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26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Meeting of Food Committee and Black Market Committee

TO : Members of Committees.

1. The Food Committee will meet Saturday 27 Nov. 1943 at 1430 in the Conference Room. The agenda will include:

- a. Report on Algiers food meeting - Col. Evans
- b. Report on Naples conference on food - Col. Evans
- c. Results of survey of Region I for grain in ammassi
- d. Conditions in Region I.
- e. Consideration of Brig. Parkinson's program for the control of flour and bread distribution (submitted 13 Nov.)

2. The Black Market Committee will meet immediately following the adjournment of the Food Committee.

Rex J. Northland

REX J. MORTLAND
Captain, Infantry
Secretary

Copies to:

Brig. Hamlyn	Lt. Col. Legg
Brig. Parkinson	Maj. Hartman
Col. Adams	Admin. Directorate
Col. Evans	Legal Sub-Commission
Col. Kirk	File
Lt. Col. Densmore	Information Sub-Commission

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*Representative of Information Sub-Commission
was added to Black Market Committee by Admin
Order No. 2, Hq. AMG, dated 18 Nov. 1943.*

24 November 1943

LABOR CONFERENCE
22 November 1943

Minutes

Officers Present:

Colonel G. B. Gorden-Smith
Colonel Meany
Lt. Col. J. E. Hiron
Lt. Col. W. M. Lapper
Lt. Col. O. H. Linberg
Lt. Col. Robert W. Reuter
Lt. Col. R. H. Wilmer
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Major H. A. Mayne
Capt. Joel Earnest
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Capt. Rex Northland
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Lt. H. A. Dudley, Jr.
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Lt. (JG) M. S. Tobey, U.S.N.R.
Lt. R. R. Woodleigh

- D.D.L. No. 1 District, Unit 56 Area
- Public Safety
- Asst. Financial Advisor, No. 1 District
- Public Works and Utilities
- Internal Transportation Sub-Commission
- Base Purchasing Agent, I.B.S.
- Legal Sub-Commission
- Fuel Sub-Commission
- Agriculture Sub-Commission
- Office of Base Purchasing Agent, I.B.S.
- D.A.D.L., Civil Labor
- Public Health & Welfare Sub-Commission
- Inland Transportation
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- Labor Sub-Commission
- Shipping Sub-Commission
- Interior Sub-Commission

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3. General Order No. 14, effective as of 1 November 1943, was explained. Under the terms thereof employees permanent or temporary of the State, Province, Communes, Enti Para-Statali, and Public Institutions and Agencies, administered by any of the foregoing governmental units, were granted a "temporary wage adjustment" equal to:

Private employers are permitted to grant increases in both salaries and wages in accordance with the above schedule.

4. Lt. Tobey of Shipping Sub-Commission submitted the following rates of pay to the Conference for consideration:

Master	150 lire	These are daily rates plus food on voyage.
1st Engineer	120 "	
2nd "	110 "	
Seaman, cook, or deck hand	80 "	

5. Region I Labor Division is interested in and desires all information available with respect to discrepancies in wage rates. Labor Sub-Commission files reflect unrest on account of such discrepancies.

a. Shipping Sub-Commission raised question as to uniformity of marine workers' pay, stating they had information to the effect that private shipowners were paying double the Navy rate. There was no tangible evidence submitted. Consideration should be given to this matter. There is no cargo insurance at this time.

6. Capt. Zemple, Labor Division, Region I, then read schedule of interim rates fixed since former meeting, and invited suggestions as to new classified-rations and rates.

a. It was proposed that electrical engineers, being skilled, be paid at an hourly instead of a fixed daily rate. I.B.S. requested uniform rate for foremen in various trades. It was decided that foremen should be paid 10 lire per day over and above the highest paid worker.

b. Telecommunications called attention to the fact that a hotel liner keeper received as much salary as a first class office worker, and that radio operators' rate provided for alternative rate with rations. There was much discussion as to value of rations.

c. Naval Operating Base raised questions with respect to rations in addition to scheduled pay. It was stated that the Navy does not provide rations to workers, but that A.M.G. gives ship yard workers 150 grams of bread when they can, and that General Electric has been contributing 13 cents of a total cost of 23 cents with which their employees can purchase Army "C" rations through I.B.S.; that Naval Operating Base has 1,600 workers who have threatened to strike in order to obtain such rations, and with so many ships to repair they cannot afford a work stoppage.

7.a. Shipping Sub-Commission reports that although men have been paid a satisfactory wage, they have been unable to procure enough food on the local market. Food strikes as distinguished from labor disputes are resulting.

b. By General Order, Col. Polatti authorized increase from 200 to 300 grams to the Carabinieri, but in reality their ration is not being increased for the reason there is not enough food available.

c. The question of drafting a resolution with respect to food, for consideration of higher authority was proposed and discussed. No action was taken when it was shown that a Food Committee is functioning at Headquarters, and has been meeting daily to make distribution of food to the Island.

d. Naval Operation Base suggested possible distribution of "C" rations, but I.B.S. stated there are not enough "C" rations for general distribution.

e. Major Alexander, Civilian Supply, explained that imports were not up to schedule, and that expected grain had not arrived. He stated further that civilians have not brought in their grain in sufficient quantities; that all we can afford to furnish at present is 100 grams per day, but that when supplies arrive, those doing heavy manual labor should get 300 grams daily. Carabinieri were being supplied captured German and Italian rations. This supply is probably now exhausted. 95% of all ration card holders are getting at least 100 grams per day.

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Public Relations Officer	1	Naval Officer i/c Syracuse	2
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18 November 1943

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Other Measures

Information was awaited as to the result of the recent levy of 50 kg on producers in Region I. The suggestion of house to house searches was made and an offer to loan officers and transport was made for that purpose. Brig. Gueterbock hoped something was being done and it was suggested that officers meet Col. P. Letti to formulate a plan.

Black Market

The formation of this Committee had been approved in Brindisi.

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PORTS OF APULIA

Difficulties were reported and the despatch of six officers was urgently desired to supervise unloading of stores. Lt. Col. Komfort also wanted advice on accountability.

Personnel to Brindisi

Were not to be sent without prior acceptance.

Coal

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Operations and Plans

AMG to conform to long term plans. Taken over by Italian Government not known. Gen. Joyce to be consulted before issue.

Directives

Sub-commission chiefs to go to Brindisi for approval of directives must consult Gen. Maxwell Taylor. Plan of issue under discussion but suggested that Naval, Land

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Air Force, Prisoners of War, War Material Disposal, Foreign and Internal Affairs, Internees and Displaced Persons and Telecommunication, be issued in Brindisi.

Regions - Issue of Orders

Status of Regional Orders was raised. Col. Spofford to produce a letter dealing with the matter.

Correspondence

"Copy to Brindisi" "Copy to Palermo"

Sub-commissions

To be conversant with conditions in subordinate districts.

Maples House

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

Directives of sub-commission submitted to Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor should be functions and delegations of ACC and not AMG.

Copies of Regional CC&O orders to provinces would be helpful.
Reorganization of Italian Merchant Marine was being handled by North African Shipping Board. A report from Col. Denmore was awaited.

Travel Orders - Request must be in writing and if scheduled trip is not taken, Transport Officer to be notified. Adjutant General to confirm all orders. This was stressed by Col. Clough.

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Officers concerned were reminded that on Monday and Thursday at 0900 hours, there is a Staff Conference and that their regular attendance was desired without notice. The Executive Conference is at 1500 on Friday, G-1 and G-4 do not attend. The meeting was adjourned at 1045 hours.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

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Brigadier

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- (f) Disposal of Displaced Persons depended on category and was subject to security and the idea of a separate Sicilian committee was deprecated by the Chief of Staff.
- Orders had been received as to disposal of all nationalities barring Chinese and Russians and instructions were issued by the Chief of Staff to cable as to their disposal.
- Screening was to be done by the Sub-Commission.
- It was recommended that screening on the Peninsula be at important points other nationals being under our supervision. The Chief of Staff suggested that in view of activities a paper be proceeded with on the subject. It was stated that the raising of either a Yugoslav Army or Labour Corps was not acceptable.
- Mention was made as to the disadvantage of the Italian civilian compared with the refugees in matter of food etc. and it was stated that there was surplus labour in Sicily, but possible employment of DPs (other nations) was to be enquired into.
- (g) Displaced persons necessities. It was observed that Camp Feeding was a drain on local markets. There was no obligation to use Army Rations. The Chief of Staff instructed that a telegram be sent to ARHQ stating the position, mentioning that rations were being used and that this did not apply to the Italians.
- Brig. Handlyn emphasized that no money was to be issued direct to the Italians and that it was to go through the Govt. Main and that all records were to be kept in quantities, the Sub-Commissions and Regions concerned to be advised and made responsible for the bulk issue.
- (h) Clothing. 100,000 sets class III would be available by Jan. 1 and that it was expected that D.Ps would have shirt, but it was a responsibility of the Italian Govt. and a Regional problem. Some supplies arriving through Regions and others through Red Cross.
- (i) Medical attention it was stated, was obtained from Regions and local sources under M.O. on D.P. staff.
- (j) Accommodation. Chief of Staff said that D.P. Sub-Commission was to assume responsibility as soon as possible, working with Prisoner of War Sub-commission.
- (k) Transport. Chief of Staff suggested use of Italian Army Transport as far as it existed and was to be arranged through the Allied Military Mission and Italian Govt. in Brindisi.
- (l) Contact with Italian Government. Chief of Staff said nucleus was in Brindisi in liaison with the Italian Government. The D.P. Sub-Commission should have an officer in Brindisi.
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2. General Wage Increase. Issue of differential rations suggested and a recommendation that on mixed expeditions rations be issued to the Carabinieri and also that supplementary rations be issued to keep the

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Col. J. Albright	Acting Chief Executive Officer
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Lt. Col. R.R. Cripps	Administrative Directorate
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Lt. Col. F.A. Fungold	G-1
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- (c) Mass Movements across the Sicilian straits had been approved, but the Chief of Staff emphasized that the security question be completed before movement. Screening by 15th Army Group was recommended.
- (d) Forward Areas needed specialists it was stated and experienced officers had been sent for from the Middle East.
- (e) The Chief of Staff reminded the meeting that the Italian National "Committee" had no sovereign rights in IIG. It was preferable to have a separate Italian Committee to work in IIG area under IIG command, with the Sub-Commission to work with it.
- (f) IIG had no responsibility in 15 Army Group Area but took over responsibility at railroad. "Working by Railroad."

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Carabinieri out of the Black Market. The Chief of Staff directed that a memorandum be drawn up to General McSherry as to classes of differentiation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours.

By command of Brigadier General McSherry:

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