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SUBJECT : Monthly Report for August 1944.

TO : Vice-President, Administrative Section.

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3. Replacement Centres.

It has been the policy to establish Replacement Centres as far forward as possible in order that CC.RR. reserves can be despatched with the least possible delay. At the end of the month a new centre was established in Florence to hold 2,000 CC.RR. and arrangements are in hand to form another centre in Arezzo.

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#### 4. Uniforms and Equipment.

Little or no progress has been made in securing uniforms and equipment from the Italian Army through Army Sub-Commission.

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Acting on the advice of this Sub-Commission, the Ministry of the Interior has selected Inspectors to visit Regions and report on public security conditions. During the month Dr. Iannaffi set off for Sicily on a tour of inspection while Dr. Pennetta visited Sardinia. In the past it has been observed that Government departments have been completely out of touch with what is happening in the Provinces. This may partly have been due to difficulties of communication, but it must be said that Government officials have shown very



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little desire to keep themselves informed. These personal inspections should do much to remedy this state of affairs.

#### 9. Rations.

Requests have been received from the Ministry of the Interior to increase the scale of rations allowed to Agents of Public Security.

This Sub-Commission agrees that the police should be adequately fed to preserve their morale and remove any temptation to corruption. Representations have been forwarded to the proper quarters.

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All C.V.S.A. officials will be suspended from duty until they appear before the Public Security Expiration Commission.

The Commission will give priority to the consideration of all ex-C.V.S.A. personnel and will have the power:

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B LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. Public order has been well maintained, no major disturbances having taken place.

On the whole crime (apart from the universal black market) has not presented any serious problem.

2. Patriots

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In the southern provinces where military police are thinly spread, deserters from the Allied Forces are increasing in numbers and many instances of their depredations



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Relations with the American and British Military Police are excellent. In the larger cities joint patrols of Allied and Italian police have proved a success.

#### D PRISONS

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The old Italian Naval Barracks at Columbia are suitable for rebuilding as a prison. The present capacity of 200 prisoners can be increased to 1,000 in 6 months. Plans and estimates have been received and bids are being received for repair and remodeling.

The above programme will provide additional prison accommodation for about 2,000 prisoners. If this is insufficient and it is decided to build stockades it is

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agreed that they should be built on the mainland of Sicily and not on the islands of Ustica and Lipari.

### 3. Military Prisoners.

A policy on Italian Military Prisoners has now been established. It is agreed that after 30 days they become a civil responsibility and will be fed on the civilian scale. It is not proposed to transfer military prisoners to civil jails as no accommodation is available. Arrangements are being made to transfer certain military jails to the civil authority. The accommodation thus made available will be sufficient to house all military prisoners, including those at present in civil jails. The effect of this arrangement should be that more accommodation will be available in civil jails for civil prisoners. For example it will enable 159 military prisoners to be moved from Bari prison and 205 from IMCC prison. The question of staffing the military prisons handed over is one of some difficulty, but it is hoped that some arrangement can be made with the Minister of War.

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A survey is being made of the prison at Trieste. It is a modern building in good repair, and should hold a large number of prisoners from the mainland.

No difficulty has arisen in connection with the requisitioning of civil prisons by Army authorities. The instruction on this subject issued by HQ. A.A.I. is being well observed.

Arrangements are in hand to prepare a building and repair programme for Region 4.

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Dogs trained for guard duties have been lent by Fire Brigades to the Rome Area Allied Command for police purposes.



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# F. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING SECTION.

## 1. Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

The Central Seat of R.A.C.I. has been re-activated, and an Inspectorate Staff formed from which appointments will be made to fill vacancies in the Provincial Seats. This Staff will be used to supervise the work of the Provincial Seats in both A.C. and Italian Government territory.

Arrangements were made for Dott. Farina of the Central Seat to join the A.C. 5th Army Staff for duty at Pisa.

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(i) A special Certificate of Registration will be issued in the case of vehicles bearing Vatican State registration plates "S.C.V."

(ii) Standard permits will be issued by Region IV in the case of all other vehicles on the receipt of a request from the Vatican Government.

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M.E. Fuel supplies for all Vatican operated vehicles will be drawn from special pumps, the fuel supplies from which will be set against the Vatican bulk allocation.

(b) Diplomatic Motor Vehicles.

Standard permits, overprinted with the letters "CD" and endorsed by this Out-C Mission will be issued by the Italian Foreign Office who will screen all applicants, in accordance with the practice established for the screening of applicants for Diplomatic number plates.

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#### I. PERSONNEL.

1. During the month a large number of Public Safety Officers have been moved forward to take up appointments with new Regions now in process of formation. The establishment



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of Regions has now been fixed as follows : -

| <u>Region</u> | <u>Strength</u> | <u>Regional Public Safety Officer.</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| I Southern    | 2               | It. Col. R... Snood                    |
| IV            | 12              | It. Col. C.T. Francis                  |
| V             | 11              | It. Col. J. Pollock                    |
| VI            | 9               | It. Col. S. Pickering                  |
| VIII          | 2               | Captain J. Hughes                      |
| IX            | 10              | It. Col. ... Rowlerson                 |
| X             | 6               | It. Col. E. Eye                        |
| Xa            | 9               | It. Col. C. Briggs                     |
| XI            | 7               | Major B.J. Rufford                     |
| XII           | 16              | To be designated                       |
| 5th Army      | 16              | It. Col. R.T. Millhouse                |
| 8th Army      | 4               | It. Col. W. Doherty                    |
| H.A.          | 5               | Major E.J. Pullen                      |
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## 2. Hq. Staff.

The strength of Officers and W/OPS is as follows :

### Officers.

|          |             |                   |
|----------|-------------|-------------------|
| Col.     | Kirk        | Director          |
| Col.     | Mancy       | Head, Police Div. |
| It. Col. | Tilcox      | Staff Officer     |
| Major    | Leson       | Fire & C.I.       |
| Major    | Tilson      | Prisons           |
| Major    | Pallance    | Lic. & Regn.      |
| Capt.    | Mastroianni | Police            |
| Capt.    | Wool        | Admin. Officer.   |

### W/OPS

|        |           |   |
|--------|-----------|---|
| S/Sgt. | McLennan  | P |
| Cpl.   | Robinson  | P |
| L/Cpl. | Lisbert   | P |
| Pfc.   | Marinelli | 4 |
| Pfc.   | Diaz      | 1 |

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 5th Army 4  
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| It. Col. | Wilcox     | 5 | Staff Officer     |
| Major    | Mason      | 5 | First & C.I.      |
| Major    | Wilson     | 5 | Prisons           |
| Major    | Ballance   | 5 | Int. & Regn.      |
| Capt.    | Castroiani | 4 | Police            |
| Capt.    | Donelli    | 5 | Admin. Officer.   |

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15 August, 1944

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TO: Acting Vice-President Administrative Section.

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#### A. POLICE

##### 1. Appointment of Commissioner.

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On the 1st July 1944, the Council of Ministers designated a Commanding General of the Royal Carabinieri, General Emilio ORLANDO, formerly Minister of War in the Italian Government.

General Orlando has replaced General Picoche who has accepted conspicuous services to the Allies during the last nine months.

##### 2. Police in forward areas.

During the month all requests from Italian and Russian VIII for Carabinieri to police newly occupied territory were met.

Reports speak highly of the very useful work being done by Carabinieri in the forward areas.

##### 3. Rear element Centres.

In addition to the Replacement Centres at Rome, Naples and Bari new centres have been established at Grosseto (last 20 st) and Civitavecchia (last 20 st).

Also under Carabinieri reporting back from newly occupied territory are being sent back, captured and equipped at these centres.







#### 4. Strength of Total Carabinieri.

The fixing of the total strength of Carabinieri at 55,000 soldiers and men has been a matter of the greatest concern to this sub-commission.

The ceiling of 55,000 has received frequent reference to Public Order Commission, and apparently without any knowledge of the problems and commitments involved.

Urgent representations have been made that the ceiling is totally inadequate. The authorized strength of Carabinieri before Allied occupation was 5,000, but the duties of Carabinieri have been increased enormously by reason of the disarmament of fascists Police Offices, the presence of militia troops, supplies and installations, and the necessity for military accommodations and security operations.

The present strength of Carabinieri is 42,894. The existing population in Italy has not yet to be solved.

#### 5. Uniforms and Equipment.

During the months negotiations have proceeded with Army Sub-Commission for the supply of shoes, uniforms and equipment. The Italian Army supplies.

9,000 pairs of army shoes have been allotted and are being supplied by the Carabinieri.

10,000 discarded Italian Army uniforms were returned from the causes in the US and Italy. The uniform coats were in bad condition and it was necessary to have them discarded and replaced. Of the 10,000 pairs uniform trousers only 4,750 pairs could be accepted, the remaining being beyond repair. The Army Sub-Commission is making efforts to find other sources of supply. Arrangements are being made to put in these uniforms at the Carabinieri Replacement Centre in Rome.

A number of units are receiving, through the Army Sub-Commission to supply Carabinieri at Replacement Centres. The same situation is in the Army at the moment, but if additional supplies should be made, it is believed they can be obtained from Italian Army sources.

#### 6. Total Finance Charges.

The headquarters of the Italian Finance charges have been established in Rome with USA and Italian personnel remaining in command.

#### 7. Relations for Finance Charges.



The present strength of Carabinieri is 11,892. The Ministry of War has indicated that it was not to be joined.

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During the recent negotiations have proceeded with Italy sub-commission for the supply of such uniforms and equipment the Italian Government.

2,750 pairs of boots have been ordered and are being received by the Carabinieri.

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##### Royal Finance charges.

6. The administrators of the royal finance charges have been established in Rome with central offices remaining in Rome.

##### 7. Locations for finance charges.

8. The locations for finance charges on CC, FF and CC, FF strength, on the list of July the CC, FF were taken off the Italian army list strength. The CC, FF are on civilian (army workers) locations, their names, substantial reduction in quantity.



#### 10. Boots for coast guard patrols.

Negotiations with the Navy Sub-Commission and the Italian Royal Navy have resulted in the purchase of 60,000 boots which are being stockpiled at the time of the completion of the Italian navy. The boots will be used by the coast guard and the coast guard in enforcing customs and security regulations.

#### 11. Boots for Public Security.

##### 1. Appointment of Director.

On 17th July 1944, Donat Cattin, formerly President of the Court of Cassation, was appointed Director General of Public Security in the Ministry of the Interior. The Public Security Officials of the Ministry are now being reviewed.

##### 2. Pool of Quarters.

A small number of senior officials, recommended by the Ministry of Interior, have been selected and are being sent on courses to fill appointments as Quarters in the various departments.

##### 3. Quarters Laboratories.

The well equipped laboratories for scientific criminal investigation are not functioning in Rome. Instructions regarding the facilities available to the police and security officers have been circulated by the Ministry of Interior to visit these laboratories when in Rome.

##### 4. Uniforms.

The position as regards uniforms in Rome is far from satisfactory but it is hoped that soon some quantities will be available. The first lotment of 2,000 new uniforms has been ordered. Distribution to agents of Public Security has been undertaken by the Ministry of the Interior.

#### 5. MILITARY POLICE

Excellent negotiations have been maintained with the Italian Police, P.S. and C.I.C. instructed by Public Security Officers have been given at the Ministry of Interior. The instructions have been provided with notes and also regarding military operations and the Italian Police agencies.



#### 13. Pool of Quarters.

A small number of senior officials, recommended by the Ministry of Interior, have wings reserved and are being held on reserve to fill appointments as Quarters in newly occupied areas if required.

#### 14. Criminal Laboratories.

The well equipped laboratories for scientific criminal investigation are now functioning in Rome. Instructions regarding the facilities available to Armed Police and Security Officers have been already sent by mail. With an invitation to visit these laboratories when in Rome.

#### 14. Uniforms.

The position as regards uniforms on boots is for from a first step but it is hoped that soon better quantities will become available. The first allotment of 2,000 new uniforms was made during the month. Distribution to agents of Public Security has been undertaken by the Ministry of the Interior.

#### 15. MILITARY POLICE

Evolutionary relations have been maintained with Military Police, P.M. and C.P. Lectures by Public Safety Officers have been given at Military Training Establishments, and instructors have been provided with other material regarding Military Government as the Italian Police agencies.



## CONDUCT OF TROOPS

1. The behaviour of Italian troops generally leaves much to be desired. The conduct of Colonel Troops towards the Italian civil population is disrespectful. At the attitude of indifference displayed by French Unit commanders when crimes are brought to their notice encourages indiscipline.
2. As Torino and outskirts of cities between French soldiers and Italian are Italian is high fire area in Rome grounds were used to show in five persons being killed in Italy. In these cases Italian Military Police came to the assistance of the Italian police and in one instance machine guns were used to control crowd. Torino as a result has not being placed out of bounds to Italian troops.
3. Handling of arrangements between the Garrison Commander and the police is carried out established at 0.30 P.M. until further notice.

## D. PRISONS

4. When the Italian government moved from Torino to Rome, the Director of Prisons, Dott. DeLuca, decided to hold office. He returned to his profession of Appeal Court Judge in Naples. In Rome, the Director of Prisons has yet been appointed, but this is under consideration. For the time being, prison matters are being dealt with by M. Chierro, Chief of Prisons at the Ministry of Grace and Justice, together with his deputy, Dott. Livisco. Personal contacts have been made, and spirit of understanding and mutual co-operation exists. At the first interview it was clear that the identification between MCC and this territory was not properly understood. When time has been spent in clearing up misconceptions on this score, and a map showing the areas has been supplied. It must be said that in Rome, there is a greater sense of responsibility for the problems that have to be faced in prison administration.

The attitude has less inclined to adopt the youthfully view of accepting things as they are, and there seems to be a very real desire to take action to get something done.

5. Overcrowding remains the chief problem in prison administration, but, apart from the question of military prisoners, there is no reason to believe that the position is actually improving. In Region 2 alone, there was a reduction of 700 in the prison population for July. The special overcrowding problem at MHI was solved by transferring 500 prisoners to various "semi-mental" prisons and apartments the work on an unfinished building to hold 500.



## D. PRISONS.

When the Italian government moved from Salerno to Rome, the Director of Prisons, Paolo Babilio, decided to hold office in Rome. He returned to his position of Appeal Court Judge in Rome. In Rome, the Director of Prisons has not been replaced, as this is under consideration. For the time being, prison matters are being dealt with by H. CHIAPPINO, Chief of Prisoners at the Ministry of Grace and Justice, to whom all is being sent. He is also in charge of contacts with the American Consulate. He is also in charge of the co-ordination of the spirit of understanding and mutual co-operation with the spirit of understanding and mutual co-operation. At the same time, it was clear that the differentiation between the two territories was not properly understood. When the map was shown in court, it was clearly understood that the map was showing the areas and seen together. It must be said that in Rome, there is a greater sense of responsibility for the problems that have to be solved in prison administration.

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The purpose of the transfer of civil prisoners by military authorities is to prevent any further... (text is partially obscured and difficult to read)

... (text is partially obscured and difficult to read)

5. It is the policy of the Department of Defense to... (text is partially obscured and difficult to read)

6. On 18 and 19 July 1944, 450 prisoners (in all) left... (text is partially obscured and difficult to read)

... (text is partially obscured and difficult to read)



3. Preliminary reports indicate that the principal as of 1941 and 1942 were fairly good. As soon as inspections have been completed, and collected information obtained, a tabulating and report program will be instituted.

## 2. FIRE & CIVIL DEFENSE SERVICES.

1. The Ministry has established in Rome has decided to follow the policy adopted in a type of meeting the civil defense organization under the direction of the anti-air directorate. In the past this policy has increased efficiency and promoted economy.

2. The Italian Government has been able to provide a demonstration in Rome for the training of Italian fire-fighters in the use of limited appliances. The scheme of training has been discussed with the officer of the Italian fire service.

3. A first installment of 500 boots has been allotted to the Italian fire service.

## P. REGISTRATION & LICENSING.

### 1. Motor Vehicle Registration.

The Director of RACI, a place has authorized to supervise all RACI offices in regions III, IV and V. This will ensure uniformity of policy and procedure throughout the country.

### 2. Control of Civilian Movement.

In consequence of the handing over of Dalmatian territory to the Italian Government, General Order 11 restricting civilian movement in military government territory has been issued.

For security reasons and to avoid restrictions on civilian movement to and from the Provinces of Pavia and Genoa.

At the request of this sub-Commission the Minister of the Interior issued the necessary orders and instructions.

### 3. Public Health.

General Order No. 25 which delegates the responsibility for authorizing public meetings to the Minister (subject to certain restrictions in military government territory) has been issued. No complaints have been received from the public health officers.



training has been discussed with the officer of the military service.

3. A first installment of 500 boots has been allotted to the military service.

#### IV. REGISTRATION & LICENSING.

##### 1. Motor Vehicle Registration.

The Director of D.O.F. has authorized to super-  
vising the registration of vehicles in the military service. This will  
ensure uniformity of policy in procedure throughout the  
country.

##### 2. Control of Civilian Movement.

In consequence of the changing over of military territory  
to the military government, General Order 44 restricting  
civilian movement in military government territory has  
been issued.

For security reasons and to avoid restrictions on civil-  
ian movement to and from the Province of P.O.L. and  
Campobasso.

As the part of this Sub-Commission the Minister  
of the Interior issued the necessary orders and instruc-  
tions.

##### 3. Public Meetings.

General Order No. 45 which delegates the responsibility  
for authorizing public meetings to the Minister (subject  
to certain restrictions in military government territory)  
has been issued. No complaints have been received  
by Public Safety Officers.







4. 4-11-7-493.

49-23 July 11, 1949. Mason to Region III to give advice.  
49-20 July 1949. Mason visited Region IV.

5. 4-11-7-493.

The strength of officers in Region IV is as follows:

#### Officers

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Col. 1171 | Director   |
| Col. 1172 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1173 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1174 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1175 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1176 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1177 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1178 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1179 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1180 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1181 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1182 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1183 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1184 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1185 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1186 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1187 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1188 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1189 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1190 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1191 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1192 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1193 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1194 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1195 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1196 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1197 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1198 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1199 | Asst. Dir. |
| Col. 1200 | Asst. Dir. |

#### EN/EN

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| 8/360 McLaughlin | EN/EN |
| 8/361 Robinson   | EN/EN |
| 8/362 Gibson     | EN/EN |
| 8/363 Robinson   | EN/EN |
| 8/364 Robinson   | EN/EN |
| 8/365 Robinson   | EN/EN |
| 8/366 Robinson   | EN/EN |
| 8/367 Robinson   | EN/EN |
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| 8/380 Robinson   | EN/EN |

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The civilian clerical staff, all new except one, are settling down well. The difficulty is being experienced in obtaining first class typists.

4. Telephone.

It is hoped that the provision of service is essential for the efficient functioning of the Sub-Commission will soon be realized.

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Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

ACC/14027/PS

12 August, 1944.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for July 1944.

TO : Acting Vice-President Administrative Section.

This report deals with Public Safety activities during the month of July 1944.

A. POLICE

Royal Carabinieri

1. Appointment of Commanding General.

On the 21st July 1944, the Council of Ministers designated as Commanding General of the Royal Carabinieri, General Taddeo ORLANDO, formerly Minister of War in the Italian Government. General Orlando thus replaces General Picche who has rendered conspicuous services to the Allies during the last nine months.

2. Policing forward areas.

During the month all requests from Armies and Region VIII for Carabinieri to police newly occupied territory were met.

Reports speak highly of the very useful work being done by Carabinieri in the forward areas.

3. Replacement Centres.

In addition to the Replacement Centres at Rome, Naples and Bari new centres have been established at Grosseto (west coast) and Chieti (east coast).

Disbanded Carabinieri reporting back from newly occupied territory are being screened, clothed and equipped at these centres.



#### 4. Strength of Royal Carabinieri.

The fixing of the total strength of Carabinieri at 55,000 officers and men has been a matter of the gravest concern to this sub-commission.

The ceiling of 55,000 was decided without reference to Public Safety Sub-Commission, and apparently without any knowledge of the problems and commitments involved.

Urgent representations have been made that the ceiling is totally inadequate. The authorized strength of Carabinieri before Allied occupation was 65,000, but the duties of Carabinieri have been increased enormously by reason of the disbandment of Fascists Police Militias, the presence of Allied troops, supplies and installations, and the necessity for enforcing proclamations and security regulations.

The present strength of Carabinieri is 41,892. The thickly populated industrial north has yet to be policed.

#### 5. Uniforms and Equipment.

During the month negotiations have proceeded with Army Sub-Commission for the supply of shoes, uniforms and firearms from Italian Army sources.

5,000 pairs of worn shoes have been allotted and are being repaired by the Carabinieri.

10,000 discarded Italian Army uniforms were released from warehouses in Naples and Bari. The uniform coats were in bad condition and it was necessary to have them disinfected and washed. Of the 10,000 pairs uniform trousers only 2,705 pairs could be accepted, the remainder being beyond repair. The Army Sub-Commission is making efforts to find another source of supply. Arrangements are being made to repair these uniforms at the Carabinieri replacement centre in Rome.

A quantity of arms was received, through the Army Sub-Commission to equip Carabinieri at Replacement Centres. The arms situation is satisfactory at the moment, but if additional weapons should be needed it is believed they can be obtained from Italian Army sources.

#### Royal Finance Guards.

6. The Headquarters of the Royal Finance Guards have been established in Rome with General Moricca remaining in command.

#### 7. Rations for Finance Guards.

Owing to the ceiling imposed on CC.BB and CC.FF strength, on the 31st of July the CC.FF were taken off the Italian Army Ration strength and placed on civilian (heavy workers) rations, this being a substantial reduction in quantity.



### 8. Boats for coast guard patrols.

Negotiations with the Navy Sub-Commission and the Italian Royal Navy have resulted in the release of GC.FF boats which had been seized at the time of the mobilization of the Italian Navy. The boats will be used by the GC.FF for patrolling the coasts and enforcing customs and security regulations.

### Agents of Public Security.

#### 9. Appointment of Director.

On 27th July 1944, Dott. Luigi FERRARI, formerly President of the Court of Assize in Rome, was appointed Director General of Public Security in the Ministry of the Interior. The Public Security Officials at the Ministry are now being reviewed.

#### 10. Pool of Questori.

A small number of senior officials, recommended by the Ministry of Interior, have been screened and are being held on reserve to fill appointments as Questori in newly occupied areas if required.

#### 11. Criminal Laboratories.

Two well equipped laboratories for scientific criminal investigation are now functioning in Rome. Instructions regarding the facilities available to Allied Police and Security officers have been circulated by AMI, with an invitation to visit these laboratories when in Rome.

#### 12. Uniforms.

The position as regards uniforms and boots is far from satisfactory but it is hoped that soon larger quantities will become available. The first allotment of 2,000 dyed uniforms was made during the month. Distribution to Agents of public security has been undertaken by the Ministry of the Interior.

### B. MILITARY POLICE

1. Excellent relations have been maintained with Military Police, FSS and CIC. Lectures by Public Safety Officers have been given at Military Training Establishments, and instructors have been provided with notes and data regarding Military Government and the Italian Police agencies.



### C. CONDUCT OF TROOPS

1. The behaviour of Allied troops generally leaves much to be desired. The conduct of French Colonial Troops towards the Italian civil population is disgraceful, and the attitude of indifference adopted by French Unit commanders when crimes are brought to their notice encourages indiscipline.
2. At Taranto and Brindisi clashes between French Soldiers and Sailors and Italians, in which fire arms and hand grenades were used resulted in five persons being killed and twenty injured. In three cases Allied Military Police came to the assistance of the Italian Police and in one instance machine guns were used to restore order. Taranto and Brindisi have now been placed "out of bounds" to French Troops. At Brindisi by arrangement between the Garrison Commander and the Prefect a curfew has been established at 8.30 p.m. until further notice.

### D. PRISONS.

1. When the Italian Government moved from Salerno to Rome, the Director of Prisons, Dott. De Luise, ceased to hold office, and returned to his profession of Appeal Court Judge in Naples. In Rome, no Director of Prisons has yet been appointed, but this is under consideration. For the time being, prison matters are being dealt with by H.E. CHIEFFO, Chief of Personnel at the Ministry of Grace and Justice, together with his Deputy, Dott. Givillisco. Personal contacts have been made, and a spirit of understanding and mutual co-operation exists. At the first interview it was clear that the differentiation between ACC and AMG territory was not properly understood. Much time has been spent in clearing up misunderstandings on this score, and a map showing the areas has been supplied. It must be said that in Rome, there is a greater sense of responsibility for the problems that have to be faced in prison administration. The officials are less inclined to adopt the south Italy view of accepting things as they are, and there appears to be a very real desire to take action and get something done.

2. Overcrowding remains the chief problem in Prison administration, but, apart from the question of Military prisoners, there is good reason to believe that the position is steadily improving. In Region 3 alone, there was a reduction of 700 in the prison population for July. The special overcrowding problem at Bari was solved by transferring 500 prisoners to various Mandamentali prisons and expediting the work on an unfinished building to hold 500.



3. The Grain situation in Region I has resulted in a large number of persons being charged. They are expected to be dealt with severely at Court and the problem of prison accommodation has arisen. The rebuilding programme instituted at the end of June will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners. However, some of this work will take 3 months, and accordingly the use of USTICA and LIPARI islands is being considered. They would hold 1000 and 300 prisoners respectively in existing buildings, and stockade accommodation could be provided in addition. A representative of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has proceeded to Sicily to speed up the rebuilding programme, and to inspect USTICA and LIPARI with a view to their early use for prison purposes. The Minister of Grace and Justice co-operated in this matter, and, at very short notice, authorised Dott. Columba of Palermo to accompany the ACC representative, and represent the Ministry on the scene.

4. The position as to the release of civil prisons by Military Authorities is steadily improving. S. Maria Capua Vetere, Benevento, Taranto and Avigliano have been released, and Poggioreale and San Eframio are under consideration for release by AMI. Montesarchio prison is used as a penal establishment for Indian troops, but authority has been given for the return of one of the two buildings concerned. No further instance of requisitioning has come to notice.

5. Italian Naval Prisoners have caused overcrowding in the civil prisons of Puglia. Earlier in the year, the Italian Naval authorities wished to establish a prison at S. DOMINO in the Tremiti Islands for naval prisoners. For reasons of operational necessity, permission was refused by Naval Commander, Adriatic Theatre. This matter was taken up again recently, and, on 9th July, 1944 authority was given for the establishment of a concentration camp for Italian naval prisoners on S. Domino.

6. On 18 and 19 July 44, 250 prisoners (in all) left Naples, and were transported by Italian cruiser to Cagliari. These prisoners were all drawn from Region 3 prisons, and have been put to work on farms in Sardinia. It may be possible to send more prisoners from other Regions in the near future.

7. Italian Military prisoners continue to cause overcrowding in civil prisons. It is anticipated that the position on this vexed question will be made clear in the near future. The matter is being discussed among MEMA the Minister of War, and the Minister of Grace and Justice. This Division is keeping closely in touch with the problem and Regions will be advised when a definite policy can be issued. The decision to place these prisoners on civil rations after 30 days in prison, resulted in a demonstration at C. tanzero Jail on 12 July, 1944. The soldiers confined in the prison were joined by the civil prisoners, and before order could be restored one man, a civilian, was shot dead.

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5. Preliminary reports indicate that the prisons of Region 4 have been badly damaged. As soon as inspections have been completed, and collated information obtained, a rebuilding and repair programme will be instituted.

#### E. FIRE & CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICES.

1. The Ministry now established in Rome has decided to follow the policy adopted in Salerno of keeping the Civil Defence organization under the direction of the Anti-Fire Directorate. In the past this policy has increased efficiency and produced economy.

2. The Italian Government has been asked to provide accommodation in Rome for the training of Italian personnel in the use of Allied appliances. The scheme of training has already been discussed with Fire Officer of AAI and the Army Fire Service.

3. A first instalment of 500 boots has been allotted to the Italian Fire Service.

#### F. REGISTRATION & LICENSING.

##### 1. Motor Vehicle Registration.

The Director of RACI, Naples, was authorised to supervise all RACI offices in Regions III, IV and V. This will ensure uniformity of policy and procedure throughout the area.

##### 2. Control of Civilian Movement.

In consequence of the handing over of further territory to the Italian Government, General Order 21 restricting civilian movement in Military Government territory was revised.

For security reasons AAI required restrictions on civilian movement to and from the Provinces of Foggia and Campobasso. At the request of this Sub-Commission the Minister of the Interior issued the necessary orders and instructions.

##### 3. Public Meetings.

General Order No. 25 which delegates the responsibility for authorising public meetings to the Questori (subject to certain restrictions in Military Government territory) has worked smoothly, no complaints having been received by Public Safety Officers.

### G. PUNISHMENT OF FASCISTS.

1. Arrangements have been made with the High Commission for the Punishment of Fascists that any warrants for the arrest of Fascists in Military Government territory will be submitted to this Sub-Commission for transmission through Public Safety Officers to the Questore concerned. The High Commission will deal with arrests in Italian Government territory through Italian channels.

### H. HQ. PERSONNEL

1. On 9th July 1944 Rear HQ from Salerno joined Advance HQ in Rome. The accommodation at HQ ACC is adequate for present requirements. The advantage of being in personal contact with all branches of ACC is very much felt by officers of this sub-commission who in the past have spent much time in communicating between Salerno and Naples.

#### 2. Field Trips.

20-23 July Major Mason to Region III re Fire Service.  
29-30 July Col. Kirk visited Region IV.

#### 3. Establishment.

The strength of office s and EM/OR is as follows:

##### Officers

|                   |   |                                                          |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Col. Kirk         | A | Director                                                 |
| Col. Meaney       | A | Head, Police Div.                                        |
| Lt.Col. Wilcox    | B | Staff Officer.                                           |
| Major Mason       | B | Fire & C.D.                                              |
| Major Wilson      | B | Prisons.                                                 |
| Major Ballance    | B | Lic & Regn. (attached to Region IV) throughout the month |
| Capt. Mastrolanni | A | Police.                                                  |
| Capt. Powell      | B | Admin. Officer.                                          |

##### EM/OR

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| S/Sgt. McLennan | B |
| Cpl. Robinson   | B |
| L/Cpl. Lisberg  | B |
| Pfc. Marinelli  | A |
| Pfc. Disz       | A |

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The civilian clerical staff, all new except one, are settling down well, but difficulty is being experienced in obtaining first class typists.

4. Transport.

It is hoped that the provision of cars, so essential for the efficient functioning of the Sub-Commission will soon materialise.



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Colonel, Inf.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

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Public Role of Sub-Commission

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This report deals with public safety activities during the month of April 1944. At the time of its preparation Fortin had not been received from all sections.

Personnel at Headquarters.

The following changes have been made:

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 (2) Re-assigned to 3th  
 19 April 1941.

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(a) re-assigned to lateral transportation and to

Major J. E. TAYLOR ( ) a/and according to 403. Division  
has been in hospital since the 7th April, 1944, and his duties  
are being carried on by Capt. Wallace (B). His name has been  
submitted for re-assignment to reduce strength of this sub-division  
to nine officers.

The present strength of officers and men is as follows:-

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The following changes have been made:

Lt. Col. J. L. Kirk (3) retired on 10 April 1944.  
 Major, R. J. Young (3) retired on 10 April 1944.  
 Capt. J. L. Kirk (3) re-assigned to 5th Army on 10 April 1944.  
 Lt. Col. J. L. Kirk (3) re-assigned to 5th Army on 10 April 1944.

Major J. L. Kirk (3) re-assigned to 5th Army on 10 April 1944. He has been in hospital since the 7th April, 1944, and his duties are being carried on by Capt. J. L. Kirk (3). His name has been submitted for re-assignment to reduce strength of this sub-division to nine officers.

The present strength of officers is 10/11 in the following:

#### OFFICERS

|                 |     |                           |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Col. J. L. Kirk | (A) | C. L. Kirk                |
| " A. L. Young   | (B) | B. L. Young               |
| " R. J. Young   | (A) | Head Police Division      |
| Maj. J. L. Kirk | (B) | Executive Officer         |
| " O. L. Young   | (B) | Fire & C. Division        |
| " J. L. Kirk    | (A) | Head, 11th Regt. Division |
| " J. L. Kirk    | (B) | 11th Regt. Division       |
| " J. L. Kirk    | (A) | Prison Division           |
| " J. L. Kirk    | (B) | Admin. Officer            |
| " J. L. Kirk    | (A) | Police Division           |

#### ENLISTED

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Sgt. Davies   | (B) |
| Sgt. Williams | (B) |
| Sgt. Robinson | (B) |
| Sgt. Hirst    | (B) |
| Sgt. Marshall | (A) |
| Sgt. Todaro   | (A) |
| Sgt. Dias     | (B) |



Personnel Movement

5/4 Col. Young to Naples; Conference re-prog. held.  
 11/4 Col. Young to Potenza, re "Re-Organization Committee"  
 14/4 Col. Kirk attended Regional Council of Officers Conference.  
 15 16/4 Col. Young attended "Establishment of Carabinieri."  
 18/4 Col. Young, Lt. Col. Lovell, and Major Brown; attended  
 Conference at Caserta, re-control of Civilian Movement.  
 20/4 Col. Kirk accompanied V. L. Amis, on tour of inspection  
 Region 6.  
 22-26/4 Col. Young at Naples.  
 23/4 Major Brown and Capt. Young visited Caserta, discussion  
 re P.I. unit.  
 24/4 Capt. Young left to report on visit to Reg. 1 and 2.  
 25/4 Major Brown visited Naples to discuss Fire Brigade matter  
 for Rome and Region III.  
 27/4 Col. Kirk left Region 6 to proceed to U. S. as temporary  
 duty.

Personnel in the Field.

In accordance with the revised establishment it will be  
 necessary to reduce the present strength of 150 Public Safety  
 Officers to 100. Recommendations for the transfer of 50 officers  
 have already been submitted, and a further list of 9 officers  
 is being prepared.

Police Strength.

The strength of the Police forces in liberated Italy are:-

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Agents of Public Security | 27,395 |
| Forest Guards             | 7,600  |
| Total                     | 11,462 |
|                           | 1,14   |
|                           | 48,022 |

The total strength is greater than the normal peace-time  
 establishment, but in view of the heavy demands for police the  
 advisability of retaining men who have passed the age limit is  
 being discussed with the Commanding Officers.

Since the occupation of Italy by the Allies the effective  
 strength of the Italian Police has been considerably reduced by  
 additional burdens placed on them by military commands, parti-  
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 The Italian Commissioner has addressed a letter to A.S.I.

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#### Personnel in the field.

In accordance with the revised establishment it will be necessary to reduce the present strength of 17,000 to 15,000 by 2,000. Recommendations for the transfer of 1,000 have already been submitted, and a further list of 9 officers is being prepared.

#### Police strength.

The strengths of the police forces in liberated Italy are:-

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Agents of Public Security | 27,335 |
| Forest Guards             | 7,400  |
| Total                     | 34,735 |

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The Chief Commissioner has addressed a letter to C.I.I. pointing out that upwards of 100,000 men and a smaller number of 20,000 are being used as guards by military formations and urging that they should be replaced by soldiers.

#### Uniforms and equipment

The lack of clothing, especially boots, for police forces has become a pressing problem. It has been established that C.I.I. and C.I.I. are entitled to draw uniforms from Italian Military sources. During the month of April of the "immediate" and "long-term" requirements of these services have been forwarded to the Italian Army through the Army Sub-Commission. 5000 pairs of

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have been received by the G.O. but his case only to be registered as a first step in calling for a further investigation.

The clothing of these persons other than the G.O. and G.S. are under discussion with the Italian Government representatives concerned.

#### Armed Forces

Good work is being performed by the G.O. under adverse conditions. Every effort is being made to secure the withdrawal of the allied forces. In many districts joint patrols of military police and G.O. have been instituted. Government has been working with the Director of Public Relations and the Chief of Police, to publish from constant in favour of the G.O. and will serve to increase their confidence in themselves and their actions in the eyes of the public.

The Mobile Groups of G.O. attached to the Fifth and Eighth Armies have done excellent work in dealing with refugees and checking civilian movement.

Plans for preparing G.O. to police controlled territory on the rules advance are well in hand.

No success has yet been obtained in securing the release of G.O. detained as prisoners of war.

#### Royal Finance Guards

During the month General Horvath, commanding the G.O. carried out a tour of inspection in Calabria. Arrangements have been made for him to visit Sicily and Calabria during May.

A circular letter has been sent to Regional Commissioners pointing out the importance of employing G.O. on their proper duties of enforcing revenue laws.

#### Ministry of Public Security

The new Minister of the Interior has been impressed with the necessity of appointing a prefect to deal with public safety matters at the Government level. During the last few days of April, a Colonel was temporarily appointed to the position. The question of retirement and equipment for Agents of Public Security, and the appointment of new recruits are under discussion.

#### Forest Guards

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#### Secret Service

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#### Integration of Public Militia in 20.

Royal decree of 6th December 1941 provided that members of the disbanded Fascist 20 and highway militia might be admitted into the 20. It was later agreed that the 20-11th, which would not be admitted into the 20. Nevertheless the royal decree has not been officially published with the result that some 20 militia-men remain in a state of suspension and are in fact attached to the 20-11th. The new Minister of the Interior is being prepared to draft a decree rescinding the royal decree of 6th December 1941.



### Representations.

There have been a number of minor demonstrations, mostly in unoccupied Italy, demanding more food and complaining against local officials. Last night a group of men was killed by the local police who were on the streets outside of dealing with the situation.

### Air Raid on Naples.

The latest casualty figures for the air raid on 21 April 1944 indicated 52 killed and 51 injured.

### Crimes of Racial Interest.

Carthage. Groups of armed bandits have been operating in the southern part of the island. On 6 April an American officer and his driver were robbed by three armed bandits. Later, while attempts were being made to apprehend the offenders, a US Major and 2 American officers were held up by three armed men, one of the men was shot dead by the US Major, but the other two escaped. Ill-suited conditions are being conducted by the Italian police for these bandit groups.

### Calabria.

At Salerno, supplies of clothing for necessitous men, women and children, consigned to a warehouse by the Relief Supplies (clothing) Committee, were stolen. The director, 3 doctors and the priest being involved. The accused are being tried in the Italian courts, the trial being fixed for the 11 May 1944.

### Sicily.

A case of considerable interest in that of the forged 1000 Lire Allied Military currency notes which were being printed and circulated in Sicily. The police have arrested 16 persons, and seized printing press and plant. Notes of the face value of 40,000,000 Lire have been recovered, although it is thought there may still be some of the forged notes in circulation. This is the first case where notes have been forged in their entirety.

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Clash between French Troops and Italian civilians.

A serious incident occurred on 10th April 1944 at Civita in the province of Frosinone, Italy, where the band of French troops (1st French Armored Division) had already received the report of the Italian population. In this occasion, several cases of violence to an Italian girl by a party of drunken French soldiers resulted in a clash with a group of young Italians.



There were some 200 Italian soldiers. The French commander sent to the scene a contingent of troops, armed with pistols, rifles and machine guns. The village was captured off, machine guns were established at strategic points, and a house search was conducted. Fighting continued. The French side, the soldiers were wounded, on the Italian side, ten civilians were killed and six injured. The fighting broke out at 8 PM, and the estate of a priest ordered by the French commander was established at about 11 PM. Shortly afterwards the provincial public order officer arrived but it was not until 11.30 PM on the following day that the Italian forces surrounded the French commander to maintain his troops and civilian then to barracks. The killing of the village was then taken over by the G.D. who returned law and order. Full military law was being.

#### Arrest of Allied troops by Italian police.

It has been decided that the Italian police should not be given the power to arrest or detain Allied troops guilty of criminal offenses.

#### Prisoners.

##### Overcrowding

During April the overcrowding of civilian prisons has become worse. Conditions are particularly bad in Naples and Turin.

The latest figures available show:

|                             | AND    | territory | territory | Total  |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Number of prisoners         | 60     | 15        |           | 75     |
| Maximum capacity            | 14,804 | 1,666     |           | 17,470 |
| Present population          | 15,340 | 4,023     |           | 19,363 |
| Excess of overcrowding 1936 |        | 1417      |           | 2463   |

On 21st April 1944 a discussion was held with Brigadier Eaton and Major, then it was pointed out that the evacuation of ten prisoners was occupied by Allied troops could release accommodation for 2000 civilian prisoners. Brigadier Eaton expressed himself in sympathy with the difficulties of the G.D. He stated that he had already issued instructions that military units would not in future receive civilian prisoners without the consent of the "except in cases of urgent operational necessity". He said that he would make enquiries to ascertain how soon the ten prisoners

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A second main cause for overcrowding is the retention of Italian military and naval prisoners in civilian jails.

In order to decide what measures can be taken to reduce overcrowding a meeting of all the prisoners concerned with the overcrowding was held on April 1944 under the chairmanship of the Vice President.

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It has become increasingly evident that the Ministry of Justice, responsible for the prison service, has not only failed to appreciate the gravity of the situation but has served no means of keeping itself properly informed of prison conditions. The Minister of Justice is being urged to take energetic measures without delay.

That, finally, of this sub-commission, is a visit of inspection to prisons in Italy to obtain first-hand information. Regional Public Safety Offices have been directed to keep this headquarters supplied with prison statistics.

#### Prison Statistics.

A standard notation for prisoners, approved by the Public Health Sub-Commission, has been allocated in numbers I, II, III, IV, V and VI. The notation, which is higher than that the basic civilian notation, consists of:

|     |                         |
|-----|-------------------------|
| 300 | Prisoners of war or for |
| 100 | Political prisoners     |
| 100 | for the day             |

together with the ordinary civilian notation of oil and sugar.

#### Fire and Civil Defence.

##### Director of Anti-Air and Civil Defence Services.

Under the new Minister of the Interior, M. L. Umberto Stranieri has been appointed Director General of Anti-Air and Civil Defence services. The Director is most co-operative, and submits all orders and instructions to this sub-commission before issuing them. He is only too anxious to seek advice.

##### Civil Defence Services.

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100 " soup or fat

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##### Licensing and Registration.

##### Motor Vehicle Circulation Permits.

Instructions have been issued putting into effect as from 1st May 1944 a uniform scheme for the issue of motor circulation permits and petrol. The scheme was originally prepared for Axis territory but has been adopted in its entirety by the Italian Government.

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#### Civilian Control

Regulations consolidating all existing restrictions on civilian movement in the and all territory have been issued.

After consultation with the I., it has been decided, for security reasons, to keep a tight rein on the movement of civilians.

#### Hotels and Boarding Houses

Instructions have been issued to the Italian police in the and all territory in regard to all citizens staying in hotels, inns and boarding houses who are properly registered. The strict enforcement of the regulations will serve as a deterrent to the security services.

#### Military Control Authorizations

AMH have issued orders that civilians wishing to leave Italy must be in possession of Military Travel Authorizations. Draft instructions have been prepared setting forth the procedure to be followed.

#### Registration of Arms and Vehicles

A scheme for the registration and use of all civilian vehicles was drafted and has now been accepted.

#### General

The new Italian Government has not yet had time to get firmly into the saddle. There are indications of a rather more positive attitude, but there is no doubt that in any progress is to be made in the field of public safety it will have to be limited by this sub-commission and maintained by continual pressure.

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