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22 Feb 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 27.

Political : Council meeting on 16 February abolished political price of bread and approved a number of financial-economic measures. A commission to reduce state expenses and local committees to assist in tax estimates were set up. Also planned special price control committees with representatives of GLN and Unions. Bread powers over markets given to Food Commissariat. Increase in pay of state employees as from 15 February; similar increases to workers in private industry to be worked out between Unions and employers.

Soldiers pay doubled.

Day of the soldier and the Partisan celebrated 18 February with parade and speeches by BONOMI, CASATI, SCOCIMARRO.

Six Roman dailies suspended because of paper shortage (19 February). Italian Press Commission has been criticized for lack of foresight and arbitrary action. Suspension revoked the following day.

SARDINIA: The estimated figure of 10,000 men for the military call-up has already been met.

Food and Supplies/.....

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Food and Supplies: Increase in bread ration to equivalent of 300 grams per day as from 1 March announced 21 February.

The first shipment of oranges this season (1625 tons) was made to UK.

Total olive oil amassed 26,000 tons, an increase of 3,000 tons over previous week.

TOSCANA Region salt position improved.

ROME : Drop in grain imports from North reduced reserve to 25 days but fruit and vegetable imports rose to 442 tons daily average.

ASCOLI and MACERATA: 4% of meat animals slaughtered in Provinces will be consigned to ROME. ANCONA made 2% meat slaughter concession to PESARO Province.

Crime :

Incidents involving throwing of hand-grenades or firing of shots have been reported from NAPLES, PISA and NUORO. One British soldier shot at PISA and one arrest made.

SICILY: Crime rates continue high.

LAZIO-UMBRIA: One new forged currency case.

Health:

AREZZO: 63 typhoid cases. Water tests being made.

Personnel :

Brig. Gen. Edward B. MCKINLEY (A) appointed Acting Vice President Economic Section.

Mr. G. Stewart BROWN (A) appointed Director of Public Relations Branch.

LAZIO-UMBRIA Region: Colonel Charles POLETTI (A) has resumed the duties of Regional Commissioner.

Major Carleton W. WASHBURN (A) appointed Director Education Sub Commission.

Refugees/.....

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Refugees: No unusual trend.

Price Tendencies: Generally reported still increasing.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date : 10,535,885 qtls.

AMG Fifth and

Nothing to report.

Eighth Armies:

General Remarks: Total of 3,627 mines cleared from ORTONA-PESCARA railway.

Trunk now clear.

GROSSETO: Troops behaviour excellent.

MARCHE : Soap, shoes, and copper sulphate are most pressing need of this Region.

Arrangements have been completed for the Italian Government to take over responsibility for allocation of POL in LAZIO and ABRUZZI w.o.f. 1 March.

On 16 February the NEBA MONTOMO Plant at TERMI was re-activated for a production of approximately four tons of ammonia daily for the preparation of nitrogenous fertilizers.

SARDINIA: 9379 tons of coal were produced last week and the production rate is slowly improving.

Steps are being taken to increase the number of coal miners in SARDINIA by exempting miners from call-up and giving an option to non-miners to work in the mines instead of serving in the Armed Forces.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 26

Political : Government set up new Commissariats for Veterans. Will take care of returning veterans, liberated civilians and patriots. CASPAROVTO named High Commissioner.

Socialist and Communist parties issued joint statement of programs (10 February) urging a national convention of C.L.N. and formation of Consultative Assembly. They announced that both parties will participate in administrative elections with common programmes and candidates, not however excluding possible agreements with other parties.

Press statement from Presidentia (14 February) says Interministerial Committee working out plans with ALCON for trade relations with SWITZERLAND; similar action to be studied for other countries.

Food &
Supplies :

LAZIO-UMBRIA. Oil amassed during week double previous period. Cooperation from authorities in ROME and FROSINONE very poor.

Salt position generally is better but supplies of chlorine for ROME water supply critically low. Arrangements made for 130 tons rock salt to be loaded in SICILY on 12 February for delivery to CIVITAVECCHIA to relieve shortage.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE. Olive oil collecting programme now under way in most important producing areas; 25% of goal amassed in Region to-date.

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BARI olive oil collection decreasing. Control officers functioning with inadequate transport.

LAZIO-UMERIA. Out of total of thirty seven reported crimes attributed to civilians eleven involved areas. Four armed attacks attributed to Allied soldiers.

SALENTO. Shots fired at NSRO train on night of 8 February. No casualties.

BARI, ANDRIA, BRINDISI, LECCE, now cases forged AN currency under investigation.

Health: Malaria control: A.C. is making available to the Italian Government 20 million atabrin tablets and all captured stocks of quinine that are on hand.

TERAMO Region. Typhoid outbreak in SAN GIOVANNI and CAVRICOLA.

Refugees: Nothing unusual to report.

Price Tendencies: LAZIO-UMERIA. Bread and flour rose by 33% on black market. Rice rose 100%.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date: 10,735,113 quintals.

General Remarks: LAZIO-UMERIA. 600 tyres will be distributed through Prefects in the Region.

ANCONA-SENIGALLIA. NSRO registration proceeding well.

Following industries have resumed production to-date, though hampered by lack of power: wool-spinning plant at ANCONA, cement and lime works at BOLOGNA, various brick factories, MAJOLICA plant at TERNI, shoe factory at CHIETI, MONTESANTINI chemical plant at BRESSI, leather tannery at TOLENTINO, paper mills at PIORACO and FABRIANO, silk industry at ANCONA, foundry at TOLENTINO, watch factory at JESI, producing largest number of watches of any factory in Liberated ITALY. Lignite mines at SOGGITO and BRESSI, asphalt mine at BOLOGNA, and sulphur mines at PERTUARA and CARRARA are all operating.

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The PIRELLI rubber reclaiming factory at TORRESEMATA began operations and produced 3,000 kilograms of reclaimed rubber.

Permission given to ROME gas works to increase consumption of coal to 300 tons a day, which should suffice to produce gas at full pressure for seven hours a day.

ULISSE CROCHI plant, TORRESEMATA (SIENA) began production of carbon bisulphide for olive oil refining and soap manufacture.

The plant of Officine Meccaniche e Ponderie at TERNI has been reactivated and commenced the manufacture of olive oil presses.

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8 Feb 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SITREP NO. 25.

Political: CGIL congress at NAPLES closed 1 Feb with resolutions looking toward participation of workers in management of industry and urging nationalization of private monopolies and key industries. LIZZADRI, DIVITTORIO and GRANDI re-elected with acclamation to the segreteria generale.

Government gave figures 6 Feb on prisoners in GERMANY and in the hands of British, French and Americans, stated it was impossible to give accurate figures on those in RUSSIA. Press has been urging repatriation of prisoners in Allied hands and government pressure to clarify status of prisoners in GERMANY.

Council of Ministers announced, 7 Feb, that the political price of bread would be abolished as soon as possible.

CASERMA APRIGENA, FOGGIA, general feeling against military call-up with several demonstrations. Hand grenades thrown. No casualties but arrested conscripts released by force.

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Food & Supplies:

A total of 4300 tons of imported potatoes will be available for the 1945 planting season. Total seed potato movement for the 1945 season will be about one-fifth of that originally planned.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE. Olive oil collection approximately one-fifth of target.

LAZIO-UMBRIA. Olive oil officers meeting difficulties owing to weakness of Italian authorities. One Sindaco threatened armed resistance to collection.

Soap position bad, only 100 grams issued in four months.

SICILIA. Food situation relieved by receipt 2755 tons wheat 7513 tons barley.

Crime:

Two cases forged AM currency in BRINDISI Province under investigation. Work of AMG court set up to deal with sabotage at BITONTO diminishing and it is believed to have served its purpose.

SICILIA Region. Two train hold-ups 27 Jan.

Health:

More than 900,000 vaccinations performed NAPLES City to-date.

Personnel:

LAZIO-UMBRIA. Lt.Col. SCHOLTZ appointed Acting Regional Commissioner.

Refugees:

Nothing to report.

Price Tendencies:

Nothing unusual to report.

Wheat Collection:

Total to-date: 10,674,002
10,416,025 quintals.

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No new Communes occupied.

General Remarks:

A further glass plant in TUSCANY went into production on hand-blown glass late in January. Rate of output 1,000 sq metres per day.

The FIORINCE area was connected into the Central Italy Electrical Grid during the week, leaving only the LIVORNO area isolated. A second

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source of power supply to FLORENCE was provided when the TERRI - CHIUSI 120,000 volt transmission line was completed and put into operation during the week.

ENAC registration commencing this week in ABRUZZI Provinces. MACERATA, URBINO and CAMERINO Universities reopened on 1 Feb.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 24.

Political: Council approved women suffrage, 30 January. Same rules and restrictions as for male voters. Electoral lists, to be ready 10 April, will also include female voters.

General Staff brought under authority of Ministry of War 30 January.
General BORGIO named Chief.

OSIR Congress began in NAPLES 28 January. BORGIO sent message urging Unions to be above parties. 500 delegates from all over Liberated ITALY attended.

Reputation. It was announced at Council meeting, 30 January, that 322 civil administration officials had been expelled. Four Vice-almi Commissari for sanctions against Penches named: BORGIO (Socialist) replaces PRONE (Communist) on previous list. Others are MULLER (Liberal), KASZOWSKI (Liberal) and ITALIA (Christian Democrat).

Government announced on 31 January that it has asked counterpart for all AM lire.

SICILIA Region: Political situation quiet.

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Food &
Supplies:

Measures taken to increase the olive oil collection resulted in improved returns.

NO. 100000 Army: Food supplies for three months ^{will} have been sent into 14 mountain communities likely to be isolated during the winter.

ROME: has a 35 days' flour reserve. Fruit and vegetable situation slightly better.

LAZIO-UMBRIA: Coal and lignite continued to improve. Shortage of salt for chlorine threatened water supply for ROME.

SICILIA Region: Flour situation tense with no reserves. Grain boats expected.

Crimes:

ROME: ~~1000~~ Carabinieri searched the offices of the Revivente Communisti d'Italia (25 January). Quantities of arms and ammunition were found behind a false wall. The premises were unoccupied and no arrests were made.

Refugees:

All civilians are being cleared from front line zone by Army order. Accommodation was arranged either by local dispersal or at AMG or AG Camps. The evacuation was proceeding smoothly.

Wheat

Collection: Total to-date: 10,443,050 quintals.

General
Remarks:

ABRUZZO-MARCHE Regions: Total of 153,887 mines, 600 unexploded bombs and approximately 800 tons abandoned ammunition cleared up to 31 December in CHIERI, PESCARA and TRENTO Provinces. Total of 180 Italians killed and 405 seriously wounded by mines in three provinces since Allied occupation.

Larger numbers of patriots joined Italian Army due to increased efforts by recruiting agencies.

Patriots in NORTH Army area were fed on the Italian Army ration scale

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on authority of AFHQ. Fifth Army patriots will receive the same ration as from 1 February.

The "Advisory Committee on Electric Power" was formed from representatives of the Electric Power Companies involved, the Italian Government and A.C.

The rebuilding of the second 20,000 KV transformer at TERNI was completed. This permitted the full output of the first 35,000 KV generator at GALLISTO to be utilized.

The North West ITALY Coordinating Committee set up by the Chief of Staff ^{AC} commenced activities under the Joint Chairmanship of the Regional Commissioners of PIEMONTE and LIGURIA.

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 23.Political:

Press supports Government's mobilization decree but appeals for abolition of armistice terms and Allied status. Council meeting (18 Jan) adopted measures in favour of soldiers and their families, partisans being included in subsidy allotments. DE GASPERI reported C.I.M. message urging formation of really National Italian Army had been transmitted to United Nations leaders.

DE GASPERI announced recognition of Chiang King Government and abolition of VIENNA accord of 1940 looking instead to "friendly collaboration" with BALKAN-DANUBE States.

TARCHIANI (Action Party) appointed Ambassador to Washington (18 Jan). BOERI (Action Party) appointed Secretary of Commissariat for Sanctions Against Fascism.

BARI Zone. Short strikes MESSAGNE and MOLFETTA shipyards settled. Compromise reached in ROME between Government and delegation government employees from BARI, has removed possibility serious strike. Sporadic student protest against army call-up and non-publication of armistice terms indicates potential trouble probably due outside subversive elements.

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NAPLES-TAGAYTO. Similar protests university students but no incidents reported.

CARBONIA, Sardinia coal strike settled (17 Jan). Strike condemned by all parties.

CAGLIARI, Sardinia. Demonstrations against call-up for Italian Army 17/18 Jan. Bombs thrown on 18 Jan resulted in death of police agent. 11 persons were injured. No firing by police. Demonstrations now prohibited by order of Italian High Commissioner. City quiet and normal.

Food and Supplies :

ANDRIA Province. Great relief effected by arrival of salt ship of 750 tons.

LAZIO UMBRIA. Olive oil prospects in AMG territory fairly good. Elsewhere progress bad and there is very strong opposition.

ROME. 30 days grain still in the city. Fruit and vegetables are low at 350 to 400 tons daily. Fish and potatoes not available. Eggs sell for 35 lire each.

Crime :

ROME. Important raid by police agencies resulted in 242 arrests which included 24 of "Hunchback gang". Large quantities of arms, grenades and military stores taken.

NAPLES. Italian paratroopers throw hand grenade at Allied Military Police wounding one military policeman and three civilians. Two paratroopers arrested.

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FOGGIA Zone. Several cases of stealing of standing timber by Allied troops.

Health :

ANTONA Zone. Shortage of medical supplies due to lack of organization of ERINA.

NAPLES and BENEVENTO. Decline in smallpox continues.

FOGGIA Zone. Smallpox under control. Vaccination campaign very active, but 45,000 doses vaccine still required.

Personnel/.....

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Personnel : Mr. W.H. BRAINE (B) appointed Director Labour Sub-Commission.
Refugees : Twenty three Brazilians left ROME for NAPLES on 21 Jan for repatriation to BRAZIL.

Wheat Collection : Total to-date : 10,340,394.

General Remarks: ROME-NAPLES passenger train service opened 22 Jan.

51,000 kilos angola, 15,000 kilos tartaric acid and 1,500 kilos onion seed were shipped to the U.S. during the week.

Rice: Reports on five plants in RIMINI and RAVENNA regions have been received. One plant is in fair condition and rehabilitation is hoped for within the next two or three months.

Mining: HISOLIO coal mine resumed production. PIETRAPITTA. First lignite from mine arrived in ROME.

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URGENT MESSAGE NO. 22Political

Government call to arms (of classes of 14 through 24) published 13 Jan. Reported by press of all parties. On 17 Jan D.M.N. addressed message to ROSSINI, SPALIN, CHICKELL and DE GAULLE, stating need of "strong national army" to take its place at side of the Allies. Press has seized occasion to ask for change in attitude toward ITALY and Socialist and Action Parties have urged Army reforms at this time.

CASPERO named Air Minister vice SCHIACCA who resigned because of poor health (13 Jan). Four "Deputy Assistant High Commissioners" for sanctions against Fascism named: ITALIA, MILA, MAROTTA, BARRI.

At press conference on 16 Jan. Government spokesman said Council is planning to improve situation of soldiers' families; surveyed recent disorder in SICILY and stated serious trouble now past.

Private news agencies allowed to service Italian papers as from 15 Jan.

MINARDI formally installed on 16 Jan. as Governor of Bank of ITALY in presence of BONDI and Admiral STONE.

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Also excellent work at the PORT ABUJA Camp near ENNI during last two weeks.

The numbers of refugees for repatriation to SUDAN and SUDANESSE Regions have been diminishing noticeably.

TOGONA Region. CHAKROU will concentrate up to 500 refugees at POLARICA Camp on receipt of blankets.

PriceCommodity:

PISA prices still rising.

WeightCollection:

Total to-date: 10,315,400 gms.

GeneralRemarks:

Many amphibious raiding party blew up three bridges near KASSO and KASSO, ABUJAH-ABUJAH Region, night of 9-10 Jan. but failed to halt traffic on highway.

Prince KASSO toured ABUJAH Province 14 Jan. Well received.

1,500 complete sets of clothing for patriots have now been delivered to PISA Army and 500 complete sets of clothing to ABUJAH Army. 71,500 sq. metres of tarp have also been delivered to PISA Army for making into antrears covers.

33 patriots fully clothed have been sent to the South African Division as additional labour gang.

Government has begun of armoured vehicles for the two mobile Battalions in ABUJAH, 12 light tanks have been loaded at CHILHAI, SARDINIA, and will arrive at PALMIRA on 21 Jan.

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Application has been made for a mobile battalion in SARDINIA. 12 three-ton trucks and 12 armoured vehicles will be required.

New match production at KASSO, ABUJAH, already 70,000 packets a day. Ceiling production estimated at 200,000 a day.

77 boxes silk worm seeds arrived MARSE by air from M.H. for silk cocoon production.

1025 tons lemons, 1050 tons sulphur and 298 tons wine lees were exported during the week. An export availability of 6406 tons sulphur for a six-month period reported to ARIQ.

Cristalleria Nazionale at MARSE has completed production of 30 tons neutral glass and 30 tons normal glass for pharmaceutical and chemical purposes.

The S.S. MONT EVEREST arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA on 11 Jan. with 70 head of cattle, first instalment of animals from MARRERIA for re-stocking LADISPOLI region.

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WEEKLY SITREP NO. 21

Political : Council meeting 5 Jan approved new temporary housing programme, allotting 5 billion lire for repairs to buildings (3 billions for public buildings, 2 for private). Special committees have been formed in all communes to give immediate attention to shelterless. Council discussed SPORZA's resignation, thanked him for his work, stressed urgency of evacuation. No successor to SPORZA named; the President of the Council will preside over work of the four Allied Commissari Aggravati.

At Press Conference 9 Jan Government spokesman expressed pleasure at WASHINGTON's statement of Allied plans for ITALY looking to progressive restitution to Government of political and administrative responsibility. Spokesman admitted numerous disorders in SICILY caused, he said, by current rumors that ITALIA is to be sacrificed for the benefit of other countries. Also said Italian Government has no objection to publication of Armistice Terms.

9 January Interministerial Committee, headed CROMBIE, drew up plan to control prices and fight black market.

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The first 35,000 Kw unit of the GALLATO Power Plant at IESSHI began operation under test conditions.

Export shipment to US, UK and FRANCE composed of 7 1/2 tons vegetable seeds, 3630 tons sulphur, 147 tons hemp, 533 tons wine lees, and 206 tons wine. All lemon purchases for export suspended owing to prohibitive increase in freight rates on timber for box making.

Industrial Gases. Arrangements made for repair and testing of 500 gas cylinders in the Centro Chimico Militare, ROME. These will be taken over by ENI and enable them to double their oxygen output. Oxygen output for ENI is now 30,000 cu. metres per month of which ARMS and EBS take 15,000 leaving 5,000 for civilian requirements.

Production of cement at GALLATERO continues at a satisfactory rate of 60 tons a day. This will be increased when allocated coal arrives. Heavy snowfall in most of ABRUZZO-MARITIME Region. All roads except No. 16 closed for varying lengths of time during week. Practically all truck and vehicles kept off road by impassable roads and lack of chains. TOSCANA Region. GRASSANO over 1500 children spent Christmas Day with Brits and Am. POLIGNO committee raised funds for refugees. 60 pairs shoes purchased and cake and wine added to ration. LIVORNO labour conditions greatly improved, and midday meal provided by Armed Forces for their employees which caused favourable comment.

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milliards and total revenue at Lit. 13 milliards.

Italian Government informed that the aggregate amount of A.M. lire outstanding in the hands of banks and public at 31 Oct last was approx. Lit. 44 milliards, of which Lit. 6 milliards had been advanced by AG/AM for purposes of Italian civil administration.

A generating unit at the CERRANO plant, which was recently repaired, developed a short circuit and damaged the plant to such an extent that at least three months will be required for repairs.

At CERVARA, in Central ITALY, a 1600 Kw unit, damaged by the enemy was restored to service after five months work.

Further supplies Red Cross clothing landed for ANCONA and PESARO. 40 housing projects, involving 266 houses with 1358 rooms and costing 19½ million lire, under way in devastated area North of RANNO River.

Total of 497 major military road and bridge repairs completed under supervision of Regional Engineer during last six months of this year.

5300 children entertained in cinema Christmas party by Provincial Officers AQUILA Province and 1600 Christmas packages distributed.

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