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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
VENEZIA GIULIA

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Minutes of Meeting held at Headquarters, Allied Military
Government, Venezia Giulia at 0900 hours, 23rd December 1946.
PRESENT (See Appendix "4")

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GUESTS:- Mr. W. COLE -Representative US POLAD
Mess. ANDERSON -Representative GB POLAD

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On 15 December a football team from Genoa played a

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Trieste team at the same place. All matches passed without incident.

The Italian sporting organisation, Comitato Olimpionico Nazionale Italiano, endeavoured to cause confusion at the last moment by making arrangements for the Rugby team to play at S. Sabba on the morning of 22 December, and the Trieste papers published headlines to this effect. At midday 21 December Allied Information Services broadcast that the match would be played at Montebello.

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I would like to take this opportunity to compliment 88th Division on the splendid cooperation and effective measures which they are taking in investigating and punishing Military personnel when wrongfully involved with local civilians. This is creating a most beneficial and respectful effect on the civilian population towards the US Army. (99)

The school situation in the Slovene Areas continues to present problems. At Fleczo some 40 children were recently withdrawn from an official school and enrolled in a private school.

school operated by Pokrajinski Narodni Osvobodilni Odpor. The parents have now applied for re-instatement of all these children in an Allied Military Government school, but upon condition that their teacher be placed on the Allied Military Government teaching staff. The latter request has been denied as Allied Military Government has an adequate teaching staff, but the children have been granted re-admission. The Civil Affairs Officer of Kerna recently inspected the schools of that Commune and found all the children of the 2nd and 3rd grades using copies of "Nasa Beseda". The Books were confiscated and the teachers dismissed in these two grades.

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PUBLIC SAFETY (Lt. Col. G. RICHARDSON)

The third Road Safety Campaign recently conducted in Gorizia and Pola, was a very satisfactory operation. There

were only 17 accidents, in only one of which a fatal injury occurred, 3 others involved minor injuries and in 13 cases only vehicle were damaged. Legal proceedings were taken against 1590 drivers and 962 pedestrians.

Crime statistics for the Territory for the past fortnight showed 295 cases - an increase of 29. Arrests also increased by 16 to 156, as compared to 140 reported two weeks ago.

Several arrests of importance were effected late last week by the Criminal Investigation Department. For example (1) 7 persons were apprehended in Trieste for the forgery and uttering of identity and tobacco ration cards. Plates, prints and forged documents were recovered.

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No cases of abduction have been reported but there has been one attempted abduction. At Gornale, Trieste, during the late evening of 8 December 1946 a young man was approached by four persons who "invited" him to accompany them into Zone "B".

He resisted, was fired upon, and was later hospitalized suffering from four bullet wounds. The assailants have been identified. One has been arrested, and steps are being taken to apprehend the remainder, who have absconded.

Only 2 cases of larceny have been reported from the docks and railways.

11 incidents of terrorist activity were reported during the fortnight, and it is noted that the area most affected is Monfalcone where 7 incidents occurred on two days, 14 and 15 December 1946. There can be no question but that these crimes were committed by pro-Italian extremists. Fortunately, no loss of life or personal injury resulted but there has been considerable damage to property.

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Legislation: A total of 7 Orders and 2 Administrative Orders were signed during the period, as follows:

ORDERS.

No 271 - Levy on increased value of assets revealed in accordance with General Order No 86.

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- N° 279 - For payment of cost of Living Bonus to persons entitled to workmen's compensation annuities from ex Austro-Hungarian institutes.
 - N° 281 - Abolition of Marriages and Birth premiums.
 - N° 283 - Establishment Faculty of Science of the University of Trieste.
 - N° 294 - Extension of time limits on property evaluation facility and indirect taxes and duties on business transactions.
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The Petrol, Oil and Lubricant Supply situation is ²⁶⁹³ little better than that of coal, and already some buses have been temporarily stopped due to the shortage of fuel.

During the past week some 40,000 pairs of shoes arrived, but they were mostly of styles suitable only for women and children. The blankets that arrived recently are being sorted and some have already been distributed to the Welfare Division. Due to the extremely low quality of these blankets it is intended that practically all of these blankets will be distributed gratis to hospitals and Public Welfare Institutions.

The food situation is not very good. Although there is an adequate supply of wheat for January it must be noted that one of the flour mills in Udine has broken down which has produced a bottleneck. There has been an acute shortage of railway transportation, and the Port has been so strong that small ships have found it almost impossible to come to Trieste from Venice. This situation has accentuated the real need of moving the flour mill from Pola to Trieste.

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Christmas and New Year holidays for all schools begin on 23 December and will run through 6 January 1947.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (Major BOWLBY)

Since the last Conference, 39 Orders, notices, and news items have been passed to Allied Information Services for publication in the Press and on the radio.

On 22 December, at a ceremony attended by the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Colonel Malin and other officers of Allied Military Government and 20 U.S. Infantry Division, the keys of 33 houses in Bratto di Sopra reconstructed by TAEC (Triestine Appalti e Costruzioni) under the auspices of Public Works Division, were handed over to their occupants. The work has been carried out under great difficulty, owing to the high location of the village - in spite of which it was completed in 3 months. The ceremony of blessing the village, handing over the keys, and distribution of gifts to children by the American Red Cross, was followed by an excellent lunch.

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Mr. S.C.A.O.

In spite of the holiday period, I expect Monthly Reports to be submitted by Divisions by 4 January 1947, as usual.

A number of officers who attend this meeting will not be here next time because of redeployment. I would like at this time to bid them goodbye on behalf of this meeting and wish them the best in the future. I would also like at this time to extend my personal Christmas greetings to the personnel of this Headquarters and the Areas.

The next meeting will be held two weeks from today.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Miss ANDERSON - Representative GB POLAD

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Minutes of Meeting held at Headquarters Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia at 0900 hours, 9th December 1946.
PRESENT (See Appendix "A")

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Lt. Col. W.J. Mc. DONALD - HQ Div. Asst
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I urge all heads of Divisions to devote priority attention to this matter which in the case of any Division is among the most important with which it has to deal in the next few months.

Another subject involving the same considerations in the final report of this operation, which may have to be prepared on rather short notice and which in fairness to our own valiant efforts here and to their significance in world events, we must make as excellent as possible in every way.

I know that you are all very much involved in day-to-day business which is important and must be disposed of as it arises. Most of these matters however critical as they may seem at the moment will have faded into complete insignificance in a few months or years. Our report of our doings here, however, may be an important historic document years, and decades hence. Individual transactions will be forgotten, but the principles on which we carried out our operation may be respectfully studied for a long time.

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I should have thought it self-evident, and have certainly believed that I have made it sufficiently clear in earlier statements, that no employee either of Allied Military

Government or of any agency operated under the sponsorship of Allied Military Government is in a position to accept in any matter connected with his position with Allied Military Government any fee or emolument other than his salary.

In a recent instance I learned that it was intended to permit an official to accept a "gift" on the basis that there had been no offer in advance of the transaction which formed the basis of the "honorarium"; hence no corruption and no objection.

It is easy to see how superficial this view is, and how readily these "gifts" after the fact might come to be expected, and might enter into terms of the transactions in which this government is bound to make the best deal it can either for itself, the people of the area generally, or individual business men.

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As a result of the searches, a partial strike took place in some of the Industrial firms. There was a small demonstration outside the Casa del Popolo during the morning.

In the afternoon, interviewed so-called strikers and representatives. They stated that the strike was not so much against the searches as against the rough manner in which the searches were carried out. They seemed very surprised on hearing that Italian, as well as Communist and Yugoslav premises, has been searched, and that arms had been found in an Italian building.

The body of a missing V.G. Policeman was found in a canal near Monfalcone on 27 November.

Apart from the above incidents, the fortnight has been a very quiet one. Grenade throwing has diminished considerably and what has taken place has been mostly confined to the Monfalcone district.

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Farmers in the Canale Area whose farms lie within the 5 kilometer limits of the Morgen line are constantly reporting that Yugoslav block posts refuse them permission to move any of their produce into Canale or any other place in Zone "A".

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AREA COMMISSIONER, POLA

No demonstrations or disorders occurred during the past fortnight. A protest has just been received from fishermen (who originally came from Zone "B") that they are subject to interference and pursuit by Yugoslav armed craft as soon as they leave POLA Harbour. Venezia Giulia Police have increased their harbour patrols and a report is being forwarded.

There has been a slight lessening in the restrictions on import of market produce etc. from Zone "B", but the situation has not yet returned to normal.

The firm Scoglio Olivi (shipbuilding, etc) employing a fair number of men, held a sudden meeting of shareholders and decided to close down. As such action involving total discharge of employees is not allowed under existing laws, the firm was told to carry on. I am informed that the only legal way for it to close is to declare itself bankrupt, and I think it will do this.

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Crime returns for the Territory for the past fortnight show a decrease of 2 cases - 266 as against 268. There has also been a decrease in the number of arrests - 140 as against 151.

One case of killing and one of suspected killing have been reported during the period. The suspected killing relates to the death of the policeman at Ronchi to which references has already been made. The other occurred at Ruggia on 1 December 46 when a man preparing for bed, was shot by an unknown person. The deceased's son was also injured when going to the assistance of his father. Enquiries are in hand. This case has no political significance.

A case of presumed abduction has been reported from the vicinity of the Morgan Line near Gorizia, whence a young man was escorted from his home on 26 November 46 and has not returned. There seems to be some doubt as to whether the scene of the alleged abduction was in Zone "A" or Zone "B", and investigation is now being made regarding this point.

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Four strikes have been reported during the period,

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but in no instance was police intervention necessary.

Examinations of prostitutes in the Territory during the fortnight, disclosed:

Registered: - 420 examined of which 12 found infected

Clandestine: - 76 were detained for Medical examination, 21 of whom were found infected and hospitalized, and 24 were deported from the territory.

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Legislation.

Several important Orders were signed in the period. No 279 and 275 provided for the "Winter Bonus" to employees of Industry and Agriculture. Order 280 extended the privilege of dismissal within limitations of Order No 106 (and amendments) to 1 January 1947. General Order 86 contains some important amendments to General Order 40, to provide for a war profit tax.

A total of one General Order, eight Orders and six Administrative Orders were signed during the period:

GENERAL ORDERS.

No 86 War profit tax - Amendment to G.O. 40.

ORDERS.

- No 200 - Abolishment of contribution on wine.
- No 231 - Change in Membership of Film Board.
- No 239 - Exemption from payment of school taxes and surtaxes for the year 1943-1944.
- No 273 - Payment of a "Winter Bonus" to private employees (except agricultural) and to unemployed and disabled workers.
- No 275 - Payment of a "Winter Bonus" to agricultural workers.
- No 276 - Dissolution of Comm. for Manufacturers of marble and ornamental stones.
- No 280 (1066) - Unblocking of discharges from employment.
- No 289 - Provisions for regulation of First Names.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.

- No 72 - Appointment of ORSO Gastone as technical employee of the Territorial Inspectorate of Agriculture.
- No 79 - Appointment of Prof. Bruno de FINETTI.
- No 80 - Liquidation of "Littlenoor-Reederei".
- No 82 - Rotation in service of certain Judges.
- No 83 - Appointment of Committees for agriculture and forestry improvement.
- No 84 - Appointment of Franco LURIDANA as Vice-Pretore.

FINANCE. (Col. BEARD)

A meeting has been arranged at which both Allied Force Headquarters and General Headquarters will be represented, to discuss salary increase for Allied Military Government employees.

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- N° 239 - Exemption from payment of school taxes and surtaxes for the year 1943-1944.
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- N° 276 - Dissolution of Comm. for Manufacturers of marble and ornamental stones.
- N° 280 (1066) - Unblocking of discharges from employment.
- N° 289 - Provisions for regulation of First Names.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.

- N° 72 - Appointment of ORSO Gastone as technical employee of the Territorial Inspectorate of Agriculture.
- N° 79 - Appointment of Prof. Bruno de FINETTI.
- N° 80 - Liquidation of "Littlmoor-Reederei".
- N° 82 - Retention in service of certain Judges.
- N° 83 - Appointment of Committees for agriculture and forestry improvement.
- N° 84 - Appointment of Franco LURIDANA as Vice-Pratore.

FINANCE. (Col. BEARD)

A meeting has been arranged at which both Allied Force Headquarters and General Headquarters will be represented, to discuss salary increase for Allied Military Government employees.

(The Senior Civil Affairs Officer expressed a hope that this could be handled confidentially so as not to have the appearance of being awarded as a result of a press campaign. He stressed that this matter was to be treated confidentially and not discussed generally. Allied Military Government has stated is too often deprived of credit for its own beneficence by letting word break out in advance wherefrom some paper or group starts a "campaign" and tries to steal the credit).

In reply to many inquiries it may be stated that the existing rule granting pay in lieu of leave permits such payment only on termination of the employee's contract, and not before.

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ECONOMICS. (Major K. COOPER)

New through tariffs for ACEGAT amounting to approximately 20% to 25% more than the old rates became effective on 1 December. Increased tariffs for Gas, light and water are now under consideration. The public was notified through the press and by notices from ACEGAT, that the new rates would come into effect and that the increases were due mainly to the recent wage increases.

The Price commission has under consideration new tariffs for the motion pictures. Allied Information Service has already approved the request for increases.

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COMMUNICATIONS. (Major Hayward)

The suspension of the civilian telephone service to Pola is under consideration.

(The Area Commissioner, Pola, (Col. ORPWOOD) was instructed to make a report on this matter and its seriousness.

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INDUSTRY (Lt. Col. FODEN)

Industry has not substantially reduced consumption of electricity. In fact, in Trieste, heavy industry shows an increased consumption in November over October, and a one-day cut, preferably on Mondays, is strongly recommended. On 26 October total water available power was 980 million units, and by 1 December this had dwindled to 700 million units - a reduction of 30% of the available reserves.

(S.C.A.C. asked to be advised regarding the proposed method of distributing additional imported blankets before it was put into effect.

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EDUCATION. (Capt. SIMONI)

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to teach who are not approved by PNOC, POKRAJINSKI NARODNI OSVOBODILNI ODBOR.

The recent strike on the part of the upper grade students in Italian technical schools had been good material for the Communist newspapers. At a meeting with the Superintendent of Schools, it was agreed that the students should be punished for such action.

However, students continued to absent themselves from classes, insisting upon right to strike as a legal tool for the protection of their rights.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS (Major SAXON-HILLS)

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (Major COX)

The direct telephone line from this Headquarters to General Headquarters FIDUA has been removed due to lack of use. In future officers will have to contact General Headquarters via Trieste Trunks.

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It is the responsibility of Divisional Heads to see that their civilian employees are kept working, there seems to have been too many "coffee hours" of late.

The 25 Jeers needed for public civilian use have been applied for, and a reply is awaited from Italian Government officials and Allied Commission.

Handwritten signature

ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

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APPENDIX "A"

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GUESTS: Lt. Col. W.J. Mc DONALD - HQ 88 Div. Ass. Chief
of Staff
Mr. W. COLE - Representative US POLAD.

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J.A. KELLETT Welfare & Displaced Persons
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W.G. BOARD Property Control
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R.C. COX Chief Administrative Officer
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F.C.S. BAYLISS Legal Officer

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There is a tram strike in effect at the moment. A committee of strikers is to see Colonel BOWMAN at noon today and I do not expect it to last long.

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The sale of potatoes and wine has been unblocked throughout the area.

The recent resignation of an Education Officer to Gorizia will be readily assisted Civil Affairs Officers and local school officials in supervising school activity. Heating stoves that have been received during the past week and are now being used for installation.

Difficulty is being experienced in getting Finance Division to approve a new quarterly Budget for Udine, Montebelluna, Tarma and Opacchiasella areas. The previous budget called for 500,000 lire while the present one has been increased to a million lire, because of the re-establishment of local government in these areas. By 15 December, all four Municipalities will be open and operating, providing the budget is approved.

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In general crime during the period has been reasonably little. The returns for the period show a decrease of

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22 cases, 268 against 290. There has also been a decrease in the number of arrests 151 against 199.

An interesting case has been reported in Gorizia. By good teamwork on the part of four policemen in that area a dangerous gang of armed criminals has been broken up. 14 persons have been arrested who are believed to have been responsible for over 20 banditaries and three armed robberies. Stolen property, consisting of jewelry, furs and other clothing valued over 1 million lire, has been recovered.

On 10 November 1946, 24 bodies were found in Gorizia area, all in an advanced stage of decomposition. In each instance the pathological examination has disclosed that death resulted from violence at least 18 months ago. Two have been identified. We are satisfied that the bodies are those of Italian soldiers who were acting in a police capacity under German command. Special reports are being submitted in this case.

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managers of all cinemas have been cautioned and informed that if the regulations are not observed their licences will be withdrawn and the premises closed.

The S.C. Area.

Fire legislation must be observed even if the theatres are to incur at a loss; please enforce these regulations. Price control might consider authorising an increase in entrance fees. Part of the cause of the overrunning of course, is the heavy requisitioning of cinema theatres for military use.

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No. 81 (55B) - Payments to the Fishing Consorzio of Venezia Giulia.

ORDERS

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- No. 243 - Abrogation of R.D.L. 29 August 1941, No 913 - Repeal of prohibition concerning the alienation of motor vehicles and parts, of foreign citizens.
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ECONOMICS. (Major E. COOPER)

The Council of Economic Reconstruction is preparing

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for distribution throughout the world a booklet on Trieste, describing its industries, commercial activities, civic enterprises and the opportunities offered to business men coming to the city.

More enquiries have come during the past few weeks regarding storage space in the port. The latest came from representatives of a Czechoslovakian timber firm. This question is being dealt with by the Port Control Committee and recommendations have already been put to the main Committee. In General the recommendations are that certain areas be allocated to private firms, and that all firms given space would receive it on the understanding that the contract could be terminated by the military on two weeks' notice. This is at least a start in the right direction.

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TRANSPORTATION. (Lt. Col. RICE)

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COMMUNICATIONS. (Major HAYWARD)

The Italian Government is trying to arrange an overall system of pay for the whole of Italy, but due to the cheaper cost of living in Southern Italy, Northern Italians will not

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come into line. Employees of the Venezia Giulia Telephone system have threatened to strike in sympathy with the Italian strikers, and the strike was due to commence last Saturday morning. However the Company asked for 24 hours grace and and there is now a possibility of the strike starting tomorrow. Only the administrative section is concerned and strikers have however made an exception of all military, Police, and Hospital communications.

Colonel FOOTE.

The object of our rationing program was to cut electricity consumption by 15% compared with October. During the first week we succeeded in cutting about 10% but for the last fortnight it has only been 7% in Trieste, 20% in Pola, no cut at all in Gorizia, which in fact had a higher consumption than in any week in October. There are two reasons for this failure. First, a portion of the orders, second, industries just beginning to operate at the same time as we are cutting current. I am trying to assist industries, even at the expense of domestic use. The police must start prosecuting people who break rationing orders and I support Colonel Robertson's suggestion that Government offices might adopt the same hours as ourselves.

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JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. (Major BURROWS.

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC HEALTH. (Lt. Col. DAIKIEL)

The Medical stores have been moved from the warehouses in the port to their original location in the middle of the town.

The incidence of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria have dropped during the last fortnight.

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The Book Exhibition run by Allied Information Service was very much appreciated by Public Health Division and the local Doctors. Copies of these books can be bought by local doctors through orders placed at the Allied Reading Room in Via Trento.

WELFARE. (Major KILBERT).

487 Displaced Persons and Refugees passed through the centre during the fortnight, in addition 84 prisoners of war returned to Italy. It is reported by prisoners that if they co-operate with the Yugoslavs they received better treatment and a small supply of clothing.

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The S.C.A.O.

Public Relations are responsible for these correspondents and I want you to make this one of your first duties.

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I remind all divisions again to keep Public Relations advised of any items worthy of publishing in the Press.

ALLIED INFORMATION SERVICE. (Major PATTI)

The Agricultural Division in particular has used the services of Radio Trieste for talks and advice to farmers. If any other Section would like to run similar broadcasts they should get in touch with Major Erskine, Radio Section, who will be pleased to assist in the work of designing and writing the programmes. The AIB Radio Receiving sets for distribution to Allied Military Government will be ready next week.

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COL. L.R. BATTENBY, Allied Financial Agency
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Present: (See Appendix "A")

GUESTS: Mr. V. Cole, Representative US POLAD
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The SCAG (To Camp Commandant):

There has been too frequent changeover of the police-men who guard this Headquarters. Looking after this building is an involved job. Guards have to learn who people are, and the staff should be as nearly permanent as is consistent with training requirements and overall efficiency. Recently the changes have been occurring every two or three nights and most of the guards don't know what they have to do. You and Colonel Richardson should cooperate to correct this situation at once.

AREA COMMISSIONER TRIESTE (Col. Robertson)

On the whole, Trieste Area has been fairly quiet during the last fortnight with the exception of bomb throwing. There were 16 bombs thrown; eleven at MONFALCONE, one at MUGLIA and four in TRIESTE. Against Italians, five were directed, eight against Slovenes and three against the Venezia Giulia Police. Only three injuries have resulted throughout. On five occasions shots have been fired at Venezia Giulia Police. There was one political murder during the fortnight at MONFALCONE.

A sit-down strike is taking place this morning at the Duca D'Aosta port in protest against the alleged employment of immigrants from Isola. It is the second time this has happened. Last time it was rumored: this time it is taking place. I do not think it will last long or have serious consequences.

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teachers, await completion of repairs to buildings, or are occupied by Yugoslav troops.

Attendance in AIC schools in the Yugoslav Communes averages about 50 % of normal. The balance of the children are being enrolled in private schools organized by FMOO, which are financed by an assessment of 200 lire per pupil per term, plus alleged "voluntary" contributions from wealthy land owners, etc.

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Major RICHARDSON

The Genio Civile cannot carry out his job until he gets more transport and Public Works cannot assist in the matter. Gorizia has the largest Public Works program for rebuilding distressed villages, and inspecting means travelling 3000 km. a week. This is not possible without increased transport.

The SCAO:

There are still plenty of unrequisitioned and unused cars in Gorizia. To find them, all you have to do is refer to the list of people who have been turned down for circulation permits. The Area President, like every politician, will not want to make himself unpopular by taking them, but he must be made to see Jeeps are another solution. They are for sale now, but may not remain so for long. They are ideal for Gorizia-type hillside roads. Proposals for the purchase either of jeeps or water trucks should, however, be expedited. Half our trouble comes from not planning far enough ahead. This is a local responsibility. Gorizia Area should initiate action.

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Captain SIMONI

The school situation in Pola may be badly affected by the lack of glass.

Major RICHARDSON

Plenty of glass or glass substitute will be sent down to Pola this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY (Lt. Col. RICHARDSON)

V.C. Police: Last Saturday, 26 October, a further consignment of new winter uniforms was received, making over 2,000 sets on hand. In a matter of days distribution will be made to Area for general issue to the men. On 5 November 500 of the new type helmets are expected to arrive, and a week or so later a further quantity. This should permit the re-equipment of all ranks by the middle of the month. The new uniform will not be worn generally until after a special parade. Regulations governing the care and use of the new uniforms and equipment are being promulgated.

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In the docks and on the railways, the situation continues satisfactory. Over the period 7 cases of larceny have been reported - an increase of 5. On the other hand, arrests have increased - 20 as against 6 for the previous fortnight.

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Terrorist activities have increased during the night, and again Monfalcone and district has been principally affected. 20 cases have come to light. Fortunately there has been no loss of life, although in two instances there have been injuries have resulted.

Information has come from 1st Armoured Division that an additional detachment of British IP's is being posted to Monfalcone to reinforce the force now in the area. The Venezia Giulia police in the district will also be reinforced from recruits about to leave the school.

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Prostitution and VD: During the fortnight 655 examinations have been made throughout the territory and 70 women were found infected. This is a very substantial increase over previous fortnightly periods.

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Prisons: As of midnight Friday 25 October, the prison population was 1089 an increase of 56 over the previous period.

On 19 October three prisoners escaped from the hospital at the Central Prison Gorizia, as yet they have not been traced.

The SCAO:

The increase in the prison population is alarming. Colonel Munacko says the civilian courts are still not carrying their share of the load, and our threat to transfer some purely civil cases to our courts for trial may soon have to be made good. We may also have to fire a few judges and prosecutors and replace them.

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Colonel ROBERTSON

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Lt. Col. RICHARDSON

Of the total of 20 bombs, 4 were thrown in Gorizia and practically all the rest in Norfalcone, where most of the six cases of firing against police also occurred.

LEGAL (Lt. Col. Linnecke)

80 persons were tried in Summary Courts on 61 charges. About one-fourth of the cases involved theft of minor articles. One sentence was for one year while the average sentence was for 2 months. 26 await trial in Trieste, and 86 in Gorizia, all of whom have recently been arrested. One school demonstration case in Gorizia involves 69 defendants.

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ECONOMICS (Major Cooper)

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Transportation Division has undertaken to try to procure the de-requisitioning of the bus station in Trieste.

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The SCAO's office will be consulted before any action is taken, and Col. Rice has already found alternative accommodation for present occupants.

The SCAO:

What about the rationing of electricity this winter?

Lt. Col. FODEN

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one thought to say anything to the Public Relations Officer
(or to me for that matter) about it. Fortunately I hear
there will be another launching shortly, and the public
relations value must not be missed again. When anything
like this is coming up again, I beg of you, please tell the
Public Relations Officer.

Lt. Col. FODEN

I accept full blame, but this shows the lack of interest the "newshounds" take in the every day events taking place which are a credit to Allied Military Government. On the other hand, they never miss the smallest scrap of anything of a negative or political nature.

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The campaign against clandestine prostitution announced at the last conference began four days ago with the opening of the Detention Camp. Yesterday there were already 40 there and problems of disposal have already begun. It is

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a police and refugee problem, and it is already apparent that very many for example come from Zone "B". Whatever happens to these they should not go back on the streets.

A proposal to start a new Vice Control Office for all three police forces is well under way and the suite of rooms has already been earmarked in which it is hoped to unify and co-ordinate all records and action.

The SCAO:

Things have been going very well in your division. You have been very active in the last few weeks, and are commended.

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There is nothing very much to report on Partisans. Applications are still coming in and being sorted out as usual. Owing to the peculiar nature of this Zone, the lines taken in Italy can not be entirely followed out here, which is why the partisan business is still going on in this Zone.

The SCAO:

What progress has been made with regard to the project for communal messes in Trieste?

Colonel ROBERTSON

Project "A" which was the one previously submitted to you, involving erection of a new building, has been dropped for the time being, but Project "B" contemplated

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There is nothing very much to report on Partisans. Applications are still coming in and being sorted out as usual. Owing to the peculiar nature of this Zone, the lines taken in Italy can not be entirely followed out here, which is why the partisan business is still going on in this Zone.

The SCAG:

What progress has been made with regard to the project for communal messes in Trieste?

Colonel ROBERTSON

Project "A" which was the one previously submitted to you, involving erection of a new building, has been dropped for the time being, but Project "B" contemplated the use of an existing building is being implemented. If it is successful, we hope to get it going in a few months time, and it will feed up to 2,000 people.

Lt. Col. MAVIS

Gorizia Area is trying to get 50 beds for hospitals to replace those borrowed from the Army.

Major KELLEY

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The Italian Ministry of Post-War Assistance might help in the matter of beds and bedding.

Lt. Col. MOYNACH

They have been approached. There are a lot of beds in Pola "tagged" as War Booty. Permission to use them in Pola hospital has been asked from GHQ and refused.

EDUCATION (Captain Simoni)

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These incidents are part of an organized effort on the part of PMOO to disrupt Allied Military Government education activities in the Territory. Similar incidents have occurred at Ronchi, Monrupino, Duino, Prosecco, Trebiciano, Quisica and Canale.

Each case is handled individually and according to its particular characteristics.

The Education Officer is perhaps the most persistent writer of strong letters asking for the de-requisitioning of buildings occupied by the military. The situation regarding school buildings is critical and may be summed up as follows:

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Is there any policy in employment of blind teachers?

Captain SIMONI

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Colonel ROBERTSON.

A request has been received from the Area President for transport for poor students desiring to attend Padua University. Some method should be found to get them permission to ride on military transport or the railroad.

Captain SIMONI.

At the meeting of the school directors they have unanimously asked for permission to ride in military vehicles to reach some schools. Some directors have 16 - 17 schools to inspect. In Gorizia Area, particularly, there is a special need.

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Education side because minorities in various communes are not accepting our teachers. It is planned that a civil affairs officer will accompany teachers to see what the reaction is. On last Saturday morning, Captains Simoni and Coker visited Santa Croce in this way. Captain Simoni will report on their experience.

An application has been received for an increase in the size of the Area Council, which the members now think inadequate for the work to be done.

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Opening ceremonies for the new School Year are taking place in various churches today, 14 October 1946.

The S.C.A.O.

Do you really think 25,000 people will leave Pola?

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Area Commissioner:

I think they will.

PUBLIC SAFETY: (Lt. Col. Richardson)

V.G. Police: On 15 October all uniform police throughout the Territory will change into winter clothing.

The manufacturers have now received sufficient material to complete 2,000 suits, and the remainder of the cloth is expected any day. 500 suits have already been delivered, but it is intended to await the full delivery before any of the new uniforms are used, as one size is made and delivered at a time. Friday a representative left for Milan to bring back samples and quotations for the new police helmet.

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Prostitution. During the fortnight 708 women have been checked and 46 found suffering from VD. 35 prostitutes were deported from the Territory as undesirables.

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Civil Prisons. As of midnight Friday, 11 October, the prison population of the Territory was 1033, a decrease of 140 in the fortnight.

The S.C.A.O.

Are there any further developments regarding the devices of one-way streets, "boulevard stops" and limited parking areas in connection with your traffic drive?

Col. Richardson.

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The S.C.A.O.

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ORDERS.

- N° 197 - Basis of calculation of travelling expenses of State employees.
- N° 208 - Declaration of urgent public benefit and utility construction of public circuit road, Commune of Trieste.
- N° 211 - Provisions concerning the granting of an additional commission to tax collectors and "Ricevitori Provinciali" charged with the collection of direct taxes.
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.

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- N° 63 - Constitution of "Consorzio di Bonifica delle Noghere".
- N° 65 - Temporary Appointment of Judicial Clerks.
- N° 68 - Temporary Appointment of Dr. Guido Baissero as "Pretore" of Cormons.

NOTICES.

- N° 17 - Change in designation of headquarters from "13 Corps" to "Venezia Giulia".

GAZETTE. Publication of Orders is now completely up to date. With the publication of the October 15 Issue there will remain unpublished only those Orders signed since October 7, 1946, a total of 6.

ECONOMICS. (Major Cooper)

There is a shortage of railway wagons resulting in a shortage of fuel wood in Trieste, Monfalcone and Grado. The Chief Economics Officer has held a meeting with Supply Officers of Gorizia, Udine and Trieste and one or two timber merchants and the situation is now

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N° 63 - Constitution of "Consorzio di Bonifica delle Noghere".

N° 65 - Temporary Appointment of Judicial Clerks.

N° 68 - Temporary Appointment of Dr. Guido Baissero as "Pretore" of Cormons.

NOTICES.

N° 17 - Change in designation of headquarters from "13 Corps" to "Venezia Giulia".

GAZETTE. Publication of Orders is now completely up to date. With the publication of the October 15 Issue there will remain unpublished only those Orders signed since October 7, 1946, a total of 6.

ECONOMICS. (Major Cooper)

There is a shortage of railway wagons resulting in a shortage of fuel wood in Trieste, Monfalcone and Grado. The Chief Economics Officer has held a meeting with Supply Officers of Gorizia, Udine and Trieste and one or two timber merchants and the situation is now likely to improve. Transportation Division is trying to find trucks for this purpose.

Meanwhile, all divisions of the Economic Section have been asked to review their organic transport and to loan as much transport as they can to Labor and Public Works, to release Transportation Division vehicles for wood haulage. Each division will allot the use of their regular transport $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 day or more per week to these

two divisions. Major Hanny will divide the transport between Public Works and Labor. Divisions will notify him of the times they can spare any transport.

A meeting has been scheduled for early this week, possibly tomorrow, between our Economics Section and Economic Section, Allied Commission. It is intended to discuss economic problems of Venezia Giulia and Italy generally and particularly to see if we can find a way to provide a greater measure of freedom of operations for Trieste and Venezia Giulia firms who are attempting to rehabilitate themselves by their own efforts.

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There is a serious epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease due to illegal importation of cattle. Police measures are being taken. Rabies is causing concern. Dog catchers are handicapped by the large number of dogs owned by military people. The military authorities have been asked to help.

WELFARE. (Major Kellett)

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PARTISANS. (Major Bodvan-Griffith).

In the past week I have had six complaints of blocked furniture or forced auction sales from refugees from Zone "B". The first notification received by this Division about an order affecting partisans was when it appeared in the Gazette. Prior notification would have been of assistance.

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The S.C.A.O.

Any order being published should be sent around to every division concerned first for approval before being submitted to the S.C.A.O.

EDUCATION. (Captain Simoni)

The elementary schools of the Territory open today with inauguration ceremonies. Classes begin tomorrow.

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- (a) Santa Croce wants an Allied Military Government school. The people realize that it is a necessity, but their fear of breaking PNOO directives was evident.

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(b) The strongest request was that the teachers who taught there last year be reassigned. We agreed. These teachers will sign our pledge.

(c) Pictures of Tito and flags will come down from each classroom.

(d) Allied Military Government texts and programs of study will be used. Children will take examinations within three months rather than now.

(e) Infringement of this agreement will immediately place the school on the non-accredited list and cause withdrawal of all privileges.

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facts constituting conspiracy in which case I'll be glad to have them arrested.

ELECTORAL ROLLS. (Captain Pert)

Work has been discontinued on Electoral Rols.

PUBLIC RELATIONS. (Major Mahoney)

Since the last Conference, 20 notices and news items have been passed to the News Division of AIS for publication in the local press and for the radio.

British correspondents in the area now number only 5. However, 14 American correspondents and 6 others have been announced in the area, largely attracted by General Lee's visit. Among them is Mr. Michael Stern, President of the American Press Association in Italy.

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division.

The S.C.A.O.

Special divisions will send everybody back unless they have written authority or are personally escorted by a Public Relations officer.

A.I.S. (Lt. Col. Street).

May the news of the opening of schools and the publication of text books in Italian and Slovene referred to by the Education Officer be released by Public Relations Office and copies of these text books be made available to correspondents? They would create great interest.

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The newspaper can, by doing this, cause very serious trouble in the enforcement of our orders.

Major Salway.

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