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AMASSING PROGRAM, ITALY
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1	Ltr ES/10 MacFarlane	17 Apr 44	Badoglio	Amassing plans & legislation must be hastened. We are concerned
2	Cbl M174 FISM	25 Apr 44	AFHQ	Again impressed Badoglio this morning with urgency of amassing
3	Ltr CC/P/261 FISM	3 May 44	Spofford AFHQ	Ital Govt have been coaxed into setting up amassing legislation
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7	Matera plan	3 Jun 44		Matera plan for amassing
8	Ltr D2G/566 Moorehead	8 Jun 44	Robertson	Pls help with transport for ACC amassing program
9	Ltr 5001/5/CAO Robertson	14 Jun 44	MacFarlane	Am puzzled by Moorehead's letter
10	Ltr CC/P/398 FISM	19 Jun 44	Robertson	Have no idea why Moorehead wrote you
11	Ltr 203/CA Lush	7 Jul 44	A/CC	Inducement scheme for grain collection
12	Ltr Zellars	27 Jul 44	A/CC	Success of amassing in Reg. 2
13	Ltr Lush	1 Aug 44	Re AMI	Encl is rpt of Foggia amassing. Tnx for help with Ital military
14	Ltr Bonomi	2 Aug 44	Stone	POL for amassing program
15	Ltr Bonomi	3 Aug 44	Stone	POL needed for amassing
16	Ltr ES/12 Econ Sec	8 Aug 44	A/CC	Difficulties of getting POL to Ital Govt for amassing
17	Ltr ES/12 Econ Sec	16 Aug 44	A/CC	POL for threshing machines - difficulties
18	Ltr 400 Stone	12 Aug 44	Bonomi	POL for amassing. We are doing all we possibly can to help

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INFO ECONOMICS SECTION AMG 13 CORPS FOR BOWMAN

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Estimated wheat production is Trieste 5800 tons, Gorizia 5400 tons, Pola 600 making total production 11800 tons. Have amassed Trieste 3073, Gorizia 724, Pola 191 tons and 5 QLS. Total amassed 3988 tons and 5 quintals. Legal retentions to date Trieste 544 tons, Gorizia 590 tons, Pola 130 tons. Illegal retentions to date Trieste 200 tons, Gorizia 280, Pola 36 tons. Small producers not denounced or with all wheat consumed by family uses totals 6031 tons 5 quintals.

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS WHEAT SUPPLY MIGNANO REFER YOUR SIGNAL FOX SIX SEVEN THREE NINE FOUR DATED JUNE EIGHT PD

PARA TWO PD UERRA REGIONAL INSPECTOR REPORTS MIGNANO FAILED TO COMPLY WITH EMERGENCY AMBASSING DECREE CMA HENCE WAS ALLOCATED NO WHEAT FROM PROVINCIAL SUPPLIES WHICH ARE SUFFICIENT TO LAST UNTIL JUNE ONE SIX PD CONDITION HAS BEEN CORRECTED BY PREFECT OF PROVINCE PD.

PARA THREE PD NO OTHER REPORTS OF SIMILAR SITUATION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BUT THEY MAY BE EXPECTED IN LOCALITIES WHERE DECREE IS INTERPRETED LITERALLY PD.

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Copies for INFO: Economic Sect.

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EMERGENCY WHEAT AMASSING PROGRAM*Wheat and other Cereals amassed during
period 1 May-7 June 1946

<u>Provinces Reporting</u>	<u>Target Figures</u> qls.	<u>Amassed 1 May-7 June inclusive</u> qls.	<u>Percentage of target attained</u>
Alessandria			
Aosta	18,000	15,013.82	83.4
Asti	2,000	1,055.74	53.0
Cuneo	9,000	4,567.42	50.7
Novara	16,000	9,527.00	60.2
Torino	2,000	4,692.58	234.6
Vercelli	9,000	9,174.17	101.5
	3,000	3,723.00	124.3
Piemonte	59,000	47,823.73	81.1
Genova			
Imperia	800	890.00	111.2
La Spezia	100	128.33	128.8
Savona	800	645.00	80.6
	1,000	775.43	77.6
Liguria	2,700	2,440.26	90.4
Bergamo			
Brescia	6,000	6,068.72	101.1
Como	12,000	12,081.52	100.7
Cremona	1,200	239.41	20.0
Mantova	10,000	12,370.78	123.3
Milano	14,000	8,428.00	60.2
Pavia	13,000	6,663.55	51.3
Sondrio	16,000	8,553.00	53.5
Varese	200	395.63	147.8
	1,000	1,662.00	166.2
Lombardia	73,400	56,322.61	76.7
Bolzano	800	737.93	92.2

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Torino	2,000	4,000.00	23.0
Vercelli	9,000	9,171.17	101.5
	3,000	3,723.00	124.3
Piemonte	59,000	47,823.73	81.1
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Bolzano	800	737.93	92.2
Trento	800	298.97	37.4
Venezia T.	1,600	1,036.90	64.8
Belluno	300	456.00	152.0
Padova	18,000	5,631.45	31.3
Rovigo	13,000	7,624.35	58.6
Treviso	12,000	6,236.23	52.4
Udine	10,000	1,797.96	18.0
Venezia	10,000	8,177.39	82.0
Verona	15,000	10,600.00	70.7
Vicenza	10,000	4,818.69	48.2
Veneto	88,300	45,392.07	51.4
Trieste	400	-	-
Venezia G.	400	-	-
Bologna	18,000	9,579.00	53.2
Ferrara	18,000	11,535.66	64.1
Forli'	10,000	11,729.00	117.3

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Percentage
of target
attained

Amassed
1 May-7 June
inclusive

Target
Figures

Provinces
Reporting

qls.

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Modena
Parma
Piacenza
Ravenna
Reggio Emilia

18,000
13,000
13,000
14,000
14,000

14,783.00
15,986.00
5,157.00
11,270.00
10,046.00

82.1
123.0
40.0
80.5
71.8

Emilia

118,000

90,125.66

76.4

Apuania

500

141.53

28.3

Arezzo

12,000

5,715.57

47.6

Tirone

15,000

9,768.40

65.1

Grosseto

7,000

6,550.66

93.6

Livorno

2,000

2,437.89

121.9

Lucca

2,000

291.59

14.6

Pisa

9,000

3,998.00

44.4

Pistoia

2,000

666.50

33.3

Siena

11,000

13,282.95

120.8

Toscana

60,500

42,053.09

70.8

Ancona

14,000

6,335.59

45.3

Ascoli Piceno

14,000

3,625.76

25.9

Macerata

15,000

6,276.95

41.8

Pesaro Urbino

15,000

3,579.56

23.9

Marche

58,000

19,817.86

34.2

Perugia

22,000

13,166.34

59.8

Torino

5,000

3,050.50

61.0

Umbria

27,000

16,216.84

60.1

Frosinone

3,000

260.68

8.7

Littoria

2,000

185.82

9.3

Rieti

4,500

1,741.00 (1)

38.7

Roma

9,000

3,420.50

33.6

Firenze	15,000	5,763.40	93.1
Grosseto	7,000	6,550.66	93.6
Livorno	2,000	2,437.89	121.9
Lucca	2,000	291.59	14.6
Pisa	9,000	3,998.00	44.4
Pistoia	2,000	666.50	33.3
Siena	11,000	13,282.95	120.8
Toscana	60,500	42,053.09	70.8
Ancona	14,000	6,335.59	45.3
Ascoli Piceno	14,000	5,625.76	25.9
Macerata	15,000	6,276.95	41.8
Pesaro Urbino	15,000	3,579.56	23.9
Marche	58,000	19,817.86	34.2
Perugia	22,000	13,166.34	59.8
Torino	5,000	3,050.50	61.0
Umbria	27,000	16,216.84	50.1
Frosinone	3,000	260.68	8.7
Littoria	2,000	185.82	9.3
Rieti	4,500	1,741.00 (1)	38.7
Roma	9,000	3,120.59	34.7
Viterbo	9,000	4,097.01	45.5
Lazio	27,500	9,405.10	34.2
Campobasso	12,000	2,322.00	19.3
Chieti	8,500	952.97	11.2
L'Aquila	6,000	1,124.67	18.7
Pescara	4,000	511.98	12.8
Teramo	6,500	1,556.12	23.9
Abruzzi & Molise	37,000	6,467.74	17.5
Avellino	7,000	2,150.60	30.7
Benevento	6,500	3,411.34	52.5
Napoli	6,000	1,944.44	32.4
Salerno	8,000	3,248.66	40.6
Caserta	-	326.79	-
Campania	27,500	11,081.83	40.3

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<u>Provinces Reporting</u>	<u>Target Figures</u>	<u>Assessed 1 May-7 June inclusive</u>	<u>Percentage of target attained</u>
	qls.	qls.	
Bari	3,000	1,609.60	53.7
Brindisi	500	555.33	113.1
Foggia	10,000	5,892.24	58.9
Lecco	1,200	1,635.71	136.4
Taranto	1,500	565.60	37.7
Puglio	16,200	10,269.51	63.4
Matera	6,000	683.97	11.5
Potenza	8,000	2,000.00	25.0
Lucania	14,000	2,680.97	19.2
Catanzaro	6,000	3,657.00	60.9
Cosenza	5,500	2,344.52	42.6
Roggio Calabria	1,500	263.73	17.6
Calabria	13,000	6,265.25	48.2
Agrianto	9,000	370.96	4.1
Caltanissetta	9,000	436.26	4.9
Catania	5,000	1,097.07	37.9
Enna	5,000	926.87	18.5
Mossina	1,500	137.60	9.2
Palermo	8,000	986.32	12.3
Ragusa	3,000	763.42	25.4
Siracusa	3,000	3,573.99	119.1
Trapani	6,000	480.78	8.0
Sicilia	49,500	9,575.27	19.3
Cagliari	6,000	2,216.00	36.9
Nuoro	2,000	463.00	23.1
Sassari	4,000	771.00	19.3
Sardogna	12,000	3,450.00	28.7

Catanzaro	6,000	3,657.00	60.9
Cosenza	5,500	2,341.52	42.6
Reggio Calabria	1,500	263.73	17.6
Calabria	13,000	6,265.25	48.2
Agrirento	9,000	370.96	4.1
Caltanissetta	9,000	438.26	4.9
Catania	5,000	1,097.07	37.9
Enna	5,000	926.87	18.5
Messina	1,500	137.60	9.2
Palermo	8,000	986.32	12.3
Ragusa	3,000	763.42	25.4
Siracusa	3,000	3,573.99	119.1
Trapani	6,000	480.78	8.0
Sicilia	49,500	9,575.27	19.3
Cagliari	6,000	2,216.00	36.9
Nuoro	2,000	463.00	23.1
Sassari	4,000	771.00	19.3
Sardogna	12,000	3,450.00	28.7
Total	685,600	381,232.69	55.6

* On the basis of information supplied by UFGSA.

(1) Figure amended.

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EMERGENCY RICE AMASSING PROGRAM

1 May-7 June 1946

<u>Provinces Reporting</u>	<u>Amassed During April</u>	<u>Amassed 1 May-7 June</u>
	qls.	qls.
Vercelli	103,489	98,759
Pavia	60,711	48,419
Novara	27,289	11,019
Milano	11,234	7,177
Other Provinces	<u>1,587</u>	<u>2,232</u>
Total	209,310	167,606

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Milano	11,234	7,177	
Other Provinces	<u>1,587</u>	<u>2,232</u>	
Total	209,310	167,606	

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HQ AMG 13 CORPS AGRICULTURE DIVISION SIGNED WELL FOR BOWMAN
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Wheat embargo to date Trieste Area 7706, Gorizia are 4172, Pola Area 220.
Total 12098 quintals.

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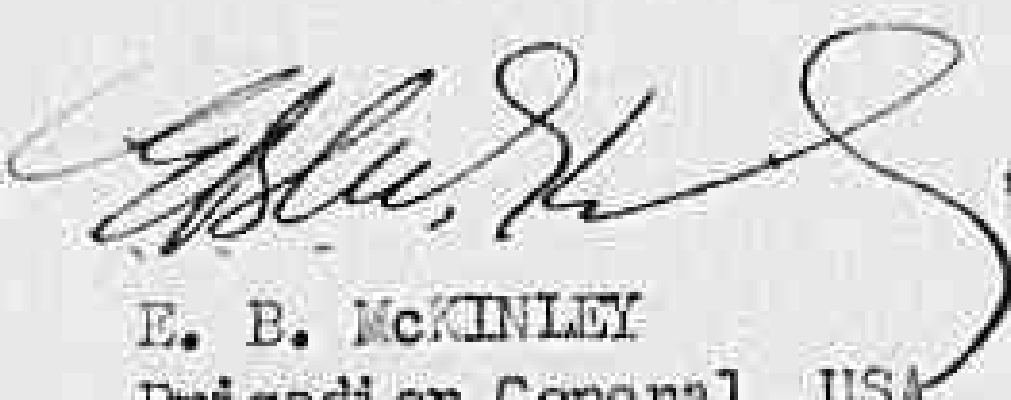
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MINUTE #1

SUBJECT: Proposed New Italian Ammassi Plans

TO : Chief Commissioner

Attached in accordance with your request at a recent Vice President's meeting is information relative to Italian Government thinking on future wheat amassing.



E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

21 Sept. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ECONOMIC SECTION

SEP 22 1945
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AGR/861

21 September 1945

SUBJECT: New Italian Ammassi Plans

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. There have been considerable press comments about a revision in the present "ammassi." The proposed changes reflect the views of Undersecretary Segni of the Ministry of Agriculture, who has indicated more originality of thought and over-all interest in the crop collection work than any of the other officials.

2. The basic feature of the new scheme is to allocate to the compartments, provinces and communes a proportionate share of the quantities of cereals amassed during the past two or three years when the total collection has been low. During that time production has fluctuated but the quantity collected was appreciably lower than when the ammassi was at its peak. The allocation of goals to the communes would, therefore, provide for the collection of as much wheat as is now being collected by the present laws - but any additional production would be at the disposal of the farmer.

3. Since wheat which does not move through controlled channels brings the farmer a very much higher price, Segni feels that the opportunity to produce and sell such additional quantities as could be produced would provide an incentive to the farmer, the net result being a considerably increased total production in Italy. (It has been pointed out that to make this scheme workable it would be necessary to provide the farmer with fertilizer and equipment with which to increase his production.)

23- 4. Undersecretary Segni further contends that, unless some such scheme is proposed and accepted before the fall planting season, the farmers will devote more acreage to uncontrolled crops which will bring a greater per hectare return. He therefore proposes to give the matter fullest consideration prior to the fall planting season, since the present controlled price of wheat is so unsatisfactory to the farmers.

5. This scheme was proposed last spring, to permit some incentive factor in the crop collection program, but was abandoned since justification for the import program took into account control of all

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wheat in Italy. Since wheat is no longer "controlled," the proposal seems to warrant consideration. Segni contends that as much wheat would be collected as at present, and more would be produced - with the collection targets established to provide a 300-gram issue from domestic and imported wheat.

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Agriculture Sub-Commission



E. B. MCKINLEY
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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

SEP 7 MCL

Ref. AGR/861

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Amassing of Wheat

TO : Regional Commissioner - Lombardia Region
Regional Commissioner - Piemonte Region
Regional Commissioner - Venezia Region
Regional Commissioner - Liguria Region
S.C.A.O. Venezia Giulia (for info)

1. The North is considered as self-sufficient in respect to grain; therefore, once again the extreme urgency of putting all possible emphasis on the amassing program is being brought to your attention.

2. It is embarrassing to note that the 3 September 1945 Wheat Amassing Report (copy inclosed) shows that the average collection to that date for all AMG territory is 33% as compared to an average of 55% in Central, Southern and Insular Italy.

3. The provinces of Alessandria, Cuneo and Torino of Piemonte; Como, Milano and Varese of Lombardia; and Bolzano, Belluno, Treviso and Verona of Venezia, are especially low in collections to date. The Chief Commissioner desires that these provinces be given special attention during the balance of AMG occupation. Please review the discrepancies between AMG and UNSEA production estimates with a view to their reconciliation. A report is desired on the action taken to reduce the inconsistent variations with regard to amounts collected to date which exist between provinces.

4. A strong justification based on exceptional circumstances will be necessary before any authorization will be given for the transfer of wheat into areas where requirements are amassable but where amassing has failed. The present rate of imports does not provide wheat for areas deemed self-sufficient.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

(Signed)
E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

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Wheat Amassing Report
3 September 1945

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Ref. AGR/861

5 September 1945

Dear Avv. Gullo:

Our latest figures on amassing show that total collections on 3 September 1945 represent 50% of the amassable wheat in all of Italy. It was our understanding that the 50% collection figure is usually arrived at by the middle of August; hence, this indicates that the amassing program is not progressing at the normal rate.

The import tonnage of wheat has been based upon successful amassing, therefore, if the Italian rations are to be maintained it is essential that a full amassing job be done by the responsible agencies. I have again enjoined regional officers to intensify their work on amassing.

Piemonte Region has issued Regional Order No. 9 which restricts the sale of fertilizers to only those persons who have filled out the denuncia form and have delivered to the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari all of the portion of their crops to be amassed for Granai del Popolo. It is suggested that similar steps might be taken in Central, Southern and Insular Italy.

It is hoped that you will increase your efforts for a full amassing job, since it is questionable whether any wheat should be sent to areas where there is a deficit in amassing.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON

Col. B. McKINLEY

Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Chief of Supply Division
Acting Vice President

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Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
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Avv. Fausto Gullo
Minister of Agriculture
Rome

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AMG 13 CORPS AGRICULTURE

HQ ALCON AGRICULTURE SUB COMMISSION

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Confirm wheat amasso target goal total of ten thousand quintals for VENEZIA GIULIA. Breakdown should be five thousand each for GORIZIA and TRIESTE. Your signal mentions ISTRIA but our area gets nothing there. Signed WEIL.

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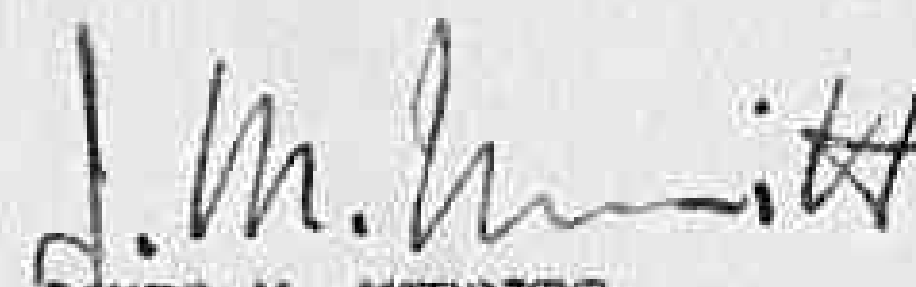
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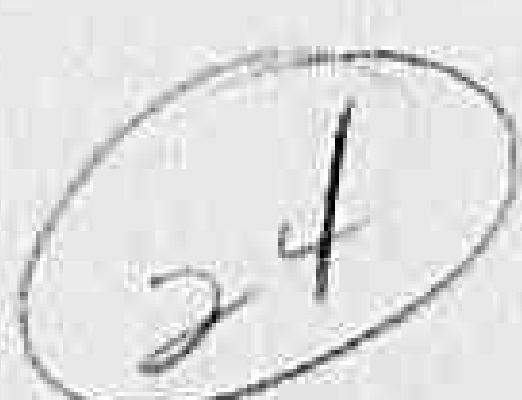
SUBJECT: Food for the North

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 4825/SC of 15 August 1945, subject as above.
2. Attached is copy of signal 3906 which was dispatched on 19 August in compliance with request contained in paragraph 3 of your letter.

Enclosure:
As above
JAMES M. MERRITT
DirectorDistribution:
Chief Commissioner
Economic Section,
Attn: Col. Denmore

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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

Signal 3906, 19 August 1945, sent to Regional Commissioners of Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardia and Venezia Regions; Office of Representative of Chief Commissioner, AC, Milan; and SOAO Venezia Giulia for information:

Subject is progress of wheat collection.

1. Wholly inconsistent variations exist between provinces. The Executive Commissioner points out that the complete dependence of Northern Regions upon domestic production of wheat necessitates your prompt and vigorous action to bring the situation reported in Alessandria, Cuneo, Turino, Genoa, Como, Mantova, Padova, Treviso, Vicenza and like provinces in line with provinces such as Vercelli, Cremona, Rovigo and Venezia.
2. Considerable discrepancies between AMG and UNSEA reports are noted. UPSEA and Consorzi Agrari reports to their headquarters must be reconciled with your data.
3. Any reduction in the estimated production must be carefully reviewed since deliveries indicate that original estimates may have been 19% low in Bologna, 24% low in Ferrara and 13% low in Ravenna. Ault will proceed without delay to provinces indicated to verify production.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

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FOR ACTION AMO PIEMONTE REGION, AMO LIGURIA REGION, AMO LOMBARDIA REGION, AMO
VENETIA REGION, OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER, AG, MILAN RPTD SCAG
VENETIA GIULIA

3906

19 August 1945

ROUTINE

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SUBJECT IS PROGRESS OF WHEAT COLLECTION PD

PARA ONE PD WHOLLY INCONSISTENT VARIATIONS EXIST BETWEEN PROVINCES PD THE EXECUTIVE
COMMISSIONER POINTS OUT THAT THE COMPLETE DEPENDENCE OF NORTHERN REGIONS UPON DOMESTIC
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PARA TWO PD CONSIDERABLE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN AMO AND UNSEA REPORTS ARE NOTED PD UPSEA
AND CONSORZI AGRARI REPORTS TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS MUST BE RECONCILED WITH YOUR DATA PD
PARA THREE PD ANY REDUCTION IN THE ESTIMATED PRODUCTION MUST BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED SINCE
DELIVERIES INDICATE THAT ORIGINAL ESTIMATES MAY HAVE BEEN ONE NINE PERCENT LOW IN BOLOGNA
CMA TWO FOUR PERCENT LOW IN FERRARA AND ONE THREE PERCENT LOW IN RAVENNA PD ANHE WILL
PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO PROVINCES INDICATED TO VERIFY PRODUCTION PD

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

Agriculture Sub-Commission

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JAMES H. MERRITT
Director

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AUG 18 1945

Ref: 4825/EC

15 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Food for the North.

TO : Economic Section.
Attn: Colonel Deansmore.

1. Since the VP's meeting this morning Colonel Legg has been to see me and spoke about the food situation in the North. As you know we are relying on the amasai in the North for the feeding of the northern Regions. From his point of view LIGURIA will have to be looked after as is customary for they are not an amassing Region. EMILIA and VENEZIA are doing well, LOMBARDIA not too badly, but PIEMONTE is very much behind, to such an extent that if we continue the policy of "no amasai, no food" then TURIN will be without flour on about September 5th.

2. My own opinion is that we should continue this policy and every effort, therefore, must be made to step up the PIEMONTE amasai production.

3. I think that a telegram should be sent to the Northern Regions pointing out their dependence on the amasai for food, with particular reference to PIEMONTE, and instructing the Regional Commissioners to get on with it.

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MSL/JG.

See 24 NSC
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner

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Sir:

Col Densmore sends
these statistics to you.

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Noted by CC

[Signature]

13 August 1945

WHEAT AMASSING IN ITALY

1945 HARVEST
in Qtls.

Region	Wheat on Hand at 6 Aug.	Collected during Week (6-13 Aug.)	Collected at latest Report	Average Dates of Reports
	I	II	I + II	
Piemonte	49,371	-	49,371	31/7
Liguria	-	262	262	1/8
Lombardia	222,079	231,298	453,317	31/7
Veneto	311,387	143,358	454,745	4/8
Emilia	1,060,181	191,400	1,251,561	4/8
NORTH ITALY	1,642,938	566,258	2,209,256	
Toscana	192,357	108,770	301,127	2/8
Marche	686,863	23,785	710,648	31/7
Umbria	250,229	91,160	341,389	31/7
Lazio	164,193	22,427	186,620	2/8
CENTRAL ITALY	1,293,642	246,142	1,539,784	
Abruzzi	136,438	26,380	162,818	4/8
Campania	5,441	9,938	15,379	2/8
Puglia	119,275	29,295	148,570	7/8
Lucania	46,228	-	46,228	31/7
Calabria	23,316	7,032	30,348	5/8
SOUTHERN ITALY	340,398	72,645	413,043	
Sicilia	36,487	6,398	42,885	3/8
Sardegna	3,404	2,295	5,699	31/7
INSULAR ITALY	40,891	8,693	49,584	
CENTRAL, SOUTH- ERN & INSULAR ITALY	1,679,431	337,480	2,006,911	
ALL ITALY	3,922,429	904,733	4,216,167	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. The Agriculture Sub-Commission on 6 March 1945 prepared for Food Sub-Commission an estimate of the 1945 wheat production together with wheat used for family consumption and seed purposes and the amassable quantity of wheat for the Mainland of Italy, Sicily, Sardegna and Northern Italy. The data for the area south of the Pisa-Rimini line was based on data supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture, and as regards the remainder of Italy on the basis of available historical figures.

2. For the 15 June 1945 Crop Report the amassable quantities of wheat were revised on the basis of supplementary data and more accurate information secured, and these figures were further revised for the 15 July 1945 Report on the basis of better information secured.

3. The Agriculture Sub-Commission has drawn up wheat amassing targets for Northern Italy on the basis of production figures, supplied by the Northern Agriculture Officers, less legal retentions. However, in certain cases it has been found that the Sub-Commission's goals differ greatly from the targets established by the Agriculture Officers, the basis of which is being investigated. Consequently the Regional Agriculture Officers have been asked to check this Sub-Commission's goals and to correct or confirm them.

4. Target figures for territory under Italian Administration were found to be so out of line with existing production figures that the Agriculture Sub-Commission were obliged to ask the Ministry of Agriculture to wire to each Provincial Inspector of Agriculture, asking him to check goals already indicated and communicate targets after a minute calculation.

5. Under the circumstances it will not be possible to have a complete picture of the wheat amassing goals for AMG-Italian Government territory for another week or so.

6. It is believed advisable to wait for complete and more accurate data before drawing up a statement on wheat amassing goals, rather than prepare one on the basis of the discordant figures on hand, and which would have to be revised frequently, as occurred last year when target figures were set up on the basis of not too reliable data supplied by Italian officials.

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7. In the meantime, regular weekly amassing reports will be drawn up for the Tuesday afternoon meeting, giving amount amassed each week and total amount amassed, by compartments. As soon as targets have been fixed, these will be given together with the percentage of said goal represented by the total quantity amassed.

L. D. Gensimon Col F.N.

for

E B McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

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AMG LOMBARDIA REGION ACPOD ADV FOR POLETTI SIGNED IMRIE
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Considered that one reason for slowness of amassing in North ITALY which is giving rise to grave concern is clause in General order 40 fixing August 31 as final date for declaration of crop. Recommend action be taken with agriculture to bring forward date to not later than August 15

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A/CC 400

12 August 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

This is in reply to your two letters, August 2nd and 3rd, relative to ~~machines~~ for agricultural purposes. Petrol supplies for civilian uses in the forward Provinces present one of the most difficult problems facing representatives of the Commission, due mainly to the destruction of transportation lines and transport.

An allocation of petroleum products for all purposes including agriculture has been made to Ascoli Province and every endeavor is being made to deliver it there in spite of transportation difficulties.

Your letter of August 3rd referred to the supply of petroleum products for all agricultural regions. The Commission is cognizant of the situation and our representatives are putting forth every effort to assist with the harvest and amassing. Allocations of petroleum products are being made to the fullest extent that same can be made available. It would appear that some of the petrol is being used for non-essential purposes.

I agree with you that the harvest and the amassing is at this time one of the most important matters facing your government and the Commission. We will continue to do everything that is possible for us to do. In the final analysis, however, the success of the matter rests with your Government and the Italian people.

Excellent work on the amassing problem has been done by your Minister of Agriculture and others. The Minister's trips into the Provinces, his speeches and his interest are having a good effect and I hope that similar activities can be extended in this and other fields by members of your government who can thereby get into touch with the responsible Italian Provincial officials personally as well as with a wider public.

Again I want to assure you that we here in the Commission will do everything we can to help.

Yours very truly,

Hq. A.C.C. Secy Gen.

DISPATCHED

Date: Time:

Via:

Initials:

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

MILVY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Economic Section

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12 Aug

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APO 394

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HQ ACC, APO 394
538 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 11 Aug 1944
By PKK.
10 August 1944

ES/12

A 2141
13 AUG 1944

SUBJECT: POL for Threshing Machines.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

Memorandum

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1. Reference is your memorandum on above subject dated 9 AUG 44.
2. As pointed out in our ES/12 of 8 AUG 44, allocations are based on demands from the local ACC officers and the Italian Government and are checked against information available at HQ of previous issues of the Italian and German Governments.
3. Great care and trouble is taken by this HQ and by the Petroleum Section AFHQ in the making of allotments and getting the fuel to its destination.
4. It would seem that the Italian people and their Government are not sufficiently aware of the following facts:-
 - a. All POL has to be imported by the Allies.
 - b. There is a shortage of POL for the Allied Armies as well as for the Italian people.
 - c. There are grave difficulties of transportation.
5. At the present time the bulk of Petroleum products must come in at Bari and Naples and have to be transported thence by best available means to the forward areas. This long haul has strained transportation activities to the limit as not only has new transportation to be found for forward areas, but transportation has had to be withdrawn from the rear areas. Rail tank cars are taking much longer to make the round trip and the available containers in which most of the agricultural petroleum has to be packed are also in short supply.
6. New ports on both the East and West coasts are expected to be available for petroleum in the very near future and will materially assist by making available petroleum products further North. But, there will still

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be a problem of transportation from these ports to the many and often inaccessible inland areas where petroleum for agricultural purposes is required.

7. Everything is being, and will continue to be done, to treat sympathetically the requirements of petroleum for agricultural purposes and, to get the petroleum distributed.


A.G. ANTOLINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

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Rec'd 8 Aug 1944

By LRR
8 Aug 44.

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SUBJECT: POL for Threshing Machines.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ A.C.C.

Memo

A 2167
13 AUG 1944

Reference your A/C 400 dated 2 Aug 44.

1. Petrol Supplies for civilian uses in the forward provinces presents one of the most difficult problems facing representatives of this Headquarters due mainly to the destruction of transportation lines and transport by enemy demolition.

2. An allocation of petroleum products for all purposes including agriculture has been made to Ascoli Province and every endeavor is being made to get it there in spite of transportation difficulties.

3. Allocations are based on demands from the local A.C.C. officers and are checked against information available at HQ of previous issues of the Italian and German governments. We must, however, point out that the physical difficulty of getting the allocated quantities to their destination is at the present time straining the available transportation services to the limit.

Antolini
A. G. ANTOLINI,
Executive Director,
Economic Section.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT

OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

N. 2099

HQ 455, APO 394

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Rec'd 5 Aug 1944

By CRB

Rome, 3rd August 1944.

Dear Captain Stone,

After informing you yesterday of the necessity of providing the province of Ascoli Piceno with agricultural fuel, I want you now to note, considering other informations which have reached me, that the fuel question has assumed a much more general character, because the lack of it has been strongly felt in most agricultural regions.

In the province of Campo Tasso, for instance, I have been told that the gathering of the wheat and the success of the granaries of the people were threatened by the lack of fuel.

Will you kindly have this problem examined under this new aspect, and let me know what can be done about it.

I remain, my dear Captain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

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CAPTAIN ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

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Roma, lì 3 agosto 1944

Caro Capitano Stone,

Urgentissima
HQ ACC, NY 374
397 Sec'y Gen.
REC 15 Aug 1940
By *DPK*

a seguito della mia segnalazione in data di ieri circa la necessità di rifornire di carburante agricolo la provincia di Ascoli Piceno, desidero farle presente, in base a nuove segnalazioni pervenutemi, che la questione del carburante agricolo riveste un carattere molto più generale, perché in quasi tutte le zone agricole ne è sentita fortemente la mancanza.

Anche nella provincia di Campobasso, ad esempio, mi viene riferito, il raccolto del grano ed il successo dei granai del popolo sono minacciati dalla mancanza del carburante.

La prego quindi, caro Capitano, di far esaminare il problema sotto questo nuovo aspetto e di favorirmi, cortesemente, notizie su quanto sarà possibile fare in proposito.

Cordiali saluti.-

Benito Mussolini

AL SIGNOR CAPITANO ELLERY W. STONE
FF. COMMISSARIO CAPO
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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ROMA

400 Aug 1944

TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HQ ACC. GPO 394
3533 y Gen.
Rec'd 2 Aug 1944
By DRR

Rome, August 2nd 1944

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3 AUG 1944

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have been informed that, not to lose the wheat crop of the Ascoli Piceno Region, it would be necessary immediately to allot to the said province 3,000 quintals of naphtha, needed for the functioning of the thrashing-machines.

An important part of this crop could be used for the alimentation of the capital, it being five times what is needed by the province.

Will you kindly ask the competent commands to provide the province of Ascoli with the necessary fuel supply.

I will be very grateful to you if you will let me know what has been done.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

Roma, lì 2 agosto 1944

HQ ACC. APO 394
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Rec'd 2 Aug 1944
By PRK

Caro Ammiraglio Stone,

A-1434
3 AUG 1944

mi viene fatto presente che per non perdere il raccolto del grano della zona di Ascoli Piceno, occorrerebbe che fossero subito assegnati a quella provincia 3500 quintali di nafta occorrenti per il funzionamento delle trebbie.

Buona parte di detto raccolto potrebbe essere utilizzato per l'alimentazione della Capitale, dato che esso é di cinque volte superiore al fabbisogno di quella provincia.

La prego quindi caldamente di intervenire presso i Comandi competenti perché possa essere assicurato il rifornimento di carburante necessario alla provincia di Ascoli.

Grato se potrà farmi avere qualche notizia in proposito.

Cordiali saluti.

M. Serravalle

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394

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Ref/199/301/CA.

1 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Assistance for Harvesting.

TO : HQ. AAI (Q).

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6 AUG 1944

1. Attached is copy of a report from the Provincial Commissioner FOGGIA.
2. We are very conscious of the assistance you have rendered in providing the Italian Army personnel for harvesting and as this report sets out the whole process of their employment very clearly it is thought that you might like to see a copy.
3. It is too early to have complete figures in the FOGGIA harvest but present indications are that it will be a record in the history of the Province.

M S L
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

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Re: 1 - NP/4107.

20 July 44.

SUBJECT : POGGIA HARVEST.

TO : HQ ACC (RC & MG Sec.)

FROM : ACC, POGGIA PROVINCE.

1. The following is a brief summary of the operation of Italian Military Harvesters in this Province :-
2. In past years the Italian Government organised the immigration of Harvest workers into this Province on a large scale. The total numbers imported each year varied from 18 - 25,000. In 1943 it was 19,000.
3. This year's Harvest prospects were good (calling for more work), and it was known that the Allied Forces were employing up to 10,000 Harvest labourers on the Airfields. It looked as if there would be a shortage of at least 25,000 Harvest labourers this year. If this shortage were not met the effect would be to drive illegal wages to a high level and to drain the Allied Military Forces of their labour.
4. It was considered that the best solution would be to import Italian soldiers as agricultural harvesters and this procedure was in due course approved by A.A.I. and A.C.C.
5. The intention was to import serving soldiers, but at the last minute it was laid down that Congedanti (Time-expired soldiers), who were waiting at SARDINIA for return to their homes, should be used in the first place. It was realised that these men might be unwilling workers and that desertions might take place. But this had to be accepted.
6. A.A.I. supplied a staff and equipment for a "Military Harvest Workers' Centre" in POGGIA to arrange dispersal to farms and the complete procedure was laid on whereby the soldiers would be sent to their work and supplied with the proper documents for pay and rations.
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7. It soon became obvious to civilian labour, farmers and political agitators in POGGIA that the arrival of the soldiers was depressing wage levels. Political resistance began to make itself felt. For fear of the political consequences, farmers were inclined to refuse soldiers. Accordingly, Provincial Orders were issued compelling Communes to accommodate and support soldiers before they went to work and compelling all farmers to accept a minimum of 1 soldier per 10 Hectares for a period of 30 days. These Orders had the desired effect. Farmers had an alibi to cover them from political criticism and the soldiers were steadily absorbed.

8. It is estimated that at least 50% of the soldiers were placed at work at their farms within 24 hours of their arrival and, (with a few minor exceptions), the remaining 40% within a day or two.

9. The presence of the soldiers had a most marked and immediate effect. Farmers, who, a few days before, had come to AGG to complain that workmen were demanding Lit. 200 and Lit. 300 per day for the harvest, returned to report that the same men had come back offering 60-work for the legal wage. It is believed that some 30% of the sol-

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diers had agricultural experience and generally speaking, the far era were well pleased with them. The D.A.P.L. of the Province reports that there has been practically no important drain on military labour so far during the Harvest.

10. The soldiers have done good work and their importation has been a marked success. The Italian Officers supplied by S.M.A.E. were first-class; they knew their jobs and got on with it.

11. The estimated requirements of soldiers was based on actual day to day figures for previous years. Normally, Harvest collection reaches a high peak at the end of July and the beginning of August, calling for a corresponding high peak in imported labour. This year ripening has not been accelerated by hot winds and progress has been much steadier. The peak in Harvest has not occurred, and the peak in labour requirements is also absent. Accordingly, it was possible to reduce the total requirements from 25,000 to 20,000 and to hold in reserve a 500 of 900 men at the Puglia Centre against emergencies. It can be said, therefore, that 95% of the soldiers actually imported found employment in the Province.

12. The problem of dispersal after Harvest work is proving complicated. This Headquarters understood that Harvest workers were to serve a fixed period and accordingly arranged for their concentration and dispersal in the order of arrival. This scheme had to be abandoned when A.A.I. ruled that all Congedanti should be kept to last. A new scheme has been prepared, however, and provided that rail transport can be made available the concentration and movement of the serving soldiers should proceed without hitch. If there is any delay in providing transport there may be some difficulty in feeding and accommodating a great mass of idle soldiers without camping and cooking equipment.

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Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.C.C. MOGLIA PROVINCE.

CWT/TCPM.

Col. Mansueti, a c c 1640, 27/7/44,

HQ ACC. AND
311 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 31 July 1945
By PRR

Dear Col.

1. Attached hereto is a Pasqualet picture of Grain position Region II, this date.

Please do me the favor to present it in person to the Chief Commission for his information.

2. I am now in person, to present of two things about

(a) There will be news from Region II with Grain collection a part of any ne, action

(b) There will be (12) on part of any group of intense.

27 July

Repts

Brig. Gen. M. J. Antoline

Encouraging news from Region II.

Pls return to Col. Mansueti
R. G. G.

Col. Manuscript, acc 144

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picture of Grain for
II, this date.

Please do me the
in person to the Chief
his information.

2. I am now insisting, in person
to person, to Profeta and the Staffs,
of two things chiefly:

(a) There will be no interference
with Grain collection and distribution on
part of anyone, active or passive.

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on part of any Group of Talents on any
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27 July

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REGISTRATION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

Ref: A/ 627

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Grain Collection 1944

TO : - Provincial Commissioners, and Prefects - Bari
Matera
Potenza
Reggio
Taranto

1. The collection of grain and its distribution, as a whole for Region II, A.O.C. to date is very satisfactory. In fact, under present difficult circumstances it is excellent.

Compared to other years at this date, the Provinces of Matera, Potenza, and Bari are "well ahead" - Taranto is well on schedule. Reggio is behind, and Locust well behind. We shall do all we can, beginning immediately, to assist Reggio and Locust to get "along side" the remainder of the Region - we expect these Provinces to extend their efforts.

Matera Province, with extra Allied assistance in transportation, has shipped, or has immediately ready for shipment, to Calabria, 40,000 quintals of wheat. A most creditable feat.

Wheat is now moving to Calabria from Reggio Province also.

Potenza Province begins shipment of wheat to Reggio Province today. Apparently they too are ready to do their job of providing surplus grain to other deficiency areas in Italy.

2. You will in a few days have a revised estimate of production and collection goals, by Province. These collection goals are reasonable, and are based upon the best information we can procure from Italian officials on the ground, and the varying conditions in each Province which affect yield and collection.

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These collection goals should be reached prior to December 15th 1944. IT CAN BE DONE - AND THE ITALIANS CAN AND MUST DO THE JOB

J. When this effort and vital duty of Italians is complete it will be a glorious accomplishment. Number one in the restoration of Italy.

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JOHN S. WILLIAMS
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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Food Sub-Commission - A.C.C.
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24 Jul 44

Ref: 203/CA.

7th July 1944.

SUBJECT: Inducement Scheme for Collection of Grain.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

A 21217
2 AUG 1944

1. If the inducement plan first recommended some months ago and endorsed by Regional Commissioners on May 30th is to be prosecuted, I recommend that it be carried out on the lines suggested by Mr. Villa.

2. As the remaining paragraphs of Vice President, Economic Section's memorandum are directed against such action, I submit my comments:-

- (a) I do not agree with the Vice President's approach to the enforcement of law. Certainly we must do all we can to make the people respect the law (which incidentally is Italian law and not ACC law) but in a fairly long administrative experience I have always found that an appeal to the better senses of the people by making them realise that they have everything to gain by obeying the law, is better than resort to threats and indications of what will happen if the law is not observed. Moreover, I have tried the inducement plan with success elsewhere. The experiences of Colonel Walker, who has come from Syria to help us here, are that the use of force was not the best way to collect wheat but the employment of any means which would be likely to secure for the Government the goodwill of the peasants. The inducement scheme, ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~is~~ ^{is} in my opinion an aid in the enforcement of the law and a proper psychological approach to a peasant population in dire need of manufactured articles. Had it been laid on earlier we might have had better initial results in Sicily. I do not consider that the inducement plan would establish a precedent for other collection programmes. Wheat and barley are the staple crops.
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400 Agricultural Program

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- (d) If the Island were under Allied Military Government, if there were Allied troops and police and officials in whom one had confidence in enforcing the law, then the use of the term "pussyfoot" with regard to artificial aids for enforcing the law might be justified. In the circumstances I submit that it is not, and that every means to persuade farmers against evading the law and thus bringing it into contempt must be used before final application of force and penalties is employed.
- (e) The lack of manufactured articles is a serious handicap. Have we ever asked for an increased allotment in order to launch an inducement plan? But I believe that we should attempt to make the plan work.

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. CC/P/398.

19th. June, 1944.

OSN 1347
23 JUN 1944

Your No. 5001/9/CAO of 14th. June.

1. I did not know that Moorhead was sending you this letter. I have never seen him.
2. The increase in the bread ration for which I have been trying to get sanction for some time now is a prerequisite to all other measures I am now suggesting to combat inflation.
3. Whether or not it will be possible to maintain the increased ration depends largely on the successful amassing of the harvest.
4. Naturally with the large new areas of territory now being occupied in the advance I am becoming very stretched for transport at a time when I badly need transport for amassing the harvest.
5. I have already mentioned this both to General Alexander and yourself and have pointed out that as the situation develops I may quite probably have to ask you for more help in transport. You may be certain that I won't ask for any unless it is absolutely and urgently essential.
6. I have no idea why Moorhead sent you his letter.
7. I will be sending you shortly a copy of the report of my anti-inflation committee which gives the background of the increase in the civilian bread ration.

Hq A.C.C. Sec'y Gen.
20 June 1944
Re myc
DFE

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Rt.,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Advanced HQ A.A.I.

CC/P/398

19 June

100 Information Committee

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Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Gt.,
 Chief Admin. & Live Officer,
 AGV HQ
 Allied Armies in Italy
 C.M.F.

5001/9/CAO

14 Jun. 44.

My dear General,

DSX 1325
 20 JUN 1944

I have received a D.O. letter (AG/565, dated 6 June) from Moorhead, acting as S.A.O. at A.S.S.A. He says that he has sent you a copy.

I am puzzled by this letter.

Are you in a position to comply with this ruling? I do not recall any previous advice on the subject from yourself. Do you need any help in transport? I sincerely hope not!

Yours ever

/s/ Brian

Lieutenant-General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane,
 K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
 Headquarters,
 Allied Control Commission,
 C.M.F.

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5001/9/CAO
 14 June

100 Prefecture Committee

Amend
 14 June

COFYFrom:- Major-General C. D. MOORHEAD.

DSG-1202

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

C-1(B).

(PERSONAL)

DAG/566.

8 Jun '44.

As a result of representations made by the ACC experts and reinforced by the ACC Regional Commissioners, the SAC, on the advice of Mr. MacMillan and Mr. Murphy, have decided to increase the civilian bread ration from 200 gms per day to 300 gms per day. The basic reasons for the increase are:-

- (a) To avoid wage increases, now being strongly pressed by labor, by affording a larger ration of bread at legal prices and thus reducing the amount to be brought on the black market, and
- (b) To reduce the black market demand on locally produced wheat before and during the forthcoming harvest and thus contribute to a successful amassing (i.e. collection in government warehouses) of this year's crop.

In order to achieve the main object, the ACC will require assistance in transport to collect the harvest from the farms. The SAC has directed me to ask you to help the ACC in every possible way you can with transport, and that you should ask District Commanders to take a personal interest in this matter.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mason

MacFurlane.

(SGd) C. D. MOORHEAD

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Et.,
 CB, CBE, DSO, MC.,
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Copies to:-

Lt.-Gen. Sir F. N. Mason MacFarlane, KCB, DSO, MC.,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, CMF.,

G-5.

IS & PS.

Seen by Chief Commissioner and Executive Commissioner, 12/6

DAG/566

8 June

100 Inflation Committee

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APPENDIX "A"

I GRANAI DEL POPOLO

(The Matera Plan)

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3 JUN 1944

The Matera Plan has been built, step by step, for the sole purpose of securing the maximum collection of grain from this year's harvest.

In the doing of the necessary preliminary work to accomplish this purpose and by thoroughly arousing and enthusing Italian officials, the Matera Plan began to operate

to describe the plan, then, is largely to recite the following actions taken well in advance of the harvesting of the crop.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Central Transportation Committee organized for the province.
2. All vehicles put under its control with prescribed work tickets, etc. for each load.
3. Fifteen new 3 ton Army trucks initially secured and arrangements made for SITA to operate and service them.
4. Ten additional 3 ton Army trucks loaned to meet pressing needs of grain drive.
5. SITA officials and mechanics instructed on required maintenance, inspection and operation of these trucks.
6. For use of grain drive officials, ten civilian cars requisitioned and reconditioned.
7. Chauffeurs secured for these vehicles with provision for servicing, maintenance and pooling.

WAREHOUSING

CENSORED

8.

9. Suitable office facilities obtained for staff of Consorzio Agrario for proper functioning (military requisitioning had created this problem.)

10. Analysis of warehouse capacity in province.

11. Surplus warehouse stocks to other provinces to clear warehouses for new grain crop.

12. Initiation of repairs necessary in warehouses, particularly large capacity warehouse

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COMMUNICATIONS

14. Installation of telephones, etc. services required by grain drive officials to maintain constant contact with Commune officials.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

15. Completion of repairs prior to start of harvesting.

RAILROADS

16. Request for cars so that some grain can be moved directly from threshers to R.R. cars to destination outside province.

GRAIN PRODUCERS

17. Selection of four distribution points in province for storage of fuel and lubricants for agriculturists.
18. Transportation of fuel and lubricants + distribution points in advance of harvesting.
19. Procurement of binder twine for harvesting.
20. Acquisition for belting.
21. Acquisition for repair parts of agricultural machinery.
22. Removal of bombing targets for harvesting areas.
23. Removal of unexploded bombs from fields.
24. Special meeting 17 May with larger growers to discuss program and increase cooperation.

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WORKERS

25. Examination of workers wage question.
26. Arrangements with labor to insure arrival of 12,000 harvest workers indispensable for province.
27. Constant effort to obtain cooperation of all unions and their leaders.
28. Drawing supplies of grain from communes and preparing in advance supply of pasta for harvest workers.
29. Procurement of wine for harvest workers.
30. Procurement of increased rations for harvest workers.
31. Requisition for shoes for agricultural workers.
32. Instructions to Mayors to give priority and make full use of refugee labor.
33. Provisions by Provincial Health Officer to cover stagnant waters with oil for malarial control.
34. Procurement of Atabrine and quinine for agricultural workers in malarial zones.
35. Provisions for health conditions and transportation of agricultural workers.

ENFORCEMENT (Legal)

36. Preparation by Procuratore del Re in consultation with senior jurists of amendments to insure swift legal action against violators on the spot within 5 days.
37. Minister of Justice and Grace asked to make changes in law No 245 dated April 22, 1943 to provide,
 - a. A summary method for trying cases called "Per Direttissima" in cases of failure to deliver to granaries.
 - b. Jurisdiction to use the "Per Direttissima" by the Pretore (lower courts) in addition to higher courts.

ENFORCEMENT (Police)

38. Practical plans from Carabinieri for control.
39. Practical plans from Finance Guards for control.
40. Practical plans from Questura for control.
41. Practical plans from Railroad Guards for control.
42. Increase of Finance Guards by four specially qualified men.
43. Requisition for CCR of two civilian cars for mobile police duties.
44. Recommendation by Prefect to Ministry to change all CCR at headquarters and communes indiscriminately.
45. New Ordinances by Prefect,
 - a. Delivery of harvested grain within ten days.
 - b. To pay in kind when so obligated by contract.
46. Arrangement through Provincial Committee to compel "retentions" to be stored in specific locations made known to Communal Committee to facilitate check ups, etc.
47. Investigation of thresher and miller for control purposes; records, licenses, methods of production, etc.
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ORGANIZATION OF CANTIERI

50. Translation and explanation of Decree of Agriculture Minister. Prior to notification from their own sources in order to start immediately a campaign.
51. Organization of UPSEA office.
 - a. Office facilities
 - b. Personnel (meticulously selected).
 - c. Instructions.
 - d. Materials. (Denuncias etc.).
52. Selection of UPSEA specialists.
53. Prefectural announcement to all Mayors of organization of UPSEA.
54. Organization of Provincial Committee.
 - a. First meeting, 15 May.
55. Selection and approval of 32 Communal Committees.
56. Specific instructions prepared for UPSEA men in communes.
57. Meeting in Matera on May 18 of all Mayors, warehousemen, technicians and UPSEA representatives to discuss campaign and to receive:
 - a. Denunzia Aziendale (50,000).
 - b. Special violation notices (asking public to report violations to ACC).
 - c. Instructions of rations for workers.

List of speakers;

- 1st Lt. Frank J. Verdirame, Asst P.C. - Coordinating chairman.
 Tamburro Dott. Guido Prefect, - General Exhortation and welcome.
 Ia Bella Sig. Matteo, - Detailed examination of grain campaign.
 Gasbarri Sig. Alfredo, - Instructions to statistical members of Communes.
 Gallitelli Sig. Domenico, Instructions to warehousemen for Consorzio.
 Salomone Sig. Luigi, - Major's viewpoint in checking black market.
 Major J. S. Lansill, P.C., - Call to arms.
 58. Division of Province into 5 zones. Meetings arranged to which Communal Committees, officials and farmers will be invited for instruction and enthusiasm.
 a. Meeting at Montalbano of following Communal Committees, farmers and public, Nova Siri, Tursi, Colobraro, Carco, Bernalda, Pisticci, Rotondella, Valsinni, S. Giorgio, May 25.
 b. Meeting at Grassano of following Communal Committees, farmers, public: Garaguso, Oliveto, Calcianno, Tricarico, Grottole, Irsina, Salandra. - May 27.
 c. Meeting at Ferrandina of following Communal Committees, farmers, public, Miglionico, Pomarico. - May 31.
 d. Meeting at Genzano of following Communal Committees, farmers, public: Banzi, Palazzo - June 7.
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 59. Financing of UPSEA rather than wait for Ministerial delay (200,000 lire loan from Bank of Naples).
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 62. Arrangement with FWS for publicity.

PLAN OF CONTROL (Preliminary Draft)

Possible Leakage of Grain

1. BEFORE THRESHING
 - a. Grain cut green and removed - slight chance, easily detected.
 - b. Cut after cured and threshed elsewhere - easily detected by police patrols.
2. AT THRESHING TIME (Greatest danger of loss here).
 - a. Machines fixed to permit grain to pass off into straw. Later gleaned from straw. Check straw for wheat.

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 - b. Dishonest records on amount of daily output by threshing machine. Check the records kept by the owner of machine and operator of machine. Use flying squads of Finance Guards, Questore, and ACC officers. Just the idea that the Allies are making checks has a great moral effect.
3. AFTER THRESHING AND BEFORE TURNING INTO GRAINERY
 - a. Hidden on farm. This possible only if leakage at threshing machine. Hidden in walls, wells, barrels, haystacks, buried.
 - b. Payment of rent, kept for family use, seed, etc. People keep grain on farm and in town, declaration of where grain stored, all other grain found confiscate without payment. Room for error in the estimation of how much grain is in a storeroom.
- WHEN TURNED INTO CONSORZIO
 - a. Dishonest records kept. Wrong weight, poor quality, full price not paid, etc. Consorzio warehousemen have been cleaned out and reorganized.
5. AFTER PUT IN GRAINERY
 - a. Theft by outsider. Use good warehouse or provide guard.
 - b. Illegal distribution. Detected from records kept.

6. DURING EXPORTATION

- a. Theft from train. Use of military guard on all freight trains.
- b. Theft from truck. Make driver personally responsible. Use guard.

7. AFTER HARVEST AND COLLECTION IS COMPLETE

- a. Use of both ration cards and grinding permit. Check Municipal records and spot check mills for people with grinding permits.
- b. Extra ration cards in families. Check Municipal records against number in family.
- c. Dishonest millers. Return only 60 kg of flour for 100 kg which was brought for grinding. Police Check.
- d. Dishonest bakers. Poor quality of bread, use hulls and all in baking bread. Check samples of bread.

8. TRANSPORTED FROM PROVINCE IF LEAKAGE AT THRESHING POINTS

- a. Truck, boat, carts, mule pack, persons, WD transport, SITA drivers. Use of road blocks and police at railway stations. 24 hour duty on work.

9. DETECTION (have list of all threshing machines in province.)

- a. Use of flying squads of Finance Guards to check machines during harvest.
- b. Use of CC.FR. on road blocks, patrol, checking machines, searching farm houses and other places of hiding. Checking houses in town for unauthorized stores of grain.
- c. Use of Questura agents as flying squads to check threshing machines and also as a check on the other police agencies.

10. COURT ACTION

- a. All violators given speedy trial, severe penalties, sent to unknown prisons. Hit corrupt police hard. Use air of mystery about fate of prisoners. Confiscate grain, machinery and transport of violators.

PUBLICITY GRAIN COLLECTING CAMPAIGN

1. During the next few days we are posting throughout the Province, one of the three notices - G.D.F. This preliminary notice is planned to create curiosity and interest.
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Gara di Produzione (Competition for the Production).
 Godimento della Produzione (Satisfaction of the Production).
 Grandezza del Popolo (Greatness of a Country).

5. The Provveditore agli Studi will cooperate in getting school children interested in devising other combinations.

APPENDIX B

WORKING PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNAL COMMITTEES

1. The membership for Communal Committees for Agriculture is as follows;

1. The Mayor President
- II. A representative of the Clergy - Effective Member
- III. A local farmer representing large farms - Effective Member
- IV. A local farmer representing small farms - " "
- V-VI. Two representatives of the Agricultural Laborers. " "
- VII. An officer of the U.P.S.E.A. " Member with functions of Secretary.
- VIII. Local Carabinieri Commander - Associate member without vote.

2. The Committee will normally meet weekly at a time and day posted in plain view on the Communal notice board. It will also meet as required at the call of the President. During the harvest period it will meet each evening.

Five voting members form a quorum, but of these two at least must be representatives of categories IV to VI inclusive.

Decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote, the vote of the President prevailing in case of a tie.

The local Commander of CC RR will attend all meetings, as an associate member, without the privilege of voting.

The UPSEA official will perform the duties of secretary of the Committee. He will keep the members of the Committee informed of any instructions from Central and Provincial government offices, which might in any way interest the Committee or affect its activities. He has an effective vote except when the Committee arbitrating between producers and UPSEA, on matters of crops census and regulation of harvesting and collecting grain.

The Mayor as President normally must attend all meetings and direct the work of the Committee; only in exceptional cases may he delegate his duties to a member of the Committee, who will discharge the duties for one meeting only.

The Commander of the local Carabinieri and the representative of the clergy, may in case they are unable to attend at a sitting, be deputized by reliable persons of their respective calling, to be designated by the President as occasion requires.

The Committee members representing agriculturists and farm laborers cannot be deputized.

3. The Mayor may recommend to the Provincial Committee the replacement of any of the members of this Committee in cases of their continued absence from working sessions. Replacement will be recommended for any case in which a member is absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse.

In each case of replacement two alternative nominations must be submitted to the Provincial Committee, through the C.C. RR and the Prefect.

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4. The President of the Communal Committee in consultation with the other members may invite individuals with specialist qualifications to attend meetings in an advisory capacity, when their specialist subjects are under discussion. Participation by such persons in the business of the meeting is limited to the special subjects on which they are being consulted.

The Chief of the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture may send an official representative to the meetings of the Committee at any time he considers it desirable. The superior authorities of officials of church and state who are members of the Committee. And members of the Provincial Committee may attend as observers and advisors at the meetings of the Communal Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee will keep the minutes of each meeting. These will record all discussions and will be read and approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee may, in consideration of the importance of certain discussions forward the minutes of one or more relevant meetings to the Provincial Committee for examination and consideration.

The Provincial Committee is charged with the control of the Communal Committees of the Province, and vested with the authority to take all necessary steps to ensure the efficient operation of the latter.

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APPENDIX "C"

TASKS OF COMMUNAL COMMITTEES FOR AGRICULTURE

1. HOW TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS TO RETAIN WHEAT AND BARLEY, AS PER NOTES ON BACK TO THE DENUNCIA FORM. On the back of form 10 the person making the declaration shall note (above the information referring to the composition of the family), the place where he intends to store his legal retentions.
2. On receiving the "Denunzia Aziendale" by the farmers the UPSEA official, who in every Comune belongs to the Communal Committee for Agriculture, shall require people concerned to write on the back of the form the list of people entitled to retention shares.
3. Every full name must be followed by the qualification, and married women or widows are to be recorded under their husband's name followed by maiden name in parenthesis.
4. Article 3 of L.D. of May 2, 1944, which describes categories of people entitled to retention rates, lays down among other things under (a) that non-manual operators who personally and continuously attend to management of their farms to the exclusion of any other activity, are entitled to such retentions. This provision must be interpreted as excluding from the right to retentions, owners well known to be absent from the management of their farms, but not those living in the neighborhood of the farms and who are still able to perform some other job without prejudice to the management of the farm itself, to which they devote part time each day.
5. At every meeting of the Communal Committee the representative of the UPSEA will bring the lists he has received and the names will be discussed by the committee in order to examine whether from their local knowledge the names belong to people included in the prescribed categories.
6. In this way at every meeting there will be compiled an alphabetical list of people whom the Committee considers entitled to retentions of wheat and barley, and beside each name there will be mentioned the qualification of the person and the quantity of cereal allotted. A copy of this list will be posted on the Communal notice board so that all the citizens may criticize and advise the Committee of any mistake.
7. After finishing the examination of all "Denunzia Aziendale", of farmers and of the lists thereof, the representative of UPSEA shall compile from the partial lists a general alphabetical list of people entitled to retention shares as approved by the Committee, and a copy of this list shall be posted on the Communal notice board. Another copy, signed by the Mayor on every page, shall be used for releasing milling cards Bollette di Macinazione, which, this year shall bear on their first page the list of people to whom the card refers. When releasing milling cards, there shall be a controlling entry on the official copy signed by the Mayor at every page, certifying that all the names involved on the milling cards appear on the approved list and nothing on the official list is missing. The number of the milling card in which the name is included.

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 7. After finishing the examination of all "Dedenunzia Aziendali, of farmers and of the lists thereof, the representative of UPSEA shall compile from the partial lists a general alphabetical list of people entitled to retention shares as approved by the Committee, and a copy of this list shall be posted on the Communal notice board. Another copy, signed by the Mayor on every page, shall be used for releasing milling cards Bollette at Macinagine, which, this year shall bear on their first page the list of people to whom the card refers. When releasing milling cards, there shall be a controlling entry on the official copy signed by the Mayor at every page, certifying that all the names involved on the milling cards appear on the approved list and nothing on the official copy, beside each name, the number of the milling card in which the name is included.
 8. Thus it will be easy to check each name shown on the official list for the number of the milling card on which it appears. The official compiling the card must sign it is liable for controlling the names, in order to prevent the name of one person appearing on more than one milling card.
Ratifying the census figures of cereals to be delivered to the Granai del Popolo as they have been agreed between the local representative of UPSEA and the producer.
 9. Every form IC, referring to the census of wheat and barley produced on the season 1944, must be submitted for the approval of the Communal Committee. On the back of form IC, the person making the declaration shall note (above the information referring to the composition of the family) the place where he intends to store his legal retention.
 10. The Communal Committee, which is in a position to have accurate information of the individual operators and local agricultural affairs, must then determine whether the figures are correct. If it does not think so, it shall require the representative of the UPSEA to revise the figures, and eventually shall arbitrate them finally.
Arbitrating cases where people concerned do not agree with quantities of cereals to be delivered to Granai del Popolo, as figured by the representative of the UPSEA.
 11. This is an extremely delicate function confided by the Italian people to the honesty and justice of the members of the Communal Committee.

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12. On the grounds of its own personal technical experience of figures of local production and of its knowledge of matters of fact, the committee shall be able, admitting to the discussion the people concerned, to give an arbitrated and final judgement which as the expression of a popular judgement, the person concerned will be bound to obey.

Controlling the Threshing:

13. This is the subject of a separate directive.

Controlling the whole system of delivering cereals to Granai del Popolo and denouncing to the Prefect any irregularity.

14. The Committee, at every weekly meeting, shall estimate the average hectare yield of the harvest in accordance with the development of the crop and shall record the situation in the minutes.
15. The Communal Committee, after completing the operations necessary for the delivery of the fixed quotas, shall ascertain the average production per hectare of the communal areas. Then they will make a list of the producers of cereals subject to compulsory delivery, assigning to each of them a point for every quintal of wheat or barley produced. The amount of these points will be added to another point per every quintal produced per hectare above the communal average and diminished by another point for every one produced under the average. The total will be divided by the number of hectares planted in wheat or barley and the result recorded on the milling card and Denuncia form.
16. The total of the production points will be noted by the Communal office releasing the milling card, in the space provided on the card below of the instructions.
17. These production points shall be used as a basis for the future allowance of fertilizers and other agricultural supplies according to provisions to be notified later.
Directing farmers to declare area they intend to seed with cereals and legumes for grain in the next grain season.
18. The Communal Committee shall obtain from the Provincial Committee, the date referring to the quantity of supplies allowed to the Comune and shall compile an allotment list for the farmers of the Comune and send this list to the appropriate Consorzio Agrari. This will ensure a national allotment distribution controlled by the farmers themselves.

APPENDIX "D"

(Translation)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

SALFORD 17 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Provisions for the Regulation of the Carrying on and the Encouragement of Threshing and Shelling by Machine and Other Means and Systems, of Cereals and Legumes - Crop 1944.

By a Decree in course of publication there shall be abrogated P.L.D. 23 April 1942 No. 433.

Therefore, there are abolished the Provincial and Interprovincial Obligatory Consorzi of threshers and machine shellers on account of third persons, as well as the relative national federation.

Hence there is abolished also the contribution mentioned in art. 4 of the R.L.D. 23 April 1942 No. 433.

On the basis of the provisions contained in the forthcoming decree which will regulate the conduct of threshing and shelling for the current harvest, the following interim instructions are issued.

1. Any person wishing to carry on threshing and shelling of cereals and legumes by power-operated machines must provide himself with license, to be issued by the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

The license is type A, for threshing and shelling only on the lands conducted by the licensee's licensees and type B for threshing and shelling on account of third parties or his or their account and of third parties.

The associations and societies however constituted among the farmers for the purpose of supervising the threshing and shelling on lands conducted by them or by their members must provide themselves with licenses type A. If they wish to carry on such operations on account of third parties also they must provide themselves with the licenses type B.

No license shall be issued other than in exceptional cases for the operation of threshing and shelling machines not supplied with proper fire extinguishers or not having the necessary technical supervision and efficiency.

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Licenses issued last year may be extended for the current season, provided that they be furnished with a new visa from the Agrarian Inspectorate and that the state tax mentioned in the following para. 5 has been paid for both the past and current years.

3. The license is valid only for the machine or machines, for the kind or the kinds of product, for the current year, and within the limits of the province for which it has been issued, or re-issued.

The operators of machines who wish to use them in other provinces must submit the licenses for authorization visas of the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture competent for territories concerned.

4. The Committee mentioned in para. 2 shall also rule upon:

- a. The maximum number of machines required within the limits of the provincial territory, for threshing on account of third parties according to the exigencies of production.
- b. The technical supervision and efficiency of the machines destined for threshing and shelling of cereals and legumes.

2. On the possibility of procuring a distribution plan for the use of threshing machines within the province.

5. Expenses relative to certifying technical efficiency will be covered by payment to the Public Treasury of a sum of 200 lire for each type of threshing and sieving machine, whatever the size of the cylinder.

On presenting the certificate of the efficiency of the machine to have already made the above mentioned payment.

6. On recommendation of the Provincial Committee of Agriculture, the Agrarian Inspector of Agriculture may revoke licenses at any time if the technical efficiency of machines, or the personnel in charge are questioned, or they lack fire-extinguishers, or if the licensee does not observe in threshing operations the provisions of the above mentioned decree or laws, or observe in threshing rates fixed by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labor, or by the corresponding provincial authorities.

The detection of non-conformity to the rates is entrusted to the Labor Inspectorate competent for the territory.

As herewith are average rates of threshing by power operated machines, fuel supplied at the expense of the thresher, agreed as basic prices by the competent Ministries and which will serve for fixing, by the Provincial Committees of Agriculture, the rates in each province for the sowing, grain crop:

(1) Threshing in lots up to 50 qtl. of grain, 50 lire for each qtl. threshed.
(2) in lots from 50 qtl. up to 100 qtl., 60 qtl. for each qtl. threshed.

(3) in lots over 100 qtl. of grain, 35 lire for each qtl. threshed.

b. Above rates apply to grain threshing by machines operated by petrol motors, or in cases where the thresher also carries out cutting and mechanical pressing of straw, the charge will be 12 lire for each qtl. of pressed or cut straw, exclusive of the price of baling wire in the case of pressing.

c. The thresher must furnish at his own expense during the threshing operations at least three qualified workers for the operating of the threshing machine and for the feeding the sheaves.

d. All other workers will be paid by the producer;

f. The Provincial Committees will note that the above mentioned average threshing rates refer to normal threshing machines, with 120 cm cylinders, powered by naphtha or kerosene or gasoline.

g. In cases of threshing machines are powered by other means (coal, straw, exhausted olive husk, etc.) or in case products other than wheat to be threshed, the rates will be scaled by the Provincial Committee, in conjunction with the Chiefs of the Industry and Labor Inspectorates according to the prices of the fuels used, the type of work required and the zone in which operated.

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(1) Threshing in lots up to 50 qtl. of grain at 12 lire per each qtl. threshed, 15 lire for each qtl. threshed, up to 100 qtl. at 10 lire for each qtl. threshed.

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7. a. The licensee of each operating threshing machine must hold a quadruplicate receipt book supplied, on payment, by the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture, for recording the data and certificate indicated hereafter. As soon as each weighing operation is completed the data of the single weighings will be copied on pen or copying pencil, onto the first of the above mentioned receipt book, and 3 carbon copies maintained.

b. This receipt book shall similar to that supplied last season by the General Statistic Institute for the obligatory statement of cereals and legumes in order to utilize all remaining receipt books on hand. The Provincial Inspectorate will provide reprint as required.

c. The licensee will forward the following records and statements, countersigned by him on the three carbon copies receipt book:

(1) duplicate receipts name of his land and the acreage of seeded ground from which the product came;

(2) triplicate receipts, within a week from the end of the threshing operation to the Town-Hall of the production commune, which after extracting the data which may interest the Food Office will forward it to the Central Statistical Office for the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor;

(3) quadruplicate receipt to the communal office in whose territory the product has been grown.

d. UREA will send the quadruplicate to the appropriate Provincial Inspectorate. In this receipt will appear the amount threshed, the identity of the operators of the land from which the grain came and the Commune in which the land is located.

c. The quadruplicates will be sent daily to UPSEA as above mentioned for lots which can be threshed in one day and immediately on completion of the threshing of lots which need more than one working day.

Within a week from the day of the last threshing the receipt books, even if utilized only in part, must be sent back to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture which issued them.

3. a. All those who carry on the threshing and shelling by means and systems other than mechanical power are obliged to state previously to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture through Communal office of the UPSEA, the day on which such operations will start, and to ask for the appropriate authorization in order that the Communal office may grant them a permit to transport grains from the threshing floors, at least 5 days before use for a permit for each threshing machine and for each threshing floor. Original applications will be sent to the Communal office of the UPSEA which will forward a copy to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

c. The application will be made on plain paper, and will contain the following information:

- (1) The date of beginning threshing or shelling of the grain;
- (2) daily average amount of grain which can be threshed;
- (3) number of estimated working days of hand threshing machines and threshing floors.
- (4) whether the threshing machines or floors are utilized on account of his own farm or for third parties or for both.
(In the latter cases, the application must contain the working itinerary of the hand threshing machine, and the names of the producers who will utilize the hand threshing machine or the threshing floor.)
- (5) The exact locations of the private hand threshing machines and of the communal and private threshing floors to be used.
- d. Communal floors employing treading, beating or flailing methods are those floors to which are brought the cereals of more than one producer.
- e. Private floors are those to which are brought the cereals of a single producer.
- f. When threshing is over either the licensed owner or operator of the threshing floor, will certify threshing machine, or the licensed owner or operator of the threshing floor, will certify on the proper form to the Communal office of UPSEA the amount of the threshed product.

9. For control of the threshing operations and for checking of the certified amounts of grain and the acreage seeded the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture, may avail himself of the services of UPSEA and request the assistance of the agents of the judiciary or of the Civil Police.

10. Infractions of the above provisions and those which will in future be issued by the Ministry are punishable by the terms of P.D.L. 22 April 1943 No. 245 and by revocation of the threshing or shelling license in recommendation of the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

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We beg all the addressees to notify as widely as possible these provisions, informing all their subordinate offices.

We will be glad to receive your kind answer.

THE MINISTER

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Signed:

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SUBJECT: Peoples' Granary - Bulletin No. 2.

TO : All RC's for PC's, Agricultural Officers and Others.

A. GENERAL:

1. This second edition of Peoples' Granary Bulletin, contains an outline of an excellent program of action put into effect in Matera Province plus many other pertinent suggestions. It is hereby requested that each PC submit to this HQ office a copy of his overall action program. It is also suggested that each PC prepare a current outline of action and results and submit same at least every two weeks to respective RC's.

2. Attached as Appendix A is a copy of "The Matera Plan", that is in itself more of a result than a plan. It is a draft of the arrangements made in Matera Province for Maximizing the consignment of grain for the Granai del Popolo including a plan for control of wheat leakage and a propaganda program. This work was undertaken under the active supervision of the RC Region II with the collaboration of PC Matera, and the executive functions were coordinated under the chairmanship of 1st. Lt. Frank J. Verdirame (A). By 19 May, all Sindaci in the province had been given their final instructions, and had pledged their 100% support in administering the spirit and the letter of grain-collecting legislation.

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7. Allied Officers must keep constantly under review the P.O.L. situation with relation to farming, threshing and agriculture transport requirements. Should supplementary allotments be required, they must be demanded at the earliest possible moment, giving full justification, in order to facilitate release in time to be effective. In the past supplementary demands have been received by Pet. Sec. within the last few days of the month, for quantities which could obviously not be used during the remainder of the month, and without any justification. Allotments on a three monthly basis are being considered with a view to obtaining greater flexibility of delivery during the harvest season.

8. Early information is required in this Sub-Commission of any agriculture labor surpluses which are likely to arise in any locality, stating (a) Numbers (b) class of laborer (c) whether available for further employment nearby or at a distance (d) date available and how long. It is hoped that these can be balanced against shortages as they occur.

9. A new simplified wheat and barley grading table has been drawn up, and will be distributed through Consorzio channels as soon as possible. Information copies will go to Regions and Provinces. Similar tables are being compiled for other crops.

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10. Instructions on business procedure and duties of Communal Committees have been issued, in two Ministerial Directives, translations of which appear at Appendices B and C.

11. Technical and Operating Directives for the Consorzi Agrari are being issued by temporary National Consorzi headquarters. These are approved by the Agriculture Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture and relevant portions will be released in English from time to time, in order to facilitate control.

12. A workable system of priority credits (Bulletin No. 1, para. 7) is still under consideration. It has been proposed that since most commodities of interest to the farmer are in short supply, the premiums should be in the form of services furnished by the Italian Government. Practical suggestions along this line will be heartily welcomed.

C. CONTROL:

13. Steps are being taken to have a communication issued forbidding the dismissal of Consorzi officials, except after investigation through Consorzi channels, and with the approval of this Sub-Commission and the Ministry. These individuals are employees of a semi-private firm rather than of the government, and the above will not preclude taking immediate civil or criminal action against them in appropriate cases.

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16. Plans should be made now to store and distribute the potato crop within each province and to notify expected surpluses early so that broader planning for distribution may be effective.

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19. It should be noted that Communal Committees have been directed by the Ministry to adjudicate cases in small Communes, of doctors, lawyers, and other professional and business men who actively supervise the operations of their own farms in the immediate neighborhood, as managerial or administrative personnel, provided that, in the considered opinion of the Committee their professional duties do not prejudice the efficient supervision of their farms.

20. Output report forms for power and hand threshing outfits are being prepared for distribution through Ispettorato channels, with information copies to all concerned.

21. Prices of cereals other than wheat, and legumes, are being worked out, and those of all grains subject to price control. They will be published shortly.

D. LEGAL,

22. A Ministerial Decree has been drafted and will be issued within the next few days, blocking at the farm for sale only through licensed channels, at controlled prices, certain cereals and legumes, viz., maize, oats, rye, rice, horse beans, and dried lentils, chick peas, chickling vetches, peas, and beans.

23. Another Ministerial Decree is being drafted controlling the activities of power and hand threshers through the Ispettorato channels. A comprehensive Ministerial directive has been issued on this subject, and a translation is appended at "D".

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24. A third Ministerial Decree is in the process of preparation, freezing farm rental, and share tenant agreements of all types and extending contracts until the end of the state of war in Italy. This measure is preparatory to an review of the whole question of rentals and contracts in the light of increased cost of living.

E PROPAGANDA:

25. A good talking point in favor of the visible, tangible Granai del Popolo is the retention in the Commune under Communal control, of all locally produced wheat and barley up to the limit of annual requirements. Care must be taken not to put too narrow an interpretation on "in the Commune" or good nearby storage space may be neglected.

26. The official wage scale for harvest labor was set at 65 lire on an eight hour day basis, plus 12 lire an hour overtime in order to prevent undue competition with essential military labor. Some apprehension appears to exist in certain quarters with regard to the use of the eight hour day basis. It is suggested that the normal 12 hour agricultural day should be the basis of presentation of the wage scale in order to relieve the anxiety of the workers.

27. Representations have been made to the Ministry by landowners who are unable to claim grain retentions under the new Decrees, protesting against this apparent discrimination. This class of people must be made to realize their role in the leadership of the rehabilitated Italy, and to set an example of self denial which will help to tide their country over a real crisis without prejudice to a single life by starvation or malnutrition.

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3rd. May, 1944.

Many thanks for your LO/S of 29th. April.

2. I note and agree with your remarks about personnel ceiling.
3. As regards infiltrating civilians, I agree entirely with Lush and welcome the possibility of well-equipped technicians from this source.
4. I will do my best to send Lush over to see you for a day or two but I cannot make a definite promise at the moment as we are particularly rushed just now. Rest assured that I will send him across if I possibly can and I am delighted that you hope yourself to be with us on the 30th. for our next Parliament.
5. You will have heard that we got the necessary, and I think effective, legislation on smashing the imminent harvest out of the Italian Government. In the nick of time after prolonged discussions which were not accelerated by the change in Government. However, all's well that ends well and it remains to be seen if we can coax, force or otherwise induce the Italian tiller of the soil to disgorge his produce for the common good. With both the Catholic Church and the Communists on our side I am more hopeful than I was.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Colonel C.M. Spofford, CBE,
Chief of Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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FREEDOM REPEATED HEADQUARTERS A.A.I.

I EXPRESSED BAIOGLIO AGAIN THIS MORNING WITH THE URGENT NEED FOR COMPLETING ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMING HARVEST AND ITS DISTRIBUTION TO PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MGS CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTERS OFFICE AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER AND MACMILLAN FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HE ASSURED ME THAT IN THIS CONNECTION HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN STRONGLY TO THE NEW MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND THAT HE PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION VERY THOROUGHLY AT HIS FIRST CABINET MEETING TO IN THE MEANTIME HIS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAD HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION AND COLLABORATE WITH US WITH MAXIMUM VIGOUR TO HE HAS ASKED ME TO ATTEND A MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF CMA LUCIFERO THE RETIRING MINISTER CMA AND GULLIO THE NEW MINISTER

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 NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
 Lieutenant-General,
 Chief Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM:

TO : His Excellency, Marshal Badoglio

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1. The Allied Control Commission is gravely concerned over the delays that have occurred in revising the legal basis for the organization for Italian agriculture. The harvest season is rapidly approaching. The Commission is convinced that further delay in providing for the amassing of wheat and barley and for the revision of the "Retention Law" will seriously jeopardize the supply of adequate food for the Italian population.

2. The supplies and shipping at the disposal of the United Nations will be increasingly required for the prosecution of the war and the allocation of tonnage for the purpose of feeding the civil population of Italy may have to be drastically curtailed. It is essential, therefore, that the total agricultural resources of Italy be effectively harnessed without delay. The presently liberated territory should normally be self-supporting with respect to food.

3. Although Your Excellency's Ministers have agreed with the Commission as to the need for new laws and regulations, no definitive action has yet been taken.

4. I consider this matter to be of such immediate importance that I must now ask Your Excellency to cause to be published at the earliest practicable date, and in any case not later than May 1, the requisite decrees and regulations to implement the agricultural program. Meanwhile I suggest that it would be most helpful if Your Excellency would issue a preliminary public statement announcing our joint plans, particularly with respect to the amassing of grain.

5. The salient features of the proposed plan of Agricultural organization as previously recommended to, and approved in substance by, the Ministry of Agriculture are set forth in the attached summary.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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Agricultural organization summary.

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SALIENT FEATURES OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMME
TO BE COVERED BY DECREES AND REGULATIONS

A. Agriculture Control Machinery.

1. General.

The control of Agriculture in Italy will be vested by the Government solely in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests. This means the abolition of all the Entis which previously exercised control over individual farm products and services; it means also the abolition of the Accertamenti Agricoli as such. Insofar as the services performed by these bodies were useful, they will in the future be carried out by the Ministry and its field staffs, the compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates. The direct line of authority will run from the Ministry of Agriculture down through the Chief Compartmental Inspector and the Chief Provincial Inspector to the Communal Office.

II. Amassing Control.

Three organizations will be closely involved in the amassing operation and it is necessary that they be activated now. They are (1) a unit to take the place of the former Accertamenti but directly under the control of the Compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates; (2) a Communal Committee to ensure complete amassing with justice to all; (3) the amassing section of the Consorzio Agrario.

B. Cereal Crops to be Amassed.

These will be wheat and barley. All available wheat and barley above authorized retentions must be amassed for use as human food.

C. Retentions for Seed.

Early wheat	- 1.80 quintals per hectare
Late wheat	- 1.20 quintals per hectare
Barley for production as grain	- 1.50 quintals per hectare.

D. Retentions for Subsistence.

The persons entitled to subsistence retentions will be restricted to those who are employed full time on manual plus non-manual operators who personally and continuously attend to the management of cereal farms.

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