply the balance.

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6. Political Resume

Mr. Hopkinson referred to the telegram sent by the Prime Minister to the UNO Assembly in behalf of the Italian Government in which he presented his good wishes to the UNO and expressed the hope that Italy would soon be able to take her place in the international community. The telegram had a good reception and a friendly reply was received from the UNO. At first it was interpreted in some Italian quarters as a formal request on Italy's part to join the UNO, but it was made clear that it had not been intended as such.

Mr. Hopkinson reported that the foreign affairs debate in the Consulta had continued throughout the week. The most important speech was made by the Prime Minister on January 21. He defended himself against attacks levelled at him for being too optimistic in regard to relations with the Allies (particularly the Soviet Union) and in respect of the signing of the commercial treaty with Spain. On the subject of relations with Yugoslavia he pointed out that that country was entitled to a rectification of the frontiers and that the line proposed by President Wilson in 1919 should be taken as a basis. He observed that this might mean the loss to Italy of Fiume and Zara. The Prime Minister also referred to the western frontier problem and Italy's efforts to cement good relations with France even at the cost of sacrifices on her part.

Mr. Hopkinson further reported that there was increasing insistence in the press for solidarity between the great powers and Italy, and that satisfaction had been expressed that work had been resumed by the foreign ministers on the drafting of the Italian peace treaty.

7. Rationing of Electric Power

The Chief Commissioner reported that rationing of electric power in the North was necessary since reservoirs in Northern Italy will be completely exhausted in March if consumption continues at the present rate. No relief is in sight until April when the snows begin to melt. Meetings on this matter have been held with Allied representatives and the Chief Commissioner has urged the Prime Minister to take a strong position with the prefects. If savings are not effected, the situation will grow worse and disturbances and unrest may be expected.

8. U.S. Net Troop Expenditure Account

Lt Col Timmons reported that arrangements are being worked out with the Italian Government by the U.S. Treasury Representative in Rome for the transfer of the U.S. Net Troop Expenditure Account to the sole control of the Italian Government as of 1 February 1946. The Account is presently in the name of the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury for account of the Italian Government. The Net Troop Expenditure Account will, after the transfer, be in the same category as other Italian Government post-liberation dollar accounts, except that the restriction specifying that the troop expenditure dollars may only be spent in the U.S.

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9. UNRRA Import Program

Mr. Holstein reported that supplies are beginning to come in and the procedure is operating very well -- no procedual difficulties are foreseen.

10. Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War

Commodore Miroli reported that on Christmas Eve the "Duca degli Abruzzi" arrived in Naples bringing several hundred repatriated POWs from Port Said. The cruiser sailed from Naples again on 12 January and seven days later returned to Italy with another load of POWs from the Levant. On the eastward voyages a small number of displaced persons was shipped to Egypt for the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Subcommission. The sloop "Eritrea" is on her way to Italy from the East Indies carrying a number of Italian, Dutch, and Swiss repatriates. The "Eritrea" is expected to arrive in Suez on 30 January and after proceeding to Italy is scheduled to return to Southeast Asia to carry out another lift of repatriates.

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11. Minesweeping

Commodore Ziroli reported that progress was being made in handing over minesweeping responsibilities to the Italian Government. However, operations have been almost at a standstill since Christmas owing to bad weather. Some minesweeping is, nevertheless, going on at present in certain parts of Northern Italy and in the Taranto area. Commodore Ziroli also reported that the Admiralty had approved the loan to the Italian Government of a wiping unit for the purpose of clearing magnetic mines, and that the Navy Subcommission had requested from the Italian Navy an outline of their program for minesweeping which is scheduled to begin in the Spring.

12. Allied Messes

Colonel Parkin brought up this question and said efforts were being made to secure the Majestic Hotel for American officers of the Commission. If this were impossible then there might be need for establishing at the Flora Hotel separate messes for American and British officers. A board composed of two American and two British officers is looking into the situation and exploring the possibility of a better arrangement. The Chief Commissioner called attention to the fact that this matter of split messes had not originated with the Commission and that he regretted the necessity for it. He added that he was hoping for a solution that would be equitable to both sides.

13. Torre Annunziata Explosion

Brigadier Carr reported on the explosion of an ammunition train which took place at Torre Annunziata, Naples, the eve of 21 January. The number of dead was not yet known. Food, supplies, and tents had been furnished by the Allies for the homeless. UNRRA was assisting the injured and 250 had been removed to Italian hospitals in Naples. The Chief Commissioner observed that AC should render all possible help and suggested the staff of the AC liaison officer in the area should be temporarily re-inforced in order to help cope with the situation.

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VICE PRESIDENTS' MEETING

The regularly scheduled Vice Presidents' Meeting will be held, tomorrow morning, Wednesday, 19 December 1945, at 1000 hours, at the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room.

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14 December 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 December 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Fiske, Colonel White, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Warden, Major General Browning, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Savko, Officier de Premier Classe Guyot, Lieutenant Colonel Bergin, Colonel Weber, Colonel Menapace, Colonel Hannaford, Colonel Walton.

1. Restoration of Provinces to Italian Government

With reference to para 1 of Minutes of 5 December 1945, the Chief Commissioner reported that the date of return of northern provinces was expected to be fixed as of midnight 31 December. The information was released to the press on 13 December that the AMG territory to be turned back about December 31st included the islands of Pantelleria, Linosa, and Lampedusa but not Venezia Giulia nor Udine, which will continue under AMG. The transfer documents are now being drafted. The new Prime Minister was gratified at this news.

2. 1946 Import Program

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 5 December, the Chief Commissioner reported that the House of Representatives has approved the appropriation and indications are that the Senate will shortly pass the $550,000,000 appropriation for UNRRA which will take care of the January loadings. On the other hand, the 1946 recommended appropriation of $1,350,000,000 has not yet been passed. A telegram has gone forward to AFHQ recommending that an alternative plan be found for continuation of the present supply program if the UNRRA appropriation does not go through. These alternative recommendations were sent on to CCS. Personal messages were also sent by SACMED and Deputy SACMED.

3. Italo-Swiss Trade Agreement

With reference to para 7 of Minutes of 5 December, Colonel Walton stated that the Italian Government had replied to the note from the U.S. Embassy that there was in fact very little debt prior to 10 June 1940 and that the relief offered was nil, as the bulk of the debt was incurred after that date. It is assumed that an identical note has been sent to the British Ambassador. Matter is still unresolved as result of policy adopted by the Italian Government.

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With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 5 December, the Chief Commissioner reported that the House of Representatives has approved the appropriation and indications are that the Senate will shortly pass the $550,000,000 appropriation for UNRRA which will take care of the January loadings. On the other hand, the 1946 recommended appropriation of $1,350,000,000 has not yet been passed. A telegram has gone forward to AFHQ recommending that an alternative plan be found for continuation of the present supply program if the UNRRA appropriation does not go through. These alternative recommendations were sent on to CCS. Personal messages were also sent by SACMED and Deputy SACMED.

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With reference to para 7 of Minutes of 5 December, Colonel Walton stated that the Italian Government had replied to the note from the U.S. Embassy that there was in fact very little debt prior to 10 June 1940 and that the relief offered was nil, as the bulk of the debt was incurred after that date. It is assumed that an identical note has been sent to the British Ambassador. Matter is still unresolved as result of policy adopted by the Italian Government.

4. Future of AC

The Chief Commissioner reported that meetings were held at this Headquarters on 6, 7 & 8 December with respect to draft suggestions regarding future activities of AC and the possible revision of the Armistice terms. If the UNRRA appropriation goes through, a large portion of the economic activities of AC will cease. All indications are that the scope of AC's activities, if not its life, will be substantially curtailed early in the year. With the successful formation of the new government, the Chief Commissioner expressed the hope that Italy is now on the last lap of restoration to normalcy.

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5. Political Resume

Mr. Hopkinson gave a brief political resume summarizing the conditions which finally resulted in De Gasperi's forming the new government. De Gasperi was able to confirm in writing to the Liberals, on behalf of the Christian Democrats, virtual acceptance of the Liberals' ten-point program. The new government is in fact little more than a reshuffle of the last one, with exclusion of Parri and a few others. The attempt to include non-party men failed, but there is talk of appointing, at some future date, men outside the parties as ministers without portfolio. Press opinion differs as to whether final decision is victory or defeat for the Liberals. The position of the new government will be very much strengthened by the handback, which Italians consider as expression of confidence by Allied governments in De Gasperi.

6. Wheat Amassing

With reference to para 9 of Minutes of 29 November, Colonel Densmore reported that 73.9% of the target figure had now been amassed.

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The Chief Commissioner inquired if there was any truth in the report that the electricity allotment for Naples was being increased at the expense of Rome's and he directed the Economic Section to check on the present distribution and rationing of electric power. The Chief Commissioner recommended that Allied functions should be given special priority. Colonel Walton stated that the electricity shortage was caused by shortage of rainfall. Public Utilities representatives are now meeting at RAAC to discuss this. The Chief Commissioner directed that they be instructed to arrange for all Allied requirements. The Executive Commissioner said a drastic program had already been instituted in the North to curtail use of power. All non-industrial lighting has been cut to 70%, whereas domestic lighting has been reduced to 125 KW hours. The Executive Commissioner recommended that the Italian Government issue one national order, which could be applied in AMG territory. The Chief Commissioner stated this might not be altogether probable for technical reasons. The Chief Commissioner directed Colonel Walton to check on power export to France. On Mr. Hopkinson inquiry about importing power from Switzerland, Colonel Densmore replied that Swiss representatives are now claiming a shortage.

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10. Executive Commissioner's Meeting in the North

Brigadier Lush gave a brief report on the special meeting held in Milan. It was agreed that after the handover it would take approximately three additional weeks before all regional affairs could be wound up. As to liaison representatives, the present estimate is placed at 35 AC officers to be held in the North, exclusive of the economic representatives. If UNRRA takes over there will be no Economic Section people in the North except perhaps transportation and warehousing officers. The Chief Commissioner asked Colonel Densmore to find out the status of negotiations between UNRRA and the Italian Government. Reference to supplies for liaison officers, Colonel Fiske stated that rations are now being drawn from China. There are no vehicle repair facilities. Brigadier Lush reported that a proposed directive for liaison officers has been drafted but has to be cleared by AFHQ. The present directive of last year to

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to military commanders was not considered to be satisfactory and Brigadier Lush suggested that the Italian Government be persuaded to issue directions to prefects setting down the form of liaison to be followed between military commanders and Italian local officials. Brigadier Lush added that the Udine AMG Team will consist of 28 officers.

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Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Carr, Mr. Jones, Mr. Halford, AVM Brodie, Major General Browning, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Savko, Officier de Premiere Classe Guyot, Lieutenant Colonel Bergin, Colonel Weber, Lieutenant Colonel Manapace, Colonel Dempsey, Colonel Walton, Lieutenant Colonel Parker.

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With reference to minute 4 of Minutes of 14 December, the Chief Commissioner reported there had been no further developments in the situation described therein. 2683

5. Emanation

With reference to Minute 5 of Minutes of 14 December, Mr. Jones stated it might be of interest to see what the press had to say about this subject. The Office of the High Commissioner of Epuration would eventually be liquidated; the two offices of the Commissioners and that of the Secretary General would be supressed and one single office of the High Commissioner would remain which, itself, would close by March 31. Disciplinary measures will be left to jurisdiction of "discipline councils" of each government department. The Office of the High Commissioner will retain only the function of denouncing cases to appropriate judicial authorities, and a special section of the Council of State will be the supreme appeal body. The Council of State was defined as a judicial body corresponding to the French Conseil d'Etat. It decides on questions involving

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The Chief Commissioner stated that, in his opinion, in the question of epuration there were only two factors that might possibly concern AC -- the first, that Fascists be removed from governmental positions in accordance with the stipulations of the Armistice and basic directives in the subject; and the second, that it is not AC's concern how the Italians accomplish epuration provided that the military services and such services as communications and transport of importance to the Allies are not impaired. The Chief Commissioner expressed his belief that in the machinery set up by the Italian Government for removal of Fascists, they might go beyond the removal of Fascists and even penalize people that the Allies might not consider as such. He stated that, in his opinion, under the existing directive of giving advice, set forth in FAM 487, AC has no right to intervene further.

6. Political Resume

On the subject of elections, Mr. Jones reported that De Gasperi had called a meeting Saturday morning of officials of the Ministry of the Interior in order to accelerate preparations for local elections. The latest figures are reported to be: 2800 communes have compiled male lists of which 898 have been approved. 5200 communes have compiled female lists of which 116 have been approved. Instructions had been sent to all communes to complete preparations for local elections as soon as possible. The draft law on local elections is to be considered by the appropriate Consulta Commission today, December 19. It may be approved and promulgated in January and elections could thus be held in February. If electoral preparations are not generally completed soon, De Gasperi is inclined to examine the possibility of beginning to hold local elections in communes where preparations are complete.

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On the subject of relations with Yugoslavia, the Prime Minister reported that every effort has been made and is continuing to be made to resume normal relations with Yugoslavia, but that Italy could not, however, remain indifferent to deportations from Zone A to B. Upon being asked as to a "modus vivendi" for Italy, he said there were two ways open to the Allies -- put Italy on the road to final peace or seek a "modus vivendi" immediately. He and his Government realized the good will of the Allies and that the problem is not an easy one. Then on the subject of relations with France, De Gasperi stated they were based on traditional sentiments of friendship and that France had shown great understanding for Italy during the London Conference.

Mr. Jones then reported on Nenni's speech at Padua. Speaking of the new government Nenni had said that it was the first time since 1960 that Italy had a Catholic Party premier and the first time since that same year that there had been a Socialist Minister of the Interior. These two facts indicated clericalism and anti-clericalism were finished, which is highly satisfactory to the Socialists. He recommended the Wilson Line as an appropriate boundary

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7. Northern Price Board and Northern Italian Industrial Council

Mr. Cleveland reported that during his recent stay in the North, the announcement of the handover of Northern provinces to the Italian Government had been made. As a result of the turnover there arose the problem of the Northern Price Board and the Northern Italian Industrial Council whose authority lapses on 31 December. The plan under consideration now is to keep these northern organizations as they are now, under government authority and then, between now and the end of January, work out a plan for a national industrial council. There was the possibility that an interesting compromise might be arrived at between the men of the North and those of the South. There will be an industrial council in Rome but the actual work will be done by sections which will be carried from the old Comitato and they will sit in the place where the center of gravity of that industrial function is -- probably Milano in most cases. Mr. Cleveland remarked that he considered the plan a good arrangement which would continue the best features of both these organizations.

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Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Parkin, Lt. Colonel White, Mr. Jones, Mr. Halford, Colonel Warden, Major General Browning, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Sarko, Capitaine de Vaisseau Moullec, Lieutenant Colonel Bergin, Colonel Weber, Lieutenant Colonel Timmons, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Walton.

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4. Dissolution of AFLRB

Mr. Cleveland reported that there is now under discussion a draft AFHQ administrative memo which would dissolve the Allied Forces Local Resources Section and incorporate its few remaining functions in the Office of the CAO, AFHQ. This is to be discussed with the CAO on 6 December 1945.

5. Military Exports from Civil Economy

Mr. Cleveland brought up the question of military exports from the Italian civil economy. The Chief Commissioner directed that a strong line be taken in this regard, as he felt that the military should not requisition items, particularly if manufactured in whole or in part from materials imported into Italy for the civilian economy, and export them to other countries. Mr. Cleveland stated, as an example, that the military had requisitioned large quantities of light bulbs for export from Italy, although the tungsten for these bulbs had been imported from the U.S. for the civilian economy. He directed that an appropriate letter to AFHQ be drafted.

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9. Wheat Amassing

With reference to para 7 of Minutes of 28 November 1945, Colonel Walton reported that 74% of the target figure has now been amassed. Colonel Walton stated it was proposed to reduce the target figure from the present total crop estimate less legal retentions to the estimate of what would actually be amassed. The Chief Commissioner directed that this be not done and that the target continue to be estimated as at present, so that the figures will show the percentage of the legally amassable wheat that has actually been amassed.

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10. Bolzano

With reference to para 13 of Minutes of 28 November 1945, Colonel White stated that a legal opinion has now been received that the decree making Bolzano an official bilingual province issued by the Prefect went beyond the Prefect's powers, as it provides conditions for civil service and permits removal from office at a certain time of those officers who are not bilingual. The Chief Commissioner directed that action be taken to see if this was issued with AMG authority, and if so, whose authority. Colonel White is checking on this.

Colonel White also reported that a proposal is being considered by the Italian Government, although it will probably not come up until the new government is in office, to grant autonomy to the Alto Adige, including Bolzano. The proposal is that the local constitution be worked out locally by the people there.

11. Act of Clemency

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With reference to para 12 of Minutes of 28 November 1945, Colonel Wh 2679 stated that for all of Italy an average of 9% of the electoral lists have been compiled.

15. Economic Section Representatives in North

With reference to para 14 of Minutes of 28 November 1945, Brigadier Lush stated that a cable has been received from AFHQ stating that having an Economic Commissioner in Milan is in violation of FAN 487. Brigadier Lush stated that at present the Economic Commissioner has executive functions under AMG, but that on withdrawal of AMG he can remain there only as a liaison officer. Mr. Cleveland reported that the basic reason for concentrating Economic Section represen-

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28 November 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 November 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Perkin, Colonel White, Mr. Jones, Mr. Halford, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Major General Browning, Captain Butler, Colonel Savko, Capitaine de Vaisseau Moullec, Major Lascaccs, Colonel Weber, Lieutenant Colonel Timmons, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Walton.

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The next morning the Luogotenente began consultations, but nothing so far has resulted. The first suggestion was that Orlando might head the new government, but due to objections from the Left he has refused to undertake the task. The suggestion now is that a leader outside of the six parties be selected, with the Right wing favoring Bonomi and the Left wing favoring Sforza. At the moment, Sforza seems to be the most likely candidate. Mr. Helford thought it possible that if Sforza does not get the presidency, they might return to Parri.

Mr. Helford added that no estimate of the duration of the crisis could be made but that it would probably last for some time. In this connection the Chief Commissioner pointed out that the present government is continuing in office to handle day-to-day problems until the new government is formed and that the Allied Commission can and should continue to do business with the present Ministers.

4. 1946 Import Program

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 14 November 1945, Mr. Cleveland stated that as a result of conferences in the North, the Northern phase of the 1946 import program has been cleared up. With regard to the measures appropriating U.S. funds to UNRRA, the $550,000,000 appropriation is now before a joint House-Senate committee, and authorization for the appropriation of funds for 1946 has been approved by the House Foreign Affairs Committee. With regard to imports, Mr. Cleveland reported that he had discussions while in the North on the end use of imports and how to ensure that the imports were used for the purpose for which they were imported. At present in the North the industrial council, whose authority depends from AMG, handles allocations, but on the withdrawal of AMG, it is considered necessary to have a national authority to handle allocations, and it is proposed to recommend to the Italian Government that such an authority be set up.

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Mr. Cleveland reported that there is an electricity shortage in the North. Hence it has been necessary to initiate a ration system, which is being done at present by the power companies. A representative is being sent North to establish more equitable ration policy under AMG powers.

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With reference to para 10 of Minutes of 14 November 1945, Mr. Cleveland stated that there has been a setback in the resumption of foreign trade in that the Consulta vetoed the decree establishing a Ministry of Foreign Trade on the basis that such a Ministry should have control of foreign exchange as well as export-import licensing.

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8. Supply Situation

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 14 November 1945, Mr. Cleveland reported that 37 coal ships have already sailed and the remaining 22 ships are scheduled to sail shortly, which will bring the December coal imports up to the 500,000 tons requested. Petroleum attaches have now been assigned to both embassies and the procedure for importing petroleum has been agreed between them and the Petroleum Section representative of AFHQ.

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9. Return of Motor Transport to Italian Armed Forces

With reference to para 3 of Minutes of 8 November 1945, Colonel Walton reported that the return of motor transport to the Italian Armed Forces is proceeding very slowly due, according to the Ministry of Transport, to difficulties in clearing the contractors' exhorbitent repair charges made for vehicle repairs. The Chief Commissioner pointed out that the Allied Commission has a definite responsibility in returning these vehicles to the Italian Armed Forces and directed the Executive Commissioner and Economic Section to bring full pressure to bear so that this return may be accomplished as expeditiously as possible.

10. Minesweeping

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13. Bolzano

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With reference to para 12 of Minutes of 21 November 1945, Colonel White stated that the Prefect of Bolzano has issued a decree making Bolzano an official bilingual province.

14. Amalgamation of Northern Regions

With reference to para 2 of Minutes of 21 November 1945, Brigadier Lush reported that he had attended a conference in Milan where it was recommended that the Lombardia, Piemonte, and Liguria Regions should not be amalgamated into one

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region. It was felt that the relatively inexperienced provincial commissioners should have a senior officer close at hand to guide them, particularly because of the shortages of staff, and because it was considered that any reduction of representation would be regarded as a weakening of Allied power. Full agreement was reached on the following recommendations, which have been approved by the Chief Commissioner: The Office of the Representative of the Chief Commissioner should be abolished and its functions, other than economic, taken over by Lombardia Region; an Economic Commissioner, who would be the Regional Commissioner of Lombardia, should be appointed to deal with the whole of North Italy, having direct communication with the other Regional Commissioners; a G-4 officer should be assigned to Lombardia Region to deal with transport problems throughout the North. Mr. White (A) will be assigned as the economic executive officer. It was also recommended that there should be a Regional Commissioners' meeting in the North on 11 December, regardless of whether or not the provinces have been handed back, and the Chief Commissioner approved this recommendation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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21 November 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 November 1945, Chief Commissioner Conference Room, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Brigadier Lush, Mr. Cleveland, Colonel Parkin, Colonel White, Mr. Jones, Mr. Halford, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Major General Browning, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Sevko, Capitaine de Vaisseau Moullec, Lieutenant Colonel Bergin, Colonel Hannaford, Lieutenant Colonel Timmons, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Walton.

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The Executive Commissioner gave a brief report of his tour of the North. The Regional Commissioners are doing a fine job with a limited number of personnel delegating many functions to the Italians who are holding up their end very well. In Venezia Giulia the personnel situation is not as bad as in the Northern Regions. Unemployment there is a serious problem and economic representatives are studying the possibility of increasing employment in the shipyards. There appears to be an increase in the number of armed highway robbe[ries]

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4. Publication of Armistice Terms

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With reference to para 2 of Minutes of 14 November 1945, the Executive Commissioner stated that there appeared to be less comment on the armistice terms in the North than in the rest of Italy. Colonel Bergin reported that an Italian newspaper has printed correctly both the "Quebec Document" and the Badoglio lett.

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5. Political Resume

Mr. Jones gave a brief resume of the general political situation. The Liberal Party has precipitated a political crisis by a declaration to the other political parties which included, among other things, statements that the Government should not be restricted to the parties of the CLN but should include other men who have contributed to the prestige of the country, and that the Government should more accurately reflect popular opinion. Generally speaking, the parties of the left were opposed to the crisis, calling it an artificial crisis. The Prime Minister said that the country did not need a crisis and he saw no justification for substantial alteration of the character of the Government, adding that whoever brings on the crisis has a grave responsibility. Togliatti, however, stated that the possibility of bringing in men from outside the six parties should not be excluded. Mr. Halford observed that the Liberals may have inaugurated the crisis because of their desire for stronger representation in the Government based on what they interpret as a considerable move to the right in Italy.

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Colonel Bergin reported that since the cessation of PWB activities there had been a number of inaccurate articles in the Italian press. Accordingly it was suggested at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting that the PRO's of AC and AFHQ and the Press Attaches of the Embassies have weekly meetings to discuss these inaccurate reports and arrange for co-ordination in press matters.

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9. Minesweeping

Brigadier Lush reported that there was a great deal of concern over the number of mines still in waters off the Ligurian coast. Admiral Warren reported that seven crews are now being trained to take over the first of the 32 minesweepers being loaned to Italy by the Royal Navy.

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10. Repatriation

Brigadier Lush asked if it would be possible to provide an Italian cruiser to return Italians from Tunisia, and Admiral Werren reported that the question was already under discussion and arrangements were being made.

Epuration Law

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5 December 1945

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Mr. Cleveland reported that Petroleum Section, AFHQ, as an Allied agency, will close the end of this month. By agreement between ANPB and its British counterpart, practically all petroleum imports in the next few months will come from U.S. sources, and the Economic Section will handle these imports through a local ANPB representative.

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4. National and Local Elections

With reference to para 9 of Minutes of 31 October 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that an excellent letter to the Prime Minister has been prepared by

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the Civil Affairs Section with the collaboration of the Political Advisors stating the position of the Allied Commission with respect to the electoral laws, and the Chief Commissioner commended all concerned for their fine work.

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Mr. Jones gave a brief review of the general political situation. The most important event of the past week was the publication of the armistice terms. Generally speaking, there was more unfavorable than favorable newspaper comment. Among the unfavorable comments were statements that the Badoglio letter should have been published, that the Italians should have had more time to study the question than the 24 hours granted, that the terms were more harsh than the Vichy terms imposed by the Germans on France and the Allied terms made with such countries as Finland, Hungary, and Rumania.

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10. Foreign Trade

Mr. Cleveland reported that he has had discussions with Italian Government representatives on the resumption of foreign trade. The Under-Secretariat for Foreign Trade has not yet been confirmed by the Consulta. There is at present no licensing machinery for imports and exports. During the week the Italian Government put forth an official policy having the effect of creating what amounts to an export-import rate of exchange of 200 lire to the dollar. On the U.S. side, this raises a very difficult question because if this is considered as a subsidy scheme, exports to the U.S. will fall under the U.S. tariff laws applicable to subsidized exports.

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16. Assignment of Utility Plane

Colonel Fiske reported that the Establishment Section now has an L-5 assigned, which will accommodate one passenger with a limited amount of baggage for short trips.

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Amendment to Para 3, Minutes of 10 October

In regard to paragraph 3, "Disposal of Captured Enemy Equipment," VP's Meeting of 10 October, Mr. Cleveland reported that General Hamblen had objected

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to a statement in this minute to the effect that all captured enemy equipment would go to the Italian Government. He considered it appropriate to change the minutes to reflect the fact that only captured enemy material "surplus to the needs of the United Nations" would be disposed of to the Italian Government. (AFHQ's letter CAO/ 14/6 of 24 October refers). The Chief Commissioner approved the change.

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Mr. Cleveland reported that a great deal of work has been done on the 1946 import program. In addition a study of projects would be undertaken which could be financed by the Export-Import Bank. The Chief Commissioner suggested that loans to finance such projects should not be restricted to the Export-Import Bank, but that the program when completed should be brought to the attention of American, British, and Canadian private banks - through the Embassies.

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The Chief Commissioner expressed the regrets of the AC at the detachment of Major General Lemnitzer, Chief of Staff, AFHQ and MTOUSA, who has worked in the closest collaboration with AC/AMG since the early days in Sicily.

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25 October 1945

MINUTES

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10. Release of Personnel from AC

With reference to para 12 of Minutes of 10 October 1945, Colonel Fiske reported that Colonel Chapman, representing G-3 MTOUSA, is now in Rome checking on the AC American personnel situation. Colonel Fiske stated that Colonel Chapman is being very helpful, and asked that section heads render all assistance possible to Colonel Chapman.

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APPOINTMENTS:

Director, Public Relations Branch. The Chief Commissioner introduced Lieutenant Colonel Bergin as the new Director of the Public Relations Branch, and reported that Colonel Bergin had just returned from the U.K. and U.S. after having done an excellent job in connection with the distribution of the AC/AMG "Review."

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26 September 1945

LIMITED

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 26 September 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier Carr, Colonel Parkin, Mr. Norrish, Mr. Hopkinson, Air Vice Marshal Brookes, Major General Browning, Commodore Lyrch, Colonel Bowko, Captain Foulkes, Mr. Brown.

1. Restoration of Provinces to Italian Government

With Reference to para 3 of minutes of 19 September 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that no word has been received yet with respect to the transfer date. Based on reports of the regional commissioners and of Brigadier Carr, a signal has been dispatched to AFHQ stating that the transfer can be effected within ten days after receipt of notification of the authorized date. The signal also pointed out that redeployment was assuming the authority of AFHQ in the North, and requested notification of the date as soon as possible.

2. Reduction of Italian Army Pay

With reference to para 5 of Minutes of 19 September 1945, General Browning stated that a full report has been submitted to AFHQ on the proposed pay table for the Italian Army. There appears to be no basis for protest to the Italian Government.

3. Employment of German POW's in Naples

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4. Political Resume

Mr. Hopkinson gave a brief resume of the general political situation. During the past week, the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers has held the attention of the Italian press. On the whole, the Italian attitude is one of cautious optimism. Surprisingly, there has been no reaction against the proposed international administration of Italian colonies. The Consultative Assembly convened yesterday. Gregorio Agnini was elected provisional president of the Consulta. He gave an anti-monarchist speech which was loudly applauded.

Mr. Dupree stated that the so-called "American Plan" for Italy as reported in the Italian press is not an official plan of the U.S. Government but one that has been more or less suggested editorially by American correspondents.

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9. Economic Plans of the AC

Colonel Demaree reported that a Congressional committee had arrived in Rome to conduct a hearing on future economic plans for Italy. The Chief Commissioner instructed Colonel Demaree to give the following information as representative of the time, as AC: The main burden of supplies for Italy is to be taken over by UNRRA. As to the functions of the AC in the future, that will depend on the action taken at London. It can be pointed out that economic support in addition to that furnished by UNRRA may be furnished on the U.S. side through the Export-Import Bank. It is expected that as AC closes, economic missions from both governments will operate from the embassies until such time as Italy regains a normal economy.

9. Italian Machinery and Stores in Austria and Germany

Brigadier Anderson reported that instructions have been received to notify the Italian Government that AFHQ will not undertake to handle claims for machinery and stores in Austria and Germany, but that the Italian Government will have to make such claims through regular diplomatic channels.

10. Disturbances in Lecce

Brigadier Carr stated that he had received reports of riots and disturbances in Lecce in protest against the high cost of living. Three persons were killed and about 40 wounded by the Carabinieri. Contrary to press accounts, no troops were used to quell the disturbance. The Chief Commissioner requested the Executive Commissioner to send the Port Liaison Officer immediately down to Lecce to get a full report on the situation.

11. Matters to be discussed by Consulta

With reference to sub-para 3 of para 9 of Minutes of 19 September 1945, Brigadier Carr stated that he had asked Minister Brosio if the Consulta was to consider revision of the voting procedure and whether the suggestions made by the U.S. and British Governments were to be included. Minister Brosio seemed to be uninformed on this subject and took full note of the criticisms of the present procedure and gave his personal assurances that some action would be taken. The Chief Commissioner observed that the Prime Minister apparently considered this question slightly. The Chief Commissioner expressed astonishment at the apparent reluctance of the Italian Government to correct the archaic voting procedure.

12. Return of Motor Transport to Italian Armed Forces

With reference to para 12 of Minutes of 19 September 1945, General Crowningshield stated that because of certain conditions which he believed had to be met to keep within the spirit of the AFHQ directive, considerable difficulty has

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reported that orders have been received [illegible] critical score for U.S. officers and 75 for enlisted men effective 1st October, which will leave the 2675th Regiment with 131 officers and 189 enlisted men in November. However, there are two plans whereby officers may volunteer to remain for certain periods, and accordingly a dispatch is being sent to all regions. Officers not wishing to volunteer cannot be held by the Commission.

15. Strike in Venezia Giulia

The Executive Commissioner gave a brief report on the latest information on the general strike in Venezia Giulia which started Monday and continued through Tuesday. Public utilities, excepting trams, are functioning. No serious demonstrations have been reported.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Wednesday, 3 October 1945.

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8 August 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 8 August 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Lush, Colonel Densmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Perkin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Halford, Colonel Kerr, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Commodore Ziroli, General Kislenko, Lieutenant D'Avenas, Mr. Brown.

1. Epuration

With reference to para 4 of Minutes of 1 August 1945, Brigadier Upjohn stated that the defendant was in the witness chair in an AMG court, and when he made certain derogatory remarks about the Carabinieri, one of the Carabinieri took immediate offense and shot him.

2. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 1 August 1945, Brigadier Lush advised that early reports indicated that the turnover was going smoothly.

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With reference to para 8 of Minutes of 1 August 1945, the Chief Commissioner said that while the freeze of promotions of U.S. Army officers had been lifted, MTOUSA, without consulting the Commission, had revised the regimental Table of Organization. Under the new T/O, Colonel Perkin stated that the Commission could promote one Lieutenant to the rank of Captain. The Chief Commissioner desires to protest such arbitrary action on the part of MTOUSA and directed Colonel Perkin to prepare a strong formal letter of protest.

4. Awards to U.S. Army Officers

The Chief Commissioner reported that MTOUSA has modified the policy on foreign awards to permit A.C. American personnel to accept such awards, subject to MTOUSA approval, while still on duty with A.C.

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With reference to para 9 of Minutes of 1 August 1945, the Chief Commissioner said that as a result of protests to SACMED, a strong cable has been sent to the C.C.S. pointing out the gravity of the situation and expressing AC's concern over the lack of procurement of civilian supplies this month for arrival here in October. There is a difference of opinion between the British and U.S. Governments as to who should take responsibility, now that military responsibility is to cease. The British Government puts its faith in UNRRA, while the U.S. Government expects F.E.A. to take over, although as late as the end of July, F.E.A. and the War Department had not agreed on the procedure. In the meantime, the problem is being examined at the current meeting of UNRRA in London. Unless the question is solved quickly the Italian Civil Supply Situation will be in bad shape, beginning in October. It is hoped that SACMED's telegram will have results, permitting the military agencies to continue procurement until such time as agreement is reached. This question has affected the proposed turnover of administration of the Italian Army to the Italian Government, commencing in October. Inasmuch as there is no assurances on re-

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ceiving supplies for the civil population, the Italian Government could not be expected to feed the Italian Army until this matter is cleared.

6. Changes in the Commission.

The Chief Commissioner stated that Mr. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, has been in Rome the past few days on his way home from the Potsdam Conference. Mr. McCloy informed the Chief Commissioner that there are no immediate changes contemplated in either the Commission or its personnel. The Chief Commissioner and the U.S. Ambassador emphasized the advisability of filling as soon as possible the American position vacancy of Vice President of the Economic Section.

7. Political Resume.

Mr. Halford gave a brief resume of the general political situation. There has been considerable speculation in the press on the Potsdam Conference. The Prime Minister has stated that he is most satisfied with the Potsdam communique for two reasons: First, for the tribute paid to the Italian contribution to the war effort; and secondly, and more important, the promise that Italy would be able to state her case at the peace conference. The Socialist and Communist parties have appointed a committee to have the sole function of running the pact of party unity. The Italian Government is taking increasing interest in the Venezia Giulia problem and is about to request permission to send observers there.

8. Wheat Amassing.

Colonel Densmore gave a brief report on the wheat amassing situation. He said that the revised estimate of the total crop of this year is now 4,188,000 metric tons, which is a drop of approximately one-third from last year's actual crop of 6,436,000 metric tons. Good amassing progress is being made in AMG territory, Agriculture officers are touring all provinces and the press and radio campaign is going well. In the Italian Government territory, the Minister of Agriculture has a good publicity program working. The Chief Commissioner stated that the new Government has been much more energetic in assisting the program in AMG territory than the Government was last year.

9. Recovery of Stolen Automotive Parts.

Colonel Parkin reported that as a result of orders issued to crack down on black market dealings in gasoline, officers of the A.C. Supergarage uncovered evidence leading to the recovery of automotive parts, jeeps, and motorcycles, mostly of British make and stolen from various Allied organizations, valued at approximately 10,000,000 lire. The Chief Commissioner said that the officers of the Supergarage were to be commended on their initiative.

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10. Refugee Situation.

Brigadier Upjohn reported that arrangements have been made and facilities established in the North to care for sick and wounded Italians being repatriated from Germany. Considerable difficulty had been experienced when the first train bearing sick and wounded repatriates arrived without prior notification. With the facilities now established, up to five trainloads of patients can be accomodated, though they arrive without warning.

11. Disposition of A.C. personnel.

Brigadier Upjohn stated that on his recent trip through the North, the question uppermost in the minds of officers there was what was going to happen to them when the North is turned over to the Italian Government. The Executive Commissioner stated that this question would be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Regional Commissioners, and that after discussion with them it is

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hoped that a plan can be worked out for submission to AFHQ.

12. Transfer of Archives.

Brigadier Upjohn reported that after a great deal of negotiation, agreement has been reached on the transfer to Rome of Italian Government archives moved North by the Fascists. The archives are to be moved under a coordinated plan, so Brigadier Upjohn requested that the Economic Section and independent sub-commissions not permit lesser Italian officials to move their archives on an independent basis. This transfer should assist epuration by putting the archives in the hands of ministers. Brigadier Upjohn stated that a representative of the American Embassy, whose job it is to track down Fascist accounts had requested that certain of these archives be delivered to him for examination. The Chief Commissioner stated that while under the Armistice terms he had every right to examine Italian files for military reasons this raised another question. The Chief Commissioner is to discuss this matter with the political advisors and Brigadier Upjohn in order to prepare a report to AFHQ.

13. Disposition of Commission Archives.

Brigadier Lush stated that now that the Commission is drawing to a close, a committee has been at work drawing up plans for the disposition of the archives and records of the Commission. It is expected that the recommendations will be presented the Chief Commissioner for approval shortly. Colonel Kerr advised that in accordance with instructions received from AFHQ, MMIL has been preparing to forward closed files to the Central Records Library for microfilming in duplicate, one copy each to London and Washington. The Chief Commissioner directed Colonel Kerr not to forward closed files to AFHQ until an overall policy for disposal of the Commission's archives has been worked out.

14. Regional Commissioner's Meeting.

Brigadier Lush reported that a two-day meeting of the Regional Commissioners will be held at Headquarters commencing Monday, 13 August. It is expected that the future of the North will be discussed at both morning meetings, leaving the afternoons open for any special problems that may be brought up.

15. Handover of Neofascist POW's.

Brigadier Lush reported that arrangements have been made with the Italian Ministry of War to turn over to the Italian Government the neofascist POW's now held by the Allies. Colonel Kerr added that the Minister of War would accept responsibility for those POW's held at Pisa, but felt that the neofascist POW's who had surrendered to the Partisans and are now held in jails, should continue to be administered by the Minister of Justice if they are moved to the concentration camp at Modena, although the Ministry of War would [illegible] necessary guard details.

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16. German POW's.

With reference to para 2 of Minutes of 11 July 1945, Brigadier Upjohn stated that from the latest information it appeared that no U.S.-held German POW's would be made available to the Italian Government, although there was still a possibility that some British-held German POW's might be turned over to the Italiens.

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18 July 1945.

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 18 July 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier Bush, Brigadier General McKinley, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Perkin, Mr. Rees, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Carr, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Barrow, General Mickenko, Lieutenant Clarence, Major Isaacacos, Brigadier Anderson.

1. Relief of Chief Commissioner.

Admiral Stone stated that while there have been a number of news items reporting the possibility of his being relieved as Chief Commissioner, there has been no official confirmation of Mr. Douglas' arrival, of his joining the Commission, or of the capacity in which he will serve. Apparently Mr. Douglas is arriving shortly and it is thought that when the Commission is replaced by whatever subsequent organization remains, possibly in the form of separate U. S. and British Economic Missions, he would head the American delegation. The Admiral stated that he had received no word of his being relieved at an early date, but an official announcement might be expected before long.

2. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government.

With reference to para 1 of Minutes of 11 July 1945, the Chief Commissioner reported that he had been informed that the Combined Chiefs of Staff are about to issue a directive that Apuania and Emilia Region would be returned to the Italian Government on August 15th but that certain Italian ports, such as Naples, are to be retained under AMG. The FIFTH Army has protested against the former, but it appears that they may be overruled.

3. Civilian Use of Gasoline.

With reference to para 5 of Minutes of 11 July 1945, the Chief Commissioner said the Italian Government apparently is making a real effort to tighten up on civilian use of gasoline, particularly by exercising stricter control of circulation passes. It was reported that instructions have been issued to the North to guard against the sale of gasoline by Italian drivers of Allied vehicles.

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4. Coal Situation.

Referring to para 6 of Minutes of 11 July 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the U.S. Embassy has made, and the British Embassy is about to make, representations to permit the Italian Government to be represented at the European Coal Organization meetings in London. The Executive Commissioner recommended that Brigadier Anderson also attend; in this the Chief Commissioner concurred.

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5. New Financial Directive.

The Chief Commissioner reported that the new financial directive issued as a result of decisions taken at the Quebec Conference ten months ago has at last been received. The directive does not appear to follow the line of FAN 457 in certain respects and is still quite restrictive, implying the continuation of the Allied Commission or its equivalent. It is proposed to deliver this directive to the Prime Minister in the form of a letter along

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6. Entry of Civilians into Italy.

The Chief Commissioner stated that information had been received that the Combined Chiefs of Staff are to relax the restrictions on entry into Italy of civilian businessmen from the U.S. and U.K. The Executive Commissioner suggested that some type of instruction memorandum should be sent to the U.S. and U.K. to be issued to the travelers along with their passports. The memorandum should give information on the food and lodging situation here, calling particular attention to the fact that the civilians would have to shift for themselves and could not depend on the Military for either food, lodging or transport. Also, it should be brought to their attention that their return from Italy would have to depend on the progress of the redeployment program, no priority could be given.

7. Outbreaks in the Puglia Area.

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that SAC had taken a very serious view of the recent outbreaks in the Puglia area and had directed that the Prime Minister be pressed to take the strongest measures possible to bring this situation under control. A report has been received from the Prime Minister. The Chief Commissioner requested that Brigadier Anderson and Brigadier Lush consult with him on the reply to be sent to SACMED which should contain the Commission's recommendations.

8. Political Resume.

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10. Inter-ministerial Committee for Reconstruction Meeting.

General McKinley reported that the meeting between the Inter-ministerial

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Committee for Reconstruction, the Regional Commissioners, and Economic Section representatives was held 13 July. After agreement in the morning, in the afternoon session the President of the CLNAI apparently reversed himself and refused to accept the new scale of wages in the North.

11. Increase in Price of Bread.

General McKinley stated that he had informed representatives of the Italian Government that the Commission would maintain the current political price of bread in the North until such time as it requests that the price be increased. The Italian Government is preparing a letter requesting that AC set an economic price on bread in the North, with the understanding that there is to be no increase in the ration.

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With reference to para 3 of Minutes of 11 July 1945, Brigadier Upjohn reported that he had had a long talk with Brosio relative to the preliminary work on the Consulta. Brosio has sent instructions to the field as to the election of nominees to serve on the Consulta, and desires that all nominations be made by the end of this month. He expects to spend next month preparing for the meeting and to convene the Consulta in September. Mr. Hopkinson raised the question as to whether arrangements would be made to permit absentee Italian POW's to vote. In this connection, it was stated that under present law officers are permitted to vote, but enlisted men of the services do not have the privilege of voting, although the Allied Commission has made representations to the Italian Government with a view to modifying this law. The Chief Commissioner asked Mr. Hopkinson and Mr. Jones to investigate the question of permitting the POW's to vote, and said that if they thought it advisable, he would be willing to submit the question to higher authority.

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15. Italian Naval Units in Combat against Japan.

Admiral Warren stated that the morning press reported, falsely, that Italian naval units had already been engaged in combat against Japan. There have been two Italian submarines engaged in training operations in the Indian Ocean but they have not been in combat.

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MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 11 July 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Brigadier General McKinley, Lieutenant Colonel Talbot, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Parkin, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hopkinson, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Warren, Major General Kislenko, Lieutenant d'Avenas, and Mr. Brown.

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With reference to para 11 of Minutes of 6 July 1945, Brigadier Upjohn said that the refugee situation was satisfactory. The estimate of the total number of refugees to be rehabilitated has been increased to 400,000.

5. Civilian Use of Gasoline.

With reference to para 16 of Minutes of 6 July 1945, the Chief Commissioner told General McKinley that he was pleased with the prompt action taken in following up unregulated civilian use of gasoline.

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6. Coal Situation.

The Chief Commissioner reported that he had received a letter from Minister De Gasperi requesting that the Italian Government be included as a member of the European Coal Organization meeting in London. This letter has been referred to the Economic Section, but because of the international aspects, the Chief Commissioner requested that it be discussed with the political advisors. The Chief Commissioner pointed out that the American and British Governments had already invited the Italian Government to participate in the conference on European Inland Transport, so he felt that it was quite in order for the Commission to support the Italian request for membership in this coal organization.

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The Chief Commissioner indicated that he was disturbed to find, from certain newspaper articles as well as from a report of the Lombardia Regional Commissioner that there was an erroneous belief that the Economic Barrier was still in operation. This belief was probably fostered by the fact that certain consumer goods are still frozen and permits required for the shipment of others. General McKinley stated that an order on the movement of goods had gone out and should be in the hands of the Regional Commissioners within three days. General McKinley was directed to clear up this matter with Colonel Poletti immediately by telephone.

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10. Inter-ministerial Committee for Reconstruction Meeting.

General McKinley reported that the Prime Minister and nine of the Ministers will be present at the meeting between the Inter-ministerial Committee for Reconstruction, the Regional Commissioners, and Economic Section representatives to be held at the Commission Headquarters, Friday, 13 July.

11. Allied Publications Board.

With reference to para 13 of minutes of 6 July 1945, Mr. Brown stated that a letter had been received from the Prime Minister reversing the position of the previous government on the question of rehabilitation of pre-Fascist papers in the North. In his letter, the Prime Minister explained that it

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appeared unfair that the owners of these papers who had gone along with the Fascist regime should benefit by the revival of their papers by the Allies. At the APB meeting it was felt that the Prime Minister's objections were based on a misunderstanding of the original plan which called for the appointment of a Commissario by AMG, and, after epuration, the paper could appear, although all profits were to be frozen. Disposition of the property and the profits was to be made by the Italian Government after the territory had been returned to the Government. It was decided that APB would recommend that we proceed with the original plan in those cities where there was a popular demand for the particular paper in question. Admiral Stone said that the present policy was contrary to that followed when the Allies refused to allow publication of Il MESSAGERO in Rome, but Mr. Brown replied that Il MESSAGERO was not a well known pre-Fascist paper and owed its prominence and popularity directly to its sympathy with the Fascist regime.

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MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 0900 hours, 6 July 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier General McKinley, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Parkin, Mr. McBride, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Kerr, Group Captain Jarman, Rear Admiral Warren, Major General Kislenko, and Mr. Brown.

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The Chief Commissioner briefly reviewed the proceedings of the Regional Commissioners' Meeting and indicated that he felt that a great deal had been accomplished.

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5. Venezia Giulia.

With reference to para 4 of Minutes of 13 June 1945, the Chief Commissioner reported that after a conference at AFHQ, which both he and the Executive Commissioner attended, a directive had been issued to the AMG XIII Corps in regard to Venezia Giulia which was entirely satisfactory from the viewpoint of the Commission. Colonel Monfort, now acting as SCAO in Venezia Giulia is being relieved at his own request. Colonel Bowman, Regional Commissioner of Emilia Region, will replace him, and Colonel Thomas, now Provincial Commissioner at Bologna, will take over from Colonel Bowman.

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6. Local Elections.

The Chief Commissioner reported, in reference to para 7 of Minutes of 13 June 1945, that the new Government set-up under which Signor Nenni and Signor Brosio are charged with convening the Constituente and Consulta respectively may facilitate the holding of elections. At the Regional Commissioner's meeting 15 July was set as the starting date for compilation of electoral lists. Since under Italian law 110 days are required for the compilation, the elections could not be held until late in the year. With winter snow and all transportation difficulties, the actual election would probably not take place before next spring; this is Nenni's view. While the Allied Governments are anxious that the elections be held as soon as possible, it is not believed that anything can be done at the moment by the Commission to speed up the electoral process.

7. Future of the Commission.

The Executive Commissioner has gone to London with the British Ambassador, at the latter's request, to discuss with both the Foreign and the War Offices the question of the probable future role of the Allied Commission. The Chief Commissioner has already submitted his views on this question to SACMED and it is believed that the question of the status of Italy will be on the agenda at the 'Big Three' meeting to take place shortly in the Berlin area.

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10. Sale of Treasury Bonds.

The Chief Commissioner stated that the Minister of the Treasury now has the agreement of his colleagues to extend the offering of the current issue of treasury bonds to the North. They now have subscriptions from Central and Southern Italy amounting to 33 billion lire, and by opening the issue to the North the Minister expects, from advance subscriptions received, that the sale will reach 100 billion lire.

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11. Refugee Situation.

With reference to para 10 of Minutes of 13 June 1945, Brigadier Upjohn reported that 5,000 refugees daily are coming through the Brenner Pass and an additional 1,000 through Switzerland.

12. Italian ex-POW's.

Colonel Kerr reported that as of 1 July the Italians in the prisoner of War units in Italy ceased to be POW's. They are being transferred to the Italian Government as fast as possible. All told, there are about 45,000 prisoners involved. The Italian Ministry of War is working well on this problem.

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The Chief Commissioner stated that almost without exception, the members of Congress and other U.S. officials who have visited Italy and particularly Rome, complain about what appears to them to be excessive non-essential use of gasoline by civilians. It is in sharp contrast to the strict gasoline rationing back in the States where most of the gasoline used here comes from. The Chief Commissioner directed that the entire matter be thoroughly investigated and appropriate representations be made to the Italian Government.

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6 June 1945

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 6 June 1945, Chief Commissioner's Conference Room, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Sevin, Major General Mislenko, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Warren, Major Bergin, Colonel Parkin, Lt. Col. Talbot.

1. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 28 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that the 15th Army Group withdrew their objections to the turnover of additional areas to Italian Government. The matter is now under consideration at AFHQ and it is expected that SACMED will decide that the provinces of Florence, Pistoia, Pisa, and Leghorn will be turned over to the Italian Government shortly, probably 19th June, with the possibility of retaining the Comune of Leghorn under AMG. The Chief Commissioner requested Brigadier Upjohn to prepare a suitable letter to the Secretary of the Advisory Council advising the Council of this matter before its meeting to be held 15 June.

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With reference to paragraph 4 of Minutes of 28 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner asked if any further information had been obtained from the Italian Government. Brigadier Anderson stated that the matter was being handled between the various Ministries of the Government and the service sub-commission of the Commission. It appears that the Italian Government does not expect to use more than 16,000, with 10,000 to be used on mine clearance and 6,000 in the Sardinian coal mining, the latter figure being considered sufficient for the transport available. Brigadier Anderson further stated that some information has already been passed on to AFHQ. Admiral Stone therefore requested that a concise statement, tentative if necessary, be obtained from the Italian Government so that one inclusive report could be submitted to AFHQ. It was agreed that Brigadier Anderson would ask the Italian Government to submit an interim estimate of 16,000, with provision that perhaps an additional number will be necessary.

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4. Italian Industrial Advisory Board.

With reference to para 6 of Minutes of 23 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner stated that a telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff has been prepared at AFHQ upon the decision of SACMED to report the Commission's final recommendation for their approval before taking up the question of Italian Production Boards with the Italian Government. Nothing further is to be done pending receipt of reply from the Combined Chiefs.

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5. Economic Barrier

With reference to the second subpara of para 6 of Minutes of 23 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner reported that all restrictions against civilian travel up to the Piave were removed the 28th May. The Chief Commissioner further stated that on his recent trip North, in meetings with the Regional Commissioners and IV Corps, the necessity was stressed for working out a plan quickly to cover the movement of goods between the North and the South. This was a reasonable request because apparently G.O. 41 had not been adequately implemented by subsequent instructions as promised. Mr. Antolini and others are in the North to work this out.

6. Chief Commissioner's Representative in North Italy

The Chief Commissioner advised the meeting that Colonel Fiske is going to Milan to be his representative in the North. It is not desired however to have a setup which would make the Regional Commissioners there feel that they were removed from direct contact with the Commission. Colonel Fiske is to interpret the Commission's policies to the Commanding Generals 5th Army and IV Corps and he should be able to adjust problems that require coordination between the three Regional Commissioners. This is a temporary move until such time as Phase II comes into effect, and will continue in effect while the Armies remain in control. Agreements were made to permit the Deputy SCAOs of IV Corps, Colonel Poletti, Brigadier Carr and Colonel Marshall, to begin functioning as Regional Commissioners under authority of the Army and their relations will be similar to the AMG's of the Armies themselves; that is, they will be under the military command of the Army commander and under the functional control of the Commission. The channel of communication will be direct between the Commission and RC's -- with copies to IV Corps and Fifth Army. No difficulty is expected and the fullest possible co-operation already has been received from the Army Generals.

7. Confiscation of Fascist Property Decree

The Chief Commissioner reported that the Confiscation of Fascist Property decree had been forwarded to the Embassies for their comments.

8. Political Resume

Mr. Halford gave a brief review on the general political situation. The running for Prime Minister at present seems to be between Bonni and De Gasperi. They both appear confident that they will be acceptable to the Allies. Bonomi is not yet out of the running, however. In his most recent move, Bonomi sent a letter to the other parties reminding them that he had kept his pledge not to precipitate a crisis while they on the other hand had accomplished little towards forming the new government. Accordingly, it was necessary now for him to be getting on with the work of the government.

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9. Public Relations

The Chief Commissioner expressed to Major Bergin his thanks and appreciation of the excellent Daily Rome Press Digest and the AC Weekly Bulletin that the Public Relations Branch is putting out. The Chief Commissioner went on to say that the PRO news bulletins have settled down to the kind of publication that does the Commission credit, and that he has asked that copies be forwarded to other Commands in Italy who find its views helpful.

10. Refugee Situation

Brigadier Upjohn reported that the forward refugee headquarters had been established with Fifth Army. He also stated that a system of "walking camps" from Florence to Rome had been set up, located every ten miles along the route for those who cannot get motor transportation which it is hoped will be successful.

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11. Local elections.

The Chief Commissioner expressed concern over the delay in compiling electoral lists in AMG territory. This work must be pushed with all possible speed because the holding of local elections here is a very necessary measure as a safety valve to relieve the political tension. Brigadier Upjohn is to follow this up.

12. Coal Situation

The use of the 6,000 German POWs may ease the situation so far as the Sardinian mines are concerned, Brigadier Anderson states. Mr. Hopkinson, political advisor, is looking into the Istrian mining problem. These mines are said to produce a million tons of coal a year, and are to come under AMG, although they are east of the so-called "Morgan Line."

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13. Defascistization

The Chief Commissioner brought up the question of dealing with officers of the Republican Fascist Armed Services who remained free after the Armistice. He stated that it may be that insufficient vigor is being displayed by either the Italians or the Allied Armies of Occupation. It was stated that the members of the Italian Republican Army are being treated as prisoners of war, although the people in the North are anxious to try them before People's Courts. The Chief Commissioner expressed his concern over finding that high generals of the air force who went North with the Fascist Government were able to be at large. Air Vice Marshal Brodie stated that the officer whose case he had discussed previously with the Chief Commissioner was now in hand and that action was being taken. Rear Admiral Warren stated that as far as the Navy was concerned certain people were being sought but many are getting away by using some sort of a patriot's certificate, although how they get these certificates is not known. Admiral Warren went on to say that most of the Italian Fascist Navy personnel had been apprehended but many of the leaders had not yet been captured. Prisoner of war camps for Fascist servicemen were being set up at Milan.

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It is the Commission's responsibility to forward Fascist lists to the provost marshals and other military police authorities in the North to enable them to get on with picking up these people.

The Chief Commissioner requested the three service subcommission heads to get in touch with the ministries of the Italian Government on this matter, bringing to their attention our joint responsibility for this under the Armistice to which we as well as they are obligated.

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23 May 1945.

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1600 hours, 23 May 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier General McKinley, Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter, Lt. D'Avenas, Major General Kislenko, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Warren, Mr. Stewart Brewn, Colonel Parkin, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Antolini.

1. Civilianization of Allied Commission

Referring to para 2 of Minutes of 16 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner briefly reviewed the civilianization of AC and stated that applications of interested officers had been reviewed and approximately 37 had been found to possess qualifications acceptable to FBA. The American Embassy had been consulted with reference to interviewing possible applicants for State Department Foreign Service posts. The plan now being undertaken to civilianize American officers of the Commission has been sent forward to London with the recommendation that a similar arrangement be worked out for British officers. Mr. Antolini reported that of the 37 qualified applicants only six were available for interview in headquarters; the rest are in the field. The Chief Commissioner suggested that Mr. Lehman be sent at once to the field to complete the necessary interviews. The progress of the entire program has to be reported as soon as possible to Washington.

2. Restoration of Additional Provinces to Italian Government

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4. German POWs.

Referring to para 6 of Minutes of 10 May 1945:

a. The Chief Commissioner stated that there had been some improvement in the situation particularly relative to the concentration of German POWs in the Rimini area. It was further stated that the initial reports were too pessimistic; the original figure of 25,000 Italians to be evacuated was found to be nearer a thousand as a result of shifting the boundaries of the proposed concentration area.

b. The Allied proposal to make available to the Italian Government some 100,000 to 200,000 German POWs was inadvertently released by the Italian authori-

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ties to the press and there had been some repercussions from the U.S. and British authorities relative to the responsibility for maintenance of these POWs. U.S. and British authorities would retain full control. The Italian Government is to report on what rehabilitation areas and numbers of POWs that can be usefully employed.

5. Venezia Giulia

The Chief Commissioner stated that there had been some improvement in the general situation in Venezia Giulia. There is an indication that Allied Military Government would be established in Trieste. This would resolve the situation, at least for the present. Tito is understood to have agreed to withdraw his troops from the Austrian sections of the disputed territory.

6. AFHQ Meeting - General Robertson

The Chief Commissioner reported that he, together with General McKinley and Mr. Antolini had had a conference with General Robertson, Chief Administrative Officer to SACMED. One of the principal points under discussion was the establishment of an Industrial Advisory Board to be set up by the Italian Government by legislative decree. The powers of this board would be similar to those now held by the War Production Board in the United States and corresponding agency in Britain; that is, mainly to determine and control industrial production, priorities, etc. Both the Allied Force Local Resources Section and AC would have representatives on the Board. These representatives would act solely in an advisory capacity and would accordingly be non-voting. It is felt that this policy is in accord with the general intent of FAB 487. Under the main board there would be several subsidiary boards organized to cover specific industries such as mining, textiles, and steel production. Due to the time factor the subsidiary industry boards would be set up by the Italian Government and AC (for AMG territory) at once and would not await the formal establishment of the Industrial Advisory Board which will be created by legislative decree. These proposed production control agencies have received the overall approval of CAO, G-5, and other sections at AFHQ and will be submitted to SACMED for final approval.

The formal lifting of the economic barrier between the North and the South is expected to take place on Monday the 28th. It is hoped that the question of civilian travel will be cleared up at about the same time. 8th Army has accepted the proposal that civilians be allowed circulation to the North on questura passes. 5th Army on the other hand is objecting to this procedure. AFHQ was not sympathetic to 5th Army's objections, particularly in view of the fact that SACMED wants to allow free travel throughout Italy as soon as possible.

At the same time (Monday the 28th) the AFLMB will start its functioning in the North and should have a good effect on the inequitable requisitioning of civilian property by military establishments.

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7. Political Resume

Mr. Dowling gave a brief review on the general political situation with emphasis on the discussions which were now going on in regard to the North. It was brought out that the representatives of the Communist party in the North had publicly announced that they would not support the Prime Minister in any new Government formation. It was observed in and about the Milan area that the CLNAI was still attempting to function as a recognized government agency and was not proceeding through the officially agreed channels. The Chief Commissioner directed that a signal should be sent to IV Corps pointing out that toleration of this procedure was entirely contrary to the agreed policy. Executive Commissioner together with Mr. Dowling was directed to draft an appropriate signal.

8. Economic Position in North

Mr. Antolini gave a brief review of the economic conditions in the North that were observed on his recent trip. In general the economic picture was

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found to be good. Production was much higher than had been anticipated, in fact he estimated it to be 80% of normal capacity. The principal industrial damage was in the steel and certain other heavy industries used in connection with fascist war effort. The most serious situation in the North was lack of coal, and effort was being made to relieve this by substituting electric power wherever possible.

Mr. Antolini stated that in his opinion the economic barrier had been most successful. It had definitely offset the impact of the speculative interests which otherwise would have run rampant.

9. "Corriere della Sera"

Mr. Brown reported that the "Corriere della Sera" of Milan had now made its reappearance as a strictly non-political publication with the title of "Corriere di Informazioni".

10. Confiscation of Fascist Property Decree

Colonel Bonham-Carter informed the meeting that the Confiscation of Fascist Property decree had just been presented to the Commission for review.

11. Italian Army

General Browning brought out the fact that the patriots were refusing to accept the authority of the Italian Ministry of War. Air Forces Sub-Commission reported that likewise they were experiencing the same difficulty, even to the extent that one group was considering the establishment of an air force in the North.

12. The Executive Commissioner gave a brief review on the situation in Emilia Region stating that all the prefects had been properly installed. He referred to the question of public security, particularly in connection with personal assaults, murders, etc., which had broken out. He believed that the recent addition of some 1500 CC.RR. in the area would help the situation. In Venezia Region he stated the public safety problem was generally better. The Prefects in that region were quite well established, however not all of the appointments had been confirmed.

In regard to Displaced Persons the initial rush across the border around Bolzano had subsided. The Chief Commissioner instructed that MMSB should be consulted relative to employing coastal lift in moving displaced persons.

13. Reports on North

The Chief Commissioner directed that the reports being continually compiled on the situation in the North should be given wide circulation to the Section and Sub-Commission heads, including the Service Sub-Commissions.

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16 May 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 16 May 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier General McKinley, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Sevin, Major General Kislenko, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brodie, Rear Admiral Warren, Mr. Stewart Brown, Colonel Parkin, Brigadier Lush.

1. C.I.P.

Referring to paragraph 2 of Minutes of 2 May 1945, Admiral Stone informed the meeting that a satisfactory letter had been received from Sig. Bonomi supplementing the C.I.P. decree. Memoranda had been left with the Italian Government, Admiral Stone said, by the U.S. and British Governments looking to future claims for compensation for Allied petroleum interests confiscated by the Fascist Government.

2. Civilianization of AC Personnel

In connection with para 3 of Minutes of 2 May, Colonel Parkin informed the Admiral that in Mr. Antolini's absence little progress was being made in interviewing prospective FBA employees.

3. Restoration of Provinces to Italian Government

Referring to para 4 of Minutes of 2 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that in addition to the 9 Provinces which had been turned back to the Italian Government on May 10, it was further proposed to restore to them an additional five or six Provinces in the near future. Nothing definite, however, would be done in this matter until the views of the Commanding General, 15th Army Group, had been obtained.

4. Visit of CLNAI Delegation

The Chief Commissioner reported that representatives of the Central Committee of the CLNAI had been brought to Rome from Milan and had held talks with the Italian Government and with local CLNs. They had now returned to Milan. While in Rome the CLNAI and the Government had agreed that two representatives of each Governmental party and two representatives from the two political parties out of office should shortly go North. This trip was expect-

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2. Civilianization of AC Personnel

In connection with para 3 of Minutes of 2 May, Colonel Parkin informed the Admiral that in Mr. Antolini's absence little progress was being made in interviewing prospective FEA employees.

3. Restoration of Provinces to Italian Government

Referring to para 4 of Minutes of 2 May 1945, the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that in addition to the 9 Provinces which had been turned back to the Italian Government on May 10, it was further proposed to restore to them an additional five or six Provinces in the near future. Nothing definite, however, would be done in this matter until the views of the Commanding General, 15th Army Group, had been obtained.

4. Visit of CLNAI Delegation

The Chief Commissioner reported that representatives of the Central Committee of the CLNAI had been brought to Rome from Milan and had held talks with the Italian Government and with local CLNs. They had now returned to Milan. While in Rome the CLNAI and the Government had agreed that two representatives of each Governmental party and two representatives from the two political parties out of office should shortly go North. This trip was expected to take place very shortly.

5. Pledges to be undertaken by Italian Government

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Admiral Stone reported that he had sought instruction from the Supreme Allied Commander as to whether in the event of a change in Government he was to follow the former procedure of securing from the Government before its establishment assurance that they would adhere to the terms of the Armistice, refrain from reopening the institutional question, and follow the terms of FAN 457 regarding the approval of service ministers and appointments by the Supreme Allied Commander. The Chief Commissioner said that the reply which he had received from AFHQ was in the affirmative on each of these three points but that it would be made clear to the Government that the Allies would not necessarily enforce their rights under the Armistice Terms but would hold them in reserve in the matter of day-to-day administration, subject to overriding military needs, in accordance with the Macmillan statement of last February.

6. German POWs

a. The Chief Commissioner reported that a plan was in existence and shortly to be implemented whereby large numbers of German POWs would be settled

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in the vicinity of Rimini thereby entailing the eviction of some 10,000 Italians. It was the Chief Commissioner's hope that this eviction and consequent damage to crops and dislocation of life could be avoided.

b. The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the Allied authorities were proposing to make available to the Italian Government between 100,000 and 200,000 German POWs to assist in rehabilitation. These Germans would continue to be prisoners of the U.S. and the U.K. Armies and would continue to be fed and be maintained by them. On work projects they would be guarded by the Italians who would also furnish materials, tools, etc., for their work.

No reply had as yet been received from the Italian Government to this proposal.

7. Venezia-Giulia (Venezia Giulia)

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Allied Military Government had not been set up east of the Isonzo.

8. Political Resume

Mr. Halford gave a resume of recent political events with particular emphasis to the impressions he had gained during his recent trip to the North.

9. Olive Oil

Brigadier General McKinley reported that the total of olive oil now amassed was 48,000 tons.

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The Chief Commissioner stated that the Supreme Allied Commander was anxious to permit the resumption of legitimate civilian travel and his own feeling was that the restrictions must be removed at an early date.

A signal was then discussed which it was proposed to send to Fifth and Eighth Armies in order to clear up the present anomalous position on civilian travel restrictions.

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The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, informed the Chief Commissioner that the Minister for Justice proposed to grant an amnesty, on the occasion of the liberation of the North, to many categories of civil offenders including those who have offended the grain amassing laws. Brigadier Upjohn suggested that such a measure would only encourage the Italians to break the law in the forthcoming harvest. Admiral Stone ordered that the decree be held up and the matter be referred to G-5 for a ruling.

The Chief Commissioner asked what the prospects were for this year's harvest and was informed that they were not good owing to drought. The Executive Commissioner urged that it was vital to settle during the month of May what price was to be paid for wheat during the forthcoming grain amassing. The Chief Commissioner agreed and directed that top priority be given to deciding this question.

13. P.R.O.

Mr. Stewart Brown informed the Chief Commissioner that he had secured permission for a party of Italian correspondents to go North, a move which had given great satisfaction to the Italian press.

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14. The Executive Commissioner gave an outline of progress and movements of the Regional Commissioners in the North.

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Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 2 May 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, U. Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Devin, Major General Hinrichs, Major General Browning, Air Vice Marshal Brooke, Rear Admiral Ellery, Mr. Stewart Brown, Colonel Serain, Brigadier Lush.

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Referring to para 1 of the minutes of 25 April, the Chief Commissioner announced that agreement had been reached on the question of the resumption of radio communication between Italy on the one side and America and the British Empire on the other. May 4th was the day proposed for the resumption of the service. It could be used for private and business inquiries but not for the consummation of business transactions.

2. C.L.N.

Referring to para 7 of the minutes of 25 April, Mr. Antolini stated that the letter from the Prime Minister which was complementary to the C.L.N. decree had been received from the President's office, but had been returned for stenographic correction.

3. Civilianization of A.C. Personnel

Referring to para 10 of minutes of 25 April, Admiral Stone asked if the interviews had been begun of those officers desiring to take on civilian employment under PCA or the State Department. Mr. Antolini informed the Chief Commissioner that they had been begun.

When the Deputy Chief Commissioner asked if the terms of employment could be made known to him so that he could inform the War Office in London, he was told by Mr. Antolini that he could and would be so informed.

4. Restoration of Provinces to Italian Government

Referring to para 21 of minutes of 25 April, the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that it was proposed that nine more provinces should now be restored to the Italian Government, namely: Perugia, Terni, Pesaro, Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Ancona, Arezzo, Siena, and Grosseto; and that the proposal would be put before the Advisory Council on May 4th for their recommendation. The Chief Commissioner stated that

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5. Policy in Newly Liberated Territory

Admiral Stone read aloud his letter which had gone out to the Regions indicating the more liberal A.M.G. policy which would be employed in the newly liberated territories in the North. (Letter reference: 501/78/AC, 1 May 45).

6. Refugee Problem

The Chief Commissioner emphasized the urgency of the refugee problem in Northern Italy and drew the attention of the Vice Presidents to the absolute necessity of providing officers from their staffs who could be attached to the

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Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to deal with this pressing problem.

7. Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, informed the meeting that:

a. Courts are being established in the North for the punishment of Fascists;

b. The dispersal of Patriots was going well;

c. UNRRA wished to send a representative forward with Colonel Findlay, Head of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. The Chief Commissioner said that he could see no objection to this.

8. Air Forces Sub-Commission

Air Vice Marshal Brodie suggested that it might be possible to use certain units of the Italian Air Force as transport planes to the Northern cities. The Chief Commissioner took note of the offer and directed that details for carrying both freight and passengers should be worked out between the Executive Commissioner and the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

9. Posts and Telegraph

The Executive Commissioner pointed out that in the North there was a central administration for Posts and Telegraphs and he asked the Chief Commissioner if he saw any objection to continuing such a central administration. The Chief Commissioner replied that he saw none.

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The Executive Commissioner reported that he had attended a meeting at AFHQ where the setting up had been generally approved for a Combined Industrial Board which would be operative over all Italy.

13. Guarding of Frontier

The Executive Commissioner recommended that the task of guarding the frontier should be given to the best Italian troops and the Chief Commissioner asked General Browning if he would consider this when planning the re-deployment of the Italian Groups.

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25 April 1945

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Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 25 April 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Major General de Sevin, Major General Kislenko, A.V.M. Brodie, Colonel Baldrige, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Lush, Mr. Stewart Brown, Lt. Col. Bonham Carter, Colonel Parkin.

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This decision, Admiral Stone said, had been communicated to the Prime Minister and to the Minister for Occupied Italy.

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The Chief Commissioner said that as a result of a suggestion by the Combined Chiefs of Staff an order had been given by Field Marshal Alexander that Patriots working in the North were to wear a distinctive emblem, thereby complying with the Hague Convention.

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4. Import Program

Referring to para 2 of the Minutes of 18 April, Mr. Antolini confirmed that the three Italian members of the Mission had still not left this country as a visa for one of them was being withheld. Mr. Dowling undertook to press the State Department for clearance on this man.

5. Reduction of Italian Air Force

Referring to para 3 of the Minutes of 18 April, Air Vice Marshal Brodie confirmed that agreement had been reached at a MAF conference whereby the proposed reduction of machines in the Italian Air Force would be made less drastic. The new plan, the Air Vice Marshal said, was expected to prove entirely satisfactory to the Italian Government.

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6. Restaurants

Referring to para 5 of the Minutes of 18 April, the Chief Commissioner asked Colonel Fiske what action had been taken to issue an order prohibiting troops from entering civilian restaurants in the Northern cities on their liberation.

Colonel Fiske replied that a letter had gone from this Commission to AFHQ requesting that the attention of all troops be called to the orders already existing and which had been framed subsequent to the depletion of foodstuffs in Rome after the liberation of that city.

7. C.I.P. Decree

In reply to a question of the Chief Commissioner's in which he referred to para 6 of the Minutes of 18 April, Mr. Antolini confirmed that the new C.I.P. decree was published and in effect. He pointed out however that a supplementary letter was expected today from the Prime Minister. He explained that this letter might be regarded as a step in the implementation of the C.I.P. decree rather than a part of the decree itself.

8. Ministry of Occupied Italy

Referring to para 12 of the Minutes of 18 April, the Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the Italian Government had officially disavowed responsibility for the distribution of the pamphlet and disassociated themselves from the views expressed therein. Admiral Stone stated that the question of its further distribution was being handled further.

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Colonel Parkin replied that out of a total of 560 officers, 200 had shown interest, and that steps were being taken to interview these individually. The Chief Commissioner urged Mr. Antolini to pursue this matter vigorously as Washington were anxious to proceed with "civilianization".

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Brigadier Lush said that the War Office in London, from which he had recently returned, showed little interest in this subject.

11. Political Resume

Mr. Dowling made the following points:

a. Considerable discussion was taking place in the Italian press on the subject of Trieste. The matter had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Council of Ministers and it was apparent that all political parties, including the Communists--although their attitude was not absolutely clear cut, were united on the policy of "Trieste for the Italians".

b. The recent Separatist Congress in Palermo had also given rise to much press comment. Several papers, not only those of the Left but also independent organs, had been advocating suppression of the Separatist movement in Sicily if necessary by force.

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c. Speculation and interest continued to focus on the San Francisco Conference.

12. Italian Relations with Yugoslavia

Referring to paragraph 7a of the minutes of the 18th of April, Mr. Melford told the Chief Commissioner that he had been informed by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that feelers had been put out by the Italian Government by way of resuming relations with the Yugoslav Government, but that so far these had been ignored by Mr. Smodlaka.

The Italians, Mr. Melford said, had now issued instructions to their representative in Moscow that he was to attempt to resume friendly relations with his Yugoslav counterpart in Russia.

13. Change of Status of Italian POWs in Italy

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that a general formula of agreement had been reached by the interested Allied organizations whereby the status of Italian Prisoners of War now working in this country would be changed but their services remain available to the Allied Forces. A proposal based on this agreement had been forwarded to the Italian Government whose acceptance was expected.

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Mr. Antolini presented the amassing figures and drew attention to the fact that 45,000 tons had been amassed; this, he said, was the target for the minimum ration in the part of Italy that was now liberated. Mr. Antolini did not know what olive oil we should find in the North, but he expected little. In reply to a question of the Chief Commissioner's he stated that 45,000 tons would not provide a minimum ration in the North as well as the South.

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In summing up, the Chief Commissioner pointed out that the proposed controls could only hope to take up some of the shock of the inflation that was bound to come, but that to any extent that the plan was successful it would be something gained, and he commended the energy of the Economic Section in approaching this problem.

16. Italian Civil Aviation

Air Vice Marshal Brodie said that he would shortly submit to the Chief Commissioner an interim report on the subject of Italian civil aviation. He said that discussion of this subject with the Italian Air Ministry had

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hereto been prohibited by AFHQ. The Chief Commissioner requested from Mr. Antolini such material as he had available on this subject and said that he would shortly hold a meeting with Mr. Antolini and the Head of the Air Forces Subcommission. Admiral Stone pointed out that the Italian Government were already negotiating this problem with foreign governments and that the matter needed clarification in Rome.

17. Public Relations.

Mr. Stewart Brown gave a short report on the tour Northwards on which he had accompanied the Acting President.

18. Po Valley

Colonel Pinks reported that the most recent reports on conditions in newly liberated towns in the Po Valley were encouraging; public utilities were but slightly damaged and the food situation was not immediately critical.

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Vice Presidents' Meeting 1300 hours, 18 April 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier General McKinley, Brigadier Anderson, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Sovin, Major General Kislenko, Colonel Parkin, Group Captain Jarman, Mr. Stewart Brown, Rear Admiral Warren, Colonel Herr, Colonel Fiske.

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The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting to a letter which had been received from Sig. Bonomi in which the Prime Minister pointed out the regrettable effect of allowing troops to enter civilian restaurants in Rome on its liberation last June and requesting that steps might be taken to prevent a similar occurrence, with resultant depletion of civilian food stuffs, when Allied troops should enter the large cities of the North.

The Chief Commissioner noted that this letter had been referred for action to Civil Affairs Section and pointed out that it should properly be handled by the Executive Commissioner whom he directed to take up this point with the respective Army Commanders.

6. C.I.P.

Admiral Stone asked the Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, if he could inform him of the present status of the new C.I.P. decree as both the

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American and British Embassies were expressing anxiety over its passage. Mr. Antolini stated that it was at present held up in the Ministry of Justice. Admiral Stone directed Brigadier Upjohn to put pressure on the Ministry so that the decree could be issued quickly.

7. Political Resume

Mr. Halford stated that the news of the death of the President of the United States had been received by the Italian Government and people with a sense of very deep and sincere loss, and that this news had overshadowed all others in the past week in Italy. Mr. Halford drew attention to two points which had emerged from the last meeting of the Council of Ministers.

a. The Minister of Foreign Affairs had deplored the anti-Italian campaign which was being conducted by the Yugoslavs and a resolution was passed at the end of the meeting expressing the Italian Government's desire to resume friendly relations with Yugoslavia.

Mr. Halford did not know if this resolution was being implemented by negotiations.

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9. Finance Subcommission

The Chief Commissioner announced with regret the departure of Commander J. J. Lawler, USCGR, the American Joint Director of the Finance Subcommission and stated that though his successor had not yet been appointed it was hoped that it would be possible to make a nomination within a few days. Mr. Antolini drew the Chief Commissioner's attention to an extract from the AC Weekly Bulletin from which it might be deduced that Commander Lawler's successor had in fact already been appointed.

10. Employment of Italian Troops

In reply to a question of Colonel Kerr's the Admiral stated that a decision had been taken by Field Marshal Alexander at his last Political Con-

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ference that Italian troops would not be employed outside Italy, except in most exceptional cases and only when required by urgent military necessity. A directive to military formations implementing this decision would no doubt issue shortly.

11. Colonel Fiske reported:

a. That this Headquarters had been directed by AFHQ to produce a report stating progress in the implementation of PAN 467. A reply was now ready for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

b. That 5th Army were preparing to turn over Florence to AMG control.

c. Arrangements had been made for Mr. Antolini and other senior members of the Economic Section to hold meetings with representatives of 4th Corps and 15 Army Group late this week.

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11 April 1945

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 11 April 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Halford, Brigadier General McKinlay, Mr. Asto Ind, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General de Gwyn, Major General Kinlenko, Rear Admiral Perren, Colonel Perkin, Major General Browning, Lt. Colonel Coldrick, Mr. Stewart Brown, Col. Fisko.

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Referring to para 5 of Minutes of 28 March 1945, Mr. Antolini confirmed that 21,000 lire had in fact been charged for the transportation of school books from Rome to Macerata and stated that while the charge was technically correct, steps would be taken to remedy the tariff scale.

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In order that a properly correlated reply could be sent to AFHQ to a question on the progress of civilianization of AC personnel, the Chief Commissioner directed that Colonel Flake, Mr. Antolini, and Colonel Parkin should coordinate the answer.

The Chief Commissioner also directed that an amendment should be issued to the circular whereby American officers were informed of the possibility of working as civilians for FEA or State Dept., as the original circular had not made it clear that salaries could be discussed.

7. Political Resume.

In a resume of recent political developments, Mr. Bowling made the following points:

a. The Council of Ministers has rescinded the discriminatory action in

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b. Saragat had been officially appointed Ambassador to Paris.

c. The press was occupied with speculation on the developments subsequent to the liberation of the North and insistence upon Italian representation (as observers) at the San Francisco conference.

d. The Communist Party had held a meeting as a result of which the Party's position was considerably clarified.

3. Institutional Question

The Chief Commissioner stated that questions had been raised by the Head of the Communist Party regarding the obligations undertaken by the present Government that they would carry out all the Armistice terms and that they would not reopen the institutional question until the North was liberated and the people of Italy had themselves decided the form of government which they desired. He had been asked by one of the Ministers if the institutional question could be reopened as soon as liberation occurred. He replied that liberation was only one of the conditions which had to be met.

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11. Anti-Inflation Committee

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that the latest recommendations of the Anti-Inflation Committee had been forwarded to Sig. Bonomi. While the Allied Commission could no longer request that these measures be acted upon, yet the Prime Minister had been advised that aggressive action, along the lines of these recommendations, would be needed to cope with the present inflationary trend.

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12. Navy Sub-Commission

Admiral Warren reported that Admiral de Courten, Minister of the Italian Royal Navy, had been promoted to Vice Admiral and that a naval call-up in Italy was impending.

13. Colonel Fiske, A/Executive Commissioner, gave a report of meetings which the Regional Commissioners had held with Civil Affairs and Economic sections, 15th Commander-in-Chief 15th Army Group, and with General Crittenberger, CGC IV Corps. He informed the meeting that it had been decided to withdraw the olive oil 'team' from Southern Italy on the 15th of this month in view of the present operations and the possibly imminent liberation of the North.

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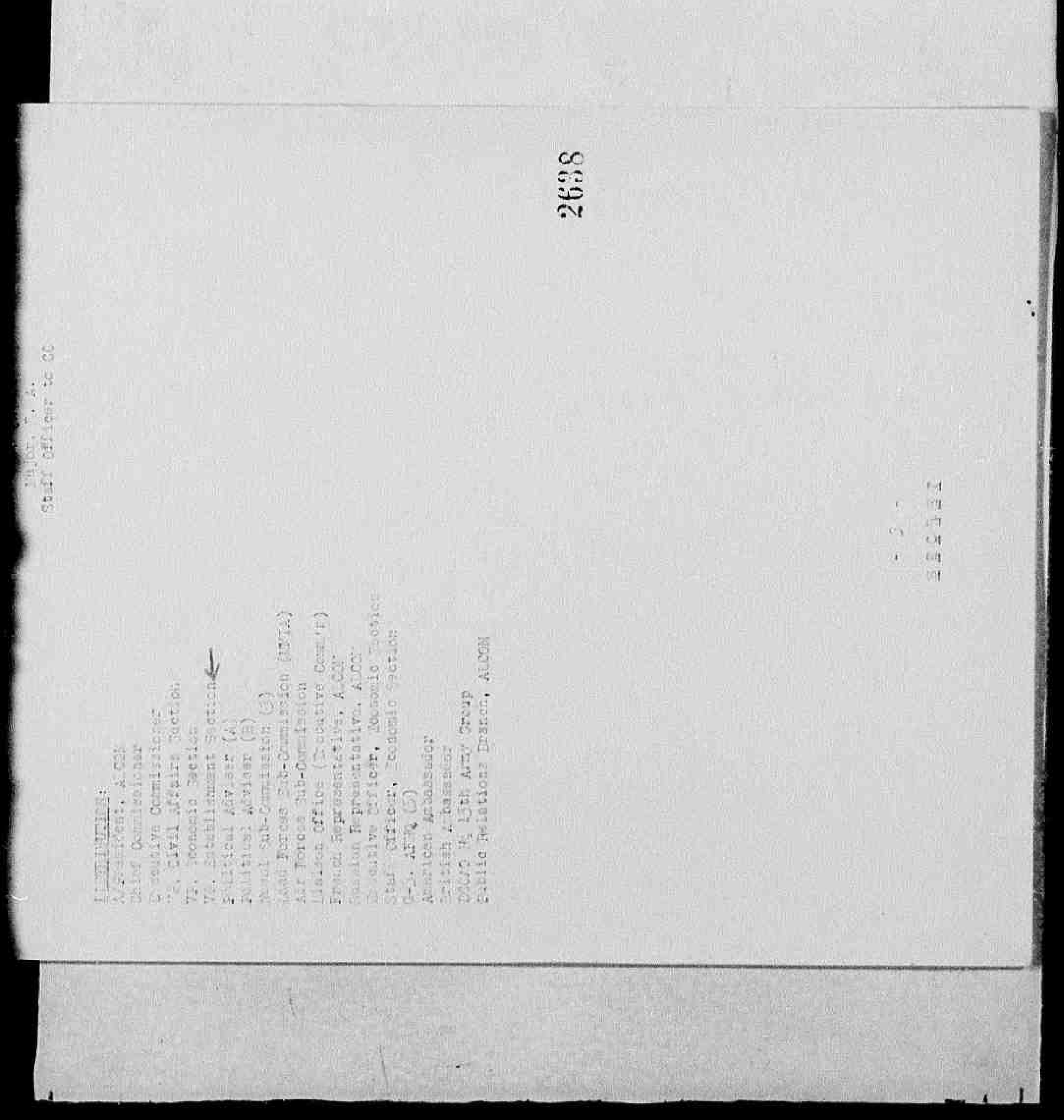
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28 March 1945

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 28 March 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Antolini, Brigadier Upjohn, Major General Kislenko, Lieut. de Noue, Col. Parkin, Mr. Brown, Rear Admiral Warren, Lt. Col. Baldrige, Colonel Kerr, Colonel Fiske.

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The Chief Commissioner directed Mr. Antolini and Brigadier Upjohn to look into the allegation of exorbitant trucking charges contained in the Abruzzi-Marche Sitrep of March 26th where it was stated that 23,000 lire were charged for the transportation of school books from Rome to Macerata.

6. Political Resume

Mr. Hopkinson stated that beyond the appointment of a number of Ambassadors there was nothing new in the political field.

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7. Olive Oil

Mr. Antolini produced the latest olive oil amassing figures and the Chief Commissioner repeated his ruling (para 6c of the Minutes of 19 March 1945) that the olive oil "teams" were not to be withdrawn from Southern Italy so long as they were doing useful work.

8. Miscellaneous Points from Civil Affairs Section

Brigadier Upjohn reported:

a. That the proceeds of the Art Exhibition at the Palazzo Venezia had amounted to 1,600,000 lire and that this sum had been handed to the Italian Government as a contribution to the restoration of damaged monuments.

b. That the Royal Yugoslav Mission in Rome had been closed on Monday, 26 March 1945, and that other Royal Yugoslav Missions in Italy were to be closed shortly.

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CC 551/10

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5. A Fresh Aspect of the New Deal.

Mr. Hopkinson said that he was submitting a draft memorandum for circulation to heads of Sections and Independent Subcommissions urging them to exercise their good offices in assisting diplomatic representatives of those United Nations' Governments who had not yet established direct relationships with the Italian Government in their dealings with the Italian authorities when they were unable to reach satisfactory arrangements with the Italian Government direct.

6. Olive Oil.

a. Mr. Antolini gave the latest figures for the amassing of olive oil and estimated that 45,000 tons would eventually be collected, thereby ensuring a minimum oil ration in Italy.

b. Referring to para 6 of the minutes of meeting CC 131/9 of 22 February,

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Mr. Antolini reported that there was no truth in the allegation that unsuitable containers were being used and that this was merely a ruse on the part of the farmers to retain their own crop.

c. The Chief Commissioner gave a ruling that the olive oil "teams" were to be kept in Southern Italy as long as was necessary in spite of the general withdrawal from the South.

7. Prison Rations.

When the point was raised by Mr. Antolini, the Chief Commissioner gave a ruling that the ration scale in Rome prisons was not to be reduced at the present. The Executive Commissioner suggested that the proposal should be reviewed two months from now. This was agreed to.

8. Import Program.

Brigadier General McKinley spoke of the great difficulties in screening the "A" and "B" import program chiefly owing to the complexity of the work and the scarcity of skilled requisition officers. The General said that he well realized the need for speed on which the Chief Commissioner laid much emphasis, but refused to commit himself to a firm date when the import program would be ready prepared. The Chief Commissioner again stressed the need for completing this work at the earliest possible date.

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Brigadier Upjohn reported:

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c. That the Italian Government were being dilatory in appointing General Taddei as Deputy Commander of the CC.RR. The Brigadier asked if the Chief Commissioner would speak to Signor Bonomi on this score and he undertook to submit a memorandum;

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Brigadier General McKinley spoke of the great difficulties in screening the 'A' and 'B' import program chiefly owing to the complexity of the work and the scarcity of skilled requisition officers. The General said that he well realized the need for speed on which the Chief Commissioner laid much emphasis, but refused to commit himself to a firm date when the import program would be ready prepared. The Chief Commissioner again stressed the need for completing this work at the earliest possible date.

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f. That Lieut. Colonel White, returned from a tour in Tuscany, reported that good preparatory work has been done in epuration.

There was a short discussion on the need for drastic and prompt epuration of Fascists in Northern Italy when the Allies arrive there. It was decided that if a Regional Commissioner decided to retain a Fascist in his post for reasons of great cogency--where, for example, a large employer of labor might break down if the man should be removed--such decisions must be subject to review by this Headquarters.

The Executive Commissioner suggested that in order to speed up the epurative machine first priority should be given to collaborators since the Armistice.

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10. Personnel.

Colonel Fiske reported that the personnel of the Commission are now being withdrawn from Italian Government Territory and are being re-allocated to the military government regions. Twenty-five U.S. officers, chiefly from the 5th Army, are at present undergoing a two weeks course of instruction in Rome in matters of military government on completion of which they will be returned to their units and will be available later for military government duties.

11. Reduction of Italian Air Force.

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet reported that pending a final word on the subject from AFHQ, he was not implementing the MAAF decision to reduce the Italian Air Force. The Chief Commissioner undertook to raise the matter at SACMED's Political Conference if it should prove necessary.

12. Report by COC, Land Forces Subcommission (LFSC).

General Browning gave a short report on various matters concerning the Italian Army. There had been a gratifying improvement in morale, morale, and achievements. He hoped and expected that by the end of April the Italian Army would be up to its ceiling of 320,000, that five combat groups would be in the line, and that the Ministry for War and Army generally would be a properly organised, administered and going concern. The Garibaldi Division were now back in this country from Yugoslavia and numbered three or four thousand out of the original 17 or 18 thousand. First impressions of the Garibaldi Division were very good, and an attempt would be made to retain the remains of the Division as an entity. He also mentioned the matter of "cooperators" being absorbed into the Italian army and the proposed solution of this intricate problem which has been forwarded to AFHQ.

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22 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 22 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Denmore, Brig. General McKinley, Mr. Schott, Mr. Melford, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieutenant de Roue, Major General Rialenko, Rear Admiral Warren, Commodore Zirotti, Wing Commander de Haan, Major General Trowbridge, Mr. Brown, Colonel Fiske, Brigadier Bush.

1. SACMED's Political Conference

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of certain points which had arisen at SACMED's Political Conference on Tuesday, 20 February, including (a) the issuance of a new directive to the Air Forces Sub-Commission, and (b) SACMED's ruling that cipher facilities could not be granted to the Italian Government at present. Bag facilities, however, would be permitted.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Political Section to draft a letter to the Prime Minister and to the Foreign Secretary informing them of this decision.

2. The New Directive

The Chief Commissioner stated that on Saturday, February 24th, there would be a special meeting of the Advisory Council to discuss the terms of the new directive, following which the A/President accompanied by Admiral Stone would call on the Prime Minister and inform him of the new relationship. In the late afternoon Mr. Macmillan would hold a press conference and would give a fairly detailed explanation of the situation.

A time was arranged for the meeting with the Russian and French representatives on the Allied Commission when the Chief Commissioner would explain to them the terms of the new directive. (Saturday, February 24th, after the Advisory Council meeting--approximately 1230 hours.)

3. Bread Ration

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4. Call-Up

The Chief Commissioner commented on the excellent progress of the Italian Army call-up in Sardinia. Admiral Stone, while conceding that this was almost entirely an Italian matter, urged that utmost publicity be given to this success.

5. Price of Bread

Brigadier General McKinley gave an explanation of the Italian Government's proposal to substitute an economic price for bread in place of the present political price, and enumerated those classes of workers who would receive a bonus to meet this increased price. The Chief Commissioner stated that the Allied Commission would approve a similar bonus in AMG territory.

6. Olive Oil

Colonel Densmore reported that 25,000 tons of olive oil have now been secured, or 33% of the target.

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Lieutenant de Moor reported that he had received information that the farmers in the area of Rimini and Terni were not handing over their olive oil since they believe it would be ruined in the containers which were being used for the unsaging. Colonel Benamore undertook to look into this.

7. Political Developments

Mr. Schopt gave a resume of the week's political activities mentioning that Italian disappointment at the result of the Crimea Conference had been partially offset by the invitation received by Italian Labor leaders to attend the Labor Conference in London.

A newsprint shortage in Naples had been followed by a similar shortage in Rome.

Plans for local elections were progressing; the elections would probably be held during May.

8. Rehabilitation Program

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12. Attacks on Serving Officers

W/Cmdr de Hann reported the more attacks in the press on Italian serving officers, but the Executive Commissioner stated that the measures which had been taken should definitely bring these to an end.

13. Newsprint

Mr. Brown reported that the Italian Government had asked the Allied Commission to help them in their present shortage of newsprint by advancing 150 tons against repayment.

The Executive Commissioner protested strongly against the extravagant and irresponsible use of paper in Italy and contrasted the situation in this country with the U.K. where it was difficult to buy a newspaper. Brigadier Lush said that he considered the importation of newsprint into this country a waste of shipping space and recommended that the Italians be made to rely on their own production of newsprint or do without.

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Brigadier General McKinley stated that he was collecting accurate figures on this subject and would shortly put up a recommendation.

14. Planning for Austria

Colonel Fiske reported that a difference with AFHQ on the subject of officers allocated to Austria would be cleared with Brigadier General Crofford when he visited Rome.

The Executive Commissioner made the point that the number of specialists allocated should be proportionate to the gross number being taken from the American strength. The Chief Commissioner concurred.

15. Meeting of Regional Commissioners

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that it was proposed to hold a meeting of Regional Commissioners on March 8th. The agenda would be circulated later.

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15 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 15 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Colonel Donnoro, Brigadier General McKinley, Mr. Helford, Mr. Schott, Brigadier Upjohn, Captain de Maus, Major General Kitchenko, M/Cdr de Haan, Colonel Kerr, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Warren, Mr. Bacon, Brigadier Lush.

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The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that as a result of good February shipments he was pressing for the implementation of the 300 gram bread ration north of the Garigliano as from March the 1st.

2. Call-Up

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the Chief of Staff and Land Forces sub-Commission (AFHQ) to the request of the Prime Minister that the call-up in Sicily should not be resumed until March 15th.

3. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner said that the status of the agreement between UNRRA and the Italian Government was still confused. Mr. Keeny believed apparently that the Italian Government had accepted the terms and had signaled Washington to this effect; the Italian Government on a high level, on the other hand, was not satisfied with all the terms of the agreement.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with Mr. Keeny and straighten out the matter.

4. Attacks on Serving Officers

The representatives of the service sub-commissions stated that there had been no further attacks recently in the press on serving Italian officers.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to speak to Colonel Astley with a view to tightening the military censorship to prevent attacks on serving Italian officers.

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5. War Criminals

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention to the fact that the Yugoslav radio had announced a list of those names whom the Yugoslav Government regarded as war criminals and demanded should be handed over for their trial. Amongst the names was that of General Taddeo Orlando. The Admiral stated that the Allied Commission could take no action in this matter unless requested officially by higher authority as a result of action by the War Crimes Commission sitting in London.

6. Local Elections

Referring to item 12 of the minutes of the "F" meeting held on February 1st, the Chief Commissioner said that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister requesting clarification of the forthcoming local elections.

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7. Radio-Telegraph Service to U.S. and U.K.

Referring to the resumption of radio-telegraph communications between Italy on the one hand and U.S. and U.K. on the other, the Chief Commissioner said that in view of failure to establish service, the Italian Government had now proposed to employ the regular radio facilities of Italcable and that the system should follow the same pattern as had been used in establishing communication with Moscow. The proposal had been forwarded to AFHQ.

8. Olive Oil Arrassing

Colonel Densmore reported that 30% of the target of 80,000 tons had been amassed. The main difficulty being encountered was the lack of transport for the police force.

9. Artificial Rubber

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that he had heard authoritatively that there were large quantities of artificial rubber available in the States for shipment to Italy should it be possible to get any of the Italian tire factories into working order. The Admiral commented that he naturally realised that this could have no immediate effect on the great shortage of tires in the country but requested the Economic Section to follow through.

10. Activities of Sig. Secondari

The Vice President, Civil Affairs Section, referred to item 6 of the minutes of the VP meeting of 25th January and stated that he had spoken to Sig. Secondari and had forbidden him to continue making subversive speeches in AMG territory.

11. Education

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12. Planning for Austria

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14. Northwest Planning

The Chief of Staff informed the meeting of the progress which had been made in planning for the Northwest Provinces and made the following points:

a. It would be six or seven weeks after the liberation of the port of Genoa before ships the size of a Liberty ship could enter the harbor, though smaller vessels could doubtless begin unloading somewhat earlier.

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e. The Chief of Staff was satisfied that we had a sufficiency of officers standing by ready to carry out the duties of military government immediately upon the liberation of the Northwest Provinces.

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1 February 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 1 February 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome .

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Halford, Mr. Schott, Colonel Densmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Roun, Major General Susloparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Ziroli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush, Major General Kislenko, Colonel Robertson.

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c. On a suggestion by the DCOS Civil Affairs Section, the Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with Mr. Keamy of UNRRA and the heads of Civil Affairs and Economic Sections in order to coordinate various proposed UNRRA activities which impinged on the work of the Allied Commission.

d. Colonel Densmore reported that UNRRA had received a signal showing that 5,000 tons of UNRRA stores had been called forward.

Admiral Stone said that if it could be confirmed that the stores were not only called forward but actually on their way to this theatre, then he was perfectly ready to advance 2,000 tons from AC stores to UNRRA as agreed.

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4. Attacks on Serving Officers

a. The Chief Commissioner reported that he had left an aide-memoire with the Prime Minister protesting against the frequent attacks in the press on serving officers.

b. Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet confirmed that there was no sign of the proceedings against Colonel Rosandino ceasing, in spite of the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Italian Government requiring that it should be stopped.

c. The Chief Commissioner said he would pursue the matter.

5. Votes for Women

The Chief Commissioner recorded his pleasure and satisfaction that the Council of Ministers had decided to grant the vote to women, and that the decree was to become effective before the first elections were held. The Admiral stated that this act would, in his opinion, have a stabilising effect on Italian politics.

6. Requisitioning of Schools

Brigadier Upjohn pointed out that while Allied authorities had taken action to de-requisition school buildings, exactly the reverse was the case with the Italian authorities who were requisitioning more and more.

The Chief Commissioner directed the DCOS Civil Affairs Section to prepare for him a letter on this subject which he regarded as of high importance.

7. Non-Participation of Allied Forces in Italian Politics

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting to an order which the C-in-C had issued at the time of the Bari Conference last year which read as follows: "As a matter of general principle members of Allied Forces must refrain from any participation in Italian politics."

The Chief Commissioner directed the heads of Sections to impress this on officers and men serving under them in view of the interest which had been displayed in the Separatist movement in Sicily by members of Allied Forces -- not, however, members of the Commission -- and the interest which they might be tempted to take on the liberation of the northern provinces.

8. Price of Bread

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that that act would, in his opinion, have a stabilizing effect on Italian politics.

6. Requisitioning of Schools

Brigadier Dejean pointed out that while Allied authorities had taken action to de-requisition school buildings, exactly the reverse was the case with the Italian authorities who were requisitioning more and more.

The Chief Commissioner directed the DCOS Civil Affairs Section to prepare for him a letter on this subject which he regarded as of high importance.

7. Non-Participation of Allied Forces in Italian Politics

The Chief Commissioner drew the attention of the meeting to an order which the C-in-C had issued at the time of the Bari Conference last year which read as follows: "As a matter of general principle members of Allied Forces must refrain from any participation in Italian politics."

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The Chief Commissioner directed Colonel Dunmore to examine the proposal carefully in consultation with his Food and Labor Sub-Commissions as well as the Finance Sub-Commission.

9. Feeding of Civilian Employees

The Headquarters Commandant, Colonel Robertson, reported that means have been found to provide a meal for civilian employees of this Headquarters and that service would begin in a week's time. The price of the meal would be 10 lire.

10. Information and Reception Desk

Colonel Robertson informed the meeting that steps were being taken to improve the information and reception desks in the entrance hall of the Headquarters building.

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The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to publish an order instructing any Section or Sub-Commission which was holding a conference to furnish this information to the Information Desk so that outside visitors attending the conference could be directed to the room where the meeting was being held.

11. Motor Pool

The Headquarters Commandant maintained that the Motor Pool had been a success and in support of this stated that there had been a great reduction in payment of overtime to drivers as well as a saving in petrol of over 2,000 gallons a month.

12. Local Elections

The PCOS Civil Affairs Section drew the attention of the Chief Commissioner to the fact that although local elections were to be held in late spring it was not clear precisely what they were being held for. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to put up a letter to the Italian Government on this subject for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

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The Chief Commissioner stated that he wishes to discuss this matter with both the Chief of Staff and Colonel Pickle, and pointed out that some of the required numbers for Austria might be found by reducing the strength of this Headquarters--a reduction which would be consistent with the "New Deal for Italy."

17. Establishment of G-5 Section at Hq 15th Army Group

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that by arrangement with General Clark a small G-5 for 15th Army Group was being established of which Colonel Monfort would be the Head with the title of [illegible] Chief of Staff. Colonel Monfort would assume these duties in addition to his present functions as Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION
WEEKLY ARRIVAL REPORT

REGION	Average date of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agricultural s/c estimate (12 Sep '44) (qls)	Percent of agric.s/c tonnage collected at latest report	Percent of agric.s/c tonnage collected at report preceding
Calabria	10/1	188,644	280,000	67	67
Lucania	25/1	774,170	950,000	81	80
Puglie	15/1	1,578,139	2,170,000	73	73
Campania	23/1	262,218	250,000	105	103
Campobasso	15/1	247,369	300,000	82	82
SOUTHERN		3,050,755	3,950,000	77	77
Sicilia	20/1	1,305,490	2,000,000	65	65
Sardegna	20/1	275,516	300,000	92	91
Lazio-Umbria	15/1	1,619,926	1,600,000	101	101
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	26/1	2,458,578	2,250,000	109	107
Toscana	20/1	1,688,811	1,500,000	113	111
GRAND TOTAL		(+)10,443,090	11,600,000	90	89

(*) Not including Campobasso
(+) Including Forli Province (33,355 qls)
Bologna " (7,271 ")

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AMG 3A
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION
EARLY ACREAGE ESTIMATES

31 January 1945

Date of report	Collected at latest report (12 Sept. 44)	Agriculture s/c estimate (12 Sept. 44) (qts)	Percent of s/c estimate collected at latest report	Percent of s/c estimate collected at report preceding	Percent of (cts) engaged in (12-19 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
	188,844	250,000	67	63	91	93	94
	778,171	750,000	81	69	93	96	98
	1,573,102	2,150,000	73	73	95	96	96
	262,218	250,000	105	105	88	90	91
	247,363	300,000	82	82	84	85	86
	3,050,755	3,950,000	77	77	92	93	94
	1,305,490	2,000,000	65	65	93	95	96
	275,516	300,000	92	91	93	94	94
	1,610,826	1,600,000	101	101	92	94	95
	2,458,520	2,250,000	109	107	95	95	96
	1,588,811	1,500,000	110	111	93	94	95
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25 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 25 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Helford, Mr. Schott, Colonel Penrmore, Brigadier Upjohn, Lieut. de Nole, Major General Susloparov, Major General Browning, Commodore Zirelli, Commodore Warren, Air Vice Marshal Bevan-Puccariat, Brigadier Lush.

1. Bread Ration

The Chief Commissioner reported that AFHQ had received a signal from the Combined Chiefs of Staff authorizing SACMED to increase the bread ration up to 300 grams so long as he bore in mind the current shipping program; virtually, therefore, responsibility for any increase was passed to Field Marshal Alexander.

A reply was now in draft form, and was expected to be sent off shortly, in which SAC would express his unwillingness to raise the bread ration unless he saw a substantial increase in the shipping program for February and had assurances for the future.

2. Feeding of Civilian Employees

Referring to para 4 of the minutes of January 18th, the Chief Commissioner drew Colonel Penmore's attention to the urgency of implementing the suggestion that surplus food could and should be saved from Allied Commission messes in Rome.

3. Medical Supplies

DCOS Civil Affairs Section reported that there had been no improvement in the distribution of medical supplies and that ENDIMEA continued to perform its functions with scandalous inefficiency. He said that he had ready a memorandum for the Chief Commissioner to take up with Sig. Bonomi.

4. Call-Up

General Browning reported that phase 3 of the call-up in Sicily, which had been postponed owing to the civil disturbances, would be resumed on February 13th.

The General also said that he had spoken to the Minister for War and that plans were in hand for a publicity campaign in aid of the call-up.

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5. Unrest in Sardinia

Brigadier Upjohn stated that the town of Cagliari was now quiet after disturbances which had taken place on the 17th and 18th of January. These disturbances had been linked with the military call-up.

6. Activities of Sig. Secondari

Brigadier Upjohn reported that a certain Sig. Secondari, a member of the staff of the newspaper "Partigiani", had been making a series of speeches in Perugia advising "Patriots" not to enlist in the Italian Army, and that there was no proclamation under which he could be specifically prosecuted for so doing.

The Chief Commissioner authorized Brigadier Upjohn to send for Secondari and order him not to make such speeches in AMG territory. If this individual persisted in so doing after this interview, he could then be prosecuted under present standing proclamations.

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7. Patriots

General Browning informed the meeting that there had been a large voluntary influx of Patriots for enrollment in the Italian Army. He believed that this was partly due to the opportunity which was now being given them to join forward combat units. Brigadier Upjohn suggested that a contributory reason was the better treatment they were now receiving after crossing the line.

8. UNRRA

ECOS Civil Affairs Section informed the meeting that UNRRA would assume final responsibility for the management of the Displaced Persons camps on April 1st.

In reply to a question of the Chief of Staff, Admiral Stone stated that if the functioning of UNRRA proved efficient he was in favor of them being allowed to operate in AFG territory.

The Chief Commissioner instructed Colonel Lamacre to find out whether UNRRA had completed their contract arrangements with the Italian Government and if not to find out what agreement they had arrived at for the reimbursement for supplies.

9. Pisa University

ECOS Civil Affairs Section reported that Pisa University had at last been derequisitioned and was again functioning as a university.

10. Protected Monuments

Brigadier Upjohn informed the meeting that A.F.H.Q. Memorandum # 54, which permitted the use of protected monuments as welfare centers for troops, was being amended as requested by the Commission.

11. Attacks on Serving Officers

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet reported that there had been several attacks in the press recently on serving officers in various branches of service, the latest of which was an attack on Admiral de Courten carried in Avanti of 25 January.

The Chief Commissioner directed the Chief of Staff to prepare a coordinated report on these various attacks so that steps could be taken to put an end to them.

12. Tuscana Region

The Chief of Staff gave a report on a short tour of Tuscana Region in which he made the following points:

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b. Steps were being taken to set up soup kitchens in Livorno where, owing to the fact that there were no local resources to supplement the basic ration, food was extremely short.

c. Local opinion on the prospects of the olive oil pressing was not optimistic.

d. There was considerable unemployment of miners in the Valdeva Valley.

Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 1 February, 1000 hours

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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT - No. 17

REGION	Week-days of report	Collected at latest report (1)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (1a)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at	
				latest report	report preceding
Calabria	7/1	188,285	250,000	97	97
Lucania	2/1	766,509	950,000	80	80
Puglia	5/1	1,877,711	2,170,000	73	[illegible]
Campania	15/1	361,492	250,000	105	104
Campobasso	31/12	246,399	300,000	82	82
SOUTHERN		3,435,872	3,950,000	77	77
Sicilia	5/1	1,239,775	2,000,000	65	65
Sardegna	31/12	274,118	300,000	91	91
Lazio-Umbria	3/1	1,412,225	1,600,000	101	101
Abruzzi-Sorch.(*)	9/1	2,411,422	2,250,000	107	107
Toscana	5/1	1,865,070	1,500,000	111	110
GRAND TOTAL		10,240,394(#)	11,600,000	88	89

(*) Not including Campobasso

(#) Including Forli province (40,899 qls)

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		latest report	report preceding	1 Oct. 1944	20 Nov. 1944	31 Dec. 1944
8,833	280,000	87	87	91	93	94
4,309	950,000	90	80	93	94	94
7,711	2,170,000	73	72	95	96	96
3,492	250,000	105	104	88	90	91
2,393	200,000	82	88	84	85	86
6,877	3,950,000	87	77	92	93	94
9,179	2,000,000	85	85	93	95	96
4,210	500,000	91	91	93	94	94
8,203	1,600,000	101	101	92	94	95
1,422	2,250,000	107	107	93	95	96
2,970	1,500,000	111	110	93	94	95
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(#) Including Forli province (40,593 qls)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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19 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 10th Hours, 19 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, General de Gavin, General Quaglierone, Commodore Micoli, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Colonel Lonsmore, Colonel Marx.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that the commercial news agencies had begun to function beginning January 19th.

2. Bread Ration.

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the recent declaration that the British and American Governments were in agreement on an increased ration for liberated countries, but said that the Allied Commission has received no specific information to support this statement.

3. Patriots

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4. Feeding of Civilian Labor.

Colonel Lonsmore made a suggestion that rations should be drawn direct from AFHQ for the purpose of feeding civilian employees to which the Chief Commissioner agreed, provided that the AFHQ directive on the subject was not contravened.

Admiral Stone suggested that a better use could be made of excess food from military messes--and from AC messes in particular. He pointed out that the Navy ran good soup kitchens for civilians with material obtained from similar sources.

It was decided that Colonel Lonsmore and Colonel Fiske should together work out a scheme incorporating both of the foregoing suggestions.

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5. Medical Supplies

The Chief Commissioner drew attention to the intolerable inefficiency of ANDIA, the Italian agency for distributing medical supplies. He said that if the Italian Government could not make this agency function efficiently the Allies would be forced to take it over.

Brigadier Upjohn undertook to prepare an aide-memoire which the Chief Commissioner could leave with Sig. Bonomi.

6. Fiat Board

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that SACMED had directed the setting up of a temporary Fiat board on which Allied representatives would sit and whose object would be to revive, if not completely restore, this industry. The setting up of this board was connected with the withdrawal of PWB from this sphere

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of activity.

7. Promotion

The Chief Commissioner took note of the gratifying break of the "promotion block" of American officers.

8. Call Up

Colonel Herr gave details of the forthcoming and current call-up. Admiral Stone commented that the Ministry of War had failed to give an adequate publicity campaign prior to the call-up and emphasized the great importance of instructing the Italian people so that they should know what they were fighting for. Without a strong and coordinated press campaign, the Chief Commissioner stated, there was bound to be more trouble.

9. The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting of the arrival of Commodore Guy G. Warren, R.N. to relieve Commodore Palmer, RCC, R.N.

10. Admiral Stone offered congratulations on behalf of the meeting to General Sheloparov on the striking Russian advance.

11. UNRRA

Brigadier Upjohn raised the point of the practicability of the UNRRA agreement with the Italian Government to AMG territory. The Chief Commissioner said he would discuss the matter later.

12. Sicily

The meeting took note that the situation in Sicily appeared to be quiet and Commodore Biroli stated that both cruisers requested by the Italian Government would be available on the 23rd of January; they would visit Palermo and Catania respectively.

Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 25 January, 1200 hours.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 26 January, 1100 hours.

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WEEKLY AMASSING REPORT - WHEAT

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Per... in ...
Calabria	3/1	186,605	280,000	67	57	9
Lucania	3/1	761,323	950,000	80	80	9
Puglie	3/1	1,576,465	2,170,000	73	73	9
Campania	6/1	250,723	250,000	104	104	9
Campobasso	31/12	246,999	300,000	82	82	9
SOUTHERN		3,033,315	3,950,000	77	77	9
Sicilia	2/1	1,297,660	2,000,000	65	64	9
Sardegna	31/12	274,115	300,000	92	91	9
Lazio-Umbria	31/12	1,611,732	1,600,000	101	99	9
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	7/12	2,405,660	2,250,000	107	106	9
Toscana	1/1	1,655,830	1,500,000	110	109	9
GRAND TOTAL		10,319,408 (#)	11,500,000	89	89	9

(*) Not including Campobasso
(#) Including Forli province (10,893 qls)

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Agriculture Sub-Commission
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WEEKLY AMASSING REPORT - WHEAT

...lected ...latest ...port (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at		Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on		
		latest report	report preceding week	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
188,605	280,000	67	67	91	93	94
761,323	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
576,465	2,170,000	73	73	95	96	96
260,783	250,000	104	104	88	90	91
246,399	300,000	82	82	84	85	86
035,515	3,950,000	77	77	92	93	94
237,560	2,000,000	65	64	93	95	96
274,118	300,000	91	91	93	94	94
611,732	1,600,000	101	99	93	94	95
,405,660	2,250,000	107	106	95	95	96
,655,850	1,500,000	110	109	93	94	95
,319,406 (#)	11,600,000	89	89	93	94	95

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WEEKLY AGRICULTURE REPORT - WHEAT

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at		Percent in 1942
				latest report	report preceding week	31 oct. 1942
Calabria	23/12	187,393	280,000	67	67	91
Lucania	31/12	761,246	950,000	80	80	93
Puglie	31/12	1.575,394	2,170,000	73	72	95
Campanie	30/12	259,918	250,000	104	103	88
Campobasso	31/12	246,399	300,000	82	82	84
SOUTHERN		3,031,350	3.950,000	77	76	92
Sicilia	30/12	1,285,327	2,000,000	64	64	93
Sardegna	22/12	272,518	300,000	91	91	93
Lazio-Umbria	15/12	1,585,686	1,600,000	99	99	93
Abruzzi-Marche *	2/1	2,395,337	2,250,000	106	101	95
Toscana	29/12	1,694,903	1,500,000	109	108	93
GRAND TOTAL		10,249,069 #	11,600,000	89	87	93

(*) Not including Campobasso
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WEEKLY ARASSIMI REPORT - WHEAT

Collected at latest report (qts)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qts)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at		Percent of total amassed in 1942-43 collected on		
		latest report	report preceding week	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
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761,246	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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4 January 1945

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 4 January 1945, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Densmore, General Browning, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, Commodore Ziroli, Mr. Schott, Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet, Brigadier Lush.

1. News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Field Marshal Alexander had given approval for Allied News Agencies to operate in Rome commencing January 15th. He had also given approval for local Italian news agencies to sell news to the Rome newspapers. PWB, he stated, would continue to supply news to papers in AMG and forward regions. Radio Rome would not initially use the outside news service.

2. Bread Ration

The meeting was informed that Field Marshal Alexander had as yet received no firm reply from the Combined Chiefs of Staff on the question of supplementing the 300 gram bread ration.

3. Food Situation in Rome

Colonel Densmore reported that the city held food stocks for 25 days--as against a short time ago when it had dropped to as low as two days' supply in reserve. Colonel Densmore undertook to furnish the Chief Commissioner with a report showing the daily tonnage of food importation into Rome.

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5. Clothing for Patriots

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6. Feeding of Civilian Employees

a. Colonel Fiske stated that the difficulties met in providing a meal for civilian employees of Allied Commission Headquarters had up to now proved insuperable, chiefly owing to the firm attitude of the U.S. Quartermaster, NA&C, in abiding strictly by the AFHQ memorandum on this subject.

b. Colonel Densmore reported that he had good hopes that UNRRA, a church charity organisation, would be willing to give help and thus make possible the feeding of these employees.

c. The Chief Commissioner stated that this was a disgrace to allied administration, and directed that a memorandum should be sent to AFHQ pointing out the absurdity of an Allied military body, desiring to feed their Italian civilian employees, having recourse to the assistance of an Italian charitable body.

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7. Medical Supplies

The Chief Commissioner directed the attention of the DCOS, Civil Affairs Section to the fact that the most elementary medical supplies such as aspirin and cotton wool were unprocurable in the chemists' shops and that little was even reaching the clinics. Brigadier Upton confirmed that the stores were in fact being brought into the country by the Allies and the fault lay, as the Chief Commissioner suspected, with the weakness of distribution on the part of the Italian Government. He undertook to go into the matter energetically.

8. Acting President's Press Conference

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that at a press conference on January 3rd Mr. Macmillan had given a very full exposition of the present position of the Allied Commission. He had explained the proposals which he had made to the British and U.S. Governments with a view to implementing the statements of the President and Prime Ministers of September 26th, and he had also spoken of the acute shipping problem which lay at the root of our troubles. The Chief Commissioner said that if the Allied Commission were further misrepresented in the press, it could not be on the grounds of lack of information.

9. Olive Oil Amassing

The meeting had before them a paper from the Chief of Staff stating that the Italian Government had formally requested the Allied Commission to provide 100 officers and NCO's and 50 vehicles to assist in the amassing of olive oil. The problem appeared to be one of principle versus practical necessity. The Chief Commissioner directed that such Allied help must be supplied if only to keep tonnage demands to a minimum and that, at the same time, the Italian Government must be pressed to take the most energetic measures on its own behalf. He directed that DCOS, Economic Section should implement this decision.

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11. Removals and Transfers of Italian Government Officials

To a question of Brigadier Upton's the Chief Commissioner replied that pending the decision of Washington, the Allied Commission should make no change in the present procedure in this matter.

12. Chief of Staff of Italian Air Force, Lt. Gen. Aimone Cat

Air Vice Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet informed the meeting that during a tour

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Air Vice Marshal Bower-Buscarlet informed the meeting that during a tour of operational units which he had made during Christmas with the Italian Air Force Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Aimone Cat had received a cordial reception.

13. Discrimination Against AC by MTOUSA

Colonel Fiske pointed out various ways in which discrimination seemed to have been made by MTOUSA against the Allied Commission. The Chief Commissioner directed that letters should be prepared for his signature contesting the various points.

14. Carabinieri Parade

The Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that Field Marshal Alexander would take the salute at a parade of Carabinieri to be held in Rome at 1030 hours, Saturday, 6 January. This was a matter to which, for security reasons, no advance publicity was to be given.

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Next Vice Presidential Meeting - Thursday, 11 January, 1000 hours.

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Major, U. S. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Mr. Harold Macmillan
Admiral Stone
Brigadier Lush
Brigadier Dejohn
General de Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Schott
Mr. Hopkinson
Colonel Fiske —
Naval Subcommission (3)
Army Subcommission
Air Subcommission
Colonel Demmore
Colonel Monfort
Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Lt Col Brown (Liaison)
G-5, AFHQ (5)
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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General Sultan
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Mr. Hopkins
Colonel Place
Naval Commandant (2)
Army Secretariat
Air Secretariat
Colonel Bonesteel
Colonel Monfort
Mr. Herter Cleveland
Lt Colonel (Eaton)
C-5, WPHx (5)
Hon. Alexander Clark
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Agriculture Sub-Commission
Weekly Planning Report Sheet

REGION	Week-end date of report	Collected at latest report (qls.)	Agriculture /c estimate (1st Sept. 1944) (qls.)	Percent of Agric. C/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. C/C estimate collected at report period	Percent as 1942 - 31 Oct. 1 Nov.
Calabria	1 /12	187,02[illegible]	280,000	67	67	91
Lucania	2 /12	780,262	950,000	82	82	93
Puglie	21/12	1,572,994	2,170,000	72	72	92
Campania	19/12	258,671	255,000	102	102	88
Campobasso	28/12	245,250	300,000	82	82	84
SOUTHERN		3,[illegible],163	3,950,000	79	76	92
Sicilia	20/12	1,285,113	2,000,000	64	64	95
Iarocmo	22/12	272,[illegible]18	300,000	91	90	93
Lazio-Umbria	15/12	1,[illegible]65,686	1,600,000	99	99	93
Abruzzi-Marche (x)	29/12	2,[illegible]70,503	2,250,000	101	100	95
Toscana	15/12	1,514,661	1,500,000	100	101	93
GRAND TOTAL		10,094,738*	11,600,000	87	87	93

(x) Not including Campobasso

* Including Forli province (40,393 qls.)

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Agricultural Sub-Commission
Weekly Reaping Report Sheet

3 January 1945

Area & date of report	Collected at latest report (1)	Agricultural s/c estimate (15 Sept. 1944) (2)	Percent of agric. s/c estimate collected at latest report	Percent of agric. s/c estimate collected at preceding week	Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on 30 Nov. 1942	Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on 31 Dec. 1942
1/12	187.082	280,000	67	67	91	93	94
5/12	760.252	850,000	90	80	93	94	94
11/12	1.57 .994	2.170,000	72	72	95	96	96
19/12	350.431	350,000	100	102	88	90	91
23/12	249,250	300,000	82	82	84	8	85
	3.025.160	3.950,000	76	76	92	93	94
30/12	1.205.115	2,000,000	64	64	93	95	96
22/12	272,[illegible]	300,000	91	90	93	90	94
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20/12	2.270.505	2,250,000	101	100	95	90	96
15/12	1.614.661	1.500,000	108	107	93	94	95
	10.994.458*	14,500,000	87	87	93	94	95

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* Including Ferii provinces (40,000 qts)

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 4820/CCS. 3 Jan 45.

I am directed by the Chief of Staff to forward you copy of the attached paper on the amassing of olive oil which will be the subject of discussion at the Chief Comdssioner's Vice Presidents' Meeting on 4 Jan 45.

P. Russell
PA to Chief of Staff.

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Joint VP, Pol Sec
Director, Land Forces S/C
" Air Forces S/C
Chief, Naval S/C
DCCAO (Col Monfort)
General Susloparov.
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Ref: 4870/13/G(S).

3rd January 1944.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. The Italian Government, in the person of the Minister of Agriculture and Forests, has addressed a letter to you stating that it is feared that the amassing of olive oil will be a complete failure unless further action is taken by the Italian Government with the help of the Allied authorities, which is considered indispensable, to arrange for more vigorous police control.

2. The Italian Government propose to form a group of inspectors to exercise a stimulant on the provincial authorities and they have asked that the Commission should put at the disposal of the Italian Government 100 Allied officers, 100 N.C.O.'s, 40 cars and 40 lorries, with the necessary fuel and oil, for a period of 4 months ending 30th April.

3. The Italian Government conclude their letter by describing further measures which they intend to take such as propaganda, appeals to the political parties, direction to the Prefects, speeding up of judicial procedure, financial measures and extra police.

4. This letter was discussed at your Chief of Staff's meeting this morning. The Economic Section are naturally most anxious that we should give every assistance possible and made a very good case for overcoming political, administrative and establishment objections in order to save shipping. The amount required in order to provide an adequate olive oil ration for the whole of Italy is 69,000 tons, which is divided into 18,000 tons for Italian Government territory, 27,000 tons for presently occupied territory, and 24,000 tons for Kesselring's Italy. Unless this can be provided, either the population will go without oil, producing a disease and unrest problem, or extra shipping will have to be provided to bring fats and oils in substitution. Colonel Demmore would not commit himself to say that the provision of these officers would effect 100 per cent success but he thought that it would go far to prevent a complete failure which the Italian Government predict.

5. The consensus of the rest of your Vice Presidents was against such assistance being provided. It was pointed out that it would be contrary to the policy of the Allied Nations which is to remove Allied officers from Italian Government territory and place full responsibility on the Italian Government, and that it would be ridiculous to remove 100 officers with one hand and implant 100 officers with the other. It was argued that unless

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Allied officers could employ force the value of their presence would be much discounted and in fact their bluff would be called. Officers also felt that unless a very large measure of success was absolutely ensured it would be unwise for the Allied Commission to be involved. For the odium of failure would then undoubtedly rest upon the Commission. It was pointed out that the presence of special Allied amassing officers in Sicily, which is also involved in the olive oil amassing, has not achieved full success.

6. This is a very difficult problem. On the one hand we have the absolute necessity of producing the oil if it is humanly possible to do so. Not merely for the Italian Government but in order to feed the Italians who will be under our administrative control for many months. The Italian Government has asked for help. We want the oil. Your economic advisors think that this proposal will produce at any rate a part of the amount required. There are precedents, as Mr. Hopkinson pointed out, for Allied help in this matter, not only in this country but in Persia, an independent state, and Syria. We have an example of the efficacy of organised Allied control in Foggia and Matera where the wheat amassing has been surprisingly good.

7. Are we to place the economic necessity of getting every litre of oil into our hands against the very grave difficulty of violating the accepted policy of the Allied Nations?

8. If the Economic Section and the Italian Government can convince you that the provision of a number of Allied officers, with vehicles (I will put the figure at nearer 50 than 100), will materially increase the olive oil to be amassed, and if they can submit a reasonable proposal for the organisation of this amassing assistance, then I think we should be wise to give favourable consideration to the proposal.

9. You may wish to discuss this matter with the Acting President and at your Vice Presidents' meeting tomorrow and if you agree I will circulate copies of this memorandum to Vice Presidents.

KRL/JG.

Brigadier.
Chief of Staff.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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28 December 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1130 Hours, 28 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Rear Admiral Stone, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Densmore, General Susloparov, Brigadier Upjohn, Colonel Fiske, Major General Browning, Captain Butler, Mr. Schott, Sqdr. Leader de Hahn, Brigadier Lush.

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2. Food Ration in Prisons

The Chief Commissioner directed that the ration in the Regina Coeli Prison should not be reduced.

3. Political Situation

The Chief Commissioner said there was no change in the situation over the appointment of an Italian Ambassador to the United States, which was still not made.

4. Food Imports

The Chief Commissioner hoped that, as a result of the current discussions in Washington, the situation would be ameliorated.

5. Radio and Cable Communications

The Chief Commissioner said that no further developments had taken place in this matter though, further concessions having been made by the Italian Government, he expected an early solution.

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7. Return of Count Carandini

Mr. Hopkinson reported that he had received a visit from Count Carandini on his return from London. Count Carandini said he had been given a most kindly and sympathetic welcome and had been delighted with his reception. Mr. Hopkinson said he had asked Count Carandini, who had agreed, to give an interview to the Press stressing this point in order to counteract the unfortunate impression in Italy that he had been coldly received. The Ambassador had also informed the Political Section that he had found 500 trucks in England which he was hoping to have shipped to this country. Mr. Hopkinson reported that he had seen a telegram from the Foreign Office in London stating that Count Carandini was to be entrusted with the care of Italian POW and Internees in England in place of the Swiss representative.

8. Food Situation

Colonel Densmore reported that the harvesting result was up 1% on the last report. He was satisfied with the influx of food into Rome.

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9. Local Elections

DCOS, CA Section raised the question of local elections and was anxious to know what steps had been taken during his absence. He was informed that a circular letter had been sent to all Regional Commissioners asking for their views on when the elections could and should be held. The Chief Commissioner stressed the importance of holding these elections as soon as possible and said he hoped that women's franchise might be granted before the elections took place.

10. Proclamations Concerning the Formation of Military Zones

DCOS, CA Section reported that Field Marshal Alexander would be asked to sign blank forms, in which Regional Commissioners could insert the names of towns if a rapid advance took place. The Chief Commissioner said he particularly wished to see this request before it was sent to G-5.

11. Ministry of Occupied Italy

Brigadier Upjohn stated that Civil Affairs Section had been asked by President Bonomi to give their views on various points which arose through the setting up of the new Ministry of Occupied Italy. The Brigadier asked the Chief Commissioner if he would request President Bonomi not to press for an urgent reply as the points would require careful consideration. The Chief Commissioner asked for a summary which he could discuss with the Prime Minister.

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13. Italian Air Force

S/Ldr de Hahn reported a slight reduction in Italian Air Force operations due to weather conditions.

14. Salvage

Captain Butler reported that an inter-ministerial committee had been formed to deal with non-operational salvage. Chief of Staff was instructed to coordinate the matter with the Naval Subcommission and the Economic Section.

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16. Feeding of Civilian Employees

Colonel Fiske reported that an AFHQ memorandum on the question of feeding of civilian employees was a considerable obstacle to providing a meal for the civilian employees of Allied Commission Headquarters. The Chief Commissioner said that the employees must be fed, and that therefore a way must be found to overcome the difficulty.

17. Reduction in Enlisted Personnel Strength

Colonel Fiske reported that enlisted men of this Headquarters were going through an examination with a view to making them available for the front, and

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that approximately 50% of the present enlisted strength would be affected. The Chief Commissioner directed that strong protest should be made in the case of such men as had special qualifications in the way of language, etc., particularly in forward or AMG regions.

18. Sicily

The Chief of Staff stated that Brigadier Carr had reported that the High Commissioner had reduced the Sicilian ration to 200 grams by the elimination of the paste ration.

19. Distressed Areas

DCOS, CA Section reported that quantities of Mr. Myron Taylor's relief supplies had been distributed and that conditions generally were getting better. He also said that he had good hopes of the new Housing Decree. He further reported that the Prime Minister's Committee for Distressed Areas had dissolved, which was a good thing, and that Prince Doria was forming another committee which looked likely to be more energetic and efficient.

20. Deputy Director, Transportation Subcommission

Finally, the meeting took note of the arrival of Colonel Thomas, Deputy Director of the Transportation Subcommission.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 4 January, 1000 hours.

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Major, A. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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Brigadier Upjohn
General du Sevin
General Susloparov
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Army Subcommission
Air Subcommission
Colonel Dunsmore
Colonel Longfort
Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Lt Col Brown (Liaison)

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which looked likely to be more energetic and efficient.

20. Deputy Director, Transportation Subcommission

Finally, the meeting took note of the arrival of Colonel Thomas, Deputy Director of the Transportation Subcommission.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 4 January, 1000 hours.

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Brigadier Upjohn
General de Sevin
General Susloparov
Mr. Schott
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Air Subcommission
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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (15 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at preceding week.
Calabria	15/12	136,924			
Lucania	15/12	259,960	200,000	67	66
Puglia	15/12	1,[illegible],638	2,[illegible],000	80	80
Campania	7/12	257,137	250,000	78	72
Campobasso	1/12	214,856	200,000	103	105
				92	102
SOUTHERN		2,023,183	2,950,000	76	71
Sicilia	15/12	1,276,779			
Sardegna	15/12	270,045	2,000,000	64	68
Lazio-Umbria	10/12	1,[illegible],070	300,000	80	89
Abruzzi-Marche*	1/1	[illegible],256,768	1,500,000	99	93
Toscana	12/12	1,905,365	2,250,000	100	99
			1,500,000	105	107
GRAND TOTAL		**10,058,501	11,600,000	87	86

* Not including Campobasso
** Including Forli' Province (20,893 qls)

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28 December 1944

Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on: 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 19
186,214	280,000	67	66	91	93	94
759,368	950,000	80	80	92	94	94
1,[illegible]638	2,170,000	72	72	75	86	95
257,157	250,000	103	103	88	86	91
284,856	300,000	95	102	84	85	86
3,723,193	3,950,000	76	75	92	91	94
1,276,719	2,000,000	64	66	93	92	96
270,145	300,000	90	89	95	94	94
1,[illegible]3,050	1,600,000	99	98	97	94	95
2,256,768	2,250,000	100	99	95	95	96
1,605,259	1,500,000	107	107	93	94	95
5,058,501	13,600,000	37	36	93	94	92

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Col. Fiske

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21 December 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Commodore Micolli, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Noakes.

1. Outside News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner said that it was improbable that outside news-agencies would be able to operate by January 15 as SACMED wished to give more consideration to the matter.

2. Food in Jails

The Chief Commissioner expressed his reluctance to lower the bread ration in jails without further careful consideration. C.C.S. and Brigadier Parkinson would discuss further.

3. Political

Count Sforza had decided not to accept the invitation to become Italian Ambassador to the U.S.

4. Wheat

The Chief Commissioner read to the meeting SACMED's signal to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, which was expected to be brought personally to the notice of the President and Prime Minister. The gist of the cable was to press for the 300 gram bread ration and a firm shipping program with which to implement it.

5. Communications

The Chief Commissioner told the meeting that dispute still continued on the question of the resumption of radio and cable communications between this country and the U.S. and U.K. He hoped that a recent concession on the part of the Italian Government might solve the deadlock.

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Brigadier Parkinson stated that the disorders in Catania had been caused by the call-up, and particularly by the shortness of notice before it was put into effect. The Chief Commissioner directed that the Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) give ample notice in the forth-coming Sardinian call-up, and also keep this H.Q. informed of the proposed date of calls-up in future.

7. Withdrawal of A.C. Personnel

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When the C.O.S. reported that Brig. Dunlop was making a gradual withdrawal of personnel from Sicily, the Chief Commissioner directed that as far as possible the withdrawal should take place on an even-nationality basis.

8. Clothing for Patriots

Brig. Parkinson reported that the American Red Cross would allot clothing for 2,500 patriots. The Chief of Staff reported that Colonel Henn (G-5) was also raising the patriot clothing question at the C.A.O.'s conference.

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9. Transportation in Rome

When the C.O.S. reported that the Rome transport workers were going to take a week's holiday at Christmas thereby possibly endangering the city's food stocks, the Chief Commissioner directed that a letter be prepared for his signature to the Prime Minister should the situation seem to warrant it. (Colonel Densmore).

10. Hardships for Civilian Population

The C.O.S. stated that civilians in the regions of Toscana and Abruzzi would undoubtedly experience hardship there during the winter through lack of housing, owing to large number of troops going into winter quarters. The Chief Commissioner suggested that the Chief Administrative Officer AFHQ should instruct the District Commander to issue an order to troops that they should refrain from buying civilian food.

11. Motor pool.

Colonel Fiske reported that Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization was already making use of the motor pool, and would be making heavy demands on it in January.

12. Requisitioning of Vehicles

Colonel Fiske said that AFHQ had indicated that all requisitioned cars would be derequisitioned in the near future and re-requisitioned by the Italian Government for use by the Allies on a loan basis.

The Chief Commissioner said that he presumed that this would only apply to "King's Italy", as the Italian Government had no requisitioning authority in other territory.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 28 December, 1000 hours.

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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qle)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qle)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding this.	Percent of 1941-42 31 Oct. 1942
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Lucania	8/12	759.355	950,000	80	80	93
Puglie	12/12	1.572.728	2,170,000	72	72	95
Campania	13/12	257.224	250,000	103	102	85
Campobasso	13/12	214.366	300,000	72	81	84
SOUTHERN		3.080.634	3,950,000	75	76	92
Sicilia	12/12	1.271.027	2,000,000	63	63	93
Sardegna	5/12	268.058	300,000	89	89	93
Lazio-Umbria	5/12	1.574.294	1,600,000	98	97	92
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	7/12	2.210.505	2,250,000	98	97	93
Toscana	8/12	1.534.518	1,500,000	102	103	92
GRAND TOTAL		9.920.034	11,600,000	85	85	93

(*) Not including Campobasso

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Director's latest report (date)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qtls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at		Percent of total assessed in 1942-43 collected on		
		latest report	report preceding last	31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
16.46	250 000	66	66	91	93	94
9.355	950,000	80	80	93	94	94
2723	2,170,000	72	72	95	96	96
7.226	250,000	103	104	88	90	91
4.366	300,000	82	81	84	85	86
20.624	3,950,000	76	76	92	93	94
70.027	2,000,000	63	63	93	95	96
68.058	100,000	89	89	93	94	94
71.254	1,600,000	98	97	93	94	95
23.503	2,250,000	97	97	95	95	96
4.516	1,300,000	107	103	93	94	95
358.054	11,500,000	86	85	93	94	95

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14 December 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 14 December 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Parkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, General de Savin, Colonel Fiske, Captain Butler, USN (for Naval Subcommission), Colonel Noakes (for Army Subcommission).

1. Outside News Agencies in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that this question would be taken up at the next AFHQ Political Committee meeting and that there seemed to be no objection to the use of uncensored news sources by the Italian press.

2. UNRRA

The Chief Commissioner said that he had suggested to UNRRA that they open discussions with the new Italian Government with regard to the agreement they desire with the Government before beginning operations.

3. National Committee for the Distribution of Relief in Italy

The Chief Commissioner said that the suggestion that Mr. Taylor's organization should be allowed to draw on the Allied Commission pool for cars had been approved.

4. Food situation in Jails

Brigadier Parkinson said that he had discussed the matter with Colonel Ames. The Chief Commissioner said that he would like to see any recommendations on this matter before they went out, and before the ration in the Rome prisons was cut it should be given very serious consideration.

5. Political Situation

The Chief Commissioner said that regarding the political situation little could be added to what had already appeared in the newspapers. He felt that Bonomi had done well and that the distribution between parties had been fair. The appointment of Ministers to the Ministries directly engaged in the war had been satisfactory to the Commission and no pressure had been brought to bear on any other appointments.

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6. Wheat Situation

The Chief Commissioner read a letter which he had sent to the Supreme Allied Commander regarding the food ration for Italy. Brigadier Lush reported on a meeting which General Clark had held at AFHQ to consider this letter. The Brigadier said that A.C. now has a good deal of support for the conclusions drawn by the letter, but the meeting had decided that it would not be wise to send the proposed telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff at this time. It seemed to be the opinion of those present at this meeting that the President and Prime Minister should be fully informed of the details of the Italian food situation. The decision was to ask the Supreme Allied Commander to send a cable to the President and Prime Minister, through the Combined Chiefs of Staff, directing their attention to their statements and to their openly expressed wish to help Italy at this time. Brigadier Lush said the cable would also point out the serious consequences to the civilian population of any further cut in the shipping allocated to

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this theater. The Brigadier said that he was hoping to get a draft of this cable from AFHQ today. Brigadier Lush said that the eight additional ships per month necessary to carry out the 300 gram ration in Italy would be asked for, as they could not be allocated from shipping already available to this theater. The Chief Commissioner said that the Italian Government would not be told of any impending decrease in the bread ration at this time.

7. Italian Prisoners of War

Mr. Schott said that a request had been received to make a documentary film of the treatment and living conditions of Italian Prisoners of War, steps involved in their repatriation, processing at reception camps and return to Italy. The Chief Commissioner said that he saw no advantage in making a graphical record of certain violations of the Geneva Convention.

8. Hemp Situation

Brigadier Lush said that great difficulty was being experienced in organising the hemp industry into an efficient working unit chiefly owing to difficulties with the Rome Consorzio. It was decided that Mr. Antolini should go into the matter with the Chief of Staff.

9. Administration of Properties of Historical Value

Brigadier Parkinson said that the administrative memorandum put out by AFHQ on this subject had been changed by the AFHQ Army Educational Authorities and it may now convey a wrong impression as to availability of these properties for use. The Chief Commissioner said that this Memorandum should be contested.

10. Repatriation of Italians from Eritrea

The meeting was informed that Brigadier McCarthy was in Rome to see if the repatriation could be arranged of considerable numbers of Italians from Eritrea.

11. Planning for Northwest Italy

Brigadier Lush said that AAI was prepared to open the port of Genoa as a military commitment and not to leave it in civilian responsibility as was earlier proposed. They were also prepared to open up some of the railway lines.

12. Italian Undersecretary of State for War

The Chief Commissioner requested that the Land Forces Subcommission inform him when they heard who was proposed as the new Military Undersecretary of State for War.

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Benevento	7/12	243,684	300,000	81	21
NORTHERN		3,014,123	3,950,000	77	76
Sicilia	3/12	1,265,721	2,000,000	63	63
Sardegna	27/11	250,647	300,000	83	88
Lazio-Umbria	27/11	1,554,709	1,600,000	97	97
Abruzzi-Marche*	5/12	1,249,74	2,850,000	98	97
Toscana	5/12	1,208,179	1,300,000	105	102
GRAND TOTAL		9,358,314	12,500,000	85	82

* Not including Campobasso

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15 December 1944

Collected at latest report (qld)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qld)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	report preceding week	Percent of total amount in 1942-43 collected on 31 Oct. 1942	30 Nov. 1942	31 Dec. 1942
86,435	280,000	62	56	91	93	94
258,53	450,000	80	61	73	94	94
274,355	2,270,000	72	72	95	96	96
254,950	250,000	102	101	88	90	91
283,680	300,000	81	81	84	85	86
1,511,215	1,250,000	76	76	98	99	99
865,784	2,000,000	43	43	93	95	96
266,047	300,000	89	89	93	94	94
1,056,709	1,500,000	70	57	95	94	95
2,209,748	2,250,000	98	97	95	95	96
1,540,379	1,500,000	102	105	93	94	95
9,556,324	12,600,000	81	85	93	94	95

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REGION	Average dates of Reports	Collected at latest report (qls.)	Agriculture S/C Estimate (15 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report preceding month
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Campania	30/11	2[illegible],718	250,000	101	94
Campobasso	30/11	2[illegible],305	300,00	91	73
SOUTHERN		3,[illegible],772	5,950,000	78	74
Sicilia	27/11	1,261,799	2,000,000	63	61
Cagliari	23/11	265,[illegible]82	300,000	88	82
Sassari-Nuoro	27/11	1,[illegible]50	1,[illegible]000	71	74
Romagna-Marche*	27/11	2,[illegible],92	2,[illegible]00	97	77
Toscana	3/12	1,[illegible]2,[illegible]03	1,[illegible]00,000	102	90
GRAND TOTAL		9,[illegible],774	11,[illegible],903	85	77

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Housing Report.

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	185,399	300,000	66	53	91	93	94
	751,467	950,000	80	77	93	94	95
	1,[illegible]	2,[illegible]	72	71	95	96	96
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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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23 November 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 0930 hours, 23 November 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Monfort, Colonel Fiske.

1. Changes - Italian Government

The Chief Commissioner said that a number of rumors had been going round regarding changes within the Italian Government, but he did not believe anything concrete had yet occurred. The rumors seem to have their origin in the shuffling of certain posts rising out of the departure of Carandini to London and Sforza's expected departure for Washington, both having held posts of Minister without Portfolio.

2. Civilian Wage Increase

The list granting increase of wages for civilians with the armed forces had gone out.

3. Mr. Macmillan

The Chief Commissioner said that the working members had a very profitable day with Mr. Macmillan on Monday of this week. Mr. Macmillan had left for London and Washington to go over many of the Commission's problems with high government authorities. Among the problems he would discuss, other than the one of demilitarization, was the one of the supply program for Italy. He would try to resolve the question of how long the armies would pay for the civilian necessities now being brought in and what portion of the dollar credits might have to be used for first-aid material for Italy.

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The Italian press had greeted with approval the elimination of the many road blocks, which were blamed for the slow movement of supplies, etc. The program was expected to be completed within a few weeks.

6. Food Distribution Plan

Mr. Antolini said that this plan was presented to the Council on the 22nd, but as yet he had received no report on their reaction to it.

7. Anti-French Literature

The Chief Commissioner said that on the question of anti-French literature a reply had been received from the Italian Government, who were going to look into the matter and take steps to correct the situation.

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8. Italian News Agencies

The Chief Commissioner said that the question had not yet been resolved as to whether the Italians should be permitted to open up competitive news agencies. There was a difference of opinion between the Commission and PWB; the Commission feeling that the Italians should operate their own agencies and that outside agencies should be allowed to enter Italy at once, while PWB wished to control the press until hostilities ceased.

9. Pantelleria

a. Nothing has been done as yet to put this Island under AC control.

b. Owing to the recent attempted suicide of the Civil Affairs Officer on the Island, the Chief of Staff took note that it was probably undesirable to leave an officer there for longer than one month at a time.

10. Women's Suffrage

The Chief Commissioner said that he had a discussion with the Prime Minister on this subject and was informed that while the parties of the extreme left and right favored it, the other parties were waiting to see what the feeling in the North would be. It was, therefore, rather unlikely that a decree would be accepted at an early date.

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Mr. Antolini

15. Devastated Areas

Brigadier Upjohn said that the Italian Government was not doing at all well on this problem. The Brigadier said that, with the permission of the Chief Commissioner, he would send a letter to the appropriate officials pointing out that the Commission's only function was one of advice and assistance to the Italian Government.

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16. Visit of General Spofford

Brigadier Lush said that General Spofford would be in Rome on the 24th and that he would want to discuss the question of communication channels. The Chief Commissioner said he would like the Chief of Staff to hold a meeting with the GA Section, Economic Section, Political Section and the Deputy Chief of Staff to submit a preliminary plan which he could discuss with General Spofford. The Chief Commissioner also said that he thought they might want to consult Colonel Henderson, not from the technical standpoint, but because the Communications Subcommission had recently been confronted with the need for direct communication with the U.S. State Department and Federal Communications Commission on resumption of international services.

17. Land Forces Subcommission

Brigadier Lush said that he had received an appreciation from General Browning in which the General stated that the Land Forces Subcommission was prepared to take over the entire functions of the Organization for repatriating Italian soldiers and POW, provided that the POW part of War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Subcommission was transferred to Land Forces Subcommission, and that he was given a small additional staff and that the necessary change was made in the charter of the Land Forces Subcommission (AMIA). This approach should be followed up.

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Weekly Wheat Collection Report

24 November

REGION	Average date of receipts	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week	Forces in [illegible]
Calabria	13/11	183,.90	280,000	66	65	
Lucania	13/11	734,206	950,000	79	79	
Puglia	16/11	1,365,231	2,170,000	62	72	
Campania	15/11	246,422	250,000	99	95	
Campobasso	13/11	240,821	300,000	80	78	
SOUTHERN		2,930,790	3,950,000	75	75	
Sicilia	15/11	1,252,671	2,000,000	63	62	
Sardegna	5/11	256,730	300,000	85	85	
Lazio-Umbria	10/11	1,[illegible],981	1,600,000	95	95	
Abruzzi-Marche*	19/11	2,185,438	2,250,000	96	97	
Toscana	11/11	1,488,457	1,500,000	99	97	
GRAND TOTAL		9,[illegible],116	11,600,000	95	91	

* Not including Campobasso

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Weekly Wheat Reporting Report

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183,590	280,000	66	65	87	71
754,306	950,000	79	79	95	78
1,565,251	2,170,000	72	72	94	95
246,422	250,000	99	96	98	88
240,021	300,000	80	78	89	84
2,990,796	3,950,000	75	75	89	92
1,252,671	2,000,000	63	62	88	93
254,750	300,000	85	85	86	93
1,837,881	1,900,000	96	95	91	93
2,161,438	2,250,000	96	97	94	95
1,480,627	1,500,000	99	97	92	93
7,932,710	11,600,000	85	84	90	93

Colonel Fiske

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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16 November 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 16 November 1944, Office of the Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Mr. Harold Macmillan, Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General de Serlin, Colonel Fiske.

The Chief Commissioner opened the meeting by welcoming Mr. Macmillan as Acting President and read a message from Mr. Macmillan to all members of the Commission.

Mr. Macmillan, in thanking the Chief Commissioner, said that he hoped to be the means by which the Commission could obtain what it needed for the proper carrying out of its functions. He said that he proposed to work upward rather than downward and that he saw himself somewhat in the position of the Chairman of a Company of which the Chief Commissioner was the President or Managing Director.

1. Wage Scale

The Chief Commissioner stated that it had been impossible to release to the press the news of the increase in rates of pay of civilians employed by Allied Armed Forces as confirmation had not been received from the Office of the CAO, AFHQ.

2. General O'Dwyer

The Chief Commissioner said that as yet there was no news on the appointment of a successor for General O'Dwyer.

3. UNRRA

In reply to a question by the Chief Commissioner as to whether or not UNRRA still hoped to borrow supplies from AC for their program, Mr. Antolini replied that they had not abandoned hope as yet, but were at present working through AFHQ to see whether or not they can borrow from Army stocks for their needs. We have given them little hope that any stocks will be available from the Commission. Brigadier Upjohn said that the draft paper from UNRRA containing points which they would like to have incorporated in the AFHQ directive to these [illegible]

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4. Dollar Credits

The Chief Commissioner said that the position regarding dollar credits at the disposition of the Italian Government was still ambiguous. Mr. Macmillan requested that the Economic Section prepare for him, as a basis for forthcoming discussions in London and Washington, a memorandum containing the Allied Commission's proposals for the employment of these dollar credits basing them on hypothetical figures.

Mr. Antolini — Mr. Antolini undertook to have a rough estimate ready by Monday evening for Mr. Macmillan to take with him to London and a more detailed plan for General Spofford to take to Washington later in the week.

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5. Interview with Lieutenant General

Mr. Hopkinson said that the storm created by this interview had calmed down and there was nothing new to report.

6. Head of the Labor Sub-Commission

Mr. Hopkinson said that he had spoken to Sir Noel Charles who was quite willing to make Mr. Braine available to the Allied Commission, provided that he would still be available as advisor on labor matters for the British Embassy. Mr. Braine, however, was of the opinion that before a decision could be taken the matter should be cleared with London. The Chief Commissioner said that he understood the Chief of Staff was doing so.

Brig. Lush

7. Food Distribution Plan

Mr. Antolini said the plan was still being reviewed by the Italian Ministry and he intended to have it ready to present to the Chief Commissioner sometime before the next meeting of the Council of Ministers when this subject would come up for review.

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Mr. Macmillan

b. Mr. Macmillan would undertake the task of reconciling the divergent points of view of the Allied Commission and PWB on the subject of civilian news agencies — AC being of the opinion that they should be permitted to function at an early date, while PWB opposed this.

12. Pantelleria

Mr. Macmillan suggested that no action should be taken on the question of the change in administration of Pantelleria from AMG to AC. It was a matter to be decided at a very high level.

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13. Army Personnel - Italian Government Territory

The Chief Commissioner said he was circulating a memorandum to Vice Presidents of the Economic and Administrative Sections and the Chief of Staff on the functions which the Allied Commission might dispense with in King's Italy and what withdrawal of Army personnel we should make. The only recommendation from the Italian Government for suspension of supervision in King's Italy was in the educational field. The Italian Government also requested that we do not withdraw our personnel from Sicily for the time being. On the Mainland, they suggested January 1st as a tentative date for withdrawing personnel south of Salerno.

14. Appointment of Italian Officials

Brigadier Upjohn said that the Italian Government had proposed a list of limited classes of officials whose appointments would not be made without our approval. The Chief Commissioner said he had no objection to this move as he felt that the Government should be given somewhat more freedom of action, but the Vice Presidents would probably want to add other categories to those already listed. The Chief Commissioner suggested that a meeting be held to discuss the details of this plan.

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Mr. Antolini

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18. Mine Clearance

Brigadier Upjohn said that Colonel Cripps had just returned from the forward areas, and had reported that the scheme for the clearance of mines was working quite well, though the Italians were somewhat handicapped by antiquated detectors.

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Next Vice Presidents' meeting — Thursday, 23 Nov 44, 1000 hours.

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REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week
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Campobasso	7/11	253,376	300,000	79	76
SOUTHERN		2,965,468	3,950,000	75	75
Sicilia	6/11	1,242,539	2,000,000	62	62
Sardegna	28/10	253,931	300,000	85	85
Lazio-Umbria	31/10	1,522,177	1,600,000	95	94
Abruzzi-Marche (*)	4/11	1,948,490	2,250,000	87	85
Toscana	29/10	1,450,562	1,500,000	97	91
GRAND TOTAL		9,382,867	11,600,000	81	79

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Agriculture Sub-Commission
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Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

16 November 1944.

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9 November 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 9 November 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General de Sevin, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort.

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6. Interview with Lieutenant General

Mr. Hopkinson stated that the outstanding political development of the week was the storm created by the report of the interview given by the Lieutenant General of the Realm to Mr. Matthews of the "New York Times".

7. Italian Representative to London

Count Carandini, the Italian Ambassador, has now informed the Political Section that he wants to leave for London on the 20th of November and has submitted a list of his staff.

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8. Head of the Labor Sub-Commission

As the result of a question of Mr. Antolini's as to what action had been taken to replace Colonel Bain, Mr. Hopkinson undertook to speak to Sir Noel Charles and recommend to him that Mr. Braine should duplicate the position of Head of the Labor Sub-Commission as well as Labor Adviser to the British High Commissioner.

9. Food Distribution Plan

Mr. Antolini informed the Chief Commissioner that the plan for food distribution would be ready for review by November 12.

10. Anti-French Literature

General de Sevin brought up the question of the sale in Italy of anti-French books and literature. The A/Chief Commissioner stated that he had already sent a letter to Sig. Bonomi on that subject.

11. Public Health, Naples Area

a. Brigadier Upjohn reported that 359 cases of smallpox had broken out in the province and city of Naples. It was not a serious epidemic, nor was it a serious type of smallpox. The matter was well in hand.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said that a watchful eye should be kept on the typhus situation in Naples, ready for the first indications of an outbreak of this disease. If this should be the responsibility of the Italian authorities, then AC should be prepared to bring pressure on them to act quickly in case of an emergency.

12. Patriots

Brigadier Upjohn reported that the Italian National Patriots Committee were proposing to issue a further set of certificates. They felt that those issued by General Alexander were, in many cases, wrongly distributed. Brigadier Upjohn said he had referred the matter to General Alexander through Colonel Monfort before recommending any action.

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Colonel Fiske reported that the first shipload was expected in about one week. They number around five thousand.

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15. Siena Conference

It was decided to hold the Siena Conference on Friday, November 17, unless the condition of roads prohibited it, in which case the meeting would be held at Perugia.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - Thursday, 16 November 1944.

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Mr. Scarfi
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Weekly Wheat Amending Report

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept.1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at report preceding week
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Lucania	31/10	747,033	950,000	79	78
Puglie	31/10	1,552,209	2,170,000	71	71
Campania	31/10	237,923	250,000	95	92
Campobasso	25/10	228,409	300,000	76	76
SOUTHERN		2,947,092	3,950,000	75	74
Sicilia	31/10	1,235,874	2,000,000	62	61
Sardegna	26/10	251,824	300,000	84	86
Lazio-Umbria	29/10	1,510,730	1,600,000	94	93
Abruzzi-Marche*	31/10	1,880,137	2,250,000	83	77
Toscana	23/10	1,369,133	1,500,000	91	90
GRAND TOTAL		9,193,790	11,600,000	79	77

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7 November 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 2 November 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Antolini, Mr. Schott, Mr. Hopkinson, Colonel Fiske, General de Sevin.

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The A/Chief Commissioner announced that General Vasiliev had been detached from his position on the Advisory Council and was being temporarily replaced by General Susloparov, who will continue as Russian representative on the Allied Commission.. Commander Grischinsky had also been detached and was returning to Moscow.

2. Finance & Economic Mission to U.S.

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3. Wage Scale Strikes.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the strike threatened by civilian workers employed by the Navy at Palermo had been resolved. An officer representative was being sent up from the base today or tomorrow to see the Labor Sub-Commission and the Naval Sub-Commission. The strike had arisen from the discrepancy between wages offered by the Armed Forces and Civilian employers.

4. Infant Mortality.

The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the figures for September were finally proved at 90 per thousand as against 96 per thousand for September 1943, which was very satisfactory. PWB, Civil Affairs Section undertook to obtain statistics from Naples, Bari, Palermo and Taranto. It was reported that the PRO was preparing a statement for the Press.

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The A/Chief Commissioner announced with regret that Colonel Temperley was returning to the U.K. to take up a post there. Southern Region would be temporarily administered by Brigadier Dunlop.

6. Civilianizing of American Personnel in A.C.

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The A/Chief Commissioner reported that two cables from Washington had been received at AFHQ on this subject. The A/Chief Commissioner and the Chief of Staff were to make recommendations to AFHQ.

7. Vice-President, Political Section.

The A/Chief Commissioner welcomed Mr. Henry Hopkinson as new Acting Joint Vice-President (B) in place of Mr. Caccia who had been sent to another theatre, and might or might not return.

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8. Wheat Situation.

DCOS, Economic Section asked if a copy of a cable on the wheat requirements of the country had been received from AFHQ, as he had heard rumors of its contents which were disquieting. No copy had yet been received.

Copies of the Amassing Reports were distributed. Chief of Staff reported on a meeting between the DCOS, Economic Section and Brigadier Carr on the wheat situation and the request for increase in price of olive oil in Sicily. These subjects would be reviewed with the A/Chief Commissioner, and the question of the Transportation Sub-Commission was also to be discussed later.

9. Palermo Riots.

DCOS, Civil Affairs reported on the recent incident at Palermo. Much of the trouble was due to the handling of the situation by the Italian military. The casualties were 26 dead and 15b injured. DCOS, Civil Affairs undertook to draft a memo for C. to present to Army Sub-Commission on the matter of specific drill and instruction being issued on the use of troops in civil disturbances.

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26 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1600 hours, 24 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Hq Allied Commission, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, Lieutenant de Noue (for General de Sevin), Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner.

a. The A/Chief Commissioner said that it was now officially announced in a directive from the CCS that the Commission would, in future, be addressed as the Allied Commission.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner reported that 20 South American republics (the exception being Argentina) had agreed to resume diplomatic relations with Italy.

c. AFHQ have authorised a fortnightly distribution of 300 gram bread ration in the cities and areas where the daily bread ration was less than 300 grams. General Wilson would continue to press Washington to agree to an overall daily ration of 300 grams of bread or paste equivalent.

d. The A/Chief Commissioner said that it was hopeful that by November 15th private cable and radio communication would be established between Italy and the rest of the world.

e. The A/Chief Commissioner reported that the Commission had been asked to send an officer to Washington to accompany the Italian financial mission. Lt Comm Lawler had been selected.

f. The A/Chief Commissioner asked the PCOS, Civil Affairs Section, what was the position about sending representatives to AFHQ to discuss refugees from devastated Areas and also repatriated POW. Brigadier Upjohn replied that representatives from AFHQ were coming to Allied Commission HQ to discuss the problems on the spot.

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h. The Political Section were asked if necessary action had been taken to expedite permits for the Italian representatives to the Financial and Economic Conference in Washington. Mr. Schott undertook to ring up G-5 immediately. He also undertook to write to G-5 pointing out that the present elaborate screening of such cases was inconsistent with the resumption of diplomatic relations with Italy.

Mr. Schott

2. Economic Section:

a. Mr. Antolini said that the American Ambassador had asked for Minute 4(a) of the Vice Presidents' meeting of 18 Oct to be corrected.

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The A/Chief Commissioner directed that the last sentence of this minute be deleted.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said strong protest should be made against the export of coal from Sardinia outside this theatre. Mr. Antolini said this was done on a directive from the COS and that until Civitavecchia was opened no more coal could be handled. The A/Chief Commissioner said that even if bottle-necking at Northern ports and maulage difficulties prevented Sardinian coal reaching Northern areas, at any rate it should be imported into southern ports such as Taranto or Bari so as to provide fuel for the South.

3. Civil Affairs Section:

a. With reference to Minutes of Oct 18, para 5(a), Brigadier Upjohn said that AFHQ have stated that the 5,000 soldiers will be forthcoming to augment CC.RR.

b. Brigadier Upjohn reported that the elections referred to in para 5(b) of Minutes of 18 October had been organized by an AMG officer, and that corrective instructions had been issued.

c. Brigadier Upjohn reported that Colonel Poletti was not holding Epuration Committees in Rome but in Perugia. (Reference para 7 (c), Minutes of 18 October).

d. Brigadier Upjohn said that a large meeting, presided over by the Under-Secretary of State for the Interior had been held in the Devastated Areas, and gave a resumé of its findings. Commodore Stone directed that Allied Commission should endeavor to obtain release of building materials such as glass and cement, now blocked by the Military, and also to bring about derequisitioning of houses. The DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, recommended that a team from the non-activated Northern Regions should be sent down to organise the work, Regions IV and V being understaffed for the task. COS agreed but pointed out that this could only be on a temporary basis. The acting Chief Commissioner approved the recommendation.

e. DCOS, Civil Affairs Section, said that he was expecting a full report on the Palermo riots from Brigadier Carr by the end of the week. The situation was now quiet. A satisfactory answer had been received from AFHQ defining the responsibility for maintaining law and order. No internal security troops were to be moved in future without previous sanction of Allied Commission.

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5. Chief of Staff:

a. Brigadier Lush said that current proposals laying down procedure in handling Italian Government Decrees would be held up as the dropping of "Control" from the title of the Commission might necessitate alterations. He reported that appointments were to continue to be treated on an ad hoc basis.

b. The COS reported that AFHQ had given an informal ruling that repatriated POW and Internees should be treated as Displaced Persons. He was of the opinion that they should come under the care of the Army Sub-Commission whose charter was not binding except in the matter of rations.

Brig. Lush The COS undertook to recommend this to AFHQ.

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c. The CoS reported that on the A/Chief Commissioner's instructions no team would be sent to Sicily to deal with the massacre. The A/CC said that the Italian Government had not requested our assistance, and that it must learn to handle its own problems.

General Susloparov said that in his opinion Allied officers should not be sent to the assistance of the Italian Government: save where their absence would detract from the efficient prosecution of the war.

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Next Vice Presidents' Meeting, Thursday, 2 November 1944, 1000 hours

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SUBJECT: Weekly Wheat Amassing Report

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at	
				latest report	report preceding week
Calabria	15/10	175,409	280,000	63	62
Lucania	15/10	741,500	950,000	78	76
Puglia	15/10	1,538,411	2,170,000	71	70
Campania	15/10	221,231	250,000	88	85
Campobasso	15/10	224,317	300,000	75	73
SOUTHERN		2,900,868	3,950,000	73	72
Sicilia	13/10	1,207,961	2,000,000	60	59
Sardegna	12/10	238,923	300,000	79	78
Lazio-Umbria	12/10	1,471,307	1,600,000	92	90
Abruzzi-Marche*	16/10	1,732,621	2,250,000	76	72
Toscana	12/10	1,315,438	1,500,000	87	84
GRAND TOTAL		8,856,418	11,600,000	76	74

* Not including Campobasso

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	175,409	280,000	63	62	87	91
	741,500	950,000	78	76	85	93
	1,538,411	2,170,000	71	70	94	95
	221,231	250,000	88	85	84	86
	224,317	300,000	75	73	79	84
	2,900,868	3,950,000	73	72	88	92
	1,207,861	2,002,000	60	59	88	93
	238,923	300,000	79	78	86	93
	1,471,307	1,600,000	92	90	91	93
	1,722,021	2,250,000	76	72	94	95
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18 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1630 hours, 18 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Chadie, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, Lt. de Nova (for General de Sevin), Lt. Comdr. Grishchinsky (for General Susloparov), Colonel Parkin, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner.

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the Meeting that as a result of his telegram of 5 October and in view of the statements emanating from Washington, General Alson had sent a telegram to COS recommending that there should be no reduction in the bread ration, but rather that an increase up to 300 grams should be made. A copy of his message may be expected shortly. The A/Chief Commissioner arranged to hold a small meeting at the end of the VP's Meeting, with the Head of the Economic Section and the Chief of Staff to discuss an immediate release of more paste - its area and extent.

b. The A/Chief Commissioner said he had received on behalf of General Alexander a full and unconditional apology from the Minister of Justice for his behaviour in visiting forbidden areas and his activities therein.

c. The A/Chief Commissioner said he had had a conversation with General Clarke during which the General told him that AFHQ would reissue AAI's orders which placed all civilian restaurants in Rome out of bounds to Allied troops. The Chief of Staff said he had already written to R/AC recommending this measure on the understanding that it should be applied to all the large towns in Italy and that the ban should be rigorously enforced. The Chief of Staff also undertook to ask General Clark to issue a statement to the troops explaining that the reason for this step was the acute food shortage in the country and the approach of harder times during the Winter months.

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d. The A/Chief Commissioner said that AFHQ were working on the final plans for the application of AMG in the Northwest provinces.

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1. Acting Chief Commissioner.

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2. Mr. Caccia.

a. Mr. Caccia reported that General Connell had sent a letter to the Advisory Council about an Italian request for a public statement that the Allies do not intend to allow to go unpunished the Germans responsible for the atrocities now being committed in the North of Italy.

b. In reply to a question of Mr. Caccia's, Commodore Stone said that neither AFHQ nor ACC had received amplification of the recent statement from Washington on "Trading With the Enemy Act." He said that in view of questions already asked by Italian ministries enquiries of exact scope of measures intended should be sent to AFHQ. Mr. Antolini No reply had yet been received on our query as to the exact meaning of repayment of lire in dollars.

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5. Mr. Schott.

a. Mr. Schott reported that after several months delay Signor Romanenghi, Italian Ambassador to Portugal, was sailing in about 4 days with his family and staff.

Mr. Schott

b. Mr. Schott was asked to expedite the permission for Signora Quintieri and Mitchell to proceed to US. where they would represent the Italian Government on financial matters, as soon as their formal application was received.

4. Mr. Antolini.

a. Mr. Antolini said that there had been a request from Washington that five Italian technicians be sent on a visit to the Chamber of Commerce in USA. This request had not come through the ACC. The A/Chief Commissioner pointed out the irregularity of the approach and instructed that it be brought to the notice of AFHQ.

Mr. Antolini

b. Mr. Antolini produced a chart of the missing figures. He undertook to send a telegram to Prefecture Cagliari in Sicily asking for a statement on the exact position with regard to the L.100 bonus. It was decided that no action should be taken until full information was received.

c. Mr. Antolini reported that the transportation situation in Sicily was very bad. This was an Italian responsibility under our supervision. Mr. Antolini said drastic action should be taken with the Italian Government on this.

The A/Chief Commissioner requested that Section Heads should produce points for discussion with the Italian High Commissioner in Sicily, who would be seeing him tomorrow.

The A/Chief Commissioner said that there had been a broadcast from America denying reports that the United States Government supported the Separatist movement. Political Section were asked to arrange with PWB to have this publicised in Italy.

Mr. Antolini

d. The A/Chief Commissioner informed the Head of the Economic Section that he wished the question of fishing restrictions cleared immediately. Mr. Antolini said this tied up with a general plan for lifting restrictions now under discussion, and that the whole matter would be put before the A/Chief Commissioner during the next 24 hours.

5. Brigadier Upjohn.

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5. Brigadier Upjohn.

a. Brigadier Upjohn said that orders from AFHQ that 5,000 soldiers of the Italian Army should be released to implement numbers of the Carabinieri had been objected to by A.I, and that AFHQ had been instructed to do nothing pending consideration of an alternative plan suggested by A.I. The A/Chief Commissioner said this should be reported at once to AFHQ.

b. Brigadier Upjohn said that some confusion in S. Region had held elections to the Giunta Comunale, which was irregular as appointments must be made by the Sindaco. He undertook to inform the Italian Brig. Upjohn Government.

6. Lt. de Nolo.

Lt. de Nolo asked for complete information on the Taranto incident to be compiled (see Minutes of Meeting, 13 Oct 44, para 6). He was directed to apply to the GOS Office.

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7. Brigadier Lush.

a. Brigadier Lush reported that he had discussed the question of vigorous representation of AOC at Washington with Colonel Mitchell of G-5 (See Minutes of Meeting 19 Oct 44, para 8e). He had been informed there were already two representatives there and Colonel Mitchell's opinion was that visits from high level officials at AOC would be more valuable than low level permanent representation.

b. The COS reported there was a possibility that AOC would be asked in the near future to assume responsibility for collection of information and sifting of evidence in connection with war crimes. Hitherto the Judge Advocate General's Department at AFHQ had dealt with this. It was agreed that no action should be taken till it could be more clearly seen what work would be involved.

c. The COS said that it appeared orders were still referred to by the Ufficio Stampa as being issued in the name of Colonel Poletti. The A/Chief Commissioner said the Ufficio Stampa should be informed this was incorrect and orders should be stated as being issued in the name of the Italian Government. Brigadier Upjohn stated he had just received a report that a Press Office of Fourteen set up by Colonel Poletti was continuing to function in Italian Government Territory. He would investigate the matter further.

Brig. Upjohn

d. The COS drew the attention of the VPs to a recent directive of PWB concerning the Patriots. This was considered acceptable.

e. The COS reported that General Morse had asked for a high powered liaison officer from AOC who will come under the DCOS Forward. The COS undertook to consult Colonel Comfort on this.

Brig. Lush

f. The COS reported that Sir Frank Brooke of UK Constabulary had just completed his tour and expressed his appreciation of all arrangements for his officers working in AOC.

g. Brigadier Upjohn stated he had arranged with Sir Frank that Colonel Young would not leave the Commission before the liberation and re-organisation of the North Italian Provinces.

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Brig.Upjohn — He would investigate the matter further.

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Commodore Stone
Brigadier Lush
Mr. Antolini
Brigadier Upjohn
General de Sevin
General Suslaparov
Mr. Caccia
Colonel Fisko
Mr. Schott
Mr. Alexander Kirk
Mr. Harold Macmillan
Sir Noel Charles
General Spofford
Colonel Dennore
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SUBJECT: Weekly Threshing Reporting Report

REGION	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (qls)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept. 1944) (qls)	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at latest report	Percent of Agric. S/C estimate collected at preceding week report	Percent of total in 1943-43 collected 30 Sept. 1943
Calabria	7/10	173,394	280,000	62	61	87
Lucania	7/10	728,952	950,000	76	75	85
Puglie	6/10	1,531,612	2,170,000	70	60	94
Campania	7/10	233,412	280,000	85	78	84
Campobasso	7/10	231,479	300,000	73	70	79
SOUTHERN		2,867,049	3,950,000	72	71	88
Sicilia	7/10	1,194,212	2,000,000	59	57	83
Sardegna	7/10	235,587	300,000	78	75	85
Lazio-Umbria	2/10	1,441,270	1,600,000	90	89	91
Abruzzi-Marche *	2/10	1,621,317	2,250,000	72	67	94
Toscana	1/10	1,322,960	1,[illegible],000	84	81	92
GRAND TOTAL		8,616,385	11,600,000	74	72	90

* Not including Campobasso

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28,952	950,000	76	75	85 / 93
1,612	2,170,000	70	60	94 / 96
2,212	250,000	85	72	84 / 88
4,439	300,000	93	77	79 / 84
867,049	3,960,000	72	71	88 / 92
192,212	2,000,000	59	57	88 / 93
235,587	300,000	78	75	89 / 93
421,270	1,600,000	90	89	91 / 95
621,307	2,250,000	72	67	92 / 92
288,960	1,500,000	74	61	
3,616,385	11,600,000	74	72	90 / 93

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14 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 13 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Bush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, Colonel Fiske, Lieut. de Roue, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Commodore Stone said that at General Wilson's weekly Political Meeting at AFHQ there had been discussion on the problem of the food situation in Italy in view of the political repercussions involved. Commodore Stone said that although the import program, so far as we have been advised, was inadequate to maintain for long the 300 grammes bread ration, yet he had pointed out that SACMED would appear to be relieved of the need to cut back the ration in view of the President's statement that rationing was to be increased. A signal would be sent from AFHQ to Combined Chiefs of Staff to pose the question.

Mr. Caccia mentioned that possible alterations in the bread ration had been discussed with General Hume and other authorities in Florence where demonstrations had already taken place. Their opinion was that if the ration was reduced to 200 grammes in the South there would certainly be civil disturbances; with a ration of 235 grammes there would quite possibly be trouble, and only with a ration of 300 grammes were the prospects fairly good.

b. Commodore Stone emphasized the need for saving the coast, and encouraging the Italians to make the most of local resources. He cited the blocked pulses, and Colonel Poletti's suggestion of mixing chestnut with wheat flour.

c. The Commodore urged Mr. Antolini to press for the relaxation of restrictions on fishing. It was pointed out that it seemed paradoxical for restrictions to be so much more severe on the West Coast than on the East. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that he would take the matter up with C-in-C Mediterranean if Mr. Antolini could not clear it through AFHQ.

d. Commodore Stone expressed concern over transport "bidding". He had been informed, he said, that movements of AFHQ stated that they were able to make a bigger civilian supply lift than was at present being asked of them. He drew Mr. Antolini's attention to this in relation to the olive oil situation.

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e. The Acting Chief Commissioner spoke at length on the text of the President's recent statement on Imports for Italy.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia referred to the inadvisability of Italian Ministers being allowed to visit Army (as opposed to AMG) areas. On this point, he said, General Hume and Group-Captain Benson were in agreement. In the event of disputes such as had arisen and might again arise between the Prefect and Committee of Liberation, the disputants should come to Rome rather than a minister visit the spot. There might, of course, be special exceptions.

Brigadier Lush said that he would put up a memorandum on the subject to the Acting Chief Commissioner and also a draft letter to Brosio(?) Monod.

3. Mr. Antolini:

Mr. Antolini stated that the Economic Section were fully alive to the emergency of the present food situation, to meet which they were now working on a

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radical plan which included the lifting of many controls, and which they would have ready by Sunday evening.

4. Brigadier Dodson:

a. The Brigadier referred to various points from the minutes of the last meeting on October 9th.

(1) Para 4a. The Salvation Army had been informed that they could not send two more representatives.

(2) Para 4b. With reference to the Central Medical Depot, he was submitting for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature a letter to AFHQ embodying an alternative plan.

(3) Para 3a. A plan for approving Italian Government Decrees had been worked out with Finance and Legal Sub-Commissions, and was now before the Chief of Staff.

(4) Para 1a(2). There were difficulties in the way of increasing the rations for Police agencies up to the scale of the Army and Carabinieri. The matter was still under discussion.

b. The Brigadier said that a conference had been held between members of ACC, the Italian Government, the Allied and Italian Red Cross, and the Vatican, on the evacuated areas of the Abruzzi-Marche Region. He would send the minutes of the meeting to the A/CC for his consideration.

5. Colonel Fiske:

Reported that AMG Headquarters had not been able to move into Montecatini for operational reasons, and that Colleviano was to remain Headquarters and transit camp for surplus personnel.

6. Lieut. du Noue:

Said that before leaving for France, General de Gaulle had heard that the sentence imposed on the Italian sailors involved in the disturbance at Brindisi on July 31, in which one French sailor had been killed and several wounded, had only been one month's imprisonment. General de Gaulle had instructed him to tell the meeting that this ill-judged sentence would produce a most unfavourable impression in Paris. Till the return of General de Gaulle, however, no further action was requested.

7. General Suslopparov:

Said that the arrangements were satisfactory for attaching an observers the officers of his mission to sub-commissions.

8. The Chief of Staff:

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8. The Chief of Staff:

a. Brigadier Lush reported that Colonel Spicer had been sent to Flo[illegible] with a directive for the guidance of A.G officers in their relations with the Comitato di Liberazione. The Brigadier pointed out that it was not to be expected that clashes between Prefect and Committee of Liberation would not take place in other areas.

It was agreed that Regional Commissioners were to be encouraged to suggest Prefects from local personalities rather than call on candidates produced from Rome.

b. The Chief of Staff said that General Robertson had held a meeting after the Siena Conference at which he had described the expected developments of the occupation of north-western Italy. He said that civilian interests would be of first importance. General Alexander Headquarters would probably be in a different town from those of the Regional Commissioners.

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6. The Chief of Staff mentioned Colonel Poletti's study of the Italian campaign which he had asked a person who was familiar with the operations to make. He said that Poletti's study also contained many good points but that it was essentially a military appreciation and that he would like to see a political appreciation of the campaign. He said that he would like to see a copy of Poletti's study.

The Chief of Staff directed that the study be forwarded to him.

Next Meeting: 1000 hours, Wednesday, 18 October 1944.

J. F. DEVINE
Major, A.G.D.
Staff Secretary to S/C

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Mr. Archibald
Air Vice-Marshal Dr
Lieut. de Marne
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Mr. Scott
Air Marshal Slessor
Brigadier Gordon-Finlayson
General Sporborg
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Colonel Ehrt
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General Smuts
Colonel Bonesteel
Colonel Hanford
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9 October 1944

M I N U T E S

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1030 hours, 9 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, Rome.

Present: Commodore Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General Susloparov, Colonel Fiske, Colonel Cripps, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle (Secretary).

1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Commodore Stone referred to various points from the Minutes of the last conference:

Col. Fiske (1) Reference para 1b, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what was the status of the proposal to establish a mid-day soup meal for civilian employees in ACC Headquarters? Colonel Fiske said that this was done, but undertook to clarify the question of price.

Brig. Upjohn (2) Reference para 6, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what steps had been taken to increase the ration for the Public Safety bodies to the level of that of the Italian Army and Carabinieri?

Brigadier Upjohn undertook to see that the Italian Government were informed of the measure as well as our own Regional Commissioners.

(3) Reference para 1c, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what progress had been made with attaching the recently arrived Russian officers as observers to various sub-commissions?

Col. Fiske General Susloparov said that he had submitted proposals for their employment to the Liaison Officer, but had as yet received no answer. Colonel Fiske said he would check with Lt Col Brown on this point.

(4) Reference para 1f, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, Commodore Stone said that he had held a conversation with the Prime Minister on the subject of AFHQ's Administrative Memorandum No. 31.

The Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance had received the news of the proposal with dismay. The Prime Minister had stated that 2592 political effect on his Government would be "disastrous." Commodore Stone said that he had represented their point of view to AFHQ and that he expected

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Brig. Unjohn (2) Reference para 6, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what steps had been taken to increase the ration for the Public Safety bodies to the level of that of the Italian Army and Carabinieri?

Brigadier Unjohn undertook to see that the Italian Government were informed of the measure as well as our own Regional Commissioners.

(3) Reference para 1c, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, what progress had been made with attaching the recently arrived Russian officers as observers to various sub-commissions?

Col. Fiske General Susloparov said that he had submitted proposals for their employment to the Liaison Officer, but had as yet received no answer. Colonel Fiske said he would check with Lt Col Brown on this point.

(4) Reference para 1f, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, Commodore Stone said that he had held a conversation with the Prime Minister on the subject of AFHQ's Administrative Memorandum No. 31.

The Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance had received the news of the proposal with dismay. The Prime Minister had stated that 2592 political effect on his Government would be "disastrous." Commodore Stone said that he had represented their point of view to AFHQ and that he expected the implementation of the Memorandum to be indefinitely deferred.

Comm. Stone (5) Reference para 2b, Minutes of Meeting, 3 Oct 44, Commodore Stone said that he would inform G-5, AFHQ of AAI's action in instructing 8th Army to keep requisitioning and billeting in San Marino to the barest essential minimum.

b. The Acting Chief Commissioner instructed Mr. Antolini to make sure that Regional Commissioners had advance advice of the itinerary of the Russian Trades' Union Delegation, and also requested General Susloparov to pass the word to the Chief of the Delegation that he should choose non-working hours for holding meetings at works, dockyards, etc., so that important war-work was not dislocated. He explained that the reason for this request was the serious delay caused by the recent American and British delegation which held a meeting at Taranto in the middle of a work-shift.

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c. As a result of a general discussion it was agreed that, while allowing greater freedom to the Italian Government, it was necessary to clarify the ACC's position as regards its authority and jurisdictional level in approving appointments. This matter was to be discussed at COS meeting.

d. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed the meeting that SACMED had posed certain specific questions to the Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding the implementation of the recent statements on Italy made by the President and the Prime Minister.

General Wilson has given orders that pending the receipt of a reply the name and functions of the ACC would not be altered.

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Mr. Caccia stated that the authentic text of the statement recently made by the British Foreign Secretary on the subject of the Italian colonies was not at hand, but that it had been asked for by Sir Noel Charles.

3. Mr. Antolini:

a. Mr. Antolini requested clarification of the Commission's position vis a vis the Italian Government in issuance of decrees. He drew attention to two which had been passed without the receipt of the Commission's concurrence or comment. It was decided that the whole policy must be immediately reviewed and recommendations would be made by Civil Affairs Section.

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5. Colonel Fiske:

Colonel Fiske reported that a new truck company composed of American and Italian personnel had been attached to 2675th Regiment.

Next Vice Presidents' Meeting - 1000 hours, Friday, 13 October 1944.

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Subject : Weekly Wheat Amassing Report.

Region	Average dates of reports	Collected at latest report (ql)	Agriculture S/C estimate (12 Sept 44) (ql)	Percent of total estimate collected
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Lucania	30/9	718,878	950,000	75
Puglie	30/9	1,577,874	2,170,000	73
Campania	30/9	194,652	250,000	78
Campobasso	30/9	212,909	300,000	70
SOUTHERN		2,895,576	3,950,000	73
1	29/9	1,152,376	2,000,000	57
4	29/9	1,431,637	1,600,000	89
5	30/9	1,513,734	2,250,000	67
6	23/9	227,601	300,000	75
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TOTAL		8,442,236	11,600,000	72

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	2,895,576	3,950,000	73	76	88
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3 October 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 3 October 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, Mr. Antolini, General De Sevio, General Susloparov, Colonel Fiske, Major Quayle.

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(3) Possible elimination of certain sub-commissions. e.g., Education.

These proposals were equally obviously prompted by the Quebec declaration. The third referred only to territory under Italian Government control.

f. Captain Stone discussed Executive Memorandum No. 31. It was, he said, doubtful if the Italians would react favorably to the question of establishing a lira account since it would increase the government deficit and would be considered as not in keeping with the Hyde Park declaration. He proposed to discuss the question with AFHQ.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Mr. Caccia was assured by the Acting Chief Commissioner that the Italians referred to by Captain Stone would be attached--if at all--to sub-commissions and not sections.

b. Mr. Caccia stated that the authorities of San Marino, though realizing that the Allied forces must pass through the republic, were most anxious that a stop be put to billeting and requisitioning. Mr. Caccia thought that San Marino claims for compensation would be influenced by the speed with which we dealt with these two questions.

Brig. Lush — Brigadier Lush undertook to phone General Robertson and find out what action was contemplated by AAI before Captain Stone raised the matter at Caserta.

c. Mr. Caccia called General Susloparov's attention to the question of 116 Via Nomentana, which was originally requisitioned by AAI and had remained so at the orders of AFHQ. Mr. Caccia disclaimed the responsibility for this action imputed to the Political Section by General Brown in a letter to General Susloparov, and pointed out that the Political Section merely acted as a channel of communication--it was AFHQ who was the deciding authority.

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5. General de Savin:

Reported that he had found no grounds which might explain the rumor that Italian POW's were to be employed behind the lines by the French Army.

6. Brigadier Lush:

Reported that he had looked into the question of feeding the CC.FF. and Public Safety agencies, so that their scale be brought up to that of the army and the CC.RR. This would affect various bodies, he said, and amount in all to an increase of 10,000 tons per annum. It was agreed that this measure should be put into effect as soon as possible.

7. Colonel Fiske:

Reported that Regions IX and XII were going well and put in a plea for better living conditions for Prefects--the Prefect of Ancona, for example, whom he had just seen, was living in extremely difficult conditions.

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8. The Acting Chief Commissioner: said that it had been reported to him that Frascati, where there was an orphan's home, had been without milk since June. It was a Region IV matter and he requested Brigadier Lush to look into it.

Brig. Lush

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20 September 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 20 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Antolini, General de Sevin, Lt. Comdr Grishchinsky (for General Susloparov), Colonel Fiske, Colonel Monfort, and Major Quayle.

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a. Captain Stone read aloud the full communique on Italy released by the President and the Prime Minister as a result of the Quebec Conference. He pointed out that although Sir Noel Charles now acquired ambassadorial status, thus placing him on the same footing as Mr. Kirk, it was not clear if he was in fact to function as an ambassador. As to the announced change of name of the Allied Control Commission, he had telegraphed to find out if this was to take place forthwith, and similarly if there was to be any change in the function or structure of the Commission. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that he would have copies of the communique distributed to members, and also to the field. Of all these matters, the Acting Chief Commissioner stated, we knew no more than had already been made known to the general public.

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c. The Acting Chief Commissioner stated that the internal reorganization plan had been approved by AFHQ, and that it was to go into effect as from Monday next (October 2).

d. Both AFHQ and AAI had indicated their willingness to see more territory transferred to the Italian Government. This matter would
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e. Captain Stone referred to para 4 (5) of the minutes of the meeting on 18 September, which dealt with the accommodation and feeding of civilian employees. He said that Colonel Fiske had made recommendations which would now have to be referred to Heads of Sections for their final approval.

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f. There had been complaints that the quality of bread was falling below the required standard, and already several bakers had been penalized by suspension. This was a matter, the Acting Chief Commissioner said, that he wanted closely watched. Brigadier Lush said that Regional Commissioners had been instructed to put in a report on the points raised at the meeting held recently by Lt. Gen. Clark).

g. There were reports of bad conditions from the areas of Chieti and Pescara. Brigadier Unjohn told the meeting that this was the subject
Brigadier Unjohn of a special enquiry now proceeding, and that mine clearance schools were being set up to teach local civilians how to clear mines from their own areas.

These civilians were at present using the old "prodding" method of mine detecting. Brigadier Unjohn undertook to find out if it was not possible to produce a more scientific means with the help of Italian Army and Navy engineers.

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Brigadier Lush here asked if MMIA were co-operating by providing mine-clearance units, or if they were regarding these as outside their scope. Brigadier Upjohn replied that the latter was the case. Brigadier Lush then requested that a letter be sent immediately to AFHQ requesting that MMIA be instructed to lend all possible help at once in this most urgent matter. Brigadier Upjohn undertook to draft the letter.

Brigadier Upjohn

Brigadier Upjohn also stated that a representative of the Public Health Sub-Commission was or is in the devastated area now to make recommendations for the health and welfare of the inhabitants during the winter.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Though the Government's declaration of party solidarity had been announced in the papers, it would be a mistake to suppose that this meant that there would be no more changes in the government, which itself expects on re-shuffle when the North is liberated.

b. As to the restoration to the Italian Government of Teramo, Aquila, Pescara, Chieti, Rieti and Viterbo, Mr. Caccia proposed that Monday October 16th should be suggested to the Advisory Council as the date for the handover.

c. Mr. Caccia raised the point that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs was the only Ministry without light, and that they complained of this.

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A general discussion followed on the extreme gravity of the food situation, but it was agreed that the result of Colonel Butterworth's visit to Washington must be awaited before taking decisions.

Brigadier Lush requested that a short memorandum be sent to officers in the field making clear to them the gravity of the situation

Mr Antolini

and the urgent need to collect and conserve all wheat and grain found in newly liberated areas.

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4. General de Sevin:

General de Sevin could throw no light on the rumored intention of using Italian PoW's behind forward French units in the battle in France.

5. Colonel Fiske:

Colonel Fiske reported that the formation of forward Regions was progressing well.

6. Brigadier Lush:

a. Brigadier Lush raised the problem of Internal Security. The removal, or threatened removal, without reference to ACC, of Italian Army formations from Sicily raised an important question of principle - namely, where did the responsibility for internal security lie? The Brigadier sought a precise definition, and said he would draft a letter to AFHQ.

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:-

REGION	AVERAGE DATES OF REPORTS	COLLECTED AT LATEST REPORT (q1)	AGRICULTURE S/C ESTIMATE (12 Sept 44) (q1)	PERCENT OF TOTAL ESTIMATE COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE OF 31 AUG.
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6	16/9	222.918	300,000	74	64
8	15/9	999.698	1,500,000	66	77
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Information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:-

COLLECTED AT LATEST REPORT (q1)	AGRICULTURE S/C ESTIMATE (12 Sept 44) (q1)	PERCENT OF TOTAL ESTIMATE COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE OF 1942 TOTAL AMASSING CONFERRED TO 31 AUG.	TO 30 SEPT.
165.668	280,000	59	72	87
700.377	950,000	73	61	83
1.575.532	2,170,000	72	89	94
175.306	250,000	70	62	84
203.550	300,000	67	64	79
2.820.433	3,950,000	71	76	88
1.124.269	2,000,000	56	67	87
1.265.217	1,600,000	79	83	91
1.200.511	2,250,000	53	89	94
222.918	300,000	74	64	85
999.698	1,500,000	66	77	92
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The President and the Prime Minister held further discussions Monday and Tuesday, September 18th and 19th at Hyde Park on subjects dealing with postwar policies in Europe. The result of these discussions cannot be disclosed at this time for strategic military reasons and pending their consideration by our other Allies. The present problems in Italy also came under discussion and on this subject the President and the Prime Minister issued the following statement:
"The Italian people freed of their Fascist and Nazi overlordship have in these last twelve months demonstrated their will to be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take a place among the United Nations devoted to principles of peace and justice. We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who are standing for a political rebirth in Italy and are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies. The American and the British people are of course horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that a greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and on their own government will most readily prevent a recurrence of such acts. An increasing measure of control will be gradually handed over to the Italian administration subject of course to that administration's proving that it can maintain law and order and the regular administration of justice. To mark this change the Allied Control Commission will be renamed the Allied Commission. The British High Commissioner in Italy will assume the additional title of Ambassador. The United States Representative in Rome already holds that rank. The Italian Government will be invited to appoint direct representatives to Washington and London. First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the Allied conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commended itself to other members of the Allied Council. At the same time first steps should be taken toward the reconstruction of an Italian economy. An economy laid low under the years of the misrule of Mussolini and ravished by the German policy of vengeful destruction. These steps should be taken primarily as military aims to put the full resources of Italy and the Italian people into the struggle to defeat Germany and Japan. For military reasons we should assist the Italians in the restoration of such power systems, their railways, motor transport roads and other communications as enter into the war situation and for a short time send engineers, technicians and industrial experts into Italy to help them in their own rehabilitation. The application to Italy of the Trading With The Enemy Acts should be modified so as to enable business contacts between Italy and the outside world to be resumed for the benefit of the Italian people.
We all wish to speed the day when the last vestiges of Fascism in Italy will have been wiped out and when the last German will have left Italian soil and when there will be no need of any Allied troops to remain, the day when free elections can be held throughout Italy and when Italy can earn her proper place in the great family of free nations."

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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21 September 1944

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MINUTES

Vice Presidents' Meeting, 1000 hours, 21 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

Present: Captain Ellery W. Stone, Brigadier Lush, Brigadier Upjohn, Mr. Caccia, Mr. Schott, General Staloparov, General de Sevin, Colonel Densmore, Colonel Monfort, Major Quayle.

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2. Mr. Caccia:

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a. Mr. Caccia asked if any light could be thrown on a statement which had appeared in the press to the effect that Italian financiers had been invited to take part in a Monetary Conference in Washington. Captain Stone said that he would have the matter looked into, but that he believed it to be a misunderstanding arising from a reply given to a question of Sig. Bonomi's about Lend-Lease, wherein it was stated that the United States Government were prepared to discuss certain matters with Italian technicians. A/CC

b. Mr. Caccia explained that the Italian Government was recalling the men in foreign posts who in the past had represented Fascism. These representatives were being instructed to stand down pending the arrival of new men to take their place. There would thus be a short period when the country affected would have to be represented by junior officials. This was especially the case in Spain and Portugal. Mr. Caccia presumed that the ACC had no objection to this. It was agreed that there was none.

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3. Mr. Schott:

a. Mr. Schott quoted from what he called an unofficial and preliminary message from American sources whereby AFHQ had approved the transportation in Allied ships of certain relief commodities despatched from the Argentine, with the proviso that the Allied authorities would reduce those supplies entering the Vatican from their own resources to an extent comparable with the amount of supplies brought in from Argentine resources.

The committee felt that this proposal must have been based on a misunderstanding, Colonel Demmers suggesting that it might have arisen from an erroneous belief that these relief stores were actually intended for consumption in the Vatican itself, whereas they are actually for relief of the population of Rome. Mr. Schott undertook to investigate the proposal further.

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b. Brigadier Lush asked if the principle of coordinating relief under British and American Red Cross was to be continued. Captain Stone agreed that it should be so and stated that the coordinating committee set up by the Italian Government and Mr. Myron Taylor was for the purpose of coordinating distribution of relief supplies which would not overlap with the British and American Red Cross.

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iii) The withdrawal of C.C.R. gave him concern for Public Safety, and he asked that a guaranteed minimum could be determined so that he could plan accordingly.
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b. Brigadier Lush told the meeting that the teams for the following Northern regions were in process of being formed:- Liguria, Piedmont, Lombardy, and Venezia. He urged that sub-commissions do not cling to officers doing duty with them pending their posting to forward regions.

6. Colonel Monfort:

Colonel Monfort reported that the group representing ACC at H.Q. A.A.I. would be ready to move early in the coming week, and that a draft directive had been prepared.

7. Colonel Dennore:

Colonel Dennore reported that the High Commissioner in Sicily

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had made an alteration in the price of wheat by way of granting a transport bonus, and the Italian Government was not seeking the approval of ACC on this measure. The matter was under discussion between Economic and Administrative Sections.

Col Densmore

Captain Stone directed that reference be made to the original correspondence which passed on this subject between the Government and General Mason MacFarlane.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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18 September 1944

MINUTES

Vice Presidents' meeting, 1000 hours, 18 September 1944, Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner, Rome.

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1. Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. The Acting Chief Commissioner said that certain figures had appeared in the press purporting to show the Italian rate on Infant Mortality and Tuberculosis. He added that these figures were greatly exaggerated and gave the statistics in support of his statement. Brigadier Upjohn was asked to produce as soon as possible the figure on Infant Mortality for Rome during the month of August.

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b. The Acting Chief Commissioner informed General De Sevin that during a conversation with Signor Bonomi the Italian Prime Minister had told him that owing to the present stage of reconstruction work in Italy, the Italian Government regretted that it was unable to comply with the French request for the recruiting of 2000 workers.

2. Mr. Caccia:

a. Reported that at a recent meeting of the Labour Democrats at Naples the Party had declared that they were Republicans. The Christian Democrats had also held a meeting recently, but refused to commit themselves on the institutional question until the country was liberated and the Party as a whole could decide.

b. San Marino - Our intentions had been to respect the neutrality of San Marino so long as it was similarly respected by the enemy. Our attitude will now probably have to be modified in view of the fact that definite information has been received indicating that enemy forces are using the roads passing through this state. During the period of military occupation AMG has intentions to establish a modified form of military government for a temporary period.

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c. To a query on the question of restoration of further territories to the Italian Government, the Acting Chief Commissioner replied that this matter was under consideration by the military authorities, and that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could be informed of this.

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Pol. Section

d. Mr. Caccia asked if there was any development on the question of elections. Captain Stone replied that the Italian Prime Minister had informed him of the government's decision to hold no elections prior to the end of hostilities, thus conforming with the French Government. At the same time the Government wishes to proceed with the compilation of electoral lists, and to this end suggests that General O'Dwyer's Demographic and Industrial Census be used for the incorporation of this new factor. The matter was referred to the Administrative and Economic Sections for coordinated action.

Brig. Upjohn
Mr. Antolini

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c. Mr. Caccia spoke of the request from members of the Italian Government that they be permitted to visit Northern Italy as soon as it was liberated and Allied Military Government had been set up. Captain [illegible] stated that there was no objection —though this of course depended on the military situation.

When Brigadier Upjohn requested clarification of policy on this point in view of the fact that permission had been granted for Signor Bonomi to visit Florence whereas a similar request from the Minister of Justice had been refused, it was pointed out that the difference lay in that while the Prime Minister was making a governmental visit, that of the Minister of Justice would have been to some extent a Party affair.

f. After a discussion in which Mr. Caccia pointed out the awkwardness of a situation created by the publication in the Italian press (including a PWB controlled paper) of an article which had appeared in the British press concerning the Armistice terms for Italy, it was decided that the matter should be referred to AFHQ.

Pol. Section

3. Mr. Antolini:

a. Mr. Antolini stated that 1500 Italian soldiers now assigned to the Refugees Sub-Commission have been ordered released 1 Sept 44 by AAI, and that he would like to employ them as drivers, etc for 500 trucks promised by G-5, AFHQ by the 15 October 44. The Acting Chief Commissioner agreed to this in principle with the proviso that Mr. Antolini check these facts.

Mr. Antolini

Admin & Eco Sections

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Mr. Antolini

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4. Brigadier Upjohn:

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a. Brigadier Upjohn inquired whether the Allied Control Commission would permit the Italian Government to effect the interchange of judges in Tripoli, as it presented a question of policy. The Acting Chief Commissioner replied that an answer would be given after the next Political Meeting, when the matter would be discussed.

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c. Brigadier Upjohn gave a description of the scenes which took place this morning at the court of justice prior to the Caruso trial down to the time that he left at 0945 Hrs and pointed out the supine performance of the Carabinieri.

5. The Acting Chief Commissioner:

a. Said that with the liberation of Northern Italy becoming imminent, plans were being formulated whereby there would be an ACC Forward Echelon at AAI. Until Colonel Monfort was sufficiently recovered to take it over this Forward Echelon would probably be under

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APPENDIX "A"

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:

Region	Amassing in Quintals: Agric. S/C total estimate Aug 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	994,150	7 Sept	45
2	1,530,000	969,920	7 Sept	63.
Foggia	1,590,000	1,176,626	9 Sept	74
3	350,000	128,801	9 Sept	37
4	1,400,000	1,141,956	4 Sept	81
5 (Including Campobasso)	2,550.000	1,063,357	10 Sept	42
6	430,000	208,392	4 Sept	48
7	280,000	157,629	7 Sept	57
8	1,000,000	1,092,496	6 Sept	109
	11,340,000	6,933,335		61

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Region V (Less Campobasso) 8[illegible],914

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