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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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24 October 1945

Reference: OOI.

Subject : Regional Meeting - 23 Oct 45

To : See Distribution

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Public Safety. Only 6 counterfeit notes were handed in during the month. A suggestion was made to take legal proceedings against people who refuse to surrender voluntarily such counterfeit notes.

Labour. Criticism are made on the new wage agreements, especially as they are done by districts and not by industries. The allegations that all industries had brought their wage levels down to the Fiat basis have proved to be incorrect. These matters have been included in the Monthly Report of the Labour Division.

Local Government. P.Cs have done an excellent job with regard to the groundwork done in respect of the pending elections. Such work should be kept up, and it may be necessary to comment on observations made by Prefects.

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In view of the pending elections, R.C. raised the question as to the population's attitude towards the Monarchy. Replies differed in the various Provinces roughly as follows:

- Asti - The armed forces and police are in favour of the Monarchy but officials are against.
- Vercelli - 50% pro and 50% contra.
- Turin - The majority of the people preferred the Monarchy, but not the King.
- Novara - The majority are against the Monarchy, especially the farmers.
- Cuneo - The majority are in favour of the Monarchy.

RPSO added his own opinion based on a careful study made for some considerable time past: 25% are for and 25% against the Monarchy. The remaining 50% are indifferent, but could be swayed easily one way or the other, influenced by small things.

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HEADQUARTERS ITALIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
AIO 394

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Reference: RII/HQ/C/1/3

Subject : Regional Meeting - 28 July 1945

To : See Distribution

29 July 1945

1. Provincial Commissions

Modena - P.C. Modena reported peaceful demonstrations all over the province, which, because of the uniformity of demands (communal control over SRUAI - alteration in the Menzel's plot) seem to indicate a central control. There has also been a great demand for SRUAI instead of bread. The Regional Food Officer stated that the Italian Government would not approve a grain issue. 42 Sindaci have been appointed and confirmed at Modena, but the Prefecture still lacks senior officials.

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Reggio - Reggio has had a few demonstrations over the results of the elections in Britain. They were peaceful and orderly, and in the opinion of the P.C., just another occasion to celebrate. The operation commissions are still operating and are expected to complete their work within 4 to 6 weeks. All police superintendents, including those selected from the ranks of the partisans, have been demobilized in preparation for the turnover. All CC ER stations are now manned, but a need was expressed for more officers and NCO's. 30 cases of Maltese fever have been reported from Ciano. Greater speed was urged by the P.C. in the matter of confirming death sentences handed down by the People's Courts. It was announced that 24 more Hitler murderers have been condemned to death in Reggio, thus bringing to 29 the number of people who are in the jail awaiting confirmation of sentence. Legal advised that the hold up is with the Italian officials in the Ministry at Rome, who must make an extensive review in all cases.

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Comares - The Regional Comares Officer announced that there will be a meeting of Uffo and Chamber of Comares representatives at this Headquarters on Friday, 3 Aug, at 1415 hours.

Public Safety - The Public Safety situation is reported to be much better. The efficiency of the OC ER especially has been improving, and they have been making many more arrests, even of the partisans, who not too long ago were reported to be subjecting the Carabinieri to disarming and other indignities.

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Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer reported that he had not received requests for certain vehicles on loan to the Region. These were requested as early as possible.

HQ Commandant - To visit Parma, Piacenza, and Modena on Monday, 30 July, to expedite the turning back of 14 vehicles which have been used by the Region. P.O's. were urged to have the cars present, if possible. HQ Commandant also announced that all American HQ returning from the provinces at the time of the turnover can be accommodated at the HQ billets.

Food - The Regional Food Officer announced that the current price of bread will go into effect as of 1 August. A list of current prices has been received, and it should be amended accordingly. However, this is impossible in view of the short time which this headquarters has remaining, and these price changes will have to be effected by the Italian Government. P.O's Piacenza, Parma, Reggio and Modena were asked to notify their SERIALS of a meeting in Milan on 31 July at 1000 hours. This meeting will be held in the offices of the Comandante Intervigente dell'Alimentazione.

3. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

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Reports - The Regional Commissioner announced that all Provincial Commissioners and Heads of Divisions will be required to file two reports:

a. Monthly Report - Due 1 August. To be the same as usual, except that special references will be made to progress made in the preparation of electoral lists as referred to in 12/45/47G dated 11 July from the Local Government Sub-Commission.

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Trips - All trips, other than those of purely business nature, are forbidden until after the turnover.

Closing instructions - Detailed instructions as to closing procedure, disposition of files, etc., are expected from Rome and will be passed to Provinces and Divisions as soon as they are received.

4. Action to be taken

Personnel - The Regional Province Officer will try to locate the June Province instructions from Rome which are alleged to have reached this HQ, but which were not received at 22 HQ.

P.C. Perilousness - To write a letter to the E.O. regarding the wage differences between them. Two provinces and others in northern Italy.

All Heads and P.O's - To give civilian employees as much advance notice as possible of the date when their services will no longer be required.

All P.O's - a. To notify Prefects officially of closing date.
b. To see that POL and coal bids are submitted by 2 Aug.
c. To see that UFFC knows responsibilities and procedure.
Close liaison is urged between Provincial Supply Officers and UFFC officials during these last few days.
d. To include in next monthly report a statement of what they think will happen when AMG withdraws from the area.

Patriote Officer - a. To issue general instructions on the signing of Alexander certificates, giving special attention to Piacenza, where much remains to be done.

b. To advise regarding status of Patriote Officers at time of turnover, including a statement as to what arrangements have been made for their feeding and housing.

P.C. Bologna - To consult with his officers as to the disposition of the Bologna Province from Aug.

Compro - To investigate Methane gas shortage at Piacenza.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

22 July 1945

Reference: XIV/MQ/C/1/3

Subject: Regional Meeting - 24 July 1945

To: See Distribution

1. Provincial Commissioners

Modena - P.C. Modena stated that everything is quiet in that province, at least on the surface, and it is the general opinion that this is merely a period of waiting until the departure of the Allies from the scene. The Prefect is busy confirming Sirdari, and in very short time there will be a steady administration in every commune. Opposition in this work is being encountered from the GIs, who especially resent the reducing of the numbers of GIs to the legal limit.... A parade of Italian soldiers was fired upon by Italians, which resulted in the death of one Italian. An investigation is under way.... The P.C. objected to the sanctions which have recently been imposed upon Modena province by the Regional Economics & Supply Officer as the result of the failure of certain Italian officials to cooperate in the matter of inter-provincial trade. The Regional Commissioner ordered that, although these sanctions had been approved by this Headquarters, they should now be rescinded in view of our short proposed stay, and because of the fact that those who have been responsible for the violations in the past are the very ones who, through black market transactions, stand to profit by the sanction.... The recent order regarding requisitioned vehicles causes a short-ago in Modena, but the Regional Transportation Officer stated that if requisition for requisition had been made prior to 10 July, which had been done in a number of cases, the cars could be retained.... Regarding petrol for clearance work, the P.C. was advised that it was available to the Italian Army through the R.E.O.

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Parli-Pavarna - The P.C. of these two provinces reported resentment over the fact that deserters from the Republican Fascist forces are still being held in prison, while members of the Black Brigades are being released.

Piacenza - The P.C. of Piacenza sought information as to how the personnel of an Italian Navy recruiting unit in Piacenza could draw intensions. He was advised that they were to contact DID.... Information regarding the compensation for members of the GIL was also questioned. It was disclosed that there were 4 members on the board when it was entered Piacenza, and there are now 8, with still more desiring posts. 9,000 lire a month was voted as compensation, and at one time there was a toll established at a bridge over the Po as a means of collecting funds.... It was announced that one Dandini had been arrested as an accessory in the murder of Matteotti in 1924.... There are still quantities of surrendered arms in Piacenza which should be picked up.

Formosa - Nothing of general interest to report.

Roseto-Bellina - P.C. Roseto reported a peaceful week in that province. About one-third of the partisan police have been disbanded, and the remainder will be released by the 23th.

2. Special Divisions

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Displaced Persons - It was announced that the Bologna station is to be used henceforth as a repatriation center for soldiers, and not for refugees. P.O's. were urged not to direct refugees to the Bologna station for processing. A small quota of Austrian refugees may now return here. These people should be sent to the camp at Reggio.

Public Works - A representative of the Public Works Division complained of the slowness with which proposed public works projects are being approved. The Regional Commissioner urged that P.O.'s, check at once to see where the hold-up is taking place.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that 200 trucks will soon arrive in the Region for formation of trucking pools. In response to his query as to where pools were desired, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio and Modena all requested that their provinces receive a quota.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer announced that a letter is being issued by his office describing the operations of UNIC. This agency will be responsible for the handling of all POL and coal bids. Provincial Supply Officers need only screen bids and counsel the Italian officials on proper procedure, etcetera.... It was announced that there is no longer an Allied control over anything but plywood, leather and hemp.

Food - The Regional Food Officer urged that every means be employed to bring to the attention of the Italians the vital necessity of increasing grain and strictly rationing flour. There will be a grain shortage in the area, and 1,300,000 tons are to be imported. But above this there will be none, and unless there is strict control exercised, there will inevitably be a bread famine in the area.

5. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

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Partisan Police - The Regional Commissioner announced that P.O's. should expedite the demobilization of partisan or any other police agents of supplementary nature as soon as possible. It is desired to have the entire public safety situation in the hands of the O.S. RM at the time of the turnover to the Italian Government.

4. Action to be taken

P.C. Forli-Ravenna - To write letter to R.C. regarding the wage differences between these two provinces and the others in northern Italy.

Public Safety - To see that existing stores of surrendered arms and ammunition are picked up before the turnover.

Public Safety and Legal - All Provincial PSO's and Legal Officers are to insure that no AS cases remain untried after the turnover.

Finance - To advise regarding extra payment in lieu of advance notice for AS employees (civilian) at the time of the turnover.

Commerce - To consult Petrosi and OIP with a view to relaxing the blockade on materials which exists between Parma and Reggio provinces.

P.R.C. - To expeditiously 216 Sub-Area re the abandoning of the curfew in Bologna.

All P.C.'s - To see that POL and coal bids for Sept are submitted by 2 August.

P.C.'s or PSO's to complete the signing of all Alexander certificates which are ready for signature before withdrawal from the provinces.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Reference: REM/HC/Q/1/3

15 July 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 14 July 1945

To : See Distribution

1. Abstention - Colonel Thomas, Lt Col Buck, Lt Col Levitt, Major Lammie, Capt Spence, Capt Harbinger, Lt Madab, Lt Ash, Lt Helfetto.

2. Provincial Commissioners

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that numerous difficulties are appearing in the appointment of Sindaci, since Italian law states that certain people cannot hold this post. This is therefore needed to insure that only those eligible have been appointed.

Forlì-Ravenna - The Provincial Commissioner of these two provinces stated that main difficulty is being experienced because civilian mail continues to reach these provinces through AMG channels. This is official mail which was authorized some time ago, but it was agreed by all present, including the Regional Postal Officer, that it should now be directed through the normal civilian postal channels.

Reggio - P.C. Reggio announced that since 2 May deposits in the banks of the provinces have exceeded withdrawals by 700,000,000 lire. Greater compensation was urged for officials of the People's Courts. At a recent trial of 45 collaborators, just as the proceedings were drawing to a close, the judge fainted and a mistrial was declared. It was a very important trial, involving, among others, the former Prefect, and it is the general opinion that the fainting spell was a ruse. 920 alleged collaborators are still being detained in Reggio, and the P.C. desires to not a deadline in these cases, at which time, if no charges have been brought against them, they will be released. Some of the charges are absurd, such as in the case of a woman who merely cooked for the Germans, and many should have been released some time ago.

Forlì-Ravenna - The P.C. of Ferrara reported that nothing has yet been done regarding the vehicles abandoned in the Po. Many individuals wish to salvage some of these vehicles, and the Provincial Commissioner is in favor of letting them do so and have the use of the vehicles for awhile. It was agreed that Autotrasporti should have the use of these vehicles, but nothing has been done as yet, and it is feared that the flood season will arrive before salvage work can be accomplished. The Regional Transportation Officer stated that they should be taken by Autotrasporti, and that the

appearing in the appointment of Barbieri, since Italian law states that certain people cannot hold this post. This is therefore needed to insure that only those eligible have been appointed.

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Piacenza - Trouble is being experienced with the Consorzio Agrario in Piacenza. Pressure is being applied to get rid of certain officials and have a "Consiglio dell'Amministrazione" to govern. The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that they cannot have a Consiglio unless there is an election, and an election cannot be held without shareholders. They therefore must have an appointed Consiglio, and such an official is desired to act as a buffer between the Prefect and Director. The P.A.O. suggested a good Consiglio in the case of Piacenza and urged that he be appointed by the P.C. A private concern submitted a plan to the P.C. for the removal of mines in certain areas, and although the plan seemed to be a good one, there was some doubt expressed as to the manner of payment. The Regional Finance Officer stated that this expense could be met by the province. The plan was handed to the D.R.C.... Regarding suppressed Fascist organizations, the Regional Finance Officer stated that all funds are to be handled by the Intendenti di Finanza.

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Modena-Ferrara - Nothing of general interest to report.

3. Special Divisions

Public Safety - The Regional Public Safety Officer stated that members of the Black Brigade, unless there exists a charge more serious than criminal membership, are to be released in small numbers at a time.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer announced that all coal bids had been rejected because they were not submitted in the proper form. However, 4,000 tons will be received for industrial purposes, which is believed to be all that can be handled with the limited transport which is available.... The handling of demands for certain non-substance materials is being handed over to Italian agencies. In this regard the Commerce Officer stressed the need for Chambers of Commerce to act as advisory bodies, and for UNIO as an executive body. UNIO will have the power to freeze goods for the Italian Government. POL bids will be screened by UNIO and forwarded to this Headquarters.

Public Health - Although it has been rumored that ENDEA is about to be discontinued and that medical supplies will be handled at dockside by the Italian Government, the Regional Public Health Officer stated that we will continue to operate through ENDEA for the time being.... P.C.'s were warned that the Region will soon be receiving hospitalized refugees, and it was urged that every effort be made to insure their proper handling. The Italian Red Cross will be the operating agency in this work.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that no captured German or German-regimented Italian vehicles are to be released. Returned from the provinces were requested in respect of such vehicles which may be being used at present.... It was announced that additional transport has become available from 5th Army, and anyone desiring transport urgently may obtain it by consulting the R.F.O. personally.... The rail transport situation is bad, especially in regard to north-bound trains.

Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that he had received a signal from Rome stating that USDA officials are not to be surprised.... The prices of wheat seed and wool are to be announced in a few days.... P.C.'s were urged to aid in the speedy establishment of Provincial Committees of Agriculture.... It was announced that the CN of Bologna had organized a meeting between representatives of the tenants and representatives of the landlords, at which the Moncalvini pact was discussed. The results were in many cases heartening, and it is expected that there will be a satisfactory understanding reached at another meeting which will be held in the near future.

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4. Comments by the Deputy Regional Commissioner

2 District - The Deputy Regional Commissioner announced that on 15 July No. 2 District will take over from 5th Army. Parma and Piacenza will be affected.

Borrowed civilian vehicles - It was announced that the arrangement whereby civilian vehicles are borrowed for ARS use is unauthorized and must cease. All were urged to hand such vehicles back and obtain a receipt which has been prepared by the Regional Legal Officer. These receipts will be distributed by the R.R.O.

5. Action to be taken

Postal - To consult with R.R.O. re the use of the civilian posts for civilian official mail.

C-1 British - To ascertain if British personnel subject to release cannot take the necessary action locally, instead of being required to report to this Headquarters.

Commerce - a. To consult legal and issue a Regional Order regarding unblocked materials.

b. To bring shortage of transport for Chambers of Commerce to the notice of the Italian Government.

A/Exec Officer - To investigate telephone system and endeavor to improve the service.

All P.O.s - To ascertain if there is escaping from the provinces and notify the Regional Agriculture Officer of their findings.

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HEADQUARTERS MILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 334

Reference: RIV/HQ/2/1/3

Subject : Regional Meeting - 7 July 1945

To : See Distribution

8 July 1945

1. Amendments - Lt MacNab, Lt Ash,
2. Provincial Commissioners

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported considerable dissatisfaction over the Montadria pact. There is considerable unrest at the moment, and demonstrations have occurred in two communes. It was reported to the Provincial Commissioner that in one case the Communists had issued receipts on a 60-40 basis, thus giving recognition to the unauthorized distribution, but the Regional Agriculture Officer stated that he had investigated and found no substantiation to this report. He further stated that differences arising from the Montadria can no longer be considered Agriculture problems, since the pact must remain in its present state and it is consequently the responsibility of the Civil Affairs Section to keep it so. The Regional Labor Director has gone to Rome to confer with the Ministry of Agriculture in an effort to obtain a more detailed explanation of the pact, which at present permits of too many interpretations. The Inspector of Agriculture is preparing a list of landowners who have fled from their homes through fear occasioned by differences with tenants over this pact.... It was announced that a maximum of 2000 permits have been authorized for vehicles of all types in the province of Bologna.

Forli-Savignano - The Provincial Commissioner of these two provinces reported interest in the recent appeals for labor battalions to work in East Africa. No official word has yet been received at this Headquarters, and the policy will continue to be the same as heretofore, i.e., applications will be accepted, but no assurances given until the situation is clarified.... Inquiring as to how a check might be made on stolen military petrol, the P.C. was told that no effective check could be made, as both military petrol and that for civilian use are the same. Persons who are not entitled to coupons can, of course, be brought to task for the possession of petrol, but those who have coupons can always say, unless the amount is excessive, that the petrol was obtained legally.

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Modena - P.C. Modena reported disagreements over the Mezzadria pact similar to those reported by Bologna.... No murders or disappearances have been reported in this province during the week. Six people have been arrested in connection with a murder case, and this is expected to have a good effect.... There is considerable agitation over the People's Court in Modena, arising from an article in the Communist newspaper which accused the judges of being ex-Fascists and the prosecutors of sympathetic leniency. As a result, the judges and prosecutors submitted their resignations, but were ordered to carry on until replacements have been found. Although they will remain in

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officer, it is now felt that fear for their personal safety might prompt them to pass sentences which will be too severe. Cases of intimidation are common in Molam, affecting nearly every officerholder including the Prefect, who is actually a crony of men but hampered by the lack of career officials on his staff.... Unemployment is causing considerable unrest, and the P.C. requested that every effort be made to reactivate industry in his province. The principal difficulty in this regard lies in the extreme shortage of coal for the Picozon.... P.O. Molam complained that the P.C. allotment for the province is insufficient. His P.S.O. presented an indent which had been cut to the minimum, but this was out an additional 20% in the eventual allocation. The Regional Commerce Officer outlined the proper procedure to be followed, but disclaimed any responsibility for the actions of Potosi in filling the demands.... The Regional Director of Supply Officer stated that agricultural demands for P.O. may be made as supplementary duty, and it is felt that they will be filled.

Puma - P.C. Puma reported a large but orderly demonstration on 6 July, ostensibly against the price and quality of bread.... Regarding salaries for bank workers, the Provincial Commissioner stated that he had received information that increases were being effected retroactive to 1 Jan, and requested official confirmation of this. The Regional Labor Officer stated that he had received the same information, and if the banks were agreeable, the increases would be authorized.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara asked about the handling back of shotguns. The Regional Public Safety Officer is of the opinion that very few were handed in, but agreed to consult 5th and 8th Armies in the matter.... It is desired to reactivate the Barracks at Bordon, which normally employs about 400 people and is at present reduced to 12. There is much work to be done in the area by this agency.... The CEN in Ferrara submitted a request to form an arbitration commission to operate between landowners and tenants. The formality of forwarding the request was observed by the P.C.

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Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer announced that 120 trucks have been made available to the Region for formation of trucking pools.

Patriots - Regarding AMT, the Regional Patriots Officer read a reply from the Patriots Branch, Local Government Sub-Commission, HQ A.C., to a letter written by the former Regional Commissioner in which he objected strongly to the paragraph in the original decree relating to collection of funds. It was agreed by all present that the reply did not answer the question, since it stated that the Association merely has the right to accept contributions, not the right to ask. This does not preclude the probability that solicitation will be made, as it has in the past, by force. A further interesting observation on the part of some of the P.C's. is that many heads of this organization in the provinces are rogues, some of whom are suspected of murder.

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Displaced Persons - The flow of refugees continues, both from the north and south, and is being handled satisfactorily in most cases, although those from the south have caused a problem at Rimini, where, far from accepting their movement, the CIC is reported to be detaining and fining them for travelling on ND vehicles. P.C. Forli will investigate this case.... Regarding refugees and returning workers from Germany who are detained at Bolzano, it was reported by the Regional Welfare Officer that there is no truth to the rumors that conditions are poor at that camp. A delegation from the Italian Red Cross recently visited this camp and found conditions to be satisfactory. There is adequate medical attention, sufficient food, and transportation is receiving attention. It was pointed out that it is not the responsibility of provinces, communes or individuals at this end to send to this camp for returning refugees.

Food - The Regional Food Officer reported a general dissatisfaction over the 9% bread. Sopral has asked for 3%, with a smaller bread ration, and this request has gone to A.C. HQ.... The price of bread must be raised, and in this connection the Food Officer requested that he be supplied with figures on baking and milling costs in the various provinces.... It was reported that meat and butter are being consumed now which will be needed during the winter. Refrigeration facilities are available, and every effort should be made to direct meat to those units for preservation. At present a great deal is finding its way to the black market.

Labor - The Regional Labor Officer urged that a close watch be kept on the Camera del Lavoro. They are suspected of being behind many of the recent demonstrations, although they pretend to agree and cooperate with Allied representatives whenever they meet. It was urged that Provincial Labor offices be given utmost cooperation.

Public Works - The Public Works Officer urged that any anticipated public works projects be submitted as soon as possible in order that they might be processed before the turnover.... Regarding the Boni-erster decree recently received, it was disclosed that the Ministry of Public Works has the power to fill craters on private land if a health hazard exists. Owners may fill in their own craters, after having given notice to the Genio Civile, and the Ministry will repay one-third of the cost. In this regard, a tenant may act for the owner if his lease is in order.

Agriculture - Prices must be raised on meat, milk, rice and pigs. It is appreciated that such action on our part will not be favorably received because demonstrations are common over prices at present. It will, however, insure that these items go to ration card holders, and not to those who can afford to purchase the black market.... Potatoes are being lifted prematurely as a precaution against rotting which might be occasioned by a heavy rain. They will all be placed on the market at once in an effort to keep the prices stable.

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Public Safety - Regarding the shortage of CC RR, the Regional Public Safety Officer announced that the ceiling for all of Italy was recently raised to 65,000. This means that Emilia Region may expect approximately 300 additional agents, when and if they become available. In the meantime, plans are progressing for the establishment of mobile units of CC RR, one of which is expected to be stationed at Bologna. There will be about 500 Carabinieri in this unit, equipped with 12 armored vehicles.

Commerce & Supply - Regarding prices, the Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that Rome fixes producer prices, while the provinces should fix retail prices which are consistent with local conditions.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer stated that much of the difficulty experienced in obtaining POL is the fault of the Provincial Supply Officers. Bids are not being received here in time (the 2nd of the month for the next month's allotment), and in the case of POL for agricultural purposes, bids are often inadequate.... Regarding coal, it was announced that the supply is limited to what can be transported here by rail from Ancona. More liberal allocations can be expected if requests are based on individual requirements of the factories.

Public Health - The Regional Public Health Officer stated that reports of typhoid and para-typhoid fever outbreaks are often exaggerated, since they seldom indicate a true element. It was urged that any report of disease or epidemic indicate the number of cases reported or diagnosed within a certain length of time.... Provincial Commissioners were asked to urge their P.C.'s to give preference to requests for PCL etc., for use in ambulances.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Personnel - The Regional Commissioner mentioned the meeting by announcing the following regional and provincial appointments:

Lt Col Radice	- P.C. Bologna
Lt Col Walters	- P.C. Modena
Major Larrus	- Executive Officer, HQ
Major Young	- P.C. Reggio
Major Burbury	- P.C. Forlì-Ravenna
Captain Dadds	- Reg'l Transportation Officer

All present were urged to continue the good work in what appears to be the "hone stretch", giving particular attention to provincial administration in preparation for the turnover to the Italian Government.

Local Government - The Regional Commissioner announced that on 9 July Captain Overingham, representing the Local Government Sub-Commission, is expected to arrive on a tour of inspection. He will be interested in progress made in the preparation of electoral lists, and in the smoothness with which provincial administration is functioning. Provincial Commissioners were urged to give him every assistance. P.C's. were reminded that a list of all Sindaco and giunta appointed by Prefectural Decree is required at this Headquarters by 10 July. It was pointed out that under the circumstances, Provincial Commissioners may make appointments of Commissari, where necessary. To aid in the selection of Commissari, a memorandum outlining their responsibilities and some of the qualifications they should have was handed to the P.C's. by the Regional Legal Officer.

Newsprintery - The Regional Commissioner stated that once a newspaper has been approved by the Allied Publications Board it is not within the province of Provincial Commissioners to suspend operations.

Release of personnel - Regarding the readjustment of Officer Military personnel, the Regional Commissioner announced that British officers are designated as being eligible for release on certain dates, and this schedule must be observed. American officers, on the other hand, may not be released until declared non-essential. All American officers in the Region must be declared essential at the moment, but the R.C. has recommended in the cases

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 Captain Dadda - Reg'l Transportation Officer

All present were urged to continue the good work in what appears to be the "honeymoon", giving particular attention to provincial administration in preparation for the turnover to the Italian Government.

Local Government - The Regional Commissioner announced that on 9 July Captain Cunningham, representing the Local Government Sub-Commission, is expected to arrive on a tour of inspection. He will be interested in progress made in the preparation of electoral lists, and in the smoothness with which provincial administration is functioning. Provincial Commissioners were urged to give him every assistance. P.O's. were reminded that a list of all Sindaco and giunto appointed by Prefectural decree is required at this Headquarters by 10 July. It was pointed out that under the circumstances, Provincial Commissioners may make appointments of Consiglieri, where necessary. To aid in the selection of Consiglieri, a memorandum outlining their responsibilities and some of the qualifications they should have was handed to the P.O's. by the Regional Legal Officer.

Newspapers - The Regional Commissioner stated that once a newspaper has been approved by the Allied Publications Board it is not within the province of Provincial Commissioners to suspend operations.

Release of personnel - Regarding the readjustment of Officer Military personnel, the Regional Commissioner announced that British officers are designated as being eligible for release on certain dates, and this schedule must be observed. American officers, on the other hand, may not be released until declared non-essential. All American officers in the Region must be declared essential at the moment, but the R.C. has recommended in the cases of all those who have sufficient points for release, that they be declared non-essential when Emilia Region is dissolved.

Winter Line - The Regional Commissioner announced that it is his intention to recommend at Rome that a civilian commission be set up to administer approximately 37 barracks which were devastated during the winter along what is known as the "Winter Line". The damage in some of these barracks approaches that at Cassino, and it is deemed necessary to establish a commission which will concern itself with temporary repairs, housing, and long-term mine clearance work.

5. Action to be taken

P.C. Modena - To write a letter recommending the suspension of one of his newspapers.

P.C. - To provide EM/OR replacements for Parma, if possible.

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Public Safety - a. To contact 5th and 8th Armies regarding availability of returning shotguns to responsible persons.
b. To confer with Legal regarding action to be taken in release of members of Black Brigade who are at present being held in prisons.

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LOMBARDIA Region
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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that in his opinion too little emphasis was given in the paper to the importance of the early return of ITALY to normal relations with other countries which was so desirable for the rehabilitation of ITALY. He was also opposed to leaving skeleton A.C. teams in territory that had been handed back to the Italian Government. He thought that the retention of Allied officers in the field, once their authority had been taken away from them, was a mistake. Considerable discussion took place on this point, Regional Commissioners LIGURIA and VENETIE Regions being opposed to Colonel POLAKOFF's views. Both the Chief Commissioner and the Executive Commissioner were of the opinion that the A.C. Liaison Officers had proved useful in the past and that their presence in ITALY during the election period would be beneficial.

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The Chief Commissioner stated that 1 September 1945 had been fixed as the probable date for the withdrawal of A.M.C. in Italy, except for VENEZIA GIULIA and possibly the BOLZANO area. Regional Commissioners agreed that it was a satisfactory date.

2. Italian Elections.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and Director, Local Government Sub-Commission outlined the preparations necessary for the holding of local government elections, following which Chief Commissioner took the views of the Regional Commissioners on the date on which the preparation of electoral lists could be started. Chief Commissioner announced later in the meeting that he had decided that the work should be started on 15 July.

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All
Regional
Commissioners

The Italian Government held a meeting on 26 June, at which it was agreed that it was impossible to move these offices down at once, through lack of transport and space.

Civil
Affairs Sec.

It was agreed that the archives would have to stay in the North until space became available in ROME.

The Chief Commissioner ruled that there should be no independent action by Ministries and that the move of offices and archives must be a planned operation.

4. Italian/.....

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1. Italian Decrees.

Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region, drew the attention of the meeting to the publication of a decree authorizing the establishment of the National Association of patriots, to be supported by voluntary contributions.

He maintained that contributions would probably be made at the point of a gun. The Chief Commissioner directed that a memorandum be submitted to him on the subject.

Civil
Affairs Sec.

A discussion took place on the implementation of decrees which had affected Northern Regions and it was agreed to give Regional Commissioners notice of intention to implement them so that they would have an opportunity of objecting.

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Discussion followed on the Coal Allocation Board set up in MILAN as a temporary measure. Executive Commissioner said that there seemed to be some divergence of opinion as to recent decisions of the Board and he instructed Colonel EVANS to see that a thorough overhaul was made of its composition.

Regional Commissioner, ICA/RDL Region, outlined a scheme which he thought should be adopted as an interim measure until the Industrial Coordination Board was set up. He said that in the North there were twenty-three committees which represented each of the main industries in the five Northern Regions. Commissioner should be appointed as head of each of these committees and one official nominated to coordinate the work of the committees. The Committees were composed of the best men available in the Northern industries and their functions were much the same as those of the proposed sub-boards of the Industrial Coordination Board. Regional Commissioner emphasized that they would work under the direction of ALB/AC.

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Economic Section was ascertaining what other forms of
employment were available in commerce, agriculture and relief
schemes.

The present unemployment insurance scheme was inefficient
and the Italian Government had been pressed to make some improve-
ment. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, gave in detail the
improved rates of unemployment pay and family allowances. Unemploy-
ment pay would be 50 lire per day instead of 9 lire. Once surplus
labour had been drained off industry it must not be allowed to return.

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Regional Commissioner, VALDIELA REGION, said that it had been wrongly reported in the press that wage increases had been made. Increases were excessive, 150 lire per day or more on a basic wage of 95 lire and some were retrospective to 1 January 1945.

Executive Commissioner said that there must be no unilateral action and no notice of wage adjustments should be allowed to appear in the press without JEF sanction. The question would be discussed in committee the following day.

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Chief Financial Advisor asked how it was proposed to dispose of surplus workers with firms which had swollen pay rolls. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, said that the specialist officers concerned with alternative sources of employment should endeavour to get workers transferred.

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VALDIELA
Region

Executive Commissioner directed Regional Commissioner, VALDIELA REGION, to submit a memorandum on his proposal that the limit of the amount to be approved by the Regional Commissioner for public works should be increased from 1,000,000 to 5,000,000 lire.

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14. Compensation Leave.

In reply to a question by Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, Executive Officer (A) said there was very little chance of compensation leave being granted to American officers. The grounds for granting compensation to leave for British officers were also very stringent.

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15. Local Leave.

Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, asked if leave could be granted to officers and W/O's in the Region.

The Executive Commissioner said he was prepared to leave it to the discretion of Regional Commissioners. The entitlement was 30 days per annum for American personnel and seven days every six months for British personnel.

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Commissioners
Rehab Sec

16. Promotions/...

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Regional Commissioner, ICHBARDL Region, raised the question of promotion. Executive Officer (A) replied that all promotions on the American side were frozen by HVOUS..

17. Entertainment of members of GIN in Allied Nations.

Regional Commissioner, ICHBARDL Region, raised the problem of the entertainment of members of the GIN in Allied Provisional Nations and urged that an allowance be made. The Executive Commissioner said he would discuss this with the GIN.

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1. Absentees - Lt MacNabb, Lt Ash.2. Provincial Commissioners

Bologna - P.C. Bologna stated that he favored discontinuance of the curfew regulations in Bologna, and requested the views of Public Safety and of the other P.C.'s. The Regional Commissioner stated that as far as Army is concerned, the curfew regulations ceased to exist long ago, but that power to enforce curfew rules was left with Areas and local military commanders. The Regional Public Safety Officer stated that he favored continuance, since it afforded an excellent excuse to stop both civilians and military personnel, who might be guilty of other offences which would then be discovered. The R.C. announced that there would be no Regional ruling, but that Provincial Commissioners might act on behalf of their provinces, after having considered the question from the Public Safety angle, and after consultation with military units in their respective areas..... Regarding the position of the Eparation Commission acting upon the question of blocked accounts, P.C. Bologna was advised by the Regional Finance Officer that the Commission has no such authority. These decisions are reserved for the Provincial Finance Officer..... The posting of General Order No. 40 raised a question in Bologna, since there is no provision therein for grain to be sold to the so-called "transient agricultural class", who previously have always had the right to buy grain and do their own milling. The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that any exclusion of such classes in General Order 40 is intentional, and that Rome has advised that anyone not specifically covered by the Decree must have a ration card..... The recent census of vehicle needs in Bologna Province reveals that there are 3,260 vehicles, in eight categories, which are considered essential to the proper administration of the province. P.C. Bologna stated that the PGL allotment for the province is insufficient to take care of such a number of extra vehicles. The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that cars should not be licensed according to classes, and further that no vehicle which is, or ever has been, converted for operation on methane gas, can receive an allocation of PGL. There is sufficient methane gas now, and vehicles must either use it or they may not be licensed..... It is the opinion of P.C. Bologna that the shortage of Provincial Officers in Bologna Province renders impossible a strict adherence to General Order No. 29, in which it is stated that declarations of stocks and supplies must be made to "the officer in control or an agency designated by him". P.C. Bologna requested that this order be revised to permit designation by other officers, especially P.C.'s. The Regional Commissioner directed that Provincial Commissioners cause Italian agencies to be designated pursuant to the order and that, in the case of grain, this agency always be the Consorzio Agrario.

Modena - P.C. Modena inquired as to the possibility of appealing decisions which might be made by the Eparation Commissions under General Order No. 35. The

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Regional Legal Officer stated that the findings of the Expiration Commission acting under General Order 35 are not judgments, but merely suspensions. The "judgment", properly so called, is pronounced from Rome under D.L. 159, under which a prisoner does have the right to appeal. But these proceedings in effect provide a "second hearing", not unlike an appeal from a practical standpoint.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio stated that the phrase "... those who have collaborated in any way" as used in General Order No. 35, is too inclusive. The Regional Legal Officer urged that the Commission familiarize themselves with the instructions which were issued to them. This question is specifically answered in these instructions, as are many others which reach his office through the mails..... P.C. Reggio was told that his request for additional N.C.O's, in the CC RR is unlikely to be filled at the present time..... The removal from the province of Reggio-Emilia of a Communist leader who is a disturbing element was requested by the P.C. Reggio. The matter is delicate, but it is believed that sufficient evidence can be produced to persuade Army to take action against the man, as a menace to public security.

Parma - Refugees bound for La Spezia are presenting a problem in Parma, and the P.C. is anxious to have them sorted. The Displaced Persons Officer advised that the 600 at present in Parma should be returned to the Refugee Camp at Modena for processing and transportation..... P.C. Parma reported that there is considerable interest in Parma in the Boy Scout movement, and requested a visit from the Regional Education Officer for aid and instruction regarding the formation of units.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza asked for advice regarding the halting and searching of a train bound for Genoa, which civilians are using to transport large quantities of foodstuffs from Piacenza. Both Public Safety and Legal Divisions stated that the search can be made, and legally, under Proclamation No. 1. During the week 300 people gathered in the square at Piacenza and staged an orderly demonstration for higher wages. P.C. Piacenza has submitted a request for an adjustment in wages to the Regional Labor Office. For information only, it was stated by the Asst. Regional Labor Officer that private wages could be adjusted to the Bologna level, i.e., 150, 165 and 180 lire per day for unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers respectively, by the Provincial Commissioners themselves. This information is verbal, allegedly received by the Regional Labor Officer, and the Regional Commissioner cautioned that no such adjustments should be made until written confirmation is received..... P.C. Piacenza read a letter received from a citizen embodying congratulations on the work of AMG to date, a few constructive criticisms and the wish that our stay here would be long and happy.

Forli - P.C. Forli stated that it is the opinion in that province that EMAC transportation rates are too high. He desires to lower the rates, inasmuch as General Order No. 42, in which they are set forth, does not apply in that province. The Regional Transportation Officer stated that, according to a telegram from A.C. Headquarters, these rates are to apply in all of Italy. The Regional Commissioner stated that the EMAC rates are maxima, and the Provincial Commissioner may establish rates 25% less unless he receives contrary instructions from the Regional Transportation Officer..... It was disclosed that the Sindaci of 50 communes in Forli province had met, and as a result of some discussions, road-blocks appeared in three towns. The Regional Road Officer stated that free movement is

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now permitted except in the cases of certain specified items. Road blocks may be set up, but this should not be done on a central level, and Provincial Commissioners should keep a close check to avoid abuse.

Ravenna - P.O. Ravenna was advised that the present laws governing the distribution of crop proceeds ("Menzadria") must apply until the Italian government declares otherwise. The basis of division may not be altered on a provincial or central level.

Ferrara - P.O. Ferrara asked if German prisoners could be used in mine clearance work. The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that it is one of the conditions of the surrender that they must give the locations of mine-fields and aid in collection.... Regarding the price to be paid for stocks of grain which were withheld from the last annual, the P.O. was advised by the Regional Agriculture Officer that the farmers stood to gain by surrendering it now, since the new price of 750 lire applies to any grain handed in after 13 June.... P.O. Ferrara was advised that any vehicles abandoned by the enemy at the Po in "L.G. territory" are controlled by the War Disposal Sub-Commission.... The Provincial Commissioner asked that an engineer officer visit Ferrara for a few days to study the public works problems in the province.... The Beneficio at Ferrara are hampered by lack of coal, petrol and diesel oil. The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that the province received 500 tons of coal per month, from which the needs of Beneficio should be met. The Regional Commerce Officer stated that he felt that requests for petrol and diesel oil would be favorably considered by Petasec, in view of the possible malaria hazard which exists in the present flooded areas.... The Provincial Commissioner of Ferrara stated that Consiglieri were still needed, but was told that the positions would probably have to be filled locally, since the central Government is slow in filling requests for officials, and the personal history of one who did arrive recently indicates that the screening in Rome leaves much to be desired.

3. Special Divisions

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer handed an outline of a proposed salvage scheme to the Provincial Commissioners and invited their criticisms. A revised plan will result which is hoped to facilitate the gathering of immense quantities of scrap materials at present in the Region.

Food - Regarding the much-discussed grain surplus in Ravenna, the Regional Food Officer stated that 3,000 quintals in an inaccessible spot is to be distributed. All other remaining grain is to come to Bologna Province, where it is badly needed. A great deal has already been shipped out of the Region.... Inter-provincial trade has been encouraged in the Region, but it was announced that both the Food Sub-Commission and 5th Army have ordered the export of certain commodities. At present this order affects meat in Parma and tomato paste in Piacenza.... Due to pressure of work and the shortage of personnel in the Food Division, communications from the Food Commissioner (Italian) to provincial civilian officials will be sent direct. Close liaison is therefore urged between Provincial Food Officers and Special officials.

Education - The University of Bologna is operating. The University of Modena was opened by the Regional Commissioner last Monday.

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Public Safety - The Regional Public Safety Officer stated that when CC RH are shifted from one command or province to another, it must be expected that those received may not be of the best quality.

Displaced Persons - Medical supplies have been ordered for use in the Refugee Camps.

Red Cross - The representative of the American Red Cross requested tires for the use of the Italian Red Cross.

Patriots - The Regional Patriots Officer stated that General Cadorna had issued a decree ordering the dispersal of all Patriots forthwith.

Agriculture - The Regional Agriculture Officer stated that owners of threshing machines in Bologna had received orders to turn them over to the workers. It was further stated that the CLN is issuing many such orders, but it has never been possible to find the actual signers.

Telecommunications - The Regional Telecommunications Officer stated that all German telephone equipment is controlled by Army, and should not be touched.

Postal - The Regional Postal Officer announced that postal rates will be the same as those in the south as of 1 July.

Economics & Supply - The Regional Economics & Supply Officer announced that his Division had taken action against the province of Modena in an effort to end the insular activities of civilian economic agencies in that province. It was announced that the Prefects and Special agents of the entire Region convened at this Headquarters two weeks ago and had the position of AMG explained clearly to them. At this meeting there was considerable protest on the part of the Italian officials, but it was felt that all departed with a clear understanding of the position and intention of the Economics & Supply Division of this Headquarters. Modena, however, has repeatedly failed to cooperate in any plan of inter-provincial mutual assistance. It has been learned that this province has been dealing directly, on an exchange basis, with Turin and Milan; that a warehouse which should contain 20,000 quintals of grain actually is empty; that considerable export of pigs and cattle has been taking place; and that sellers have paid no heed to price instructions. A directive has therefore been issued by the Economics & Supply Division which will cancel the allotment of soap, olive oil, rice, copper-sulphate, fertilizers, binder twine and insecticides immediately, and supplies of POL as of 25 June. Decision as to the allocations for July is reserved by the E. & S. Division. It is further stated that if instructions from unauthorized sources continue to be followed, upon those agencies will rest the responsibility if the province does not receive its allotment of imported articles. Objections were raised by certain Heads of Divisions, who stated that the plan would affect their work, but it was generally agreed that this action should prove effective. The Regional Commissioner agreed that the prosecution of the plan may have an occasional regrettable consequence, but it is just such consequences which are expected to strengthen our hand. It is not proposed to punish the majority for the actions of a minority, but it is felt that when this action has been publicized, the majority will demand and receive from the few who are responsible a more loyal and democratic representation.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Administration - The Regional Commissioner prefaced the meeting with a few remarks regarding provincial administration, and expressed the hope that each provincial Commissioner would endeavor to have everything functioning smoothly in preparation for the handover to the Italian Government. It is regretted that there are many Sindaci in office in some of the communes who have not been properly appointed by Prefetti reggenti, but this is not surprising in view of the skeleton crew of Provincial Officers who have been at work in the provinces. A board has been set up in the office of the Regional Commissioner with the names of all of the most important civilian officials. P.O.'s were asked to check this roster, and keep it up-to-date each week by submitting the names of any newly-appointed officials or replacements.

Electoral lists - The Regional Commissioner announced that electoral list material and instructions to Prefetti have been sent to the provinces. It is the responsibility of ME to distribute this material to the communes, but the Prefect is charged with any action required on the lists themselves.

Reports - Monthly reports for June will be brought to the Regional Meeting on Sat., 30 June. Sitings for this week will not be required. P.O.'s. will also bring their efficiency report forms on American Officers to this meeting.

Communal elections - The Regional Commissioner announced that he had received a letter from the Civil Affairs Section, A.C. HQ, pointing out that elections are forbidden in ME territory. The letter was occasioned by the publicity which was given an election held in the commune of Montiano, province of Forlì. In this case the choice of the CLC and the result of the election were in favor of the same individual, and whereas the official appeared to have been elected to office, he was, in fact, duly appointed to office, in conformity with ME instructions in such matters. P.O.'s. were warned, however, that elections are not to be held while territory is still under Allied Military Government.

Mine Clearance - It has come to the attention of the Regional Commissioner that the Mine Clearance squads have been establishing their priorities according to the private compensation which they can extract from individuals. P.O.'s. were warned that such cases are to be reported immediately to Public Safety.

Transport - Cases have been reported of civilian drivers taking advantage of their position by using transport for their own personal business or pleasure. The Regional Commissioner reiterated that Heads of Divisions are responsible for the cars assigned to their Divisions and announced that he is instituting a check-up campaign in an effort to curb this offense.

5. Action to be taken

- a. All P.O.'s. (i) To bring their monthly reports for June to the Regional meeting on 30 June.
- (ii) To bring efficiency reports on American officers to Regional Meeting on 30 June.

- b. Public Works - To send officer to Ferrara

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c. Commerce - During the next month to ascertain the amount of petrol drawn from OIP by Regional civilian transport, in an effort to check up on the black market, which is allegedly selling petrol for a lower price than OIP.

d. Food - (i) To confer with P.C. Bologna regarding the revision of the stock declaration decree.

(ii) To prepare a proposal for control of movement of foodstuffs, which will be discussed at a later meeting.

e. Transportation - To acquaint Transportation Sub-Commission with the unpopularity of Auto rates in Forli, and request permission to lower the rates in that province alone by 25 per-cent.

f. Agriculture - To issue an interpretation of "producer" as referred to in agricultural decrees and orders, there appearing to be some doubt as to whether the owner of the farm or the actual tiller of the soil is intended to be designated.

g. Displaced Persons - To confer with Mr. Gamble, British Red Cross, regarding the decree on Refugees which was issued by the Vice-Prefect of Bologna.

h. Legal-Postal - To confer regarding the necessity of provincial orders in the adjustment of postal rates.

i. Executive Officer - To clarify the position in respect of the duties of the deputazioni and giunta regarding the establishment of electoral commissions, and the compilation of electoral lists.

j. Public Safety - To obtain the 50 uniforms which have been allotted to the CC RR of the Region.

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Deputy Executive Committee
H.A.C.

Reference: RED/HE/C/1/3

18 June 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 16 June 1945

To : See Distribution

1. Visitors

Major Reakes - Mine Clearance
Capt Cunningham - Local Government S/O

2. Absentees

Capt Pinson, Lt Molfetto, Lt Ash

3. Reports from the Provinces

Bologna - P.C. Bologna emphasized the seriousness of the question of grain being moved from Ravenna to Bologna. Stocks in Bologna are running low, and are not expected to extend beyond the end of June. The Regional Food Officer announced that the movement of grain to Bologna is anticipated in a plan which is expected to be operating shortly..... Objection was raised to the plan used by Petsoo, wherein deductions for the current month are made in POL requests, based upon the availability of methane gas. It was pointed out that such an arrangement disrupts the plans of the provincial offices, and seriously reduces an already meagre POL allotment. P.C. Bologna also pointed out that in the allocations, Petsoo appear to be ignorant of the fact that many organizations and agencies are operating on a Regional basis, even though they may draw from one province. The amount of POL allocated to such agencies is sufficient to permit operations within a province, but precludes any possibility of operating on a regional scale. It was pointed out that the carrying of shotguns is forbidden. The excuse that the bearers are supplying food is often used, but it has been found that this is often not true in fact.....P.C. Bologna urged closer supervision and censorship on the part of FWB, stating that a radio talk recently had been quite critical of the People's Courts, and a recent newspaper item regarding the Italian prisoners at Bolzano, though probably exaggerated, had painted a lamentable picture of conditions there.

Modena - P.C. Modena announced that he had recently sent to Reggio-Emilia for a release of cement, and the cement works had notified that the CIL had ruled that none was to be released to the Bologna area.

Parma - P.C. Parma again requested serious consideration be given to the question of removing ammunition to a place of safety. During the week an explosion occurred in Parma which injured 39 people, one fatally. The D.R.C. stated that military authorities will pay no heed to requests for removal unless they are accompanied by information stating the type and amount of ammunition, together with the exact location. The present problem is that the ammunition, not only in Parma but throughout the Region, is scattered over the countryside, and can even be found in places which are inaccessible to motor transport. D.R.C. will again

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approach the military authorities regarding this hazard.... Parma is anxious to have service restored on the La Spezia - Parma railway. The P.C. was advised that the Military Railway Service in Rome must be approached in this matter.... P.C. Parma stated that the article of the Regional Agriculture Officer regarding interference of the GIN had been published in the paper at Parma, but nothing in the nature of an order had been published for fear it might not be uniform with any which might appear in other provinces.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio advised that he favored the stationing of Italian Army garrisons in his province. It is his belief that, with the withdrawal of Allied troops, their presence would provide a desired steadying effect.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza inquired regarding the military cost of living bonus and was advised that a bonus of 50% was applicable as from 1 June.... He also stated that various agencies, especially agricultural, were receiving instructions from Milan. The Regional Commissioner advised that there is to be no change in our policy in this regard, i.e., such communications are to be ignored unless it can be ascertained that they emanated from the recognized government which might be operating in Milan. Anything which proves to be activated by the GIN is to be ignored completely.... Trucks have been stopped in Piacenza and the drivers found to be in possession of passes authorizing them to transport calves from Reggio-Emilia or Parma to Milan. It was ruled that the P.C. should be as obstructive as possible in such cases.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna presented an application for the reactivation of a bus line in his province and was advised to present it to the Transportation Division for their action.... It was announced that the Bishop of Faenza had applied for permission to resume publication of his diocesan organ, and the P.C. was advised that, like all publications, this must be cleared with the Allied Publications Board.

Forli - Nothing to report.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara produced two newspapers which had been picked up in Ferrara and questioned their authority. The Regional Commissioner advised that all questions dealing with publications could be answered by Mr. Ellison, PWD Unit No. 15, APO 512.

4. Special Divisions

Public Works - The Bologna water supply will be increased by approximately 10-15% within the next few days, and by an additional 10% within another fortnight. Wire which is badly needed in reactivating the works has been found.

Executive Officer - Asked P.C.'s. to designate one officer on their teams as Autotrasporti Officer in an effort to coordinate the operations of this section. At present conflicting reports are received from various sources regarding the whereabouts or mission of a vehicle, and it is deemed desirable to have one officer in each provincial headquarters who will check on through on the individual requests and see that trucks are used for the proper purpose.

Economics & Supply - The Regional Economics & Supply Officer stated that the Price Advisory Boards should be forming in the various provinces.

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Public Safety - The Regional Public Safety Officer disclosed that yet another jail delivery and massacre had occurred in the Region. At 0130 hours on 15 June at Carpi in the province of Modena a guard at a Mandamentali answered the bell and was told to open up for inspection. The proper password was given, but when the gate had been opened, he was confronted by masked men armed with machine guns, who rounded up and killed 13 political prisoners who were being detained there... .. It was announced that a few Public Safety agents were coming to the Region and would be dispatched to the provinces. These men are trained and have been screened at Rome, and should improve the quality of the law-enforcement in the Region..... Certain partisans who have been working with the police are being gradually mustered out of the service..... All P.C.'s. were asked to ensure that the Questore be prompt and accurate in submitting their weekly political reports to this Headquarters. Nil reports are required..... The Security Officer desires to compile a directory of persons who have been arrested, and asked the cooperation of the P.C.'s. in submitting any information which they may have.

Transportation - The Regional Transportation Officer reminded the P.C.'s. that there is a supply of tires available for civilian use. At present the only sizes available are 7:50 X 20, and a few for 2 1/2 inch wheels, but a more complete stock is expected shortly..... It was announced that diesel oil is available at Faenza, but as yet the provinces of Reggio-Emilia, Parma and Piacenza have not drawn from this supply.

Telecommunications - The Asst Regional Telecommunications Officer announced that long distance service is open over the civilian system from Bologna to Piacenza. The service is not to be the best, but ASE calls will be given priority..... P.C.'s. were reminded that German telephone lines and equipment are not to be disturbed.

Postal - Foreign postal services are now open. Details will shortly appear in the papers..... Weight limits are to be increased slowly, with immediate preference given to banks and agencies paying pensions.

Food - Regarding the grain which is stored in Ravenna, the Regional Food Officer stated that it is destined for movement to Bologna, where it will be urgently needed by the end of the month. However, if it cannot be moved, it will be distributed locally against ration cards.

Agriculture - The price of wheat is now 750 lire, a figure which compares favorably with that which existed in all of Italy in 1943..... The price of hay in Ravenna is extremely high, but seems justified due to the high wages paid in that province..... A decree is shortly to be issued authorizing the revision of the Mezzadria system by means of provincial pacts between owners and tenants..... Of the 4,000 horses which left Austria for Italy, only 39 are reported to have reached their destination.

Public Health - The Regional Public Health Officer urged close liaison on the part of the Public Works Division with Mr. Metzger, the American Red Cross representative in charge of rehabilitation work in 29 communes which were devastated due to military operations.

Labor - The Regional Labor Officer gave the following information on the various wage groups:

Army Wages - 50% cost of living bonus authorized as of 1 June.

Private wages - Adjustments have been approved in nearly every case submitted. The majority are in the cases of seasonal agricultural workers, where rates of 22 lire per hour are approved. Requests for adjustments to this figure may be approved by the P.C.'s., but anything over this amount should be referred to the Regional Labor Office.

State and Public Wages - There will be no implementation of Italian laws at the present time. However, bonuses will be granted as follows:

Heads of families	- 2,000 lire or a month's salary, whichever is less.
Not heads of families, over 18 years of age	- 1,250 lire
Not heads of families, under 18 years of age	- 1,000 lire

This bonus applies for the month of June only, and is granted in anticipation of an adjustment in public wages.

Copies of Labor Sub-Commission letters LSC/414 on the Liberation Bonus in Northern Italy, and LSC/415 on the subject of payment of wages and/or insurance to Surplus Workers, Northern Italy, were handed to the P.C.'s. by the Regional Labor Officer.

Local Government - Capt Cunningham stated that no elections will be held in AMG territory. The preparation of lists may go on, however, in anticipation of the handover to the Italian Government.

Displaced Persons - The present refugee population in the Region is approximately 50,000. The Asst Refugee Officer requested that Milan be asked to hold refugees desiring to enter this Region until more dispersals can be made. It was further stated that loot of all description is being transported with these people, and much of it, especially foodstuffs, is having a serious effect upon prices. Much is now being impounded at the centers. P.C. Forli requested that Displaced Persons look into the operation of the Polish Camp in his province, but the Refugee Officer stated that this is the responsibility of Polcorps.

5. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Press Conference - The Regional Commissioner announced that another press conference would be held at 1700 hours, 16 June, and urged the Heads of Divisions to take advantage of these conferences to make statements of general interest to the public.

Autotrasporti Rates - The Regional Commissioner announced that he intended to raise the transportation rates on 18 June in order to offer reasonable tariffs to the owners and thus endeavor to halt the spiriting away of our vehicles to other Regions.

ANPI - The Regional Commissioner announced that there shortly will be established by the Italian Government, an association known as ANPI (Italian National Association of Patriots). The R.C. quoted a letter from the Regional Patriots Officer in which the organizations and functions of this body were outlined, and asked for the opinions of the P.C.'s, regarding para 5(a), which reads as follows:

"To attain its objectives, the Association will support itself on patrimonial incomes, social subscriptions, and the eventual contributions from the State, from other institutions or from private individuals and also with the help of Welfare and Patriotic Associations."

It was the opinion of all P.C.'s, that the language of this paragraph was too general and broad, and they were especially concerned with its reference to "...subscriptions.....from private individuals..." Cases of extortion and blackmail, usually by persons who were not true fighting Patriots, but who capitalize on the prestige and political power of the genuine article, have been all too frequent, and it is felt that title 7 of the decree would encourage such dishonestness. P.C. Bologna, while agreeing that the collection of contributions for this cause is commendable, insists that it must not be done by a private organization. He recommended that it be carried out through the prefectures, if at all. P.C.'s Forlì and Ravenna stated that from their experience, "voluntary subscriptions" would be made at the point of a gun, often to entirely- unauthorized persons, and recommended that the Association exist on funds received from three sources: State, governmental and solicitation of subscriptions through the Prefect.

6. Action to be taken

D.R.C. - To bring cases of breaches of discipline on the part of Polish troops to the attention of Polcorps on the arrival of General Anders.

P.C. Parma - a. To investigate an alleged 5 lire surcharge on theater tickets which has been made in Parma without his knowledge or approval.

b. To get statistics on plant at Salsomaggiore with a view to reactivation.

All P.C.'s. - P.C.'s are to investigate, and to prepare and submit lists of receivers appointed by GIN, or of organizations which may be operating without receivers.

P.C. Ravenna - To submit facts of extortion case involving an Italian official in Ravenna to the Regional Legal Officer.

Transportation - Regional Transportation Officer to work out a plan of fares for local bus transportation.

Legal and Finance - To prepare a letter of instruction for the collection of taxes in Bologna. To be submitted to Regional Commissioner and P.C. Bologna.

Economics & Supply - To coordinate all bids from all necessary agencies in preparation for a demand from Petaseo for more liberal POL allocations.

Food - a. To report on progress of grain collection program, and condition of the grain stored in Ravenna, at the next Regional meeting.
b. To prepare a proposal for control of movement of foodstuffs, which will be discussed at a later meeting.

P. C. Modern - To investigate Italian Artillery Officer who reported to his province.

Public Safety - To consider possibility of shifting OO NR from one province to another.

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Deputy E.M.G. Commissioner
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10 June 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 9 June 1945

To : See Distribution

To: Col. Parkin CP
Col. Jones

1. Absentees

Major Ayre, Major Sowers, Capt Rogers, Capt Wintersteen, Lt Melfetto, Lt Sleicher.

2. Reports from the provinces

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that the head of Autotrasporti in his province had been arrested upon orders from the Prefect. It was understood at the time of his appointment that he had had Fascist connections, but at the same time it was agreed that he was the man best suited for the position. However, evidence against him was soon great enough to warrant his arrest..... Tax assessors in Bologna have presented tax collection lists which were prepared under Republican Fascist laws. Since the sum total of the collections would be roughly the same as if the lists had been compiled under our laws, and in view of the fact that it would take months of additional work to prepare new lists, the Regional Legal Officer advised P.C. Bologna that those in hand could be used, with adjustments being made at a later date in individual cases, if justified. It was agreed that a provincial order to this effect was unnecessary, as long as the instructions issued to the various communes were uniform.... P.C. Bologna wishes to raise the rates for street car fares, pointing out that the present rates are far too low. It was ordered that a flat 2-lire charge would be permitted..... The Provincial Commissioner announced that a meeting between the Sindaco and representatives of the CLN is soon to take place in Bologna Province. Among other points which are to be discussed will be the contributions to partisans, which in many cases have smacked of extortion, being directed for the most part against the richer elements in the province. The P.C. desires to make the Sindaco responsible for the proper handling of these contributions, but the Patriot Officer advised that this will be the responsibility of the Provincial Patriot Association..... P.C. Bologna announced that the Questore had been dismissed in Bologna. This dismissal, in addition to ridding the administration of an undesirable, also adds considerably to the stature of AMG, since this individual had let it be bruited about that, having been appointed from Rome, his position was quite secure..... Regarding Polish troops, P.C. Bologna stated that he is desirous of having their lack of discipline brought to the attention of the proper authorities. This wish was supported by the P.C.'s. of Forli and Ferrara. The Regional Commissioner advised that Provincial Commissioners should do what they could at their own level, but should present a case to this Headquarters if their efforts should fail.

Modena - P.C. Modena reported that in some cases corporations are in the hands of the workers, the owners having been in the vicinity, but intimidated to such a degree that they do not dare appear on the scene. It was ruled that such

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cases constitute a straight Public Safety responsibility..... Modena needs more large trucks in Autotrasporti, and the P.C. requested a loan of such vehicles from other provinces. The Autotrasporti Officer stated that this was impossible, since every province is at present engaged in bringing in wood for the winter and every available vehicle of large capacity is in use. It was further announced that two S.T. Companies are coming to the Region, but they will be small companies of about 40 light vehicles each, and since they already lack rubber, it was not expected that they would be of great assistance after the demands of industry, especially hemp, had been met. The low rates charged in this area have been a discouraging factor as far as the owners are concerned, but authority to charge higher rates is expected from Rome on Wednesday.

Reggio-Emilia - People's Courts in Reggio began operations on 6 June. Six torturers were tried, five receiving a death sentence and one a term of imprisonment. Regarding the Black Brigade, the Regional Legal Officer stated that according to a directive issued from ASHQ, they are not to be considered Prisoners of War, but are to be held for trial by the Italian Courts..... Regarding newspapers, P.C. Reggio was informed that it has been the policy of FWS to approve newspapers representing political parties.

Parma - P.C. Parma presented an urgent request for POL for agricultural purposes and was reassured by the Regional Commerce Officer that this would be forthcoming within the next few days..... It was revealed that the Prefect of Parma had issued an order upon authority from CMAI to disband USPA. Not only because of the principle involved, but also because of the fact that USPA has been most useful in the collection of ammunition and the disposal of bodies, the Provincial Commissioner immediately instructed the Prefect to countermand the order..... P.C. Parma reported further instances of headquarters personnel working and giving orders in his province without reference to him. The Regional Commissioner again urged better liaison in such matters.

Piacenza - The Expiration Committee in Piacenza desires to appoint sub-committees to investigate special fields, such as education, banks, etc. Under Special Order No. 35, this cannot now be done, since all committees were to be formed within three days after the posting of the Order. The Regional Legal Officer will inquire if this time element cannot be ignored..... POL drawn for Piacenza must be drawn from Bologna, by an American soldier, and only in quantity sufficient for 24 hours. The Regional Commerce Officer stated that this procedure, though far from satisfactory, must be followed.

Forli - P.C. Forli reported that refugees had reported to the camp in Forli and were denied the usual accommodations because they were proceeding north. The Displaced Persons and Refugees Officer stated that this was not true to his knowledge, but stated that northbound refugees did present a separate problem and urged the cooperation of all P.C.'s. in the matter of transport for them.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna reported a supply of excess grain which is at present rotting in Ravenna. He stated that the people want this grain, preferring, for the most part, to do their own milling and baking. The Regional Food Officer stated that the grain cannot be distributed to the people, since they must adhere to the ration card system. He further stated that A.C. Headquarters intended to move the grain, but as yet nothing has been done. The Provincial Commissioner is desirous of giving special action taken in this case, since the grain

represents a two month supply, and will inevitably spoil if left in its present state. The Regional Commissioner ordered that a deadline be agreed upon between Food and Agriculture, beyond which the grain would be unfit for use, and stated he would advise A.C. of this deadline date and distribute the grain directly, as recommended by the P.C., unless it had been moved in the meantime..... Civil authorities in Ravenna desire to repair the methane gas line to the city, but the P.C. was informed that methane gas will not be available for household consumption for some time.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara reported a shortage of law-enforcement personnel in his province. The CC RR are about 100 under-strength, whereas there are about 90 surplus in Modena and Reggio-Emilia. Public Safety is to consider shifting some to Ferrara..... A request was made by the P.C. for troops to be stationed in the area as a token of our presence, with the statement that the Prefect of Ferrara concurred in this request..... Water trucks are badly needed in this province.

3. Special Divisions

Patriots - The Regional Patriots Officer stated that a directive organizing a new Patriots Association which will take the place of the communal committees is at present awaiting approval by the Chief Commissioner.

Mines Clearance - The Mines Clearance Officer stated that his operations will not be as far reaching as had been anticipated, due to the fact that each of the two Italian Companies will be only 250 strong, instead of the anticipated 400. These companies will operate only in the provinces of Bologna, Modena, Forlì and Ravenna. It was also pointed out that this division needs four Autotrasporti trucks, and a passenger-carrying vehicle for the officer.

Education - The Regional Education Officer requested that General Order No. 35 be expedited in all provinces in regard to education.

HQ Commandant - HQ Commandant announced that American and British rations for the provinces of Modena, Reggio-Emilia, Parma and Piacenza will be drawn by the provincial teams from a newly-established warehouse in Modena.

Labor - The Regional Labor Officer stated that according to the Italian Government and A.C. the payment of the liberation bonus should not be considered as a violation of General Order No. 41. If employer and employee are in agreement, the bonus may be paid; in case of disagreement, the case should be referred to the Labor Office concerned..... A memorandum outlining and explaining the various wage categories was handed to the Provincial Commissioners.

Economics & Supply - The Regional Economics & Supply Officer urged the P.C.'s. to act in the matter of setting up price advisory boards. Details as to the formation of these boards are in the hands of the P.E.O.'s.

Commerce - The Regional Commerce Officer stated that from the 11th of June 80 tons of POL will arrive daily at Faenza. Two-thirds of this will be kerosene and one-third diesel oil. There will also be a daily allotment of 100 barrels of petrol. OIP will be responsible for the distribution, according to a plan which they will receive from Petso.

Finance - The Regional Finance Officer urged that serious consideration on the part of every officer concerned with funds be given Establishment Memorandum No. 11, dated 1 June 45, on the subject of Controlled Expenditures.

Legal - It is the opinion of the Legal Officer that the Expiration Committees and People's Courts, although established, are not operating as yet on a scale which might be expected. Although it is the duty of the Provincial Legal Officer to supervise the operations of these bodies, P.C.'s. were urged to take a personal interest in the Commissions and Courts of their provinces in an effort to obtain the desired results.

Public Health - The Regional Public Health Officer announced that there is an insulin manufacturing concern in Reggio-Emilia which can operate, but lacks the raw materials, principally beef pancreas. R.P.H.O. desires a statement from the provinces as to their monthly needs and urged that Medici Provinciali inquire as to sources of beef pancreas for the factory.

Public Works - Work on improving the water-supply system in Bologna is being held up by a lack of electrical power, which in turn is insufficient because of lack of wire. Industry stated that wire had been available, but had been taken by the Army. A representative of the Public Works Division stated that 5th Army Engineer is aware of the problem and of its seriousness.

Autotrasporti - It was reported that black market operations regarding the transporting of passengers on Autotrasporti vehicles are coming to light, and will be investigated. P.C. Bologna, having investigated a bit on his own, gave some interesting facts and figures which indicated that this racket might already have reached appreciable proportions..... The Autotrasporti Officer reported that CEN is charging fabulous prices for transportation by bus..... It was urged that rates be raised by approximately 30%, since owners cannot be expected to provide vehicles at the present low tariff, especially in the cases of charcoal-burning trucks, which are very costly to operate.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Press Conference - The Regional Commissioner announced that, commencing today at 1700 hours, a weekly press conference will be held at this Headquarters. The purpose will be two-fold: to provide information and to educate those concerned in the meaning of a free press. Questions to be answered will be known in advance, and certain Heads of Divisions will be asked to attend to provide specialist advice.

Reports - The Regional Commissioner again asked the P.C.'s. and Heads of Divisions to be more specific in their weekly reports. More detailed information will be appreciated, and will be of more use to the Region.

Signs in Provinces - P.C.'s. were asked to see that the whereabouts of the various AMG offices be made known by a more liberal use of direction signs in the provinces.

Receivers - It was announced that the appointment of receivers is the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner. The R.C. asked P.C.'s. for a list of receivers appointed by the CEN, since the appointees must either be adopted by him or new appointments made.

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Visitors - The Regional Commissioner urged that more courtesy be shown visitors to this Headquarters. Heads of Divisions were exhorted to be especially considerate of Heads or representatives of the various Sub-Commissions. It was pointed out that their time is valuable, and since their visits here are prompted by a desire to be helpful, the Head of the Division concerned should be solicitous of their personal comfort and in expediting the business at hand.

Red Cross - Regarding the position of Red Cross personnel in the Region, the Regional Commissioner stated that they are an integral part of the team and entitled to all the consideration and respect which should be shown an officer.

Jail-breaks - P.C.'s. were urged to proceed with strict law-enforcement as before, and to see that secure places of imprisonment, amply guarded, are provided. Should instances of armed bands breaking into jails and taking the law into their own hands continue, the Regional Commissioner stated that he would be forced to ask for assistance from the Military, but is loathe to do so until every alternative course has been tried.

Liaison in Provinces - The Regional Commissioner urged closer liaison between Provincial Commissioners and Prefects, since the latter often seem to be unaware of the content of certain AMG Orders.

5. Action to be taken

D.R.C. - Upon receipt of information from the provinces, D.R.C. will write letters to Military Command concerned regarding locations of scattered armament.

Adjutant - To see that Mines Clearance Officer and Displaced Persons Representative are included on distribution list for this Headquarters.

P.C. Parma - To investigate properties of DURATI concern in his province, ascertaining if a receiver has been appointed.

Legal - a. To prepare a letter to P.C.'s., asking for lists of CLM-appointed receivers in their provinces.

b. To write letter to R.C. with specific information regarding a proposed transportation rate increase of 30% in Ravenna Province.

c. To ascertain if the 3 day period in General Order No. 35 can be construed to permit the formation of additional Evacuation sub-committees in the provinces.

Legal and Finance - To prepare a letter of instruction for the collecting of taxes in Bologna. To be submitted to Regional Commissioner and P.C. Bologna.

Autotrasporti - The Regional Autotrasporti Officer is to investigate and report on the racket in which truck owners and operators are alleged to be transporting passengers instead of the authorized loads.

To provide four trucks immediately to P.C. Ferrara for transportation of water.

P.C. Ferrara - To ask Major Fawings, Local Resources Officer, to visit P.C. Ravenna at earliest opportunity.

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All Heads of Divisions - Upon entering a province, All Heads of Divisions or their representatives will report to the Provincial Commissioner, notifying him of their presence and the nature of their business.

Food - To notify A.C. HQ of the grain which has not been removed from Ravenna, and of our decision to distribute it as of a certain date if no orders to the contrary should be received in the meantime.

All ISO's - To submit list of deficiencies to Regional Food Officer.

Major Wilcox, Public Works - To contact P.C. Bologna regarding lack of wire and other problems which are slowing down the work of reactivating the city water system.

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Reference: RDX/HQ/C/1/3

4 June 1945

Subject : Regional Meeting - 2 June 1945

To : See Distribution

1. Absentees: Major Albright, Capt White, Lt Hinson, Lt Melfetto.
2. Reports from the provinces

Bologna - P.C. Bologna reported that he had asked for a Vice-Prefect Vicario, but that the latter had not arrived as yet. The D.R.O. agreed to signal Rome in the matter. It was also disclosed that there are 300 tons of cement at Rimini, which can be used at Bologna. P.C. Bologna favors taking 40 tons on loan, to be repayed at a later date. The question is transportation, and the Regional Transportation Officer is to contact the 27th GM Bn to see if they can help in this regard. Cattle are needed in Bologna and although the P.C. stated that he hoped to receive some from the north, the Regional Agriculture Officer stated that in his opinion this was impossible, due to the chaotic state of Italian administration in this particular field. P.C. Bologna also stated that his POL allotment is totally inadequate, but was reassured by the Regional Economic & Supply Officer that he will receive sufficient allocation for his needs. The Regional Commerce Officer also stated that, whereas Petsec was reluctant to give any assurance in the way of actual figures, they had promised that there would be sufficient POL for the needs of the Region.

Ravenna - P.C. Ravenna stated that he is currently being approached by alert civilians who claim to have seen their own motor vehicles, requisitioned by the Germans, proceeding south in the surrendered German convoys. These civilians are anxious to reclaim their property, but the policy, as outlined by the Executive Officer, is that enemy requisitioned material of every description is being treated as captured enemy material, and is being reallocated in 5th Army territory by G-4, Fifth Army. The hope of civilians reclaiming their property is slim for the present, especially as regards motor vehicles, which will be needed by the Germans themselves for the proper administration of their camps, and also by the Allies and the Italian Army. Regarding the authority necessary for the publishing of a newspaper, it was stated that any publication must have the approval of PWB. It was further stated that PWB favored papers representing the various parties. P.C. Ravenna took exception to paras 3b(11) and 5b(11) of RDX/19/PAT dated 23 May regarding provincial and communal committees for Patriots, stating that the mention of the CLN therein gave them recognition which at this time is undesirable. In regard to the committees, it was stated by the Regional Patriot Officer that, although Rome has suggested reference to the CLN, local adjustments could be made.

Piacenza - P.C. Piacenza reported that wages are much too low in his province. It was also stated that the operation committee was set up, but functioning very slowly. The Regional Legal Officer stated that it was the responsibility of the Provincial Commissioner to see that these committees are active,

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and that the P.C. could appoint as many separate committees as he thought necessary to facilitate his operation programs. It was reported that three people have been arrested for carrying arms in Piacenza and are awaiting trial by the highest court possible for such an offense in an effort to discourage this particular practice. P.C. Piacenza is not satisfied with the state of the depot of captured enemy equipment at Piacenza. He reports much looting taking place, chiefly because of an insufficient number of guards.

Parma - P.C. Parma stated that he was anxious to have a visit from the Regional Labor Officer to study the labor situation and assist in the formation of a Provincial Labor Office. It was also reported that nothing had been done about picking up abandoned ammunition in Parma. There are also persons awaiting trial for carrying arms in this province. The Provincial Commissioner reported that Italian personnel of the Patriots Division had reported to his province without proper orders.

Forli - P.C. Forli wished to go on record as saying that a potential hazard threatens in Forli in the proposed establishment of separate refugee camps for Polish refugees. The P.C. was reassured by the Regional Displaced Persons and Refugees Officer, who stated that although possibly 100,000 Poles were expected to inhabit these camps, they would, in his opinion, be conducted and administered well, and he further stated that the Poles deserve a vote of thanks for taking what would be a definite problem off the hands of the D.P. & R. personnel in the Region.

Modena - P.C. Modena requested clarification of a few points regarding Labor, which were outlined by the Asst. Regional Labor Officer as in para 3(b) below. There is a question in Modena as to the proper price for petrol, there being a difference in the price set by 5th Army and that of CIP. The Regional Commerce Officer stated that CIP is the governing agency. Regarding a need for tires, the Regional Transportation Officer stated that 7:50 X 20 is the only size available at present. P.C. Modena stated that he had received orders to ship bricks to Bologna, and was unwilling to have his supply drained by export, but was assured by the Regional Industry Officer that there would be one, and possibly three brickworks upon which Modena could draw exclusively.

Ferrara - P.C. Ferrara stated that, as yet, no political activity is permitted in that province. The advisability of permitting meetings at this time is to be studied. The Prefect of Ferrara is desirous of having a few troops stationed in the province to show the presence of the Allies. P.C. Ferrara reported a shortage of Consiglieri and was asked to put forward a formal application for these officials.

Reggio-Emilia - P.C. Reggio stated that his province needs means of transport for rice workers who must be transported to Piemonte.

3. Special Divisions

a. Welfare - The Regional Welfare Officer requested that the communal Patriot committees referred to in REX/19/PAT of 23 May be designated as something other than Communal Welfare Committees, particularly in 8th Army area, where, under an 8th Army directive, committees with the same name had already been set up to do an entirely different work. 2832

b. Labor - Regarding wages, the Asst. Regional Labor Officer reported that:

(i) Private wages - Governed by General Order No. 41, which freezes prices and wages as of 3 April. Release from this Order has been obtained in Bologna Province, but it applies elsewhere in the Region.

(ii) Military wages - 5th Army is expecting a directive from AFHQ authorizing a cost of living bonus to be paid in the case of military employees. In the small section of Bologna Province under No. 1 District, this bonus has already been authorized verbally. It is the duty of the District or Base Section concerned to appoint sub-committees composed of personnel selected from the military units in the area, to study wage conditions and adjust military wages accordingly.

(iii) Public wages - Must be treated on a provincial and not a Regional basis. The rates in the various provinces may be, and will be different. Regarding public wages, the Prefect of a province may suggest to the P.O. that Italian laws prevailing in the south be implemented in his province. Justification for his demand will be submitted to the Finance Sub-Commission by the Provincial Commissioner through this Headquarters.

4. Comments by the Regional Commissioner

Meeting of Prefects - The Regional Commissioner announced that the Prefects were about to meet in his office and expressed the hope that out of this meeting would come a greater understanding on their part of the problems of the Region as a whole. It was also announced that after the Prefects had conferred among themselves, there would be a meeting between them and the P.O.'s, under the chairmanship of the Regional Commissioner, and from these two conferences should come many suggestions and plans for the breaking down of the artificial barriers which have heretofore fostered a "balkanization" between the provinces.

Position of the CLN - The Regional Commissioner read a Regional Order which had been published by Lombardia Region, in which the position of the CLN as a governmental body was set forth. It was agreed by all present that a similar order should be published in this Region, but with extensive modifications. Whereas the order read stated that the powers of the CLN would cease to exist as of a certain date, one published by Emilia Region would reiterate what has time and again been pointed out to the Committee of National Liberation, i.e., that their powers had ceased to exist with the advent of A.M.C. This position has for some time been understood in the provincial capitals, but it is in the outlying districts, where because of lack of sufficient Allied military personnel our existence is often hardly more than hearsay, that the publication of the Regional Order is expected to have a salutary effect.

Weekly Sitings - It is the opinion of the Regional Commissioner that the weekly sitings have been reaching this Headquarters too late to be of real use either here or at HQ A.C. In the future, reports for provinces and Divisions alike will cover the seven day period ending 1800 hours on Thursdays, and will be brought to the Saturday meetings by hand. Regarding their content, more emphasis should be laid on names, dates, figures and other details, with attention also directed to anything which has a human interest angle.

Relations with the press - The Regional Commissioner ~~used~~ ^{will} cooperate with the press on the part of the P.O's, cautioning them, however, that any releases should be critically scanned in advance to ascertain that everything is in keeping with the policies of A.M.G.

Correspondence - Inclosures - All P.O's. were requested to include three copies of any communication meant for ~~ward~~ ^{transmission} by this Headquarters.

5. Action to be taken

Telecommunications Officer - To investigate possibility of providing more inclusive service to Special Division offices.

Signs - Anyone desiring a sign for his Division should give his order to the HQ Commandant at once.

D.R.C. - a. To signal Rome regarding Vice-Prefetto Vicario for Bologna.
b. To consult Regional Commissioner regarding the closing of Special Division offices on Sundays.

Transportation Officer - To investigate possibility of 27 CM Bn providing transport for 40 tons of cement from Rimini to Bologna.

Patriot Officer - To re-write his REX/19/PAT of 23 May, eliminating paragraph referring to communal welfare committees.

P.C. Piacenza - To present case on behalf of his province in an effort to obtain an increase in the private wage scale.

Economics & Supply - Finance - Labor - To confer as to action to be taken in regard to the Liberation Bonds and submit recommendations to the R.C.

Ammunition Dumps - a. P.O's. concerned are to forward to this HQ information regarding location of ammunition dumps, together with sizes and types of ammunition to be found there, for transmission to 5th Army for action.

b. D.R.C. to write letter to No. 1 District and IRS, pointing out the danger of these dumps.

All P.O's. - a. To ask their Prefects to consider likely candidates for the post of Provincial Labor Director in order to expedite the establishment of the various Provincial Labor Offices.

b. To see that Regional Transportation Officer is furnished desired data regarding requisitioned vehicles.

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PART II. Acting President's Opening Address.

The Right Hon. Mr. Harold Macmillan opened the meeting by welcoming all those present and expressed his regret at the absence of the Chief Commissioner owing to illness.

He said that the New Deal for Italy was not a new policy but merely a development of the policy which had been followed since the moment the armistice was signed. Briefly this policy was to foster the development of Italian responsibility until the Italian Government was able fully to take over the government of the country itself. Recent developments were merely a logical conclusion to the policy adopted and followed since those early days.

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Mr. Macmillan went on to say that it was fashionable to say that there was going to be a great deal of political trouble and revolution in the North. However, he was of the opinion that we should find a great deal of invigorating and beneficial aspects of Italian life in that territory and that the people would be more active and powerful than any we had yet come across in Italy.

He stressed the importance of the great need for coordination between Regions, between Regions and HQ, and between HQ and Sub-Commissions. He was confident that the questions we had been studying would be successfully overcome and we could have confidence in the knowledge that we have so many officers going into the Northern Regions with experience in dealing with similar problems. Moreover, it was more than likely that the conditions of a slow retreat would not necessarily come about and that the destruction of the Italian

production potential would not be so serious as hitherto. He said that he thought that we should find better conditions than was at one time thought possible.

2. Withdrawal of officers from Italian Government Territory.

Brigadier V.S. Lush, Executive Commissioner, said that the Chief Commissioner had asked him to express his sincere regrets at being unable to attend the meeting and to extend to those present his gratitude for the abundant help and assistance given to him during the past months he had been the Chief Commissioner. He also wished to extend a welcome to those who were present at a Regional Commissioners' Conference for the first time.

The Executive Commissioner then turned to the problem of the withdrawal of AC officers from Italian Government territory which was in implementation of the directive recently received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. He said that there were two points which the Chief Commissioner wished to emphasize. One was that if we were to carry out the policy of the directive, it should be implemented to the maximum, and particularly the withdrawal of officers. Orders had therefore been issued that, subject to the approval of AFHQ, the withdrawal of officers would be carried out by 1 April to the maximum possible number. Unfortunately a cable had just been received from AFHQ saying that no withdrawal was to take place until the Staff Sections at AFHQ had considered the effect of the withdrawal on the military services.

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Executive Commissioner next referred to that part of the directive which related to the consultation by AC officers with Italian authorities. He said that such consultation would be restricted to discussions at a high level and Heads of Sections and Sub-Sections should strictly adhere to this policy. Contact with the Italian Government should be preserved but only at the highest level.

Referring to the question of the distribution of AC officers, the Executive Commissioner said that he would only deal with this matter briefly as VP Establishment Section would go into it in detail later. He said that the distribution of officers had been studied at great length, that appeals had been given to the number required for Northern Regions not yet completed, second priority being given to the Regions now under AD. It was necessary also to find over 200 officers for AFHQ.

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He stated that the policy for the North would be for a close follow-up of the Army spearheads by Provincial teams. It had been accepted by everyone concerned that the principle of a close and rapid follow-up of the Army AGs by provincial teams was the most efficient form of affecting the initial act of military government. A great deal of planning had been done for NW and NE Italy and, as had already been pointed out by the Acting President, it was probable that we should find circumstances very different from those we had envisaged, which brought out the necessity for elasticity in our planning.

He said that a forward static HQ of Allied Commission was not contemplated. He stressed the importance of coordination between Northern Regions themselves and between the Regions and HQ A.C. who must be kept fully informed. All Sub-Commission officers going to Regions would come under Regional control and Heads of Sub-Commissions should remember this when sending officers forward.

Finally, the Executive Commissioner said that the policy of AMHQ in NW Italy where the military problem might not be so important, was to give priority to the civil needs. In NE Italy, if military operations had to be undertaken, the civil requirements would of necessity have to take second priority.

3. Statement on Political Situation.

Mr. H. Hopkinson said that the British Prime Minister in his speech of 18 January 1945 foreshadowed an unhappy state of affairs when - probably at a time when the Northern Regions would be stripped bare of food by the retreating Germans - these elements would be thrown upon the "fragile structure of the Italian Government in Rome with consequences which could not be accurately foreseen and certainly not measured".

The experience of GREECE showed that the existence of organized groups of politically conscious patriots was a factor with which to reckon seriously. He suggested that during the last year forces had been coordinated in the North of Italy which after liberation would present a problem different from any which the Allied Commission had handled in the past in connection with patriots.

Intelligence reports from the North show that the various Committees of National Liberation and the military commands operating under the orders of the Committees had learnt a good deal about the art of government in the year-long struggle against the Fascist and the Germans. In many districts "shadow" Governments had been set up and the various portfolios had been distributed amongst the leaders of the different parties. In most cases the Committees represent the six parties which, up till last December, were represented in the Government in Rome. In some of the Committees however the action party was not represented and in others the Republican party formed part of the Committee. On the whole it seemed that for the time being there was a remarkable degree of unity of purpose in the Committees and party differences had been sunk in the common desire to chase the Germans from Italy and punish their Fascist collaborators. These Committees were assisted in their operations by the Allied authorities and the giving of such assistance had necessarily implied recognition of the value of those operations. Arrangements had been made between the Supreme Allied Commander and the CIMA-I defining the extent to which the Allied military authorities were prepared to recognize the Committees.

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The attitude of the Allied military authorities was therefore made quite clear. But there were other considerations which should be borne in mind when we came to implement the policy indicated in the above arrangements. It was in the interest of the Allies that there should be stable Government in Italy and it was our policy to strengthen the legitimate Italian Government in every way possible and to prevent developments which would result in political disturbances throughout the country. The Italian Government in Rome, which it was our policy to support, might not have the entire confidence of the Committees of

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Liberation in the North, or at any rate their influence there was subject to fluctuation. To begin with, the traditional scorn of the North Italian for the Southerner. There was the feeling that the population in the North had contributed more generously to the defeat of the Germans than the South had been able to do and had suffered far more heavily at their hands. There was criticism of the slow progress made by the Bonomi Government in the reconstruction of the country, in the solution of the pressing economic problems of food supply and inflation and above all in the punishment of former Fascists. The Italian Government was well aware of this antipathy and in an agreement signed at the time the arrangements previously mentioned were made, they so much further than the Supreme Allied Commander in recognizing the CILM as their representatives in the struggle in the North. They have succeeded by this agreement in exacting a certain measure of recognition of their own legitimacy by the Committees in the North but the possibility cannot be overlooked that the Committees of Liberation or the component political parties would not abide by this agreement if circumstances seemed favorable for a political upheaval, which would either bring the Committees out as the Government of Italy or would wrest from the Government in Rome a measure of autonomy which might be in effect complete independence from Rome. The Italian Government was therefore anxious to establish as much contact as possible with the Committees in the North in order to be able to explain to them what was being accomplished in liberated Italy and what the Government proposed to do in the North when the Germans have been driven out. The Allied Governments were generally in favour of the establishment of such contacts and hoped that after liberation the Rome Government would be able to absorb representatives from the North and thereby become representative and therefore stronger.

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Mr. Hopkinson realized that the lack of precise information about personalities in the North due to the clandestine nature of their activities in recent months would make it difficult for Regional Commissioners to assess the relative claims of members of the Committees of Liberation to participate in local government. But in order in some measure to offset this disability, he hoped to be able to compile in the next few weeks a sort of "who's who" which might prove useful to Regional Commissioners in the task of selection.

In a discussion which followed Brigadier Ujeun, VP Civil Affairs Section, said a letter had been received from the Prime Minister which suggested an opposite view to the account given by Mr. Hopkinson. The letter suggested that certain named Prefects be put forward for appointment in the North. He thought this was a dangerous policy.

Col. Polatti, R.O. LIZIO-SHERLA Region, considered that men coming up to fill appointments in the North would cause resentment and trouble in the local administrations. AMG must be absolutely free to decide appointments on the spot. Brig. Dunlop, R.O. SOUTHERN Region, said Bonomi wanted to appoint career men as Prefects. The CLN should be asked for names.

The Executive Commissioner said that in making the initial appointments in AMG territory AMG officers should be bound by the policy enunciated by Mr. Hopkinson: the decision of the Italian Government to send to the North men of administrative experience and known to the Government, was natural and we could and probably would fall back on some of the men so selected. But we could not accept the principle of naming the Prefects before liberation. He also emphasized the necessity of any AMG consulting Provincial and Regional Commissioners when making appointments in local government.

4. Personnel and Transport.

Personnel.

The Deputy Executive Commissioner, Col. Plake, referred to memorandum, 7002/98/20 of 7 March, which was issued to the meeting. We now had approximately 900 British and 700 American officers which included 200 British officers for AUSTRIA. It was recently decided that Allied Commission would furnish 168 American officers for the same purpose. As a result American officers had been reduced to 532. Taking the foregoing figures as a basis, an allocation of officers in Regions had been drawn up. We should have the services of the officers earmarked for AUSTRIA until such time as they were needed. We would get approximately 60 additional American officers from combat and military formations and these officers were being trained and made available for military government. A training school would continue

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The Executive Commissioner summing up stated that if officers for AUSRIA had to be released before we went into the North officers for the central Regions would be found from Sections and Sub-Commissions at HQ. A further pruning of HQ was necessary. As to the transport problem, we were endeavouring to obtain removal of powers of requisitioning if only for an initial period of 60 to 90 days.

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Col. Kirkwood, R.C. Toscana Region, referred to the intention to hand over food warehouses to Italian control. He did not like accepting responsibility for food distribution in his Region under these conditions. He considered this should not be put into effect until the Italians had had proper instruction in our methods. Food Sub-Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission and the Regions were all concerned in such a hand-over.

Executive Commissioner said that before action was taken a survey should be made by the Regions. He warned Regions that in any question of handing over it was the responsibility of the R.C. to ensure that proper distribution of food etc would be carried out. On the other hand R.C. must be fully consulted by HQ ... C. before any hand-over arrangements were made by it.

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(c) Pay of State and Paramilitary Employees

Col. French, R.C. AMBUZI-MACHE Region, stated that the salaries of State employees were not sufficient for existence. He cited several examples of the difference between salaries and cost of living which left the worker heavily in debt. In AM territory State employees did not get the bonuses which were allowed in AO territory. Many deputations had asked for help. He asked if it was not possible to raise salaries in AM territory.

Mr. Brazier, Labour Sub-Commission, said that the Government had recently concluded an agreement providing for substantial increases for State employees, which would apply throughout the country, including the North after liberation. The new agreement would consolidate the bonuses and indemnities hitherto granted for special reasons and in certain localities.

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(j) Titles of Regional and Provincial Commissioners

E.C. TOSSANA Region put forward the suggestion that Regional Commissioners and Provincial Commissioners be designated Regional and Provincial Governors. E.C. LIAZIO-UMBRIA Region considered it was too late to make an alteration but suggested that the Executive Officer should be called Deputy Regional Commissioner.

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It was agreed that the use of "Governor" was not desirable but Executive Commissioner would submit suggestion of LIAZIO-UMBRIA Region to the Chief Commissioner.

PART III

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6. (a) Economic Section.

(1) 300 gram ration and price of bread and pasta.

Col. Legg, Food Sub-Commission, reported that an Administrative Memorandum had been prepared setting out the basic formula on which the economic price of bread had been established. The 300 gram ration became effective throughout all Italian Government territory on 1 March and in AMG territory on 12 March. It comprised 200 grams bread and 80 grams pasta per diem issued weekly or bi-monthly. All cereals to be milled for human consumption would be controlled by the Consorzio Agrario through the medium of the local Consorzio. All expenses relative to the milling, transportation etc. of the grain would be borne by the Consorzio. The price for milling had been established at between 60-70 lire per quintal. The price of flour ex-mill was 1396.50 lire per quintal. In AMG territory the Provincial Commissioner would approve the price of bread as submitted to him by the Consorzio. The Administrative Memorandum referred to would be sent out that day.

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It was thought that the reaction of the population to an immediate rise in price, even to 16 lire per kilo would be severe. A/VP Economic Section asked if we could subsidize the price from AMG funds. Chief Financial Advisor said he was very much against this. Col. Legg said that the 'Impact' ration would be made from imported white flour whereas the local flour was of very poor quality and this might help matters. It was decided that Economic Section would hold a separate meeting to discuss the price of cereals and bread.

(41) Giurnal del Popolo for 1945.

Director, Agriculture Sub-Commission, said the Italian Government was still considering two plans for 1945 collection.

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The first was for Bull manning as for last year. The alternative was partial manning which would consist of setting an amazing figure of 50 many quintals per hectare according to the Province.

After views had been expressed by Regional Commissioners the Executive Commissioner announced that this could be discussed at the Economic Section meeting. See 6(a)(1) above.

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(iii) Inter-provincial movement of foodstuffs.

Col. Lang, Food Sub-Commission, said this question was raised because in recent months there has been a growing tendency for some Provinces to export foodstuffs to other areas on a barter basis. The practice was contrary to established policy for inter-provincial movement of goods and adversely affected urban and populous centres. It was harmful to the national economy and should be abolished. A new directive on inter-regional trade had been prepared and would be issued forthwith.

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Finance S/C

Executive Commissioner ruled that Economic Section would consider the matter and submit a letter to AFHQ for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

(vi)

Taxation and financial stabilization
plans of the Italian Government.

Commander Lavelle said there were 12 points on which the Italian Government was working in an effort to stabilize the financial position of the country. He explained each point at length and stated that in addition the Italian Government was taking certain other steps to stabilize its financial position, including two bond issues. The Government had appointed a Commission to consider the subject and it was hoped that within a few weeks sufficient progress would be made for the Government to formulate its ideas.

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Executive Commissioner stated that the whole question of schooner traffic would be taken up with S-in-C Med.

(viii) Definition of the tasks of the Regional Food Officer.

Col. Legg, Food Sub-Commissioner, said the Regional Food Officer had often been made responsible to the Regional Commissioner for the whole of Economics and Supply of a Region and it was considered that the responsibilities of Economics and Supply should be divided between the various specialist officers of the Region. The food problem in the North would be of such proportions that the undivided attention of the Regional Food Officer would be required.

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Regional Commissioners were of opinion that the Regional Food Officer was over-burdened but it was agreed that economic activities must be coordinated in Regions by one officer.

Executive Commissioner ruled that Regional economic activities would be coordinated by an officer, preferably other than the Regional Food Officer, appointed by the Regional Commissioner. The Regional Executive Officer was considered to be most suitable for the purpose.

(42) Labour Policy in AMG Territory.

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Executive Commissioner said it was essential to have co-ordination between Regional Commissioners in the North on labour matters. On the question of implementation of decrees he directed that Labour and Legal Sub-Commissions should consult together.

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The Meeting adjourned at 1800 hrs until the following day.

The Meeting resumed at 0900 hrs, 9 March 1945.

Withdrawal from the South.

Before proceeding with the Agenda the Executive Commissioner said he wished to emphasize that it was hoped to withdraw all but a few technical officers from the South by 1 April. Regional Commissioners were to plan but must not take other action until permission of AFHQ had been received.

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Regional Commissioners expressed their anxiety about there be any postponement of the date, fearing the reaction or public opinion.

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It was stated that 32,000 tons had been collected to date with an average rate of collection of 3,000 tons weekly. Compared with the 50,000 tons aimed at, returns were therefore slow.

Executive Commissioner said it was not proposed to jeopardise the feeding of the country by prematurely ending the mining campaign and 40 officers engaged in this work would not be withdrawn from the South before 1 April, unless operations demanded earlier withdrawal.

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(11) Relationship of Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission to Regions.

The consensus of opinion was that the Sub-Commission staff in the field should be responsible to the Regional Commissioner in whose area they were working, thus bringing the Sub-Commission on to the same basis as other Sub-Commissions.

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Executive Commissioner ruled that this change would be gradual but would be completed by the time the North was occupied.

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(c) Public Relations Branch.

Development of AC Public Relations in the Field.

PAC said that most criticism arose from lack of proper understanding and appreciation of the Commission's functions. This could be countered by furnishing positive information, but Public Relations staff was limited and he had to rely on reports from Regional Commissioners for facts.

Executive Commissioner stressed the news value, from the Commission's point of view, of those areas which had been liberated for some time where the results of rehabilitation work could be observed.

PR Branch

Arising out of this there was discussion on the activities of FWB. It was felt that Regional Commissioners should know what policy and propaganda was being put out in their Regions.

The Acting President, summarizing, said that when the Armies were moving forward FWB was paramount in its own sphere but in the event of a surrender or collapse in the North it should cease its activities or they should be transferred to AC guidance. He directed that the PRB should work out a standing arrangement with FWB which could be referred to AFHQ.

7. Monthly Reports.

Executive Commissioner said that abridged monthly reports of Regions and Sub-Commissions were not of a very high standard. It was required to give a concise general picture of the work and achievements of AC over a period of one month for LONDON and WASHINGTON.

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Full length reports should not be more than ten pages in length.

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9. Appreciation.

At the close of the meeting the Chief Commissioner, through the Executive Commissioner, conveyed his special appreciation of the good work carried out by the Regional Commissioners and their Staffs with special reference to Southern Region, Sicily and Sardinia who were about to close.

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- iii. Relationship of Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission to Regions.

(c) Public Relations Branch.

- 1. Development of AC public relations in the field.

7. Any other business.

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Regional Commissioner's Meeting, 8 March

Colonel Pinke:

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5 March, 1945

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 APO 394
 Office of the Executive Commissioner
Col. Fiske

Tel: 735

6 March 1945.

Ref: 216/63/EC.

SUBJECT: Acting President's Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The following is the seating plan for ^{the} Conference to be held in the Conference Room at 1000 hrs on 8 Mar 45.
2. The Regional Commissioner, Vice President or Director of Sub-Commission will sit at the table at the place allotted to him. Behind will be another row of chairs for the Executive Officer, Chief Staff Officer or Deputy Director.

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Toscana Region	Chief Commissioner
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For Executive Commissioner. Reference your Nr. 2553.

Suggest following for agenda Thursday meeting:

Policy on implementation Italian Government decrees NORTH ITALY.

Officer transport problem. Plans regarding detachment of attached officers and control by ultimate Regions prior to detachment.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel. 735

Ref: 216/51/50

1 March 1945

SUBJECT: A/President's Conference - 8 Mar 45.

TO : Distribution below.

With reference to 216/45/50 of 26 Feb 45 and minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting of 20 Feb 45, para 1 (b), please submit to this Office by 7 Mar points of high policy you desire to raise.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

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Political Section
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Establishment Section ✓
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Navy Sub Com
Air Force Sub Com
WD & IWS Sub Com
Communications Sub Com
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Col Paulin Nil CMP
Col Jones Nil JLT
Capt Montant, none kept.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: 246/45/EC.

26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Acting President's Conference.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. The Acting President will hold a conference to discuss matters pertaining to the Allied Commission on 3 March 1945 at 1000 hours in the Main Conference Hall, Headquarters Building, Rome.

2. The following will be present:

- Chief Commissioner.
- Executive Commissioner and his Chief Staff Officer
- Vice Presidents and their Chief Staff Officers
- Directors of Sub-Commissions and their Deputies
- ECSCAO
- Regional Commissioners and their Executive Officers
- SCAO's Armies
- Russian and French Representatives of the Allied Commission.

3. It is essential that numbers of officers attending should be restricted and only those enumerated above will attend. The Press will not be present.

4. The object of the conference will be to discuss the present and the future, and not to record the activities of the Commission in the past.

5. The meeting will be divided into three parts;

Part I. Opening address by the Acting President, followed by the Chief Commissioner, on the subject of the New Deal for Italy.

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6. There will be no set agenda, and, except in regard to Part I, it is desired that the meeting should be of a purely business nature. Regional Commissioners in Part II of the meeting will be asked to raise their points in the following order:

- SICILIA
- SOUTHERN
- SARDINIA
- LAZIO-UMBRIA
- ABRUZZO-MARCHE
- VENETIA
- PIEMONTE
- LOMBARDIA
- LIGURIA
- EMILIA
- TOSCANA

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In regard to Part III of the meeting, Vice Presidents will be asked to raise their points in the following order:

VP, Political Section
VP, Economic Section
VP, Civil Affairs Section
VE, Establishments Section

Wm. D. Ford

ELLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

- #1 Col. F. S. Mott
- #2 Col. P. A. B. B. B. B.
- #3 Col. J. B. B. B.

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WMD & IIR Sub-Com
Communications Sub-Com
Public Relations Branch
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EC, Sicily Region
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EC, Lazio-Umbria Region
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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11 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Regional Commissioners Conference - Southern Region.

TO : COS
Econ Sec
Ext Sec

Lt Col WHITE of this Section attended the recent conference of Southern Region at Naples. I enclose copies of the notes that he made in case the same may be of interest to you.

R.R. Crisp
R. R. CRISP Col,
for VP CA Section
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Extract from Southern Region letter R/1290 of 17 Dec 44.

"I have read with great care Lt Col White's notes of our meeting and I think that they are a most excellent record of what took place. There are only two points upon which I should like to make comment

a) Paragraph 4 (c) might, I think, be worded somewhat differently.

I suggest: "The basis of the transfer of work and responsibility to Italian hands should be the transfer to properly organized Italian administrative machinery outside our own office. It should not mean a further Italianisation within our own organisation. It should be made clear that when we passed over the work to Italian channels, we also passed over the responsibility for the proper fulfillment of the work".

b) Para 5 (e) might be omitted. Further investigation after the conference showed that, in fact, very few civilian vehicles had been stopped by the "safe driving" patrols."

Agreed.
R.R.C.

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ON
CONTINUED OF UNITED STATES
REPLY AT WASHINGTON
8 Dec 44

1 RECOMMENDATION

- (6) Mr. D. D. D. outlined his plans for the reorganization of the Region when it becomes necessary to release officers for North Italy.
- (4) Salerno will disappear as a separate zone and will become part of Naples. The Zone boundaries will be coincident with those of the Campania Department. The Zone would be run by the Zone Commissioner and two executive officers, one for the city of Naples and one for the rest of the zone.
- (11) There would also need to exist a separate zone but an officer would be located there for purposes of liaison with the Navy.
- (11) Catanzaro would have one resident officer who would have an administrative functions but be purely advisory.
- (6) Mr. D. D. D. gave the following preliminary instructions:
 - (4) that by 1 Jan 45, all documents of all Regions would be in order for handling over. Papers of all requisitioned buildings, barn, etc., would be checked; buildings, cars, etc., not required, could be requisitioned.
 - (11) The number and work of civilian employees will be looked into. It would be unfair for Mr. D. D. D. to close their offices and leave employees who had done good work out of work. Staffs should be reduced as far as possible and employees should be warned to find other work and efforts should be made to get the Italian authorities to employ some of them.
- (6) Then the order was given to hand over to the Italian Authorities, this did not mean merely that work being done by Mr. D. D. D. be handed to capable Italian officials but that the responsibility should be passed to the competent Italian authority. It would not be proper for officers who had trained Italian staff to conduct affairs in our ways to leave them to carry on with the work which they had previously done. It might be wise to point out to the Italian authorities the advantages of employing experienced personnel.

2 TRANSIT ACCOMMODATION

As the number of officers goes down on the necessity for touring increases, as the number of officers goes down it will be necessary to arrange our own transit accommodation so that all officers will remain mobile. The existing accommodation at Naples and Bari would continue and is good. Accommodation existed at Lucera and Catanzaro which was adequate though not so good. Similar accommodation could be arranged for Salerno.

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(14) Toronto would also need to exist as a separate zone but all offices could be located there for purposes of liaison with the Navy.

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What paper or other resources will I need to get started? (117)

(c) When the order was given to hand over to the Italian authorities, this did not mean merely that work being done by AC should be handed to capable Italian nationals but that the responsibility should be passed to the correct Italian authority. It would not be proper for officers who had trained Italian staff to conduct affairs in our ways to leave them to sort out with the work which they had previously done. It might be also to point out to the Italian authorities the advantages of employing untrained personnel.

As the number of officers grows down to the necessity for further increases. As AC establishments close it will be necessary to arrange our own transit accommodation so that AC officers will remain mobile. The existing accommodation at Naples and Bari would continue and be good. Accommodation existed at Lucera and Canicore which was adequate though not so good. Similar accommodation could be arranged for Pescara and Rapallo.

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WILL.

Will the Italian Government will actually back up the Olive Oil

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required it would drive the oil underground and create a black-market. The price would be higher than under the normal law of supply and demand - for one thing the risks could be greater. The attempt to smother alive oil with insufficient means would bring about the world's biggest racket.

TRANSPORT.

- (a) The biggest problem was transport. The war situation is not improving. He is being harassed to get type repairing plant but types were largely beyond repair.
- (b) The truck companies running in the South have no markings. They are being operated almost entirely under Italian direction. AC had little control of what was done as of what was carried, but any damage of the trucks was attributed to AC. These trucks should be sold to the Italian Government; it was realized that this was a matter for decision by London and Washington and must take time.
- (c) The EMU National Committee of Rome was told to be very weak. Prefects should be urged to take action on their own initiative.
- (d) The rail conference had agreed to a standard system of bidding for trains.
- (e) The new order that Military Police should impound all vehicles found on the roads in an unserviceable or unsound condition and impound the drivers was referred to. The use of unsound vehicles was absolutely essential to the continued economic life of the country; it was a war risk which had to be accepted. The order must be fought. Local arrangements must be made meanwhile to bring the release of both vehicles impounded and drivers imprisoned. Investigations would be made as to by whom the order was made and representations would be made. Further, the order was an encroachment into AC's sphere of responsibility for civil administration.

LEGAL.

The 130 Courts in Bari had proved most efficacious as a deterrent; not only on the population but they have had the effect of stimulating the local Italian Courts.

EVACUATION.

Cases of alleged discrimination against children in schools had been reported, the discrimination being either on the grounds of clothing or because of the previous political history of the families. Commissioners were asked if they had heard of any such cases. Only one case replied in the affirmative and only in regards one province.

MSA.

The Palermo Jette. It is understood that the Town Major had stopped the use of this building. Confirmation could be obtained.

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LABOR.

- (a) It was understood that the Italian Government intended to terminate all employments as of the 31st December. Reappointments of those required would be made as of the 1st Jan. Zones would enquire as to what was happening.
- (b) The salaries of State employees is totally inadequate to maintain life. It was suggested that their pay should be raised.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The new Prefect of Salerno (Mascolo) had not arrived. It was suggested that the present Vice Prefect (Mansini) should continue in office until the new one had arrived.

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The income of hospitals had remained stationary but their expenditure had gone up. They could not now even pay for the medicines they required. It was essential that they should have financial assistance.

12 The Regional Commissioner then indicated that his Divisional officers would be available in their offices and the meeting closed.

Report of visit to "CM" Divisional Officers is appended. (see reverse sheet)

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Other hospitals could serve for instruction. Col. Nelson very much hoped that this could be arranged quickly.

Amphibious. Every single ambulance at his disposal was broken down. He was not handling cases to be transported in ordinary but borrowed trucks. As far as ambulances was concerned, the need for ambulances was particularly serious. He was forced to leave emergency cases three or four days in their homes before they could be moved and it just meant that a local soldier started for every case.

DEBILITATED SAFETY.

Carabinieri. It was considered that the Carabinieri had not had their play. They had done excellent work from Sicily onwards. In fact, they could not have functioned without the Carabinieri. They had insufficient transport. It was important that the Carabinieri officers should be able to get out. They were doing a particularly good job and yet it was impossible to find a way to make the Carabinieri officer mobile.

Prisoners. 12,000 persons are in prison. Half of them were still awaiting trial and had been doing so for months. 300 prisoners recently arrived at Campobasso without millions, without documents and without blankets.

Civilian work. Naples as a chief port of exit was simply stopped with roads. Applicants literally queued up for 2 days before the boats sailed. There was no time to add the forms to ARMG as instructed. One officer (Finance) had wanted 100 persons dispatched on one boat to terminate payment in this country of allowances from us to which they were entitled.

Various enquiries were being an unreasonable amount of time.

It was not appreciated how much clerical work was required. The monthly report on all hands which they were asked to report once to 27 regiments. In addition they were required to make a return of certain particulars such as foreign banknotes. This month they had 800 to report and the preparation of that appendix alone took two whole days. It was essential that paper work should be reduced if a smaller staff was to carry on.

Italian. The military authorities in general were still too ignorant of the duties and functions of Allied Commanders. He who attended lectures and refresher courses were representative of these lectures and had a far better understanding of what cooperation and assistance they could look for. It was considered that such work should be extended.

ITALY

Italy was divided but had no movement.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It was most important that Macchini, the Vice Prefect of Salerno who had been ordered (Grossi) should remain in Sal until the arrival of the new Prefect.

PUBLIC HEALTH

NOTES TO PHYSICIAN OFFICERS

Infant Mortality. Col. Nyles was visited and he reported that on the change over from powdered to condensed milk the infant mortality rate had gone up. In one instance, out of 14 babies, 9 had died. He had that morning as a matter of coincidence had a courtesy visit from a

Sgt. A. Goggin, 113, who was on a private visit to Naples. She was a statistician on the strength of Region 11111, but was working temporarily with Region 11111-11111. He had discussed the matter with her and she had expressed the opinion that powdered milk was quite suitable for babies if properly mixed. He earnestly desired the earliest possible attachment of SAb. Goggin for not more than 1-2 weeks, to conduct an investigation on the babies diet, to demonstrate how to prepare the powdered milk and to alert a cadre of instruction at one of the hospitals where nurses from other hospitals could come for instruction. Col. Nyles very much hoped that this could be arranged quickly.

Amphibious. Every single ambulance at his disposal was broken down. He was not handling over to be transported in ordinary but borrowed trucks. As far as ambulances was concerned, the need for ambulances was particularly serious. He was forced to leave emergency cases three or four days in their homes before they could be moved and it just meant that a local ambulance started for every case.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Carabinieri. It was considered that the Carabinieri had not had full play. They had done excellent work from Sicily onwards. In fact, they could not have functioned without the Carabinieri. They had insufficient transport. It was important that Senior CO. IN officers should be able to get out. They were doing a particularly good job and yet it was impossible to find any type to make the Commanding Officer mobile.

Prisoners. 12,800 persons are in prison. Half of them were still awaiting trial and had been doing so for months. 300 prisoners recently arrived at Campobasso without relatives, without documents and without blankets.

Clerical work. Naples as a whole part of exit was simply swamped with work. Applicants literally poured in for 2 days before the boats sailed. There was no time to send the forms to Army as instructed. One officer (Finance) had typed 100 persons deposited on one boat to terminate payment in this country of allowances from us to which they were entitled.

Further enquiries were taken on unreasonable amount of time.

It was not appreciated how much clerical work was required. The monthly report on all these which they were asked to report came to 27 pages. In addition they were required to take a return of certain particulars such as

VISITS TO DIVISIONAL OFFICERS.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Infant Mortality. Col. Nyles was visited and he reported that on the change over from evaporated to powdered milk the infant mortality rate had gone up. In one institute, out of 14 babies, 9 had died. He had that morning as a matter of coincidence had a courtesy visit from a Sub. A. Gargia, MRS, who was on a private visit to Naples. She was a distiller on the strength of Region Emilia, but was working temporarily with Region Lazio-Umbria. He had a sound the matter with her and she had expressed the opinion that powdered milk was quite suitable for babies if properly mixed. He earnestly desired the earliest possible shipment of Sub. Gargia for not more than two weeks, to conduct an investigation on the baby's diet, to demonstrate how to prepare the powdered milk and to start a centre of instruction at one of the hospitals where nurses from other hospitals could come for instruction. Col. Nyles very much hoped that this could be arranged quickly.

Ambulances. Every single ambulance at his disposal was broken down. He was now handling cars to be transported in ordinary but borrowed trucks. As far as measles was concerned, the need for ambulances was particularly serious. He was forced to leave a contagious case three or four days in their house before they could be moved and it just meant that a local epidemic started for every case.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Carabinieri. It was considered that the Carabinieri had not had fair play. They had done excellent work from Sicily onwards. In fact, AMI could not have functioned without the Carabinieri. They had insufficient transport. It was important that Senior CGPM officers should be able to get out. They were doing a particularly good job and yet it was impossible to find 1-2 tyres to make the Commanding Officer mobile.

Prisons. 12,000 persons are in prison. Half of them were still awaiting trial and had been doing so for months. 300 prisoners recently arrived at Campobasso without rations, without documents and without blankets.

Clerical work. Naples as a chief port of exit was simply swamped with cases. Applicants literally queued up for 2 days before the boats sailed. There was no time to send the forms to AMG as instructed. One officer (Pinnace) had wanted 100 persons dispatched on one boat to terminate payment in this country of allowances from US to which they were entitled.

Welfare enquiries were taking an unreasonable amount of time.

It was not appreciated how much clerical work was required. The monthly

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on the babies diet, to demonstrate how to prepare the powdered milk and to start a centre of instruction at one of the hospitals where nurses from other hospitals could come for instruction. Col. Kyle very much hoped that this could be arranged quickly.

Ambulances. Every single ambulance at his disposal was broken down. He was no handling means to be transported in ordinary but borrowed trucks. As far as ambulances were concerned, the need for ambulances was particularly serious. He was forced to leave emergency cases three or four days in their homes before they could be moved and it just meant that a local epidemic started for every case.

PUBLIC SAFETY.

Carabinieri. It was considered that the Carabinieri had not had fair play. They had done excellent work from Sicily onwards. In fact, AMG could not have functioned without the Carabinieri. They had insufficient transport. It was important that Senior COBRA officers should be able to get out. They were doing a particularly good job and yet it was impossible to find two tyres to make the Commanding Officer mobile.

Prisons. 12,800 persons are in prison. Half of whom were still awaiting trial and had been doing so for months. 300 prisoners recently arrived at Campobasso without rations, without documents and without blankets.

Clerical work. Needed as a chief part of exit was simply swamped with MSS. Applicants literally queued up for 2 days before the boats sailed. There was no time to send the forms to AMHQ as instructed. One officer (Pinnace) had wanted 100 persons dispatched on one boat to terminate payment in this country of allowances from US to which they were entitled.

Welfare enquiries were taking an unreasonable amount of time.

It was not appreciated how much clerical work was required. The monthly report on all heads which they were asked to report once to 97 pages. In addition they were required to make a return of certain particulars such as forged banknotes. This month they had 500 to report and the preparation of that Appendix alone took two whole days. It was essential that paper work should be reduced if a smaller staff was to carry on.

Education. The military authorities in general were still too ignorant of the duties and how to run an Allied Commission. They who attended lectures and refresher courses were representative of these lectures and had a far better understanding of what cooperation and assistance they could look for. It was considered that such work should be extended.

LEGAL.

Legal was visited but had no documents.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

It was most important that Mancini, the Vice Prefect of Salerno who had been ordered to Crocetta should remain in Sal until the arrival of the new Prefect.

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