

1941-42 350,000
1942-43 150,000 (barely)
1943-44 50,000 (estimated)

Labor Conditions

Like other businesses, the sulphur industry is obliged to insure workers against accidents, sickness, and old age. Families with numerous children enjoy family benefits. There is no female labor and only a limited amount of child labor. The working day varies from year to year between six and eight hours, with higher pay for overtime and for holidays. Hospitals are provided for diseases resulting from mining; malarial dispensaries exist in the interior regions where the sulphur mines are located, but there is no information as to how useful they are.

During the war years food has been insufficient for all classes of workers and especially for poor workers who have bread as their principal, if not sole, food. Steps taken to improve housing for the workers came too little and too late. The two laws of 1941 and 1942 accomplished little. There are a sufficient number of doctors available but not of hospitals.

Note on conditions at Lercara Friddi (Province of Palermo): Wages are completely inadequate: skilled workers receive wages upto 2.80 lire an hour and down to 1.46 lire (this represented the new wage level which came into force on April 21, 1943, and previously the maximum was 2.35 lire). The miners have been given a ration of 150 grams of bread a day, while it is well known that Sicilian miners eat an average of a kilogram a day. This situation was worsened by the fact that, shortly before the Allied occupation of Lercara Friddi, the mines were closed and 800 workers were turned away for a month.

Number of Workers Employed ⁵	
1905	37,214
1911	24,120
1917	11,500
1921	17,772
1923	12,955
1937	11,552
1938	11,929

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- 2.X. Accession 209, pp. 29 ff.
- 3.Z. Accession 104.
- 4.X. Accession 104 (English version).
- 5.X. L'Industria Mineraria Solfifera Siciliana, p. 197; Accession 209, p. 21.
- 1. L'Industria Mineraria Solfifera, p. 48; Accessions 209, p. 19, and 45, p. 7.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAND SUB-COMMISSION
APO 512

J31/P

5 December 1943

Subject:- Questionnaire of 29 November 1943.

To:- Allied Intelligence Committee.

1. With reference to question 8 - "Is there any evidence of the economic effects of Allied occupation? (e.g. Has the fruit juice industry been encouraged?)" - it is extremely difficult to supply a categorical reply. The question, together with the example, appears to seek instances of encouragement of new industry. Actually, since the beginning of the occupation, efforts where possible have been made toward rehabilitation of existing industry. Shortage of equipment of all types has hindered this activity. For example, in order to rehabilitate the fertilizer plants of Montecatini, one plant was scrapped to obtain replacement equipment for two others. To rehabilitate the Arese plant for the production of citric and tartaric acids, essential oils, pectin, and citrus peel and pulp, it was necessary to scrap one unit to obtain replacement parts for the others, thus reducing potential production 25%. Short supply of fuel and electric power has also hindered the effort to achieve potential production. As a result of this shortage, sulphur production has not been resumed, cement production has just been resumed and asphalt production is just reaching normal.
2. With reference to question 10 - "Do the South Italians expect that all their economic difficulties are going to be solved rapidly by the United Nations?" - the information which we have received from Regions II and III is not very full on this point, but the general impression, for what it is worth, appears to be that the Italians still have great expectations.

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R.A. HAMLEN,
Brigadier,
Chief Finance Officer.

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Memorandum.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Industrial Planning Staff

LSP/lsp

SUBJECT: NEW INDUSTRIES IN SICILY AND SOUTHERN ITALY

1. According to information secured from Major Rosati, Region I, the following new industries or industrial plants have been started in Sicily during the past seven years:
 - a. A large plant producing cattle fodder from carubos has been started at Catania (date not known).
 - b. Small cotton gins have been placed in operation in the following cities: Catania, Vittoria, Gela, and Siracusa. (Dates not known).
 - c. A naptha refining plant has been established at Ragusa and is operated in conjunction with the asphalt mine there. (This oil refinery may be more than seven years old.)
 - d. A sulphuric acid and fertilizer plant has been established at Licata by the Montecatini company.
 - e. The Montecatini company has also enlarged its old sulphuric acid plant at Catania within the past seven years.
 - f. A large cement plant at Villa Franca Tirrena has also been enlarged recently.
 - g. At Palermo there is reported to be a new and very small plant making a textile fibre similar to silk from a plant known as agave. This plant is understood to have started operations in 1942.
2. We were unable to find record of any new industries which have been started in Southern Italy during the past seven years or as result of the war.

Leigh S. Plummer.
Capt. Staff officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

5 December 1943

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Economic Forces in Sicily -- What are the Signs of Trade Unionism.

TO : Major Hinkel

1. There was no free labor movement under Fascism, the basic tenet of that system being to exercise complete State control over both industry and labor. Collective labor agreements were approved by Mussolini and individuals had no voice in their promulgation or any right of ratification. Strikes and lock-outs were prohibited and punishable as crimes. In a word, so called "bargaining" had been a mockery.
2. This entire system has been openly resented and protested against by the great majority of employees and employers. The Fascist system actually meant labor slavery, and the public in Sicily literally begged to be freed from such a system completely, and indicated in no uncertain terms their desire to initiate and establish a free labor movement for Sicily involving labor unions, real collective bargaining, intelligent employer-employee representation, the right of employees to select their own representatives, etc.
3. As a result of this unmistakable attitude, AMGOT dissolved the Fascist Corporative Syndical System by General Order No. 8, October 1, 1943, and set up in its place a system of Regional and Provincial Labor Offices, staffed by anti-Fascist officials and thus assuring a free labor movement for Sicily.
4. A framework for democracy in labor relation has been established in Sicily primarily because of urgent demand by the people themselves. The manner in which the Sicilians will carry out their new responsibility of free action can only be determined by future developments. We feel certain, however, that the desire for completely free labor movement is very general and genuine in industry and agriculture, not only in Sicily and other parts of Occupied Italy, but most especially in the industrial areas of Northern Italy.

JRS/tbw

Junius R. Smith
JUNIOUS R. SMITH,
Lt. Col., U.S.C.,
Deputy Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO #512

File
Intelligence
(General)
211
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3 December 1943

SUBJECT: Additional replies to Intelligence Questionnaire
TO : Deputy Chief, Military Government Section, AFHQ

1. This is to inform you that the remaining AMG (ACC) sub-commissions have notified this office that they have no comment to offer on your Intelligence Questionnaire, dated 7 November 1943, in answer to which replies from fifteen other sub-commissions were submitted to your office on 24 November 1943. All sub-commissions are now accounted for in this connection.
2. An augmented reply from the Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission is enclosed for attachment to the original reply from this sub-commission to your questionnaire. Such additional comment was prepared at the suggestion of the Allied Intelligence Committee when this sub-commission, in its first reply, indicated that it would have liked more time to formulate its comments.

John V. Hinkel,
Major, M.I.
Acting Secretary,
Allied Intelligence Committee

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2nd December, 1943

MGS 461

SUBJECT: Publications

TO : H.Q., A.M.G.



The attached copy of correspondence is forwarded for the comments of officers who have had experience of the use of the Italian Basic Handbook and Zone handbooks in the Field.

Particular attention is drawn to the final para of Lt. Col. The Hon Hope's letter.

A. T. MAXWELL,
Colonel, Deputy Chief,
Military Government Section

Incl; as above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 12

30 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Questionnaire from Foreign Office
(ref HQS 591.1, 5 November 1943)

TO : Major Henry Howell, MGS; AFHQ

1. The undersigned officer has been appointed Acting Secretary, Allied Intelligence Committee, AMG.

2. Among unfinished business turned over to this officer was Mr. Makin's questionnaire from the Foreign Office, submitted recently to the Chief of Staff, AMG, by your office, for appropriate action.

3. Accordingly, various sub-committees at this Headquarters have been directed to furnish information on this questionnaire not later than 1700 hours, 3 December 1943. Such information then will be forwarded to your office immediately for transmission to Mr. Makin.

JOHN V. HIRSH,
Major, M.I.,
Acting Secretary,
Allied Intelligence Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 312

29 November 1943

SUBJECT: Attached questionnaire

TO : Acting Chief, Agriculture Sub-Commission
" " Public Health Sub-Commission
" " Labor Sub-Commission
" " Transportation Sub-Commission

*Remainder refers to
+ 6 other
sub-commissions*

1. The attached questionnaire has been forwarded to the Chief of Staff, A.M.G., by A.M.G., A.F.M.G., for appropriate action.
2. You are directed to reply to questions marked in red, and forward same to Allied Intelligence Committee, Room 59, A.M.G. Hq., by 1700 hours, Friday, 3 December 1943.
3. Comment is invited but not required, on unmarked questions.

By Command of Brigadier General McBRIDE

JOHN V. KINCH,
Major, M.I.,
Acting Secretary, Allied
Intelligence Committee

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO #512

24 November 1943

SUBJECT: Additional comment on Intelligence Questionnaire

TO : Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

1. In reply to the attached MGS Intelligence Questionnaire on 19 November 1943, your office stated, in part, that "An answer to this questionnaire, to be of value, would require * time * to prepare".
2. Because of the importance of the Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, and the value of additional comment by it on this questionnaire, it would be appreciated if your office would expand its original reply, and forward same to this office by 2 December 1943 for transmittal to MGS.

JOHN V. HINKEL,
Major, M.I.
Acting Secretary,
Allied Intelligence Committee

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO #512

*File
Supply of Intelligence
7/17/43
JH*

24 November 1943

SUBJECT: Replies to Intelligence Questionnaire

TO : Deputy Chief, Military Government Section, AFHQ

1. Transmitted herewith are replies from 15 AMG (ACC) Sub-Commissions in reference to your Questionnaire on Supply of Intelligence, dated 7 November 1943, and your cable of 14 November 1943.

2. Several Sub-Commissions are still in process of replying. They have been directed to submit replies not later than 25 November 1943, when such replies will be transmitted to your office at once.

3. It will be noted that the reply of the Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission contains the statement that "An answer to this questionnaire, to be of value, would require both time and leisure to prepare". Accordingly, this committee has requested the Sub-Commission to prepare additional comments on the questionnaire to be submitted for transmittal to your office not later than 2 December 1943.

JOHN V. HINKEL
Major, M.I.
Acting Secretary, Allied
Intelligence Committee

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The War Office, (C.A.2a), HB

Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

C.A.2a/DO/M/1/10

21st November, 1943.

Dear Colonel

I am sending you the attached copy of a letter received from Lieut.-Col. Hon. H. Hope of the Political Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office. He has asked for the comments of Civil Affairs Officers in Sicily and Italy on the Italian Basic Handbook. I would be very grateful if you would send me your views on this publication.

You may also be able to assist us in providing the information with regard to the Italian Zone Handbook, which Col. Hope requires.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ L.H.Acworth.

Colonel W. T. Maxwell,
Military Government Section,
A.F.H.Q.
B.N.A.F.

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102 JPolitical Intelligence Department
of the Foreign Office,
Centre Block,
Bush House, Aldwych,
London, W.C.2.

14th November, 1943.

From: Lt.-Col. Hon. H. Hope

Dear Tredinnick

1. Italian Basic Handbook

The situation in Italy has been so radically changed since our Basic Handbook was issued that it now becomes necessary by one means or another to bring it up-to-date and provide the necessary information to meet the new situation. We can do this in the following way:

- (a) Bring out an entirely new edition as we are doing in the case of France.
- (b) Substitute new chapters if a chapter requires re-writing.
- (c) Issue special supplements if entirely new subjects are treated.
- (d) Issue addenda and corrigenda as separate pages to be inserted at the end of the relevant chapters. This method could be adopted both for small alterations and when supplementary paragraphs are added to the chapters.
- (e) Adopt a mixture of alternatives (b), (c) and (d).

2. We are calling for a report from our Italian region as to the scope and magnitude of the alterations required and when we have this report we will decide our exact course. It would however greatly assist us if we could get some guidance as to what Civil Affairs Officers operating in Sicily or Southern Italy really think about this Handbook, e.g:

- (a) What parts do they consider most valuable.
- (b) What parts are of little value.
- (c) What type of alterations are necessitated by the changed circumstances.
- (d) What new editions should be made to provide essential information as to the changes of the last few months.

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So far we have not had any direct comment from any Civil Affairs Officer upon this handbook and before embarking upon a programme of alterations we should welcome such comments. Would it be possible for you to ask C.A.O. Palermo (or wherever he is situated) to provide a brief report for our guidance.

3. Italian Zone Handbooks.

You will remember that Part III of our Zone Handbooks is in fact a local directory. It was based upon information which was largely and necessarily out-of-date for lack of any recent reference books. In the case of Sicily and Southern Italy Civil Affairs officers have doubtless already discovered who the holders of offices and important local residents are and it would be a waste of time for us to attempt to make corrigenda to the Zone Handbooks in question. It occurs to us however, that we might be able to improve our local directories for the zones which are still occupied by the enemy in the light of official publications now available in Southern Italy and which will probably be more plentifully available when Rome is occupied.

We should therefore be grateful if you could see your way to request Civil Affairs officers in Southern Italy to send you copies of any official publications which contain recent lists of office holders in the zones of Northern Italy. We would also like up-to-date population statistics.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) Henry Hope.

Lt.-Col.

Major Tredinnick,
War Office,
Room 240,
Hotel Victoria,
S. A.

P.S. For a number of reasons (including paper shortage and expense) we are against an entirely new edition unless a very strong case is made out for it.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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5 November 1943.

MGS: 319.1

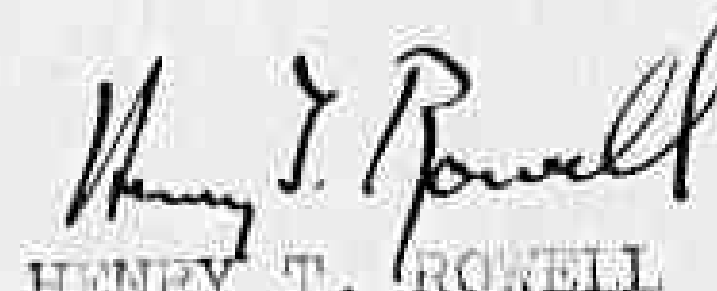
SUBJECT: Questionnaire from ^{AMGOT} the Foreign Office
TO : Chief of Staff, AMG

1. Forwarded herewith are copies of a letter and questionnaire sent to this section by Mr. Makins of the office of the British Resident Minister.

2. It is requested that your Headquarters take action to furnish the general information and that relating specifically to Sicily and South Italy. Information relating to Sardinia will be obtained independently.

3. It is suggested that Captain William Scott^N, G-2 of the ACC and now in Sicily should be charged with assembling the information.

4. When assembled it should be sent to this Section which will coordinate it with the information obtained from Sardinia and transmit it to Mr. Makins.

HENRY T. ROWELL
Major, CMP
Military Government SectionIncls.
as above

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To: Military Government Section
From: Mr. Makins.

I have had the enclosed questionnaire from the Foreign Office on the Political, Social and Economic forces in Sicily and Southern Italy on which they would appreciate information.

2. Could it perhaps be forwarded to the Mission for their comments when these can be obtained without too much inconvenience.

Copy to G-2.

3rd November 1943.

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Questions Relating to Political, Social and Economic Issues in Sicily and South Italy

Political

1. Are there signs of a Catholic political movement among the peasants and/or the lower clergy?
2. What signs are there of other types of political movement, e.g., liberal, socialist, communist, in the towns and the country?
3. How strong is nationalism?
4. Is there any sign of a desire for local autonomy?

Social and Economic

1. Is there any definite information on the views of Italians in (a) Sicily, (b) South Italy, (c) on Emigration after the war? Have the Italians great expectations about the possibilities of emigration?
2. What has been done in (a) Sicily, (b) South Italy, (c) Sardinia during the last seven years (1) to improve the water supply, (2) to drain the land, (3) to check malaria?
3. When the latifondi are broken up, would some form of cooperative farming among peasant-owners be desirable? e.g., a Cooperative Society for purchase of machinery, seeds, fertilizers, etc. and for sale of produce?
4. Is there a strong movement for (a) State ownership of land? or (b) Cooperative Society ownership? or (c) Peasant ownership?
5. Have any new industries taken root in Sicily or South Italy during the last seven years or as a result of the War?
6. Has electrification made any progress in South Italy or Sicily during the last seven years?
7. What are the conditions of the sulphur industry as regards (a) output, (b) conditions of labor?
8. Is there any evidence of the economic effects of Allied occupation? (e.g., Has the fruit-juice industry been encouraged?).
9. Are there signs of a wish to establish regular trade unions among (1) agricultural (2) industrial workers?
10. Do the South Italians expect that all their economic difficulties are going to be solved rapidly by the United Nations?
11. What is the food situation like? Are relief measures urgent?

PART IPUBLICATIONS OF ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY ENTITLED MONOGRAFIA
GEOGRAFICA REQUIRED BY M.I.(T)(1) MONOGRAFIA GEOGRAFICA N.1. CARNIA-CADORE-FUSTERRIA-CARINZIA.

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