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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. Broad 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, GASATI, SUCCIMARRO.

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.

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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 5,000 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.

3939 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 : 10,535,835 qts.

AMG Fifth and Eighth Armies: Nothing to report.

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

Track 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 v.e.r. 1 March.

On 16 February the NSRA MONTEVIDEO Plant at TERINI 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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Capt. H. C. [unclear]

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY OUTLOOK NO. 26

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

Socialist and Communist parties issued joint statement of programme (10 February) urging a national convention of C.I.N. and formation of Consultive 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 Precileuxa (14 February) says Interministerial Committee working out plans with ALCON for trade relations with SOUTHERN AND similar action to be studied for other countries.

Food & Supplies: LAZIO-UMERIA. Oil amassed during week double previous period. Cooperation from authorities in ROMA and FROSINONE very poor.

Salt position generally is better but supplies of chlorine for ROMA water supply critically low. Arrangements made for 150 tons rock salt to be loaded in SICILY on 12 February for delivery to CIVITAVOGNAIA 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.

LATIO-UMBRIA. Out of total of thirty seven reported crimes attributed to civilians eleven involved arms. Four armed attacks attributed to Allied soldiers.

SARDEGNA. Shots fired at MIGRO train on night of 8 February.

No casualties.

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

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

PUGLIA Region. Typhoid outbreak in SAN GIOVANNI and CAVRIGLIA.

Refugees: Nothing unusual to report.

Price Tendencies: LATIO-UMBRIA. Bread and flour rose by 5% on black market. Rice rose 100%.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date: 10,735,115 quintals.

General Remarks: LATIO-UMBRIA. 600 tyres will be distributed through Prefects in the Region.

ANCONA-MARCHE. MUAC 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 ROMA, various brick factories, MAJOLICA plant at TERRANOVA, shoe factory at CHIAVI, MONTRATTINI chemical plant at BURSI, leather tannery at TOLENTINO, paper mills at PIOMBO 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 SCOPITO and BISCI, asphalt mine at SCAFFA, and sulphur mines at PERTUGARA and CABRINATO are all operating.

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

Permission given to ROMA 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.

UNICE CROCHI plant, TORRENTA (STMA) began production of carbon bisulphide for olive oil refining and soap manufacture.

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

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Chief of Staff.

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8 Feb 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY 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 segreteri generali.

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.

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

Food and Supplies/.....

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Food & Supplies: A total of 4500 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 AM court set up to deal with sabotage at ELITONTO 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 quintals.

AM Fifth and 39 Eighth Armies: 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 FIRENCE 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 TERRE -
CATUSI 120,000 volt transmission line was completed and put into
operation during the week.

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

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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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 HQ CO named chief.

UNI Congress began in Naples 28 January. SORRIN sent message urging UNI Congress to be above parties. 300 delegates from all over Liberated ITALY attended.

Navigation: It was announced at Council meetings, 30 January, that 322 civil administration officials had been separated. Four Vice-Admiral Commissioners for sanctions against vessels named: MARCHI (socialist) replaces PAGNI (Communist) on previous list. Others are MILAN (Liberal), MAROTTA (Liberal) and TIZZI (Christian Democrat).

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3931 Government announced on 31 January that it has asked counterpart for all 324 re.

SICILIA region: political situation quiete

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Food & Supplies: Measures taken to increase the olive oil collection resulted in improved returns.

100 DIVISION: Food supplies for three months ~~have been sent into~~ well 14 mountain areas likely to be isolated during the winter.

RAESI: has a 55 days' flour reserve. Fruit and vegetable situation slightly better.

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

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

Ordnance: ROMA: ~~now~~ Carabinieri searched the offices of the Levante Committee 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: 33 civilians are being cleared from front line zone by Army order. Accommodation was arranged either by local dispersal or at ANF or AG Camps. The evacuation was proceeding smoothly.

Wheat
Collections: Total to date: 10,443,50 quintals.

General
Resources: ROMA-MARCA regions: Total of 153,837 mines, 600 unexploded bombs and approximately 800 tons abandoned ammunition cleared up to 31 December in CHIAVI, PIEMONTE and MARCA provinces. Total of 380 Italians killed and 405 seriously wounded by mines in three provinces since allied occupation.

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

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

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on authority of U.S.A. FIFTH Army patriots will receive the same nation
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.O.U.

The rebuilding of the second 20,000 kw transformer at TIGLI was completed. This permitted the full output of the first 35,000 kw generator at CALIZZO to be utilized.

The North West Italy Coordinating Committee set up by the Chief of Staff commenced activities under the Joint Chairmanship of the Regional Commissioners of PIGMONTI and LIGURIA.

Capt. E. S. Morden

Adjutant
Chief of Staff.

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25 Jan 45

PRIORITY

WEEKLY REPORT 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.A. 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 VICHY accord of 1940 looking instead to "friendly collaboration" with BALKAN-DANUBE States.

TARCHIANI (Action Party) appointed Ambassador to Washington (19 Jan). BOFFI (Action Party) appointed Secretary of Commissar for Sanctions against Fascism.

BARI Zone. Short strikes MESSAGE and MOLPUTTA shipyards settled. Compromise reached in RNC 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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MATTEOTTATO. Similar protests university students but no incidents reported.

CARONI, Venezuela coal strike settled (17 Jan). Strike condemned by all parties.

GALLIARI, Sardegna. Demonstrations against call-up for Italian Army 17/18 Jan. Rocks 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: ARDONA Province. Great relief effected by arrival of salt ship of 750 tons.

LASICO ITALIA. Olive oil prospects in IAC territory fairly good. Elsewhere progress bad and there is very strong opposition.

BONN. 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 21 of "Hunshank gang". Large quantities of arms, grenades and military stores taken.

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

3927 ROMA Zone. Several cases of stealing of standing timber by Allied troops.

Health: ARDONA Zone. Shortage of medical supplies due to lack of organization of EDINA.

NAPLES and BONNEPOTTO. Decline in smallpox continues.

ROMA 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 24 Jan for repatriation to BRAZIL.

Wheat

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

General Remarks: ROMA-NAPLES passenger train service opened 22 Jan.
51,000 kilos argola, 15,000 kilos tartaric acid and 1,500 kilos onion seed were shipped to the U.S. during the week.

Hemp: Reports on five plants in SIRMINI 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: HIACOLIO coal mine resumed production. PIETRAFITTA. First lignite from mine arrived in ROME.

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PRIMACY

ITALY STATUS NO. 22

POLITICAL Government call to arms (of classes of 14 through 24) published 13 Jan reported by press of all parties. On 17 Jan De Gasperi addressed message to MONTEBELLO, SPAGNA, CAVOUR and DE GHELLI, 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 labor parties have urged Army reforms at this time.

CONVENTION named Mr Minister vice CHIAZZI who resigned because of poor health (13 Jan). Four "Deputy assistants High Commissioners" for questions against Fascism named: ITALIA, MILITARY, MARSHAL, ZIGLIO. U
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At press conference on 16 Jan. Government spokesman said Council is planning to improve situation of soldiers' families; surveyed recent disorder in OGILY and stated serious trouble w/ posts

Private news agencies allowed to service Italian papers as from 15 Jan. F
SARTORI formally installed on 16 Jan. as Governor of Bank of ITALY in
presence of MONDI and Admiral STONE.

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short strikes, MILANSEI Naval workshops, MILANO: stone workers, TURNO DI tobacco workers, all settled. Grove dissatisfaction still state employees ROMIA Zone. coal strike at CAGLIARI, SARDEGNA Region still unsettled.

Two bombs, possibly set by disgruntled students, exploded in front of the principal schools of TRIESTE, NEAR LIGURIA region.

Food & Supplies: NORTHERN Region. Snow CAPRIESE seriously interrupting movement grain and flour. Poor irregularities affecting alimentation. LAUD-SONIA region. Grain position remains satisfactory compared with earlier reports. MUSI has twenty days in hand. Sugar distribution well advanced. General supplies into the market show slight sensible fall. CENTRAL-NORTH Region. Long ration of 100 grams per person monthly allocated to all provinces. Food for CASTEL DI RAVO, now bound for work, dropped by plane 15 Jan. TOSCANA Region. Reporting trouble LIVORNO if bread ration not raised to 200 grams. AGED shortage of salt. PISA position improved.

Crime: An increase of forged allied military currency in TOSCANA region and SICILIA is causing concern. SICILIA Region. Various Sicilian Province RACCA brought under control. Special reports rendered. TOSCANA Region. MASSIMO Committee raided by M.P.s. Five ring leaders arrested. haul of gasoline, arms and munitions. General reaction by populace is one of relief. Investigations proceeding.

Health: Conference held this Headquarters on small pox situation at RAVENNA with assistant Director of Hygiene, 3 District.

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SICILIA Region. Slight increase ^{influx} in Cagliari city and province, considerable increase TARANTO. Typhus static, low incidence all provinces. SICILIA Region. Maltese total 15 cases. TOSCANA Region. Epidemic still most serious problem.

Refugees: The ISRAEL teams looking for temporary work with Italian refugees have

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the excellent work at the 7047 AMULI Camp near TAKH during last two weeks.

The numbers of refugees for repatriation to AMULI and SHIRVAN Regions have been diminishing noticeably.

TEGOMA Region. TEGOMA will concentrate up to 500 refugees at POLAMICA Camp on receipt of blankets.

Prison

Condition: POW prisons still rising.

Airport

Collection: Total to-date: 10,315,400 rials.

General

Remarks: Army amphibious raiding party blew up three bridges near JUZO SAM KURKHO, SHIRVAN-KACH Region, night of 9-10 Jan. but failed to halt traffic on highway.

Prince IRSHAD toured AMULI Province 24 Jan. call re called.

1,500 complete sets of clothing for patriots have now been delivered to PAPK Army and 500 complete sets of clothing to SOUTH Army. 74,000 packages of laundry have also been delivered to PAPK Army for washing into cotton covers.

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

Government has begun of armored vehicles for the two mobile battalions in SHIRVAN. 12 light tanks have been loaded at OMLIANZ, KARIDIA, and will arrive at PALAZZO on 23 Jan.

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An application has been made for a mobile battalion in SHIRVAN. 12 three-ton trucks and 12 armored vehicles will be required.

New match production at MIFK, MULKI, already 70,000 packets a day. Ceiling production estimated at 200,000 a day.

77 boxes silk worm seeds arrived NAMIB by air from N.L. for silk cocoon production.

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

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

The S.S. MARY INVEST arrived at CITRUMOCHA on 11 Jan. with 70 head of cattle, first instalment of animals from HAMBURG for re-stocking LAUDOMARIA region.

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Chief of Staff.

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ITALY SICILY NO. 21

Political : Council meeting 5 Jan approved new temporary housing programme, allotting 5 million lire for repairs to buildings (3 billions for public buildings, 2 for private). Social committees have been formed in all communes to give immediate attention to shelterless. Council accepted SPORAT's resignation, thanked him for his work, stressed urgency of exeration. No successor to SPORAT named; the President of the Comitati will preside over work of the four Littoral Comitati Legittimi.

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

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9 January Inter-ministerial Committee, headed GAGLIANI, drew up plan to control prices and fight black market.

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BARI. Important strike of statal and parastatal employees temporarily averted pending presentation of demands to Government. General meeting called for 25 January to decide. If no satisfaction obtained, general strike all Government employees anticipated throughout BARI zone. Fascist Posters displayed ROMA, no further information. New Sindaco, PERGAMENTO, installed in NAPLES City 8 January.

ENGLAND. British foreign policy still adversely criticised although MR. CHURCHILL's visit to ALGIERS caused expression of admiration. War news did not cause loss of public confidence.

VENEZIA. No further action by young Communists. All quiet.

Food and
Supplies:

ADRIATIC Region. MAJOR distribution sugar begun, with appreciated by population. All movements grain and flour in CALABRIA held up by snow. Food supply difficult in mountain communes BOGLIA and dislocated by constant interruption power supply. Olive oil collection still falling, sowing late spring wheat delayed due non-arrival seed. CATAJARO no sugar.

LATIGIO-UMBRIA Regions. Grain stocks of twenty three days in ROMA show slight increase on previous week. Salt position is becoming more satisfactory. Meats is sufficient for full month's issue of 600 grams. Arrangements are in hand for further wine supplies. Potatoes still very unsatisfactory average one four tons a day into ROMA. Fresh meat supplies short and uncertain. Fresh fruit and vegetables are in good supply.

ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region. Non-arrival of scheduled schooner shipments caused acute shortage of salt at ANDORRA.

3920 TOSCANA Region. Supply greatly improved in LIVORNO. ARSENAL supplies sufficient for next week except salt.

Conferences with Italian Government officials are being held, personnel being re-assigned and plans made to develop effective support of the olive oil collection programme.

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Crime: Held by Questura Agents in NAPLES on black market rocketeers failed by 16 Italian paratroopers several of whom have been arrested.

Shop breaking still goes on in NAPLES but several arrests have been made. Less motor vehicles being stolen and quite a number recovered.

Disorders occurred SUNDAY 3 January as result of Army call-up.

Disturbances known to have occurred in NAPLES, VITTORIA, CROTONE, and MODICA. See special sitreps. But latest reports say RAFFIA and MODICA quiet, fighting in progress VITTORIA. Possibility of unrest spreading to CATANIA.

Transport for the two Mobile Battalions in SICILY has been allotted. 24 3-ton trucks made available from Italian Army and procured from SAVOIA to SICILY during past week. 12 armored vehicles being supplied from SARDINIA and 12 from LIGURIA. Movement of these vehicles not yet completed but being expedited by AFHQ.

Health: Five cases smallpox. Position static in NAPLES City and Province. Vaccination teams functioning daily having vaccinated 20,640 persons during week. BRIGENTI experiencing difficulty in eradication smallpox, 20 vaccination teams working. Allied officers posted BRIGENTI by JAPANESE Region HQ, and Area HQ to cooperate and to further activate preventive programme. POKHRA City seven cases smallpox. Emergency supply vaccine received by POKHRA.

Sephiem in CHIOTI and PEGASA provinces increasing.

Refugees: One train repatriated 548 Italian refugees to the South this week. 200 Maltese and Greeks sent to AFRICA Camp near NAPLES for eventual repatriation to CYPRUS and TUNISIA.

3919 Eminent loss of OSSANO Italian Refugee Camp due to Italian Ministry of War having to re-occupy it for essential training will exceed refugee camps now as 1,200 must be accommodated in camps already full. It is hoped that new camp PORT ALEXANDRA near ROMA for 1,500 will be completed beginning February.

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800000 refugees dispersed in province. Food and blankets provided.

Price
Territories: No change CALABRIA, BARI, TARANTO, SICILIAN. Rising NAPLES, PUGLIA, SICILIA
region.

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Collection: Total to-date : 10,919,069 quintals.
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A&G FIFTH Army: Nothing new/report.

A&G SIXTH Army: Nothing new to report.

General Garrison: Numbers of patriots held remain static around the 1,000 mark in SIXTH Army area. No report has been received from EIGHTH Army.

The Minister of Public Instruction has agreed to distribute the new school supplies, requisitioned from the U.S. Army, to schools in Italian Territory and arrange for payment. A joint conference was held with the Minister of Public Instruction, representatives of the Minister of Public Works and the corresponding Sub-Commission heads to consider the repair and reconstruction of school building throughout ITALY.

An US Priority Board has been set up within the Allied Commission for allocation of M and civil supplies and their movement and to arbitrate between conflicting interests of Sub-Commissions. Allocation will include civilian, scarce and excess war material and board will decide priorities on movement of persons where it effects movement of supplies.

Approximately 1300 new jeep tyres and tubes and a small number of G.M. truck tyres and tubes received. 62 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks arrived NAPLES.

At ANCONA an additional 5000 tons of space obtained by acquisition of new warehouses.

3912 In about a month's time the power plants and main transmission lines of Electric Utility Companies in CENTRAL ITALY will be combined into one feeder system at a frequency of 45 cycles, which will result in more efficient use of the available generating capacity.

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The first 35,000 kg unit of the CILACCO Power Plant at TECMA began operation under test conditions.

Export shipment to US, UK and FRANCE composed of 7½ tons vegetable seeds, 3630 tons sulphur, 147 tons honey, 558 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, ROMA. These will be taken over by Rido and enable them to double their oxygen output. Oxygen output for Rido is now 20,000 cu. metres per month of which ANG and P3 take 15,000 leaving 5,000 for civilian requirements.

Production of cement at CILACCO continues at a satisfactory rate of 60 tons a day. This will be increased when allocated coal arrives. Heavy snowfall in most of UMBRIA-MARCHE regions. All roads except No. 16 closed for varying lengths of time during week. Practically all truck coal vehicles kept off road by impassable roads and lack of chains. TECMA region. Received over 1500 children from Christmas Day with coats and hats. CILACCO community raised funds for volunteers. 600 litres above purchased and coke and wine added to ration. UMBRIA labour conditions greatly improved, and midday meal provided by Armed Forces for their employees which caused favorable comment.

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Brigadier,
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BIGGY ITEM NO. 20.

Political: At Press Conference of Ufficio stampa delle Presidenze 27 Dec the following statements were made: Italians were hopeful of soon renewing diplomatic relations with USSR; commission would go on though CHIARA wished to resign and would probably be succeeded by a magistrate; administrative elections would be held in Spring; the Government is determined to increase war effort.

At meeting of Council 30 December President announced message from CNAI affirming solidarity in fight for reconstruction. Also stated Allies have agreed with CNAI on military measures but have given no political recognition; however, Italian Government has recognised CNAI as representative organ of anti-fascism. Reporting War Ministry's removal of Gen. ALFI (who had suggested changes in formula of oath and other Army reforms) Government said officers and soldiers must maintain strict discipline. Government also drafted law for bettering economic condition of State pensioners. 29 Dec Gen. Luigi DIATICO named Undersecretary for War. 2 Jan Luigi Amendola made Director of Bank of Italy; Latrona to be General Manager.

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Situations.....

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situation satisfactory outside Region except BARI where possible strike legal and other employees may involve all Government services with repercussions public utilities.

PLA young communists active in connection with GRECO situation.

Said to involve kidnapping of allied officers. Investigations in hand.

Food and Supplies

MO LA grain and flour shipments 1930 tons rail 128 sea. Power supply irregularities delaying alimentation MOGLIA Province.

Supply situation bad in BARI zone, olive oil collection failing especially HALICCI and LECCE, lack of fertilizers for vegetables general.

TARANTO ship loading 1500 tons provisions for CIVITAVICCHIA.

2,500 tons sugar arrived at CIVITAVICCHIA for ROMA and NAPOLI on 31 Dec.

Plans have been sent to lift 4,000 tons of citrus fruit from SICILY for ROME area with expected deliveries after 10 Jan.

LIGURIA grain position with twenty one days supply in hand is unchanged. Salt although much improved is still grave. December requirements being distributed this week. Sugar improved with arrival of one month's supply. Wine is coming slowly but future prospects are good.

NEAPOLITAN olive oil collection in TARANTO Province going fairly well; more oil confiscated in other provinces than voluntarily surrendered. Grain collection target now exceeded by more than 12,000 tons.

LIVO-SIO supply situation improving.

Lack of wagons hinders movement citrus fruits crop in CALABRIA and heavy losses are feared.

CRIMES Shop-breaking ROMA remains high but arrests generally are good. This a feature in a number of cases.

Roma investigations counterfeit currency in SICILY resulted in arrest in ROMA.

No further disturbances SICILY but Director General of Public Security/****

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Security, Ministry of the Interior and General Commanding the Garibaldi
are ~~to~~ investigate thoroughly conduct of Garibaldi during riots. This
is expressed concern to Italian Vice Minister at inability of Italian Police
to quell disturbances and asked what measures taken to prevent recurrence.
Suggested that Government announce intention to restore order by force if
necessary.

AVVI agreed formation of mobile battalions of 300, in MILAN and trieste;
for Battalions at ALBANO and MONZA now made available from Italian Army.
These two mobile battalions each of 300 men should help greatly to keep order.

Health: 7 new cases yellow FEVER, total 40.

5 smaller centres of infection PIEMONTE and LIGURIA, active vaccination program
in both cities but due many factors vaccination rate low. Four cases smallpox
ROMA CITY, all preventive measures taken. Typhoid low incidence rate and
not major health problem. Contagious hospitalization has presented very dif-
ficulty as more large centres without these facilities and mobile service
in the larger localities does not exist. Typhus only two cases during month
both CALABRIA provinces.

Lazio- Roma region outbreak of Typhoid in February due to bad sanitary con-
ditions under control.

Refugees: One train of 700 refugees to ROMA and SICILIA Regions during week.
Arrived ROMA Station with over 4,000 refugees.

3914 Gas: Pace trend still upward in SICILY and MUSICA Region. Eight fall in
prior LATOC ROMA Region after the holiday peak but still high. Prior
high ARLES and rising ROME.

Gas
Collection: Total to-date : 10,094,433 quintals.

No PTFD AND: Nothing new to report.

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100. EIGHTH AREA: Nothing new to report.

General Summary: Some 40,000 schools considered closing due cold weather and lack of glass.

Considerable assistance given to poor and state officials Christmas PIAZA. Clothing and boots urgently wanted VENDEA Province. Serious shortage of fuel owing to lack of rail transport from GALLIUS. Signs of improvement in morale of GO. 2. in ROMA.

Over 900 attended Christmas party for children. Books and toys distributed to hospitals. LIVORNO newspaper being established. ALBA taken over by ROMA 1 Region effective 20 Dec.

ANTICAVO and ANTISUBMARINE teams blocked by snow. ANGELA and COCCIO roads to ROMA still passable and plowing under way.

The new ration norm for citizens of 250 grams of bread and 50 grams of pasta a day and 100 grams of tinned meat a week went into effect on 1 Jan 1945.

New contract for 360,000 coats for fishing nets for SICILY has been signed.

Demolition and recycling of salvaged Army clothing is proceeding successfully at NAPLES with considerable quantities soon available with expanding production.

Manta della Rocca plant has had one unit restored to operation this week with a capacity of 11,000 kw which is now limited to 2,000 kw owing to shortage of water, the reservoirs being still in enemy hands.

The Italian Government with approval of AG have fixed prices for imported and naturally produced coal and lignite. Tended cost of imported coal is 2,000 lire per ton and Argentine coal, 1650 lire per ton. PIETRASANTA Mine is to be opened with a daily production of 700 tons lignite.

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Brigadier
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PRIORITY

WEAKEN SITREP NO. 19.

Political: Council of Ministers, meeting on 23 Dec, dealt principally with financial matters. Treasury budget approved; payment of "13th month" subsidy to workers sanctioned as well as additional indemnity to inhabitants of large cities. Minister of Public Works charged to prepare special programme to check unemployment. Part payment on subsidies to be given "pensionati" while final programme for this category is being worked out.

Generals PANTINELLI and DEL TERTO found guilty of abandoning post in NAPLES and sentenced to twenty years imprisonment.

Pope's Christmas speech widely discussed in press; general lines met with approval.

Threatened strike BARI magistrates and clerks over low salaries. Generally no further reaction over new government among population.

Local Communists rallied strongly during last fortnight in TOSCANA
Region. AREZZO and SIENA party active.

Food and Supplies/.....

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Food and supplies:

~~SALENTO~~ withdrawal all olive oil control officers considered rated.
SALERNO import of wheat less than requirement, Medico Provincial controls shortage of soap. MUGGIA wheat export programs maintained with difficulty owing to shortage road transport and occasionally rail wagons; charcoal and wood situation still difficult, clothing and boots most urgent, dislocation of fish market due to MUGGIA Prefects excessive price decree.
TARANTO shortage of soap.

Hundred trucks of 1002 GP Company on 27 Dec began movement of grain from MAGNAEAT, ABULI and TERME to deficient portions of AQUILA Province.
Olive oil collection continues bad in ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region.

Grain and flour position in LAZIO UMBRIA better than ever before but drop expected as a result of Christmas break in loading. General food supplies over Christmas good.

Food still most important and critical item in TOSCANA Region.

Crime:

Order now restored in SICILY after a week of demonstrations against the military call-up. Only 1000 men have so far reported of the anticipated 8,000. To combat resistance Military Commander proposed suspension of further call-up and trial of delinquents by Military tribunals; and after sentence offer of service by Minister of War in lieu of sentence.

Situation SAN GREGORIO, SALERNO Province, now quiet. Wood stealing UMBRIA forest by allied troops affecting normal supplies. Midnight 16 Dec 17 CMP raided farm at ARLES. American Major and one civilian killed; woman, girl and child seriously injured.

In LAZIO-UMBRIA crimes involving Allied Military are still fairly high. Civilian shopbreaking as yet unchecked.

Health:

Smallpox static in NAPLES. No new epidemics in evidence. Reports from Zone Commissioners indicate general health conditions satisfactory.

Typhoid/.....

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Typhoid epidemic COLLE SALVETTI under control. Only one case reported from there this week. Two cases in LIVORNO.

No new cases smallpox SICILIA. Total old cases 35.

Refugees:

On 23 Dec a special train left ROME for REGGIO CALABRIA and FUGLIS with 1200 Italian Refugees for repatriation. One train arrived during the week with 730 refugees from the NORTH, of which 614 were Romans. AREZZO 1,000 refugees returned from North to commune of PIUME SAN STEFANO. SIENA 1,800 DOLOGNA refugees dispersed to communes. Food and blankets distributed.

No large movement in LAZIO-MERITA and Christmas arrangements in camps good.

Advance party of three teams on temporary loan to help reorganize existing Italian Refugee Camps and set up the new camp being opened near ROME.

Price

Tendencies: Prices rising NAPLES, MUCCIA; no change BARI, SALERNO and TARANTO zones except reasonable increases.

wheat

Collection: Total to date: 10,858,501 quintals.

AMC FIFTH Army: Nothing new to report.

AMC EIGHTH

Army: AMC officers entered PASQUA 18 Dec but unable to remain in town. Situation sufficiently secure permit them to remain 20 Dec.

Flour and medical supplies delivered to cover immediate shortages.

3910 - ample grain in town and commune but no milling facilities workable yet.

Town badly damaged estimated 50% destroyed or irreparably damaged.

About 5000 civilians in town but still living in cellars including few partisans. Two hospitals, one functioning in basement, other has been evacuated to safer area. NO water or power.

General Remarks/.....

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General Remarks: 2,000 overcoats, 2,000 sweaters, 2,500 pair socks and 2,500 shirts have been delivered to FLORENCE for the Patriots.

A complete organisation has been set up in SOUTHERN Region for the repair and dyeing of Army salvaged clothing. Commencing output 2,000 garments a day. Garments are distributed to Italian civilians and special groups like Patriots and Public Safety agents.

Position regarding clothing for CO.RR steadily improving.

CO.RR successfully raided some houses in ROME for illegal stores of arms and ammunition. 22 persons were arrested and charged and enquiries are proceeding against 27 others.

Public Safety Sub-Commission notified that Carabinieri road-blocks in CHISETI Province have found evidence much wheat is moving on military vehicles.

Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission compiled report on damage to FLORENTINE with recommendations and documented list of works of art missing from TUSCAN Deposits. Important collection of paintings missing in FLORENTINE.

The Minister of Education activating operation of school personnel and pressuring deregulation of school buildings in ROME.

Glass requirements for schools hard to meet in TOSCANA Region.

GROSSETO overcrowding causing anxiety.

Deep dissatisfaction at continued prevention of hunting in TOSCANA Region.

A survey of sugar beet processing plants has been completed for SOUTHERN Region; a similar survey is now being made for Central ITALY.

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The Ministry of the Treasury has presented the revised Budget for the current financial year to 30 June 1945, covering the 56 Provinces now under Italian Administration. Total expenditure, including Lit. 17 milliards for interest on state debt, is estimated at Lit. 75 milliards/.....

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milliards and total revenue at Lit. 15 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 AC/AIC for purposes of Italian civil administration.

A generating unit at the CHIRANO 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 CORVALLI, 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 PESCARA. 40 housing projects, involving 266 houses with 1358 rooms and costing 19½ million lire, under way in devastated area North of SANGRO 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 1800 Christmas packages distributed.

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~~SECRET~~WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 18.

Political: Council meeting on 20 Dec ROMA stressed desire of all Italians to participate in war, pointed out importance of decision of C.L.N. - to cooperate with Government in war effort and reconstruction of the country and maintenance of liaison between component political parties. The Italian government had delegated to C.L.N.A.I. direction of patriotic action against fascists and Nazis. Consultative organs to be set up by the council and hope was expressed for administrative elections in Spring. Creation of interministerial Committee to coordinate economic reconstruction approved. Further grants to SICILY and SARDINA for economic rehabilitation, both islands to have advisory bodies to assist High Commissioners, but Council made strong statement against separatism. Also approved various relief measures giving new food Commissariat wide powers.

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Food and Supplies/.....

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Food and Supplies: Shortage of flour in CATANZARO and REGGIO due to interruption of both road and rail services. Some Communes without bread for four days. Export of flour from ROGGIA to COSENZA temporarily stopped owing to interruption of railway line beyond BARI.

General report that olive oil is not being amassed, but is nevertheless moving on the roads in large quantities. It is the view of SOUTHERN Region that the amassing decree is useless without the control of large numbers of Allied officers.

Petrol is in short supply in CAMPORASO.

The shipment of citrus from PALERMO, mentioned in last week's intrep., arrived at CIVITAVOGLIA. Of the 25,000 cases on board 1,500 were reported stolen between CIVITAVOGLIA and NAPLES.

Crime:

Series of disturbances have taken place in SICILY since 13 Dec, reported to you separately. Origin is given as protest against military call-up. The move to the Island of two Regt Italian Army troops when completed will strengthen confidence in ability to deal with untoward events. Also moving to the Island is Montegrappa Bn as re-inforcement for Carabinieri.

An armed robbery by Allied troops is reported from SAN SEVERO, ROGGIA. No identification so far.

BITONTO (BARI Zone) still quiet.

Rioting reported from SAN GREGORIO, SALERNO Province, over new wine tax and olive oil amassing. Seven arrests by Carabinieri.

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Small demonstration outside CASERMA at BUTI (TOSCANA). Shots were fired, two persons wounded, twelve arrested.

Health:

Smallpox in SOUTHERN Region is reported static in NAPLES City and a slight decrease in NAPLES Province. Vaccination programme proceeds energetically. No evidence of typhoid becoming epidemic. Typhus

Control/.....

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Control Unit now operating ten dusting stations NAPLES City. No evidence of the disease becoming epidemic.

In LIVORNO outbreak of typhoid at COLE SALVETTI is under control.

From PISA an increase in smallpox is reported but a decrease in diphtheria and typhoid.

Refugees: 2,200 refugees from the North are expected to arrive in HOME within the next seven days.

Price Tendencies: Reports of rises in prices are general.

Wheat Collection: Total to-date: 9,958,034 quintals.

ANG FAITHFUL AREA: Nothing new to report.

ANG KNIGHT AREA: Latest report dated midnight 11 Dec deals with entry into RAVENNA. No serious damage. At that time there were 25,000 inhabitants with an estimated 20,000 in surrounding neighbourhood. Power supply was destroyed and serious interruption of water supply.

350 patriots were found in the city and are being gradually disarmed. They are well disciplined and doing excellent work.

The Prefect had fled and the prison contained 95 alleged Fascists imprisoned by patriots.

All of the important mosaics in SAN VITALE, CHIESA PLACIDIA, S. APOLLINARE NUOVO, S. ANGELINARE IN CLASSE, THE ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE, the ARIAN BAPTISTRY and the ORTHODOX BAPTISTRY are practically intact. The sixth century ivory throne of BISHOP MAXIMIANUS is also safe.

General Remarks: In GIROSI City there is a serious accommodation problem due to influx of troops, aggravated by recent flood conditions.

3905 - A strike of employees at NAPLES waterworks was ended after 12 hours by arbitration.

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The bid for electric power to reactivate the PRAIO Industries has not been accepted on account of military requirements. The situation remains therefore that six small firms are working with their own power.

During the week 3,500 kw of generating capacity was restored at ACQUORLA HYDRO Plant. This unit was transferred from CAPRANO HYDRO Plant and considered an important achievement in restoration work. Offsetting this was the loss of 1,500 kw and 5,000 kw generating capacity at TURSI Plate Mill and LARVERELLO respectively, due to breakdown.

There has been an acute shortage of rail cars in CALABRIA Division due to difficulties created by wash outs following heavy rains. All repairs have been effected except at TURSI, where the connection to METAPONTI is likely to be out of action until end of Jan 1945.

A bid was accepted by AFHQ for the movement of 500 head of cattle, 200 horses and 2,000 sheep from SARDINTA for the re-stocking of LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

One further lemon shipment made during week - making a total of 254,000 boxes (10,193 tons) of lemons shipped to UK this season.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY NUMBER 17.

POLITICAL: On evening of 7 Dec BONOMI formally accepted charge of forming new Government. List of Ministers prepared two days later; see letter of 12 Dec from Chief Commissioner to Supreme Allied Commander, AMHQ. Occupied ITALY is now Ministry and former Communications has been made into two Ministries as indicated. On 12 Dec Government took oath following formula of last June. BONOMI reminded Ministers of trace on institutional question and obligations of amistice terms. Expressed gratitude to Commodore STURM for tact and understanding. Undersecretaries were then formally named; see letter of 12 Dec from Chief Commissioner to Supreme Allied Commander, AMHQ. Old Undersecretariat of Press and Information has changed its name as indicated. Meeting set up special Food Commissariat, Gino MORGAMI to head it.

FOOD AND SUPPLIES:

SALERNO serious shortage milk also sugar and preserved meat. NAPLES export flour interrupted owing to electricity failure, sugar for Dec and Jan has arrived.

Olive Oil/.....

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Olive Oil. Collection unsatisfactory in nearly all districts. Latest collection 44,152 quintals of which BARI Province shows 32,333 quintals. Discussions are now proceeding on the degree of control which should be exercised by the Government over its collection.

25,000 cases of citrus loaded at PALERMO for CIVITAVOGNA - first of a series of shipments designed to export surplus to areas short of fruit, containers being used to avoid delay and waste. Lack of available shipping in the MEDITERRANEAN is holding up exports, but the fourth cargo of lemons left SICILY for UK during the week.

Owing to the acute food situation in SICILY it became necessary at very short notice to divert two cereal ships there.

CIVIL: 438 civilian prisoners escaped CAMPOBASSO prison 7-8 Dec. Investigations proceeding. No further trouble RITONTO (BARI Zone). No further news POTENZA gang. AMT Courts BARI in full operation, arrests in civil courts decreasing.

Trouble anticipated in SICILIA Region on account of threatened food shortage.

HEALTH: In SOUTHERN Region smallpox vaccination programmes continuing in all Provinces where disease manifested. Disease still present but static in incidence. Elimination of diseases being accomplished entirely by vaccination as no remedy yet provided for overcrowding, inadequate hospitalization, or lack of ambulances and other transport, all essential in preventive programme. Typhoid has apparently reached a reasonable static condition. No evidence of epidemic. Meeting called TARANTO by ADMS 52 Area 8 Dec attended by representatives Allied Forces and Italian Forces and civilian administration to coordinate anti-typhus in Province.

A conference has been held to plan for the 1945 Malaria Campaign. Sufficient vaccines and serums for veterinary purposes are now either in stock or in sight.

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PERSONNEL

The President's nomination of Commodore STONE to be Rear Admiral has been confirmed by the Senate.

REFUGEE

The High Commissioner for Italian Refugees has two refugee camps in preparation at SABAUDIA and GAREA both in LITTORIA to hold respectively 500 and 1000.

The total number of partisan Yugoslavs repatriated by 4 Dec was 4,665. At the request of the Yugoslav Government no further shipments have taken place and about 1300 Partisan Yugoslavs remain in the camps in Southern ITALY.

WHEATTELEGRAMS

Nothing special to report.

WHEATCOLLECTION

Total to date: 9,853,944 quintals.

ARM. FIFTHARMY

No reports since last sitrep.

ARM. EIGHTHARMY

No reports since last sitrep.

GENERALNOTES

A second shipment of rock phosphate unloaded MONTECATINI (Southern Region). Chemical fertilizers beginning to arrive in ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region and are being distributed to various Provinces.

A greater part of the 5000 soldiers to be attached to the CO.NR have reached their stations.

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A new overall scale of rations for prisoners has been approved with the following changes. Bread is increased from 300 grams to 350 grams a day and 100 grams of tinned meat a week is now added. Other changes are anticipated.

Monuments and Fine Arts. Forward officers have been informed of probable deposit at CAMPO TURSI (Province MILAZZO) of sculptures removed by Germans from deposit at POGGIO A CALANDO (Province FIRENZE).

ABRUZZI-MARCHE/*****

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ANCONA MARCHE Region Labour Office is now functioning in ASCOLI PICENO under AVV. ALFONSO RIO formerly of FOGGIA Province. ANCONA postal service is to open 18 Dec.

MARCHE schools including University requisitioned for use of troops; numerous schools in ASCOLI PICENO and CHISETI also requisitioned.

Joint programming on First Aid rehabilitation against American dollar credits. A deadline of January 1st, 1945, has been set with the Italian Government as the date for submission of basic requirements by individual ministries. The Ministries concerned are now working with the appropriate sub-commissions of Economic Section on these programs.

The power transmission line serving all East ITALY "APULIA AREA" was repaired and put back into operation after being out of service for about two weeks. Only 30% of normal power was available during this period. Damage was caused by flood waters washing out three transmission towers.

An additional 3000 Kw of generating capacity made available in Central ITALY by the installation of additional transformers at the GEPRAO HIDRO plant. Present availability of this plant now 9000 KWe - the result of five months intensive work.

The rate of discharge of the first collier at CIVITACCHIA averaged 500 tons a day. The port of PIEMONTE is reported ready to receive coal-laden barges drawing not more than 2.4 metres.

The first part of the Census of Liberated ITALY has been prepared by the Institute Centrale di Statistica and sent to WASHINGTON.

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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 36.

ITALY During the week parties have taken fairly clear positions. Action party wants SCHIZZA as Foreign Minister, will not collaborate with DONOMI. Socialists also unwilling to accept DONOMI, claiming he has not been faithful to C.I.N. Communists more conciliatory in tone but follow same line. Statement of SIEPPINIS has stiffened the Leftist parties' attitude. Liberals and Labour Democrats still willing to serve with SCHIZZA but anxious not to hear of a six party unity. Week's discussion has not substantially altered the position. DONOMI still trying to form government on 4 Dec under collaboration of DE GASPERI, NERI and COGLIATTI but only the first gave unqualified assent.

At COLOGNE general reshuffle in C.I.N. continued. Communists attempted to prevent legal aid for 11 criminals at Tribunal trials. At PIOMBINO 60 women demonstrated asking for bread and removal of Sinfuso. Unemployment at LIVORNO and PIOMBINO causing increased Communist activity.

3898 - Southern Region. Short strikes BAILETTA and CANNAI settled. Two Communist leaders summoned to ROMA 29 December.

Food and Supplies/*****

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FOOD AND
SUPPLIES

Salt urgently required VOLTERRA and SULINI (CORSICCO Province). Big demand for meat at ARREDO, where shortage of tyres and spare parts causing distribution difficulties. Sugar urgently required in hospitals at LIVORNO.

Hours of increased rations and special Christmas ration current LIGURIA-IMPERIA Region.

Food and supplies position causing anxiety BARI, TARANTO and CAMPANIA. Interference electric supply handicapping flour mills and olive presses at FOGGIA. 500 tons bean seed exported from FOGGIA to BARI. Oil collection at BARI reasonable but export warehouse storage difficult.

Fresh fish transport service by fishing schooners from MANGIAGNA to mainland to be started.

Nearly 30 days' coal supply now in hand at ROMA steam plants.

Weekly wine trains from BARI to NAPLES now operating. First train left BARI 29 November.

Two shipments of lemons left for UK last week. Regular shipments to follow.

ORDERS Decision on 300 gramme bread ration delayed pending assurance of CCS. Slight increase in LIGURIA-IMPERIA Region but no major crisis.

3898 270 prisoners from ROMA jail arrived CAMPOBASSO jail. Caused minor trouble on arrival but now quiet. On 3 Dec at BITONTO (BARI zone) 2 British OR's assaulted and wounded 5 Italian civilians, one of whom died. Situation now quiet.

HEALTH Lectures and demonstrations on Typhus Control held 2 and 3 December in LIGURIA-IMPERIA Region. Plans being made to hold similar lectures in more Northerly regions.

Slight smallpox outbreak in TOSCANA under control and subsiding.

Smallpox/*****

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Smallpox showing gradual decline most areas of Southern Region.
27 cases in NAPLES City and 29 in NAPLES Province during week.
28,173 vaccinations carried out this period. Gradual decline of
typhoid noted. 17 cases NAPLES City and 10 NAPLES Province during week.
PERSONNEL: Col. LEGG, Director of Food Sub-Commission, returned 29 November
from visit to UK and US.

REFUGEES: Following numbers of Partisan Yugoslavs have left ITALY to date:
On 28 November 900; 1 December 2,500; 4 December 1290; Total 4,600.

PRICE TENDENCIES: Slow rises reported in GROSSETO and AREZZO.
Slight but general fall reported LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.
Still rising CATANZARO.
GRAIN COLLECTION: Total to date: 9,813,774 quintals.
ARMED FIFTH ARMY: PISA Province was handed over to TOSCANA Region 25 November.
Considerable underground Left-wing activity reported in towns in
the ARNO valley and AMF consider trouble is likely if food situation
does not soon improve.

New Centre opened at LUCCA for Partisans pending their employment
on road maintenance by Army Engineers.

Total grain collection for TUSCANY as at 23 November was about
equal to 1943 collection, i.e. 92% of estimate, but North of ARNO
only quarter of usual amount has been collected.

Mine clearance is improving.

3897 Editors of an anarchist journal in FLORENCE traced and arrested
by Provincial Police Officer. Elsewhere distributors of paper caught.

W.e.f. 25 November free circulation permitted within FLORENCE
Province, South of ARNO. Postal services extended in same area.

Typhoid spreading in PRATO, where main water supply cannot be
restored until large railway viaduct is reconstructed.

Red Cross/.....

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Red Cross field representatives doing outstandingly good work
in reorganizing local hospitals in forward areas.

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See our signal 7778 of today which is paraphrase of Army introp
on occupation of RAVENNA.

GENERAL
REMARKS:

Patriot Reception Centres and Reception Points to be established
in Army areas.

4% of men accepted into the Italian Army in each district to be
enrolled as Carabinieri. Estimated that 1000 recruits for Carabinieri
will be obtained by this scheme in period December/January. 1%
Carabinieri awaiting employment in territory not yet liberated to
assist GSE(b) NIGHT Army in control of civilian movement in interior.

Responsibility for distribution of coal in SAVONIA passed to
Italian Government.

Present effective generating capacity in Central Italy is 97,530
kilowatts, a one third increase since 1 November.

Pool system now in operation for R. Allied Commission cars.
Joint programme for essential imports now agreed with Italian
Government.

Brigadier,
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PRIORITY

WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 15.

POLITICAL: Council of Ministers met 22 Nov, dealt with control of radio and films. Also made provisions for SARDINIA, setting up SARDINIAN Council and Bank and approving 1,000,000,000 Lire for agriculture and industry on Island.

Crisis in government began Sunday, 26 Nov with resignation of BONOMI Ministry. In past few days Lieutenant General has conferred with political leaders of all important parties including those not in government. Galli has not attempted to choose coalition candidate to succeed BONOMI. Action Party has indicated it would not participate in government unless SPORZA is Foreign Minister; Socialists reluctant to collaborate again with BONOMI.

FOOD AND SUPPLIES: Position SICILY still causing anxiety.

Salt arriving in Provinces ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region but distribution to consumers still bad, owing to inefficiency of monopoly agents. 30% of wheat crop at PREATO, spoiled due to lack of storage, has been fed to livestock.

3895 About 30,000 hectares of maize ready for collection at MACRATA when warehouses are available.

Flour supply.....

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Flour supply Lazio-Umbria Region satisfactory for 12 days. Other foods and supply situation causing anxiety.

Position generally satisfactory in SOUTHERN Region subject to distribution difficulties. Wagon supply short as ever. SALERNO Division Provincial emphasizes shortage of sugar, disinfectants and soap. POGGIA sent 600 tons of grain to ROMA in special train. Olive oil control officers working well but numbers insufficient. 2 Public safety officers assigned to SICILIAN Region for work connected with enforcement olive oil harvest law.

CRIME: On the decline Lazio-Umbria Region. Civil arrests in last four weeks dropped from 75 to 42.

Gang reported operating PUGLIA and district rounded up. At POGGIA 60 forged lire notes received and seizure of contraband olive oil continued. ANG courts opened BARI and RAVENNA 24 Nov.

HEALTH: 16 new cases smallpox reported SICILY, making total of 26 cases. Decline in incidence smallpox noted in all areas SOUTHERN Region. Vaccination programs still active. Typhoid rate also declining progressively. 2 Cases typhus verified at CARDITTO. All counter measures taken by Typhus Control Section of Commission. One case cerebral spinal meningitis reported at IRSINA (BARI zone). Enquiries being made.

Refugees: All refugees in SICILY except 43 returned to mainland.

Blankets still needed Lazio-Umbria Region.

2100 passed through SALERNO bound for NAPOLI and 800 passed north

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PRICES

TENDENCIES:

General trend in SICILY still upward.

Higher in Lazio-Umbria Region. Ordinary civilian suit costs 30,000 lire.

Rising CATANIA.

Wheat Collection/...

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- WEAPONS COLLECTION: Total to-date: 9,734,695 quintals.
- ARMED FORCES: No change to report.
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- GENERAL REMARKS: Afternoon 20 Nov in S. GIORGIO (VILLAPUTTI District SARDINIA) small radio transmitter landed attached to an American parachute. Immediate search organized for 2 parachutists who civilians report also landed. Transmitter found.
- Truck pool No. 7 activated at NUOVA. Possibly the only electric traffic signal in ITALY now operating in AQUILA City.
- An emergency supply of clothing for patriots sent to MORENA.
- First fruit ship of the season now loading citrus fruits in SICILY for U.K.
- Pietrafitta Mine, only large stripping lignite mine in Central Italy, commenced limited operations on 27 Nov. Has daily potential of 1500 tons if power and other supplies available.
- First coal laden steamer, carrying 4800 tons, arrived CIVITANOGHIA. Two more C.M. Coys (H.T.) now operating.
- Rail line No. 50 (LUDRUM - PIAC) re-opened 26 Nov.
- Italian steamer ABALIA nominated for passenger service between SARDINIA and mainland (CAGLIARI - NAPLES) commencing about 26 Dec.
- Rear Army security control line adjusted v.v.z. 25 Nov to following: VICO - URZINO - SAJERPOLISO - ARREZZO - CITTA - COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA - GROINA. Check line to be just north of these towns.
- Two-day hunger strike in AQUILA prison believed ended. Grievance was fact that prisoners were getting 300 gram bread ration while ROMA prisoners had 525 grams.
- Short strike MINT ALBANO (BARI zone) settled. Judge Councillor of Separation Committee NAPLES reported 22 Nov.

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DEPUTY SECRETARY NO. 11.

PRESIDENT: Announcement was made in AWHQ General Order No. 27 dated 15 November of the delegation by the supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater, of his functions as President of the Allied Commission to the Right Honorable HAROLD MACMILLAN, M.P., British Resident Minister AWG, in addition to his other duties, effective 10 November 1944.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS announcement was made in AWHQ General Order No. 27 dated 15 November of the appointment of Commodore HENRY W. WINES, USNR, effective 10 November 1944, as Deputy President of the Allied Commission, and in addition to serve as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission and chief Civil Affairs Officer of Occupied Territory under Allied Military Government in Italy vice Lieutenant General FRANK M. JAMES MACMILLAN, K.C.B., G.C.V.O., M.D., relieved.

POLITICAL: Council of Ministers heard reports from High Commissioner of Sicily and Sicilia; declared, on investigation that recent violence (19 Oct) in Palermo was "a crime of the people" and not instigated by any individual or group. The Council also approved decrees to speed reconstruction and increase the war effort.

389? General Roatta, ex-chief of state mijlore has been arrested as also his assistant Col. Bertolini.

Several parties have made declarations; the Socialists have asked annulment of the September armistice and restriction of all powers to a purely military sphere. Other parties have stressed need of unity and working with

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G.E.R.L. The position of the partisans has been the object of sympathetic discussion by all sections of the press; It is pointed out that they cannot simply disappear during the winter since it would be suicidal.

Count Giandomenico, Italy's emissary to England, left for London on 10 November.

Morandi, socialist leader, visited ANCONA 26 November but held no meetings.

No short strikes TAVI and C.R.I.M over cereals both settled. Small party agrario formed "POP," consisting of anti-communist leaders. Disturbances at GATTANAZI where peasants invading land under Thalass government control. First meeting new cooperative society at TAVI 29 November.

Imperialist communist Party and G.E.R.L. causing trouble against friends of PIAZZINI, situation under control.

Food & Supplies - Greve shortage freight cars adversely affects transports and supplies to ROMA and wheat from surplus areas. Good opportunity olive oil exports increased.

Proposes CENTRAL-MARCHE provinces to be enlarged to provide for 200 grana bread ration if ordered.

Gridin accused ANCONA province spoiled by damaged warehouses.

Regularity of flour delivered L'ACQUEDETTO. Region slightly improved, but general position causing anxiety.

3891 1. sugar and olive oil in particular demand salable. Olive oil collection started at MACCIA - 8969 quintals collected. Serious lack of rail cars at CATANZARO.

P.R.S. producing film on ransacking of olive oil.

Two wollen textile firms commenced work at PRATI. Another 23 will start when electric power available.

ration scales for food and petrol for SAN MARINO zone as for
liberated Italy.

General issue soup and dehydrated vegetables suspended as from 1 Dec
(except in Army areas) owing uncertainty future supplies. All
supplementary rations continued.

Health: Improved LUCIO-CERIA region since apprehension of gangs of
deserters.

Long of Canadian deserters now less active; military police
operating several squads. Much contraband oil seized at FUGLIA and TURANO.

Health: Generally satisfactory but 6 fresh cases smallpox in Sicily.
Health: Smallpox inoculations complete in NAPLES CITY and province facilitating
approx 3000 vaccinations in rest NAPLES province. No area showing
active epidemic stage. Typhoid not public health threat now.

Health: Brigadier H. G. Bush, Chief of Staff, returned 16 Nov from visit to
ENGLAND.

The Lt. Gen. Harold Williams, Acting President, left 21 Nov for
LONDON and WIESENBURG.

Health: 1000 repatriated from SICILY to Italy.

- MIL products report inability to accept many items influenced.

Commerce: POLLARA camp extended to receive additional 100.

Commerce: Still increase in ARICO province where fixed prices for wood and
charcoal extremely high.

3830 - LUCIO-CERIA region: continued rise for luxury goods; rationed
goods again rising in Black Market.

Fresh fish and meat prices slightly much lower following prohibition
against preserving fish.

Total so date: 9,692,270 McIntos, 72% of target figure.
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NOV 2 1947: Two small commissari in YUGO occupied and one more in LUGA province
considerable surplus of grain found in a town in YUGO province.

Planned vegetations provincial officially appointed.

Reformed administrative agencies making progress.

Wheat crop being too drought to be stored in some areas, distributed
in bulk to feedlines on basis of 200 graine ration and milling card
substituted for bread rations.

Employment on road with my formation found the peasants well in
accordance. Management very satisfactory so far.

NOV 3 1947: Part of KALINA Region provincial team working in YUGO which is still
under enemy shell fire.

In KALINA enemy has broken banks of river south of town, adding to
flooded areas of province.

GENERAL
INFORMATION:

Dr. MICHALIC, member of Yugoslav mission to Advisory Council,
replaced 16 Nov by Dr. GOGOLJA.

General VOLJIC arrived 20 Nov from U.S.A. DUBNA. To spend short time
as observer with Displaced persons and Repatriation sub-commission.

Reference penultimate para Litrap No.13 please read "North Africa"
for "North Syria".

First repairs to DISLOCATED PESA repaired now completed.

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Special office set up by Minister of Interior to investigate
complaints of public against Public security agents. "Order of the day"
issued by Italian director Public Security Corps calling for increased
efficiency.

All Italian military prisoners serving over 30 days to be transferred
to Italian military prisons now under jurisdiction of Minister of Grace
and Justice.

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Unemployment rising ABRUZZO-UMBRIA Region.

Mining supplies and equipment sent LIVORNO harbour to be salvaged.

Regional engineers instructed to place more work and responsibility
on Italian Ministry of Public Works.

Deaths in CHIUSI flood 13. Houseless over 600.

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WEEKLY SURVEY No. 15.

Political:

Reports of High Commission for SICILY and SPAIN. DISCUSSION of political situation deferred pending further meetings at LONDON without portfolio. Communist party issued manifesto 11 Nov calling for (a) relaxation of allied control; (b) swift democratization; (c) immediate municipal elections; (d) increased powers for C.I.H.; and (e) greater war effort. Communists and Socialists held mass meeting 12 Nov which, although attended by 15,000, passed off quietly. Tuscan C.I.H. visited 13 & 14 Nov to demand right of choosing presidents. Growing popular agitation on non-fulfillment of promise of 300 guns ration made by President Roosevelt.

Southern Regi in reports political activity reviving in SPAIN. Labour Democrat party leader at TARRAGA working for creation of large cooperative society, open to all. Hand trades them as Communist gathering RALES zone, causing slight change to quality. AUTO-URUGUA NOGUEIRA recent food position in provinces fairly good but only three days ration in use. No improvement in supply situation. PANAM CONVENTION of olive oil arrived ANCONA-MARINA region where food and supply position stabilized.

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Food and
Supplies:

Political:

Council of Ministers met on 15 Nov 1944 to discuss

reports of High Commissioners for JAMAICA and SAINT LUCIA.
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to demand right of choosing Projects. Growing non-cooperation agitation
on non-fulfillment of promise of 300 min ration made by President

Roosevelt.

Southern leg. in reports political activity revolving in MILES.
Labour Democrat Party leader to TAMBO working for creation of large
cooperative society, open to all. Hard pressed when at conference
gathered in US zone, causing slight damage to property.

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Food and
Supplies:

LAZIO-UMBRIA region report poor position in provinces partly
gone but only three days return to ROMA. No improvement in
supply situation.

MILES concerned w/ drive off arrived ARRESTED-HARDCORE
region where food and supply position satisfactory.

Greater quantity of supplies available MILES and in SUDAN
distribution improved by transport situation. At PARMA 50% W.D.
trucks off road due to lack of tyres and tubes.
Movement of seed wheat to devastated areas limited. Up to
50 cars a day moving through KING to LIGURIA, PUGLIA, MOLISE and
SICILY districts.

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Crime: **Arson** - 2 - Two gangs disbanded.

In lesion across street from ABRUZZI-MARINE Region HQ being investigated. Many to witness machine.

34 men arrested in SICILY zone for hold-up of train. Extra military police arrived just to deal with gang & Canadian deserters now believed to number 20. Three Canadian and one American deserter reported arrested by Allied Commission personnel at CAVOUR.

Health: Only five smallpox cases in SICILY. 250,000 immunizations reported LAZIO city.

Light increase of smallpox in NAPLES city and small epidemic (55 cases) in SICILIA. 6,000 vaccinations carried out in past three weeks and epidemic under control.

200 new cases estimated ROMA. At SICILY 45 cases typhus and acute shortage smallpox vaccine.

Personnel: New appointments of Acting President and Chief of Staff Line of Allied Commission duly put into effect.

Refugees: Situation in ROMA improved since recent start of train to Bouth. 600 repatriated from SICILY.

Approximately 300 arrived last zone by sea and were dispersed in LIGURIA area. Train arrived SICILY with 1100 refugees from ROMA 22 Nov.

Police Higher for winter goods, slightly lower for controlled and untrained foods on Black Market - IASIO-LIBRIN Region.

3866 - Continued rise in SICILIA.
Southern Region report rise at PUGLIA and CALABRIA, otherwise no change.

Total to date: 9,362,667 quintals. 71% of target figure.

Electoral

Health Only five smallpox cases in SICILY. 250,000 consultations reported PANZER city.

Light increase of smaller panes city and smallpox (35 cases) in SICILY. 6,000 vaccinations carried out in past three weeks and 20,000 more planned.

Two new cases since reported NOV. At SICILY 29 cases thus far no one charge smallpox vaccine.

New appointments of acting president and chief Comisioner personnel:

of Allied Commission July 1st Auto effect.

Situation in PANZER since recent start of trains to South.

600 repatriated from SICILY.

Approximately 300 survived last zone by sea and were disbanded in PANZER area. PANZER arrived PANZER with 1100 refugees from NAP.

For PANZER.

Higher per luxury goods, slightly lower for controlled and rationed foods in Black Market - Ilio-Uluda Region.

Confirmed case in SICILY.

Southern Region report rice at PANZER and PANZER, otherwise

n. change.

Total to date: 2,302,657 quintals. 71% of target figure.

Wheat
Collections:

Aug 12th AM: Public morale improved in PANZER by prospect of better food rations.

Increased flow of refugees expected in near future.

Not reported last Sthrop: On 2 Nov Major AMM 1000 critically water entered streets of PANZER and continued to rise until morning of 3 Nov. City was at one time cut off. Water then subsided slowly and most streets now drying out. Worn broken walls of houses remained.

2400: reconnected.

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SAC: Two simultaneous minor demonstrations in PAVNEE 10 Nov,

ostensibly for more food but probably for political motives.

AB consider C.I.A. probably behind these. A demonstration present at a petition for more food with 2000 refugees evacuated.

With Army at saturation point 2000 refugees evacuated South Sunday number will probably be evacuated each week.

Civil Affairs Office arrived PAVNEE 10 Nov. Reported that 30

Refugees have suffered slight damage but was still under mosquito and shell fire.

PAVNEE reported 2000 civilians living in villages.

Holding some 2000 British Army.

British army agent with portable wireless set dropped from enemy helicopter by parachute 9 Nov near PAVNEE, OXFORD area, SWEDEN.

Van found PAVNEE taken into custody by local Italian police.

ARMEZ-MARSHES Region. Plans for reconstitution completed

area being organized. British truck pool opened at PAVNEE. Armistice day ceremony held at graves of 96 Allied soldiers.

Distribution of 15,000 tons captured nitrogen fertilizers in Southern Region completed.

Constitution and terms of reference of the Industrial Coordination Committee now approved.

Arrangements in progress to handing over to Italian Government SARDINIA coal mines, agreed to by ANI.

700 Yugoslav agriculturalists repatriated on 6 Nov.

A number of officers and the C.I.A. and Finance Guards, former POW in North Africa, repatriated and attached to BULG Region. After training they will be distributed throughout Southern Italy.

Patriot representatives with Army, Regiments and Provinces now being paid by Italian authorities through allied sources, System

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CIVIL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE MOUNT 10 Nov. Reported that no

fire town has suffered slight damage but was still under morale and
sholt fire. Pattoots reported 2000 civilians living in cellars.

Nothing else fire night 1st.

North: enemy aircraft with portable wireless set captured from enemy
airplane by parachute 9 Nov near Latis, TRIVENETO and, SARDINA.
Non used planes taken into custody by local Italian police.

ANCONA-MARCHE Region. Plans for reconstruction devastated
areas being prepared. French airport open at PADO. Assistance
Day concert held at graves of 96 Allied soldiers.

Distribution of 15,000 tons imported nitrogen fertilisers in
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is working well.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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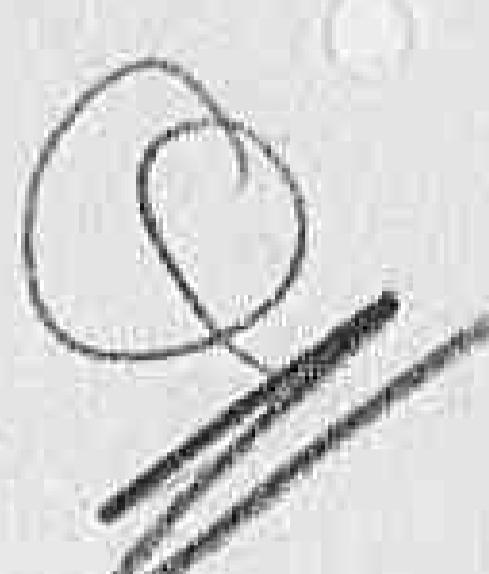
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WEEKLY SUMMARY NO. 12
Political: Council of Ministers met twice during week. On 3 Nov abolition of the general staff was decreed and censorship tightened by giving more initiative to High Commissioner. On 7 Nov Council reported that the six parties of the coalition are the expression of the will of the people and that the constitutional question will be solved by a constituent assembly. This was an answer to implications in Lieutenant General's interview with Matthews of "TASS" in which the Prince indicated a plebiscite should come before the constituent assembly and gave the impression he thought parties did not fully represent people.

Meeting of 7 Nov approved liquidation of Partist federations and confederate (parastatal) organisations. Among other decrees touching reconstruction is creation of Sottosegretariato (Under Secretariat) for food. Communist President of C.L.N. GRANITO Province (ROMA region) dismissed by general vote due to opposition to Communists by other parties. Formation reported in LEGGE of Union of Independent Democrats. Fusion of Liberal and Democratic Parties reported at TARANTO.

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Supplies: Charcoal production GRANITO Province going well.

Food situation SICILIA Region reported bad.

All Public Safety agencies ROMA area placed on increased ration scale equivalent to that of Italian Army.

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Wheat position NAPLES serious and flour issues exceed wheat intakes.

Shortage rail wagons still handicapping export grain and flour from FOGGIA.

Olive oil campaign proceeding well.

Position serious CATANZARO due to lack of rail cars for grain distribution.

200 tons of clothes promised for CAMPOBASSO.

Plans made to aid fishing industry and discipline marketing of fish.

Crime : Number of hold-ups by deserters in ROMA much reduced.

Two bombs exploded FOGGIA as demonstration against CC.RR. No damage caused.

Health : Tuberculosis GROSSETO Province; increase over last year estimated at 50%.

Few cases smallpox in PALERMO. Increase in NAPLES City and Province. Static at BELLEVINTO. Otherwise no outbreaks this disease experienced except in CERVIMARA (AVELLINO Province).

Personnel: Brigadier J.A. DUNLOP took over temporary command Southern Region 6 November replacing Colonel TEMPERLEY : Colonel G.M. GEVERS Acting Regional Commissioner Venezia Region.

Refugees : Movement from SICILY to ITALY begun.

400 in transit through SALERNO zone and 550 arriving Southern Region by train from ROMA.

Approx. 900 expected at BARI from CORFU.

Price

Tendencies : Continue upwards in SICILY.

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Collection : Total to date 9,193,790 quintals, 70% of target figure.

Am 5 Army : Province of MODENA entered by Fifth Army and further advances made in Provinces of FORLI, RAVENNA and BOLOGNA.

Many bridges washed out and all but a few main roads made impassable by heavy rains.

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problem of finding shelter for troops now acute.
Food and medical supplies everywhere being distributed. Morale in VISTOLA
and PESA improved by increase of bread ration of 200 grams.

BIGLI tobacco factory reopened 26 October.

Parted improvement in efficiency of OS.RR. reported in FLORENCE. Transport
ation difficulties add considerably to main problem of supply.

ABC 3 Italy: Reports received on 3 large towns liberated recently. CAVIA only 10%
destroyed and about 15,000 out of normal 25,000 population in the city.
Cavlia presents no immediate problem. In BRESCIANO about 25% of buildings
destroyed and many damaged but public services only partially disrupted.
GAVIA is first town to be captured in RAVENNA Province. Town practically
unoccupied.

All military billeted in SAN MARINO have left Republic and only service
units under canvas remain.

General Remarks: Serious flood CHONIZZO caused by River CHONIZZO bursting its banks
on 2 Nov. 11 dead, 400 homeless and much loss of cattle. Considerable
damage in town. energetic action taken by Provincial Commissioner who reports
flood now subsided and local situation normal. Communications disrupted
temporarily and only slowly being restored.

Appointment approved by Italian Minister of Public Instruction of
a committee to organise teachers throughout ITALY into small groups with
general object of democratizing whole educational system of ITALY.

3882 Red Cross week in ROME (extended to 12 days owing to bad weather) collected
400 tons of clothing and supplies and over 4 million lire in cash.
Allowances to be paid all fighting patriots, internees and pensions
equivalent to those of Italian Army to be paid to families of wounded and
dead.

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1 Jan 45 is target date for assumption of responsibility by UNRRA of South-East Italy Accommodation Centres.

Meetings held between Economic Section and UNRRA representatives on question of loan of supplies to enable UNRRA to function. Referred to AFHQ for decision.

Increase as from 16 Nov in Italian Armed Forces wage scale (grant of 40 lire a day in addition to present wage) approved by AFLRS.

NATALE plant PALERMO has resumed operations with a monthly output of 2500 tons superphosphates. About 300 tons a month of Carbon Bisulfide will be produced by LUSILAND Plant at CATANIA, recently opened.

Italian Government financial mission (3 Italian officials accompanied by Lt. Comd. J.J. Lawler of Finance Sub-Commission) left for US on 3 Nov. Half of new Italian Government currency to be printed in US and the other half in ITALY.

3 GM Truck Corps now formed. Other 5 still in process of formation.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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NOTICE OF INFORMATION

Political: Restoration of diplomatic relations between Italy and Sicily, Spain and American Nations was crucial item in Foreign affairs. CARLUCCI, now Minister without portfolio in Government, is to be Italian representative in LONDON. General issued statement saying Italy trusted in cause of justice of United Nations and had to be made ally. He added Italy needed all kinds of aid and reconstruction actions would have priority over social and political reforms.

General received recommendation of UNRRA for immediate distribution of lands to peasants. Orders have been issued to provincial Commissions to begin distribution 5 Nov.

Council of Ministers meeting 27 October made plans for attacking Sicilian question. A "Committee" is to be set up on the island, made up of representative Sicilians and ready were set aside for Sicilia industrial development. Situation in ASIZIA Province returned to normal. Additional Commissari brought in.

No reprisals followed PALESTINE Incident on 49 Oct and situation is now normal, though Sicilians are waiting to exact incident.

Discontent reported at Woolsey TANZICO over non-payment of promised advance on pay increase.

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Food and Supplies...../

Food and Supplies:

Issue of 300 grams of pasta fortuitously authorized as from 5 Nov for TOSCANA, ADRIATICO-MARCHE and LIGURIA Regions, also Fifth and Eighth Army A&G areas.

Olive oil harvest beginning at PARI.

Good quantities of potatoes shipped to ROME and Provinces from ADRIATICO-SULTRI Region.

Lack of rail cars still hindering deliveries to LIGURIA and MOLISE. Distribution of flour to ROME slightly improved. Agreement made with ANCI on terms of reference for the Industrial Co-ordination Committee.

Italian Government to take over distribution of food in liberated territory. Discussions in progress with new Under Secretary for Food on condition of the change-over.

Living:

Situation anti-fascist now stable.

Ribberia by Allied deserters and Italians dressed in allied uniforms recruited LIGURIA Region, also many car thefts. Garrison deserters going still active MATERA and PRIMAVERA but no arrests reported.

Health:

Smallpox decreasing LIGURIA and Province. Stable in MOLISE. Does not present threat to public health in other provinces, Southern Region. Typhoid declining in CALABRIA, elsewhere more or less static.

Influenza shortage acute in LIGURIA Province.

Personnel:

Mr. H.A. Coccia, British Vice-President of the Political Section, transferred by Foreign Office to Greece.

Major Cashburne appointed Acting Director Education Sub-Commission.

Refugees:

Evacuation of ALBANIA area will probably mean 3000 people a week arriving in ROME.

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Commodities:

Prices of uncooked rolled and unrationed foods slightly higher LIGURIA Region. Some rises in parts of Southern Region.

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Food Distribution Total to-date 8,374,850 pounds. 69% of target figure.

Food Shortage Food supply adequate except sugar, olive oil and canned meats. Problem is transport particularly for grain from CHIUSI and SIENA areas to forward areas. Considerable improvement reported in administration PIEMONTE Province.

New series of six trials in PIEMONTE has resulted in convictions in each case.

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ARMY VENETO Province now controlled by AGED Army. Otherwise nothing new to report.

General
Situation ARDENATUR Region reports civil telegraph opened from ARDEA to TERRANO, AREZZO, GROSSE and RAVELLO. Open to OPERA this week. (Provinces recently handed back to Italian Government). Connection with RAVELLO awaits re-wire between RAVELLO and RAVELLO.

The new designation All of Campania came into effect 27 Oct. Patriotic Branch, though placed under Local Government Sub-Commission, will function as a separate entity.

225 Fascist professional agitators are to be invalidated and the remaining filled by competitive test.

Strength of Garibaldi being increased by transfer of 5000 Italian troops. Date for their return to military duties under discussion with AFHQ.

Exhibitions of works of art at SIENA and at FIRENZE are being arranged. 1st, 2nd and 3rd C.R. Truck Corps nearly ready. Mountain training proceeding with all possible speed.

New shorticity rationing plan for civilian population at ROMA announced this week. Will take about 3 weeks before complete.

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WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER NINE

Political : Reported unrest among black coat and other workers in TARANTO due to failure of Italian Government to implement its promises of increased pay. Details of a subsidy to meet increased cost of living were announced on 13 October after conference between CRONCHI and representatives of employers. Basic figures are 35 lire per day for heads of family resident in big cities and 30 lire per day for those in smaller towns. Smaller sums will be granted to those with income greater than 3600 lire per month. AZZOLINI, one time Director of the Bank of Italy, received sentence of thirty years for handing over gold reserve of the Bank of Italy to the enemy. In GROSSETO the leader of the Communist Party was discovered to be a fascist journalist. He was prefect for some years in MUSSOLINI's staff and responsible for drafting anti-racial laws.

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Food & Supplies: Generally no change.

Crime: Occasional incidents at BRINDISI involving Allied troops. Seven arrests in REGGIO for counterfeiting; printing presses seized. In ABRUZZI death sentence on Riccardo DE BERLINDIS for espionage has been confirmed.

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Health : Generally satisfactory. Cases of smallpox continue to be reported from Naples City and Naples Province. Typhoid at Benevento still declining.

Personnel : Nothing special to report.

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Refugees : Nothing unusual to report. UNRRA has agreed in principle to taking over Southern Refugee camps, with the exception of BARI.

Price Tendencies : SICILY, ROME and CATANZARO report prices rising. In NAPLES there is a general increase.

Wheat Collection : Total to date 3,676,425 quintals -- 67% of target figure.

AMF Fifth Army : From PISA, LUCCA and PISTOIA it was reported that there is a serious shortage of food, which is being dealt with by the transfer of grain. The last information we have is contained in Sitrep dated 9 Oct (copy to you.)

AMF Eighth Army : Little fresh to report from the operational zone. SAN ARCANGELO captured. Progress made in ANCONA and PESARO Provinces, but situation in FORLI Province has been complicated by the large number of troops requiring accommodation. This has necessitated some evacuation and a good deal of movement of civilians in coast towns to the country districts outside. The badly devastated area of CORIANO, and in the neighbourhood round about, gradually being re-populated under the personal supervision of the Prefect of FORLI. About 1,000 people are now in the town. Communes in the hills in Western PESARO Province through which troops have not passed and which are inaccessible in the normal way by road, are being gradually visited by CAOs on foot or on mule, over mountain tracks known to peasants who are acting as guides where necessary. Most of the roads to these communes are either mined or have been cratered. In San Marino the situation continues satisfactory, and the new Captains Regent are being very helpful in all respects. One battalion has been temporarily billeted in the town of SAN MARTINO, on their invitation, but early evacuation of Republic by troops is planned.

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General Remarks. : The Germans are removing many art treasures as they move northwards. Mr. LOGAN, representative of the International Boy Scout Organization has come to Italy to effect a federation between the non-conventional boy scouts and the catholic boy scouts for the purpose of contact with other nations., while leaving each with autonomy in Italy. Serious explosion and fire at Italian ammunition depot near CAPUA 11 October caused casualties and some deaths. Enemy agent PISCHEDDA dropped in SARDINIA on 27 August has died of wounds sustained during capture. Postal service opened in ASCOLI and MACERATA provinces. Provinces of RIETI, TERAMO, AQUILA, PESCARA, VITERBO, CHIETI, handed over to Italian Government on 16 October 44.

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Chief of Staff Section.

WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER EIGHT.

Political : The council of ministers met twice during the week. On the sixth the most important measures were the presentation by Siglienti and approval by the Council of new taxes, aimed at raising the state revenue and progressive if not radical in nature, and a draft decree for turning over uncultivated land on large estates to peasants cooperatives. The latter measure is surrounded with many reservations and the land is not to be given outright but only for limited time. The meeting of the eleventh took note of the hand over of six more provinces (L'Aquila, Teramo, Viterbo, Chieti, Pescara and Rieti) to the government which is to take place officially on the 16th. Provision was also made for setting up a Sottosegretariato per l'Alimentazione (under the Ministry of Agriculture) and the question of the workers' living indemnity was postponed again to allow for discussion among interested organizations.

3874 - The press has been much concerned with the delay in issuing the decree on the subsidies for workers and has also followed the Aszolini trial (beginning the 9th) with interest. Southern Region report increased Communist activity.

Food & Supplies/.....

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SHEET 2 *Frosinone*

Food & Supplies : Generally no change. Situation Littoria bad. Salt arrivals Abruzzi Marche improved. 5th Army area: food just sufficient for day to day consumption but no building up of stocks. Some disturbance Salerno due to grain shortage. Otherwise mainly satisfactory Southern Region. Much Black Market by rail from Foggia.

Crime : Regium Coeli prison. New director being appointed, entire staff to be changed and central prison directory disbanded. 1 civilian shot dead by unknown Allied soldier Foggia Province. In Naples Italian policeman killed British sailor who assaulted him.

Health : Generally satisfactory. Italian Port Sanitary officers taking precautionary measures against bubonic plague reported Algiers. Smallpox increase ^{City} Naples and Atella; decrease Fertilia and other Naples communes. Typhoid still declining Benevento. Epidemic Anterior Poliomyelitis reported Sicily Region.

Personnel. Notification received of Acting Chief Commissioner's promotion to Commodore W.e.f. 30 September.

3873 All provincial teams Baillia Region gone forward under command 5th and 8th Armies. Sir Frank Brook, Inspector of Constabulary and Advisor to Civil Affairs directorate, touring Regions to visit British Police Officer

SHEET 3

Refugees: Only 100 passed through Salerno province. Need for blankets Bari zone for refugees reported. Italian Army still bring refugees from South.

Price Tend-
encies : Continue upward Sicily Region. Otherwise no change reported.

Wheat
Collection: Total to date 3,553,511 quintals. 65 % of target figure.

AMG 5th
Army : In central area communes very heavily damaged and their chief centres completely destroyed. Less destruction on west but much displacement of population. Conditions in Florence improved except for food. Repairs to Pisa Cathedral carried out by Army engineers.

AMG 8th
Army : Nothing new received since Rimini report. Latest San Marino reports forwarded separately.

General
remarks : 2 day dock strike Sardinia ended.

Italian Red Cross week postponed until 22 October.

Forms and approx. 200 demographic, industrial and agricultural census takers now in the field, including Sardinia and Sicily. First reports expected in about a fortnight. 4 unknown men raided communist club Taranto and 13 known fascists arrested. Italian relief organisations Southern Region being organised for better distribution of supplies.

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Chief of Staff Sec.

WEEKLY SITREP NUMBER SEVEN.

Political: Discussion of Roosevelt-Churchill message continued in press; towards the end of the week the possible participation of Italians in war against Japan came to the foreground. Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Visconti Venosta, said at Press Conference that Italy was anxious to collaborate fully but there was as yet no state of war existent between Italy and Japan. In general, Leftist press view the possibility with some diffidence, the conservative parties see in it an opportunity for political reinstatement. All groups feel that Italy should be given Allied status as minimum prerequisite to any such enterprise.

On home front most important matter was report of Soleri, Minister of Treasury at Council Meeting September 29. He gave a detailed report of Italian financial position, which is not good. Made a guess at amount of AMG lire in circulation and stated the public debt could be roughly estimated at 653 billion lire.

Earlier in the week the government observed the anniversary of the ~~Munich Pact~~ by declaring it null and void.

Food and Supplies: No important change. Reduction of rations in Sardinia to ACC scale has caused some dissatisfaction as was expected. Situation not serious. Soap factory at BARI now producing 300 tons per month for British Forces.

Crime/.....

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SHEET 2

Crime: Position generally satisfactory. 8 persons arrested REGGIO for forgery
of AME currency. 30,000 lire seized 40,000, believed still in circulation.
Gang of 16 dealing in eggs, wheat, flour, olive oil, cigarettes and salt
prosecuted at TERAMO and 21,000 eggs confiscated.

Health: Generally satisfactory. Typhoid continues to decrease in BENEVENTO city
but persists in neighbouring provinces. Smallpox now reported in the inofea
in BENEVENTO and FERMO (NAPLES Province). About 100 cases infantile
paralysis in Sicily.

PERSONNEL: Lt.Col.KESSNER, MSLA, and Major KNAUER, Communications this HQ, reported
missing following crashing of plane off SARDINIA on 19 Sept. Brig.G.S.Parkins
Director of Public Health Sub-Commission appointed ACC liaison officer between
Allied Red Cross organisations and the Italian Red Cross; also appointed
liaison officer between ACC, AMHQ and the National Agency for Distribution of
Relief Supplies in Italy.

Col. Adams and Mr. Vills, Economic Section, and Director General Italian
State Railways, have left for LONDON to represent ACC at European International
Transport Organisation Conference.

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Refugees: Unauthorised movement in South continues.

Price Tendencies: General upward tendency.

Wheat Collection: Total to date 8,070,941 quintals. 62% of target figure.

AME FIFTH Army: Copy of sitrep for period 25 - 30 Sept has been sent to you.

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SHEET 3

ARMED EIGHTH Army: RIMINI is reported very seriously damaged. On entry there were no civilians but there is now a daily inflow of 4,500 - normal population 64,000. Unlikely that more than 20,000 can be allowed in the town owing occupation of habitable buildings by large numbers of troops. There is no electricity but some water on the outskirts of the town. Water and sewage system not yet inspected but it is anticipated badly damaged. All civilians being provided with regular rations. Bakeries were established on 28 Sept and communal feeding centres set up.

Greek troops are cause of unpleasant incidents with civilians.

General Remarks: Reorganisation HQ ACC on agreed lines put into effect 2 Oct.

Basic wage scale of civilian employees of Allied Forces increased by 12 - 40% on 1 Oct.

MMA has agreed to issue clothing and equipment sufficient for 43,000 Carabinieri. Italian Red Cross organising a Red Cross week commencing 15 Oct. to collect clothing, blankets etc for refugees.

One enemy agent dropped in SARDINIA 27 Sept apprehended on 29 Sept.

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General Hospital. This hospital suffered extensive damage by fire during the war and was used for treatment. There was also a classmate hospital.

Buses, ambulances and trucks of the 27th Battalion.

Also 500 A-4 planes; 1000 drivers and 1000 passengers were lost. Total losses due to this accident were 7,000,000 dollars. 57% of targets.

Buses, ambulances, trucks.

Station has arrangements to take care of those who have been wounded or disabled.

Mobile unit of ambulances to provide 2000 services and medical aid to wounded.

To be discontinued in 1945-1946.

Casualty admissions. The number 5,000 in October. This would not change.

Scenarios.

Violence and looting. In course small bands are showing a tendency to violence and looting. To be discontinued in 1945-1946.

Ambulance was presented. Gastrointestinal diseases caused by

control. A combination was given that had by a British solution of sulfathiazole. of the 2000 in the region could return to home, situation is now under intensive treatment for the condition.

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The last remaining members will be trained over to the Italian government. Details are as follows: 1) We have about 5000 to 6000 Italian soldiers. 2) They are to be given flat ground, to supply themselves with food.

Post 4.

No important change. BNU remains where the main branch is in Italy.

MILITARY MEDICAL STATION

1000 (1000)

HQ CAMP

AMBULANCE

LCG

otherwise, remaining 1000 kg was reshipped west by the same route.

Dec 5
2000 kg

No important change. BART reports that the grain harvested is in full stage. In Region V there is a shortage of roads for grain. In reality the last remaining resources will be turned over to the Indians entomelias in old oxcarts.

2000 kg

Resettlement anti-entropy. A certain amount of unrest developed in the night of Dec 23rd in the Regime Chaco region in R.D.P. This situation is now under control. A commandant was just killed by a British soldier at SANTO DOMINGO. An assailant was arrested. 200000 pesos emergency expenditure of 1000 pesos and 1000kg. In reality armed bands are showing a tendency to increase.

Jan 1961

Generally anti-entropy. Increasing P.B. in Congress. Central authority is concerned in U.S.A.D.

Refugee:

Nothing of importance to report. 2000 refugees are stranded at POTOSA station but arrangements are being made for them.

2000 kg

Aug 1961 Collection: 7,450,000 piastres to date. This is 97.6% of target.
Dec 5th & 6th 1961: Full witness for this period have been sent to you (LSD or GIA)

Central command. Resettled families amongst local Indian communities. Indian tribe rechristened after village will have a special committee of negotiation appointed

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WEEKLY SUMMARY NUMBER FIVE

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Political : At the opening of the trial of CARDOZO, former Rome Chief of Police, the chief prosecution witness, GARRITA, former Director of Regime Gaoli Prison, was lynched by mob. Trial is proceeding and result expected today. At a Communist meeting at Licouci (Sardinia) hand grenades were thrown. Detailed report awaited. In Brindisi there was a demonstration by Communists against a Sindaco. Apart from this situation is normal.

Food & Supplies : No important change. Region V report discontent over non arrival of salt, and present lack of olive oil. At Matese over-issue by CDR of HOL stocks has been authorized to avoid complete breakdown of threshing and movement of grain to railroads.

Crime : Position generally satisfactory. An armed gang is reported operating in Pari Province. Action to round up military deserters in Calabria is proceeding. In Region V RICCARDO DI BISLINDIS has been tried by general court for espionage and sentenced to death.

Health : There is now outbreak of smallpox in Naples Province. Investigation of water supply in Benevento City following typhoid epidemic shows water polluted. Public instructed on preventative measures.

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SUMMARY

Refugees : Unauthorized movement in Northern Regions continues but organized repatriation which commenced this week is proceeding satisfactorily. 1959 refugees were returned to SICILY and CALABRIA.

Rice
Tinctorial : Prices are rising appreciably in Naples and Salerno zones.

Wheat
Production : 7,443,000 quintals to date. This is 54.7% of target.

ANG 5th Army : The following places have been entered:

PISTOIA . Damage is considerable. Population was 7000 out of normal 75,000. Water supplies broken but pumps are intact. The local residents prophesy hostilities between Pistoia patriots and those in the nearby Comune of Monsummano.

MONTAGNE Teglio. This resort with its splendid hotels is intact except for water and electricity.

Further news from Lucca is meagre. Long range shelling of PUSA took place on 14 Sept. It is said that the absence of water and presence of mines will paralyse the city for some time. In FLORENCE Province the civilian transport organisation has approximately 300 vehicles on the road. Many of these will soon be laid up unless new tyres can be obtained. The Gualdi Tower, was demolished for safety reasons by the Royal Engineers. Hooliganism by ex patriots is reported.

ANG 6th Army : Nothing new to report. Few new communes occupied.

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General Remarks: Sit down strike by electricity and gas workers in NAPLES for higher wages. Strikers returned to work when ordered. Military harvesters, FOGLI, now all dispersed and camps closed. 27,000 garments being distributed by Red Cross in Region V, this week.

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