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SPECIAL REPORTS ON FOOD SITUATION
SEPT. - DEC. 1943

Subject: - La Guardia di Finanza

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ARMED HQ, SICILY

3 Sep 43

To: - ALL SCAGs

(With copies sufficient for distribution to CAOs, CAPOs, POs and ROs.)

1. La Regia Guardia di Finanza is constituted under Italian Law for the performance of the following duties:-

(a) Supervision of sources of yield of the following revenues:-

Customs Duties
Production Taxes.
Taxes on beer, wine, and spirits
State Monopolies
Direct Taxation and taxes on affairs

(b) Guarding and patrolling, in the Revenue interest, the coast-line and adjacent territorial waters; frontiers, lakes, lagoons and ports, including airports, and all points at which revenues are charged or liable to be charged.

(c) Special Investigation of Revenue offences, prevention, detection and repression of smuggling and tax evasion.

2. The Corps is organised in Zones, Legions, Circuits (Circolo), Companies, Platoons, Sections, and Brigades, to which are assigned certain areas of territory for supervision and executive duties. In addition to, but under the administrative control of the higher of these formations are two specialised sub-divisions, viz,

(a) Squadrons, normally provided with sea-craft, for Revenue service afloat, wearing naval uniform.

(b) Reparti di Polizia Tributaria, specially selected personnel for observation, investigation, research, and verification in all cases of suspected Revenue offences, a plain-clothes force

3. In the general dislocation of services and communications since the occupation of Sicily, the Corps may have been employed on duties other than those set forth above. This is provided for, in a state of emergency, in the Regulations of the Corps. It should be borne in mind, however, that the primary function of the Corps is a Revenue one.

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5. You will therefore ensure that the activities of the Corps in your area are especially directed towards the tightening of the law in so far as Revenue charge and collection are concerned also "Black Market" and control of merchandize, and that no laxity is permitted. Please contact the senior officer of the Corps in your district and impress this matter upon him, and satisfy yourself by visit and test-check, if necessary, that he and his subordinates are in fact carrying out their Revenue duties to the utmost.

6. Any instances of neglect of duty or lack of zeal by units or members of the Corps should be reported to this H.Q. without delay. Similarly all offences by members of the public brought to notice by the Corps should be prosecuted by either Allied Military Court procedure or Civil Authority according to the nature of the offence.

12 Dec 44

A.F. GRANTLEY-SMITH,
Colonel,
Chief Financial Officer.

Folio	Date	Reference	To/From	Subject
1A	24 Nov 43	RES 319.1/25	To R. C. O. P. S. A. H. H. H. H.	Special Report on Food Situation
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the matter with you.

TRANSLATION

The Neapolitan Committee of National Liberation; in view of the continuous gravity of the Italian alimentary crisis, which is the principal origin of persistent disorders in national economic sectors, further the reason for the public malcontent and the unsupportable anguish and privation amidst which the lower classes find themselves;

Taking into consideration the maladjustment, deriving from the scarcity of national foodstuffs, and the false prices, resulting from the purchasing power of the money in the hands of Allied soldiers, and the purchases of foodstuffs, affected directly on the market, by the Allied armies;

In looking forward to the uneasy developments of war and the presumably disastrous conditions of extreme need in which the other regions of Italy will be found when they have been liberated from enemy occupation;

IT IS ASKED THAT - In order of priority the Allied Military Government should;

I. a. Establish a more rigorous and more vigorous police service, ground alimentary services, (with the eventual help of civilian volunteers) especially those that are assigned flour (for making bread and pasta). Discipline and control should be set up for ovens and bakeries, distribution of bread, paste, and other common foods (oils fats, and vegetables);

b. Provision should be made for and more severe penalties should be enforced on persons who illicitly and to their own benefit withdraw foodstuffs from public consumption, in order to delivery them into the black market;

c. Integrate the alimentary needs of the city dwellers with more frequent and larger imports of flour, meats and fats, medicines and condensed milk for sick people and children;

d. Organize for the present and only as an experiment, the direct sale to the public foodstuffs by means of display and price comparison stores to be set up and to function under the immediate and direct control of Allied and Italian personnel.

II. The Allied Government in Campania should, making itself aware of the needs and aspirations of the country, ask for from superiors and competent Allied authorities, in conjunction with the Economic Section of the Advisory Council for Italy, that the following urgent matters be taken into consideration;

1. Ascertain immediately, acting with the competent central Italian authorities, the quantity of essential food products that are available in each province of liberated Italy and make arrangement for the immediate distribution in proportion to the number and needs of the population of each province,

2. Set up a central Allied Office, composed of personnel that is specialized in agricultural matters, matters of commercial, industrial and tran-

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port organization, which persons should occupy themselves exclusively with food supplies of the regions of liberated Italy, notwithstanding the jurisdiction they may be under and acting independently of that jurisdiction;

3. Institute similar branch offices in each provincial capital, with powers and executive functions operating under directions and instructions from the central food supply office;

4. Give to the Central Food Supply Office the fullest powers for decisions, coordination, requisition and the fixation of market prices of all the alimentary resources, produced and to be produced in liberated Italy.

5. Pool together also to form part of the Food Supply Office, as it is indicated above, Italian citizens of proven worth who are active, clear-thinking, selected outside of those bureaucratic cliques that, up until now have been working on services of this type, and have these selected persons act on an equal basis with the allied directors.

6. Establish proper transportation services, both rail and road, with military personnel, which will be destined exclusively to the refurnishing and exchange of foodstuffs between the various regions of Italy and between the provinces in these regions.

7. Rehabilitate the pasta mills of southern Italy and guarantee them supplies in order to assure a quantitative and regular supply of the principal diet of the people of the region.

8. Consider it and investigate the possibilities of adopting a form of forced savings and allotment to individuals or families, which will limit, within reason, the ample purchasing power of each soldier of the Allied armies.

9. Prohibit direct purchase of foodstuffs with the exception of surpluses. This regulation is to be enforced for both large and small units of the Allied Armies or at least channel these purchases through the Allied Food Supply Office in order to provide coordination;

10. Allow that the competent Allied Supply Officers have the authority to draw an overall allied plan for the supply of food to the Italian people, this plan to be subject to changes, for better or for worse, which may occur within the country as the military operations progress. The rehabilitation of Italian agriculture and the hoped-for return to normalcy, in as far as internal trade and international trade is concerned, should also be taken into consideration in the overall plan.

NOTE: This order of the day was approved January 10, 1944, by the Neapolitan Committee of National Liberation and was then presented to the Economic Section of ANG.

TRANSLATION

1. In order to avoid that the Italian people should be overcome by the anguish and actual difficulties of adapting themselves to the tragic status of being continuously dependent, it is necessary to stimulate, by every possible means, private initiative in every branch of economic activity and personal industry.
2. To ascertain with Italian technical advice what factories can be immediately and autonomously rehabilitated, which can be economically rehabilitated with some help, and which others cannot be at present rehabilitated.
3. Turn over the job of studying and performing the actual rehabilitation of productive activity in the country to men who are capable and competent and chosen, if possible, from the same trade for which rehabilitation plans are made.
4. Except in extraordinary cases of proven competency and indispensability do not use men who have been connected with Fascism.
5. Do not consent to the increase in the price of public services. In any case, make certain first off that these increase are exclusively destined to increase in salaries and stipends and are not for the aggrandizement of the utility as would appear to be the case for aqueducts, wherein the cost of water has increased 140%, the electrical companies who have been authorized an increase of 100% and the telephone companies. Every increase in the cost of public services is the road, always madness, towards the most ruinous inflation. The public utilities are all in the hands of Fascist capital and every effort towards a raise in price must be seen as an attempt to sabotage the country's climb towards freedom.
6. The setting up of the mense aziendali (this was an organization operated by each large factory to provide one hot meal a day to the workers) should be given every consideration in all those undertakings which are part of the progra, for economic recuperation of Italy.
7. The setting up of direct delivery of food to employees and laborers should also be favored, when these persons cannot have the advantage of the one meal a day described above.
8. Arrange for the furnishing to white collar workers and laborers of clothing,
9. Try by every means possible to keep those persons with fixed incomes from having to go to the black market.
10. Make a study of possibilities whereby Italy will resume, at the earliest possible time, internal traffic and resume manufacturing of such industrial products as may be of service to the Allied armies.
11. Reduce to a minimum the amount of land which remains uncultivated as a result of war operations and help out that cultivation by furnishing seeds and fertilizers.
12. Reorganize shipping and internal transportation facilities between the regions of liberated Italy, starting with those that are indispensable to the di-

tribution of food supplies.

13. Give consideration to the tragic conditions of want which will be found following liberation of those territories now occupied by the enemy.

14. In short, bring back to life after the passing devastation of Germans and the effects of war, starting with Italy as the first liberated country, the economic political and moral resurrection of Europe.

Raffadali (Agrigento Prov)

8 Nov

8 AM about 25 persons gathered at Mun. and the CAO instructed the CC RR to disperse the crowd, because of the seeming disorder that was apparent. Efforts were futile and about 10 AM there was a crowd of about 1000. A request was sent to Agrigento for reinforcement and the crowd was shouting, Out with Fascist Municipal Workers, Out with ration cards, give us food, we are hungry. About 1130 the crowd formed under a red flag. Lt Gorman went into the crowd and took the red flag. At this time Lt Gorman's driver returned from his trip to Agrigento for assistance and was disarmed by the crowd. Lt Gorman went to his driver's assistance and was himself disarmed. Members of the crowd were mostly 16 to 20 year old. They ransacked the offices and threw furniture, ledgers, papers etc out of the windows, to the street, where a huge bonfire was started. They also stormed the tax and ration offices which were likewise ransacked.

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Proc. 13 is the reason given for the demonstration.

In addition to the furniture books and papers that were destroyed, money stolen in these amounts;

9300 Lire	Tax Office
3300 Lire	Rationing Office
7050 Lire	Agricultural Office.

The arms of the Lt. and his driver were later recovered.

Trabia (Palermo Prov)

Nov 24th 7AM

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The following pictures and inscriptions were seized by the CC RR

"Vive Mussolini" Vive Il Duce, Down with City Employees,
Down with the Allies and We Want Liberty ~~XXXXXX~~. (Capt Arista-Termini)

CC RR on the date mentioned were busy with the orders to inform people re turning in percentage of grain. Crowd started to form in front of Municipio at 9 AM and 40 CC RR reinforcements arrived from Termini and broke up demonstration at 10 AM. But before the CC RR arrived the people entered the Municipio and dragged out the Sindaco into the street, where he escaped from them. The people that had entered the Mun. ransacked the ~~palace~~ palace, carried out all the papers and documents into the street and set fire to them. The wind was violent and carried the flames to the inside of the Mun.. The Fire Dept at Termini was notified, but by the time that they arrived the Mun. was almost burned to the ground. In the meantime some of the crowd went to the Trabia grain mill and warehouse and began to carry out grain.

There were approx 500 people in the demonstration. A 48 hour curfew was imposed by the CAO.

The only casualties were two grinders at the mill who resisted the rioters. Not hospitalized.

CC RR arrested 51 persons.

It is quite logical to assume that the demonstration was an organized affair and not spontaneous.

Received	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disembarkation	Remarks
Unit	Flour	Arrival	Good
10/10/50	N11	N12	---
11/10/50	N11	N11	---
12/10/50	N11	N11	No Report
13/10/50	N11	N11	"
14/10/50	N11	N11	"
15/10/50	N11	N11	"
16/10/50	N11	N11	"
17/10/50	N11	N11	"
18/10/50	N11	N11	"
19/10/50	N11	N11	"
20/10/50	N11	N11	N11
21/10/50	N11	N11	No Report

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FILE: ICS 115.1/23

28 November

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.G. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours is published for information.

28 November 1943

Province Arrivals from Overseas Port of Disturbance Remarks

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disturbance	Remarks
Belgium	Nil	—	No reports
France	Nil	—	No reports
Catalonia	Nil	—	No reports
Spain	Nil	—	No reports
Portugal	Nil	—	No reports
Germany	Nil	—	No reports

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CHURCHES, COLONIAL,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Civil, 18-19 October.

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File: ICS 312.1/25

28 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.G. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours --27 November 1943-- is submitted for information.

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disembark.	Remarks
Mount	Ploun	Arrival	Shore
Palermo			No details to have.
Trapani		1 in small village, name not received.	Very minor
Catania		No contact	
Syracuse		No contact	
Enna		No contact	
Marone		No contact	
Messina		No contact	3326
Reggio		No contact	

Province	Threat	Flour	Arrival	Notes
Palermo			Alia	No details to have.
Trapani			1 in small village, name not received.	Very minor
Catania			No contact	
Syracuse			No contact	
Enna			No contact	
Messina			No contact	3322
Reggio			No contact	
Verona			No contact	
Como			Nil	

CHARLES ROBERT,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Civil Affairs Officer.

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File: RJS 319.1/25 26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.S. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours 25 November 1943 is submitted for information.

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disturbance	Remarks
	Threat	Flour	Arrival
Palermo	N41	N41	No Reports
Trapani		Unable to contact	
Catania		Unable to contact	
Syracuse		No contact	
Messina		No contact	
		No contact	

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Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Disembarkation	Remarks
Palermo	Nil	Nil	No Reports
Messina	Unable to contact		
Catania	Unable to contact		
Syracuse	No contact		
Trapani	No contact		
Reggio Calabria	No contact		
Brindisi	No contact		
Adriatico	No contact		
Calabria	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Special Report to Acting Chief of Staff for 24 hrs. ending 22 Nov. 1943

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Arrival	Disturbances	Remarks
Palermo			Nil	
Tripoli			1. Marsala	Very minor Disturbances
Catania	1800 tons Nov. 21	Catania	No Contact	
Syracuse			Grain convoys obliged to avoid larger convoys No Contact	
Messina			No Contact	
Reggio			No Contact	
Veriorto			2. Reimsonte Disturbances were very minor	
Caltanissetta			Nil	
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			Lt. Colonel	
			Regional Civil Affairs Officer	

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2. Penultimate disturbances were very minor

Nil

CHARLES DOMESTI

Lt. Colonel

Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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10 : Acting Chief of Staff, J.N.O. Headquarters.

The following special report shows the food situation and disappearance in connection therewith for 26 hours ending 1200 hours. . . . 23 November 1943. It is submitted for information.

25 November 1943

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Left of District	Threats
...	Nil	Nil	No reports
...	...	Unable to contact	...
...	...	Unable to contact	...
...	...	No contact	...
...	...	No contact	...
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File: ICS 312.1/25 15 November 1943

SUBJECT: Special Report on Food Situation.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.C. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours 15 November 1943 is submitted for information.

Province Arrivals from Overseas Port of Disturb.

	Flight	Flower	Arrival	Incident	Remarks
Palermo	ALL	IM1			No Disturb
Trapani				Disturb to contacts	
Comiso				Disturb to contacts	
Mazara				No contacts	
Trapani				No contacts	
Mazara				No contacts	
Trapani				No contacts	

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DATE: 25 November 1983. USAQUINTENN.

The following special report showing the foot sit-
uation and disbursements in connection therewith for 24 hours
ending 1230 10/22/26 is submitted for
information.

54 arrests made up to date
at TABIA on result of
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54 arrests made up to date
for those as a result of
the FBI report of Nov 13.

Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Port of Arrival	At Risk as result of
Palawan	"	"	"
Manila	"	"	"
Cebu	"	"	"
Davao	"	"	"
General	"	"	"
Other	"	"	"
Remarks	"	"	"

at risk as result of
 No report available 33

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TO : Acting Chief of Staff, A.M.C. Headquarters.

The following special report showing the food situation and disturbances in connection therewith for 24 hours ending 1200 hours ~~24 November 1944~~ is submitted for information.

4 - November 1949

Province Arrivals from Overseas Port of Disturb. Remarks

Agent	Flour	Arrival	ances
Belgium	No flour available		Trains
France	" "	" "	Wills
Catalina	Unable to contact by telephone		
Spain	" "	" "	
Finland	" "	" "	
Sweden	" "	" "	
Denmark	" "	" "	

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Province	Arrivals from Overseas	Guest	Flour	Arrival	Onces
Palaung	No figures available			Tubin	Multiplic burned Oct. 27 1945
Impani	"	"	"	INLO	
Catapia	Unable to contact by telephone				
Ying	"	"	"		
Sixpoua	"	"	"		
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