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Ref: 210/EC.

4 September 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 SEPTEMBER.

Ex C introduced Brig. Parsons, of C-5, AFHQ, to the meeting.

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Leon Sec raised the question of imports of supplies and the control of distribution. Ex C directed them to prepare a draft to AFHQ on this matter, which could be forwarded with the letter regarding General Order No. 11. Owing to the change of administration in Venezia Giulia, many civil servants were out of work, and the Italian Government considered it their responsibility to pay them. At present they had no means of doing so. CA Sec suggested that as there was a shortage of civil servants, employees could be moved to other parts of the country. Brig. Parsons said this was now being considered at AFHQ and promised to press the matter further on /his...

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Brig. Parsons was asked to arrange that XIII Corps G-2 reports be sent to AC.

3. IPOW and Mine Clearance. Ex C had discussed this matter with G-5, AFHQ. Going to the Fielding out of CA Sec, CC considered that IPOW and mine clearance should go over to Land Forces S/C (MIA) on 30 September and CC was sending a letter to Gen. Browning on this.

4. Elections. Polad (E) mentioned what appeared to be an inspired press report from London on the question of elections stating that the Peace Treaty would not be signed until an elected government was in power. This was exactly opposite the view expressed recently to Polad (E) and he was telegraphing to London on the matter. Polad (A) said the U.S. view was that it would be advantageous to have an elected Italian Government sign the Peace Treaty, but no official statement had been made on this.

Col. Denmore observed that we did not seem to be getting any further with the question of the holding of elections because we had failed to get the Italian Government to alter the 1945 law which AC considered was forced in such a way as to involve a truly democratic election. Ex C fully agreed that we had become rather woolly on this subject, and stated that he was preparing a memorandum for CC, with the suggestion that CC should speak on this subject at his political meeting tomorrow.

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2 January 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 8 JANUARY 46.
Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty in England.
1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

- (a) - 1(a). Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government. Brig. Carr confirmed that the Italian Government had given the undertaking in writing.
- (b) - 5. Legislation in Udine. This matter was being dealt with by Legal S/C and CA Sec would pursue it.
- (c) - 6. Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. CSO stated that a reply had been received from AFHQ to the effect that the matter was being taken up with SACMED.
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31 December 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 31 DECEMBER 45.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 3. Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government. Ex C stated that the documents had been signed. Confirmation in writing from the Italian Government was now awaited that Italian troops other than CC.RR would not be allowed within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border.

(b) - 6. New Year Holidays. Ex C confirmed that Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 and 2 January 1946, would be holidays. Each Section should have an officer available on the telephone on these days.

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7. List of AG Liaison Officers. In reply to Poland (a), Ex C stated that 2709 List had been circulated.
8. Police Officers earmarked for Land Forces S/C. In reply to Land Forces S/C, Ex Off (B) stated that the seven police officers earmarked for employment with Land Forces S/C on the handover of the Northern Regions would arrive not later than 12 January 46.
9. Administration - Land Forces S/C. Land Forces S/C had received a directive from AFHQ that Land Forces S/C would come under Allied Commission for G-1 matters instead of RAC. Ex C said this point would be discussed at a later date.

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10. Steel Firm in Naples. Col. Densmore gave a brief account of a steel firm in Naples employing 1400 people which had been derequisitioned by the British Army and which it was proposed to derequisition on 28 December. It was impossible to obtain basic supplies for the factory after that date, which meant the employees would be out of work. The firm had been notified of this and as a result electric motors had been carried away ~~from~~ the factory damaged. Eoon Sec were taking up the matter with the Italian Government urging that some help should be given to this firm. Col. Pennyquick was endeavouring to arrange that some Allied personnel be left there.
11. Food Situation in S. Italy. In answer to Ex C, Col. Walton said the general food situation was not any better. Mr. Cleveland stated that as a result of telegrams sent some ships had been unloaded in December. The whole backlog of wheat and flour would be shipped during January and February but the position would be difficult meanwhile. The Italian Government were fully aware of the position. Ex C said the situation was precarious and unless UNRA shipments were fulfilled 100% the bread ration might be cut in February. He stressed the importance of making the position clear to AFHQ and SACMED, and said this should be done by a DO letter to SAC from the Chief Commissioner. Eoon Sec were directed to submit a draft letter accordingly.
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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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10 December 1945

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Land Forces S/C. (MGA)
Communications S/C.
Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Public Relations Branch
Chief Financial Advisor.

The Executive Commissioner's weekly meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, 11 December 1945 is cancelled.

W. H. Cleary Lt Colonel
for
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner



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5 December 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 Dec 45.1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b) 2. Ex Com referred to the establishment of the Economic Commissioner in the North and said that a cable had been received from AFHQ which the CSO read out to the meeting. Maj objected to any kind of economic groups being set up in Northern Italy. Ex Com said this matter would be discussed with General Hamblen on his visit here tomorrow.

(b) - 4(b). Italian Air Service to London and Paris. Ex Com said he had discussed this matter with Brig. Parsons and instructed CSO to follow up.

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5. Italian/French Frontier. Ex Com stated that ARHQ have laid down that allied troops will be withdrawn from the Italian/French frontier, and that under present arrangements there will be no Italian troops within a fifteen mile radius of the frontier. Ex Com asked IS S/C to let him know what the police strength is in that area. He did not think there were many CC.RR there. In reply to Econ Sec the Ex Com stated that the normal Customs posts would remain on the frontier.

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6. UNRRA Appropriation by US. Eoon Sec reported that a telephone call was made last night from WASHINGTON notifying that the UNRRA Congressional appropriation had not yet been made. This would not affect January loadings but concern was felt that with further delay there would be a gap in supplies sometime early in the new year. Ex Com instructed that all the necessary information should be forwarded to the Embassies and to AFHQ, so that the matter could be taken up with the respective Governments and OCS.
7. Amnesty - MG Court Sentences. Ca Sec said that the proposal for an amnesty had been refused by AFHQ. Ex Com asked the Polads for their views on this subject. Polad (A) said that legal opinion here seemed to indicate that an amnesty was desirable and that this was an old Italian custom. Polad (B) said he rather reluctantly agreed. Ca Sec was requested to submit file on this subject.
8. Expatriation Decree No. 716. Ca. sec reported that the Italian Government had issued this decree without the knowledge of AC, which granted them the power to dismiss Grade V officials and higher, without the right of appeal. Ex Com said that this decree placed the civil servants in the hands of any political leader. He instructed Ca. Sec to bring this decree to the attention of the Polads.
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29 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 NOVEMBER 19451. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

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Economic Section's Memo D.15/ES of 24 November 1945 on above subject is attached as Appendix 4.

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(a) Economic Section (Colonel Wilton) said that great difficulty had been experienced due to the slowness of getting permits for Italian businessmen to travel abroad.

(b) Poland (D) asked whether it would be possible to get permission for a limited Italian Air Service to be established to Paris and London. This would be invaluable.

(c) Both these points will be brought up to Trilateral Persons, C-5 AFHQ on his visit to Allied Commission today.

5. Bolsano Situation.

Executive Commissioner said that the Prefect of Bolzano had put in a good report on the local situation including also proposals for Bolzano autonomy. Reports are studying it, but until the new Italian Government is formed little can be done.

6. Northern Economic Groups.

Economic Section (Mr. Cleveland) had had discussions with various Northern Economic Groups and was definite that it is essential that the Italian Government get into close contact with them. At the moment the groups are controlled by IIR but a post IIR plan should be made and a conference between Government Representatives and the Northern Groups should be considered.

7. Electric Power.

Mr. Cleveland had been under the impression that electric power was one of Italy's minor problems but, in fact, it is now sufficiently grave, due to the increase of the water and a complexity of causes. At the moment, in the North, there is a rationing plan, in the form of an IIR order, which is not entirely satisfactory. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to revise it shortly. The electricity problem is likely to continue until April.

8. Economic Information.

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(a) Executive Commissioner and Colonel Denmore discussed the possibility of a coach service to the North in view of the possibility of future bad flying weather. Colonel Denmore will submit a report.

(b) Advisory Council is stated to be turning in three British Staff cars; Colonel Jones will examine the possibilities.

(c) Colonel Perlin stated that all 40 taxis are being turned in as from today.

13. War Booty.

Economic Section (Colonel Walton) brought up the subject of German funds paid to Italian firms for work never completed. Mr. Cleveland said that this was closely bound up with the whole subject of war booty and is a very high level policy. Any action should be suspended and a memo passed to the Albanians.

14. Italian M.T.

Land Forces Subcommittee requested that Economic Section take up with Transportation Subcommittee the question of the vehicles to be allotted to the Italian Forces.

15. Status of Belluno.

GA Section wished to know whether the take over of Belluno by 13 Corps affected the AM status. Executive Commissioner replied that it would remain under Venetian Region.

16. Public Health Subcommittee.

GA Section enquired as to the position of the Public Health Branch in Venezia Giulia when the Public Health Subcommittee closed down in Allied Commission; Executive Commissioner replied that the problem would not arise until the new WJ was approved, which will be some time; however establishments would watch.

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ECONOMIC SECTIONAppendix "A"

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24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Present Status of URMIT (Ufficio Recupero Materiali Tedeschi)

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. This organization was formed by Commissioner Tremelloni of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (I.R.I.) under the Central Economic Commission of the Committee for National Liberation of North Italy (CENAI) on 17 May 1945 and its functions were confirmed by Colonel Poletti, Regional Commissioner of Lombardy Region, in Regional Order No. 5 of 15 June 1945, which provided that all persons holding materials, machinery, or other property, except war materials, belonging to the German Army or organization depending thereon, should declare the same to URMIT which was to act as custodian and dispose of the same in accordance with AMI instructions. Its activity was extended to other Regions of the North with permission of this Headquarters (letter of Economic Section 8 August, ref: 5.13/ES). Underdate of 7 August a letter was sent to AFHQ asking for approval for URMIT to act as custodian of such materials as had already been taken over subject to military demands, which was agreed.

2. At present URMIT is being absorbed by the ARMR (Azienda Riporti Alie-nazione Residuati) an organization which will replace the Italian State Railways as receiver for Captured Enemy Materials and will operate directly under the Ministry of Transport. The head of ARMR is Ing. Valerio.

3. All materials formerly the property of the Italian Armed Forces are passed to IMRA before being released to URMIT (ARMR) by Allied Commission or No.2 District. Dumps are surveyed jointly by representatives of Captured Enemy Materials Branch and ARMR and are released to the latter on approval from CEM Branch after No. 2 District has removed such materials as are required for Allied Military Use.

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