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- (a) Organization: No opportunity was afforded of discussing personally with the G O C XIII Corps the question of the nomenclature to be used in connection with Col. BOLZANO's appointment. The matter, however, was discussed with the G O C who stated that the G O C was not in favour of making any change in the existing nomenclature.
- (b) Report received on certain territory. This matter was discussed with the SCAG and BOS. The GOC XIII Corps had not received any definite reply to his D/O letter in which he suggested that the matter should be dealt with by the Special Committee set up at AHR, but it was understood that the suggestion was still under consideration. Instructions that the report was to be prepared by HQ AG were received on 7 Sep 45 and immediately handed to SCAG, who referred the matter to HQ XIII Corps on the morning of September 8th. SCAG considered that XIII Corps would require a much more detailed question-naire to assist them in providing the information. It is understood that this matter has now been settled by the dispatch of officers from this Headquarters to obtain the necessary information from XIII Corps HQ.
- (c) Fraternization: During a visit to BOLZANO (where the A/IO was seen, Lt. Col. MacBETH, the IO being away) it was reported that the local Military Authorities had received instructions from higher authority re regards fraternization between German POWs working on the railways, etc., and civilians and fraternization between Allied personnel and Reich, German-speaking civilians. This situation was now considered to be satisfactory.
- (d) Italian troops, BOLZANO - Discipline. The A/IO was of the opinion that incidents were decreasing and that the situation had improved.
- (e) Return of Deported Italians to TRIESTE. As regards Italians who had moved or been deported into Yugoslav territory and the agreements made that they should be returned to VENEZIA GIULIA - HQ AG said that none or very few had so far returned to their families. Constant applications were received at HQ AG VENEZIA GIULIA regarding their return. HQ AG VENEZIA GIULIA considered that the strongest possible pressure should be brought to bear on the Yugoslav authorities to implement the agreements made.

2 PUBLIC SAFETY

- (a) Special Police Force - VENEZIA GIULIA. This matter was discussed with GOC XIII Corps, SCAG, Provost Marshall and Lt. Col. RICHMOND. Those concerned have all the necessary details as regards CO. PR. rates of pay and they also have a competent Carabinieri Officer to advise them. What they did require was the assistance of a Finance Officer in the compilation of the scales of pay, allowances, etc., which they were endeavouring to draw up. A telegram was dispatched from HQ AG VENEZIA GIULIA recommending reinforcement of one or more Finance Officers. I will pursue this with the Finance Sub-Commission.

The prospects of obtaining clothing and equipment for the force had very much improved and the COG XIII Corps was satisfied with the present position.

It was understood that authority for the formation of this Special Police Force was still awaited from COG.

As regards enrollment - 190 applicants were under training. Beyond this number there were 2,000 other applicants, 800 of whom had already been finally passed and another 600 passed but not yet screened.

(b) VENEZIA REGION - Auxiliary Police. The question of their future when ALV was withdrawn was discussed with the RC. It transpired that the strength of these auxiliary police is approximately 3,300. They were formed from ex-Faristans and while they come under the Questore they have not been absorbed into the normal police agencies as was the policy laid down for other Regions in the North.

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(c) Questori - Liguria Region. Regional Public Safety Officer reported that 3 new Questori and one Vice-Questore had been asked for and were expected very shortly. Since the original application, a request has been made for a new Questore for SAVONA Province which would mean new Questori in all 4 Provinces in Liguria.

A new Questore for LA SPEZIA was reported to have arrived there on Saturday, 8 Sep 45. He came from MODENA and was 60 years old. He was asked to report to Provincial Headquarters the following Monday, 10 Sept. but it was stated that he had gone off to ROME as he did not like the look of the situation. Public Safety Sub-Commission to pursue.

(d) Generally, Public Safety conditions in the North appeared to be improving. This is probably mainly due to the arrival of fresh Allied troops and the support which is being given by these troops to the Carabinieri whose morale in many places is improving. This brings out the importance of getting the Carabinieri and other Police Agencies efficiently armed and equipped at this stage if possible so that as and when Allied troops are withdrawn, the reaction is not too severe.

2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EXPIRATION

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(c) Quastore - Lombardia Region. Regional Public Safety Officer reported that 3 new Quastore and one Vice-Quastore had been asked for and were expected very shortly. Since the original application, a request has been made for a new Quastore for BAVARIA Province which would mean new Quastore in all 4 Provinces in LIGURIA.

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3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REPARATION

(a) BOLZANO. Discussed with A/RO the situation as regards compilation of Electoral Rolls. The President of the Commission to determine facts in cases of doubtful citizenship had spent a few days in BOLZANO and was now in ROME. It seems urgent that the Italian Government should give a ruling as to the legal position in regard to citizenship of those who opted to go to Germany under the Hitler-Mussolini Agreement. Until such ruling is given, the Commission cannot get to work. Local Government Sub-Commission to pursue.

(b) As regards Reparation in BOLZANO Province, the Provincial Legal Officer still considered that an amendment to DL 159 to cover any Nazis holding office was still advisable. It was admitted that under C.O. 35, and the amending Provincial Orders, Nazis holding higher offices could be dismissed if they were German citizens but they would defend on the grounds that they were not German citizens. In this connection, the

ending of the Italian Government referred to in the previous sub-para is also required. The Legal Officer felt that there might still be some outstanding cases of Nazis to be dealt with after AMI was withdrawn and that IL 159 should be amended.

Exemption was making very slow progress. It was estimated that, under the first two categories, 5,000 schede should be filed. Only 600 had been received and so far the result had been one suspension.

(c) VENEZIA GIULIA The directive from GCS that the Italian system of Government must be introduced in VENEZIA GIULIA and Government by National Councils eliminated was discussed with the GOC XIII Corps and the SCAG whose general opinion was that the position was covered by G.O. 11. A reply to this effect had already been sent to AFHQ or HQ E. Local AMI opinion was strongly opposed to any introduction of Italian nomenclature at this stage.

(d) I attended a meeting of Area Commissioners regarding the implementation of G.O. 11 and possible non-co-operation on the part of the Slovenes. The Area Commissioners were all of the opinion that the Slovenes would co-operate. Generally speaking, were it not for the directions which were being given to them from above.

I later listened in at a meeting between the Deputy SCAG and Mr. BEVK who is President of the Yugoslav National Committee at TRIESTE. BEVK stated that the Slovenes would co-operate but not under G.O. 11. He asserted that this was a decision taken by himself as President and his Local Committee and that he had not received any instructions in the matter from higher authority nor had he issued any orders to Yugoslav adherents in VENEZIA GIULIA not to co-operate. In making these statements it is very doubtful whether he was telling the truth.

The Deputy SCAG stated that G.O. 11 would be implemented without Slovene representation but BEVK was informed that Councils might be re-shuffled later if Slovenes decided to co-operate. In Communes which were entirely Slovene and where the appointment of communal councils would be impossible, direct Military Government would be applied if necessary.

(e) Compilation of Electoral Lists. This matter was discussed with GOC AMI Corps and SCAG. No letter had, at that time, been received from AFHQ or HQ E, on this subject. In general, the GOC was not opposed to all the preliminary work being put in hand at this stage but he was not in favour of actual compilation commencing at once. He agreed that compilation of the rolls must be under AMI order which would be based on Italian legislation. He felt, however, that some provision must be made for inclusion in the rolls of non-Italian subjects who were normally resident in VENEZIA GIULIA.

In this connection a registration was now being carried out of every person who was a resident in VENEZIA GIULIA on 1 May 45 and still in VENEZIA GIULIA. The registration was to be divided into 3 categories, i.e. normal residents, Yugoslavs normally not resident and Italians normally not resident.

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4. LEGAL

(a) Special Assize Courts - BOLZANO Province. Provincial Legal Officer reported that the Italian Government amending decree to enable these courts to try Nazi as well as fascist collaborators was still awaited.

5 Matters of more detail have been put direct to Sections or Sub-Commissions concerned.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

MEMORANDUM

-1 SET. 1945

31 August 45

TO: Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

The following points arose at the Executive Commissioner's Meeting this morning which affect your Sub-Commission.

- 1 A question has arisen as to the desirability and possibility of increasing the strength of the CC.RR. ✓

In accordance with the figures you gave me, I reported the pre-war strength of the CC.RR. and pointed out that they were, in existing circumstances, carrying out extraneous duties. ✓

It seems to me that we have got to tackle this matter from the point of view of the over-all picture and as a first step we might get from the Chief of Police the present authorized strength of all police agencies such as the CC.RR., Agents of Public Security, Railway Police, Highway Police, Economic Police, etc and, if possible, a table comparing their present authorized strength with that of pre-war. ✓

- 2 The Executive Commissioner said that during his tour of the North, H.C. raised the question of the payment of Public Security Agents and possibly of personnel of other Police Agencies which were above authorized strength. I think the point was that, while such surplus personnel could be paid while the territory is under AMG, that Prefects could not budget for this additional expenditure when the territory came under the Italian Government. *Have we had this point raised before?* ✓

- 3 After the meeting I spoke with the Executive Commissioner about the MODELL Camp situation. I am not certain that we are not working on the wrong lines. It may be that we are quite wrong in planning to take out of prisons a large number of political prisoners and put them in a tented camp with probably no beds, mattresses, straw, blankets, etc., in the face of winter. However, this situation would be primarily a matter for the Italian Government and I think we ought to warn the particular Department or Ministry which deals with this matter, of the conditions which will probably exist in any camp taken over. ✓

The Executive Commissioner mentioned a camp at TERNI which was said to be a very large camp and composed of huts or buildings. The Ex. C. said he thought that you would know all about this camp. Is this a possible line of approach to the problem? ✓

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29 AUG 1948

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
INTER-OFFICER MEMO

TO: Director, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

28 Aug 45

The following matters arose at the Executive Commissioner's conference this morning which affect you:

- 1 It was agreed that a paraphrase of the Top Secret wire on the subject we were discussing with MIA this morning, should be sent to Regional Commissioners in the North.

As agreed, you are opening a file on the subject. I think all we need do is to send a telegram or a letter to RCs in the North to say that certain instructions have been issued and that they should get into touch with local District or Sub-Area Commanders on the subject. *Please let me see draft.*

- 2 As regards the camp at MODENA, Col. Hoakes of MIA said that he understood that MFOISA were offering another camp - probably one at PISA. It was suggested that we should press G-5 AFHQ regarding the allocation of this camp. I presume that by this time we have got a wire off to AFHQ about the disaster of MODENA Camp. If so, all we could do would be to send a following telegram saying that unofficial information had been received that MFOISA had another camp under consideration. But we should first decide who is dealing with this matter because I see from a previous minute of the Executive Commissioner's meeting that Land Forces Sub-Commission were handling it.

- 3 The question was raised as to the pre-war strength of the Carabinieri in Italy and I was asked to furnish the figure. Please let me have the information if available.

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