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GRAIN COLLECTION
JULY-OCT. 1944

MINUTE SHEET NO. 1

DATE		Page
July 24	V.A. To see reply vide your note on 2. I am sending copies of 3 to Bureau 2 - 7 for info. Int- Noted thank you Admin. X - 496469 24 JUL 1944 <i>Handwritten signature</i> forced.	749c

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TRANSLATION

OCT 1944 CFW

From: Minister Ferrari

To: The Prefect of Palermo.

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1330 Reg. No. 955175

10 Oct. 1944

FRICTION BETWEEN LANDOWNER-SEPARATISTS AND
COMMUNISTS OVER AMASSING OF GRAIN

10617 442 IT IS INFORMED THAT A CERTAIN RAIA SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN
KILLED AT CASTELDACCIA BY TREACHEROUS INSTIGATION OF LAND-OWNERS
AND SEPARATISTS BECAUSE WAS MEMBER OF CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR GRAIN
AND CARRIED OUT DIRECT ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT EVASION OF GRANAI DEL
POPCLO AND THAT COMMUNISTS ARE IN ALL PARTS THREATENED FOR CONDUCTING
ANALOGOUS ACTIVITY STOP PLEASE INFORM WITH DETAILED REPORT STOP

FOR THE MINISTER FERRARI .

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From Rome for info

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C O P Y

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: RLE 013.34/EKM

6 September 1944

SUBJECT: ^{AMELLA} GUARINO Amello - Sindaco, Canicatti

TO : Chief Legal Officer - Legal Sub-Commission, APO 394

1. There has been great difficulty in the enforcement of the Amassing of Grain in Agrigento Province where a serious and unsatisfactory grain situation still exists. It appears that the trouble largely rested with the A/M who had quite improperly advised bug producers not to amass in the normal way. As a result of pressure by A.C.C. (particularly the Chief Grain Collection Officer, Lt Col Walker, and the R.L.O.) it is proposed to take proceedings against the A/M and application has been made by the Procuratore del Regno Agrigento to the Ministry of the Interior for the necessary permission to proceed. This application was forwarded by letter through A.C.C. Channels on 31 August last.

2. Lt Col Walker has today expressed the opinion to me with which I entirely agree that the consent of the Ministry should be expedited by all possible means so that the case can be tried. This is likely to have an excellent effect on grain collection. It is therefore suggested that the Ministry be approached by A.C.C. and our interest in the matter made clear with a request that the Ministry will act at once.

*Saw Reynold - "Left" matter known to Ministry
through Consulate etc but application refers to
in a letter not received (to note - He is to be
to support Guaranda). I to which he when
received*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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AOC/25/2/Int

24 July 1944

SUBJECT: Amassing of grain

TO : RC, Region I
RC, Region II
RC, Region VII

1. I enclose for your information copy of a letter I wrote the Minister of Interior dated 8 July together with a copy of his reply.

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R. G. E. SPICER
Colonel
Director
Interior Sub-Commission

Encl: as above

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Minister of the Interior
Cabinet of His Em. the
Minister

Rome, 19th July, 1944
L. d. C. C. (3)
Interior Subcom.

File no. 679

Reply to letter of 26th inst.

Subject: Wheat consigning

P.1

I recalled the attention of the
High Commissioner of Sicily and of the Prefects
of Apulia and Calabria in regards to
the operations for the consignment of wheat
to the massing centers, giving in particular
instructions for the ~~rigorous~~ ^{strict} application of
the penalty imposed upon offenders of the
regulations for the consignment of wheat.

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Mae 1944

Roma 19 luglio 1944

Ministero dell'Interno
GABINETTO DI S.E. IL MINISTRO

la Commissione Alleata
di Controllo = Sottocom-
missione Interni

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Divisione
Tel. N° 679

Allegati

Ripresenta al f. del 1°8 corrente

Per Per N°

OGGETTO Ammasso grano

Ho richiamato l'attenzione dell'Alto
Commissario della Sicilia e dei prefetti delle
Puglie e Calabria circa le operazioni per il
conferimento del grano agli ammassi, imparten-
do in particolare istruzioni per la rigorosa
applicazione delle penalità previste per i con-
travventori alla disciplina degli ammassi.

IL MINISTRO

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

10 Jul 44.

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MEMORANDUM

10 JUL 1944

SUBJECT : Enforcement of Grain Collection.

TO : Interior, Public Safety, and Legal Sub Comens.

1 Reference attached appendix "A" to 203/28/CA, dated 6 Jul 44, (copy attached)

2 Following the conference held 6 Jul 44 at which were present -

Col G.R. Upjohn (Chair)
Col R.H. Wilmer
Col R.R. Cripps
Major Wilson
Capt R.R. Temple
Legal Sub Comen.
Adm Sec.
Public Safety Sub Comen.
Interior Sub Comen.

Appended below are the Minutes, against which are marked the authority responsible for action, in right hand column.

Action by

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Special Order of the Day to be issued by Chief of Carabinieri emphasizing their responsibilities in enforcing grain collection, and vigorously arresting and prosecuting grain speculators. Public Saf.

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2A(vii) Matter re FINDOCCHIARO already in hand. No immediate action on MARTINO and DI BELMONTI until receipt of evidence in the case of the last named two. Legal.

2C(iv) CLO to interview Minister of Justice and press the importance of rapid trial of offenders in grain cases. (NOTE: Minister of Justice has already stated his willingness to do this) Legal.

2C(vii) Public Safety to investigate the possibility of increase in numbers of CCHR in Regions I & II. PS.

3A(ii)

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3 Reference 2A(iv) and 2C(vii), Major Wilson has since reported that the Chief of CCHR is this day issuing a "Special Instruction", a copy of which will be obtained.

He stated further that the Commanding General CCHR cannot furnish CCHR for Region II but is moving an unspecified number up to a 100 to Sicily forthwith.

Copies to: DCC.

: Executive Commissioner.

: Security (for Col Young)

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS Col.
CSO Admin Sec.

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Appendix "A" to 203/28/CA
dated 6 Jul 44.

ENFORCEMENT OF GRAIN COLLECTION IN SICILY.

ACTION BY

1. The terms of the decree ordering the collection of grain is to be enforced in Sicily with the greatest vigour. We must expect opposition and obstruction from the people and drastic measures will be necessary.
2. The following action by the Italian Government, ACC and other authorities is recommended :-

A. By the Italian Government.

Adm Sec.
PRO
PWE

- (i) A firm statement should be made by the Prime Minister over the air and in the Press, to be repeated at frequent intervals, making it clear :-

- (a) that the price of L.1000 per quintal will not be increased by war bonus or any other means;
- (b) that the collection of grain will be enforced by every means at the disposal of the Government and that heavy penalties will be enforced on offenders;
- (c) that it is the duty of all Sicilians to make themselves self-supporting as an Island by bringing in the grain for proper distribution

(ii) This statement to be followed by continuous propaganda and to be backed up by personal tours of the Island by the Minister of Agriculture and if possible the Prime Minister himself (not by under-secretaries), directed towards the collection of grain and not towards political purposes. The High Commissioner and Signor Orlando should carry out similar tours.

Econ Sec.
Adm Sec.

(iii) Direction is to be given to the High Commissioner and the Italian tribunals that penalties against the decree must be increased to the maximum and offenders brought immediately to trial.

Adm. Sec.

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(v) Arrangements to be made (with MILA) to place the maximum number of Armed Forces (including Carabinieri) at the disposal of the High Commissioner to enforce the decree.

(vi) The acceleration of the promulgation of the road haulage decree which enforces the formation of the Provincial Consorzi to utilise private trucks on call at fixed tariffs.

(vii) The removal from Sicily of the heads of the Separatist Movement, especially FINOCCHIO APRILE, AVVOCATO LE MARTINO, SALON CESARE BRUNO DI BELMONTE, and other members of the so-called National Committee for the Independence of Sicily.

Econ Sec.
Adm Sec.

Adm. Sec.

Adm Sec.
Econ Sec.

Sec Gen.
MILA

Econ Sec.

HC & MJ Sec.

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ACTION BY.B. By the Vatican.

RC&MG Sec

Political Sec.

The intervention with special directions to Cardinal LAVITRANO for a special drive through the Churches.

C. By A.C.C. Headquarters.RC & MG Sec
Adm Sec.

(i) The appointment of Colonel A. YOUNG, Assistant Director of Public Safety Sub-Commission, as officer in charge of enforcement of grain collection under the authority of Regional Commissioner, Region I.

MILA

(ii) Arrange for the employment in Sicily of 7000 parole POW about to be made returnable to the Italian Army or for the despatch of two battalions from elsewhere.

Econ Sec.

(iii) Arrange for the immediate despatch of inner tubes for motor tyres for requisitioned cars.

Adm Sec.

(iv) Consultation with the Ministry of Justice for the rapid trial of offenders against the decree.

Sec Gen.

(v) Immediate consultation with PWB and PRO with the object of getting out forceful propaganda appealing to the emotions of the people and despatching suitable officers for this purpose. The present staff is weak. Draft appeal by Colonel Zellars attached (Appendix "B"). The use of local journalists to be encouraged. Special reference to be made to the dangers of inflation in really forceful propaganda.

RC & MG Sec.

(vi) Another appeal to A.M.I to assist in every manner by provision of transport, military police.

Adm Sec.

(vii) Numbers of Carabinieri to be increased if possible.

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Commissioner.

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(ii) Similar action with the Committees of Liberation and with local governments in Provinces.

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A. By A.C.C. Headquarters.

(i) Arrange for permanent use of at least one platoon of 24 - 3 ton trucks for Region II in addition to those already provided from British sources and operating on road haulage (approx. 110).

Econ Sec.

Adm Sec.

(ii) Increase Carabinieri by 200, if possible.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTERIOR SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

Acc/25/2/INT

8th July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Amassing of grain. Regions I and II.

TO : His Excellency, The Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. I have been instructed by the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission to ask you to communicate with the Prefects in Regions I and 2 pointing out to them their responsibility for taking vigorous action to the end that amassing of grain proceed with immediate despatch and that all violators be arrested.

2. I have also been directed to ask you to communicate with the High Commissioner of Sicily instructing him to make certain that the Italian tribunals enforce penalties for the violation of the amassing decrees to the greatest degree possible.

3. Will you please inform me as to action taken by you.

R.R. Temple
Capt.

for

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

BRE/pw.

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Inv.Sat.In Ammending - Sicily
1200 - 8 July 1941

(1A)

I asked Lt. Grotanelli to see
Fr. Sorrento and convey message
as contained in letter (p.)

He returned in 10 minutes and
said he had conveyed message
and that it would be followed by
formal letter from me. Sor-
rento said he had received a
cable from Sicily stating that
Sinkaki were resigning
in great number for the
amazing - the Republic aff-
arently had passed the resp-
onsibility to them.

RRT.

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