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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER (SICILY)
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SICILY ELECTRICITY SCHEME

4 May 1945

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER (SICILY)MINUTES

The second meeting of the Advisory Committee on Electric Power (Sicily) was held at 1600 on Monday April 9 in the offices of Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia - Palermo.

Present :

Dr. Eng. Saro Tricomi	- Acting Chairman
Dr. Eng. C. Scimoni	- Member
Dr. Eng. F. Abbadesse	- "
Prof. Eng. Rubino	- "

Eng. Tricomi informed the Committee that Lt. Col. W. L. Lapper (Chairman) and Prof. Eng. A. Asta (Vice Chairman) had been unable to attend the meeting.

6) - Minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 1945

The minutes were approved.

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Programme for importation of machinery from foreign countries, in the next three years, in hand by Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia.

Min. 3) Following the decision taken by Electric Power Committee, the Alto Belice unit will not be reassembled in the plant in view of possible employment in Northern Italy.

Min. 4) Supply of tyres, clothing and boots needed by the Electric Co., in hand by Ministry of Public Works and A.C.

8) - To review progress and make recommendations in connection with the electric power generation & transmission in Sicily

Eng. Tricomi reported that a project for the extension of Piano del Leone dam had been approved by Ministry of Public Works since 1942 in order to increase the production of Sotio river plants; all necessary arrangements were suspended due to the Allied landing in Sicily. In order to resume this

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work, financial assistance is needed from Italian Government due to present day increase of costs in comparison with 1942. The Committee recommended that Ministry of Public Works examine this question and take necessary steps.

The matter of extension at Gammauta dam (increase of 500.000 c.m. storage capacity) was discussed. Eng. Tricomi reported that a large part of the material needed is already at the plant; only cement and timber are needed.

The Committee recommended that this work be proceeded with and also financial assistance granted by Italian Government in view of present day increased costs.

Eng. Abbadesse reported that the question of financing new work at Prizzi Reservoir is being handled by the "Provveditorato" for Public Works in Sicily.

- 9) - To discuss the operation programme and the allocation of power for the month of April 1945

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Next meeting will be held in the offices of Societa General Elettica della Sicilia - Palermo, at 1600 hrs on Wednesday April 25, 1945.

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Dr. Eng. FRANCO BARLUZZI
Secretary to the Committee

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SICILY ELECTRICITY SCHEME

12 March 1945

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER (SICILY)

MINUTES

The first meeting of the Advisory Committee on Electric Power (Sicily) was held at 1500 hours on Wednesday 28th February 1945 in the Offices of the Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia.

Present :

Lt. Col. W. M. LAPPER	- Chairman
Prof. Eng. A. ASTA	- Vice Chairman
Dr. Eng. TRICOLI	- Member
Dr. Eng. SCILEMI	- "
Dr. Eng. ABBADESSA	- "
Prof. Eng. RUBINO	- "
Dr. Eng. BARIUZZI	- Secretary

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2) - To review progress and make recommendations in connection with the rehabilitation of generating plants and transmission systems

The situation of electric power in Sicily was reviewed by Eng. Tricomi who stated that owing to insufficient generating capacity, curtailment of approximate 25% was necessary during maximum load period. It is difficult to arrange a proper priority scheme because of technical difficulties in distribution. To meet present and future requirements of industry and agriculture in Sicily, it was recommended that increased generating capacity be obtained by the following three-stage development:

- a) - 1st stage. Present day possible production of energy from hydroelectric stations is approximately 120x10⁶ kWh. Steam stations are in a very bad condition. At Porto Empedocle one turbine has 50% of blades damaged and the output of the machine is

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further limited due to the repaired shaft not being entirely satisfactory. The other turbine is out of service for extensive repairs.

Eng. Trioomi was asked to submit to A.C. a list of parts needed to carry out repairs to the plant of Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia at Porto Empedocle. This list to include turbine blades which it was understood were already manufactured in Switzerland. Repairs to the alternators can be made by WATER (Rome) and TERNI Company.

The Committee recommended that all this material be made available as soon as possible in order to increase the output from the existing plants, and also that an arrangement be made with WATER and TERNI for priority of repairs.

With regard to Palermo Steam Station spare parts had already been ordered from Stahl Co. (Sweden) and the Committee recommended that every effort should be made to obtain this material.

The output of the Catania steam station was reduced due to inferior quality of coal. The Committee recommended that the Sardinia Coal should be washed and screened before delivery.

b) - 2nd stage. The second stage includes developments at Sosio hydroelectric plant for an increase of 4×10^6 kWh per year, in order to meet, possibly before next summer, the urgent requirement of industry and above all agriculture.

Extension by the installation of one generator at the existing stations of Palermo, Catania or Porto Empedocle is also recommended. The increase of electric energy produced by steam and hydro plant would be $25 - 30 \times 10^6$ kWh per year altogether.

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The Committee recommended that this work be proceeded with when it is ascertained that the plant is available in Northern Italy. A project for an important hydro station at Alto Alcantara ($40,000 \text{ KW}$ peak - 85×10^6 kWh per year) had also been prepared and other plans made for two more plants.

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(17×10^6 kWh) on the same river. The Committee recommended that a programme for importation of machinery from foreign countries in the next three years be prepared by Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia in view of future developments.

The boiler design should allow for low grade fuel being used.

3) - To discuss the operation programme and the allocation of power for the month of March 1945

Eng. Scimemi submitted a diagram showing the estimated power availability during 1945, together with the estimated demand. It appears that during the month of March 12×10^6 kWh will be available from hydroelectric stations and 4×10^6 kWh from steam stations. The energy needed would approximately be 18×10^6 kWh so that curtailments for 2×10^6 kWh will be necessary. No spare margin of capacity will be made available.

The Committee's advice was to grant a continuous supply of energy to essential consumers (sulphur mines, cement factories and food industries) and to curtail low priority users. It was recommended that the unit taken from Alto Belice Hydroelectric Station be reassembled in this plant in order to avoid following troubles :

- a) - Insufficient output during peak-time and in case of outages of other stations.
- b) - Frequency drops which seriously affect pumping stations feeding storage reservoirs and pumps feeding boilers of steam plants.

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3	Cbl AC, COS, 1166	6 Feb 45	Sicily, 3Dist	Labor strike in Palermo; confirm Lush-Carr phone talk no strike imminent
4	Cbl AC Sicilia RAG-193	7 feb 45	AC labor SC	Threatened strike due low rate of pay; suggest salaries be reviewed by IG
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9	Cbl AC Sardinia Reg 621	7 Mar 45	AC	Strike in Carbonia, Sardinia, ended
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Your 1400 of 25 February 3 district PBS Navy all informed
22 February. No settlement yet another meeting fixed for
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deration of Labour about 2500 workers involved electricity
supplies not yet affected future may depend on meeting of
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Strike Started 21 February of clerks and maintenance personnel of electrical companies. SME CAMPANIA CALABRIA companies affected also SME only in APULIA. Electricity supplies as far north as PESCARA and FORMIA may be cut off but no cuts have yet been made. The strike is against the national agreement and issues are not clear. Prefect is conducting negotiations. Reference ^{N/G} ~~12~~/1473.

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Strike of Govt and semi Govt employees of IMPERIA
province terminated on 15 February 46, following assurances
by prefect that Italian Govt is to examine their claims for
a higher cost of living bonus PJ end.

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ROUTINE

ALCOM LO BARI

HQ ALCOM FOR AGEXC FOR ACCAS FOR ECON

INFO: 54 AREA 52 AREA UNRRA (ITALY) BARI

UNCLASSIFIED

Strike of AGIP and CIP workers ended in Apulia and Lucania

AC DIST

ACTION: P.SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSION

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Chief Comm

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL. : Ext. 204

3 December 1945

REF : LSC/528

SUBJECT: Petrol Distribution - Threatened Strike
CIP and AGIPTO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. It is understood that on Saturday, 1 December, the Italian Government, the petrol distribution undertakings, CIP and AGIP, and the workers' representatives agreed jointly to put into operation the wage agreement already provisionally made. On this understanding the workers agreed to return to work on Monday, 3 December.

2. The threatened extension of the strike to the North of Italy had been suspended at the instance of AMG for 10 days while the workers' representatives visited Rome. It is now expected that the strike will not take place in the North, and AMG are being requested to implement in the North of Italy the agreement already made for that area which had been suspended pending the understanding with the Italian Government.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

CC: Chief Commissioner ✓
Executive Commissioner (2)
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ALCOM LO BARI

~~ROUTED~~ PRIORITY

ACTION: HQ ALCOM FOR ACEXC FOR ACCAS FOR ECON . 52 AREA, 54 AREA, UNRRA ITALY BARI

SECRET.

Subject is strike of AGIP and CIP workers. Maintenance of essential services ensured in four provinces by action of Prefects. POTENZA issued decree to workers. Brindisi Taranto Bari are ordering Questura to take over petrol issue. Position obscure in Matera. NO information yet from Foggia or Lecce.

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ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY S/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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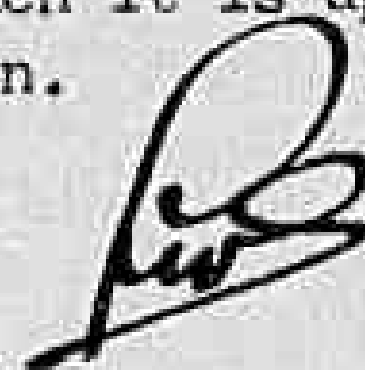
SIR: . .

In regard to action taken in the strike of AGIP and shipworkers, please see Labor S/C's letter at "A".

Mr. Sachs, Labor S/C, says that they have no further information on the problem other than that the workers have returned to their jobs as agreed. AC is not taking an active part inasmuch as this labor problem is considered to be an argument between 2 Italian units wholly within the Italian economy and as such it is up to the Italian Govt to work out the solution.

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File *Col. 5 - What action is being taken? Ems*

The following telephone message was taken by the undersigned at 1600 hours on 1 December 1945 for the offices noted below:

TO: CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION) FOR
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE) INFO

FROM: AC Liaison Officer, Bari (Col Hartley)

SUBJECT IS STRIKE OF AGIP AND SHIP WORKERS WHICH BEGAN TWO DAYS AGO. NO PETROL IS BEING ISSUED TO CIVILIAN VEHICLES OTHER THAN THOSE WORKING FOR THE ALLIES. THE WORKERS HAVE REFUSED TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AGIP IN APULIA AND LUCANIA TO ISSUE SUFFICIENT PETROL FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THE MATTER IS TO BE RECONSIDERED AT A MEETING OF THE WORKERS TONIGHT. ALL DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, INCLUDING FLOUR TO THE BAKERIES, HAS CEASED THROUGHOUT APULIA AND LUCANIA. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY WOULD APPROVE THE RECENT WAGE AGREEMENT ALREADY APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE THE STRIKE WOULD END.

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Same message was given to the duty officer, Economic Section, for action.

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SEKSON E HUMPHREYS
WOJG USA
Assistant Adjutant

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IMPORTANT PRIORITY

AMG LIGURIA REGION
ALCOM CITE ACLAB

RESTRICTED.

Strike of Gasoline (Cip) workers set for 29 November 45.
Problem basically due to indecision of Government Finance.
My workers here are willing to hold off strike for 2 weeks.
However if rest of North Italy go on strike workers feel
obliged to follow. Press for decision on wage increase.
Signed Fisher.

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ACTION : Labour SC
INFO : Chief Commissioner
Economic Sec. (2)
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ROUTINE

AMG LABOUR OFFICER LOMBARDIA REGION LABOUR OFFICER FOR HANCOCK SIGNED AIRSY
DIRECTOR, LABOUR SUB COMMISSION AC HQ .

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1700 WORKPEOPLE EMPLOYED AT DAIMINE STEEL WORKS AND AT CERTAIN OTHER
INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN BERGAMO PROVINCE CEASED WORK AT MIDDAY ON
23 NOVEMBER AND REMAINED OUT UNTIL FOLLOWING MORNING WHEN THERE WAS A
GENERAL RESUMPTION OF WORK. (TE HANCOCK, LINGER KEE RESUMPTION AC HQ
FROM LOMBARDIA REGION LABOUR OFFICER FOR HANCOCK
ACCORDING TO LOCAL CAMERA DEL LAVORO, STOPPAGE WAS ORGANIZED BY THE
COMMUNIST PARTY AS A DEMONSTRATION OF PROTEST AGAINST FASCISM OF LIBERAL
PARTY. NOTIFICATION OF STOPPAGE ONLY JUST RECEIVED.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1367

Date/Time of Origin: 23 NOV 1430

Message Centre No: G/4234

Date Time Rec'd: 24 NOV 1045A

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SGD SELBY

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC RPTD HQ ALCOM CITE ACECO INFO HQ ALCOM CITE ACLAB RPTD
ALCOM CITE ACFIN

ACTION

RESTRICTED.

COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI INFORMS ME THAT STRIKE OF ALL WORKERS ENGAGED IN
DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLIUM PRODUCTS IS IMMINENT. CESSATION OF POL DELIVERIES
WILL EFFECT NOT ONLY ALL CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO ALLIED MILITARY
MOVEMENT SINCE W D DRAW POL FROM BULK TERMINAL INSTALLATIONS OPERATES BY CIP.
MAY NECESSARY REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO ITALIAN TREASURY PLEASE ENS IRE
PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE.

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AMO LIGURIA REGION
HQ ALCOM CITE ACLAB

IMPORTANT

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Priority. General strike involving public school teachers wages and status involved. Regular teachers want pay from 1 October 1945. Substitute teachers want status of regular teachers. Strike is not local involving all north Italy. Strike is poorly organized. Leaders not sure yet what they do want. All has been done that can be locally. End signed fisher.

AC DIST

ACTION : Labor SC
INFO : Chief Commissioner
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PRIORITY

AMG LABOUR DIVISION PIEMONTE

HQ ALCOM (FOR ATTENTION LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION)

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UNCLASSIFIED.

1. WORKERS FROM MOST TURIN INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS, BUT PRINCIPALLY FROM FIAT, TOOK PART IN STRIKE REPORTED 15 NOVEMBER.
2. MASS DEMONSTRATION OF APPROXIMATELY 7,000 WORKERS OUTSIDE OFFICES OF CAMERA DEL LAVORO BETWEEN 14.30 AND 16.00 HRS WAS ORDERLY AND SOMEWHAT UNINSPIRED.
3. TREND OF SPEECHES AND ORDERS OF THE DAY ISSUED SUBSEQUENTLY BY WORKERS ORGANISATIONS SHOW THAT ALTHOUGH WORKERS WERE INDUCED TO LEAVE FACTORIES AS PROTEST AGAINST ALLEGED UNCALLED FOR DISMISSAL OF VICEQUESTORE SAVIO THE ORGANISERS WOULD WISH DEMONSTRATION TO BE TAKEN AS INDICATION OF WORKERS WILL TO SECURE MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST FASCIST ORGANISATIONS. IT IS TROUGH HOWEVER THAT ORGANISERS WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH TAKING FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP AND DEMONSTRATE POLITICAL SOLIDARITY.
4. THERE WAS NO THREAT OF FURTHER ACTION IF SAVIO WAS NOT REINSTATED AND THERE WAS A GENERAL RESUMPTION OF WORK OF 16 NOVEMBER.
5. MOST SERIOUS ASPECT OF STRIKE AND THAT OF THE 7th NOVEMBER IS EASE WITH WHICH WORKERS CAN BE INDUCED TO LEAVE WORK AND GROWING TENDENCY TO CONFUSE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. CONSTITUTION OF REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS LEAVES WORKERS NO ALTERNATIVE AND MEMORANDUM ON SUBJECT FOLLOWS.

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IMPORTANT

HQ PIEMONTE REGION

FROM

ALCOM CITE ACCAS (Regional Commissioner Piemonte Region.)

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Reference your cable 8445 our cable 40/495 dated 1 November is repeated: restricted. 1. Reference is made to your cable 7851. 2. allegation of ROME press that AMG PIEMONTE has issued orders for arrest of promoters of strikes for political reasons is quite unfounded.

3 there have been few strikes recently and those which have occurred have been relatively shortlived and unimportant. These conditions do not call for any such drastic change of policy as your information infers has taken place.

4. You may be assured that you will be kept fully and accurately informed by this HQ of any developments likely to lead to serious industrial unrest and of the remedial measures we propose to adopt.

AC DIST

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INFO - E. COM

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AMS Lombardia Region Labour Office and Airey for Hancock
Director Labour S/O AD HQ

Routine

Restricted.

Para 1. Some 10000 workers of Restaurants, civilian hotels, cafes, etc ceased work early yesterday following dispute over wage rates.

Agreement reached late last evening. General resumption of work took place this morning.

AD DIST

Act - Labor S/O
Info - G Comm
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ROUTINE

HQ PIEMONTE REGION HQ
ALCOM CITE ACPSP ACLAB

UNCLASSIFIED.

Para 1. Strike yesterday not general; no incidents. Crowd
gathered before Camera del Lavoro and speeches were made.
(To Alcom Cite ACPSP)

AC DIST

ACTION : P. Safety SC
INFO : Chief Commissioner
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SECRET

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IMPORTANT

A&G FIERONTE LABOUR DIVISION

HQ ALCOM FOR LABOUR SC

SECRET.

1. Reference is threatened strike.
2. FIORIO Commissioner UNIONE INDUSTRIALI reports that industrialists meet this afternoon to decide on attitude towards strike which they consider breach of faith because of workers undertaking to abstain from such action pending negotiation and also because workers are so far not out of pocket as anticipatory payments already made cover to date advance of wages being negotiated.
3. Most serious objection is to demand for further 2000 lire a sum much in excess of amount required to accommodate workers pending settlement next week.
4. Lock out of 1 hour by TURIN industrialists has been suggested but FIORIO will endeavour to dissuade them from taking such action and instead will try to clarify position in as far as 2000 lire demand is concerned in hope of reaching basis acceptable both to industrialists and workers. present suggestions are that industrialists should make advance of 2000 lire in respect of each worker to establish co-operative societies to purchase food in bulk for workers or that 2000 lire should be an advance on 13th month payment.
5. Every effort is being made to exert moderating influence but it is imperative that settlement be no longer delayed as workers demands are likely to get further out of hand.

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HQ ALCOM FOR LABOUR SO

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6. It is suggested that Minister declare his intentions regarding CASSIA INTEGRAZIONE immediately and arrange that industrialists meet workers either in ROME or in the north in order that wage negotiations may be concluded this week.

7. Although position occasions concern it is anticipated that strike will be conducted in orderly manner and will not exceed 1 hour.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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RE-ORIENT

AND FIDELITY UNIT IN LABOUR DIVISION

RE: ALGOM FOR ATTENTION LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. It has been reported in press this morning that all industrial and commercial workers except employees of transport and public services will strike 7 November for one hour 2000 hours to 2100 hours.

2. Strike is protest at postponement of wage negotiations from 5th to 13th November and change of venue to RMR.

3. Workers allege that delay in wage negotiations is due to obstructions by industrialists and threaten further action if advance of 2000 lire is not granted immediately.

4. It is not clear whether this 2000 lire is part of or in addition to original

5. you will be advised of developments.

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ACTION : LABOUR SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
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PIEMONTE REGION

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5 NOVEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

~~ROUTING~~UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD REPORT STATUS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN STRIKE OF FIAT
EMPLOYEES ALLEGED TO BE IN PROGRESS PD

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE REGION CMA ATTENTION
REGIONAL LABOUR OFFICER CMA FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS CITE ACLAR
PAREN

PARA TWO PD ADVISE IF YOU SUGGEST MATTER BE TAKEN UP WITH
MINISTER BARBARESCHI PD

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LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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G. J. LEONE
CWO USA
ASST ADJUTANT

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ROUTINE

ALCOM LO BOLOGNA PUBLIC SAFETY

ALCOM ROME FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

RESTRICTED.

Reference signal "L"/63 dated 31 October. Strike ceased 2 November 1945.
Negotiations opened. No disorder

DIST

ACTION : PUBLIC SAFETY SC

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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PRIORITY

AMG NAPLES COMMUNE
HQ ALCOM

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Strike communal employees was officially ended at 1230 hrs yesterday. 70 percent of all employees returned to their posts this morning. Remainder resuming work tomorrow morning.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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LABOR DIV PIERMONT

ALCON LABOR SC

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ROUTINE

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Subject is strikes.

1. The employees of leading commercial stores suspended work this morning in protest of inadequate wages. Suspension was organized by the Commission Interne without previous notice to Camera del Lavoro.

2. At 100 hrs a meeting was held at Camera del Lavoro and decision taken to return to work pending bargaining procedures being initiated Tuesday next.

3. The Commission Interne have notified Camera del Lavoro that work will be suspended again on Wednesday unless agreement as at least reached in principle and an "anticipo" of 3000 lire is conceded by Tuesday.

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Action - Labor SC
 Info - Chief Commissioner
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IMPORTANTLABOUR DIVISION PITMONTE
ALCOM (LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION)

RESTRICTED.

1. Sit down strike textile workers TORINO Province is subject.
2. Labour representatives accepted final conditions of employers and work was resumed this morning.

DISTACTION: Labour SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Industry SC 2
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IMPORTANT

LABOUR DIVISION PIERMONT

ALCOM (LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION)

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ACTION: Labour SC
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Industry SC 2
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LIGURIA REGION

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6 SEPTEMBER 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS ALLEGED STRIKE OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS AT
 CHIAVARI IN ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIONE ENEURGICI ELETTRICI PD
PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LIGURIA REGION ATTENTION LABOUR
OFFICER FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS CITE AGLAB PAREN

PARA TWO PD IS IT ADVISABLE FOR GENERAL DIRECTOR OF COMPANY TO
 VISIT GENOVA URGENTLY PD ENGINEER RICCI AT CHIAVARI MAY ADVISE
 ON THIS PD HE HAS STATED THAT ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT PROPOSE
 TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER TO TAKE OVER WORKS PD IS THIS TRUE PD
PARA THREE PD DOES STRIKE CONTINUE AND WHAT ARE PROSPECTS OF
 SETTLEMENT PD

PARA FOUR PD WAGES AND CONDITIONS IN ALL ESTABLISHMENTS OF THIS
 UNDERTAKING ARE DUE TO BE DISCUSSED AT ROME ON MONDAY TENTH
 SEPTEMBER WITH WORKERS REPRESENTATIVES PD SUGGEST CHIAVARI
 ESTABLISHMENT SENDS REPRESENTATIVE PD

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LABOR SUB COMMISSION

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
 CWO USA
 ADJT ASSISTANT

5-20-45

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ALCOM HOME FOR ACLAB

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is strike agricultural workers, reference your signal 4300 c/o ACLAB. Agricultural workers throughout island but principally in CAITANISSETTA and AGRIGENTO are in agitation as to the implementation of Decreto Legge 319 of 19 October 1944 referring to the division of the autumn crop between landowners and workers. Regional Labor Office had arranged for conference between Fedeterre (workers) and Unione Delle Associazioni Agrarie (landowners) for 9 August and then postponed it to 13 August. Purpose was to reach agreement regarding division of autumn crop. Landowners group refused to participate. Since then the workers have been agitating to have landowners come to an agreement with them. Landowners do not wish to enter into such an agreement as they feel that the Commissioni Circondariali in each province in their judicial and administrative character are empowered to deal with each situation that might arise between landowners and workers. No incidents reported but situation appears to be deteriorating. Agitation based on economic issues.

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AMG LIAISON OFFICER PALERMO

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27 AUGUST 1945

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS STRIKE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN
SICILY PD

PALERMO
PARA TWO LIAISON OFFICER FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS CITE AGLAB
PARA

PARA TWO PD REQUEST REPORT GIVING ALLEGED GRIEVANCES AND THEIR
BASIS IN FACT PD STATE NUMBERS INVOLVED AND WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS
FOR SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN OPENED AND IF SO PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS PD
PARA THREE PD CAN YOU ALSO STATE WHETHER STRIKE WAS SPONTANEOUS
OR WHETHER ORGANISED AS A POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC ISSUE PD

LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
OWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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IMPORTANT

AMG PIEMONTE REGION
ALCOM ATTN DIRECTOR LABOUR SC

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RESTRICTED.

Subject is labour demonstration in TORINO.

At 0900 on 14 July an unauthorised demonstration was organised by the Unione Donne Italiane (Communist Organisation). Some 5,000 women from leading factories like Fiat Miraflore Lancia Riv Marus were involved.

Reasons for demonstration were 1. elimination of differential between men and women heads of families in connection with TORINO industrial agreement for high cost of living bonus 2. elimination of differential between male and female bonus for juveniles 3 insistence that Unione Donne Italiane should be allowed controls over sepral and on the economic situation in general.

The demonstration first went to Camera Del Lavoro where FLECCIA Communist Joint Secretary addressed them saying that labour representatives had done their utmost to obtain the most advantageous terms for workpeople.

From the Camera Del Lavoro demonstrators proceeded to the premises of the Unione Industriale where they remained until 1100 hours in the afternoon. FIORIO Chief Industrial Exponent decided to receive a deputation. When FIORIO was presented with points aforementioned he explained that industrialists had met all requests presented by the Camera Del Lavoro and that it was not possible for him to deal with demonstrations or with individual workers but was prepared to contact official Labour Representatives.

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An appointment was fixed for 1500 hours between FIORIO and FLECCHIA but this did not meet with the approval of demonstrators who then broke into the industrialists building causing some damage and scattering such documents as were within reach. FIORIO was taken to the balcony from where he gave public assurance that he would contact FLECCHIA immediately.

On leaving the building FIORIO and AVVOCATO GODIGNI principal executive of the Unione Industriali were subjected to considerable abuse and threats. They were afforded police protection as they moved away but the latter was later accompanied under police escort to the Questura. The demonstration broke up at 1315 hours.

Joint secretaries of Camera Del Lavoro are holding meeting of womens Commissioni Interne evening and at 1900 hours will be meeting FIORIO with more specific requests and suggestions. FIORIO has protested vigorously with joint secretaries over undisciplined and aggressive action of demonstrators. Joint secretaries beginning to feel that the situation is not altogether under their control. CARNAG NOLA Socialist Joint Secretary expressed disappointment and concern over demonstration while RAPELLI DEMO CHRISTIANO Joint Secretary referred sarcastically to the organised "Spontaneity" of the demonstration.

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ACTION - LABOUR SC
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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
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IMPORTANT

LABOUR PIEMONTE

ALCOM ATTN DIRECTOR LABOUR SC

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Subject is labour strike TORINO.

1. Mass demonstration took place today 4th July in TORINO following wide spread work stoppage beginning simultaneously at 1100 hours with ^{stop} strike affected all industrial workers with exception of few smaller factories. Employees of Intendenza Di Finanza Post and Telegraphs Arsenale Militare and 1700 hundred workers of railway workshops also involved. Tramway traffic also suspended between 1130 and 1315 hours as precautionary measure.

2. Camera Del Lavoro disclaims any official connection with organisation of aforementioned agitation and circumstantial evidence suggests communist party responsibility.

3. FLECCHIA Communist Joint Secretary of Camera addressed the crowd making the following points 1 liberation bonus must be paid to everyone indistrictly including state employees 2 MILAN industrial wage agreement must be accepted in TORINO and industrialists must ~~be~~ to be realists otherwise more pressure shall be applied. Three sepral must be epurated and brought under direct supervision of workmens representatives.

4. Provincial Commissioner and Prefect received delegation of remonstrants together with Secretariat of Camera. A manifesto containing specific requests was presented.

26 5. It is significant that demonstration was staged at a time when industrial representatives and Camera Del Lavoro were about to reach agreement on wage increases after bargaining for some 10 days
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The trend of the agreement conforms to MILAN but final formula not yet reached.

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ACTION - LABOR SC

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Italian Division, SI, MEDTO
Headquarters Detachment
2677th REGIMENT (Prov)

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JR-2233

14 July 1945

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTELLIGENCE DISSEMINATION

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The Milan General Strike of 5 July 1945

1. The general strike of Milan, on 5 July, was an impressive demonstration of force, composure, and discipline. Several hundred thousands of people, including laborers, housewives, employees, bank clerks, municipal and provincial officials, government employees of every department, marched through the streets of Milan in an orderly fashion and in silence, carrying national flags as well as red and other party flags. Signs and placards expressed the popular protests and wishes. Following the instructions of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Labor, the strike lasted two hours, from 10:00 until noon, and work was started again in the afternoon, while the city returned to its normal aspect without incident of any kind.

2. Through their signs, the strikers asked "Bread and Work", "To the City the Country Products, To the Country the City Products", "Increases of Salaries", "A Roof for Everybody", "Freezing of Rents",

The Milan General Strike of 3 July 1942

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3. The strike ended with an imposing meeting at the Arena Stadium, where Chamber of Labor speakers harangued the crowd, praising their discipline and urging them to persist in their attitude of civic dignity and responsibility. At the end of the speeches, a resolution was approved by an outcry of acclamation. The resolution asked the immediate approval of the emergency indemnity; the repeal

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of the merchandise blockade; the creation of cooperatives to bring products directly to the consumer; epuration of SEPRAL; commutation tickets for all workers at adequate prices; lower utility rates; measures against unemployment; exemption for all workers from fiscal burdens; unrelenting fight against black-marketeers and speculators (to be punished by arrest, concentration camp, and even the firing squad); increase of pensions; and a fair distribution of available food, especially to the working classes.

4. The strong police apparatus set up by the Allies met only with a few indignant comments on the part of some extremists; the masses, instead, looked upon it with indifference and curiosity. The understanding and sympathetic reception given to workers delegations by Colonel Poletti, Chief of AMG, favorably impressed the strikers, who are confident that through his interest their distressing conditions will be rapidly and satisfactorily relieved.

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MORTON ALCOM PALERMO
ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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Until now furnace men and pumpers have remained at their posts during the sulphur strike but it is expected that furnace men will strike at midnight tonight. Pumpers will probably continue working.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
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MORTON ALCON PALERED
ALCON HOME FOR ACLAB

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Sulphur strike continues. Another employer worker meeting scheduled at GALTANESNETTA for this afternoon is believed not likely to settle controversy unless immediate wage increases are actually made.

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ALCON LIAISON OFFICER PALERMO

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24 JUNE 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS SULPHUR STRIKE PD

PARA TWO PD ALCON LIAISON OFFICER PALERMO FOR MENTION FROM ALCON

HEADQUARTERS CITE AGLAB PAREN

PARA TWO PD MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE HAS ALREADY
COMMUNICATED TO PARTIES STATEMENT THAT SULPHUR PRICE WILL BE
READJUSTED IN THE LIGHT OF WAGE INCREASES WHICH MAY BE NEGOTIATED PD

PARA THREE PD IT IS PROBABLE THAT NEW PRICE WILL BE DETERMINED
WITHIN FEW DAYS PD

PARA FOUR PD YOUR PROMPT REPORTS APPRECIATED PD

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NICHOLAS PLOMBINO
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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JUN 221445DE/6248
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ROUTINELOMBARDIA REGION LABOR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DI FEDE
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME AGLAB

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1. 60,000 workers stopped work yesterday at PAVIA to demonstrate for higher wages, lower prices and larger rations. They returned to work same day pending negotiations.

2. 50,000 workers stopped work at VIGEVANO for same reasons as above. They have returned to work pending negotiations.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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CA Sec
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ROUTINE

LOMBARDIA REGION LABOR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DI FEDE
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACLAB

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1. Postal and telegraph workers returned to work same day pending wage discussion and negotiations.
2. CAMERE DEL LAVORO intervened to get workers back to their jobs.
3. Stoppage for brief period was more a demonstration than a serious strike.

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ACTION: Labor S/C
INFO: Chief Commissioner
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JUNE 211717BE/6147
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PRIORITYMORTON ALCOM PALERMO
ALCOM ROME FOR AGLAB

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Subject is mine strike in CALTANISSETTA Province. Sulphur workers had requested wage increase of from 100 to 170 lire (R) lire per day above present daily wage scale which ranges from 89 to 151 lire. On 16 June a workers and employers committee agreed to an increase ranging from 45 to 90 depending on age of the worker provided that sulphur be increased from present price of 5700 lire to 9000 per ton but workers have not waited. They went on strike yesterday. Believe strike has involved all Sicilian sulphur mines.

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ACTION - ECON SEC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Secretary General

APO 394

Ltr Mines 926.1, 23 Jun 45, fr
 Industry s/c to Labor s/c
 "Sicily Sulphur Workers Strike"

AC Liaison Officer (MURTON) Palermo
 cables

27	21 Jun	} same subj.
32	23 Jun	
29	23 Jun	

Above papers to Lush
 26/6 with note from
 CC "Vigorous representations
 should be made to prevent
 flooding."

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ALCOM NAPLES

HQ ALCOM

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Sitrep AMG NAPLES COMBINE 13 June to 18 June 45.

1 strike of telephone operators in PUGLIE, CALABRIA, SICILY and threatened strike NAPLES. Commissioner had meeting with labour representations who agreed to no strike NAPLES and use their influence to stop strike in south and in SICILY provided grievances put forward. Grievances due to activities of Fascist ex manager. 2 E 3 grain collection NAPLES PROVINCE in quintals to 15 June, soft grain 44774, hard grain 1559. Amassing of olive oil 2 quintals increase over last week. 4. 93 Italian undesirables deported from USA arrived in NAPLES in SS GRIPSHOLM and after vetting and recording have been disposed of to supervision of QUESTURA. 5 smallpox week ending 17 June 6 cases as compared with 4 cases week ending 10 June. Typhoid week ending 17 June 11 cases as compared with 7 cases week ending 10 June. 6 B7E 8 slight decrease all prices in general.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner-
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JUN 16 1730BW/5435
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ROUTINELOMBARDIA REGION LABOUR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DE FEDE
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACLAB**RESTRICTED.**

1. Subject strike.
2. 20000 workers of SESTO S. GIOVANNI (Prov of MILAN) went on strike this morning as a pretest against sentence of 20 years imposed on ex-Prefect of GENOVA "BASILE". Workers demanded death sentence because BASILE was responsible for deportation of 7000 Italian workers into GERMANY many of whom died in concentration camps.
3. This was peaceful demonstration. We have been assured that workers will return to work on Monday 18 June.

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JUN 16 1730RE/5456
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ROUTINELOMBARDIA REGION LABOR DIV FOR POLETTI SIGNED DI FEDE
ALLIED COMMISSION ROME ACLAB**RESTRICTED.**

1. 5000 postal and telegraph workers of MILANO on strike this morning for higher wages. CAMERA DEL LAVORO secretaries were contacted and they requested workers to return to work pending further discussions. Workers have resumed work this afternoon.

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ROUTINE

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1500 workers for contractors of Italian State Railways went on strike BOLOGNA City 8 May and returned to work 9 May when negotiations began with Italian Advisory Committee. Present contract rate is 10.95 lire per hour for unskilled workers or approx 104 lire per 8 hour day including average family assistance and all indemnities. General Order Number 41 being posted today but actual wages in many cases have already risen since date of liberation to 20 lire and more per hour. Workers asking 29.50 lire per hour for unskilled workers or approx 250 lire per 8 hour day including average family assistance and all indemnities. Employers in general agreement. Advise concerning relation of Army scale to private wage adjustment. Authorization is requested to use full cost of living bonus in BOLOGNA province instead of 50 percent as authorized by 5 ARMY on 3 May.

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ALCOM LO CATANIA

HQ ALCOM FOR LABOR SC

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Stoppage of work involving 280 miniature railway workers of Societa Circumetnea at CATANIA on 27 April 1945. Workers demand payment of wage increase as agreed between Societa Circumetnea and Camera del Lavoro of lire 4000 per month retroactive to 16 February 1945. Also protest against appointment of VILLARA ANTONINO as commissario of Societa. Societa state unable meet increase without increase of fares. Stoppage continues report follows.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5210/15/EC.25 April 1945.Chief Commissioner.

1. Director, Labour Sub-Commission, informed me on enquiry this morning that a strike of the electrical workers in ROME was now in operation. Reasons for the strike are failure of the Italian Government to meet the demands of the workers that they should come on to the same level of wages (in relation to certain specific increases) as the water and gas employees.

2. Mr. Braine is in close touch with the Italian Government and is doing his best to persuade them to reach a conclusion before 1st May. In the meantime the strikers have agreed to carry on the essential services which include all Allied military circuits. Mr. Braine, however, considers that if the strike continues until 1st May (Labour Day) these services may be affected.

3. I have informed Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, who will be prepared to man and operate the essential military circuits, if needs be.

Strike now called off and CC RAC informed

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Copy to: Economic Section (2)
P.R. Branch.

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attending house
26:10*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

7th April 1945.

Extract from the Minutes of SACMED's (Political)
Conference held on 5th April 1945.
(Original on File 217/EC).

Minute No.2."3. STRIKE OF ITALIAN ARTISANS.

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 5th Meeting - Minute 5).

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON reported that the strike of Italian artisans in the NAPLES area was virtually over. Discussions would take place shortly with a view to setting up better machinery for the settlement of wage disputes in future. The Italian government, who had been approached through the Allied Commission, had been particularly cooperative in effecting prompt termination of this strike. "

Distribution by Ex.Com.

Economic Section
Labour S/Com (thru Econ Sec)

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To see
Guy

Phone 343

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

NEF/mrd
30 March 1945
1645 hrs.

Memo:

To : Chief Commissioner

1. Economic Section reports that the strike at the REME works is being settled and it is expected that the workers will return to work tomorrow. They were actually out on strike and work had stopped.

2. Public utilities workers in Naples have not stopped work. The strike is what Mr. Braine described as a "white strike", that is, it consisted of a demonstration with a certain amount of retarding of work, but workers have not left the job. Braine expected that this situation will be cleared up before morning.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel

Acting Executive Commissioner

There has been a threat of strike at ANSALDO works at Portici. The strike has been averted.

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30 March 1945

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 WAS TAKEN AT SEVENTEEN THIRTY ABLE MARCH TWENTY NINE PD
PAREN TO AFHQ CITE PHOEN FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACSEC SIGNED STONE PAREN
 PRIME MINISTER PROMISED FULLST COOPERATION WHICH BY RESULTS HE APPEARS
 TO HAVE GIVEN

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cc: Econ. Sec.
 Exec. Comm'n.
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Chief Commissioner

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 for
 HENRY S. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

TOP SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

EXTRACT

SAC (P) (45) 5th Meeting
29th March 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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5. STRIKE OF ITALIAN ARTISANS

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON reported that he had just been informed that three thousand Italian artisans in NAPLES were on strike for higher wages. Since the fixing of wage rates had been turned over to the Italian Government, control had become somewhat lax and the artisans were in effect striking for black market wages. While he had not had an opportunity to discuss this matter with the Political Advisers and the Allied Commission, he took the view that unless immediate steps were taken by the Italian Government to require the men to return to work, pending settlement of the dispute, the strike might spread and have far-reaching repercussions. In that event it would be necessary for the Supreme Allied Commander to resume, in regard to these matters, the control which he had handed over to the Italian Government. If, however, the men at once returned to work, better machinery could probably be devised for settling such wage disputes.

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer:

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THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer:

- (a) To arrange for the Allied Commission to make representations to the Italian Government to the effect that immediate steps must be taken to induce the strikers to return to work.
- (b) To report to him regarding the outcome of these representations.

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ALCOM ROME PERSONAL FOR STONE

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This confirms telephone conversation with General SPOFFORD.

SAC at conference this morning expressed concern at reported recent outbreaks of labor difficulties, particularly strikes affecting 693 base manufacturing workshops and 750 base workshops in vicinity of PORTICI involving an aggregate of over 4000 workers. SAC directed that you should advise Italian Government of these strikes and request Government to take necessary steps for their immediate termination making clear that return to work is a condition for negotiation which we will then be prepared to undertake. You should represent that stoppage of work is directly prejudicing military operations, a state of affairs which must be regarded as intolerable by SAC and Italian Government. Desired to discuss general conditions which have led to these and other labor difficulties with you in near future.

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ACTION: Chief Commissioner
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says later info:

10th All strikes returned (in p.m.)

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Ref Sitrep 59 dated 6 March. Strike Carbonia virtually ended.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHSUP
AC SARDINIA REGIONAL MINING DIVISION INFO: ALCOM FOR COAL DIVISION,
ROME AREA FOR COAL SECTION

SECRET

Report received today from Ministry War Transport of further strike in SARDINIA. Request immediate confirmation and full details as to cause and expected duration. Stress that earliest report such incidents must in future be made by you for information to this Hq. Request also reply our FX 35158 of 28 February this year.

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Info-Action - Industry (2)
Info - A/President
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

CC 497
FEB 19 1945

TEL : Ext. 204 WHB/rmw
REF : LSC/208 19 February 1945
SUBJECT: Threatened strike of R.A.I. employees at Naples.
TO : Major J. A. Quayle
Staff Officer to C.C.

1. This report is further to your memorandum of 14 February and my interim report of 15 February, regarding the above.

2. The strike of R.A.I. employees at Naples, threatened for 17 February, did not materialize. Dr. Rusca, the Director General at Rome, will receive a representative of the Naples employees today, Monday, 19 February. A member of Labor Sub-Commission will also discuss with Dr. Rusca today.

3. On the question of mid-shift meal for employees at Naples, which was one of the demands attached to the strike threat, the fact is that the Rome employees receive such a meal costing 6 lire per person, of which the employer pays 4 lire and the worker 2 lire. In Naples similar arrangement has not been made because, it is alleged, that food cannot be obtained as in Rome.

4. Rome employees also demand increase in wages but are not threatening strike action.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section (1)
Mr. Harlan Cleveland (1)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

WHB/rmw

TEL : Ext. 204

REF : LSC/208

15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Threatened strike of R.A.I. employees in Naples.

TO : Major J. A. Quayle
Staff Officer to C.C.

1. This report is in reply to your memorandum of 14 February regarding the above.

2. It has been ascertained that the employees of R.A.I. threatened to go on strike on 16 February 1945 unless their demands are met.

The demands are for a mid-shift meal for all workers at the expense of the employer;

A special bonus of 30 lire per day for technicians;

A transportation bonus of 120 lire per month for technicians.

3. High Italian authorities in Rome are in touch with the situation -- the Minister of Communications (Cevolotti) has requested the Prefect in Naples to intervene because R.A.I. is a public service. Dr. Rusca, the Director General at Rome for R.A.I., has been negotiating with the workers' representatives and is disposed to grant the mid-shift meal if the workers will bear one-half the cost.

4. Allied Commission representatives in Naples are aware of the details, and the Regional Labor Officer is keeping in touch.

5. Labor Sub-Commission will keep in close touch with developments. It is understood that P.W.B. program will not be affected.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Chief of Staff (2)
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section (1)
Mr. Harlan Cleveland (1)

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14 February 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Labor Sub-Commission
Attention: Mr. Brayne.

SUBJECT : Threatened strike of R.A.I. employees in Naples.

1. Mr. George Edman of PWB (phone 489171, Ext. 129) has phoned to say that the employees of R.A.I. in Naples threatened to go on strike tomorrow.
2. Mr. Edman does not know the basis of the dispute, but has guaranteed that the PWB programs will go on as usual, and since he regards this as entirely an R.A.I. matter, he does not propose to interfere.
3. The Chief Commissioner wishes you to get in touch with Mr. Edman to ascertain the details of this dispute and concert with him whatever action you may consider necessary.

J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to C.C.

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ALCOM SIGILIA (GARR)
HQ ALCOM LABOR SO

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1. Subject is your signal 1202 of 6 February.
2. Underlying cause of threatened strike by state employees is low rate of pay in comparison with high cost of living.
3. Only recommendation is that state employees salaries be reviewed by the Govt.
4. Written report already forwarded you.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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ALCOM SICILIA REGION RTED DISTRESS

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6 Feb 45

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DISTRESS REPORT STRIKE IMMINENT PALERMO PD

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION RTED DISTRESS FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

CONFIRM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CARR DASH LINE THAT NO STRIKE IMMINENT

Dist:
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Capt. E S Morden
Chief of Staff
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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ROUTINE

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AFHQ (G-3 OPS) INFO: AFHQ G-2 (CI) ALCOM, MMIA, MMIA LO.

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Ref our GO 420 dated 05. Strike did not take place. PALERMO
reported calm. All informed.

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General strike threatened PALERMO commencing 05. Camera del Lavoro organising in view high prices and non fulfilment government promise to increase wages. Not known whether public utility plants will be affected. PALERMO quiet but disorders possible. All informed.

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A phone call was put through to Brig. Carr

1530 5/2/45 There is NO truth in the

above buzz.

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1500 hours
5 February 1945

MEMO TO: Chief of Staff

Colonel Jackman of G-5 AFHQ reports that they have received a signal from No. 3 District to the effect that a general strike is imminent in Palermo. He would be grateful to know if we have any information on this subject.

J. A. QuayleJ. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

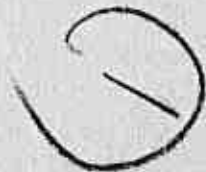
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