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FROM FEB. 1944

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DR. ORTOLLA, Vincenzo

Date _____ Minute sheet No. 1. _____ Page _____

4-1-5. ⁶⁻¹⁻⁵ Accompanying letter for signature please. ^①

20/May P.O. Can have information as of position - or supply
an interim answer to this of lab? ^② Director letters herewith for signature of.

10 Draft reply accordingly to this of lab. please. ^③
13 ^④ Was no direct indication as to the reply. E. Con. See.
would wish us to make to this of lab. Neither is it
clear whether Labours decision have been
coordinated with Ford. P.C. It is presumed that
Conducts 13 Can be an answer to R. G. O.
Subject to above, draft letter herewith. H. J. P.

10 Draft and draft to Lab. Admin for revision on ^⑤
Revised H. ^⑥

10 Lab. Admin ^⑦ is what required for the information
is required - Done: see #19 cgs

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REPORT AT TARANTO AND TREATMENT OF TARANTO WORKERS

No	Precis	REMARKS
9	From M.O.I. 18 April 44 asking that action taken in connection with Workers at Dockyard and the Arsenal of Taranto brought to his notice	
10	To M.O.I. 20 April 44 acknowledging and stating receiving attention	
11	To Labour Sub-Commission. 20 April 44 enclosing no 1 and requesting info. to reply.	
12	From Economic Section 26 April 44 replying to No. 11 and enclosing Notes of meeting in Taranto.	
13	To M.O.I. 1 May 44 replying to No 9.	
14	From Economic Section replying to No 13 which they approve.	
15	Same as No 14	
16	From M.O.I. 24 May 44 referring to his letter 19 April 44 and asking to receive further info.	
17	To M.O.I. 24 May 44 stating cannot trace letter 88 19 April and asking for a copy which will then have attention.	
18	From RC & MG 25 May 44 enclosing No 20/A/B/C/D dealing with New Ration Scale for Heavy workers.	

in
No reply to page 19.

*Shall we let the
matter drop.*

7 JUN 1944 PW.

*It is for the
most to
write*

*EB
7 June 44*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/15/3/INT.

23th May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Rationed goods.

TO : His Excellency Dr. E. Aldiste, Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. I have received your letter No. 3051 Gabinete dated 24. May and I regret that the communication of 19th April to which you refer therein cannot be traced.

2. Would you be good enough to let me have a copy of the communication in question. I will then give the matter my immediate attention.

E. G. B. Spicer
E. G. B. SPICER,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Interior Sub-Commission.

OGW/pw.

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Ministero dell'Interno
Gabinetto

Divisione _____ Sez. _____
Prot. N. 3051 Allegati _____

Salerno 24 Maggio 1945

Don/ COMMISSIONE
ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Interni
SALERNO

Risposta all'f. del 19 Aprile
Div. _____ Sez. _____ N. _____

OGGETTO Generi razionati.

TIP. 8. BUONADRONA - SALERNO

Con riferimento al foglio sopradescrit-
to, sarà gradito ricevere ulteriori notizie.

IL MINISTRO

[Signature]

Translation

Subject: Rationed goods

Reference to the above mentioned subject,
we will be very glad to receive further information.

Cent/

The Minister.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

9 May 1944

ACC/15/3/Int

SUBJECT: Taranto Workers

TO : His Excellency, Dr. S. Aldisio, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I refer to your letters dated, respectively, 30 March, no. 1290 and 18 April, no. 1872.

2. This matter has for some time been receiving the attention of the appropriate department of the Allied Control Commission and I understand that meetings have also taken place at which representatives of the dockyard workers have attended.

3. I am informed that it has been decided by the Labour authorities, following a meeting at Taranto on the 17th April, to regard these dockyard workers as being in the same category as other workers employed by the Armed Forces.

4. No further concessions can be made. New "heavy" worker rations will be announced shortly and will be applied on a uniform basis.

5. No "B" ration scale can be granted.

R. G. B. Spicer
R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JTRB/tbw

LAB 091.46145

5 May. 1944

SUBJECT: Taranto Dockyard

TO : Director, Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Rear Headquarters

P.15

With reference to your letter dated 2 May. 1944. file No. ACC/60/Int. same subject. your proposed reply has been approved by the Labor and Food Sub-Commissions.

By Command of Lt. General MASON MACFARLANE:



D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/60/Int

2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Taranto Dockyard

TO : Economic Section

Ref: Iab 091.46145

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1. Reference your letter 26 April, attached draft letter I propose writing the Minister of the Interior.

2. please state as soon as possible if it meets with your approval and sets out the position in this matter both from a labour and food standpoint.

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R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as in 1 above

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SUBJECT: Toronto Workers

TO : His Excellency, The Minister of Interior

Your Excellency,

1. I refer to your letters dated, respectively, 30 March, no. 1290 and 18 April, no. 1872.

2. This matter has for some time been receiving the attention of the appropriate Department of the Allied Control Commission and I understand that meetings have also taken place at which representatives of the Dockyard workers have attended.

3. I am informed that it has been decided by the Labour authorities, following a meeting at Taranto on the 17 April, to regard these dockyard workers as being in the same category as other workers employed by the Armed Forces.

4. No further concessions can be made. New ^{heavy} "Leacy" worker rations will be announced shortly and will be applied on a uniform basis.

5. No "B" ration scale can be granted.

R. G. B. SPICER 4:3
ETC

Type One more GPs

Copy sent to E. Con. 2/4/44

La Mutua di Malattia per i Lavoratori Agricoli;
La Cassa Nazionale Malattie per gli addetti al Commercio;
e le Cassa Mutue Malattia per i Lavoratori dell'Industria.

2. Dr. CARLO LOSCALZA, is hereby nominated Commissario
Straordinario of the above organization, with headquarters in
Palermo.

3. The Commissario will have the following duties:

- (a) to inspect the work of the organization,
- (b) to assist in carrying out the plans for reorganiza-
tion and unification established by the Constitution,
- (c) to ensure that all the necessary action is taken for
the realization of the aims of the Institution,
- (d) to collaborate with the Financial Authorities in or-
der to improve the system of collection of contribu-
tions,
- (e) to perform all other such duties as may be required.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JTRB/tbw

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LAB 091.46145

26 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Taranto Dockyard

TO : Director, Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

P. II.
1. With reference to your letter dated 20 April, 1944, file ACC/60/Int, subject Taranto Workers, there is attached for your information a copy of notes of a meeting held in Taranto with the parties concerned.

2. The concession at Para. 3 is thought reasonable, but no further concessions can be made. New "heavy" worker rations will be announced almost immediately, and will be uniformly and firmly applied. There can be no question of a "B" ration scale being granted, and any other differentials found to exist will be eliminated.

By Command of Lt. General MASON MACFARLANE:


D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Executive Officer,
Economic Section.

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Taranto
17th April, 1944

NOTES ON MEETING HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE PREFECT

PRESENT:

Representatives of the R. Italian Dockyard Workers
Two Italian Admirals,
The Prefect and Staff
Commodore Powell, R.N.
Colonel J. T. R. Bain,
Major Craig
Captain Scicluna
Captain Botham
Captain Frazer

Having heard the claims of the workers and retired to discuss the matter with Commodore Powell, Colonel Bain stated:

1. THAT there could be no question of striking in any form, stay in, lie down or stay out. Both General MacFarlane and Marshal Badoglio intended to take strong lines, and any strike in the Dockyard at this time would be regarded as sabotage.

2. THAT the issue was one of FOOD, not wages. Allied Government was sympathetic, but in face of a world shortage, with only limited supplies available for this sector, all must be treated alike. Special provision could not be made. The oft referred to Black Market was an institution the working classes were best able to combat. Cooperatives could be formed. (Later Commodore Powell said that he hoped to be able to help with transport to enable goods to be brought in from the outlying districts). It would be difficult after so long a period of Fascism, but they must learn to help themselves. It was basic in Democracy that leadership came from below.

3. THAT, however, with a view to assisting them he had decided that he would regard the Dockyard workers as being in the same category as other workers employed directly by the Armed Forces. There would be the same uniformity in hardship.

4. THAT he was the Director of the Labor Sub-Commission and not of the Food Sub-Commission. He promised, however, to see the Food Officer (Colonel Legg) and would recommend that in spite of shortage he should authorize additional food. He could not compromise - the Colonel in his absence, but believed that it could be arranged to let the heavy worker, pesanti, have a total of 400 grams of bread, 100 grams of pasta and 30 (additional) grams of soup powder.

5. THAT there could be no question of raising wages until the whole wage structure had been examined. This review was at the moment under consideration by officers of the Labor Sub-Commission. None wanted inflation, and although at the moment things might appear to be harder than necessary, he thought that if we hold the line now, it would be for the more lasting good of Italy.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/60/Int

20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Taranto Workers

TO : Labour Sub-Commission

1. Reference letter from Vice President, Administrative Section, to you dated 10 April, I attach further letter from the Minister of Interior.

2. I shall be glad to know the position and to have your views to enable a reply to be sent to the Minister.

encl: as in 1. above

Copy to: Food Sub-Commission 821

R. G. B. SPIGER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Reminder sent 26/4 821

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/60/Int

20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Taranto Workers

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Paolo, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency,

I have your letter of 3 April, no. 1372, with reference
to the above subject, which is receiving my attention.

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Copy to: Labour sub-Commission 81⁴

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Director
Interior sub-Commission

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.

Salerno, April 18th, 1944. 60/9

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No. 1872.

Subject:

Workers at the Dockyard
and the Arsenal of Taranto.

To the Allied Control Commission,

Salerno.

By the letter No. 1290 dated March 30th, 1944 I have informed you of the proposal of the Prefect of Taranto concerning the treatment of the workers of the Dockyard "Tosi" and of the Military Arsenal who want the supplying with food rations in the same manner as Military persons are feeded because they are working exclusively on behalf of the Allied Military Command.

In consequence of the strike executed (performed) during the last days by the workers of the Dockyard "Tosi", the Prefect mentioned above has informed me that the question which threatens to have serious consequences, can be resolved by the approval of the request mentioned above.

The Allied Control Commission is therefore requested to bring the determinations taken in this matter to my notice.

THE MINISTER

Signed: R e a l e .

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

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Please read attached and initial.

TO	
	Lt Col SPICER
	Capt TEMPLE
	Capt WILLIAMS
	Lt LEWIS
	Lt SHANKS
	Lt DAVENPORT

REMARKS

Lt. Col. Spicer: As you agree
that this letter should be
acknowledged by no 1 sent
over to the sign above to
Reeling Section who
will probably require to
deal with this.

So
Ask Labour how find it then
can't answer. refer to Ford
at Vapour.

Draft Herborth 1 Hw!
how appropriate

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*Ministero dell'Interno*

Salerno, 18-4-1944

*Cabinetto*N. 1872*Risposta alla lettera*N. del**OGGETTO**COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLOMaestranze cantieri edSALERNOArsenale Taranto

Con nota 1290 del 30 marzo venne segnalato la proposta del Prefetto di Taranto relativo al trattamento degli operai del Cantiere Navale "Tosi" e dell'Arsenale Militare, che aspirano alla somministrazione di generi alimentari nella stretta misura dei militari, dato che lavorano esclusivamente per conto del Comando militare Alleato.

A seguito dello sciopero effettuato nei giorni scorsi dalle maestranze del Cantiere Tosi, il predetto Prefetto segnala che la questione, che minaccia avere gravi sviluppi, potrebbe essere risolta dall'accoglimento della predetta richiesta.

Si prega pertanto codesta Commissione di compiacersi far conoscere le determinazioni adottate.

IL MINISTRO

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REAR HQ QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO. 394.

AGC/60/INT.

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5th April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Taranto Workers.

TO : Labour Sub-Commission.

1. Attached copy letter No. 1290 dated 30 March, received by the Interior Sub-Commission from the Minister of Interior, Italian Government.
2. It is understood that the subject matter is under consideration by your Sub-Commission in conjunction with the Pool Sub-Commission.
3. Capt. Albright, of your Sub-Commission, has been informed by Interior.
4. Please take any comments you desire as to the nature of the only it is desired Interior shall make to the attached.

See Page 11.

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Vice President,
Administrative Section.

Copy to: Pool Sub-Commission. 529

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/69/1/Int

5 April 1944

SUBJECT: Foggia Province

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Reale, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. In December last it was definitely directed that the administration of Foggia Province could not be in any way under control of the Italian Government.
2. Your Excellency has frequently expressed yourself to me in regard to this matter, "I have no authority in this territory".
3. I must point out that a communication from the Italian Government must proceed through the proper AMG channels, to either Region V Regional Commissioner, or 8th Army Group Commanding Officer.
4. The CC. FR. have recently been disregarding these instructions and have been corresponding direct. It has been pointed out to me that the tenor of these orders would indicate that they have been forgotten.

COPY/

MINISTERO DELL' INTERNO.
Gabinetto.

Salerno, 30.3.1944.

N. 1290.

On. COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DI CONTROLLO

OGGETTO:

SALERNOSituazione alimentare degli
operai -

Il Prefetto di Taranto nel segnalare la critica situazione alimentare ed economica degli operai del Cantiere Navale "Tosi" e del R. Arsenal Militare, prospetta l'opportunità che nell'interesse anche dell'ordine pubblico, si venga al più presto incontro alle aspirazioni degli operai stessi, considerandoli come militari agli effetti del trattamento economico, dato che lavorano esclusivamente per conto del Comando Militare Alleato.

Si prega codesta On. Commissione di prendere in benévolo esame tali proposte, favorendo un cortese cenno di riscontro.

IL MINISTRO.

Cant.

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Ministry of Interior.
Cabinet.
No. 1290.

Salerno, March 30th. 1944.

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Subject:
Alimentary Situation
of the workers.

Allied Control Commission,
Salerno.

The Prefect of Taranto communicating the critical alimentary and economical situation of the workers of the dock-yard "Tosi" and of the R. Military Arsenal is speaking for the opportunity that by reason also of public order it would be necessary to approve as quick as possible the endeavours of the workers themselves to consider them as Military persons concerning the economical treatment because they are working exclusively in behalf of the Allied Command.

It would be appreciated if the Allied Control Commission would take into consideration these proposals.

I am awaiting your kind reply to this letter.

For the Minister
Signature.

Cant.

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Ministero dell'Interno

~~Gabinetto~~

N. I290

Risposta alla lettera

N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO

Situazione alimentare
degli operai -

On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO

SALERNO

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IL MINISTRO
Laparra

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

7 February 1944

SUBJECT: Threatened strike at Taranto

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

I have the honor to report as follows:

1. I was Duty Officer at ACC Salerno during the night 6th-7th February, 1944.

2. At 2300 hours, Signor Grillo, Delegation Secretary of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that he had just returned from a meeting at HQ Naples of ACC and Italian Government representatives, presided over by Lt General Mason MacFarlane.

3. General MacFarlane had intimated that he had information regarding a threatened strike by Dock workers at Taranto to start today (Wednesday, 7th Feb 1944). General MacFarlane had requested the Italian representatives to inform Signor Reale, Minister of Interior, that all necessary action should be taken by their Government to avert the strike. If it took place, it might involve the introduction of AMO in the area, and further, that such an occurrence would seriously interrupt vital war work and adversely affect the transfer arrangements which were shortly due for completion.

4. Signor Grillo had unsuccessfully tried to contact Signor Reale at Lecce by telephone from the Provincia Building and had arranged with Minister Jun and Philipson to continue his efforts on return here.

5. Signor Grillo spoke to Lecce but was unable to contact Reale. He eventually spoke to Major Pagliano (Vice Chief of Cabinet of the Minister of War). Signor Grillo afterwards informed me that on behalf of Minister Jung and Philipson, he had repeated General MacFarlane's remarks with the direction that the message was to be conveyed by Reale or the Minister of War to General Badoglio.

I have the honor to be, sir,

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I have the honor to be, sir.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION

File: ACC/27/Int

6 February 1944

SUBJECT: Toronto Riot

TO : Vice President, Administrative Section

1. The attached report from Interior Liaison Officer Major J. McSweeney, received today is forwarded for your information.
2. 2nd Lt B. Ziegler was Interior's Liaison Officer, Region II, but no longer is, since he has been transferred.

R. G. B. Spicer

R. G. B. SPICER
Lt Colonel
Acting Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Incl: Extract from Maj McSweeney's report

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EXTRACT

from Maj J. McSweeney's report
of 3 February 1944

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B. Laboring men in the arsenal and ship-building yards at Taranto struck for higher wages, or it would be better to say, for food. Dott. Innocenti went over. I could obtain no transportation. I had a long talk with Dott. Innocenti, who was there. I wanted to get his reaction and to report them to Col Spicer. It happens that Prefetto Soprano had come through with some prejudices against him. His official acts in Naples had not been approved by the people of Taranto. This fact together with the food shortage caused these laboring men to move against the Prefect. Dr. Innocenti reported that the military and police forces failed to take proper action. Dott. Innocenti feels that in some instances, there is a general resentment when a Prefetto of a larger city is sent to a smaller community. In the affair, Prefetto Soprano was rather seriously hurt. Dott. Innocenti reported that the conduct of Lt. Ziegler was remarkable. It is my pleasure and duty to transmit to Lt Col Spicer the estimate that Dott. Innocenti had placed upon the conduct of Lt. Benj. Ziegler on this occasion. Lt. Ziegler spoke frankly but firmly to these people; presented a fine picture of conditions and at all times had his part in this serious affair well in hand. According to Dott. Innocenti, Lt Ziegler acted promptly, intelligently, and effectively. Dr. Innocenti was chiefly concerned by the laxity of the law enforcing group. No final report was given by him, nor did he say what could be done.

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