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Labour. Criticism are made on the new wage agreements, especially they are done by districts and not by industries. The allegations that firms had brought their wage levels down to the Fiat basis have proved correct. These matters have been included in the Monthly Report of the Int.

Local Government. P.Cs have done an excellent job with regard to groundwork done in respect of the pending elections. Such work should be and it may be necessary to comment on observations made by Prefects.

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In view of the pending elections, R.C. raised the question of population's attitude towards the Monarchy. Replies differed in the roughly as follows:

- Asti - The armed forces and police are in favour of the Monarchy, officials are against.
- Vercelli - 50% pro and 50% contra.
- Thurin - The majority of the people preferred the Monarchy, but not the King.
- Novara - The majority are against the Monarchy, especially the farmers.
- Cuneo - The majority are in favour of the Monarchy.

RPSO added his own opinion based on a careful study made for some considerable time past; 25% are for and 25% against the Monarchy. The remaining 50% are indifferent, but could be swayed easily one way or the other, influenced by small things.

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MINUTES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' MEETING - 13 AUGUST 1945.

1. Hand Over of the Northern Provinces to the Italian Government.

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AC Liaison Officer BARI said that in the MINERVINO and MATARA incidents the Italian Government had handled the situations very feebly. They had "suggested" that arms should be handed in but few results had been obtained and the ringleaders still had their arms. Troops had not been used.

Brigadier UPJOHN stated that all our experience was that the Italian Government had not tackled and were not tackling the public safety problem energetically. Reorganisation of the Carabinieri was desirable but this was not a short term policy, and would take months. As regards the date of the handover, he pointed out that unless approval could be obtained from AFHQ by 16 August 45 it would be administratively impossible to effect the handover on 1 September 45.

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Polad (B) agreed that unless sufficient troops were made available, it was useless trying to run MIG, and stressed that we should state the position very bluntly to the American and British Governments. Executive Commissioner concurred and said we must also have clearly laid down the exact responsibility of the Allied troops who would remain in regard to quelling of civil disturbances. Col. Hamilton said GOC No. 2 District required a directive from AFHQ to define his responsibility, and Executive Commissioner promised to take this up at AFHQ.

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Location of Liaison Groups. It was agreed that Liaison Groups should be stationed in the following towns.

MILAN,

TURIN (to include representation at AOSTA)

GENOVA,

VENICE,

BOLOGNA, and perhaps ANCONA.

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It was also agreed that BOLZANO should have a Liaison Group and that the present Liaison Officer FIS should be made the AC Liaison Officer at LIVORNO.

Executive Commissioner ruled that for the purposes of discipline and administration the Central Economic Liaison Group should be under Lombardia Liaison Group in MILAN.

Local Government Officers. There was considerable discussion on the functions of local government officers and Local Government Sub-Commission did not want any in the field. The Regional Commissioners were in agreement with this, stating that it would be impossible for the local government officers to perform any useful function. Brigadier URSINI said that the general consensus of opinion of the meeting was that special local government officers were not necessary.

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The ration scale provided that the workers of the North received the same treatment as the workers in the South for a comparable job.

Regional Commissioners were in complete agreement with the proposed new ration scale. Executive Commissioner said it should be got through as quickly as possible. Col. Legg stated that he had still to clear it with Labour.

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5. Archives.

Executive Commissioner emphasized the responsibility of Allied Commission to see that its Archives were handed over in good order, and this responsibility began with Regional Commissioners in the field. One officer was to be appointed at each Region to deal with Archives, and this officer would spend two or three days at Headquarters, Allied Commission with Capt. Collins. Uniformity, was essential and the instructions issued by Archives must be followed.

A paper prepared by Capt. Collins was distributed to members of the meeting. Capt. Collins said the object in view was to prepare all files so that they would mean something to people looking at them for the first time, perhaps twenty years hence.

Executive Commissioner stressed the importance of this subject, which he said had not always had the attention it deserved.

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The Chief Commissioner stated that 1 September 1945 had been fixed as the probable date for the withdrawal of A.M.G. in ITALY except for VENEZIA GIULIA and possibly the BOLZANO area. Regional Commissioners agreed that it was a satisfactory date.

2. Italian Elections.

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section and Director, Local Government Sub-Commission outlined the preparations necessary for the holding of local government elections, following which Chief Commissioner took the views of the Regional Commissioners on the date on which the preparation of electoral lists could be started. Chief Commissioner announced later in the meeting that he had decided that the work should be started on 15 July.

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The Italian Government held a meeting on 26 June, at which it was agreed that it was impossible to move these offices down at once, through lack of transport and space.

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It was agreed that the archives would have to stay in the North until space became available in ROME.

The Chief Commissioner ruled that there should be no independent action by Ministries and that the move of offices and archives must be a planned operation.

4. Italian/.....

4. Italian Decrees.

Regional Commissioner, EMILIA Region, drew the attention of the meeting to the publication of a decree authorizing the establishment of the National Association of Patriots, to be supported by voluntary contributions.

He maintained that contributions would probably be made at the point of a gun. The Chief Commissioner directed that a memorandum be submitted to him on the subject.

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A discussion took place on the implementation of decrees which had affected Northern Regions and it was agreed to give Regional Commissioners notice of intention to implement them so that they would have an opportunity of objecting.

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7. Public Safety in the North.

Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on public safety in the Northern Regions. The replies of the Regional Commissioners indicated that in general the public safety situation was satisfactory, but doubts were expressed for the future.

8. Policy for Italian Industry in the North.

Economic Section briefly outlined the industrial situation in the North. It was dependent on the availability of raw materials, the most important being coal of which there was a shortage. The Italian Commission had submitted to the Com-

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Executive Commissioner asked Regional Commissioners for their views on public safety in the Northern Regions. The replies of the Regional Commissioners indicated that in general the public safety situation was satisfactory, but doubts were expressed for the future.

8. Policy for Italian Industry in the North.

Economic Section briefly outlined the industrial situation in the North. It was dependent on the availability of raw materials, the most important being coal of which there was a world shortage. Allied Commission had submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff a proposal that the Italian Government should set up an Industrial Coordination Board which would have subsidiary boards to deal with each industry or group of industries. AC would advise the main Board of the materials available, the Board would allocate the fuel and raw materials to the subsidiary boards who would decide which industries could be supplied. In the meantime a coal allocation organisation was being set up and instructions would be issued shortly. It was reported that coal imports for industries in the North for July would be 66,000 tons and for August 146,000 tons. These figures excluded military and railway requirements. After August the loadings by the U.S. were uncertain.

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Discussion followed on the Coal Allocation Board set up in MILAN as a temporary measure. Executive Commissioner said that there seemed to be some divergence of opinion as to recent decisions of the Board and he instructed Colonel EVANS to see that a thorough overhaul was made of its composition.

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Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region, said that it had been wrongly reported in the press that wage increases had been excessive, 150 lire per day or more on a basic wage of 95 lire and some were retrospective to 1 January 1945.

Executive Commissioner said that there must be no unilateral action and no notice of wage adjustments should be allowed to appear in the press without MG sanction. The question would be discussed in committee the following day.

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Chief Financial Adviser asked how it was proposed to dispose of surplus workers with firms which had swollen pay rolls. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, said that the specialist officers concerned with alternative sources of employment should endeavour to get workers transferred.

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The Executive Commissioner said he was prepared to leave it to the discretion of Regional Commissioners. The entitlement was 30 days per annum for American personnel and seven days every six months for British personnel.

16. Promotions/...

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16. Promotions.

Regional Commissioner, ICA-BARDL Region, raised the question of promotion.. Executive Officer (A) replied that all promotions on the American side were frozen by HTOUSL.

17. Entertainment of members of CLM in Allied Messes.

Regional Commissioner, ICA-BARDL Region, raised the problem of the entertainment of members of the CLM in Allied Provincial Messes and urged that an allowance be made. The Executive Commissioner said he would discuss this with the CFA.

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- b) Para 27 in action column add R.C. & M.G. Section.
- c) Para 31 in action column add R.C. & M.G. Section.
- d) Para 39 delete the first two lines.

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5. The Executive Commissioner asked R.O's Sicily, Sardinia and Southern Region to consider the matter and report in a month's time. The matter would also be re-examined at ACC HQ. Brig. Lush asked Col. Temperley to report as soon as possible on the early handing over of Naples Commune from AMG to Italian Government.

6. Executive Commissioner said he would like to underline General Maitland Wilson's remarks the previous day on discipline among subordinate officers. Provincial Commissioners should be instructed to think deeply on the subject. It was almost inevitable where officers were living alone that they should lose some of the effects of military discipline and that those inexperienced in civil administration should tend to be over-impressed by the local aspect of affairs. Regional Commissioners in the Southern Regions should examine the question of transferring such officers. Brig. Lush congratulated Regional Commissioners on their monthly reports and sitreps. AFHQ had asked to be kept more fully in the picture and he believed that we had been able to do this. Col. Lewin-Harris (G-5 AFHQ) agreed.

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Promotions.

11. Col. Albright said that American promotions to field grade were temporarily held up. He asked Col. Lewin-Harris to take the matter up. Company grade officers were not affected. Col. Warren (Executive Officer) said that British promotions were held up for

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two or three days while AMI were looking into the matter. Col. Albright said Company Commanders and admin. officers must not be changed without approval from this HQ.

Patriots.

12. Col. McCarthy referred to his talk at the previous day's Conference and to a history of the movement which he had prepared. At the meeting in Siena he was asked to produce information about the Po Valley installations. He had a list of places where damage and flooding could be caused and also a list of pumping stations for Patriots to protect.

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All Regions

21. The aim was to get the people back to their homes as quickly as possible. Transit Camps would be necessary and personnel to man them. The Italian Government had been asked for 1,000 Italian Officers and men to do it. The Army Sub-Commission said personnel could not be found from the Italian Army and the possibility of using demobilized soldiers was discussed. The matter was left for further exploration with the suggestion that it might be possible to

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pick men out of the transit camps to which these soldiers were sent prior to discharge and take them on a civilian pay roll on the spot.

22. Reference was made to an unauthorized movement of refugees back to their homes which had already started. AFHQ, AII and PBS were taking notice of it. Exec. Commissioner asked R.C.'s to do their utmost with the Italian authorities to stop people moving and to issue orders that no ACC officers were to issue passes for this kind of movement.

All Regions

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Regs. III & IV.

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26. In addition there would be Provincial Commissions to deal with local bodies which depended on the Prefect. The Provincial Commissions would not be set up until the Prefects themselves had been purged. The Ministry of the Interior had been asked to expedite the purging of the Prefects, and Regional Commissioners would be informed as soon as this was done. In a letter of Aug. 18th R.C.'s were asked to send a pro-forma report on the progress of defascistization in the Provinces. Where the decree had been made effective, we ceased to operate defascistization ourselves, but in Military Government territory there was nothing to prevent a R.C. from removing an official on any ground.

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When an area had been turned over to Regional control the R.O. would normally leave it to the Italian Committee or refer a special case to HQ ACC.

Proclamations.

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33. Exec. Commissioner said that if movement was restricted completely food supply, industry, etc., would be hindered. But movement must be restricted for military reasons.

Transport and Appointments of Prefects.

34. Col. Spicer (Interior Sub-Comm) said that the transportation question had been decided the day before at the Chief Commissioner's Conference. He appealed for cooperation by R.C.'s with Prefects who had difficult journeys to undertake. They were high ranking Italian officials and all the help that R.C.'s could give them would be appreciated.

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(b) Railroad Transportation. Major Richardson, Railway Section, said it must be understood that the whole of this movement was over civilian lines in military trains, and that the bulk of the traffic was from East to West. The railroad was very bad and traffic very heavy. Time lag between bid and train movement was considerable and could not be avoided. When no LOC officer was available to handle bids the Italian channel was from railway station-master to railway Divisional Office and from there to Transportation Sub-Commission representatives. Food had priority over other commodities.

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(o) Road Transportation. Lt. Col. Bordass explained that under a new decree civilian road haulage would come under one control, i.e., E.N.A.C. It would operate up to Army area. All movement by road would be allocated by E.N.A.C. Asked what was the plan for providing road haulage for the Northern Regions, Col. Adams said there would be local transport, plus the withdrawal of extra transport loaned to harvest Regions. Alternatively, it would be necessary to apply for additional Transport Coys. E.N.A.C. would be operating in 3 - 4 weeks time.

POL for Forward Areas.

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War Material Disposal and Italian POW Sub-Commission.

46. (a) Lt.Col.Campbell, Director, said it should be known that it was now possible to repatriate any Italian POW providing he was required in a specific administrative position. The request for repatriation should be submitted through Italian channels. No requests should be received or forwarded by us.

(b) Attention was drawn to the necessity for collecting Jerry Cans (German or Italian petrol tins). The question of a penalty was under consideration.

Civilians accompanying officers on re-assignments.

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He asked Regional Commissioners to let Headquarters know of any shortcomings that might be apparent. After four months of re-organisation there must be matters which needed correction and co-ordination to the advantage of officers in the field. Headquarters must know from Regional Commissioners what should be done in this respect.

1. Ration Card Percentage.

The Executive Commissioner explained the Chief Commissioner's policy of distributing to each Province sufficient food to feed on the

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ration scale the percentage of the population recommended by the Provincial Commissioner as entitled to ration cards. The food distributed on the ration cards should represent the deficiency between the amount of food which the Italians could produce locally for themselves and what was necessary to support life in the Province. Regional Commissioners had been asked to produce percentage figures. This would be taken as a guide to food to be issued.

Colonel Legg explained. He said that based on the number of growers entitled to retention allowance so much food would be allotted to a Prefect whose job it would then be to see that the people were fed. The detailed responsibility would be that of the organisation SERRAL. It will therefore be necessary to reduce the number of holders of ration cards to fit in with the allotment of food. As a working basis the standard figure of 65% has been adopted. According to the views of Regional Commissioners adjustments in relation to this figure would be made but the percentage figure would need to be kept under review and the recommendations of Regional Commissioners would be called for at intervals. Reductions or increases in the percentage figure would be considered, but there should be no arbitrary reduction. Parallel with this there would be required an epuration of ration cards. Colonel Hancock, Region I, explained how the system was working in Sicily. It was agreed that a similar system should operate throughout all Regions. Food Sub-Commission would prepare instructions to the Regions.

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3. Staff Matters.

(a) Colonel Albright said the ceiling for all Italy up to the Rimini-Pisa line was 1270 officers, 635 American and 635 British. We must hold to this ceiling. It had been computed that for all Italy a further 300 officers and 600 EW/ORs would be necessary. Inquiry as to the possibility of getting these officers posted now for training to avoid inexperienced officers having to be employed if rapid tactical moves occurred, had not yet been satisfactorily answered. No information was available as to where these personnel were to come from.

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Further cuts must come in Regions III, IV and Rome Staffs, and Regional Commissioners must plan future cuts now. Directive to be issued shortly would include provisional figures. Specialist officers would also be affected. Officers would be required to double up jobs inside Sections. There will be a shortage of Provincial Officers.

(b) Complaints have been received that specialist officers were being improperly employed or moved with reference to the Sub-Commissions concerned. There must be clearance between Regional Commissioners and Sub-Commissions. When Regional Commissioners use officers on other jobs, e.g., Police Officers as Supply Officers, it must be reported. No transfers to be made within specialist duties without authority of Headquarters. In considering organization and re-organization of Regional Staffs, Economic and Administrative Sections will give numbers required with suggested names in an Appendix. Colonel Kirkwood suggested a purge; some officers were good, many were poor. Executive Commissioner reminded Regional Commissioners that, as was said at last conference, they must take the responsibility of reporting in writing on officers. Headquarters cannot act without Regional Commissioners' written statement.

(c) Transport (Item 6a). Back Regions must release military vehicles for forward areas and make up by requisitioning civilian vehicles. The Italian Government would also have to be supplied. Assistance could be given if Regional Commissioners would do requisition unwanted vehicles notifying the Italian authorities that this had been done. It was also necessary that all superfluous stores held by Regions (typewriters, official furniture, etc) should be reported in order that they may be re-allocated. Tyres are in short supply everywhere. This situation everywhere was well realised and ATHQ were constantly being asked for tyres. Unfortunately military tyres did not fit Italian vehicles. Region IV made a very strong plea for transport to be allocated now; this was promised as far as possible.

(d) Reporting of stolen cars. The importance of reporting stolen cars was stressed. Reports must be sent in at once to avoid reduction of transport strength. US Army administrative procedure requires that these "reports of survey" be forwarded at once and on approval such vehicles can be replaced if replacements are available. When applying for tyres, full details of the car concerned must be supplied.

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- (b) Complaints have been received that specialist officers were being improperly employed or moved with reference to the Sub-Commissions concerned. There must be clearance between Regional Commissioners and Sub-Commissions. When Regional Commissioners use officers on other jobs, e.g., Police Officers as Supply Officers, it must be reported. No transfers to be made within specialist duties without authority of Headquarters. In considering organisation and re-organisation of Regional Staffs, Economic and Administrative Sections will give members required with suggested names in an Appendix. Colonel Kirkwood suggested a purge; some officers were good, many were poor. Executive Commissioner reminded Regional Commissioners that, as was said at last conference, they must take the responsibility of reporting in writing on officers. Headquarters cannot act without Regional Commissioners' written statement.
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- (d) Reporting of stolen cars. The importance of reporting stolen cars was stressed. Reports must be sent in at once to avoid reduction of transport strength. US Army administrative procedure requires that these "reports of survey" be forwarded at once and on approval such vehicles can be replaced if replacements are available. When applying for tyres, full details of the car concerned must be supplied.
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- (f) 2675th Regiment. Colonel Parkin said Companies of this Regiment were commanded by junior officers. Senior officers should back these junior officers. A memorandum of which the main features were read, is to be published.
- (g) Administrative requirements for June.
- (i) Efficiency reports on officers for the period 1st Jan to 30th June. General instructions for the preparation of the efficiency reports will be despatched by 10th June to all Regions. Efficiency reports must be in this Headquarters by 15th July.

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(ii) Need to tighten up the arrangements for safe-guarding Commission vehicles.

(iii) Promotion and reduction of WOs must be the subject of reports addressed to C.O. 205th Regt. They will be acted on when received.

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(h) Investigation of Rumours.
Cases of rumours reflecting on the integrity of officers have been reported. Two investigating officers have been appointed and will be sent to Regions where necessary, but if proper enquiry is made rumours might be discounted before those officers went out. This should be done immediately.

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- (b) Pro-Forma Monthly Report. Regional Commissioners agreed that no amendment to the form of report was necessary except that a short para should be added to the report dealing with Finance. Agreed. Executive Commissioner stressed that reports must be factual and must not contain demands for personnel or supplies, which must be submitted in the usual way.

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(c) Regional Commissioners reported that they were getting material from the Information Section. Generally the feeling was that reports were a necessary evil and that they could be handled so long as sufficient time was given to collect the necessary data and information. Agreed that Civil Affairs Branch should ensure that a reasonable period is allowed between calling for report and date of submission.

(d) Distribution within HQ. ACC. This is a matter for the HQ. Regional Commissioners were invited to suggest when submitting reports that they should be circulated in special quarters.

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It was explained that Transport Officers were entitled to communicate direct with the Transportation Sub-Commission on all technical matters, but on all questions involving policy the Regional Commissioner must take action.

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Colonel Young explained that the position with regard to prisons, at one time in danger of becoming a scandal, was getting better. The Italian Government have appointed a Prison Director and an Inspectorate. AAI have given a lot of assistance and three main prisons have already been handed back to ACC. In future AAI will not requisition prisons unless operationally necessary. Regional Commissioners were requested to keep pressing for de-requisitioning of prisons which were considered not operationally necessary for the Army.

9. Emergency Supplies.

Colonel Bowman spoke on this subject from the liaison standpoint and stated that it was imperative that needs should be forecast and supplies estimated well in advance. The policy of planning ahead should be one which Regional Commissioners should keep constantly

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before them. While there were many items they could not estimate for, there were many they could. A memorandum on Supplies (Military and Civil) that will give guidance on sources and methods is under consideration.

10. Arrest of Italian Nationals.

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It was agreed to adopt the procedure set out in HQ letter 316/64/CA. Colonel Wilmer said it was working satisfactorily in Regions II and VII. (No. 3 District).

11. Other Business.

(a) The Chief Commissioner desires Vice Presidents to consult Regional Commissioners on subjects which would affect the work of ACC. Regional Commissioners should similarly consult Provincial Commissioners in order that the views of all are collated - a clear picture can thus be obtained of the effects of rulings or decisions taken.

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The proceedings terminated at 1720 hours.

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5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The next conference will be held in Naples on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 30, 31 and June 1, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside on Tuesday May 30. The meeting will commence at 0930 hours.

The agenda will be:

- a) Reports by Regional Commissioners and SCAO's Armies AMG.
- b) Address by Chief Commissioner.
- c) Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections.

3. a) Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General précis of the proposed remarks of the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections by 1200 hours on Monday May 29, 1944.

b) Regional Commissioners and S.C.A.O.'s AMG, Armies will submit their précis to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.C. & M.G. Section) by 1200 hours on Sunday May 28, 1944.

4. The Executive Commissioner will preside on Wednesday May 31. The meeting will commence at 0930 hours. Vice presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions may be invited to attend the discussion of agenda items affecting their departments at times to be notified before the meeting.

5. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Wednesday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should reach R.C. & M.G. Section Civil Affairs Branch, not later than 13 May 1944.

6. Regional Commissioners and SCAO's AMG Armies are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in Naples at least one day prior to the opening of the conference. R.C. & M.G. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

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7. a) The Secretary General will act as Secretary on May 30, 1944.
- b) A staff officer of the C.A. Branch, P.C. & M.C. Section will act as Secretary 31 May and June 1, 1944.

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2. May 1944.

SUBJECT: Minutes of R.O.'s Conference, 15 - 16 April 1944.

TO : Distribution below.

Amendment.

Executive Commissioner's Opening Remarks.

In second para. line 3 should read :

"monthly reports should report facts and NOT ventilate complaints or"

Please amend all copies.

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25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Action on Minutes - R.Cs. Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. (a) It will be noted that the left margin of the minutes of the Conference held April 15 & 16, 1944, has been headed ACTION and a note made of the officers or Branch of whom action is expected.

(b) As regards the Admin and Economic Sections, it would be appreciated if V.Ps. would examine the relevant paragraphs and take such action as in their opinion they consider necessary.

2. The annotation "All concerned" may refer to some or all of the following :

- (a) Regional Commissioners.
- (b) SCMO's 5 and 8 Army AMG.
- (c) Heads of Sections.
- (d) Heads of Sub-Commissions.
- (e) Heads of Branches.
- (f) Transport Officers.
- (g) Dispatch Officers.
- (h) Headquarter Commandants.
- (i) Provincial Commissioners.
- (j) Personal Assistants.

3. You are requested to examine the minutes carefully and to ensure that where action is required it is taken promptly.

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
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MICHAEL CHINIGO who visited the Conference briefly in the morning did not report it but concentrated on a very lengthy interview with the Crown Prince described by the latter as "the first interview I have given since the King's Declaration and the first political interview I have ever given" and outlining somewhat grandiose schemes for the regeneration and re-education of Italy.

MINUTES OFRegional Commissioners ConferenceSaturday, 15 Apr 44 - Sunday, 16 Apr 44.

PRESIDING : Brigadier M. S. Lush.

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Item No. 1 - Regional Control Matters.

(a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.

Chairman explained that Allied Armies in Italy objected to free movement in Regions III, IV, and V, and that restriction had to be imposed on these areas.

It was agreed that the pass system was unsatisfactory owing to lack of personnel for checking purposes but that fixing of boundaries on natural barriers would assist.

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It was agreed that Col. Kirk should see Brig. Airey and Col. Gibson, explain Regional Commissioner's views and produce a scheme conforming to pass-system principle. Italian police must be persuaded to co-operate. Identity card issue would be extended and passes issued only to holders of authentic and valid identity cards.

(b) Monthly Reports.

The suggestion to introduce quarterly reports was not favoured as it was thought the period covered was too long.

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Agreed that monthly reports be abridged to a summary of events, covering all divisions. Full divisional reports to be sent to Sub-Commissions.

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A directive would be issued showing the form the report is to take, and the number of copies required.

(c) Marriages with Italians.R.Cs.
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The steps to be taken prior to sanction being granted for British soldiers to marry Italians were outlined, and it was stated that the yardstick must be the avoidance of scandal and injury to a soldier's military value. Inside Allied Control Commission organisation all requests must be submitted to Chief Commissioner through Establishments Branch.

(d) Medical Supplies.

Col. Griffin said that there was some misunderstanding regarding fixing of prices. Some were adding 15% + 35%, others adding 15% and then adding 35% of the total so obtained, thus effecting an overall increase of 52.8%. This was in process of being regulated.

There was a quantity of German and Italian supplies at low prices finding its way into the Black Market. 1935 prices should be increased to release these goods.

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Chairman said that a copy of Region III draft order on this subject would be sent to Regional Commissioners.

(e) Liaison Officers.Estab.
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No liaison officers would be appointed except with agreement of this Headquarters. Indiscriminate use of the term "liaison" should be avoided. An order would be published shortly on this point.

Item No.2 - Establishment Matters.(a) Staffs of Regions in relation to Allied Control Commission Ceiling.

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A directive would be issued showing the form the report is to take, and the number of copies required.

(c) Marriages with Italians.

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The steps to be taken prior to sanction being granted for British soldiers to marry Italians were outlined, and it was stated that the yardstick must be the avoidance of scandal and injury to a soldier's military value. Inside Allied Control Commission organisation all requests must be submitted to Chief Commissioner through Establishments Branch.

(a) Medical Supplies.

Col. Griffin said that there was some misunderstanding regarding fixing of prices. Some were adding 15% + 35%, others adding 15% and then adding 35% of the total so obtained, thus effecting an overall increase of 52.8%. This was in process of being regulated.

There was a quantity of German and Italian supplies at low prices finding its way into the Black Market. 1935 prices should be increased to release these goods.

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Chairman said that a copy of Region III draft order on this subject would be sent to Regional Commissioners.

(c) Liaison Officers.

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No liaison officers would be appointed except with agreement of this Headquarters. Indiscriminate use of the term "liaison" should be avoided. An order would be published shortly on this point.

Item No. 2 - Establishment Matters.

(a) Staffs of Regions in relation to Allied Control Commission Ceiling.

Chairman stated that there was little chance of increasing the ceiling of 1222 officers. The proportion of specialist officers to administrators will inevitably increase as Allied Control Commission territory enlarged. 304 officers was the bedrock for Provincial Officers of all Regions. Regional Headquarters (Administrative) Staffs must therefore be reduced.

The titles accorded Regional Staffs was too many. Regional Commissioner, Executive Officer, General Staff Officer, and Headquarters Commandant should be sufficient to cover them all.

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(b) Promotion of Officers.

Chairman said that lists were being examined on 16 April. A lag between publication of U.S. and British promotions was possible due to divergence in procedure.

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(f) Maintenance M.T.

The vital importance of first echelon maintenance was emphasized. Regional Commissioners must search among personnel for those with any technical knowledge. Assistance should be sought from any local M.T. units.

(g) Registration of Requisitioned Vehicles.

All requisitioned vehicles must be officially registered and instructions would shortly be issued.

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Executive Commissioner directed that only those vehicles essential for official work be used and that Regional Commissioners should scrutinize the vehicles held. A number of vehicles would be required by the Italian Government.

(a) Essential Civilian Vehicles.

An Italian Government decree and an AMT directive were shortly being published.

(i) Friends Ambulance Unit - Status of Personnel.

All assistance was requested for the Friends Ambulance personnel and it was suggested that they be treated on the officer level, at Regional Commissioners' discretion.

All concerned

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forwarding of summaries,
inspection of assessing.

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(d) Among other views expressed Region II asked which Court would try offenders. The lower court would be unsatisfactory, and the higher would be inundated.

(e) Lt. Col. Cousens suggested a vigorous publicity campaign to stress that feeding the population is an Italian responsibility. Non-co-operation would mean hunger. Lower courts should have increased powers.

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- (f) It was stated that IWB was anxious to help and its help should be enlisted.
- (g) Lt. Col. Mayne stated that from his experience in the Middle East, amassing was similar to tax collection. An organization was essential. Authority should be conferred on the officials with the warning that dismissal would be the penalty for failure in their tasks.
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Item No. 4 - Refugees, Disposal and Feeding.

(a) Lt. Col. Halls, Refugee Branch, stated that refugees could not be sent overseas and must be accommodated within Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. He suggested that it be done by house to house billeting as done in England.

(b) Among many objections were transportation, the different scales of rations and the hunger of refugees.

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- (c) It was suggested that communal feeding be instituted, giving one hot meal per day.
- (d) This was an important problem and he emphasized the point that the Italian Government must take a bigger interest in refugees.
- (e) Col. Poletti (Region III) desired an officer under his command who would deal with the refugee problem and keep him informed. He explained his difficulties in placing refugees and stated he was placing a few in Avellino and South Naples, none in Benevento and filling up Salerno.
- (f) Region II had received from No. 2 District a list of designated communes for the reception of refugees.
- (g) Col. Riaka gave his experiences and said that in his opinion refugees were not fitting into the life of the country; proper distribution or re-distribution was necessary, and that Allied Control Commission should get the needs brought home to the Italian Government. It might be advantageous for Agriculture and Labour Sub-Commissions to study the problem.
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The dangers were the transmission of the disease from civilians to troops and epidemics, for which all the conditions were favourable.

He suggested close co-operation and co-ordination of military and civil efforts.

- (c) Funds to meet labour costs were available for dealing with the problem.

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(f) Control Service.

The services of a Medical Officer, Entomologist and Engineer were available on demand.

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(g) Paris Green was in short supply and would only be used for the benefit of the Armed Forces. The oil would be used for civilian purposes. Sprayers were in short supply but more were expected shortly.

(h) Col. Russell explained that the peak breeding period was June, falling sharply after September. Malarial cases begin about July with the peak at the end of August.

The treatment was :

- (i) Atebrin, which was in plentiful supply.
- (ii) Prophylactics to be applied to civil workers on civil projects.

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Item No.7 - Road Haulage.

Col. Adams said that negotiations for sale of 1000 Allied vehicles to the Italian Government and their eventual disposal to the transport organizations were proceeding. In the meantime, 450 vehicles were working in the Regions. SIMA (an Italian Company) would operate in Region II; an agency group in Region III and Region V had their own organization. The 80 vehicles provided by PES on the West side were

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functioning well. The 120 handed over by the 1001 G.T. Coy on the East side only 65 were serviceable to start with but these had been replaced by 120 completely new British vehicles and these are now in service.

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(a) Mr. Nichol said that the Services used all the schooners and there was little left over for the use of the civilian organisations. It was pointed out that any schooner under 50 tons might be used without permission but the following had to be borne in mind :

(i) the schooner should be registered, and
(ii) before sailing the route should be confirmed by Naval authorities.

(b) It was suggested that an Italian Director General be appointed to deal with shipping. His appointment would be non-political. Alternatively, a Committee should be set up. Bids for tonnage in excess of 50 tons must be submitted to Economic Section who would allocate.

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(c) The need for a directive on shipping was urgent and Mr. Nichol said he would consider this.

Item No.10 - Social Welfare.

To be continued in Sicily as at present.

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Agreed that scheme be adopted and published as a General Order, copy to go to Armies.

Item No.12 - Restoration of Post Office Services.

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Telecomm.
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It was agreed that this point be cleared with Allied Armies in Italy and Telecommunication Sub-Commission.

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- (b) Modern Archives } Fine Arts.
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Asked that ruling should be given on "tumbling" and "paging" in reproducing documents that would have to be preserved.



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Agreed to refer matter to Archives Advisory Committee.

Suggested that individual histories would also be of value, as distinct from formal War Diaries.

All concerned. Agreed that War Diaries be dispensed with but that some kind of journal be kept to be supplemented by historiography.

Other Business. Sunday, April 16, 1944.

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- (iii) Liaison with other ~~84~~ intelligence agencies.
- (iv) Issue of maps.
- (v) The collection of information on German occupied Italy.

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SCAOs
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Regions were asked to supply any information that might be of use and especially to notify the existence of libraries both damaged and undamaged.

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Region V asked to be supplied with information on the incidence of Venereal Disease in the part of the region now occupied by the enemy.

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PRO.

All Regions asked that an Intelligence Summary be included in the Public Relation Officer's weekly bulletin.

Summing up, Executive Commissioner said that every effort had to be made to avoid the Chief Commissioner and his staff at Headquarters being non-sighted. P/O reports and telephone calls on matters of immediate importance would help to achieve this.

3. Internal Transportation - Report on visits to Regions.

Col. Pennycook had been instructed to visit Regional Headquarters

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Region V asked to be supplied with information on the incidence of Venereal Disease in the part of the region now occupied by the enemy.

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P.O.

All Regions asked that an Intelligence Summary be included in the Public Relation Officer's weekly bulletin.

All
concerned.

Summing up, Executive Commissioner said that every effort had to be made to avoid the Chief Commissioner and his staff at Headquarters being run-sighted. B/O reports and telephone calls on matters of immediate importance would help to achieve this.

3. Internal Transportation - Report on visits to Regions.

Col. Pennycuik had been instructed to visit Regional Headquarters to study the internal transport situation. He had found conditions so varied that he had come to the conclusion that the only criterion that could be adopted was to base the number of cars required on the number of officers employed.

On Establishment there was a deficiency of about 250 official cars. To cover this there were about 400 requisitioned cars and in view of the unreliable condition of these cars this was not too many.

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Three points should receive immediate attention :

- (i) The proper employment of cars as to type, which would involve re-distribution, e.g. cars suited to town and level running might be unsuitable for country and long distance work over indifferent roads.
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- (iii) Pooling to achieve economy in use. There should be a minimum of individual allocations.

All concerned.

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Question raised by Regional Commissioner Region II.

It was pointed out that during operationally static periods the Armies were allowing "Local leave". Could this be applied to A.O.C. Officers?

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Agreed to examine the requirements again with a view to conserving Carabinieri strength for proper duties.

(ii) Arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri.

Executive Commissioner explained that a proposal had been received to grant powers of arrest of Allied Military Personnel to Carabinieri and asked Regional Commissioners' views. The consensus of opinion was against it.

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Agreed to reply accordingly.

(iii) Tentative.

Brig. General Hume said he required tents for his own personnel in connection with CAS planning. He had arranged to draw from G-4, 5 Army but had since found that only 2675 Regt authority would be accepted. 2675 Regt cannot supply without a movement order. This would be taken up.

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7. 2675 Regiment.

Following a general discussion on powers and responsibilities of the Regimental organization, including :

- (a) Completion of Records.
- (b) Possibility of obtaining qualified specialists known to be in Replacement Depots, either directly or on exchange.
- (c) Reports on officers.

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It was thought that the Vatican had funds which could be applied to this. It was contrary to general policy in other countries.

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Agreed that the matter be taken up with Monsignor Carroll, the Vatican representative.

10. Colonel Farrer (Executive Officer) asked :

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Armies.

(a) That Regional Commissioners should furnish quickly, in the case of British Officers, A.F.H.946 for those officers who had been ordered to another theatre.

(b) For instructions regarding the disposal of the surplus mass funds of the Military Government School and Holding Centre, Tizi Ouzou.

He explained that the 142% of the surplus allocated to any new School and Holding Centre remained to be distributed as no new School was to be set up.

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Colonel Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner designate of Region VIII asked if his new mass could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Farrer and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

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(d) Classification of Documents. The classification TOP SECRET should only be used in very exceptional cases. Its use should be avoided as far as possible.

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Item No. 1.Coordination of Road Transport with Regions.

Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission (Col. Fitch) explained the salient points of the proposed organisation for road haulage transport as issued to Regional Commissioners 11 Feb 44. Progress of plans was reported which included formation of Truck Unit of 80 trucks, and the availability of further 250 trucks. Of those allotted to Region II a total of 65 were now found to be unworthy. Arrangements have been made by Adm. Ech. ACMT to attach competent officers for the purpose of ensuring that all trucks assigned were put into roadworthy condition. Three officers had been detailed and would be attached for one month.

Chairman stressed the importance of the organization and emphasized that the Chief Commissioner was not satisfied with the progress made since the publication of the instructions, and asked Regions to report on the state of organization in their areas.

Region I - organization working. Additional trucks required to augment services. Number required 100.

Region II - little progress.

Region III - organization ready to accept 50 trucks at once.

Region IV - plans made, estimate initial requirements 200 trucks.

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Region V has a number of contractors willing to form a pool in Foggia.

From this it appeared that the scheme could operate as soon as the necessary trucks became available.

Agreed that in A.M.T. territory, trucks should be turned over to R.Cs. and accounted for in the same way as A.P.A. Lire, or any other commodity. On the turn-over of territory to the Italian Government the vehicles would also be turned over to the Italian Government on payment. Vehicles would then be turned over to contractors against receipt and guarantee of maintenance and upkeep.

Contractors to be paid allowance on distances according to tariff. R.C. Region I undertook to send to this H.Q. form of existing contract which has actually been used.

R.Cs. were asked to send immediately their plan for freight charges and kilometrage allowance. It is appreciated that there will be differentiations and these will be coordinated at this H.Qs.

Deputy Executive Commissioner (Col. Pisko) took the opportunity to explain that A.F.H.Q. had ordered the return to the Italian Army of all Italian military equipment, especially transport vehicles. R.Cs. had been instructed to return all Italian military transport vehicles to the Italian Military authorities. Where this would vitally disorganize the existing transport system for civilian supply, or other works, R.Cs. were asked to state the case for each individual vehicle and then to submit to this H.Qs. without delay.

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Region IV - no objection with the same proviso as Region III. It was noted that as the H.Q. of Region IV would not when in operation be situated in the same town as the central H.Q. the question would not arise.

Region V - no objection. R.C. requested that any officer travelling in the Region should give advance notice of their probable arrival in order that arrangements for their feeding and accommodation might be made. Also requested that all contacts within the Region should be made either through the R.C. in the first instance, or that he should at least be informed of the intentions of the visiting officers.

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Chairman instructed that an order to this effect should be published in the Daily Bulletin and repeated once a week until further notice.

Region VI -- no objection. Suggested that military communications relating to the Region be reported to R.C. Visitors to be instructed to carry blankets.

Item No. 3.

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Stansgate, Vice President Administrative Section, and representatives of Legal (Col. G. R. Upjohn), Interior (Lt. Col. R. A. B. Spicer), and Public Safety (Col. P. G. Kirk) Sub-Commissions joined the Conference.

(a) Chief, Legal Sub-Commission explained that it was proposed that decrees issued by the Italian Government and published in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" should, where applicable, be applied to M.G. territory. Machinery, by which this was to be effected, would be the provision of a space in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" for the inclusion of a notice over the signature of the Chief Commissioner, which would indicate that certain decrees had received the warrant of the Chief Commissioner. One copy of the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" so signed would be returned to the Italian Government and one copy similarly signed would be retained by the Legal Sub-Commission.

It was suggested that some of the decrees might be made to apply in Army areas. Agreed that no such authentication should be given except after consultation with R.Cs., and S.C.A.Os., likely to be concerned.

Posting of Proclamations and Orders. Attempt was being made to find a means by which the printing and posting of a large number of large size Proclamations and Orders should be obviated. In many cases this was unnecessary and wasteful because Proclamations and Orders are not read by the Italian people. Posting had to be carried out to conform with the laws and usages of war. This could be done by the posting of a small bill containing the necessary Proclamations and Orders in small print. The communication of the Proclamations and Orders in the appropriate quarters in occupied territory could best be effected by means of a small booklet to be handed to officials.

Agreed that such a procedure would be desirable.

(b) German Property.

Chief, Legal Sub-Commission, stated that a ruling had been sought regarding the status of German property in occupied territory. He gave as his opinion that this could not be confiscated merely because it was enemy property. Custody can only be taken by the Property Custodians in the absence of the owner. It would be necessary for the Italian Government to enact a decree enabling it to confiscate or requisition German property. This it was loath to do because it feared that reprisals might follow in territory now occupied by Germans against whom Italian Government had declared a state of war. With regard to the property of Governments not yet recognised by the Governments of the United Nations, or by the Italian Government, property could be taken over by the Italian Government if it so desired, subject to AMI permission.

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It was suggested that some of the decrees might be made to apply in Army areas. Agreed that no such authentication should be given except after consultation with R.Cs. and S.C.A.Os., likely to be concerned.

Posting of Proclamations and Orders. Attempt was being made to find a means by which the printing and posting of a large number of large size Proclamations and Orders should be obviated. In many cases this was unnecessary and wasteful because Proclamations and Orders are not read by the Italian people. Posting had to be carried out to conform with the laws and usages of war. This could be done by the posting of a small bill containing the necessary Proclamations and Orders in small print. The communication of the Proclamations and Orders in the appropriate quarters in occupied territory could best be effected by means of a small booklet to be handed to officials.

Agreed that such a procedure would be desirable.

(b) German Property.

Chief, Legal Sub-Commission, stated that a ruling had been sought regarding the status of German property in occupied territory. He gave as his opinion that this could not be confiscated merely because it was enemy property. Custody can only be taken by the Property Custodians in the absence of the owner. It would be necessary for the Italian Government to enact a decree enabling it to confiscate or requisition German property. This it was loath to do because it feared that reprisals might follow in territory now occupied by Germans against whom Italian Government had declared a state of war. With regard to the property of Governments not yet recognised by the Governments of the United Nations, or by the Italian Government, property could be taken over by the Italian Government if it so desired, subject to AMF permission.

(c) Communications.

Col. Upjohn reminded the Conference that under the Armistice terms the Armed Forces of the Allies were allowed complete control of all communication systems. For that reason military authorities were within their rights in denying to the Italian Government the use of any tele-communication facilities.

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Col. Upjohn advised that the control of prostitution was a very delicate matter and any steps taken by R.Cs. should be fully coordinated with the Legal Sub-Commission.

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Equipment - 10 sawyer stoves would be provided.

Organisation of team of workers was necessary, e.g. Mayor, doctor, priest and some women.

Stockpiles of food would have to be formed - initial supplies would be forthcoming.

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Reasons for a protest against moves would need to be very substantial.

The question of supplies (excluding food) for CC.FR is being taken up by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

(h) Screening of Italian Officials.

Head of Security Branch (Col. Young) explained briefly the use of the "Scheda Personale" (copy attached) and how the screening scheme had been worked in Regions I & II. With modifications dictated by experience, a new form was being printed and would be brought into use in all Regions.

Chairman announced the formation of the Zanibone Committee and organisation for the purge promulgated. Suggested that a member of the Committee should be co-opted on to the organisation being formed in Region III. R.C. Region III declined to accept this without further examination.

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S.C.A.O. 5 Army : The material presented would have special reference to Rome.

Agreed that returns on petrol supply bids be quarterly and not monthly.

Item No. 6.Personnel and Transport Situation (Colonel Albright) - (See attached Schedule "A").

Col. Albright said that many shortages existed as a result of calls for personnel to be used in other theatres and operations. The ultimate prospect for this theater was approximately 1222 officers, equally divided between American and British, which was considerably below the previous authorized strength of more than 1400. It would, therefore, be impossible to have fixed establishments within Regions. Personnel must be posted where required. Ceilings will, however, be set up for Regions. Also, with this situation prevailing, all advancements of officers and OR/EM would be dealt with by ACC HQ, upon recommendation from the Regions and Sub-Commissions. It is hoped that Tables of Organization can be set up for enlisted men so that a fair distribution of grades might be maintained.

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Agreed that Rome Party specialists may be summoned to meetings, if the specialists are notified through the Regional Commissioners.

Establishment Officer British vehicles are expected from NATOUSA for the Refugee and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions which could then return the vehicles borrowed from Region IV. The American T/E's were now approved and additional vehicles would be available as soon as they could be assembled. Interest Regions and Sub-Commissions should submit requests especially for trailers. In order that priorities might be determined, reasons for request should accompany. At present, Refugees and Displaced Persons have the first priority. A Pool would be set up to cover emergency demands; T/E's will not be fixed. Maintenance is to be handled by local units of other formations.

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Lt.Col. Brown introducing the subject as Chief Liaison Officer, ACC HQ., emphasised that the following points should be observed in liaison work:

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3. Make requests specific, and only if justified.
4. Make the use of liaison two-way.

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Item No.9.

Medical Supplies.

Colonel Griffin said that help was requested from the Regions in collecting information upon which to base requisitions. Normally the operations of the Sub-Commissions would extend only down to the Regional level except in cases of emergency. The prices of supplies would be determined and notified to the interested persons. All possible aid should be given to restoring drug-making industries.

Item No.10.

Other Matters.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment

TO : All Regions, AMG Armies, and Sections, Sub-Commissions and Branches of HQ.

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3. Ranks and Promotion

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a. The question of ranks and promotion will similarly be dealt with centrally by this Hq because it is not possible to lay down any fixed ranks for Officers or EM/OR in Regions since the total personnel will vary as territory is handed over and duties become supervisory on the one hand or operational duties increase under AMG on the other. Similarly, the volume of work in Sub-Commissions is not constant.

b. Recommendations for promotion of Officers (as to which separate instructions on the British side have been issued in Exec Memo No. 19) will therefore be submitted without regard to whether there is or is not a suitable assignment in a higher rank in the particular region, Sub-Commission, etc., in which the Officer being recommended happens to be serving at the time.

c. Instructions regarding the promotion of both EMs and ORs are being issued shortly.

For the Executive Commissioner:

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Colonel, Infantry
Establishment Officer

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Profession _____
- c) Carica desiderata _____
Position Desired _____
4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F. ? _____
Were you a member of P. N. F. ? _____
- a) Data di nascita _____
Date of Birth _____
- c) Residenza permanente _____
Permanent Residence _____
- b) Posizione attuale _____
Present Position _____
- a) Da quando ? _____
Since when ? _____

5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (SI o NO):

Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer YES or NO).

- a) Sansepoleristi _____ b) Squadristi _____ c) M. V. S. N. ? _____

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? Indicate con un SI od un NO l'unità o la data negli spazi rispettivi:

If you belonged to the Milizia, in which of the following units did you serve? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service)

(Specificare se servizio effettivo o nel quadri)
(Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)

- Milizia ordinaria ? _____
Ordinary Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Ferroviaria ? _____
Railroad Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Postale ? _____
Postal Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Portuale ? _____
Port Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Forestale ? _____
Forest Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Stradale ? _____
Road Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Confararia ? _____
Border Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Universitaria ? _____
University Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Antiaerea ? _____
Antiaircraft Milizia ? _____
- Milizia Artiglieria Marittima ? _____
Naval Artillery Milizia ? _____

1. Cognome _____ di _____
e _____ fu _____
2. a) Luogo di nascita _____
Place of Birth _____
b) Data di nascita _____
Date of Birth _____
3. a) Professione _____
Profession _____
b) Posizione attuale _____
Present Position _____
4. a) Carica desiderata _____
Position Desired _____
b) Da quando? _____
Since when? _____
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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service)

(Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)

- Milizia ordinaria? _____
Ordinary Milizia? _____
- Milizia Ferroviaria? _____
Railroad Milizia? _____
- Milizia Postale? _____
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- Milizia Stradale? _____
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Border Milizia? _____
- Milizia Universitaria? _____
University Milizia? _____
- Milizia Antiaerea? _____
Antiaircraft Milizia? _____
- Milizia Artiglieria Marittima? _____
Naval Artillery Milizia? _____
- « Moschettieri del Duce »? _____
The Duce's Musketeers? _____
- Battaglioni « M »? _____
« M » Battalions? _____

c) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata? _____
If you served during the war only, did you volunteer or were you drafted?

6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete SI o NO e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispondenti):
Did you at any time hold any of the following positions in the Fascist Party? (Answer YES or NO giving the length of time of each).

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PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

- a) Segretario nel P. N. F.?
Secretary of the P. N. F.?
- b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale?
Member of the National Council?
- c) Segretario Federale?
Federal Secretary?
- d) Membro del Direttorio Federale?
Member of Federal Council?
- e) Ispettore del Partito?
Inspector of the Party?
- f) Ispettore Federale?
Federal Inspector?
- g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio?
Political Secretary of a Fascio?
- h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Regionale?
Fiduciary of a Regional Group?
- i) Membro di un Gruppo Regionale?
Member of the Regional Group?
- j) Capo-settore?
Chief of a Sector?
- k) Capo-nucleo?
Chief of a Group?
- l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.?
An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?
- m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.?
An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?
- n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili?
An authoritative position in the women's Fasci?

o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito?
Some other position in the Party?

Quale?
What?

- 7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell' OVRA?
Were you at any time a member of the OVRA?
- 8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC. RR.?
Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC. RR.?
- 9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S.
Were you a member of the Political Office of the P. S.?
- 10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni?
Were you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations?

Quando?
When?

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
LENGTH OF SERVICE

- a) in una Corporazione?
In a Corporation?
- Quale?
Which One?
- Denominazione della carica
Title of Position
- b) In una unione sindacale?
In a syndical Union?

Quale?
What?

- e) Ispettore del Partito?
Inspector of the Party?
- f) Ispettore Federale?
Federal Inspector?
- g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio?
Political Secretary of a Fascio?
- h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Regionale?
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In a Corporation?

Quale?
Which One?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

- b) In una unione sindacale?
In a syndical Union?

Quale?
Which One?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

- c) In un Consorzio Agrario?
In a Consorzio Agrario?

Quale?
Which One?

Denominazione della carica
Title of Position

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO LENGTH OF SERVICE

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa

o sindacale?

In some other Corporation or Syndical organization?

Quale?

Which One?

Denominazione della carica

Name of Work Done

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:

Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal positions held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO

Name of the Institute

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

Length of Service

MODO DI ASSUNZIONE

How Acquired

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:

Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime:

FONTE

Source of Income

MEDIA ANNUALE

Yearly Average

INTROITO DEL 1942

Income in 1942

13. Avete prestato servizio militare?

Have you rendered military service?

b) Quando?

When?

a) In quale arma?

What branch?

c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente?

Last rank?

d) Dove avete prestato servizio?

Where did you serve?

e) Siete stato « volontario » nella guerra civile Spagnola?

Were you a « volunteer » in the Spanish Civil war?

f) Siete stato « volontario » nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale?

Were you a « volunteer » in the Ethiopian Campaign?

Del Nord Africa?

North African campaign?

Della campagna in Russia?

Russian campaign?

g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare?

Were you deferred from Military Service?

Per qual motivo?

Why?

14. Avete fatto parte dal 1922 in poi di qualche organizzazione politica diversa del Partito Fascista?

Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922?

Nome dell'organizzazione:

Name of the Party or Organization?

Periodo di appartenenza:

1921, come segue:
Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal positions held by you since 1921.

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO
Name of the Institute

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO
Length of Service

MODO DI ASSUNZIONE
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FONTI
Sources of Income

MEDIA ANNUALE
Yearly Average

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Nome dell'organizzazione:
Name of the Party or Organization?

Periodo di appartenenza:
How long were you a member?

15. Dichiaro sinceramente e solennemente che tutto quanto ho affermato è vero.
I solemnly swear that all I have said is true.

Firma
Signed

Testimone
Witness

Data
Date

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