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Ref: 805/80.

23 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on visit to TRIESTE by
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Distribution below.

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1. Orientation. HQ 13 Corps definitely consider AME VENEZIA GIULIA as part of 13 Corps organisation. The Corps Commander has no objection to the title SCAG, VENEZIA GIULIA in order to distinguish him from the Provincial Commissioners of the three Provinces of VENEZIA proper who will shortly come under the military jurisdiction of 13 Corps. 13 Corps also recognise the arrangement by which technical direction is given by Sub-Commissions to specialist officers in the area on technical points. They feel, however, that on any matter of policy 13 Corps should seek direction from AMHQ: this includes certain matters of personnel such as the appointment of a new SCAG, or Chief of Police (see below). The SCAG himself is fully alive to the value of remaining under the technical control of the Allied Commission and so long as care is exercised both from this HQ and by the SCAG, I think a satisfactory method of working can be achieved. I have made it quite clear to the SCAG that neither he nor his staff are entitled to correspond with AMHQ and if they receive instructions direct from AMHQ, they should refer them to 13 Corps.

2. War Establishment. 13 Corps HQ have submitted direct to AMHQ, without, so far as I know, any reference to this HQ, two WE's, one for AME in general, and the other for the police force. I have pointed out the difficulty of adapting a British WE to an integrated organisation and of the experiences the Commission has had in trying to run WE's on a Regional basis. BCS, 13 Corps agreed that the WE should be regarded more as a target than as a definite WE. This will need further discussion with AMHQ. For the Police WE see below.

3. VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force. The SCAG, AMHQ at a recent meeting in VENEZIA GIULIA, agreed that a special VENEZIA GIULIA Police Force should be formed comprised of military police with the Provost Staff and the civil police with AME staff. This was the result of a report made by an AMHQ Provost Officer together with 13 Corps Provost and has been accepted by the SCAG and also, I understand, by Colonel Chapman, Public Safety Sub-Commission, although he was not present at the final meeting. The main difficulty of the scheme is that it has been laid down in the submission to the Corps Commander that the head of this

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police force (a British officer) should be directly responsible to the Commander, 13 Corps and that the Police Superintendents in the areas would be responsible to the Head of the Police force. I pointed out the administrative impracticability of this ruling to BGS, 13 Corps and the SC&O, who both agreed that the Area Commissioners and the SC&O must have full operational authority over the police force in the areas. There would be no objection to the head of the police force being in charge of the administration and organization. This matter will want careful watching by the SC&O and Public Safety Sub-Commission with whom I should like to discuss the matter.

4. Local Government. The Area Commissioners are setting up quite reasonable local governments. The plan is to have Presidents of Committees in place of Prefects and Sindaci. There is at the present moment some confusion as to whether the Committees are really advisory or executive although the Area Commissioners stoutly affirm that they are advisory. The Area Commissioners will undoubtedly be compelled to give them certain powers in the future which will have to be covered by legislation. The point was fully discussed at the meeting and I am content to leave it at that but C. Section should watch this carefully.

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6. Personnel. I stated at the Area meeting that it was the Chief Commissioner's intention to produce parity as between British and American officers and to improve the quality by drafting officers from the Northern Regions beginning with EMILIA Region. 13 Corps are in entire agreement and I have brought back with me a list of officers, and EM, chiefly American, whose transfer from EMILIA Region the SC&O desires. Unless there are any vital objections I should be grateful if VP's would discuss with me, these transfers should take place at the earliest possible moment. This includes EM.

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Prosecuting officers are needed. I suggested that these should be borrowed, at any rate temporarily, from 13 Corps.

7. Education. Lieut. Colonel WASHBURN's education plan has been warmly welcomed in the area and the SCMO is prepared to adopt the bulk of his recommendations. Colonel BOWEN requests that all surplus Italian teachers in VENEZIA GIULLA should be removed from VENEZIA GIULLA to some other part of Italy and that any Slovene-speaking teachers now in Italy should be transferred to VENEZIA GIULLA.

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8. Economic and Industrial Committees. The participation of VENEZIA GIULLA in the discussions of the Economic and Industrial Committees of Northern Italy was discussed and rejected. It was, however, decided that close touch should be kept by means of Allied officers with these Committees and the minutes or records of the meetings should be sent to VENEZIA GIULLA.
9. Bishop of GORIZIA. The Bishop of GORIZIA, an Italian, is said to be antagonistic to the Slovenes and it was suggested that he might be replaced by someone with broader imagination.
10. Deportees. It was mentioned that 138 Italians previously deported by the Yugoslavs have been returned and that two American Red Cross members who have been working in Italy have been transferred to YUGOSLAVIA for work there.
11. Wages. A rise in wages to bring them parallel with those settled at the MILAN meeting will probably come into force after the next area meeting, say by 1st August. The general strike on 26th July delayed the application of this rise. The SCMO and his advisers agreed that the economic price of bread should be imposed at the same time. This is a matter that should be referred to 13 Corps as affecting policy.
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13. Food Supplies. It was reported with some exasperation that the food supplies for July 5 - 14th, and which are urgently needed for hospitals, prisons, etc., have not yet arrived. They apparently have been bid for by 8 Army and, it is suspected, Allied Commission. There appears to be some confusion but the fact is that the food has not arrived and that its absence is causing a very bad impression. It is absolutely essential that food should be brought in regularly and without fail to VENEZIA GIULLA. I suspect that part of the confusion is due to direct communication between 13 Corps AMB and AFHQ, initiated by AFHQ.
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15. Local. The Chief Legal Adviser asked that three judges of Slovene origin now in Italy should be transferred to VENEZIA GIULIA. On this subject, the SOAO again stressed the desirability of removing all surplus Italian officials in VENEZIA GIULIA to some other part of Italy.

16. Transport. Together with personnel from EMILIA Region the WD vehicles should be assigned from this Region to VENEZIA GIULIA. There is the usual criticism that the majority of vehicles assigned from other Regions arrive at the new Region unserviceable. This must be avoided.

Other points for Establishment Section are covered in separate memoranda.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 804/CC

23 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on Executive Commissioner's
Tour - VENEZIA REGION.

TO : Distribution below.

I attended the Provincial Commissioners' meeting at SAN VITO on August 20th. The meeting was concerned chiefly with preparing the Region for a tidy turnover to the Italian Government with the assurance of continuity in policy after the turnover. The following points arose:

1. Turnover. Regional Commissioner explained the plan for the turnover to the Italian Government. As was to be expected great concern was expressed at the future of both British and American officers. We must see to it that this very reasonable concern is treated most sympathetically at HQ and I propose to institute a committee under my own chairmanship to deal with matters of principle and individual cases connected with this.

Civil Affairs.

2. Political. The Region reported that there was undoubtedly more stability and more confidence among the public, CC.RR and particularly the Prefects who had recently attended a meeting with the Regional Commissioner and were far happier than five or six weeks ago. The Christian Democrats were obviously out to increase their publicity campaign and were not content to leave this entirely to the Communists. The Action Party seemed to be swinging to the right, while the Communists were trying to impress their respectability on to the public.

3. CC.RR. The usual problems arose over the CC.RR who are short of trucks, clothing and equipment. I was assured that there is no clothing or equipment hoarded in depots and it really seems as if the supply from I has broken down, for MMIA in ROME have made it quite clear to me that if indenting is done in the proper way, clothing is available. I told the meeting of the new attitude taken by AFM and MMIA with regard to CC.RR priorities. It is clear that a priority on POL must be established.

4. Quastore Agents. RC pointed out the problem of replacing the Quastore agents for vacancies that occur. Under Italian regulations Prefects cannot replace these nor even budget for them until they have been surveyed and appointed by the Ministry of Interior. It is essential that these vacancies should be filled, if possible before the turnover. A similar

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problem has arisen for financial provision for auxiliary police numbering some hundreds appointed by ASG and for whom no budgeting provision is made by the Italian Government. Public Safety Sub-Commission should take this up.

5. Political Prisoners. The Region is releasing a great many political prisoners, some Provinces at the rate of 10-12 a day. We should do our utmost to make the MODENA concentration camp available as soon as possible.
6. Elections. Excellent progress is being made even in towns such as VERONA where the electoral records have all been burned. BOLZANO is a separate question but there should be no anxiety on this score.
7. Deputation. In order to ensure continuity after the turnover Dr. ROSSI from the Italian Government proposes to visit the Region. His visit should be hastened. Special provisions are being made for BOLZANO.

Economic Section.

8. MILAN Economic Committees. Provincial Commissioners are still not happy with regard to the over-ruling authority of the MILAN Economic Committees. Although I was assured that the regional representation was sufficient there is obviously not yet enough liaison between the Committees and the Regions to get over the natural parochial instinct of the Prefects and Provincial Commissioners. This is a matter which the MILAN Committees should study. The Region, however, accepts the fact that the MILAN Committees have power to release materials within the Provinces and the Regional Commissioner took the line that the Provincial Commissioner ceased to have responsibility for the economic problems dealt with by these Committees and that this was a matter now for the local Chambers of Commerce in the Provinces. The point, however, was made that the MILAN Committees must offer consumer goods to agricultural producing centres if they are to expect the latter to export their local produce.
9. Block in Materials. Another important point made was that the block on materials established in the BOLZANO area acts as a brake on all economic progress.
10. Anansi. The anansi is going well but at TREVISO has lost 20,000 tons of corn (L.80,000,000) owing to damage by storm which ravaged the whole of NE Venetian Region.
11. Compensation for Damage in Villages. The problem of financial compensation in cases where villages were totally destroyed by the Germans in retaliation for patriot activities was discussed. This is different from the bomb damage scheme and needs sympathetic handling.
12. Timber. AFHQ apparently wishes to central all sales of wood. The result is complete chaos and Provincial Commissioners are unable to carry out the instruction. This seems to be centralisation at its worst. There are also complaints that the price of wood taken by PBS (L.1800) is far too low. PBS, however, are adamant in spite of the fact that 13 Corps agreed to take the same type of wood at all-over price of L.6000. Clearly there is lack of coordination here which AFHQ might well see to through the Local Resources Board.
13. Exports. I was asked to take up with the Chief Financial Adviser the question of provision of funds for the financing of exports of local resources to AUSTRIA and GERMANY. A considerable export trade is now being handled, particularly in fruit, and unless a financial scheme can be made available the present procedure

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of pure barter will continue. Colonel HUNTER asked that this should be taken up as a matter of urgency.

14. Salt. The release of salt has been slow ^{and} the Region is inclined to place the blame on Economic Section. It seems that transportation is not the difficulty but some delay at HQ. In a corn-eating Region salt is very necessary to prevent scabias.
15. Silk. A strong recommendation was made that the local filature industries should be allowed to process the cocoons before export. This would give a fillip to local industry, reduce freight, and they were quite willing to release the fillatured silk for export or other purposes afterwards.

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Col. Paul

Ref: 906/98/EC

24 Aug 1945

SUBJECT: Notes on Tour - MILAN.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Allied Commission Economic Section Representation, MILAN. Before visiting the AC building in MILAN I gathered from Colonels Poletti and Hancock that they felt grave concern at the attitude of the group with relation to the Industrial Council and the Industrial Committees. I was told that the Industrial Council had not yet been fully formed and that the recommendations of the Price Committee had received little or no attention and in any case had not been put into operation.

Lt.Col. Glendinning who has just replaced Lt.Col. Mackery confirmed much of this. He told me that the Industrial Council had not been shown the Chief Commissioner's letter on the setting up of the committees and that in fact it had not been fully constituted. It was, however, meeting this afternoon and he hoped that it would begin to function effectively. He himself was most anxious that both the council and the committees should be allowed full scope and that intervention from the Sub-Commissions in MILAN should be reduced to the minimum. I find, however, to my concern that Lt.Col. Glendinning has been sent merely as representative of the Industry Sub-Commission and with no mandate to coordinate matters. There is undoubtedly lack of coordination as has been expressed on all sides and this must be put right. Glendinning agrees that Colonel Poletti's letter NO387 of Aug 7th addressed to General MacKinley will serve as a very adequate basis on which to work. It is a pity that it has not been applied before.

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Telephone communication with ROES is extremely difficult and apparently the office cannot use the direct line to ROES. This should be remedied as soon as possible.

I find that the staff on the Directorate consists of no less than 11

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officers, only one of whom was British. We cannot possibly maintain such a large staff on the Directorate and it should be reduced to six with Anglo-American parity. I should like to know exactly what are the functions of Colonel Falcke(A), Captain Farber, and Major Young.

- 2. Visit to No.2 District. I met General Naves, Commanding No.2 District and General Heydeman, his successor, this afternoon and read to them the Chief Commissioner's telegrams on the turnover to the Italian Govt and also explained the recommendations which had been made regarding the handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government.

I found that the Allied troops available in Northern Italy would consist of 10 Indian Division in the FIACCIA-ALBENGA area for three months, 6 Armoured Division in PADOVA-VERONA area, and five or six chiefly artillery regiments in the TURI and PIERONTE area, MILAN and GENOA. 6 Armoured Division is AFHQ reserve and not immediately available to No.2 District.

Both the Generals expressed concern regarding the handover of the Italian Army particularly with regard to the guarding of German loot throughout the area. They asked what the policy regarding this loot was to be and who was to guard it. They expressed some concern also regarding the eventual responsibility for maintenance of law and order which might fall upon Allied Commanders but we all agreed that the assumption of this responsibility should only be taken in the very last resort.

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General Heydeman wishes to move Hq. No.2 District into MILAN as soon as possible and will require the building now occupied by AG which contains the only signal equipment suitable for HQ. I understand that Colonel Fiske has already been approached on this subject and does not feel very strongly and I have therefore told Major Ouliffe to look round for a new building.

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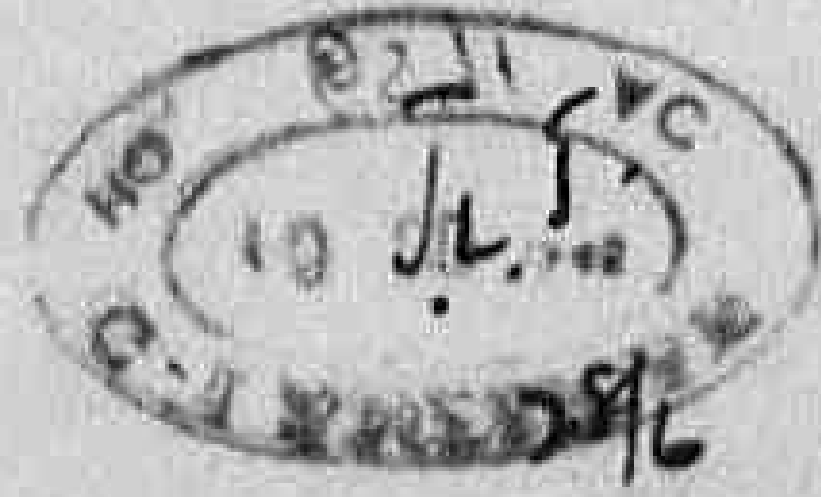
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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Copy to Col. Fiske, 18 June

18 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes - Visit to PIEMONTE REGION.

TO : Distribution below.

1. It is essential that Piemonte and other Regions should be represented on the Coal Allocation Board (CLAB) which sits in MILAN. Piemonte state that in the recent allocation of 8000 tons by this Board, there was a misdirection of 2000 tons which could have been avoided had they been represented.

2. I explained to Colonel Selby and Major Thornitt-Smith the policy regarding decontrol of materials and prices. They both agreed entirely. Major Thornitt-Smith wished to ration certain articles, particularly shoes. He has arranged for a scheme by which 500,000 shoes will be produced at a price of 1100 Lire per pair, and sufficient leather has been allocated to the industry. He would like to increase the figure to 700,000.

3. We discussed the question of exports on a basis of compulsory export of goods in short supply in Allied countries. Major Thornitt-Smith instanced 18,000 tons of talcum now ready for export.

4. Major Thornitt-Smith said he was doing all he could to make industries convert from coal to electricity. There was a tendency to hold back on the expectation of coal. Firms who could but would not convert were not being allowed to obtain coal.

5. There is a grave shortage of POL. Piemonte are refusing licenses for POL burning vehicles so long as there are charcoal and anthracite gas vehicles in the Region. In view of the certain shortage of POL this should be followed in other Regions.

6. Piemonte industry is anxious to exchange Italian steel for Swiss coke. This seems sound.

7. I discussed coordination between Regions and especially the adaptation of orders from other Regions, particularly Lombardia, to Piemonte. I confirmed the instructions that Lombardie Regional Order No. 1 should be published in Piemonte and suggested that Orders 2, 5 and 6 could be adapted. This should be followed by an instruction if CA Sec and Econ Sec agree.

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they been represented.

2. I explained to Colonel Selby and Major Thornitt-Smith the policy regarding decontrol of materials and prices. They both agreed entirely. Major Thornitt-Smith wished to ration certain articles, particularly shoes. He has arranged for a scheme by which 500,000 shoes will be produced at a price of 1400 Lire per pair, and sufficient leather has been allocated to the industry. He would like to increase the figure to 700,000.

3. We discussed the question of exports on a basis of compulsory export of goods in short supply in Allied countries. Major Thornitt-Smith instanced 18,000 tons of talcum now ready for export.

4. Major Thornitt-Smith said he was doing all he could to make industries convert from coal to electricity. There was a tendency to hold back on the expectation of coal. Firms who could but would not convert were not being allowed to obtain coal.

5. There is a grave shortage of POL. Piemonte are refusing licenses for POL burning vehicles so long as there are charcoal and methane gas vehicles in the Region. In view of the certain shortage of POL this should be followed in other Regions.

6. Piemonte industry is anxious to exchange Italian steel for Swiss coke. This seems sound.

7. I discussed coordination between Regions and especially the adaptation of orders from other Regions, particularly Lombardia, to Piemonte. I confirmed the instructions that Lombardia Regional Order No. 1 should be published in Piemonte and suggested that Orders 2, 5 and 6 could be adapted. This should be followed by an instruction if CA Sec and Ron Sec agree.

8. It appears that throughout NW Italy the Italian flag flown does not carry the Cross of Savoy. It is ~~also to be noted~~ that if the Italian flag is flown with Allied flags, we must insist on the present national flag, that is to say, with the cross of Savoy. Subject to political agreement an order should issue from HQ AG.

9. I stressed on the Deputy Regional Commissioner the necessity for visiting Provincial HQs in the East. Such visits should be easier now that the French difficulties have been overcome. I also stressed the importance of the Regional Commissioner and his Deputy visiting and keeping in close touch with Lombardia Region HQ. It must be accepted that MILAN, to a great extent, is the centre of NW Italy and close coordination between Regions is necessary.

10. Both Lt. Col. McDONALD and Major STEWART, Public Health, are over 55 and most anxious to be released. Major Stewart should most ~~markedly~~ certainly go and can be spared, and both should go if a relief can be found for Lt. Col. McDONALD.

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11. I discussed the question of Major BALLARD, late 30th, with Colonel Selby and am satisfied that it would be unwise to send him to Piemonte, in fact he should be interviewed for final acceptancy to AC.

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12. I have told Colonel Selby that Acting Provincial Commissioners now in Piemonte will be confirmed as Provincial Commissioners and that their names will be put forward for promotion.

13. Colonel Selby warmly recommends Captain Hind-Smith for promotion and asked whether officers remaining on after their release group would be entitled to promotion. I said that they would be in the same position as anyone else and I hoped promotions would be made to fill vacancies. 61

14. A report is at hand that the CG.RR in the Val D'Aoste are without firearms.

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HQ ALCON FOR REPAIR SEC, INFO: AND FIVE ARMY, AND 13 CORPS

Action to 6-1(B)

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AME officers HQ 2 CORPS yesterday departed for SALZBURG without informing this HQ of their departure. Party includes Lt Colonel WRAY, Captain EDWARDS, and Lt NARDINI. EDWARDS has been assigned VEREZZA GIULIA as capo and is most urgently required. Please take steps immediately to have him recalled and dispatched to SCAG 13 CORPS nearest

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

CONFIDENTIAL
Col. Martin
LESTER GEL

Ref: 806/EC

23 Aug 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on Executive Commissioner's
Tour - BOLEANO.

TO : Distribution below.

1. Elections. I spoke to Lt.Col. McRatney on the question of electoral lists and he seemed quite satisfied with the decision made in RRR. He was, however, anxious that whatever order should be made regarding the setting up of an Italian Commission should be in the form of an Italian Decree and not, as the Prefect had suggested, a Regional or AO order.
2. Alien Registration Order. Regional Order No.17 has just been posted and Col. McRatney hopes to trace a number of Germans by this system. He assumes that non-resident Germans, i.e. those who have entered Italy since the war and particularly since the armistice, will be regarded as displaced persons and transferred to Germany. I told him that I agreed with his assumption and would confirm after consultation in RRR. We want to get quite clear in our minds as to what to do with these Germans who are non-residents. In this connection the closing up of No.23 Displaced Persons Camp may have to be delayed. Col. McRatney suggested that it may be necessary to arrange for AR officers to carry on with the registration of these Germans if it was not finished by the turnover. He personally thought it would take two months.
3. Folgore Division. Col. McRatney disagrees entirely with 5 Army and if Italian troops are necessary, would rather have any division than the Folgore. At the same time he would rather dispense with Italian troops altogether and use CO.RR. I told him that PAIRI had raised the same question and that AC had suggested finding CO.RR from SICILY and SARDINIA.
4. Prefect. I spoke to the PO about the Prefect, DE ANSELMO. Col. McRatney said that the man wanted to relinquish his job as soon as possible but he thought it would be politic if the Italian Government retained him for at least 2 months after the turnover. DE ANSELMO he thought was aspiring to some ambassadorial appointment. Obviously the choice of the new Prefect will have to be made very carefully and if some form of regional autonomy is to be given, it might include the freedom to elect a Prefect.
5. Turnover. Col. McRatney, who is anxious to go to the United States some time after the end of September, strongly urged that the AO LO for SICILY should have at least a fortnight with him (Col. McRatney) before taking over. I agree.

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6. Press Censorship. Col. Mulrathay raised the important point of press censorship. At the moment he is able, he says, to keep the peace between the papers by applying a fairly rigid censorship. After the turnover this will disappear and he fears that press policies will create disorder. I told him that I thought we must leave this to the Italian Government but would consider it.
7. Transport for D.P.R. Major GARDNER appeared to have a good organization running but he is most anxious that alternative transport should be provided in the event of the Brenner line breaking down. He mentioned the existence of 200-300 German trucks now lying idle. I should like to know from D.P.R. what alternative means of transport is being considered.

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M. S. *[Signature]*
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Col. Parkin*

Ref: 806/101/EC

27 Aug 45.

SUBJECT: Notes - Executive Commissioner's Tour.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Deputy Ex. Commissioner,
VP, CA Section
VP, Est Section
VP, Econ Section.

PIEMONTE REGION.

1. I met Colonel Thomas who had just taken over from Col. Marshall and seems well in the picture. I impressed upon him and Col. Selby in LIGURIA the desirability of maintaining close personal contact with MILAN, particularly on the economic side. RC or his Deputy in both Regions will visit MILAN once a week to maintain this contact. I also impressed on Col. Thomas the necessity of clarifying representation of PIEMONTE on the Industrial Council in MILAN. This is not satisfactory at the moment.

2. I also met Brig. Graham, Commanding A.G.R.A., Allied troops on the French frontier and as far back as IMPERIA. He is most enthusiastic with regard to assistance to the CC.RR. and police agencies and is doing all in his power, not only to help them in operations but in general training. He is prepared to provide them with 3000 rifles at once, is training them in armoured car and radio duties, and is generally most helpful.

LIGURIA REGION.

3. IMPERIA. PC is concerned about public order. In the towns it is improving but there is a very considerable amount of banditry and killing going on in the hills. This area has always been disorderly but with the help of A.G.R.A., the PC and PSC hope to do a considerable amount of cleaning up before the turnover.

4. The French representative, Lt. Col. Raisonette, is still in office in the VENTIMIGLIA. This is contrary to the agreement made between General Bares and General Doyen and he should be removed. With this exception there is little ostensible evidence of French infiltration and the PC was fairly satisfied with this point.

5. GENOA. Colonel Selby reported progress in public order in that several arrests of murderers have been made recently, particularly with regard to the killing of 3 CC.RR. and the accused will go before the AMI Courts this week. This is a very hopeful sign and there is evidence of greater confidence amongst the public which will be improved when these accused are brought to trial.

6. Colonel Selby reported that the public works programme was a good deal behind chiefly owing to the fact that there had been no PW & U representative in LIGURIA. Lt. Col. Lee, however, has now arrived and is working on a public works programme as fast as possible. There is a tremendous amount to be done and it looks as if the PW & U liaison officer will have to remain in GENOA for some time.

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GENERAL.

7. Turnover to the Italian Government. Throughout my tour of the North I gained the impression that officers were convinced of the political desirability of turning over to the Italian Government at an early date, although administratively they felt that they would turn over a half finished job. I was extremely impressed by the determination on the part of all officers to hand over as tidy a job as possible. In every field of AEG work officers are getting hold of the loose ends and trying to tie them up so that the Italian Government will have a moderately clean start. It is only fair on them that we should give them as early notice as possible from HQ and put them out of this state of uncertainty which, although it is not affecting their work, is definitely bad for the individual officers. We must do what we can to see that the futures of officers are assured as far as it is possible to do so here. This will need a great deal of sympathetic handling on the part of Establishment Section.

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M. S. L.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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