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Consular representation was now in full swing throughout the North, and working well.
The agricultural situation was good, there had been an excellent hay harvest, and prospects for crops were promising. The industrial outlook was not so bright; factories were working below capacity owing to lack of raw materials and the goods made were not being sold, but were accumulating in stores and warehouses.

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Public order was highly satisfactory, and demonstrations which took place were invariably good humoured and restrained. There seemed to be a strong feeling among the Italians that the elections must be carried out in an orderly manner.
Summarising the position, Brig. Dunlop stated that in the North the agricultural side was promising; politically they were getting on well, but certain hidden financial difficulties might come to light in a few months time.

3. AC War Establishment. Ex O (B) stated that the War Office had ordered a review of the AC War Establishment by 25 May and a new War Establishment was submitted to G.H.Q. on Saturday last. G.H.Q. had, however, now decided to cable War Office suggesting a further postponement of review.

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Ex C directed that Ex Os (A) and (B) examine the possibility of instituting one "car less" day a week.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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So we should never hear any further figures of all. — The results of course are awaited Allied. It has all been discussed, as always, with Ex Min A & B.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 14 MAY.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Food Situation. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) reported very little change. The target figure for additional amassing undertaken by the Italian Government had been reduced to 68,000 tons and during the period 1 - 8 May only 25 of that figure had been collected. There had been a delay in publishing the decree. The Italian Government planned to proclaim an amassing law for the next harvest similar to last year, except that greater retentions would be permitted.
A decree for restaurant control was under consideration.
Ex C referred to a memorandum received from AC CLO NAPLES which was in effect an attack on Italian administration and policy, alleging that large reserves of food were available and that the Italians were misleading their own authorities, AC and UNRRA. Ex C had passed this memorandum to Lt.Col.Cowper and would discuss it with Col. Walton.
Col. Walton stated that crop conditions appeared promising.

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(g) - 6. Purchases by Troops visiting IT.LIT. Col. Walton stated that a reply had been received from [illegible] stating that schillings were not being changed for lire at the rate reported by the Italian Government.

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4. Control of Manufacture of Arms. The implications of this matter were discussed in some detail and Ex C directed that a committee be set up presided over by Brig. Carr, with Service and other interested Sub-Commissions, to investigate the whole question.

5. Administration of BLUs(MIL.). Col. Pidsley asked if any arrangement had been made with regard to administration of BLUs in the field when British facilities ceased to exist. C&O to Ex C stated that an interim reply had been received from AFHQ but a decision had not yet been given.

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9. Future of Disper. There was discussion on the ultimate responsibility for Disper. It was desired to obtain the opinion of the U.S. Government and Ex C directed that a meeting be arranged before the end of the month.

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10. Archives. Ex C directed Heads of Sections to let Major Harrisson, Archives Branch, have the name of the officer responsible for files in each Sub-Commission or Branch.
Ex C said he had noticed considerable difficulty with AC files handed over to UNRRA. He emphasized that these were AC files on loan only and directed Major Harrisson to watch this point closely.

for W. Hildreth
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4. UDINE. Col. Walton gave a brief resume of the meeting held at UDINE with Brig.Gen. Hamblen, G-5 and representatives of .MG UDINE and XIII Corps. Brig.Gen. Hamblen was of the opinion that there should be more direct dealing between .MG territory and .FHQ on supply and legal matters, and the main question was whether it would be better to deal with .MG XIII Corps or two separate .MGs, i.e. XIII Corps and UDINE. It was stated that G-5 would depend upon .C to make necessary contacts in ROME with the Italian Government and UNRRA. Brig.Gen. Hamblen proposed to draft a directive and send it for comment to those represented at the meeting at UDINE.

5. Petroleum. Col. Walton stated that a change in the composition of the C.I.P. had been proposed by the Italian Government on several occasions but this had been viewed with disfavour by the Embassies, .C and UNRRA. The Italian Government had made another application but at a discussion which took place yesterday they had agreed to consider further the continuance of C.I.P. in its present form for several months. Ex C considered that .C should take no part in this matter but leave it to the Embassies and UNRRA. Col. Walton would bring up to Ex C when the correspondence from the Minister of Industry and Commerce was received.

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Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Office hours.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. The following table of office hours of the various higher headquarters in Italy is submitted for your information:

ALCOM	ROME AREA	MTOUSA	AFHQ(Br)	PBS
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2. It is to be noted that the hours of AFHQ (Br) and ALCOM are the same, and that the hours of AFHQ (US) and MTOUSA are the same.

Richard B. Bullock
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Major Inf
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To G-5 & Comm.

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Ref: 210/EC. 24 April 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 APRIL.

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3. Political Party. Polad (A) said a new political party had been formed advocating an Italy/U.S. merger and the U.S. national flag was used in their political emblem which was undesirable. Ex C suggested that this matter be taken up with the Italian Government.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 16 APRIL.
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6. Call Up of the Italian Army. Col. Pidsley reported that this had been very satisfactory. Nearly two-thirds of the men called up had already done military service in one form or another. Equipment was still a bugbear and Gen. Browning would take this up with AFHQ on his return, which was imminent.

7. 'S' Camp at TARANTO. Col. Pidsley gave a brief report on this camp and said it had now been handed over to the Italian Government.

8. Coal. Col. Walton reported that large quantities of coal were being received, although it was anticipated there would shortly be a slowdown in arrivals. The strike in U.S. was still going on and the end was not yet in sight.

9. Easter Holiday. Ex O (B) asked for clarification of the position regarding Italian civilian employees of AC. After discussion, Ex C ruled that for Italian civilians, Good Friday would be regarded as a Sunday, and would be a holiday.

10. Illegal Crossing of the Morgan Line. Col. Findlay reported that people were entering illegally at the rate of 600 a week. A number had been apprehended and were being held by XIII Corps.

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6. Loan from Import/Export Bank. CF. said it was now doubtful if more than one-quarter of the amount of the original loan would be granted to IT.LY. It was possible that to compensate for this they might receive the balance of the US. suspension account (Troops Pay Fund).

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for H. Hurd-Smith
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 2 APRIL.

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4. Coal. Col. Walton reported that shipments from U.S.A. and South AFRICA had been advised and the situation showed some improvement.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 26 MARCH.
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Ex C welcomed Colonel Ross, Ex C (A), who was replacing Colonel Parkin.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) CRM Branch. Ex C said the CRM Branch was too watertight and it must come into the general groups of Liaison Officers. He would discuss with Lt.Col. Campbell, (Director CRM Branch).

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(e) Civilian Staff. Ex C was not satisfied with the reductions made. In this connection he directed Ex Os (A) and (B) to furnish him data on the civilian staff in HQ A.C.

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3. Medical Supplies. Ex C directed that C. Sec take up with UNRRA the whole question of distribution.

4. Food Situation. Col. Walton referred to Mr. Hoover's visit to ROME. An endeavour was being made to get more wheat from NORTH AMERICA. Comparisons had been made of rations, in calorific values, between various countries in EUROPE. There was no actual information available on April loads, but it was anticipated that these would be low. Sugar was in sufficient quantity to carry through July. The planting of sugar beet was greatly in excess of last year.
A gradual overall reduction in prices was reported, due to improved transportation and distribution facilities.

5. Customs Control. CF. reported that customs control on the Morgan Line had been put into operation by AMG VENEZIA GIULIA.

6. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C reported that the call up was progressing satisfactorily and the standard of intake was considerably higher than had been anticipated.

7. U.S. Personnel. Ex C stated he had received a letter from AFHQ that the reduction programme of 50 per month would be stayed for the time being. It was pointed out that parity could not be maintained.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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20 March 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 MARCH.

Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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3. Visit to TRIESTE. Lt. Col. Timmons reported briefly on the impressions gained during the period of the recent strike. There was some discussion by Polads on the points raised.

4. Refugees. Col. Findlay said that very limited resources were available should a refugee problem arise in VENEZIA GIULIA. 2,000 to 3,000 a day could be dealt with at the present time, provided they were get away quickly.

5. Officer Board. Ex C (A) drew attention to the fact that some members of the Officer Board recently set up on rationing in hotels were due to leave the theatre soon and action should be taken on the findings of the Board before this happened. CSO to Ex C was directed to attend to this matter.

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12 March 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 MARCH.
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Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) were not represented.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(d) - 2. Electricity. Ex C again stressed the need for economy.

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3. Hotels in ROME. Polad (B) referred to an article in "The Times" of 18 February which Foreign Office had asked to be followed up. Ex C

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4. Coal. Econ Sec said the situation showed a slight improvement. Imports had been up to schedule for the months of January and February, and were expected to be maintained during March. The question of extra coal required for food industries was under consideration.

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5. UNRRA Telegrams. In answer to Ex C, Econ Sec stated they were getting all UNRRA telegrams on feed, although they were not receiving them very promptly. Ex C directed Econ Sec to take this up with Mr. Cleveland of UNRRA.

6. Communications. Col. Scudder stated that if 3 District were to remain in NAPLES, requirements for telegraphs and telephones would be much the same as they were to-day. The Italian Government were exercised at the number of telegraph and telephone circuits requisitioned by the Army. Although conditions in the North were better, the link between North and South was very weak. Ex C directed Col. Scudder to prepare and send to him to-day a memorandum for G-5, AFHQ.

7. Reduction of Outside Telephone Lines. Col. Scudder had suggested a reduction in the number of outside telephone lines at HQ AC and although HQ Commandant had circulated a memorandum to Heads of Sections, little action had yet been taken. Ex C directed his CSO to follow up.

8. TRIESTE. Ex C directed PRO to send him copies of news reports received.

9. Table of Organization, AC. Ex O (A) stated that the reduction of personnel was 38 on 4 March.

10. Personnel (Br). Ex O (B) gave a brief resume of the progress made in the disposal of surplus officers. On 9 March total officers on strength was [illegible]. Disposal, either through B.R.D. or direct to other units was proceeding satisfactorily. There was some delay in posting orders being received from AFHQ. With regard to ORs, there was a shortage of clerks and no replacements could be expected. By 31 March it was estimated that AC would be 45 clerks deficient, but otherwise the number of ORs would be at full W.E. strength.

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5 March 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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4. Duty Officers. Brig. Carr asked if one officer could do duty for G. and Econ Secs on Sundays and half-holidays. Ex C stated that Econ Sec should keep its own duty officer in the present stage of reorganization and ruled that the following officers be on duty:

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One H.Q Duty Officer (in Adjutant's Office)
One Officer for Econ Sec
One Officer for Chief Commissioner's Office

The roster for the latter duty would be made up from the CC's and Ex C's staff, C.A. Sec and Est Sec.

5. UNRRA. Ex C stated that Mr. Keeny of UNRRA was very concerned about Endimsa (distribution of medical stores). He reported that large supplies were available but had not been distributed for various reasons, one of which was that prepayment was insisted upon. Mr. Keeny asked if AC would take the matter up with the Prime Minister. Ex C stated that he must get the Italian Government to issue these medical supplies quickly before they become useless. He directed C.A. Sec (Public Health S/C) to coordinate with UNRRA and put up a memorandum to the Prime Minister.

6. Shoes and Clothing. Col. Scudder stated that one of the chief factors in the rehabilitation of the public services was the supply of shoes and clothing. He reported that in a warehouse near ROME there was a large consignment of shoes and clothing from USA which had been there since June 1945. Col. Walton said that full distribution had been indicated for these goods but for some reason delivery had not been effected. Ex C directed the matter be followed up by Econ Sec.

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8. Derequisitioning. Ex C directed that Econ Sec should deal with the whole question of derequisitioning. Col. Walton would arrange accordingly.

F. K. Hind-Smith
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20 February 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1 (a). Hotels. Ex C stated that a letter to RAAC was being sent to-day. Ex O (A) had declined the offer of the Boston Hotel from RAAC and this building would revert to civilian use.

(b) - 1 (d). Rations for Civilian Drivers. Mr. Cleveland (Econ Sec) raised this question again. He read a letter from Ex O (B) agreeing that the allowance paid was inadequate and suggesting that the remedy was to use rail or air services or WD vehicles with Allied or Italian military drivers. Ex O (A) stated that in special cases it could be arranged for a military driver to undertake a long trip in a requisitioned vehicle.

(c) - 2. Coal. Mr. Cleveland said that this had not been finally settled. He agreed with Ex C that it was inappropriate for the Yugoslavs to have the coal when Zone B wanted to trade with ITALY.

(d) - 4. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that call up of the 1924 class in March was now being implemented all over ITALY, including UDINE.

(e) - 5. Feeding of the Italian Army. Ex C stated that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister on this subject and also on the general position for all services of the Italian Government.

2. Ammunition at NAPLES. Ex C stated that at a recent meeting agreement had been reached with the Minister of the Interior for dumping to be continued. Subsequently there had been disagreement and the Italian Government now asked whether some of the ammunition being dumped might be used for industrial purposes. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said this was a good argument and the matter had been studied by Industry S/C. Ex C was holding a meeting at 1500 hrs to-day with G-4 and representatives of the Italian Government and directed that a representative of Econ Sec be in attendance.

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3. Reports from AC Liaison Officers. Ex C stated that in some cases Prefects were being invited to attend all day meetings with Liaison Officers. He had directed Liaison Officers to cease this practice. The Office of the AC Liaison Officer at BARI was situated in the Prefettura. Ex C considered this to be undesirable and had written suggesting that alternative accommodation be found.
Great difficulty was being experienced in BOLZANO in avoiding entanglement in politics.

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(b) - 1 (d). Rations for Civilian Drivers. Mr. Cleveland (Econ Sec) raised this question again. He read a letter from Ex O (B) agreeing that the allowance paid was inadequate and suggesting that the remedy was to use rail or air services or WD vehicles with Allied or Italian military drivers. Ex O (A) stated that in special cases it could be arranged for a military driver to undertake a long trip in a requisitioned vehicle.

(c) - 2. Coal. Mr. Cleveland said that this had not been finally settled. He agreed with Ex C that it was inappropriate for the Yugoslavs to have the coal when Zone B wanted to trade with ITALY.

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(e) - 5. Feeding of the Italian Army. Ex C stated that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister on this subject and also on the general position for all services of the Italian Government.

2. Ammunition at NAPLES. Ex C stated that at a recent meeting agreement had been reached with the Minister of the Interior for dumping to be continued. Subsequently there had been disagreement and the Italian Government now asked whether some of the ammunition being dumped might be used for industrial purposes. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said this was a good argument and the matter had been studied by Industry S/C. Ex C was holding a Meeting at 1500 hrs to-day with G-4 and representatives of the Italian Government and directed that a representative of Econ Sec be in attendance.

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3. Reports from AC Liaison Officers. Ex C stated that in some cases Prefects were being invited to attend all day meetings with Liaison Officers. He had directed Liaison Officers to cease this practice. The Office of the AC Liaison Officer at BARI was situated in the Prefettura. Ex C considered this to be undesirable and had written suggesting that alternative accommodation be found.
Great difficulty was being experienced in BOLZANO in avoiding entanglement in politics.

4. BOLZANO. Polad (B) reported that the new Prefect of BOLZANO was holding a meeting to discuss local autonomy. He was experiencing difficulty because of the non-cooperative attitude of the German element. Ex C said this was borne out by a report received from the Liaison Officer enclosing a copy of a letter from the German speaking people's representative refusing participation.

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5. Italian Planning. Mr. Cleveland stated that he had discussed with the Italian Government the functions and set up of a proposed technical commission for reconstruction and planning. Some preliminary work was being done on a three years plan starting in 1947 for public utilities industries. Shortages of raw materials and lack of transport were proving great handicaps and the Italian Government had asked for our cooperation in the matter. Two suggestions had been made, firstly, that the Italian Government might ask for economic and technical missions from U.S. and U.K. for help in planning, and secondly, they might hire the services of private technical organizations.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 FEBRUARY.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(c) - 2. War Establishments. Ex C gave a brief resume of the progress made. The WE agreed on the British side provided a reasonable staff to run AC whatever its future might be. Ex C directed Ex O (A) to provide a nominal roll showing counterparts on the American side. The WE for Liaison Groups had been agreed, although some difficulty was being experienced in filling American officer posts. The Liaison Office at FLORENCE would be discontinued temporarily. A separate WE had been allocated for VENEZIA GIULIA and UDINE and a recommendation had been made by Ex C that police officers in VENEZIA GIULIA should come on the AC WE. Ex C directed Econ Sec to consult SCAO VENEZIA GIULIA on the question of appointment of Chief of Supply Division.

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3. Report from AC CLO LOMBARDIA. Ex C read a report giving an account of the preparation for elections and economic conditions in LOMBARDIA. He would send a copy to Polad (A) and extracts to Econ Sec. Ex C had received reports from other Liaison Officers and on the whole things were going smoothly. Brig. Carr was touring the North visiting AC Liaison Officers.

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4. Call Up of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that posters were now displayed for the call up of the 1924 Class in March. Demobilization of the older groups was continuing.

5. Feeding of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C were still not satisfied with the position. Ex C said the matter was being pursued and a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister, but it was a difficult situation.

6. Transport for Coal Officer, MILAN. Econ Sec said their coal officer in MILAN had no transport and it was necessary for him to make many trips to neighbouring towns. There was some discussion on the transport situation generally, Ex O (B) pointing out that serious cuts had been made in motor transport and we had a number of cars that were due to be turned back. Econ Sec had no allotment of cars as a whole. Ex C directed that a PU should be transferred from ROME for use in the North.

7. Personnel. Ex O (B) had asked Heads of Sections and Sub-Commission to let G-1 (B) have lists of officers they wanted nominated on WE and also surplus personnel. Ex C directed that these lists be in the hands of G-1 (B) by Saturday morning at the latest. Land Forces S/C asked if some of the surplus OR personnel could be made available for them. They were particularly short of drivers. Ex C directed them to discuss this with Ex O (B).

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Chief Staff Officer,
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6 February 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 FEBRUARY.

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(b) - 15. Officer Accommodation. Ex O(A) stated that all moves had been completed. Ex C said that Brig. Low had offered to make the Boston Hotel available for AC American officers as from 20 February. He directed that Ex O(A) consider this proposition.

(c) - 17. PRB Weekly Bulletin. Ex C had discussed with CC, who had ruled that the Bulletin be continued for the time being.

2. War Establishments. Ex C said meetings had been held yesterday and discussions were continuing to-day. Brig. Carr (CA Sec) suggested that police officers at VENEZIA GIULIA should be included on the AC WE. Ex C said this point would be brought up at the WE meeting.

3. French Consulate at TRIESTE. Polad (B) asked if there had been any reactions on this. Ex C showed him a draft letter which had been prepared in which Polad(A) had concurred.

4. Civilian Restaurants. Ex C said it had been asked that civilian restaurants be made on limits to all troops. Discussion had taken place with R.A.C and CC and it had been agreed that it was unwise to remove the present ban for various reasons. In fact, it was proposed that a more stringent enforcement of the Off Limits rule should be made in future. Ex C directed Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions to cooperate in this matter.
Land Forces S/C reported that they had received authority from AFHQ to take an Italian officer on duty accompanied by a British officer into a British hotel or restaurant.
The question of rations for civilian drivers was discussed and Ex C directed Ex O(A) to examine this.

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7. Economic Section Files. Mr. Holstein (Econ Sec) said there might be a gap between the close of Econ Sec and handing over to UNRRA. To avoid this a duplicate set of files was being prepared. Nevertheless, it might be necessary for UNRRA to borrow certain Econ Sec files. Ex C said this point had been covered by Archives Section who were willing to lend files provided they had assurance that any files so borrowed would be returned to AC. He directed that Econ Sec consult Mr. Harrison, Archives Section.

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8. Files in BOLZANO. Col. Walton (Econ Sec) said he was examining the situation regarding files in BOLZANO. At present these files were being looked after by a staff of 25 people. Econ Sec were putting up a letter for CC's signature. There was discussion on this and Ex C suggested that the files could be microfilmed. Polad(B) raised the question of ownership of the files and possible claims that might arise. Ex C said the matter would be pursued on receipt of Econ Sec's letter.

9. Storage Plant for Medicine. Econ Sec said a plant at MERANO containing a considerable amount of medical stores was being handed over to the Italian Government on 16 February. The Italian Government had appointed a receiver for this property and it was hoped that an equitable distribution of medicines would be made. Ex C said that a medical officer should accompany Lt.Col. Campbell at the handover. Land Forces S/C said they had been corresponding on this matter for some time and raised the question of stores being handed back to the Italian Government and the difficulty of the Italian Army getting its share of supplies even though it had priority. Ex C suggested this matter could be taken up by CC in a letter to the Prime Minister.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 8 JANUARY 46.

Brig. Carr was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty in England.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government. Brig. Carr confirmed that the Italian Government had given the undertaking in writing.

(b) - 5. Legislation in Udine. This matter was being dealt with by Legal S/C and CA Sec would pursue it.

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2. Economic Section. Mr. Cleveland (Econ Sec) stated that the transfer of Econ Sec staff to Embassies and UNRRA was proceeding.

3. Next Meeting. Brig. Carr stated that the next meeting would take place at 0900 hrs, Tuesday, 15 January 46 unless notification to the contrary was made.

X H McClean Lt Colonel
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31 December 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 31 DECEMBER 45.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 3. Handover of N. Italy to the Italian Government. Ex C stated that the documents had been signed. Confirmation in writing from the Italian Government was now awaited that Italian troops other than CC.RR would not be allowed within fifteen miles of the Franco-Italian border.

(b) - 6. New Year Holidays. Ex C confirmed that Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 and 2 January 1946, would be holidays. Each Section should have an officer available on the telephone on these days.

2. Channels of Correspondence. Ex C stressed the importance of future communications being addressed to Chief Liaison Officers concerned instead of to Regions who would be closed by 21 January 46. With effect from tomorrow Udine and Bolzano would of course correspond directly with HQ AC.

3. Closing Down of Regions. Ex C directed Est Sec to ensure that disposal of surplus officers was finally settled by 7 January 46. It was essential that we put into Venezia Giulia only officers and EM/ORs who have six months or more to serve. After the present meeting Ex C would discuss the future of HQ AC.

4. Personnel. Ex C stated that Col. Fiske had been assigned to MTOUSA four days ago and was now in Greece. He directed Est Sec to wind up the present nucleus of the Deputy Executive Commissioner's Office.

5. Legislation in Udine. Econ Sec (Mr. Cleveland) said that Lt. Col. Hannaford had asked Sub-Commissions what Italian decrees were wanted in Udine. CA Sec stated that there had been discussions with the Italian Government on the issuing of a blanket decree making all decrees applicable in Udine as they were published, unless specifically excepted.

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6. Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Ex C stated that we should ask AFHQ what was required for these Islands. He directed his CSO to take this up and ask whether observers were still required there. Ex C suggested that the Liaison Officer in Palermo could cover the islands.

7. List of AC Liaison Officers. In reply to Polad (A), Ex C stated that a list had been circulated.

8. Police Officers earmarked for Land Forces S/C. In reply to Land Forces S/C, Ex Off (B) stated that the seven police officers earmarked for employment with Land Forces S/C on the handover of the Northern Regions would arrive not later than 12 January 46.

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4. Personnel. Ex C stated that Col. Fiske had been assigned to MTOUSA four days ago and was now in Greece. He directed Est Sec to wind up the present nucleus of the Deputy Executive Commissioner's Office.

5. Legislation in Udine. Econ Sec (Mr. Cleveland) said that Lt. Col. Hannaford had asked Sub-Commissions what Italian decrees were wanted in Udine. CA Sec stated that there had been discussions with the Italian Government on the issuing of a blanket decree making all decrees applicable in Udine as they were published, unless specifically excepted.

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6. Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa. Ex C stated that we should ask AFHQ what was required for these Islands. He directed his CSO to take this up and ask whether observers were still required there. Ex C suggested that the Liaison Officer in Palermo could cover the islands.

7. List of AC Liaison Officers. In reply to Polad (a), Ex C stated that a list had been circulated.

8. Police Officers earmarked for Land Forces S/C. In reply to Land Forces S/C, Ex Off (B) stated that the seven police officers earmarked for employment with Land Forces S/C on the handover of the Northern Regions would arrive not later than 12 January 46.

9. Administration - Land Forces S/C. Land Forces S/C had received a directive from AFHQ that Land Forces S/C would come under Allied Commission for G-1 matters instead of R&C. Ex C said this point would be discussed at a later date.

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10. Steel Firm in Naples. Col. Densmore gave a brief account of a steel firm in Naples employing 1400 people which had been derequisitioned by the British Army and which it was proposed to derequisition on 28 December. It was impossible to obtain basic supplies for the factory after that date, which meant the employees would be out of work. The firm had been notified of this and as a result electric motors had been carried away and the factory damaged. Econ Sec were taking up the matter with the Italian Government urging that some help should be given to this firm. Col. Pennycuick was endeavouring to arrange that some Allied personnel be left there.

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29 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 NOVEMBER 1945

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

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(c) - 7. Land Forces Subcommission requested that Min. 7 should be cancelled as inaccurate. The following is substituted for Min. 7 of Executive Commissioner's meeting of 20 November 1945:

"Land Force Subcommission stated that, in accordance with orders received, the administration of the Italian Army had been handed back to the Ministry of War on 15 November 1945 together with the command of those units in territory under the Italian Government. Command of units in territory under Allied control remain in the hands of the Allies".

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5. Bolzano Situation.

Executive Commissioner said that the Prefect of Bolzano had put in a good report on the local situation including also proposals for Bolzano autonomy. Polad are studying it, but until the new Italian Government is formed little can be done.

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6. Norther Economic Groups.

Economic Section (Mr. Cleveland) had had discussions with various Northern Economic Groups and was definite that it is essential that the Italian Government get into close contact with them. At the moment the groups are controlled by AMG but a post AMG plan should be made and a conference between Government Representatives and the Northern Groups should be considered.

7. Electric Power.

Mr. Cleveland had been under the impression that electric power was one of Italy's minor problems but, in fact, it is now sufficiently grave, due to the lowness of the water and a complexity of causes. At the moment, in the North, there is a rationing plan, in the form of an AMG order, which is not entirely satisfactory. It is hoped, however, that it will be possible to revise it shortly. The electricity problem is likely to continue until April.

8. Economic Information.

Mr. Cleveland stated that he had found in the North on both the Italian and the Allied sides a great demand for more precise economic information. He would like to consider the possibility of periodic publication of detailed information. Executive Commissioner suggested that Economic prepare such publications and PWB arrange the distribution. Difficulties were discussed and it was concluded that Economic should attempt to nominate an officer to prepare publications. Economic and PWB will discuss further.

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(c) Colonel Parkin stated that all AC taxicabs are being turned in as from today.

13. War Booty.

Economic Section (Colonel Walton) brought up the subject of German funds paid to Italian firms for work never completed. Mr. Cleveland said that this was closely bound up with the whole subject of war booty and is a very high level policy. Any action should be suspended and a Note passed to the Embassy.

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14. Italian M.T.

Land Forces Subcommission requested that Economic Section take up with Transportation Subcommission the question of the vehicles to be allotted to the Italian Forces.

15. Status of Belluno.

CA Section wished to know whether the take over of Belluno by 13 Corps affected the AMG status. Executive Commissioner replied that it would remain under Venezia Region.

16. Public Health Subcommission.

CA Section enquired as to the position of the Public Health Branch in Venezia Giulia when the Public Health Subcommission closed down in Allied Commission; Executive Commissioner replied that the problem would not arise until the new WL was approved, which will be some time;;however Establishments would watch.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Appendix "A"

Ref: 5.13/ES

24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Present Status of URMIT (Ufficio Recupero Materiali Tedeschi)

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. This organization was formed by Commissioner Tremelloni of the Institute for Industrial Reconstruction (I.R.I.) under the Central Economic Commission of the Committee for National Liberation of North Italy (CLNAI) on 17 May 1945 and its functions were confirmed by Colonel Poletti, Regional Commissioner of Lombardi Region, in Regional Order No. 5 of 15 June 1945, which provided that all persons holding materials, machinery, or other property, except War materials, belonging to the German Army or organization depending thereon, should declare the same to URMIT which was to act as custodian and dispose of the same in accordance with AMG instructions. Its activity was extended to other Regions of the North with permission of this Headquarters (letter of Economic Section 8 August, ref: 5.13/ES). Underdate of 7 August a letter was sent to AFHQ asking for approval for URMIT to act as custodian of such materials as had already been taken over subject to military demands, which was agreed.

2. At present URMIT is being absorbed by the ARAR (Azienda Ricuperi Alienazione Residuati) an organization which will replace the Italian State Railways as receiver for Captured Enemy Materials and will operate directly under the Ministry of Transport. The head of ARAR is Ing. Valerio.

3. All materials formerly the property of the Italian Armed Forces are passed to MMIA before being released to URMIT (ARAR) by Allied Commission or No.2 District. Dumps are surveyed jointly by representatives of Captured Enemy Materials Branch and ARAR and are released to the latter on approval from CEM Branch after No. 2 District has removed such materials as are required for Allied Military Use.

/s/ Charles W. Walton
/t/ CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

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21 November 1945

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 NOV 45

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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4. Visits of Italian Civilians. CA Sec complained that visitors to officers in this Commission, some of them important government officials, were not being allowed to proceed to offices in this HQ after the hours of 1200 and 1700, and asked if this could not be changed. Ex Comm instructed Est Sec to change the present hours to 1230 and 1800 provided there were no security or other serious objections.

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5. Clothing for Italian Police. Ex Comm stated that there was a considerable amount of clothing in the North which if released would clothe the entire Carabinieri force. Land Forces S/C stated that they had not frozen any material and that the only items at present frozen were captured enemy material, which was frozen by Distwo. A discussion followed on the various distributing and receiving agencies of the Italian Govt. Econ Sec were instructed to notify Mr Cleveland, who was at present in the North, to look into this matter and forward his comments to Ex Comm.

6. Provision of CCRR for guard duties. Ex Comm asked CA Sec what had been done in answer to Prime Minister's request for 4,000 additional CCRR to guard dumps ofcaptured enemy material. CA Sec stated that CCRR were not available for this function and troops should be used.

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5 October 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 5 OCTOBER 45.

Ex C proposed that the Ex C's meeting should take place once a week in future. It was agreed that the weekly meeting would be on Tuesday of each week, at 0900 hrs.

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(b) - 1(b). Sicily. CA Sec reported that there was no further news and the situation was quiet.

(c) - 2. Handover of Territory. Ex C said that to save any delay CA Sec should find out from AFHQ movements of SACMED and ask AFHQ to telephone us as soon as the news of handover came through.

(d) - 6. Consular Representation in Venezia Giulia. Ex C read an AFHQ signal just received stating that no Consulates will be opened in Trieste as long as AMG is functioning.

(e) - 9. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Ex C asked Econ Sec to let him see the draft proposals to AFHQ.

2. CC.RR. Ex C stated that AFHQ telephoned him yesterday, saying they proposed to hold a meeting shortly regarding the organisation and administration of CC.RR and functions of PWIA

3. French Liaison Officers in the North. In answer to Polad (A), Ex C said there were Liaison Officers at Turin, Tenda and Milan.

4. Italian Army. Land Forces S/C gave a report of their proposed plans for the future of the Italian Army. The new conditions of call up and service in the Italian Army were being discussed.

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5. Passes for HQ AC. VF CA Sec asked if restrictions for Italian Ministers and officials could be relaxed, and the question of the issue of permanent passes for them be considered. Ex C directed Est Sec to take up the matter.

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(b) - 1(b). Sicily. CA Sec reported that there was no further news and the situation was quiet.

(c) - 2. Handover of Territory. Ex C said that to save any delay CA Sec should find out from AFHQ movements of SACMED and ask AFHQ to telephone us as soon as the news of handover came through.

(d) - 6. Consular Representation in Venezia Giulia. Ex C read an AFHQ signal just received stating that no Consulates will be opened in Trieste as long as AMG is functioning.

(e) - 9. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Ex C asked Econ Sec to let him see the draft proposals to AFHQ.

2. CC.RR. Ex C stated that AFHQ telephoned him yesterday, saying they proposed to hold a meeting shortly regarding the organisation and administration of CC.RR and functions of MMIA

3. French Liaison Officers in the North. In answer to Polad (A), Ex C said there were Liaison Officers at Turin, Tenda and Milan.

4. Italian Army. Land Forces S/C gave a report of their proposed plans for the future of the Italian Army. The new conditions of call up and service in the Italian Army were being discussed.

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5. Passes for HQ AC. VP CA Sec asked if restrictions for Italian Ministers and officials could be relaxed, and the question of the issue of permanent passes for them be considered. Ex C directed Est Sec to take up the matter.

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6. Consular Representation in Venezia Giulia, (West of the Morgan Line). Ex C said that XIII Corps had confirmed the desirability of a British Consular Representative in Trieste. Foreign Office had proposed the title "British Political Officer." U.S. title was "Representative of the U.S. Political Adviser at Caserta." Ex C agreed no further action necessary.

7. Venezia Giulia - Population. Ex C referred to the alleged deportation of Italians and their replacement by Yugoslavs. A telegram was being sent to AFHQ on this matter suggesting the possibility of establishing liaison officers in the ports on the West coast of Istria. It was also being pointed out in this telegram that AC were not in a position to supply the liaison officers.

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8. XIII Corps Liaison Officer for Rome. Ex C stated that SCAO Venezia Giulia had proposed that a liaison office should be set up in Rome. Econ Sec thought it was desirable to have a liaison officer on the economic side and all were in agreement that representation would be useful. CSO to Ex C was directed to follow up.

9. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Econ Sec confirmed that Venezia Giulia was included in the plan for the North. There was considerable discussion on the economic and political implementations of military responsibility for supplies for Venezia Giulia and Udine. Ex C and Polads emphasized the importance from a political point of treating Udine and Venezia Giulia as separate entities. Ex C directed Econ Sec to send him the telegrams on the supply side and he would deal with the political side.

10. Handover of the Italian Army. Land Forces S/C had no further news of this. Gen. Morgan was discussing with Gen. Browning to-day.

T.H. McCleary Lt Col

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PRESS HEADLINES

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The London Conference.

The end of the present session of the Council of Foreign Ministers has been commented upon so far only in Giornale del Mattino and Risorgimento Liberale. Headlines emphasize that no concrete result has been achieved and lay stress on the "laconic" character of the final communiqué. Giornale del Mattino: "No European problem settled by the London Conference"; Italia Libera: "Yesterday's final meeting confirmed the failure of the Conference"; Tempo: "Three weeks of useless talks in London. The Conference ends in a complete failure. Bevin accuses Molotov of resorting to Hitlerian methods, and the Soviet Commissar threatens to withdraw."; Momento: Complete failure in London. An incident between Molotov and Bevin reported by the whole press but denied semi-officially"; Libera Stampa: "A communiqué as brief as a funeral notice announces the end of the labours of the Five Ministers. All problems put off to the winter session"; Avanti: "Nothing achieved in London"; Italia Nuova: "Having reached the most complete disagreement, the Conference comes to an end."

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bogy: that of America's economic rivalry." "Ricimero" concludes that it seems very difficult for any country to embark upon an economic war against America which may lead to complications which cannot be foreseen.

Relations between Italy and France.

Writing in Indipendente Eucardio Momigliano declares that "a change, which seems profound and is perhaps decisive for future events in Europe, is taking place in France as regards Italy". The justified rancour against Italy over the "infamous" aggression of 1940, seems to be making way for a realistic vision of the future, a vision that may constitute a much more solid basis for future lasting agreements than romentic appeals to Latin brotherhood or to the memory of old or recent solidarities. French statesmen belonging to all political tendencies realize that Western Europe, in spite of the devastations caused by the war, represents a decisive factor in the rivalries which divide the United Nations. "England must follow with favour and interest the event which can in no way worry her, because no one can say that a French-Italian agreement is directed against any one."

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Consultative Assembly: Parri ~~runs~~ up.

Giornale del Mattino, under the headline "Five realities of Italian policy pointed out by Ferruccio Parri to the Consultative Assembly", publishes the following extracts from his speech: "The experiment (of the Consultative Assembly) has been satisfactory, because of its demonstration not so much of sedateness, as of a sense of responsibility and gravity which constitute a promising outlook for the common task that awaits us during the coming months, and, still more, a good omen for the electoral tests and the serious task of guiding the country which your Parties will ~~await~~ after the elections.... The Consultative Assembly, rather than offer its advice - which, in accordance with the law, constitutes its institutional task - has put the accent on its interest in political problems of a general nature, according to the conception of the various Parties and their relations with other Parties. The representatives of the groups have rather aimed at describing their Party programmes in a debate which passed from sector to sector over the head of the Government. It is natural that this should have happened at a moment of acute political feeling in which, of necessity, the political interest takes first place." Parri then replied, seriatim, to the various objections brought against his Government. Giornale del Mattino then sums up his speech in his own words:

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which are aimed at restoring order in administration, remedying and making good old and recent defects, compelling and co-ordinating. It is often the reforms which are more genuine and more lasting than many others that are destined to remain on paper. But they are not talked about and do not help to increase the reputation of the Government."

Parri emphasized that, contrary to what is being said, the Government has a definite financial programme of its own which could be summed up as follows: "Give to him that is needy, and take away from him that has too much." Parri recalled the work accomplished for the preparation of the elections and stated that the draft of the electoral laws will shortly be submitted to the Consultative Assembly and that the date of the elections would soon be announced. He then went on: "I also appeal to you for concord, not for a makeshift and verbal concord which aims at smothering free criticism and freepolitical struggle. I should regard it as a matter for the greatest pride to have helped to purge Italy of rhetoric, the inveterate curse of our public life. I would be ashamed even of a generic flowery speech." At a certain point Parri said: "I am afraid of forgetfulness and, above all, political forgetfulness which is the easiest. Allow me, therefore, to remind you, in five concise points, of the conditions which rule and, at this present moment, necessitate our policy. 1) We are still under an armistice regime with too much reduced freedom of movement. 2) We are uncertainly awaiting an uncertain peace that will decide our future; our only support is the hope that justice will be respected and that peace will be the outcome of the moderation which is characteristic of the force that aims at being constructive and not destructive. 3) Our bread and our work depend on other people; our solidarity is a decisive condition for obtaining this help. 4) The country is impoverished; the causes of material disorder are endless; the administrative machinery has deteriorated and must be reconstructed and reformed. To give employment, to afford assistance, to reconstruct, to distribute our meagre resources, to protect the workers, to let the employers carry on with their business, constitute a difficult, slow and gradual task which calls for a tenacious and constant effort. We shall succeed if we are united; we shall fail if we are divided. 5) The causes of moral disorder are endless, cropping up again every hour. We can alleviate and overcome them if we are united on an adequate moral and political basis."

Parri concluded his speech with these words: "A fundamental and indissoluble solidarity ought to hold us together along this path, from which we cannot retreat, and also hold us together in this task which admits of only one solution, in which failure is not permissible."

Before Parri spoke the Assembly was addressed by several members, including O. Reale, of the Action Party, who said that "there is no alternative to the C.L.N. Government but that of July 25th, 1943."

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The Consultative Assembly.

Tempo has a leading article by Ugo Giuffre who says: "It has been possible to note a distinct psychological demarcation between the Left Wing group and all the other groups. It is not a matter of a difference in political tendencies, since many Christian Democrats, Labour Democrats, Liberals and Independents are sincerely in favour even of daring reforms in the social sphere and could therefore easily find a point of convergence with the Left Wing; it is a matter of a substantial difference of mentality and method which in practice places them in two opposing and irreconcilable camps as can be seen on a wider scale in the general situation all over Italy, more or less.... Fortunately a significant reawakening is already to be observed in the numerous democratic leagues and associations, or in defence of the democracy, which in their ensemble give a certain indication of the tendency which is becoming more clearly revealed in the common intention to defend individual prerogatives against a return of totalitarianism and adventurous experiments of all kinds. It is necessary that this clear indication should be taken into consideration by those of the six Parties which are destined, sooner or later, to clash with the Left Wing coalition."

In Popolo Gonella writes: "If any criticism can be made of the labours of the Consultative Assembly it is that of not having given rise to debates and of having resolved itself into a series of 'monologues' of which the various Parties made use in order to endorse their points of view and above all to describe the fundamental claims in their programmes."

Sicilian Separatist Movement.

Giornale del Mattino. The Minister of the Interior has issued the following communiqué: "The Sicilian Separatist movement has been tolerated so far with great long-suffering in the hope that it would develop into legitimate propaganda for regional autonomy. The Separatist movement has, however, continued obstinately and insolently to insist on propaganda against national unity, encouraging the formation of a 'voluntary army for Sicilian independence' (i.e. E.V.I.S.), and manifesting its intention to have recourse to armed insurrection. Recently it appealed to the London Conference to demand separation from Italy. Finally, in recent weeks, the authorities were informed of the preparation of coups de main to take place shortly. For these reasons the Minister of the Interior has decided to take the necessary measures for safeguarding public order, and has ordered the arrest of Avvocato Finocchiaro-Aprile and Avvocato Antonio Varvaro, leaders of the Separatist movement, reserving the right to hand them over to the judicial authorities. The arrest was effected in the evening of October 1st. Measures have also been taken for the closing down of all the offices of the Separatist movement, the prohibition of new periodicals and Separatist propaganda meetings, and for 'warning' the leaders of the movement in the smaller centres."

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Unità warmly approves the action of the Government in a leading article. "The arrest of the leaders of the Sicilian Separatist movement, announced yesterday by the Government, will be received by the whole of Italy, as it already has been in the Island, with a lively feeling of relief and satisfaction.... We think that the arrests ought not to be limited to the three dabblers in politics who have so far been affected, but should include the more highly placed people who are responsible, certain barons, lords of the land, promoters and financial backers of the Separatist movement.... From Rome also, by means of a thousand threads, reactionaries and agents provocateurs, together with the ingenuous and the dupes who allow themselves to be led by the nose, have had, and maintain, contact with the leaders of the Separatist movement, elaborating the most diverse forms of compromise ranging from Monarchical federalism to that of the Republicans.... We approve of the steps taken by the Parri Government against the Separatists, and we urge it to be inflexible in enforcing respect for the law and the maintenance of order. Once the Separatist fallacy has been disposed of, the problem of the significance and political guidance of regional autonomy will be simplified."

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strengthening, no doubt intend to present themselves as a great Democratic Centre Party between the Conservative Right and the demagogic Left. This calculation is wrong because it is based on a false premiss." The Action Party is bent on a more active Government policy in every field.

"L'Uomo Qualunque".

Ricostruzione quotes from the Florence newspaper "La Nazione del Popolo" the news that, following the publication in "L'Uomo Qualunque" of a news item containing insulting remarks about the young magistrates of the Florence Public Prosecutor's Office, Dr. Baschieri, one of them, has sued this paper for libel.

Italian refugees from Africa.

Giornale del Mattino states that, yesterday afternoon, a crowd of about 1,000 members of families of Italian refugees from East Africa and Libya demonstrated in front of Montecitorio. They had previously met in the Piazza dell'Esedra in order to get a hearing for their claims from the Government. A delegation, accompanied by the President of the Association of Repatriated Prisoners, Consultore Tamagnini, was received by the Premier, to whom they submitted an order of the day containing the demands of the refugees from Africa. The Premier, having promised to give the matter his consideration, pointed out the difficulties which face the Government in the international field.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 29 SEPTEMBER 45.
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22 September 45.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 21 SEPTEMBER.
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1. Minutes of last Meeting.

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6. Handover of Territory. VP CA Sec said that the normal time for the handover procedure was twenty-one days. He said, however, that it could be done in ten to fourteen days. It was agreed by all that to rush the handover was a mistake and that it might be necessary to make the date say 10 October. Polads said that at least we should get out an announcement of the handover in September. Ex C agreed that this was desirable. CA Sec would go ahead with the preparations and Ex C would discuss with CC.
With regard to Udine, a press release should be drafted, and Ex C asked PRO to coordinate with CA Sec on this. This, and the handover announcement, should be studied by Polads, and would then be passed to CC for approval.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 SEPTEMBER.

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7. Italian Observers in Venezia Giulia. Polad (A) said a request had been received from the Prime Minister for the establishment of Italian observers on both sides in Venezia Giulia. Polad (B) was in favour of forwarding this request to AFHQ with the recommendation that it be disapproved owing to the present meeting in London. Polad (A) was in favour of forwarding the report to AFHQ without comment. Ex C would discuss with CC and point out the necessity of emphasizing to the Italian Government the entirely non-political liaison functions of the Yugoslav Mission in AMG Venezia Giulia.

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8. Italian Citizenship in Bolzano. Polad (B) drew attention to Brig. Carr's notes of his tour of the North on the question of the legal ruling of Italian citizenship. Brig. Carr said there was some controversy on this point; the Chief Legal Adviser held that only those Italians who opted to go to Germany and actually left the country had lost their citizenship, but the view of the local prefect was that all those who had opted to go to Germany would lose their citizenship. CA Sec would take it up with Local Government S/C and the notes would be amended.

9. Austrian/Italian Trade. Ex C stated that a letter had been received from an Austrian Baron Wadenegg regarding Austrian/Italian trade. Polads advised that no action should be taken as the Austrian Office in Rome was not recognised, and Ex C said he would inform CC accordingly. Econ Sec had already contacted the Italian Government with regard to trading with Austria.

10. Timber. Ex C said that he had been informed that Venezia Giulia were in need of timber for the winter. He directed Econ Sec to take the matter up with Agriculture S/C with a view possibly of sending an expert up to inquire into and arrange the matter on the spot.

11. Italian Import Programme for 1946. Econ Sec said that good progress had been made with this, which was phased to effect 85% full employment by 30 September 1946.

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13. Films. ENO said that the Italian Government were not implementing the agreement regarding film distribution and priorities made between the Government and the Temporary Film Board. The result was the distribution and showing of American and British films was being held up. This was a matter Ex C would recommend CC to take up with the Prime Minister verbally in the first instance.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

(a) - 1(a) Office hours. Ex C stated that the AFLRB Labour and Wages Committee had turned down the 40 hour week and reverted to the 48 hour week. This would cut out the two half holidays for civilian employees. It was suggested that VPs and Directors of S/Cs should take Wed. and Sat. afternoons off and that the rest of the Commission should be staggered to provide two half days off a week. There was discussion on the FEA position and POLAD (A) said that if FEA only budgeted for a 44 hour week AC should not put them in the position of having to pay overtime. It was suggested that FEA personnel be given Sat. afternoons off which would give a 44 hour week. No definite decision was made and Ext Sec would prepare a draft instruction and submit to Ex C for approval.

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(c) - 1(d) Telecommunications in Venezia Giulia. Communications S/C reported that communications between Trieste and Pola were still interrupted.

(d) - 5 Reduction of AC HQ. Ex C stated that a telegram had been received from AFHQ with regard to reduction of personnel and the future of AC. He had directed Ext Sec to discuss with Heads of Sections and hoped that an answer would be made available this week.

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There was discussion on possible reductions and Econ Sec said they could cut down on the Industry side.

Ex C agreed CA Sec's point that public safety officers should be kept up to full strength and said the numbers of other

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Liaison Officers would depend upon the policy to be followed in regard to elections. Sections were instructed to review and report through Est Sec.

3. REDUCTION IN TRANSPORT.

Ex C said that about the middle of last month AFHQ had sent in a telegram calling for cutting down of transport. He said that at a meeting yesterday it had been decided to reduce the number of civilian cars used in Regions on Sept 15 by 25% and by Sept 29 by a further 25%. Est Sec were directed to review the number of cars held by Col. Fiske's group. Cars sent out on daily despatch would also be reviewed by Est Sec with a view to reduction and a 25% cut in civilian cars would be made at HQ.

Ex C asked officers to endure possible inconvenience and urged that misuse of cars should be closely scrutinised

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6. COAL DUMP AT SAVONA.

Ex C referred to a telegram reporting a large coal dump

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at Savona and urging that the coal be moved. Econ Sec would look into this matter.

7. BRIG. ANDERSON'S VISIT TO THE NORTH.

Brig. Anderson stated that economic conditions in the north had definitely improved. Vehicles were being produced at Fiat at the rate of 30 a day but tyres were the problem. Fiat could get up to 3,000 vehicles a month. Production at other plants had improved.

8. TRIESTE ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

Ex C said CC had expressed concern at AC representation. Brig. Ritchie was now Chairman. Econ Sec were satisfied that there was adequate AC representation on the Council.

9. SUPPLIES TO VENEZIA GIULIA.

Brig. Gen. McKinley mentioned that the feeling in London and Washington was that this was a military responsibility. Ex C emphasised that AC must take technical responsibility for the supply programme for Venezia Giulia.

10. PHOSPHATE ROCK.

Econ Sec said that negotiations between the French and Italian Governments had broken down. The French said they could buy pyrites cheaper from Spain and Portugal and could not take Italian pyrites and as a result phosphate rock will not be available from N. Africa. Ex C directed Econ Sec to take up this matter with the French representative of AC.

11. VENEZIA GIULIA MEMBERS OF CONSULTA.

CA Sec read a memorandum setting forth what had taken place to date. Ex C said the difficulties were transportation and how the members would be allowed to communicate with their own people. He would recommend to CC that any communications required should be made through AMG.

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Econ Sec pointed out that UNRRA had only a short-term policy and would not hold much inducement as a civilian career to officers.

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14. DEMOBILISATION OF ITALIAN ARMY.

Land Forces S/C had agreed that certain classes be demobilised, which would greatly increase the morale of the Italian Army. Demobilisation of the 1917 class would commence on 16 October and demobilisation of the 1918 class and the 1919 class would probably take place in November and December respectively.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 SEPTEMBER.

Ex C introduced Brig. Parsons, of G-5, AFHQ, to the meeting.

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(b) - 4. Review of AC/AMG. PRO stated that the first copy would be off the press tomorrow. Major Bergin was waiting for priority to go to U.S. and U.K. to see press representatives.

(c) - 5. Vehicles in the North. Ex C had discussed this matter with CAO, AFHQ, who told him that there would be no German vehicles available for AC for the time being. They were being used by German units and by cannibalization there were only enough for this purpose. When German units had left the country there was a possibility that some vehicles would be available for the Italian Government. Ex C pointed out that meanwhile, vehicles in dumps were being cannibalized and rendered useless, and he asked Brig. Parsons to raise the matter again on his return to AFHQ.

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Brig. Parsons was asked to arrange that XIII Corps G-2 reports be sent to AC.

3. IPOW and Mine Clearance. Ex C had discussed this matter with G-5, AFHQ. Owing to the fading out of CA Sec, CC considered that IPOW and mine clearance should go over to Land Forces S/C (M IA) on 30 September and CC was sending a letter to Gen. Browning on this.

4. Elections. Poland (B) mentioned what appeared to be an inspired press report from London on the question of elections stating that the Peace Treaty would not be signed until an elected government was in power. This was exactly opposite to the view expressed recently to Poland (B) and he was telegraphing to London on the matter. Poland (A) said the U.S. view was that it would be advantageous to have an elected Italian Government sign the Peace Treaty, but no official statement had been made on this.
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7. Law and Order. Brig. Parsons stated that AFHQ were getting communications from No. 2 District and Fifth Army expressing uneasiness at the state of public order and the existence of hidden arms. It was realised that everything possible was being done but the tentative suggestion was now made that the Italian Government be given the benefit of the assistance of Allied troops in carrying out searches for arms. This assistance must come from a high level since otherwise Allied troops would do all the work and the CC.RR would do nothing, which was exactly what was not wanted. If it was done at Area Commander level it might possibly be a help. The suggestion was purely exploratory at this stage and suggestions were welcomed so that G-5 could make recommendations to G-3 and consult with Polads.
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Ex C suggested to Brig. Parsons that CC be instructed by AFHQ to discuss this matter with the Prime Minister when the subject of public security generally was raised.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 31 AUGUST.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a)- 1(a). Office Hours. Ist Sec confirmed that civilians would be paid for the afternoon off duty. HQ Commandant had arranged for the midday meal to be provided.

(b)- 1(b). French Liaison Officers. Ex C said the position should be checked with RCs and then taken up with AFHQ, with a copy to No. 2 District.

(c)- 4. Strength of Carabinieri. CA Sec said that the pre-war strength of the CC.RR was 50,000, or 80,000 including personnel in the Colonies. 65,000 might be considered sufficient now if the other police agencies were up to strength, and CA Sec said that they were pursuing the matter with the Italian Government on those lines. Ex C asked CA Sec the position regarding payment of auxiliary police when the turnover took place, remembering that these auxiliaries were not catered for in the Italian Budget. There should be an overall policy and the problem should be taken up with RCs.

(d)-11. Allied Business Representatives. Ist Sec said they were pursuing the matter of derequisitioning rooms in hotels to be available for Allied business representatives, but were not yet ready to make a report.

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4. Review of AC/ASC. PRO stated that this would be off the press this week and outlined the distribution it was proposed to make.

5. Vehicles in the North. PRO read a report from the Italian press about captured enemy vehicles in the North that were rapidly deteriorating and the report asked why these could not be sold to private individuals. Col. Fisko confirmed that there was a large amount of looting and considerable deterioration and said that the reason for the delay in the turnover of vehicles was that AFHQ

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a)- 1(a). Office Hours. Est Sec confirmed that civilians would be paid for the afternoon off duty. HQ Commandant had arranged for the midday meal to be provided.

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6. Telecommunications. Communications S/C reported that the Yugoslavs had cut all civil communications between their part of Venezia Giulia and ours, including between Trieste and Pola. SCAO had been informed and Econ Sec were holding a meeting on this. Econ Sec directed Communications S/C to inform AFHQ at once.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 28 AUGUST.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Ex C would discuss with Gen. Browning this morning.

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(g)-9. POW Camp at Modena. Land Forces S/C said that this camp had not been promised to the Italian Government. MTOUSA were offering an alternative camp near Pisa.
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3. Economic Liaison Groups. RCs had sent in recommendations by names for Liaison Groups to be set up in the North after the handover. CC was now anxious to tackle HQ. Two cuts of 25% could be made at intervals or the thinning out could be a more gradual process. Taking care of the officers made surplus after the handover was an important point which CC did not wish to be overlooked and there was discussion on this.
Ex C would meet Dst Sec on Thursday to discuss the matter in order to clear the air for Ex C's next meeting on Friday.

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4. Strength of Carabinieri. Arising out of statements made by the Prime Minister on Italian elections, there was discussion on the possibility of increasing the strength of the CC.RR. CA Sec thought that as the CC.RR were not too popular in the North, other police agencies should be strengthened as an alternative. Ex C directed them to obtain the views of Public Safety S/C. Poland(B) stated that Parri had been making speeches containing vague inferences and Ex C said he would discuss this matter with CC.

5. Office Accommodation in Milan. Col. Fiske said that his offices in Milan were being asked for by the Town Major and there was difficulty in finding alternative accommodation. Ex C said he would recommend to CC that Col. Fiske's office should move into the Lombardia Region building soon after the turnover. Difficulties in respect to telephones were discussed and Ex C directed Communications S/C to take up this matter.

6. Derequisitioning of Hotels for the Italian Government. Dst Sec had now taken over this matter. Delay had been caused because of the failure of the Italian Government to let us know what accommodation they required in various towns. Dst Sec would submit draft letters to Ex C to-day.

7. Oil Refinery at Fiume. Econ Sec had received a letter from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs asking us to intercede in respect of an oil refinery at Fiume. There was discussion on the procedure to be followed in such matters and Ex C said this raised the whole question of Italian Government approach to the Yugoslav Government. Ex C directed Econ Sec to write to the Embassies giving them full particulars of the case so that they could take necessary action.

8. Director of Coal Field. Econ Sec said that two months ago a director of a coal field made a visit North and was taken prisoner by the Yugoslavs. Ex C directed that the matter be passed to the Embassies with full details.

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11. Allied Business Representatives. Col. Fiske raised the question of feeding and accommodation of Allied business representatives. The case of a group of ten men who had come to Italy on special invitation had been authorised. Ex C said that in principle the costs would be recovered from the business interests involved, but how this was to be done was a matter for the Embassies to decide. After discussion, Ex C directed Dst Sec to go into the question of derequisitioning rooms in certain hotels so that they could be made available for commercial visitors on a cash basis.

12. Passengers in Taxis. Communications S/C had been informed by Dispatch Office that Italian civilians could no longer ride in taxis during the day unless accompanied by military personnel. Ex C directed Dst Sec to take up.

13. Road Transport. It was said that under a recent AFHQ ruling no car would be despatched on a trip if a courier service was available. This affected officers who had to make journeys involving several stoppages. It was not possible to break the journey when travelling by train or plane. Ex C directed Dst Sec to represent this to AFHQ.

14. Clothing of CC.RR. Land Forces S/C said that the supply of green battle dress [illegible]

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14. Clothing of CC.RR. Land Forces S/C said that the supply of green battle dresses for CC.RR was in hand, and there were sufficient available now to supply Florence.

A. B. Kennedy
A/ Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 AUGUST.

Col. Fiske was in the Chair in the absence of Ex C on duty.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Office Hours. There was further discussion on the second day a week off. Ex C asked Sections to consider the suggestion of VP CA Sec that Wednesday and Saturday afternoons be off duty periods. He stressed the importance of uniformity throughout the HQ.

(b) - 1(b). French Liaison Officers. Ex C stated that AFHQ had now approved French Military Liaison representation at District level. There would be one French Liaison Officer at Turin.

(c) - 1(d). Italian Government Election Law. CA Sec were still waiting to hear from the Prime Minister following the recent discussion in Rome.

(d) - 2. Correspondence to and from Prime Minister. Ex C had discussed this matter with CC, who considered that while we should endeavour to keep correspondence on a lower level, it was not advisable to approach the Italian Government on this matter.

(e) - 4. Activities of Albanian Troops. Although we had now received a communication from the Italian Government informing us of the occupation and putting on record that the Island was Italian territory, Ex C confirmed that no action would be taken by AC.

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(h) - 8. U.S. Consular Staff. Polad (A) had ascertained the position regarding U.S. Consular and Diplomatic Staff. If accomodation was available at military hotels they could go in on a commercial basis.

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(i) - 10. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. Econ Sec said the consensus of opinion was that military responsibility for supplies to Venezia Giulia should not be withdrawn. There was discussion on how the withdrawal of AMG would affect the situation.

2. Economic Section Representation in Milan. Brig. Andersen had received a message from Brig. Lush concerning the Economic Board in Milan. The question of coordination between Milan and Sub-Commissions at AC was discussed and it was agreed that the situation was satisfactory.

3. Disposal of Surplus Military Material. The Army and Navy Liquidation Commission had communicated with Econ Sec and asked if AC wished to exercise controls over the distribution of surplus goods which the Italian Government might buy from that Commission. There was discussion on the several factors involved, including the buying of goods by other nationals, and the financial aspect.
Dx C said that on principle AC should not attempt to exercise controls.

4. Future of Italian Army. Land Forces S/C reported that Gen. Browning felt that the Italian Army should be handed over to the Italian Government concurrently with the hand back of territory, and the hand back of the latter should be postponed until 30 September to ensure this.
Dx C said this point had been covered at the recent Regional Commissioners' meeting, and he had then expressed the same views as Gen. Browning. Owing to the formalities involved in the hand over of territory, the transfer of the Italian Army and territory should practically coincide.

5. Check on Visitors to AC. PRO asked if it was still necessary to have receptionists at the desks at the main entrance checking visitors to AC. Dst Sec said some measure of control must be exercised to keep out unauthorised callers and Dx C ruled that the present practice should continue.

Why?

6. Bolzano Material. WD S/C reported that they had now received a list of material, and Fifth Army were handing this over direct to AC by 30 August. A meeting was being held at AFHQ regarding disposal of the material held at Livorno.

7. Restoration of Italian Property. Econ Sec had received a letter asking for a car to be restored to an Italian family, this car having been taken by the enemy. WD S/C explained the procedure for making claims for return of property, and Econ Sec would pass the letter to them for action.
It was stated that Econ Sec were receiving a large number of requests for trucks from people who had lost their vehicles due to the war. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that all such enquiries should go to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

8. WD & IFW S/C. Dst Sec asked if a meeting could be arranged to discuss the reorganisation of the WD & IFW S/C. Dx C said he would see Lt. Col. Campbell after the present meeting and let Dst Sec. know when a meeting would take place.

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9. POW Camp at Modena. CA Sec said that arrangements had been made for the Italian Government to take over a large camp at Modena for the accommodation of neo-fascists. It had been found that the camp had been completely dismantled on 30 August, three days before the hand-over was due to take place. Land Forces S/C would take action.

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10. War Crimes Commission. CA Sec stated that AFHQ had ruled that AC would be responsible for transport and accommodation of War Crimes Commissions. Proposals of a Yugoslav War Crimes Commission had been forwarded to AFHQ for comment, and had been returned as a staff study, AFHQ asking for our views. CA Sec considered that the responsibility for War Crimes Commissions belonged to AFHQ and would like to discuss the whole matter with Polads at an early date. Ex C approved.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 21 AUGUST.
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(f) - 8. Venezia Giulia - AMG Personnel. Est Sec reported that parity was almost reached, there being a difference of five only between U.S. and British officers out of a total number of 111.

(g) - 9. Clothing and Equipment for Italian Police Agencies. There was discussion as to which category of clothing this came into - captured enemy material, or privately

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(g) - 9. Clothing and Equipment for Italian Police Agencies. There was discussion as to which category of clothing this came into - captured enemy material, or privately owned stocks. Ex C said if it was captured enemy material we might be able to get it released from the Italian Army by AFHQ. If it was privately owned stock we could arrange to have it unblocked.
CA Sec were directed to look into the matter.

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(h) - 10. Captured German Clothing. MAD S/C had referred the letter to AFHQ, who said that all the material was being inventoried. They would follow up.

2. Correspondence to and from Prime Minister. Ex C was concerned at the amount of correspondence being handled at Prime Minister level, and said this should be cut down. There was discussion and it was pointed out that the fault lay with the Italian Government as much as ourselves. Ex C would take the matter up with CC.

3. North Appennines Battlefields. Ex.C raised the question of the handling of this matter. Econ Sec stated that when the territory was part of AMG Emilia Region a plan was formed for housing and relief for the coming winter. A copy of the plan was sent to PW & U S/C, who approved, and Ex C wrote a letter with the plan to the Minister of the Interior, recommending it, and saying we were willing to give any advice. Nothing had transpired, as it seemed to be the impression of the Italian Government that we were going to carry out the plan.
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5. Hidden Arms Dumps. Land Forces S/C had been informed by No. 2 District, in a recent visit to the North, that they knew there were considerable numbers of arms hidden underground and asked by them if it was advisable to hand back all the territory to the Italian Government at one time. Ex C said this matter had been carefully considered at the recent meeting on the handback of territory and we were now awaiting a decision from CCS.

6. Frontier Limits. Land Forces S/C said it had been requested that the 15 miles border limit be removed at the same time as the handover of territory took place. Ex C said a ruling had been made at the Regional Commissioners meeting that no Italian troops be allowed while Allied troops were available. He directed his office to check the minutes of that meeting and send a letter to No. 2 District, telling them the position.

7. Camp for ex-Balkan Troops. Land Forces S/C stated that the Tuker Camp, Taranto, was no longer required by them. It was agreed that responsibility for this camp should pass to Disper S/C and that the military staff should be carried against AC ceiling.

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10. Supplies for Venezia Giulia. There was considerable discussion on the question of supplies for Venezia Giulia if military responsibility was withdrawn. It was generally agreed that it was undesirable to hand over the responsibility of feeding to the Italian Government. Ex C said the military should continue supplies for areas that remained under AMG.

11. Reduction in Establishment. Ex C ruled that Sections should furnish to Est Sec an estimated establishment following the turnover and then a phase establishment for, say, 60 days ahead. It was desirable to do this by name so that officers could be advised of their position.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(c). Office Hours. Ex C stated that an order had been issued that Officers, EM/ORs and Allied civilians in HQ and the Regions should have two days off per week.
VP CA Sec raised the question of duty personnel. Ex C said it was desirable to have an officer on duty in each Section on Sundays and scheduled holidays.

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2. Hotel Accommodation for Italian Government and Commercial Representatives. CSO to Ex C said that another letter had been sent to the Ministry of the Interior asking what accommodation was wanted in a list of cities given. Ex C asked VP CA Sec to take up the matter with the Prime Minister to-day.

3. Italian Government Election Law. Ex C directed CA Sec to take up again with the Italian Government the question of the revision of the 1915 election law.

4. Law and Order in Italy. Ex C stated that he had prepared for CC's consideration a memorandum regarding the state of law and order in Italy now and in the future. Ex C said the paper would be passed to Polads and Sections for their comments before being submitted to CC.

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7. Coal. Following his visit to London, Brig. Anderson reported that the coal situation was healthier. It was likely that Italy would get 350,000 tons a month, which was about one-third or one-quarter of normal consumption and would result in about 50% production and the employment of approximately 50% of the normal number of workers.
Brig. Anderson referred to the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe and stated that Italy was not represented and could not be until she was a member of the United Nations. The Foreign Office, supported by the American Embassy in London, had suggested that Sacmed should have an observer on this Committee and also on the European Coal Organisation, this observer to have a small staff and office in London.

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8. Venezia Giulia - AMG Personnel. Ex C said a telegram had been received from XIII Corps regarding parity of U.S. and British officers. If parity had now been established, Est Sec were instructed to inform XIII Corps and G-5, AFHQ.

9. Clothing and Equipment for Italian Police Agencies. VP CA Sec stated that clothing and equipment of CC.RR was an Army responsibility, but no such responsibility existed for Guardia di Finanza and Public Safety Agents. He asked if Econ Sec could give first priority from reserves in the North.
Brig. Anderson pointed out that a large part of the clothing in the North came from private warehouses and was privately owned. It was stated that the Ministry of the Interior would be responsible for payment.
Ex C said we should approach AFHQ asking for early release of the clothing in the hands of the Army.

10. Captured German Clothing. Land Forces S/C had received a letter from the Italian Government asking that German clothing be allocated to civilian use. They were instructed to send this letter for action to WND S/C.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 7 AUGUST.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Regional Personnel. VP CA Sec said that RC Piemonte Region had complained that he was 25% under strength in personnel. Ex C directed Dst Sec to study the matter and report.

(b) - 5. Transport in Milan. Dst Sec confirmed that Venezia Giulia were getting top priority for transport. Ex C directed them to look into the question of drivers.
Ex C wanted to see the plan of disposal of ex-Emilia transport, which he had asked Dst Sec for at the last meeting.

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2. Handback in the North. Dst Sec had not yet received the proposals from RCs (except Liguria and Emilia) on the retention of liaison officers in the North, and Ex C instructed them to press for these. Ex C would go through with Dst Sec the ideas they had at the moment and hold a meeting with VPs on Friday, 10 August, to get out a directive for RCs. Subject to CC's approval he would call a small meeting of RCs on Monday, 13 August, to discuss the whole problem of the handback of territory.

3. Visit to the North by VP CA Sec. VP CA Sec reported that the general feeling was that if AMG did not continue for another six months the turnover should take place as soon as possible. On the surface there was a great improvement in law and order, although some observers considered this was a lull before the storm.

4. French Liaison Officers. VP CA Sec asked the position. Ex C stated that we had recommended to AFHQ that there should be no French military liaison representation below District level.

5. French Incidents in the North. Polad (B) asked if more detailed reports could be given by RC Piemonte Region regarding the alleged incidents following the departure of French troops, so that we could give more information to the French Embassy. Ex C agreed and directed that a letter be sent to the RC.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C stated that this matter had been discussed at AFHQ. A wire was being sent to AFHQ recommending that the interim Italian Army would be maintained at a strength of 140,000, plus 65,000 CC.RR. and that operational and administrative control of that Army would pass to the Italian Government between 30 September and the end of the year. CC had said that the Prime Minister would not press for the increase of strength to 160,000. Ex C pointed out, to Econ Sec in particular, that the feeding of the Italian Army was based on the assumption that food would be made available for the Italian civilian population. We had no assurance that supplies would be available after the August loadings. No definite policy had been laid down in Washington and London, and Brig.Gen. McKinley was going to London tomorrow to present the facts.
It was emphasised that when the Italian Government took over the responsibility for their army food and supplies should have top priority over civilian requirements, and should be included in the "disease and unrest" programme.

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(b) - 1(b). Hotel Accommodation. Ex C stated that the Continentale Hotel in Milan had been handed over to AC as from 2 August 45. Dep Ex C said this would be run on similar lines to the Grand Hotel in Rome, one half for civilians on a purely commercial basis, and the other half for AC officers. Polad (B) pointed out that the Continentale would thus have the only civilian restaurant in Milan, and there might be certain political repercussions.
Dep Ex C took note of the comments of Polad (B) and thought the matter could be satisfactorily arranged.
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2. Decorations awarded to U.S. Officers. Ex C offered congratulations to Colonels Fiske and Densmore on their awards. He directed that an announcement be made in the Daily Bulletin of all awards given.

3. August Bank Holiday. Ex C announced that CC had ruled 6 August 45 to be a holiday for all British personnel in AC at HQ and in the Regions. US personnel would be on duty. Est Sec to take the necessary action.

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4. Regional Personnel. Ex C pointed out that Emilia Region was being handed back to the Italian Government to-day and he required from Dst Sec a list of all the officers from that Region and what had happened to them.
Ex C directed Dst Sec to press for proposals from RCs on the retention of liaison officers in the North. So far the only replies had come from RCs Liguria and Emilia Regions.
Ex C said a strong appeal had been made at Sacmed's meeting for Allied supervision over elections which, if approved, would mean retention of more officers. He directed Dst Sec to work out a plan to deal with the problem of the reduction of Regional and HQ staff following the handback of nearly all Italy to the Italian Government.

5. Transport in Milan. Dep Ex C said he was having difficulty with transport. In addition to visiting AC officers, his small motor pool was taking care of war correspondents, which was a great strain on the resources available. It was suggested that transport ex Emilia should be sent to Milan but Ex C pointed out that Venezia Giulia should have the first pick of this transport. Dst Sec were directed to submit a plan of disposal of ex-Emilia transport to Ex C for approval.

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7. Office Hours. Ex C directed Dst Sec to find out the exact office hours and "time off" in operation at AFHQ for British and American personnel.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 31 JULY 1945.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(b). Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C stated that AFHQ had sent an advance copy of the Log Plan on the administration of the Italian Army after it had been handed over to the Italian Government. A briefing meeting had been arranged for 1500 hrs, Wednesday, 1 August 45, with Gen. Browning and Econ Sec, prior to the meeting at AFHQ on 2 August 45, at which CC and Gen. Browning would represent AC. Ex C said he would appreciate the presence of the Political Advisers at this meeting. CC was seeing the Prime Minister this morning. It was stated the Prime Minister had requested the strength of the Italian Army be increased to 160,000 men. Ex C said any such request must be made officially by the Ministry for War. Land Forces S/C had this matter in hand.

(b) - 1(c). Hotel Accommodation. Est Sec reported that Dep Ex C had made a temporary arrangement, pending final decision by AFHQ, that the Continentale in Milan be an AC hotel. Ex C said it was hoped that this matter would soon be settled and when AC had gained control of the Continentale part of the hotel would be for civilians.

(c) - 10. Commercial Communications. Econ Sec referred to signal TAM 540 dated 28 July 45. They pointed out that certain classes of commercial communications would still have to be screened but apart from that the intention of the signal was to put commercial relations into Italian hands.
Ex C directed that Econ Sec circulate the signal referred to to Polads and VP CA Sec. Econ Sec had prepared a letter to the Italian Government for signature of CC based on the telegram.

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2. Retention of AMG. Ex C read a letter from Gen. Hamblen referring to FAN 536 dated 28 April 45, in which CCS had decided that AMG should be retained in certain territory in N.E. Italy. Ex C would discuss with Polads and CA Sec.

3. Elections in Venezia Giulia. Polad (B) reported that Tito had asked for local elections on both sides of the border.

4. Northern Italy Industrial Council. Econ Sec said that the first meeting had been held yesterday in Milan.

5. Food Situation in the North. Econ Sec reported that the Italian Government had requested a meeting in Milan between Regional and Provincial food officers,

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(b) - 1(c). Hotel Accommodation. Est Sec reported that Dep Ex C had made a temporary arrangement, pending final decision by AFHQ, that the Continentale in Milan be an AC hotel. Ex C said it was hoped that this matter would soon be settled and when AC had gained control of the Continentale part of the hotel would be for civilians.

(c) - 1c. Commercial Communications. Econ Sec referred to signal TAC 640 dated 22 July 45. They pointed out that certain classes of commercial communications would still have to be screened but apart from that the intention of the signal was to put commercial relations into Italian hands.
Ex C directed that Econ Sec circulate the signal referred to to Polads and VP CA Sec. Econ Sec had prepared a letter to the Italian Government for signature of CC based on the telegram.

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2. Retention of AMG. Ex C read a letter from Gen. Hamblen referring to FAN 536 dated 28 April 45, in which CCS had decided that AMG should be retained in certain territory in N.E. Italy. Ex C would discuss with Polads and CA Sec.

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√ 6. Dep Ex C's Office in Milan. Est Sec reported that Dep Ex C's office in Milan was now 16, Via Buonoparte, the old IV Corps HQ building.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 JULY 1945.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2. Ex C's Visit to Venezia Giulia.

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Increase in Ration. CC had ruled that this matter be dropped.

Personnel. Ex C had circulated a list of officers ex Emilia Region requested by SCAC Venezia Giulia. Ex C wanted all these officers to be transferred if this could be done and Est Sec were directed to let him know the names of any who could not be sent. Est Sec were arranging for the transfer of EM/CR.

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CSO to Ex C was directed to send telegrams to No. 2 District, RCs and AFHQ.

7. Italian Government Archives. Polads raised this subject again. (See Minute 6 of Ex C's Meeting of 17 July 45). CA Sec reported that the movement of archives down to Rome was well in hand, and the Italian Government had been requested to make the archives available to any inspecting Allied agents. It was also intended to recommend to AFHQ that the archives held by PWB and

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OSS should be handed over to the Italian Government and that similarly they should make these available to inspecting Allied agents.
Polad (A) pointed out, however, that there might be some archives held by PWB and OSS which should be seen by the Allies before being handed over to the Italian Government.

8. Italian Army. Land Forces S/C raised the question of the handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government. Ex C said it had already been recommended that the Italian Army be handed over at the same time as the hand back of territory.
Land Forces S/C suggested that a special instruction would be necessary from AFHQ which would certainly have to include an operational paragraph from MELA. Ex C agreed and thanked Land Forces S/C for drawing the matter to the attention of the meeting.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 24 JULY 1945.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Channels of Communication. Ex C had discussed this matter with XIII Corps and obtained agreement that we could work on the directive sent by AFHQ to Eighth Army.
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5. Imports. Econ Sec had received a paper from Mr. Harlan Cleveland setting out a tentative plan on the spending of $100 million on food, POL and coal. This paper was being mimeographed and would be distributed for comments. Econ Sec stated that there was no world shortage of wheat but transport was the problem. The shipping situation was getting more acute. They said that four times the amount of shipping was required to maintain a soldier in the Pacific as to maintain a soldier in Europe.
Econ Sec had instructed their Sub-Commissions to stress the realities of the situation in their conversations with the Italian Government.

6. Maintenance of Italian Army. Ex C said that the interim Italian Army of 140,000 men would have to have priority of civilian supplies available, it being the responsibility of the Italian Government to feed their army, even at the expense of the civilian population. It was agreed that the army ration would have to be cut, but Ex C said this should be done gradually. Econ Sec were working out a plan on these lines.

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Ex C directed RCs to take action.

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7. Elections. CA Sec said that electoral lists were progressing satisfactorily. RCs were being asked to send fortnightly reports on the situation.
Ex C stated that interest was being shown in London in Italian elections and it had been urged that pressure be put on the Italian Government to hold both local and national elections this year.
Ex C mentioned that a very good U.S.I.S. paper on educating the Italians regarding elections had been issued and he asked Pol Adviser (B) to send a copy to London to catch Mr. Michael Stewart there since a similar paper from M.O.I. was desirable.

8. Closing of PWB. PRO stated that PWB were closing down on 15 July 45, with the exception of AFB and the Film Section. A U.S. film representative was due to arrive here on 1 August to arrange film distribution throughout the country and a period of 60 days after that would be necessary before the Film Section could close.
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The opening of MOI offices was discussed and Ex C stressed the importance of their early functioning. It might be arranged for RCs to allocate some transport for the use of MOI. This should be taken up with AFHQ.

9. Atrocity Films. RC Venezie Region had received a report from one of his RCs that the showing of PWB films of German atrocities was being overdone. It tended to affect the equilibrium of Italian audiences and was not thought desirable in present circumstances.
PWB would consider the matter.

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The opening of MOI offices was discussed and Ex C stressed the importance of their early functioning. It might be arranged for RCs to allocate some transport for the use of MOI. This should be taken up with AFHQ.

9. Atrocity Films. RC Venezie Region had received a report from one of his PCs that the showing of PWB films of German atrocities was being overdone. It tended to affect the equilibrium of Italian audiences and was not thought desirable in present circumstances.
PRB would consider the matter.

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Ref: 210/126/EC. 22 June 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 22 JUNE 1945.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) - 1(c). Hotel Colonna. It was agreed that the civilian employees could continue to live at this hotel, but no messing facilities would be available.

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(d) - 3. POL. Ex C said that although petrol was available the Armies had not transported it for us nor had they ever committed themselves to do so. In consequence the movement of the POL had used up a considerable amount of the allocation we had obtained. The situation should improve when Genoa was open which, it was stated, would be quite soon.

(e) - 7. Reports of Murders and Outrages in the North. CA Sec said the situation seemed to have improved. Since 15 June there had been no incidents in Emilia Region. Prior to that there were the cases of jails being broken into and prisoners removed. In Lombardia Region there were only five incidents in the last fourteen days and Col. Poletti reported that the situation was quite good in Milan. There had been a lynching episode in Padova on 16 June.

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2. Regional Orders. Econ Sec said concern had been expressed that RCs were acting independently. Ex C had sent out a memorandum on the necessity for cooperation and exchange of ideas between Regions. He agreed with CA Sec that a General Order should be issued from this HQ in respect to policy applying equally to all Regions. CA Sec should watch this point.

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3. M.O.I. Film on Italy. Ex C drew attention to an article in the London "Times" reviewing a film dealing largely with Southern Italy. Pol Advisor (B) thought that this film had been made in Naples some time ago. Ex C requested Pol Advisor (B) and PRO to get some information.

4. Situation in Trieste. Brig. Upjohn gave a brief report of his visit. He described the Appendices to the Venezia-Giulia agreement. Mr. Braine had arrived in Trieste. Leon Sec were instructed to inform AMG XIII Corps of the names of those officers they were sending forward. The personnel situation had become confused, and Ex C stated that Col. Ritchie would probably go to Trieste again. Brig. Upjohn considered that the police requests were justified. Dep Ex C was in Trieste and would report.

5. Bolzano - Displaced Persons. Ex C stated that G-5 Robertson was under the impression that AC were over-optimistic in its ability to handle 5,000 refugees per day through the Brenner Pass and 5,000 per day through Milan. CA Sec said we could handle the problem quite well provided we had the necessary staff and CT Companies. The local CLN had been very helpful and had been handling 2,000 people per day on the Brenner route.

6. Applications for Civil Affairs. Ex C stated that 500 applications had been received and G-1(B) had arranged a meeting to-day to go through the list and make selections. We could make appointments up to our ceiling strength.

7. American Officers. Est Sec reported that MTOUSA had written a letter assigning a number of AC American officers to the University Training Command as instructors. Ex C directed Est Sec to give full details and he would draft a protest to AFHQ for consideration by CC.

8. Situation in Sardinia. Ex C had received a gloomy report from MMIA Liaison Officer on Sardinia, which had also appeared in the "Stars and Stripes." CC was anxious to send two officers from Leon Sec to see what help could be given. Leon Sec said there was a dispute over shipping, which had not been used to the maximum extent.
Ex C stated that there was a shortage of imported coal, and there was a possibility that the trains would stop running if further supplies were not received before 15 July. There was enough food until the end of August and then increased shipments would have to be made. He suggested that UNRRA should be asked to help. Leon Sec to ask UNRRA Liaison Officer.

9. Air Courier Service. Est Sec said a new air courier service schedule was being started on 25 June and this would be notified to all concerned. Ex C stated that a flying boat service to Genoa should be functioning by the beginning of next month.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 19 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Regional Commissioners Meeting. Col. Fiske was asked to telegraph or telephone Fifth Army and IV Corps on behalf of CC to obtain their agreement to the proposed meeting.

(b) - 1(b). Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that SCAO XIII Corps had submitted another request for personnel and CC was anxious to meet the request as far as possible. Ex C told 1st Sec to let him know the exact personnel situation in AFHQ XIII Corps so that a decision could be made.
Ex C said that in view of the present state of public security in the North, public safety strengths must be maintained in the Northern Provinces. To help to meet SCAO XIII Corps requirements he suggested that S.O.(E) officers could be employed under police officers, thus releasing up to 6 Police Officers for Venezia Giulia.
CA Sec to get Public Safety S/C's opinion on this suggestion.

(c) - 1(d). Closing of Hotel Colonna. 1st Sec reported that the owner of the Hotel Colonna would feed and lodge the AC civilian employees. The hotel would be derequisitioned.

(d) - 1(c). Alteration in Office Hours. 1st Sec put forward a proposal for office hours to be from 0830 to 1700 hrs daily, with a 1½ hrs lunch period. Ex C was absent at this point, having been called in to the CC, and CSO to Ex C pointed out that Ex C had ruled that any plan put forward should be based on an 8 hr working day.

(e) - 2. Accommodation in Milan. Col. Fiske stated that there was an office available, with telephone, and a small motor pool for journeys within the city. Visiting officers requiring transport for journeys outside Milan should apply to RC, Lombardia Region, who had requisitioned 20 cars.

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2. Electoral Lists. Ex C said we should set a target date for the elections and work to it. CA Sec stated that this date could not be before December.

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CA Sec asked for assistance in transport in conveying electoral papers to Regions. MAC had given some assistance. Ex C directed Deputy Sec to give this very high priority, stating that the paper must be moved.

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5. POL. Lx C stated that there was a grave shortage of POL. He had discussed this with Gen. Robertson. If AC could get a 20% increase on the June allocation this would cover immediate requirements. The total amount required was 15,000 tons a month. Deen Sec were directed to follow up the conversation with Gen. Robertson (who was sympathetic to the request for a higher allocation of POL) by putting up a strong case to the CAO.
There was criticism of the number of private cars in the North. RC Lombardia Region reported that by 1 July a licence system would be in operation, which would considerably reduce the number on the road.

4. Regional Orders issued from Milan. Lx C had told Piemonte Region and would write to Liguria and Venezia Regions that, as Milan was the centre of the North they should study every Regional Order issued in Milan with a view to adopting it in their own Regions without further instructions.

5. Flags. The question of the flying of Italian flags other than the national flag was discussed. It was agreed that the taking down of flags was to be avoided. No instruction would, therefore, be given on this matter.

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9. Germans who deserted to the Partisans. Lx C confirmed that the Partisans had to hand over to the Allies the Germans who had been fighting with them. These men would be screened at the first opportunity and probably be returned to Germany. CA Sec to take action through Patriots Branch.

10. Bolzano Situation. WD S/C reported that Allied and Italian officers sent to Bolzano had not been allowed by the Fifth Army authorities to examine warehouses and dumps and consequently had no control over the material, which was melting away very fast. Deen Sec would contact Brig. Anderson at AFHQ to-day to try to clear the matter.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C stated that CC wanted the meeting to be short and on a high level and did not want discussion of points on which clear directives should have been given. He would recommend to CC that the meeting last two days, the second day to be given up to sub-committee meetings on specific subjects. Ex C would send an officer, with terms of reference of the meeting cleared with Heads of Sections, to RCs to get points that RCs wished to raise. A provisional date was fixed as 27/28 June.

(b) - 5. Venezia Giulia. Ex C confirmed that Col. N. Monfort had been appointed SCAO 13 Corps and would be RC, Venezia Giulia Region. His deputy would be Lt. Col. Robertson (B).

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 JUNE.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(d) - 9. Agricultural Policy for North. Econ Sec had this matter in hand and stated that the implementation of General Order No. 40 was one of the questions for discussion at the RCs meeting.

(e) - 10. Captured Enemy Material. Ex C said he had considerable doubt as to whether the AFHQ policy that AC should get any vehicles surplus to operational requirements was being implemented. He was of the opinion that vehicles were being put into dumps, being cannibalized and their spare parts looted. Econ Sec were instructed on the return of Mr. Taylor to consider the matter and if necessary to make approach to AFHQ so that AC got their rightful share of transport available. In the meantime, Econ Sec were instructed to ask Col. Fiske to approach local military commanders with a view to guarding the dumps.
WMD S/C said the Italian Government had applied for 4,000 vehicles that needed repair so that they could give work to their factories in the North. Ex C stated that this was an excellent idea and instructed Econ Sec to follow it up.

(f) - 12. WD Vehicles. Econ Sec had ascertained that it was not necessary to put WD vehicles not wanted by the Armies on charge to a military unit but that approval had to be obtained to transfer such vehicles to the Italian Government.

2. Civilianisation of Motor Pool Drivers. Land Forces S/C asked Econ Sec if a plan had been prepared. Econ Sec stated that civilianisation was due to take place, one-third on 1 July, one-third on 15 July and the remainder on 1 August, but a letter had been sent to AFHQ asking them to review the situation. Ex C directed that Econ Sec and Land Forces S/C cooperate on this.

3. Use of Todt Organisation. Ex C agreed with Brigadier Anderson that the equipment only of the Todt organisation be handed over to the Italian Government.

4. Coal. Econ Sec raised the question of coal in Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that the matter was being discussed by Brig. Gen. Spofford at an AFHQ meeting to-day and directed Econ Sec to contact Eighth Army and inform them of this.

5. Labour Policy. Ex C stated that a PRB signal had gone out containing the statement that a CLN decree would remain in force. This was wrong as no CLN decree had any validity in law. Econ Sec to take up with Labour S/C and get the sentence deleted.

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6. Labour Policy in the North. It was considered important that an attempt should be made to educate employers and employees in the North as to modern labour conditions and practices, and Ex C directed Econ Sec to ask Labour S/C to prepare some articles on these lines which could be submitted to Public Relations Branch with a view to being published in the press.

7. Offices in Milan. Est Sec reported that office accommodation was available for officers visiting Milan but they would have to bring any clerical staff required. Ex C directed Est Sec to issue a short memorandum indicating the arrangements that had been made. 20 cars had been requisitioned for the use of visiting officers.

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8. Closing of Hotel Colonna. Est Sec reported that there were 31 Italian civilians in this hotel. They were eating British rations and HQ Commandant now wanted to close the hotel and stop the issue of rations. Ex C agreed but directed that the occupants should be given one month's notice.

9. Change of Status of Italian Cooperators. IPW S/C reported that the change of status had been agreed to take effect on 31 July.

10. 2675 Regiment Strength. It was stated that 2675 Regiment was over strength, and yet Sub-Commissions were mostly under strength in American officers. Ex C directed Est Sec to look into this question and report where the over strength existed.

11. Port of Livorno. Ex C had received a report that AFHQ or PBS had closed the port of Livorno for civilian supplies. Econ Sec were directed to take up with Food S/C.

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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(b) - 7. Requests for Transport. CA Sec stated that most of their applications for transport were classified Priority B.

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4. Regional Commissioners Meeting. Ex C said that RCs would like to have a RCs meeting in Rome and bring Italian representatives who could talk on various subjects with their opposite numbers in Rome. He thought this was a very good suggestion and would emphasise that it is the Italian Government in Rome which is the government of the country. Ex C would ask for CC's approval for a meeting in about ten days time.

5. Venezia Giulia. Ex C stated that Col. N. Monfort had been appointed Regional Commissioner, Venezia Giulia, which was a separate Region.

6. Repatriation of Italians and Germans. CA Sec said there was an important meeting being held at Bolzano and they had been asked to send representatives. Subject to CC's approval, Brig. Upjohn, Col. Pidsley, Col. Findley and Col. Campbell would attend the meeting. CSO to Ex C to submit these names for approval.

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7. Bolzano Decree. CA Sec drew attention to a decree proposed by the Prefect of Bolzano that every German had got to leave Bolzano in three weeks. It was pointed out that this was impracticable, and Ex C directed that Fifth Army and RC should be informed. CA Sec to take action. Ex C agreed the suggestion that CC should write to the Prime Minister. CA Sec to draft.

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8. Tyres. CA Sec had asked for 2,000 tyres, mainly for malaria control work. They had received a letter from G-5 stating that this was an internal matter for AC and that AC had a great quantity of tyres available. CA Sec would take up with Econ Sec and WMD S/C.
Ex C asked the position on Michelin tyres, which had been frozen by AFHQ. Econ Sec would take up with AFHQ.

9. Agricultural Policy for North. CA Sec said there had been signals sent by Venezie Region asking for the Amassing Decree to be implemented. CA Sec pointed out that decrees could not be implemented in one AMG Region alone. Ex C said that what RCs wanted was an Agricultural policy - either General Order No. 40 or the implementation of the Italian Amassing decree.
Econ Sec to take action.

10. Captured Enemy Material. WMD S/C said a meeting had been held in Florence and the main question of interest to AC was transport. Ex C said that RCs were asking the policy on German vehicles and AC must take the initiative in getting them. Econ Sec to coordinate with WMD S/C.

11. PWB in the North. PRO had attended a meeting regarding the turn over of PWB and control of the press in the North. A compromise was agreed that press officers would stay in the North in an advisory capacity to the RCs. A draft directive on control was being sent to AFHQ for approval. PWB would like to withdraw from Northern Italy by 15 July if possible.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 29 MAY.
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Mr. Antolini presided in the absence of the Ex C on duty.

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9. Hand Back of Territory. PRO asked if further territory had been turned back. CA Sec had not received a reply to the signal they had sent. On the recommendation of RC, Lucca Province would not be turned back and would become part of Liguria Region.

10. Telephone Communications. Communications S/C reported that civil telephone communications were available to Bologna. It was expected to have military telephones to Milan by 7 June.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 25 MAY.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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7. N.W. Italy. Ex C read a minute he had prepared for the CC as a result of the meeting in Florence yesterday. The consensus of opinion was that Fifth Army should remain in command until the situation was more settled. No. 2 District were concerned about frontiers and wanted Allied troops. Fifth Army and IV Corps expressed a desire to be free of civil responsibility as soon as practicable. The possibility of control of Regions by CC as CCAO was mentioned.
Ex C had maintained that the frontier question of Piedmonte be regarded as a separate problem.
As far as the start of Phase II was concerned we were no nearer a solution until the French situation was clear and until all Germans were rounded up.
Col. Monfort had suggested that IV Corps be put directly under AFHQ. CC would take the matter up further with AFHQ.

8. Visit of Maj.Gen. Anderson. Maj.Gen. Anderson was visiting AC on Monday and would like to meet Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions.

9. Next Meeting. Ex C said that he was going away for a week. The next meeting would be on Tuesday, 29 May, with Mr. Antolini in the chair.

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19 May 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 18 MAY.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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Attention was drawn to Italian press reports that BONOMI had originally indicated unofficially that he would resign when the North was liberated. Ex C pointed out that this was a long standing arrangement and the ROME Government had been set up as temporary until the whole of ITALY had been freed.

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(b) - 1 (b). Civilianisation of AC. Executive Officer (B) stated that under the British Government release scheme 107 officers were due to go by 16 June. Ex C was putting out a letter to-day to the effect that in view of the AC situation the services of all these officers was required until 31 July. Another 152 officers were due to go by August, but a certain number from both batches had volunteered to stay on.
Districts were issuing instructions to all Officers in Release Group 1 to go to NAPLES and Ex C directed that these instructions did not apply to AC officers.
Very few American officers were due for release under the U.S. scheme, and the release of approximately 250 British officers would mean a parity of British and American officers in the future working of AC.
Ex C was preparing a memorandum on the future of AC which would be sent to Heads of Sections for discussion at an early date.

(c) - 1 (c). Control of Movement. CA Sec complained that this position was still obscure. Land Forces S/C were acting on 15 Army Group instructions while Navy S/C were working on different instructions. Ex C ruled that Land Forces S/C should coordinate with Service S/Cs in matters of this kind. CA Sec had sent a signal to Fifth Army and were awaiting a reply. Ex C directed CA Sec to instruct Public Safety S/C to speak to Fifth Army on the telephone, and when this was done, to give widespread publicity to the fact that a Questore pass was all that was required as authority to travel North.

(d) - 1 (e). Hand-Back of Further Territory. Econ Sec had approved the proposed hand-back and CA Sec had sent a telegram to 15 Army Group asking for their views.

(e) - 1 (f). Italian Decree DLL 148 (Wage Control etc.) Econ Sec had prepared a draft letter for the Prime Minister. This would be submitted for CC's approval and signature.

(f) - 3. Telephone Communication with the North. Communications S/C reported that civilian telephone facilities from the South to the North would not be available until the middle of June. There were a considerable number of telephones working locally in the North.
In answer to PRO, Communications S/C stated that very little use could be made of radio facilities.

(g) - 6. Guards for ENAC. Econ Sec reported that this matter was in hand. Transportation S/C were obtaining information.

(h) - 10. Italian Army Personnel for Harvesting. Econ Sec had a telegram representing the views of the Ministries of War and Agriculture. Ex C stated that G-5 had suggested the use of German POW. Land Forces S/C were still awaiting instructions to provide personnel. Ex C considered that from administrative, national and Italian points of view, Italian soldiers should work their own harvest and he would recommend this to CC.
Ex C stated that the amount of wheat amassed was 94% of the target figure, which was very good.
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scheme, and the release of approximately 250 British officers would mean a parity of British and American officers in the future working of AC.
Ex C was preparing a memorandum on the future of AC which would be sent to Heads of Sections for discussion at an early date.

(c) - 1 (c). Control of Movement. CA Sec complained that this position was still obscure. Land Forces S/C were acting on 15 Army Group instructions while Navy S/C were working on different instructions. Ex C ruled that Land Forces S/C should coordinate with Service S/Cs in matters of this kind. CA Sec had sent a signal to Fifth Army and were awaiting a reply. Ex C directed CA Sec to instruct Public Safety S/C to speak to Fifth Army on the telephone, and when this was done, to give widespread publicity to the fact that a Questore pass was all that was required as authority to travel North.

(d) - 1 (e). Hand-Back of Further Territory. Econ Sec had approved the proposed hand-back and CA Sec had sent a telegram to 15 Army Group asking for their views.

(e) - 1 (f). Italian Decree DL. 143 (Wage Control etc.) Econ Sec had prepared a draft letter for the Prime Minister. This would be submitted for CC's approval and signature.

(f) - 3. Telephone Communication with the North. Communications S/C reported that civilian telephone facilities from the South to the North would not be available until the middle of June. There were a considerable number of telephones working locally in the North.
In answer to PRO, Communications S/C stated that very little use could be made of radio facilities.

(g) - 6. Guards for FNAC. Econ Sec reported that this matter was in hand. Transportation S/C were obtaining information.

(h) - 10. Italian Army Personnel for Harvesting. Econ Sec had a telegram representing the views of the Ministries of War and Agriculture. Ex C stated that G-5 had suggested the use of German POW. Land Forces S/C were still awaiting instructions to provide personnel. Ex C considered that from administrative, national and Italian points of view, Italian soldiers should work their own harvest and he would recommend this to CC.
Ex C stated that the amount of wheat amassed was 94% of the target figure, which was very good.
Econ Sec said that Brig. Gen. McKINLEY had asked Labour and Agriculture S/Cs to put in their requirements on amassing after harvest. The question of Allied help was discussed at some length. Eventually, the services of 200 Italian officers was asked for. CA Sec suggested that Italian reserve officers could be used, which would not affect the strength of the Italian Army.
Ex C said it was not a question of shortage of personnel but of getting men of authority. He was very much opposed to the Italian Army being used to enforce civil law, and ruled that this year we must leave the amassing in Italian Government territory entirely to the Italians, and do everything we could in AMG territory. Land Forces S/C agreed.

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3. Tyres. CA Sec had been promised by Mr. ANTOLINI on 18 April that they would get 2,000 tyres for the anti-malarial team. They had now been told that a Government organisation had been set up and the tyres would not be forthcoming for two or three months. Ex C directed CA Sec to send him a memorandum and he would issue an instruction. He suggested that German POW might be used for anti-malarial work.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 15 MAY.

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The CC had shown General DE SEVIN a memorandum on the situation and the General planned to go there. A telegram had been sent to Generals CLARK and HUME for necessary clearance.
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(c) - 7. Control of Movement. CA Sec suggested that a statement be published as passes were no longer required for persons to travel North. There was discussion on the implementation of SAC's instructions that less restricted control of movement be effected. Econ Sec raised the question of the economic boundary which they desired to continue for some little time yet. Ex C considered that the Armies should be consulted and directed CA Sec to send a telegram on SAC's desire for freedom of movement to Fifth and Eighth Armies,

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(c) - 7. Control of Movement (contd).
explaining that the economic boundary was to be maintained for two weeks, and asking if they had any objection. This telegram would not be sent until Mr. ANTOLINI returned and the matter was further discussed with him.
Ex C pointed out that we could refuse individual requests for permission to travel North by saying that it was AMG territory and accordingly under Military control.

(d) - 9. Disbanded German Army. Ex C stated he had just received a telegram from AFHQ on this question and read it to the meeting. The proposed location site of the German Army was to be within a triangle between RIMINI, CERVIA and CESENA. Colonel FEASEY, in his capacity as Liaison Officer with No. 1 District, had gone up with full instructions and would discuss with RC.

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4. Situation in BOLZANO. (contd)
what work they could with the 6,000 German workers available, without active cooperation from the Italian railroad workers. There was some discussion on this at the meeting.
The refugee situation was in hand. VI Corps reported they had only 5,000 refugees. The German/Austrian and the Brenner frontiers had been closed, in order to control refugee movement.
The CLN had been extremely cooperative in providing transport.
It had been arranged that all German MPs would be replaced by Americans in BOLZANO City by the end of the week and the situation should improve.
Colonel FISKE was concerned at the possibility of the Germans removing loot from this area to their new destination. Ex C directed Captain MONTANT to put up a memorandum on this.

5. Repatriation of Italians from FRANCE. Brigadier HENN stated that a signal had come from SHAEF that 600 Italians would be sent from MARSEILLES. Ex C said that the Italian Government had asked permission to send small missions to FRANCE and other Liberated Countries to look after the interests of Italian personnel. They had been told that questions of Italians in liberated countries were to be settled between the respective Governments. Brigadier HENN confirmed that the Italians in FRANCE were a SHAEF responsibility.

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12. Dispor Personnel. Ex C expressed thanks to Gen. BROWNING for putting eight officers at the disposal of Dispor. Executive Officer (E) would follow up.

13. Postal Services to the North. Communications S/C were anxious to get these into operation. Transport was the difficulty and they were in urgent need of eight trucks. There was discussion on the vehicle situation. Ex C pointed out that 9 Truck Company No. 17 had been loaned to Colonel KIRKWOOD in FLORENCE for one month and Econ Sec would follow up to see if the eight trucks could be obtained from there.

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14. Classification of Telegrams. Communications S/C pointed out that the excessive use of cypher was handicapping transmission. Ex C directed Major STEARNS to collaborate with Communications S/C in the preparation of a draft order on the classification of telegrams.

15. Hospital Accommodation in the North. WMD S/C reported there were ten Italian evacuation hospitals in the North, complete with 200 beds each. These were being applied for.

16. Refugee Camps. A camp was being opened in ROME tomorrow by the Italian Government, and another would be opened in FLORENCE shortly.

17. Clothing for IPOW. There was some discussion on the arrangements made and Ex C directed IPW S/C to submit a note on the situation.

18. War Selection Board. Brigadier HEEN stated this was being set up in ITALY for the first time and was sitting next week in FLORENCE. Ex C directed Executive Officer (B) to draft a letter asking for top priorities for Commission replacement personnel.

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Please note the following amendments:-

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(a) - 1 (b). Situation in the North. Fifth line down. Delete the sentence "Brigadier DUNLOP had also taken over as SCAO Eighth Army on the departure of Air Commodore BENSON."

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3. Visits of Officers to the North. Ex C directed that all officers making journeys to the North must keep HQ continually informed of their movements and whereabouts, in case they were required urgently. Heads of S/Cs should act accordingly.

4. Communications with the North. These were much better than had been anticipated. There were wireless links with all the big towns.

5. Italian Army Vehicles. Econ Sec and Land Forces S/C were negotiating on the question of the 102 Italian Army vehicles repaired by private individuals.

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6. Civilianisation of AC. Ex C stated that AFHQ had written to CC that in view of the present situation the civilianisation of AC should be speeded up and the reallocation of British and American military personnel started. Est Sec were working on a plan accordingly.

7. Control of Movement. Ex C said that SAC desired less restricted control of movement up and down the country. Econ Sec raised objection on the point of the economic boundary and asked if the matter could be held over until they had received a report from AFHQ.
After discussion Ex C agreed the matter should be held over for forty-eight hours. CA Sec would study the telegram received and consult Econ Sec.

8. Liaison Officers. GOCs 1 and 2 Districts were now asking for implementation of the promise to have liaison officers attached to them. Ex C was sending one Lt. Colonel and one Staff Officer to each District. The Staff Officers would come from Econ Sec.

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11. Inspection of Carabinieri. Ex C approved the issue of 75 tickets - 50 to AC and 25 to RAAC - for the inspection of CC.RR by SAC on Saturday, 12 May, at 1030 hrs.

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16. Political Situation. (contd.)
Bonomi was of the opinion that he would get considerable support in the North on his visit.
They would be satisfied to have elections by the end of the year.
The CLNAI representatives were returning North tomorrow accompanied by Bonomi and eight members of the Government and four party leaders with approval of SAC. Ex C stated that CC had recognised that some modification of the no political meetings rule in the North was inevitable. RCs would be advised of the situation by Pol Advisers. As soon as approval was received from 15 Army Group a signal would be sent to RCs.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 4 MAY.
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1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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The shortage of officers had been accentuated by the fact that every British officer earmarked for AUSTRIA was required. 89 officers were involved. All Sections would see that their officers for AUSTRIA would proceed to CESENA to-day.
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(e) - 3. Situation in the North. Ex C stated a series of extremely interesting telegrams had been received from the American and British Pol Advisers in the North,

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(c) - 3. Situation in the North.(contd.) which indicated that the situation was on the whole satisfactory. These telegrams had been sent to VPs, as would all future ones.

(f) - 7. Hand Back of Territory. Ex C stated that the handing back to the Italian Government of UMBRIA-MARCHE Region and GROSSETO, SIENA and AREZZO Provinces from TOSCANA Region would take place on 10 May. RCs would be here to-day and reallocation of officers would be worked out.

2. Personnel. Lt. Col. ELMES would be Liaison Officer at ANCONA. Lt. Col. MILLER was relieving Lt. Col. DAWSON as Liaison Officer at BARI.

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5. Flora Hotel. Econ Sec requested revision of the policy of moving the female civilian employees of AC from the Flora Hotel. Since 15 April, when the move was made, there had been only 97 transient officers and 12 permanent officers had moved in. On 1 May, there were 60 beds available at the Flora Hotel. Ex C would consider the desirability of reopening the matter.

6. Visit of Econ Sec to the North. Mr. ANTOLINI was taking up an Econ Sec team to review the economic and financial situation in the North. They would be accompanied by representatives of the British and American Embassies and the trip would take two weeks. Findings would be communicated to AFHQ.

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8. TOSCANA Region. Col. KIRKWOOD, RC TOSCANA Region, said it would be almost impossible to administer his territory on the withdrawal of British officers for AUSTRIA. He suggested a rearrangement of

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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(e) - 4. Status of IPOW. HW S/C reported that the Italian Government had accepted officially the change of status as from 1 July 45. This did not affect the Italian prisoners of war who would be captured during the present operations.

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3. Situation in the North. (continued).
Instructions had gone out ordering all provincial teams to be collected and sent forward, except those attached to EMILIA Region. These officers had either arrived or were on the way.
Ex C stated that it was arranged that G-5 Section, 15 Army Group would telephone the latest news twice a day. This news would be passed to VPs.

4. Carabinieri. CA Sec were instructed to pursue the matter of the calling of the CC.RR following the receipt of the letter from P.M. Bonomi on the matter.

5. Appointment of Prefects and Questori. CA Sec, with the approval of CC, had come to an agreement with the Prime Minister that the Government and the CLN would both nominate candidates but the final choice would be made by the AMG officer. Such choice would if possible be the Government's nominee but the candidate must be acceptable to the local population and due consideration must be given to the CLN nominee and the local ecclesiastical authorities should be consulted. Ex C said the Government should be urged to include amongst their nominees some of the CLN nominees. The matter would be further discussed with CC.

6. Situation in BOLOGNA. CA Sec read a telegram from 5 Army describing a stand down parade of patriots in BOLOGNA at which a large number of arms were handed in. CSO to Ex C was instructed to tell HCs of this event and its success.

7. Hand Back of Territory. It was decided to recommend to CC to hand back to the Italian Government on 1 June 45 the Provinces of GROSETTO, SIENA and AREZZO, and the whole of UMBRIA-MARCHE Region less ANCONA Province. Ex C would also recommend that the Government be told that provinces now in the Army Zone would not be handed back in less than a month after they had passed under Regional administration.

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12. Use of BLOs after Liberation. CA Sec stated it had been agreed to lend BLOs to AMG for a limited period after liberation of an area. CSO to Ex C to look up this instruction, and Pol Sec to follow up on the matter.

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13. Italian Army Vehicles. W&D S/C stated that MMIA were claiming all Italian Army vehicles, although a number had been repaired by private individuals and were operating on AC tyres. They cited a case of 102 lorries hauling grain under EMAC which MMIA claimed. Ex C pointed out that MMIA had the right to the vehicles; the mistake was in having had them repaired by private interests. He instructed W&D S/C to put up a minute to him, setting out the ruling on this, and he would ask Gen. Browning to make an exception in regard to these particular 102 vehicles and would tell Gen. Browning that in future the rules would be faithfully followed.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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2. Proposed Visits to Army Areas. The question of visits to Army areas by members of the Italian Government was raised - in particular, the case of Scoccimarro. Pol Adviser thought that such visits should be discouraged and A/Ex C stated that Army Commanders were not in favour of them.

3. RCs Meeting with General CLARK. A/Ex C announced that it had been arranged for RCs to meet General CLARK at 1030 hrs on Tuesday with CC and A/Ex C. Est Sec were instructed to make the necessary arrangements regarding aeroplane transport for the meeting with General CLARK. Econ Sec asked if a preliminary meeting with RCs could be arranged and this was set for 1430 hrs on Monday in the Conference Room. Brigadier CARR, Colonel HENSLEY and Lt.Colonel SCHOLTZ should attend as well as the other RCs of the North.

4. Telephone Calls to AFHQ. A/Ex C stated that a letter had been received from AFHQ complaining of difficulty in finding AC officers at their telephones after they had placed telephone calls to AFHQ. There was discussion on this and Communications S/C explained that delays in calls were unavoidable.
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6. Recruitment of Garibaldi Division into the Italian Army.
Land Forces S/C gave a short account of the activities of the Garibaldi Division and stated that the remnants of this Division wanted to join the Italian Army.
Land Forces S/C had asked AFHQ on 21 March for an increase in the combat ceiling strength of the Italian Army to absorb these men. No answer had yet been received.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 3 APRIL.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 2. Assignment of Cars. A/Ex C stated that the committee had been formed and the first meeting had been held.

2. New Deal for Italy. A/Ex C stated a letter had been received from AFHQ asking for an interim report on the New Deal plan up to 31 March. Heads of Sections should submit their comments as soon as possible in order that a full reply could be prepared for AFHQ. Office of Ex C to take up.

3. VENEZIA GIULIA. The suggestion had been made of forming a separate Region of these Provinces. CC was not in favour of this as he considered it would emphasise the difficulties encountered. A/Ex C said the Provinces would be administered as a Sub-Region of the VENEZIE Region. The Sub-Regional Commissioner appointed would take up the matter direct with RC VENEZIE Regions as to questions raised in the memorandum put up by Brig. DUNLOP.

4. RCs - Northern Regions. A/Ex C reported that RCs Northern Regions were meeting the Prime Minister this afternoon on an official visit.

5. N.W. Italy. COS IV Corps was coming today to discuss the occupation of N.W. Italy and the sending of Regional staffs to IV Corps HQ at LUCCA. A/Ex C stated that for operational reasons this might not be practicable at present but a small forward Region might be established and personnel could be infiltrated as conditions allowed.

6. Olive Oil - Amassing. Econ Sec reported that 41,000 tons had been collected to date and they were confident that the target of 45,000 tons would be reached. The withdrawal date of 15 April was confirmed.

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7. Medical Officer for Partisans. CA Sec stated another request had been received for a medical officer. A/Ex C stated that a similar request had been turned down before as SAC had ruled that no military government personnel be infiltrated. Unless there were very urgent reasons the question should not be re-opened.

8. Distribution of Signals. Est Sec raised the question of signals on personnel and said that sometimes 'Action' copies were sent to Econ Sec. They stated that in one instance this resulted in conflicting replies being sent by two Sections. A/Ex C said the point should be noted but did not think it was a matter that occurred often or necessary

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9. Conditions of AC Civilian Employment. Econ Sec reported progress in drafting a circular to go to U.S. officers with reference to civilian employment offered by FEA and by State Dept. A/Ex C directed Est Sec to submit final draft.

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10. Employment of Italian State Employees in AMG Territory. Communications S/C had discussed with CA Sec and a circular had been issued by Finance S/C. This circular was read by Communications S/C and it was pointed out that as it stood it affected the work of RCs. A/Ex C directed that the matter be passed to CA Sec for study and comment.

11. Italian Army Ration Scale. Land Forces S/C reported that AFHQ had sent a letter to 15 Army Group and Army Commanders stating that SAC did not propose to recommend any increase in the Italian Army ration scale to the CCS as this was considered to be more than adequate.
The question of the increase in olive oil ration was settled in the negative insofar as AC was concerned.

12. Indiscriminate Purchases by Italian Army. Land Forces S/C stated that the Italian Army allowed commanding officers to spend the sum of 20 lire per day per man on extra food to supplement the ration scale. This resulted in the indiscriminate buying of food in the forward areas to the detriment of would-be purchasers for hospitals. Land Forces S/C were working on this with a view to exercising some form of control.

13. PRB - AFHQ. PRO reported that PRB - AFHQ had stated their Adv HQ would move out fairly soon which raised the problem of the civilian correspondents they would leave behind. A/Ex C said this brought up the whole question of AC and the various agencies that had been looked after for the sake of convenience. The eventual goal would be the establishment of these agencies on a civilian basis. He directed Est Sec to take up with SAC and possibly with the Embassies with a view to working out a scheme as to supply.

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30 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 30 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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2. Assignment of Cars. A/Ex C said that justification statements for daily assigned cars had been submitted to Est Sec. He ruled that a committee be set up to review these justifications, consisting of Est Sec (Col. Perkin) and representatives of Econ and CA Secs. Col. Perkin suggested the first meeting should take place at 1500 hrs tomorrow, 31 March, in his office.

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27 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 27 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Withdrawal from the South. CSO to Ex C stated that Lt. Col. Jackman G-5, AFHQ, visited HQ and had been provided with the information he required to prepare a memorandum.
A/Ex C directed Est Sec to take up with AFHQ the question of transport for the AC officers left behind being the responsibility of the local unit commander.

(b) - 1(e). UMBRIA-MARCHE Region. CSO to Ex C confirmed that on 16 March ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region became UMBRIA-MARCHE Region and absorbed the two Provinces of TERNI and PERUGIA. Orders had been prepared.

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General CRITTENBERGER wanted to see RCs at an early date and would arrange a meeting. At the moment he did not want the Regions to move North, but was willing that specialist officers should move to LUCCA. A/Ex C was hopeful of persuading him to accept the full Regional Staffs up there.
A/Ex C directed that CAO IV Corps be on the distribution for all important matters.

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5. Staff Hours for Italian Civilian Employees. CA Sec stated that Sub-Commissions were asking for a ruling on office hours for Italian civilian employees. Est Sec stated that the working hours of 0830 to 1800 with 1½ hours for lunch had been published. A/Ex C directed that a reminder be issued.

6. Proposed Training Course for Officers. Est Sec gave list of officers required to attend a two weeks training course. It was agreed that it was difficult to release these officers.

7. Manual of the Activities of AC. PRO stated this was practically completed. A/Ex C directed that it should be passed to him and he would pass it to VPs.

S. Talbot Major
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 23 MARCH.

Dep Ex C presided in the absence of Ex C on leave in ENGLAND.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Withdrawal from the South. Dep Ex C said he had attended a meeting at AFHQ yesterday. There were no changes in the original arrangements except that it was agreed to leave three instead of two Public Works and Utility officers in the South until 15 May. It was also agreed that AC would not be responsible for interned diplomats at TAORMINA.
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Dep Ex C told CA Sec that AFHQ had asked us to prepare a memorandum on local government for the information of Military Commanders who would have to deal direct with the Italian Government. CA Sec would take action.
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(f) - 6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec reported that CC wanted to know the views of the Italian Government and action was being taken accordingly. AFHQ had stated that Brig. McCARTHY was already on his way.

(g) - 7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Dep Ex C had discussed with Gen. BROWNING, who stated that inaccurate information had been conveyed. Land Forces S/C stated that in Army areas patriots were being recruited and absorbed into the Gruppi. In addition they had received elements of the Garibaldi Division who were being kept together and Gen. BROWNING had recommended that they be formed into a new regiment, which would mean raising the ceiling of combat troops.

2. International Red Cross Vehicles. CA Sec had been told by the International Red Cross that their present function was to visit the camps of all prisoners of war now being taken by the Allies. Maintenance and servicing of vehicles and the supply of petrol and lubricants, was therefore an Allied responsibility. Dep Ex C directed Est Sec to take the matter up with AFHQ.

3. Documentary Films. PRO had submitted a list of documentary films available for showing. Dep Ex C suggested that one evening a week should be set aside for showing the films and directed PRO to take up with PWB.

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UNRRA had also asked to be allowed to extend the plan to AMG territory. There was discussion on this, especially in regard to FLORENCE. Dep Ex C ruled that permission could be given for the plan to be put into operation in ROME and depending on how it worked a decision could be made at a later date in regard to extending the plan to AMG territory.

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8. Executive Commissioner's Meetings. There was discussion as to whether one meeting per week would not be sufficient. Dep Ex C argued that it was preferable to have two shorter meetings a week than one long one. He stated that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday as usual and a decision as t future meetings would then be made.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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21 March 1945.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 20 MARCH.

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6. Repatriation of Italians from ERITREA. CA Sec said that AFHQ had agreed with the views of the Commission and had asked us to take the matter up with the Italian Government. CA Sec were opposed to approaching the Italian Government on this question. Ex C directed CA Sec to send an interim reply to the AFHQ letter, saying that the matter was being studied and adding that we did not think that the proposed visit by Brig. McCARTHY would serve any useful purpose.

7. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. CA Sec brought up the question of Italian patriots joining the Italian Army. Ex C reminded Land Forces S/C that SACMED had decided that as many patriots as possible were to be absorbed into the Italian Army, and told the S/C that any proposal to modify or delay this policy must be referred to CC.

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To the Executive Commissioner.

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3. Italian Clerical Staff in HQ AC. There was discussion on the direction that a cut of 25% be made in the number of Italian civilian personnel employed in this building. (See Minute No. 2 of Executive Commissioner's meeting of 2 March 1945). It was the opinion of Sections that while certain reductions should be made, a flat reduction of 25% was not possible without impeding the proper functioning of HQ.

4. Office Space. Econ Sec complained that their Section was being scattered all over the building. There was discussion on office space generally, and Dep Ex C stated that CC had definitely ruled that AC HQ must fit into one building. He pointed out that AFHQ were working under far more crowded conditions than AC. Dep Ex C ruled that a Committtee on office space should be formed. This Committee to consist of representatives from the following:-

(1) Est Sec
(2) Econ Sec
(3) CA Sec
(4) Land Forces S/C

In addition, Col. Henderson was directed to approach the other Independent S/Cs to agree on an officer to represent them. The Committee would meet at the call of HQ Commandant and would consider the whole problem of reallocating the office space to ensure that Sections were not split up.

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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING 13 MARCH.

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Where difficulties arose Est Sec to lend assistance.
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5. IPOW. IPW S/C drew attention to inaccurate statements in Service newspapers. Ex C asked PRO to try and effect closer liaison between A.C. and the Service newspapers.

6. Weekly Bulletin. Ex C told PRO that the CC had decided to re-classify the Weekly Bulletin "SECRET". He said he would take the point up again with CC and give PRO news before the next issue.

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7. Allied Representatives under the New Directive. Political Advisers reported that a Belgian representative had been to see the Finance S/C about the sequestration of Belgian property, and had been told that under the new directive the Commission could not intervene. It was considered that we must not be too rigid in this respect and, while admitting that the policy should be to encourage direct relations between Allied representatives and the Italian Government, Sub-Commissions should also be prepared to help from time to time. It was a question of striking a balance. Ex C requested Political Advisers to prepare a short paper on this and to bring it up at a VPs meeting.

8. Italian Call Up. Land Forces S/C had written a letter to Public Safety S/C stating that the CC.RR could have 4% of the total call-up, provided call-up figures were maintained and the ceiling of the CC.RR was not exceeded. This, however, did not apply to SARDINIA.

9. SARDINIA Coal Mines. Econ Sec were having a meeting tomorrow to discuss the labour situation at the mines. Land Forces S/C stated that indefinite leave was being granted to coal miners. IPW S/C had asked some time ago for 500 ex-coal miner POWS to be repatriated to SARDINIA.

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Chief Staff Officer,
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 10 MARCH.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 4. Allied Civilian Personnel. CA Sec said there had been further complaints about accommodation at the Flora Hotel. Ex C stated this matter must be settled soon. He directed Est Sec to furnish him with particulars of alternative accommodation for people moved out of the Flora Hotel.

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8. Prisoners. Econ Sec raised this matter again. CA Sec had suggested it be discussed at a VPs meeting, but Econ Sec considered it should be first discussed at Executive Commissioner's meeting. Ex C agreed.

9. Truck Brigade. Ex C ruled that for the time being the Truck Brigade must remain the responsibility of Econ Sec.

for Joseph C Rigby
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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 6 MARCH

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PRO stated that the olive oil film had been completed but there was difficulty in finding material to make prints. Econ Sec considered that although it was rather late in the campaign the film might have some effect.
Ex C considered another olive oil press campaign was due and instructed PRO to start on this.

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Econ Sec stated that the olive oil cases were not being brought to the law courts. Ex C said the matter should be referred to the Italian Government for prompt action. Application had been received for an increase in the olive oil ration to the Italian Army. Econ Sec had prepared a letter for AFHQ protesting against this. Land Forces S/C stated that the application was not supported from the Italian Army point of view.

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(b) 1000 G.T. Company. RC had expressed the hope that this Transport Company was going to be moved to his Region as promised.

(c) Sugar Beet. The question of sugar beet had been discussed and was a matter of some urgency as the beet had to be planted early in March. Emilia Region wanted to know if coal would be made available to run the CESENA factory, which would need 4,000 tons

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per annum to produce 7/8,000 tons of sugar beet. If the factory was set working the price of beet should be fixed and notified. There was some discussion as to whether it would be more advantage in planting corn instead of sugar beet and Ex C told Econ Sec that an early decision on this was essential.

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10. Temporary Film Board. PRO had been trying to get this Board established. Italian Government were now ready with names, and wanted to increase the number on the Board.

The question was raised of an AC representative on the Board, and Ex C thought that a member of Commerce Sub-Commission would be the best choice. There was some discussion and Ex C directed PRO to send him the file for action.

11. State Employees. Communications Sub-Commission said there was considerable delay in the distribution of Ministerial Bulletins and practically every town had a different experience. They put forward the suggestion that State employees in AMG territory should come under the control of the Italian Government for pay and promotion. Ex C considered this was a good idea and directed CA Sec to put up a plan on these lines.

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The question of EM was discussed and Est Sec was committed to 100 for AUSTRIA, to be found from those withdrawn from the South. The matter would be followed up with HQUSA and Gen. SPOFFORD.

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4. Moderno Hotel. Ext Sec asked the position of the Moderno Hotel when Lazio-Umbria Region was abolished. Ex C explained that Lombardia Region would be in ROME for planning and directed Ext Sec to find out from AC how much space he would want so that spare rooms might be made available.

5. Passes to Civilians. CA Sec reported that Public Safety were very concerned about the issuing of passes to Fifth and Eighth Army areas for Italian civilians. The position was dangerous in view of the number of agents that are known to be around. Ex C agreed with CA Sec's recommendation that the matter of issuing passes should be handled only by Public Safety Sub-Commission and directed CA Sec to get out a directive accordingly, setting out clearly the whole procedure of how passes should be obtained.

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7. Italian Civilian Personnel for the North. VP CA Sec stressed the importance of proper screening for any Italian civilians whom it was proposed to take north. It was agreed that the screening should first be carried out by Security and then referred to the Italian authorities.
IPOW Sub-Commission mentioned the case of a Dutchman who, they understood, was still working in one of the Regions, who was suspected and whose case was being investigated some months ago. Ex C directed CA Sec to enquire into this.

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15. Patriot Meeting on 18/2/45. Ex C said that he had attended this meeting and was much impressed by the national spirit displayed. He suggested that Land Forces Sub-Commission might consider the question of putting the Italian Army entirely into a wartime uniform, say battledress.
Land Forces Sub-Commission said that they had recently recommended to Count CASATI the holding of Man Management Courses and CASATI had agreed. AFHQ would instruct Area and District Commanders to keep a watch on these courses.

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16. Olive Oil. Econ Sec reported 26,000 tons as against 23,000 last week. This was a bit slow, but he still felt confident that the 50,000 tons would be reached. Ex C said that we would still keep to our target of 80,000.

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COS again stressed the great importance of good coordination between CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission on all matters affecting call-ups.

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2. Visit to Emilia Region. DCOS Ist Sec had visited Emilia Region and raised certain points.

(a) Commerce Sub-Commission. It was stated that an officer from Commerce Sub-Commission had been sent up to Emilia to do an urgent job, but RC had not asked for him and did not know the purpose of his visit. Econ Sec to investigate.

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10. Requisitioning of Civilian Vehicles. Pol Sec had received a memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that ADOS were reported to be resuming the requisitioning of vehicles belonging to Italian civilians. CA Sec pointed out that this type of report without details was useless. COS directed Econ Sec to obtain details and take the necessary action.

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11. Increase in Wages for Blacksmet Workers. Econ Sec had received a report from Labour Sub-Commission recommending the proposed increase. Econ Sec read this report. Econ Sec said AC's chief duty was to encourage the Italian machinery of negotiation between employer and employee. COS agreed but also stressed that in AMG territory AC, by using its experts, could influence the Italian Government by setting an example.

12. Olive Oil Amassing. Econ Sec read reports of the progress made in the collection of olive oil up to 5 February. In general the situation was fairly satisfactory. Plans for further publicity were being put into operation, a newspaper campaign by the Ministry of Agriculture and radio speeches.
The total amassed was 20,347 tons out of a target figure of 80,000 tons.

13. Demilitarisation of AC. This would be discussed by COS with Brig. Gen. Spofford to-day.

14. Midday Meal for drivers at Super Garage Pool. CA Sec raised this matter but it was stated that the employees did not want this service and preferred to continue as they were now doing.

15. Hand-book of Territory. CA Sec suggested that in addition to Ascoli and Terni Provinces, Grossetto Province might be considered for handing back to the Italians. COS agreed and directed CA Sec to obtain the RC's views.

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2. AF Shoulder Insignia. COS stated that AFHQ had permitted British AC military personnel to wear the AF shoulder insignia. COS said he would consider the matter before giving a decision on this.

3. 15 Army Group Appreciation - N.W. Italy. COS asked [illegible] to take this up with N.W. Italy Planning Committee in order to ensure that it did not conflict with what had been laid down by AFHQ.

4. Stocks of Chlorine. CA Sec reported the Italian Government were getting short of chlorine for the purification of water. There were 600 tons of chlorine awaiting shipment in Sicily. If part of this could be got to Rome, there was a plant capable of manufacturing half a ton of chlorine daily. CA Sec would send a letter to Econ Sec for action.

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3. Report from No. 1 Special Force. COS stated that VP Pol Sec had produced an excellent summary of a No. 1 Special Force appreciation of what the policy should be in regard to supplying arms and equipment to Italian partisans in the North. This would be circulated to Sections.

4. Press Agency Reports. COS observed that the local press agencies would produce sheets giving summaries of news and directed PRO to see if the scheme could be tried for a week for Heads of Sections.

5. Enlistment of Patriots in the Italian Army. Gen. Browning had put forward a memorandum setting forth his views on the possibility of enlistment of patriots into combat groups of the Italian Army. CC had studied this and would like an exploration made as to how the French Maquis were absorbed into the French Army.
COS suggested that a representative from CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission could go to SHAEF to look into this matter and directed CA Sec and Land Forces Sub-Commission to nominate officers.

6. Responsibility for IPOW. Land Forces Sub-Commission reported that Gen. Browning had heard from G-3(Org) AFHQ refusing to sanction the responsibility for IPOWs being taken over by Land Forces Sub-Commission. COS said that the responsibility would therefore remain on the broad shoulders of the Director of the IPW Sub-Commission.

7. Situation in Sicily. COS had received a letter from RC Sicilia Region enclosing a report from an OSS agency in the Island which made sweeping allegations of graft mainly in respect of export permits for wine. The report made accusations against all and sundry, including AC officers. RC did not know the distribution of this report and COS would find out. Meanwhile the report and RC's letter would be circulated to Sections. RC had stated he was satisfied there were no irregularities on the part of his officers but criticised the fact that many doubtful characters came to the Island armed with AC credentials and authorisations. COS said Econ Sec should take up this matter at once with their Sub-Commissions, get a restrictive plan laid down and send it out to RCs.

8. Irregular Travel Order. COS had given instructions to Est Sec to send a disciplinary letter to Lombardia Region. The letter which had gone out was not strong enough and COS directed that the RC should be brought before him also the officer who had signed the authorisation.

9. Visits of Italian Officials to Army Areas. COS stated that Palermo had stopped at Florence on his way to 5 Army and made trouble there. Enquiry would be made. It was directed that routes and duration of stay of Italian officials should be carefully checked.

10. Committee for Collection of Money and Blankets for Devastated Areas. CA Sec reported that PWB had a collection among their own officers and it had been suggested by Lt. Col. Andrews that the officers of AC might like to contribute to the fund. There was some discussion on this and COS approved CA Sec's suggestion that Lt. Col. Andrews be asked to make an appeal to AC for money and old clothes. It was undesirable to open subscription lists.
IPW Sub-Commission raised the question of clothing for POWs and CA Sec agreed to ask Lt. Col. Andrews to include IPOWs in their appeal.

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7. Situation in Sicily. COS had received a letter from RC Sicilia Region enclosing a report from an OSS agency in the Island which made sweeping allegations of graft mainly in respect of export permits for wine. The report made accusations against all and sundry, including AC officers. RC did not know the distribution of this report and COS would find out. Meanwhile the report and RC's letter would be circulated to Sections. RC had stated he was satisfied there were no irregularities on the part of his officers but criticised the fact that many doubtful characters came to the Island armed with AC credentials and authorisations. COS said Econ Sec should take up this matter at once with their Sub-Commissions, get a restrictive plan laid down and send it out to RCs.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 23 JANUARY.

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(g) - 5. Visits of RCs to HQ. HQ Commandant stated an office had been provided for visiting RCs and a letter had gone out to RCs setting out the arrangements.

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(h) - 9. Successor to Basic News. COS directed PRO to look into the possibility of News Agencies issuing special Summaries of News.

2. Operation Order for N.W. Italy. COS had cleared this point with CAO, AFHQ, and would confirm by letter to Gen. Robertson.

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(c) - 3. Planning for N.W. Italy. There was a brief discussion on this matter.
DCOS CA Sec stated that he was by no means clear as to what was meant by para 6(a) (Phase I) of Operation Instruction "Occupation of N.W. Italy" addressed to 15 Army Group dated 21 Dec 44.
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3. Visits to Regions. COS stated he wished Directors and Deputy Directors of Sub-Commissions to visit every Region within the next two months.

4. "Siena" Conference. COS announced there would be a Conference in Rome as soon as A/President had received the result of the Washington conversations.

5. Visits of HCs to HQ. COS stated that it must be a rule that visiting HCs see Heads of Sections. He directed Ext Sec to arrange for a reception room to be available for visiting HCs and HCs intending to come to this HQ should give us forward notice of their arrival.
Office of COS was instructed to get out a letter to HCs on these lines.

6. Relations between PRO and Sub-Commissions. Ch Sec cited the instance of a newspaper report concerning Public Health and Italian Red Cross ambulances. COS ruled that Sub-Commissions would be responsible for clearing proposed press releases with any third party involved before approaching PRO.

7. Use of Code Words in Signals from No. 3 District. Ch Sec asked if we had the codes. COS directed Maj. Talbot to ask A.A.C for a copy of the codes.

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There was a free discussion on the subject.
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COS announced there would be no Chief of Staff's Meeting on Friday, 19 January. The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 23 January, at 0900 hrs.

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3. Meeting on N.W. Italy. COS stated that AFHQ had sent out the minutes of the meeting at which General ROBERTSON presided. These had been circulated to Heads of Sections.

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4. Acting President's Memorandum. The memorandum prepared by A/President would be circulated to VPs and Heads of Sections. COS emphasized that this document was Top Secret; it should not go out of offices, and circulation should not extend below Heads of Sub-Commissions. Under no circumstances should it be mentioned to the press, and a note should be kept of the officers to whom it was shown. Parts of this memorandum had been cabled to Washington and discussions were being held on that basis.

5. Patriots - Policy. A telegram had been received from AFHQ ruling that patriots coming through the lines would be entitled to Italian Army rations and clothing. CA Sec stated that Land Forces Sub-Commission had no clothing, and the matter was being taken up with them. Econ Sec had received a telephone request from G-5, AFHQ for clothing, and COS said that this should be confirmed by telegram. He agreed with CA Sec, who stated that clothing for Patriots should be a military commitment, and not a matter for the Priorities Board. The responsibility for allocation of clothing should belong to AC.
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10. Formation of CCMD. DCOS CA Sec reported that the CCMD had now been constituted by MTOUSA as the 2675th Central Civilian Medical Depot. This organization under MTOUSA would be responsible for the procurement and warehousing in Italy of all medical supplies. At present they had three warehouses at Naples, Bari and Florence respectively; probably a fourth would be necessary when the North of Italy was liberated. This organization was responsible also for all accounting and for the distribution of supplies

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according to the requirements of the Italian Government, and also for the distribution in 5 and 8 Army areas, which still retained the responsibility of Army AMGs. It followed that it was no longer necessary to maintain at AC HQ any Medical Supply Branch as no functions remained to be performed by it. Accordingly any question of a transfer of this Branch to the Econ Sec also ceased and DCOS asked Econ Sec to note that the meeting he had fixed to discuss this matter on Friday next be treated as cancelled.
Public Health Sub-Commission would retain one officer at AC HQ as a "trouble shooter" to advise and supervise in respect of the activities of EMUNCA, the distributing agency which the Italian Government had set up, and to perform the same function in respect of 5 and 8 Army AMGs. All the remaining Medical Supply Branch personnel were being transferred to the 2675 CCRD.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 29 DECEMBER.

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4. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Vehicles. Est Sec suggested that in view of the high proportion of lost and damaged vehicles in the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission transport pool the vehicles should be incorporated in the Headquarters transport pool. This would avoid further losses and would be better for the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission as well. CA Sec asked if they could go into the matter with Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and COS agreed, but said he was in favour of Est Sec's proposal. The matter had already been mentioned at the Manpower Committee meeting, and would be brought up at the next COS meeting for a decision.

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5. Russian Delegation - Cars. Est Sec stated the Russian Delegation had fourteen cars, all bearing AC markings, and all being fuelled and maintained by the Commission. Four were AC requisitioned. The establishment provided for one car only for the General. Of the four he had, the General had asked to be allowed to retain two. COS stated this request should be refused, and the question of the ten extra cars would be left for overall consideration. He did not consider that French and Russian delegations were entitled to preferential treatment, and would ask the CC to speak to the General on the matter.

6. Signing of Correspondence "For Chief Commissioner." Econ and Est Secs raised this question again. After discussion, COS ruled that the arrangement made in Minute 1(b) of the COS meeting on 22 December would stand.

7. Waiting Time for Taxis. CA Sec complained that taxis did not wait for officers who had called on Government officials and other places. The official waiting time was half an hour, but this was not always strictly observed. Even if it were observed, it was not long enough for many visits. The matter was discussed, and COS instructed Est Sec to examine the possibility of increasing the waiting period to one hour.

8. Education in Naples. The Prime Minister had written to CA Sec asking that education be handed back to the Italian Government. RC had no objections, but he would not hand over the schools until the new Sindaco was appointed. COS stated CA Sec should write to the Prime Minister stating there was an impasse unless Palermo withdrew his nomination for the Sindacoship of Naples.

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8. Education in Naples. The Prime Minister had written to CA Sec asking that education be handed back to the Italian Government. RC had no objections, but he would not hand over the schools until the new Sindaco was appointed. COS stated CA Sec should write to the Prime Minister stating there was an impasse unless Palermo withdrew his nomination for the Sindacoship of Naples.

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15. Proposed Visit of RC Southern Region to King Victor Emmanuel. RC Southern Region had telephoned saying he expected to receive an invitation to visit King Victor Emmanuel at Taranto. COS ruled that this invitation should not be accepted.

16. Status of Mr. Bell. Econ Sec stated that Mr. Bell was the representative of the Shipping Sub-Commission. Pol Sec said he had been very useful and helpful to them.

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17. Civilian Situation at Livorno. Econ Sec stated soup kitchens had been set up. Although he considered the situation was still serious, the PC had matters under control. Econ Sec would keep careful watch on the situation.
In addition to the Allied soldiers, there were many Italian troops in the town, who were buying up local food resources. This would be discussed with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

18. Prison Rations. COS stated that this had been settled at the VP's meeting yesterday and that the order sent out by Econ Sec would stand, with the exception of Rome.

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26 December 1944

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 26 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a) Planning for R.W. Italy. COS announced that as a result of the meeting held on 25 December we would be given Operation Order and Administrative Instruction from AFHQ laying down the division of responsibility between the military and the Commission. COS suggested that Navy Sub-Commission could help in opening the Port of Genoa, and directed that Econ Sec get Transportation Sub-Commission and Naval Sub-Commission to cooperate on this matter, after the Administrative Instruction had been received from AFHQ.

(b) - 4. Relations with Italian Press. PRO stated this matter was making progress, and said that Lt.Col. Barham-Carter, of Lazio-Umbria Region, had got out a letter to the Italian press representatives. COS asked to see a copy of this letter.

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4. Situation in Sicily. GA Sec handed COS a report on the latest situation in Sicily from the RC. This report stated the matter was in hand. COS commented that the police were of little help at the time of the disorders in Catania, and directed that Col. Chapman be instructed to take the matter up with the Italian Government.

5. Movement of Italian Consular Officials. Pol Sec raised the question of transit accommodation for these officials when they proceeded to Naples. COS thought the matter should not be a Commission responsibility at all, but said that if it was, it was the duty of Pol Sec to warn RC Southern Region in advance that the officials were coming to Naples. RC was opening a new hotel in a month's time. Meanwhile, COS suggested that four rooms might be reserved at the Excelsior Hotel.

6. Study of the Italian Language. COS had noticed a lack of knowledge of Italian amongst officers, and said it was important that officers, especially junior officers in the field, should have a working knowledge of Italian. He asked GA Sec and PRO to examine the possibilities of Italian tuition in the Commission.

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MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 22 DECEMBER.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

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5. UNRRA. C/S confirmed that the proposed AMG directive to UNRRA was approved by all Sections. A copy would be passed to Pol Sec before sending it to AFHQ.

6. Duty Officers. The question of the weekly day off was again raised. C/S said this could be left to Heads of Sections. There would be a duty officer, and key officers should be accessible if required.

7. Black Market Activities. It had been suggested that the Black Market Control Unit at Leghorn-Ombrone Sector should be under the control of Public Safety Sub-Commission. After discussion on the activities of this unit C/S ruled that the Black Market Control Unit should be left under Regional control.

8. Disorders in Catania. C/ Sec had received an unofficial report on the recent Catania disorders from Lt.Col. Campbell (Local). This report alleged that the whole matter had been grossly mishandled by the civil and Italian military authorities. C/S pointed out that no one had been warned that there might be trouble in connection with the call-up notices. C/ Sec had arranged that they should receive early warning from Land Forces Sub-Commission when the call-up in Sardinia was to take place. Land Forces Sub-Commission should get out definite instructions to the military authorities on their conduct when called out to aid civil power. C/S would take the matter up with Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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16. Representative of Displaced Persons in Southern Region. RO had asked for a representative and had quoted two instances where he could have used the services of a man on the spot. This conflicted with the proposals now put forward by both Sardinia and Sicily to reduce their staff. Lt. Col. Shipp asked whether there had been any other instances

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of Regional Commissioners writing in to Sections asking for the posting to them of a specialist representative of a Sub-Commission. No such cases had occurred and it appeared that this was an isolated instance, which would be referred to H. Sec.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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3 November 1944.

MINUTES OF CHIEF OF STAFF'S MEETING - 3 NOVEMBER.

1. Siena Meeting. COS stated the Siena Meeting would take place at 10 o'clock Wednesday, 8 November, and instructed Transportation Sub-Commission to take up the question of getting a Diesel engine coach for the use of A/CC.

2. Wheat in Sicily. It was decided last night that a wire should be sent to Army stating that the Amassi had failed, and recommending that it would be impractical to follow up the policy that no wheat should be imported. The wire would suggest that we wait until December when the overall position of food in the country can be reviewed. This may be bad and we may be forced to cut down the basic ration below 300 grammes per day.

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4. Italian P.W. General Browning had written a memo which crossed the A/CC's instructions to him, giving his requirements in personnel for the extra commitment of handling P.W., and recommending that the I.P. Section of the I.P.W. should be merged into the Army Sub-Commission. This would be discussed at the next Manpower Committee meeting, which was at 2.30 this afternoon.

5. Journey of COS to UK. COS stated he was going to London to discuss the question of the infiltration of civilian personnel into the AC, and in consequence would be unable to attend the Siena meeting.

6. Future of AC. COS referred to a telegram addressed to A/CC of 12 September. The bulk of this telegram dealt with the future of the AC at the end of hostilities and the change-over to an advisory status. COS wished all present at the meeting to see this telegram. AFHQ would be asked to comment on the possible reduction of American personnel in AC and the demilitarisation of American officers.

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8. Independence of Sicily. Attention was drawn to a question asked in the House about the movement which existed to separate Italy from Sicily, such movement being alleged to have the support of the Allies. The reply had been given to the questioner that the movement had no backing from UK and it had been stated that the US had also repudiated the movement.

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9. Devastated Areas. A Coordinating Officer had not yet been appointed for the devastated areas, as COS had been waiting for a recommendation. Two names were suggested, and it was pointed out that the appointment should be made quickly, in order that the work could be finished. After discussion, it was agreed that Lt Colonel Barham Carter should be appointed for one month, and orders would be issued accordingly.

10. Repatriation of Italian Soldiers from France. This matter was under discussion, and the Italian Ministry have been informed that 6 Army Group is studying the situation.

11. Spies Sentenced to Death. Of the three men sentenced to death in October, one had been shot, but not the other two, and AFHQ had not issued any orders. Rome Allied Area Command had stated that upon orders from COS the men would be shot within twenty-four hours. Colonel Mitchell was requested to take up with G-5, AFHQ.

12. Diaper in Florence. Two members of the Yugoslav Mission, bearing Yugoslav passes, had been found in Florence buying unauthorised things. The Provincial Commissioner had been ordered to keep them in jail. It was stated that they were not members of a Diplomatic Mission, but of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and it was agreed that they should be prosecuted.

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15. Law in Eritrea. A request had been received from Eritrea that we ask the Italian Government to repeal an unjust law dealing with the racial question. It was a political issue and the total number of persons affected was small. COS instructed that no action be taken on the matter.

16. Joint Planning - Cat B Requirements. ES pointed out that no one knew what the figures were in respect to the dollar credits, and after discussion the COS stated the figures should be scaled on three lines, say, 150, 200 and 250 millions. The present heading was round about 130 millions.

The question of dollar credits and sterling credits was raised and COS suggested they should be called Allied credits. The London policy was not known at present, but it would not be in the form of troop remittances.

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15. Law in Eritrea. A request had been received from Eritrea that we ask the Italian Government to repeal an unjust law dealing with the racial question. It was a political issue and the total number of persons affected was small. COS instructed that no action be taken on the matter.

16. Joint Planning - Cat B Requirements. MS pointed out that no one knew what the figures were in respect to the dollar credits, and after discussion the COS stated the figures should be scaled on three lines, say, 150, 200 and 250 millions. The present heading was round about 130 millions.

The question of dollar credits and sterling credits was raised and COS suggested they should be called Allied credits. The London policy was not known at present, but it would not be in the form of troop remittances.

17. Food in Liberated Italy. MS stated that within a week the feeding of Liberated Italy would be turned over to the Italian Government. The Italian Government would go into the market and purchase all unrationed goods. In view of the present prices they would have to subsidise through the consumer groups. The opinion of the Italian Government was that being the principal buyers themselves after three weeks the black market could not compete with them. They had to find the subsidy money and proposed to increase the price of bread to 8 lire and pasta to 15 lire, thus eliminating the bread subsidy and using it to subsidise other foods. Colonel Grafftey-Smith would look into the matter. AC would have to give the Italian Government support on the transport side until the position was better under the EMAC scheme. COS stated this was an interesting economic experiment which should be tried out. Procedure in AMG territory would continue as before.

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18. Restriction of Movement. The whole question of movement of civilians and issue of permits was under review. COS said it should be brought up at the Siena meeting and directed it to go on the Agenda. CSI(B) should be brought in to the Siena meeting on this subject.

19. Publishing of Figures. The question of publishing figures was raised, such as the amount of wheat imported. COS instructed ES to check up with PRO and get the facts.

20. Operational Control of 2675 Regiment. It was stated that 2675 Regiment was at present under G-5 operational control. COS said the matter should be taken up by D/COS with G-5, as all personnel must be under the A/CC.

21. Typewriter Situation. ES reported that a request had been received for 30 typewriters and none were available. The census showed a total of 253 typewriters and 49 more in for repair.

22. Officer Status for Italian Civilians. This point would be brought up at the next Manpower Committee meeting.

23. Vehicle Situation. Establishment Section would like all other Sections to bring pressure to bear on the vehicle situation. Figures were given of vehicles stolen, missing and wrecked. COS directed that a strong memorandum be issued, warning every officer to take care of his vehicle. The question of insurance was raised and the matter would be brought up.

24. Frontier Boundaries. Liguria Region had questioned the line of Customs Ports on the Italian-Franco border. It was generally agreed that the pre-war frontier lines would be the effective boundaries.

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6. Grain. Econ Sec reported that A&C 8 Army had distributed 100 kilos of grain per head to the local population. This was agreed to be extremely unsound. Econ Sec to take action.

7. Police in Sicily. Econ Sec referred to a letter from RC, Sicily which had been sent to them for action on 5 Oct. He stated that the whole situation had been discussed by ALDISIG with the A/CC yesterday, and that therefore no action appeared necessary. CA Sec said that no more Carabinieri were to be taken away from Sicily until they had been replaced by Italian soldiers. Sicilia Region had been informed of this.

8. Forward Planning. DCOS Econ Sec asked that all plans should be coordinated by Chief of Staff and sent to RCs in completed form by him. There was not

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likely to be any change in the policy of CA or Pol Sec and therefore the Econ Sec would be the Sec mainly affected.

9. Petrol for Political Correspondents. PRO reported he was quite unable to procure any petrol for civilian correspondents, of whom there would be about 12. He was instructed to submit a rought estimate of quantities likely to be required to the Econ Sec, which would try to meet this demand.

10. Control Cars. Est Sec said that it had not been possible to obtain jeeps for use as control cars with the new "Q" Coys. Authority had therefore been granted by COS to requisition up to 50 civilian cars for this purpose. COS undertook to confirm that this step was not in conflict with a letter sent by the A/CC to the Italian Govt on this subject.

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