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NOTES OF CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL SUPPLY OFFICERS
7 February 1944

PRESENT

Lt. Colonel	W. J. IEGG, Director Food Sub-Commission, Chairman.	
Colonel	E. J. EDWARDS	REGION IV
Colonel	G. D. MURPHY	ECONOMIC SEC. HQ ACC
Colonel	M. G. GRIFFIN	PUBLIC HEALTH S.C.
Lt. Colonel	D.A.W. RUCK	REGION II
Lt. Colonel	C. R. MERRILL	REGION III
Lt. Colonel	S. W. ARCHIBALD	REGION IV
Lt. Colonel	J. F. SMITH	LABOR SECTION
Lt. Colonel	O. W. HEPPMANN	FOOD SUB-COM.
Lt. Colonel	S. PICKERING	PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.
Major	C. A. LATIMER	REGION V
Major	O. H. SPENCER	8TH ARMY
Major	C. H. HAMMAR	AGRICULTURE S.C.
Major	G. M. SHARP	ECC. DIRECTORATE
Major	H. C. NOLEN	FOOD SUB-COM.
Major	C.H.R. SMALLWOOD	FOOD SUB-COM.
Major	A. W. TOLMAN, JR.	FOOD SUB-COM.
Captain	J. IMPIE	APULIA
Captain	A. C. PING	REGION IV
Captain	A. MACHAUGHTON WRIGHT	REGION V
Captain	M. HAY	ECONOMIC SECT.
Captain	A. J. PARKER	FOOD-SUB-COM.
Lieutenant	B. M. SHANLEY	M. O. S.

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 1030 hours by introducing Hon. Henry Grady, Vice President Economic Section. The Chairman then outlined the business of the meeting and the functions, plans and policy of the Food Sub-Commission. It is intended to coordinate Headquarters Regional Policies in respect of Food Distribution. "It obviously has to work on a national basis but it doesn't intend to plan contrary to Region policy. To assist Regions, advance knowledge will be imparted as practicable.

The Chairman alluded a tendency to increase supplies to the population because of better supplies. He wished to warn Regions that they must not exceed the Official Rations laid down. Any ration contemplated, in excess, must receive Headquarters approval. Quotas for January to June are based on maintenance demands including the

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line of advance and for a one month's reserve. Supplies in excess of actual requirements must be conserved for future requirements of territories Rome and North Owing to deficient port acceptances ~~the~~ ships may have to be unloaded at any port. The Ration of Flour agreed is 200 grams when supplies allow and Regions could then make their own arrangements as to distribution, Bread or Pasta. Where Wheat is used an extract of 58% only must be allowed for.

The meeting was then thrown open for discussion of schemes on the agenda.

ALLOWANCES FOR HEAVY WORKERS:

Major SPENCER asked about the 200 grams for Heavy Workers. He was informed an additional meal will be provided at a small cost by employers. (Army, Navy, Air Force, and/or their contractors) This scheme now being worked out.

Colonel SMITH said that "Heavy Workers" was indefinite. The ration was being given to all workers.

Major SHARP asked if estimate of 200 grams for Heavy Workers was included in allocations.

Chairman: Supplies must over-take planning before definite plan can be laid down. Lost ships made a difference. We were not yet in a position to grant 200 grams to Heavy Workers.

Apulia: Is able to manage 150 grams.

Lt. Colonel RUCK: Cosenza and Catanzara, only 100 grams.

Captain IMBIE asked if he should stop the supplementary to H^W.

Chairman said not necessarily. Apulia should present situation and stocks. Other Regions must be considered on this subject.

Region III was informed that rationed foods to meet the meal would be provided by A.G.C. against a monthly return showing the quantities used by the Employer.

Region III suggested that supplementary ration to utilities should be covered by authorisation. Also that when ration is increased supplementaries should cease.

Lt. Colonel SMITH: Outlined the scheme for meals to be consumed on the job.

Region II asked about the position of Forestry Workers, pointing out that the people living in the same areas received only 100 grams, owing to distribution difficulties.

Chairman said that the military should make a return of the flour used to AGC who would reimburse.

Region III: Raised the question of Public Employees. Tramway, gas workers, etc.

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CONFERENCE CONT'D:

Lt. Colonel SMITH said the increase to 200 grams would stop a lot of squabbling.

We must stick to a demarkation line but if details were put up Labor Sub-Commission would look into them and consult with Economic Directorate.

TRANSPORTATION:

The draft memorandum of the proposed Road Haulage Organization was discussed at this stage in preparation for the meeting with Internal Transportation. It was agreed that transport was now the vital factor in distribution of food and that any scheme to augment and improve would be a valuable contribution, towards the increase of Ration scale.

FLOUR MILLING, HANDLING OF WHEAT:

Lt. Colonel LEXA: Suggested that distribution should now be through the hands of local contractors and mentioned he was going into the angle at the present time.

Captain LERIE said he was experimenting by unloading the cargo of one ship direct to millers. Neither Consorzi nor Alimentation had necessary labour or facilities.

Chairman: The ACC Scheme envisages turning everything back to the Italians. Regions Supply Officers should prepare the ground.

9TH ARMY suggested the transportation problem is the key and civilian transport should be resuscitated.

YEAST:

Lt. Colonel LERO stated that the supply of yeast was now being examined. A factor in Naples was ready to function. He requested Regions to notify requirements to HQ A.C.C.

STATISTICS:

Major TOLMAN gave a short description of the statistics system being built up in Food Sub-Commission and the importance of regular returns of stocks, receipts and deliveries was emphasised.

AFTERNOON SESSIONRATION POLICY:

Lt. Colonel LERO: A basic ration can only be issued for the present but an all round increase will be made when possible and special classes will then also be taken into consideration.

It is hoped to increase the supply of flour available after next harvest by the addition of flour made from beans and peas.

CONFERENCE CONT'D:

Lt. Colonel HUCK stated they had been using 25% Bran in Flour in Antera.

Lt. Colonel LEGG: It is approved policy to use Bran in Flour. It is intended to issue instructions that extraction of Flour from wheat is to be at the rate of 95%. Regions are free to adopt any method of producing additional flour providing all are notified.

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PRICES OF WHEAT:

A discussion took place on the price for wheat. It was agreed that the bonus, if renewed, would not bring in additional wheat. It was agreed to recommend that Regions III and IV continue bonus to the end of February. It was strongly recommended that the prices of wheat for next harvest be fixed early and examinations of costings and preliminary investigations be commenced as soon as possible.

Major HANSEN recommended the maximum price possible.

RETENTIONS OF WHEAT:

On the subject of Retentions, it was recommended that they be examined with a view to elimination of certain classes at present allowed to retain wheat.

OLIVE OIL:

Apulia stated that they expected to amass 7000 tons of which 1500 tons were earmarked for Naples. 1000 tons for the Army and 3500 for stock.

Region II reported that amassing had failed. A million liters had gone to Sicily and half a million liters to other Regions. Colonel LEGG promised to investigate a suggestion that CRASC had tried to buy 2500 tons.

Major GATE suggested that surplus oil from North Africa be considered but Lt. Colonel LEGG said that in normal times Sicily and Italy exported Olive Oil.

FOOD PROCESSING:

Lt. Colonel HEHRMANN: Asked for the cooperation of Regional Supply Officers in regard to the setting up of Flour Mills in readiness for the milling of the wheat coming in. Also the resuscitation of Food Processing Plants and particularly for the raw materials needed for canning, packing, etc. He suggested there may be stocks of tin plate of which would be needed in order to get the plants working and the knowledge of their location and quantities would be invaluable.

PRICES OF SOUP AND DRIED VEGETABLES:

In view of an issue of Dehydrated Soups and other commodities, Region ¹¹⁴²⁸ for guidance in the matter of prices to be charged. Lt. Colonel LEGG said these were being requested and would be notified on receipt.

SUMMARY:

All Supply Officers were to maintain close liaison with HQ A.C.C.

CONFERENCE CONT'D:

Region II; Problems.

Transportation in all phases.
Accountants and clerical assistance.

Region III

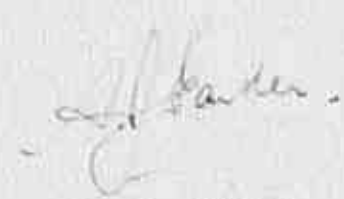
Inter-regional trade.
It was recommended that notification of surpluses be
sent to Food Sub-Commission.
Transactions would be between Region Supply Officers.

Apulia

Transport
Clerical Assistance
Advices of Ships arriving.

Region IV

Transportation.


A. J. PARKER
Capt.
Conference Secretary

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DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF PROPOSED ROAD HAULAGE TRANSPORT
ORGANIZATION

OBJECT OF THE ORGANIZATION. - To re-establish Civilian Road Haulage Transport Organizations throughout occupied territory, in order that the needs of the country may be met and to supervise such organizations to ensure that the interests of the Allied Governments are met and that any Road Haulage Transport abuses be eliminated.

1. THE PROPOSED ORGANIZATION.

a. Regional.

The Regional Control Commissioner will appoint a Regional Road Transport Officer. This officer will require his own transport, a clerk and a dispatch rider and will be located at Region HQ. The R.C.C. will also appoint Provincial Road Haulage Transport Control Officers on the basis of one officer per province in the Region. These Provincial Road Haulage Transport Control Officers will require a staff of one clerk, one dispatch rider and transport of their own. They will require an office in the Provincial capital and will be under the supervision of the Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer.

b. Duties of the Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer

(i) He will advise his Region HQ on all matters concerning haulage of goods by road.

(ii) He will supervise the Provincial Road Haulage Transport Control officers in his Region.

c. Duties of the Provincial Road Haulage Transport Control Officer.

(i) To liaise with any Road Haulage organization existing in his province and assist them in re-establishing that organization in order that it can operate under his supervision.

(ii) Where no Road Haulage organization exists in the Province, to liaise with the Consiglio Provinciale Dell'Economia and through them contact the most reliable haulage operator and with him build up an organization to handle Road Transport.

(iii) To form a pool or pools of vehicles according to the lay-out and transport needs of his province. By the use of the word "pool" it is not meant that all vehicles must be garaged in one building; they can remain with their respective owners and still constitute a pool.

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(iv) To organise a Maintenance, Repair and Servicing depot or depots. It must be borne in mind that a good mechanical engineer is absolutely essential.

(v) At a specified time and in conjunction with the appropriate Regional Authorities cancel all existing civilian load carrying vehicle licences and issue new permits after proper registration.

(vi) All drivers should be supplied with a combined work ticket and delivery note. This work ticket and delivery note to be in triplicate form for the following reasons:-

- (a) One copy to remain in the hands of the civilian transport organisation.
- (b) One copy to be handed to the shipper.
- (c) One copy to be carried by the driver, signed by the consignee and returned by the driver to the transport organisation.

(vii) Arrangements should be made, with the appropriate authorities, so that petrol and lubricants can be delivered in bulk to the maintenance depot or depots established, in order that the truck owners can draw their supplies from the one source and that a monthly petrol account can be kept. This account being open to inspection at any time.

(viii) All applications for Road Haulage movement will be made through this organisation.

(ix) He will maintain a record of Road Haulage Movement in his province and render a weekly vehicle availability state to the Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer.

Specimen forms for use in connection with (v) and (vi) aforementioned are attached.

2. MOVEMENT OF GOODS BY ROAD.

This can be divided into two categories:-

- A. Movement beginning and ending within the Provincial Boundary.
- B. Movement extending beyond the Provincial Boundary.

In the beginning the majority of goods carried by Road will be carried on behalf of ACC/AGF at the request of the various Sub-Commissions and Regional Officers. In effect this will mean that the Road Haulage Transport Control Officer will receive instructions as to what goods are to be carried, but there will be occasions when this is not the case and the following instructions are set out, bearing this fact in mind.

- A. Movement beginning and ending within the Provincial Boundary.

Movement of goods by road within the province will be under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Road Haulage Transport Control Officer, through whose organisation all requests for movement by road will be made. The Provincial Road Haulage Trans-

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port Control Officer and his organisation will be guided by the following principles.

(i) The Priority of Goods to be carried.

- (a) ACC/AMG goods.
- (b) Foodstuffs, vegetables, fruits and wine.
- (c) Salt.
- (d) Livestock and fowls, alive or slaughtered.
- (e) Coal and coke for industry.
- (f) Cement, lumber and building materials.
- (g) Charcoal.
- (h) Seeds.
- (i) Fertilisers and raw materials for manufacture of fertilisers.
- (j) Agricultural machinery.
- (k) Sugar.

(ii) Goods carried on behalf of ACC/AMG and on behalf of civilian shippers will be carried at freight rates, which will be drawn up by each provincial road haulage transport control officer and submitted to the regional HQ for review and forwarding to HQ, ACC (Economic Section) for approval. In submitting such rates for approval, the comparative pre-occupation rates should also be shown.

The freight charge for goods carried on behalf of ACC/AMG will be paid by the consignor (ACC/AMG), who will then be reimbursed by the Italian Government.

Civilian Road Haulage Transport organisations will be allocated AM/AMG vehicles on a contract basis. These vehicles will be supplied to the regions as explained in paragraph III and it will be the responsibility of the regional road haulage transport officer to turn over the vehicles to the civilian road haulage organisations, on the recommendations of the provincial officers. Carriage, oil, maintenance and transport will be supplied and paid for by the civilian road haulage organisation. The Legal Sub-Commission will assist in drawing up a standard form of contract with variations for each civilian road haulage organisation.

(iii) Goods preferably will not be transported by road if rail transport is available except when trucks are returning empty.

(iv) No other goods shall be accepted for transport so long as any goods on the priority and waiting transport.

(v) The subject of return loads will always be borne in mind.

(vi) All requests for transport of ACC/AMG goods will be submitted to the Provincial Road Haulage Transport Control Officer at least 24 hours before the movement is required to take place.

B. Movement extending beyond the Provincial Boundary.

All requests for the movement of goods beyond the Provincial boundaries will be made to the Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer and the principles set out in A. apply. The Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officer 3420 the information supplied to him by his provincial officers, will be in a position to organise these moves and utilise the most convenient Provincial Road Haulage Trans-

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port organisations or organisation.* The regional road haulage transport control officer, acting with regional road haulage transport control officers in adjacent regions, will establish thru-rates for inter-regional movements. (The regional officer may also see fit to establish inter-provincial thru-rates in his region).

Close contact between Regional Road Haulage Transport Control Officers is essential and this contact will enable full use to be made of the return load system.

3. SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL TRUCKS.

It is anticipated that in the comparatively near future, additional trucks will be made available. Under these circumstances Regional Road Haulage Transport Control officers must make every effort to see that organisations, as set out in para 1, are established with every possible speed.

They will collate the following information as soon as possible:

Number and carrying capacity of additional trucks required, after taking into account those at present available, to maintain essential road haulage facilities within their provinces and Region. Consideration must be given to import expectations and overall distribution and warehousing.

4. FORMATION OF EMERGENCY TRANSPORT POOL.

In the very near future, 200 trucks will be made available and these have been provisionally allocated as follows:

Naples area.....	110 trucks.
Heel Ports.....	60 "
Reggio/Crotone.....	30 "

These 200 trucks will be organised on a military basis, but it will be necessary for the Regions concerned in the above mentioned areas, to have ready an officer and staff to take over the supervision of these trucks. In the main, this Emergency Transport Pool will be dealing with the carriage of imported foodstuffs from ports to warehouses and from warehouses to distributing centres.

The formation of this Emergency Transport Pool is in order to meet the most urgent road haulage requirements until such time as the Civilian organisations, as outlined in para 1, are capable of taking over the commitments. When that time is reached it will be possible to transfer the Emergency Transport Pool to the forward areas of occupied territory, where road transport is of vital urgency and no civilian organisation can be operated.

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Conference of Chief of the Food Sub-Commission with the Chief Supply Officers of Regions and Armies.

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7 February 1944. 1000 to 1230 hours and 1400 hours--when item 15, additional Road Transport will be discussed.

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b. Policy: Equitable distribution.

c. Plan: To meet maintenance demands and build up reserve of one month.

2. IMPORTS, February - March. Quantities to be allocated.

Implication vis-a-vis Regions.
Stockpiling and responsibility of Regions.

3. INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

Ship to Port Warehouse
Sub-warehouse or mill.
Wholesaler.
Retailer.
Consumer

4. RECORDS OF FACILITIES. Necessity for,

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b. Warehouses: Capacity; how many floors; security against theft, fire, rats, etc.

c. RAILWAYS.

d. ROAD TRANSPORT.

e. FLOUR MILLING: Capacity; storage room; security; cost of milling; deg-roo (percentage); stock of sacks.

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CONFERENCE: Cont'd.

5. YEAST: Source of Supply. Weekly requirements. Distribution.

6. ACCOUNTS: Importance of

7. RETURNS required.

8. RATIONING POLICY:
Supplies based on scale laid down in AFHQ (AMDOT) 400-1 of 31 Jan. 44.

9. DOMESTIC PRODUCTION:
Co-ordinate with agriculture.
Potatoes, Peas, etc.

10. SACKS: Wheat & Flour
Exchange on 1 for 1 basis.
Estimate of sacks in warehouses on 15 February.

11. OTHER CONTAINERS:

12. CONSERVATION AND ALIMENTATION:
Inspection of accounts. Census records. Rationing enforcement organization.

13. INTER-REGIONAL TRADE:
Decisions resulting from Chief Commissioner's conference.

14. OLIVE OIL:
Availability, control and allocation of present stocks.

15. ADDITIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT:
How these will be allocated

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15. ADDITIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT:
200 trucks expected. Italian army drivers. How these will be allocated
and employed.

16. COMMODITIES OTHER THAN FLOUR: Distribution and price control.

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CONFERENCE: Cont'd.

17. Any Other Business.

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Capt., Gen. List
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1	Lt. Col. LEO
1	Lt. Col. HERMAN
1	Major HUMPHREYS
1	Major NOLEN
1	Major TOLMAN
1	Agriculture Sub-Commission
1	Internal Transportation
1	C.S.O. Region 1
1	C.S.O. Region 2
1	C.S.O. Region 3
1	C.S.O. Region 4
1	C.S.O. 5th Army
1	C.S.O. 8th Army
2	Economic Section (for information)
11	Extra

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