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MINUTE SHEET

- 1A From - Ex. Offs. Admin. - Minutes - Staff Conferences.
- 2A. 18 Nov 43 From - Ex. Offs. Admin. - Minutes 18 Nov 43 Staff Meeting.
- 3A. 31 Jan 44 - From HQ. ACC - Conference to be held 1/24/44
- 4A. 4 Feb. 44 - From HQ. ACC - calling of meeting 4/44 at Province Building Naples
- 5A. 7 Feb 44 - From HQ ACC - notes a meeting at HQ Naples on 5/2/44.
- 6A 4 Feb. Notes on meeting at HQ Naples 4/3/44
- 7A 27/2/44 From Admin. - Meeting of Regional Commissioners
- 8A 28/2/44 " " " "

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

14037/1  
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4/6B/AS

19 Jul 44

SUBJECT : GC.RR and Prison Overcrowding.

TO : ARMY Sub-Commission.

1 Colonel UPJOHN is very anxious to discuss with Major-General BROWNING the undermentioned items concerning GC.RR and Prison Accommodation.

- (a) The ceiling of GC.RR.
- (b) The clothing and equipment of GC.RR.
- (c) The detention of Italian Military Prisoners in Civil Jails.

2 If convenient to Major-General BROWNING, 1500 hrs on Friday 21st July is suggested as a time, at which the Acting Head of Administrative Section together with the Director of Public Safety might attend your office. If this is not suitable would you please state a time and date.

*R.R. Cripps*  
R.R. CRIPPS, Col  
CSO Admin Section.

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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*Public Safety* 1397-20

14 Jul 44.

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SUBJECT : Conference Room.

TO : All Admin Sub-Comms.

- 1 The Conference Room on the 4th floor of this building is available to all Sub-Comms of this Section.
- 2 Should you wish to use this room application should be made to this office stating time and date, to enable all reservations to be co-ordinated with NS & NSR section who allot the room.
- 3 As much warning as possible should be given prior to the date when you require to use the Conference Room.



E.H. WHITE Lt Col  
For NSO Adm Sec.

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Ref/107/61/CA.

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference, 31 May 1944.

TO : Distribution as per Minutes.

Reference Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference, Wednesday  
31 May 1944, para.1.

DELETE from (line 4) "The food distributed ..... life in  
the Province." (line 7).

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NORMAN E. FISKE,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.



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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

*Public Safety*  
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1/22.B/AS.

16 Jun 44.

SUBJECT : Regional Conferences.  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Region II.

*It is reported that neither*      *Mr. H. B. Smith will be able*  
Please note, Lt Col T.V. Smith is unable to attend Region II  
Conference at Aiters on 22 Jun.

*R.R. Gripps*      6511

Copy to all Adm Sub-Commissions.

\* R.R. GRIPPS Col.  
GSO Adm Sec.

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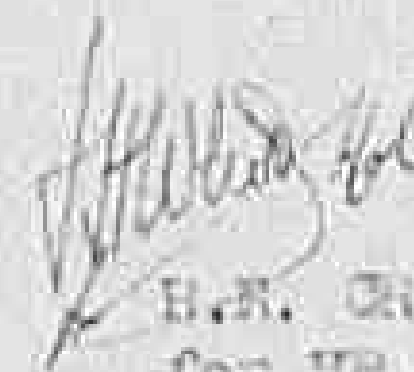
12 Jun 44.

SUBJECT : Regional Conference.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

Reference this office 4/22.B/AS dated 10 Jun 44.

Please note that Lt Lewis will not now be able to attend Region III Conference on 13 Jun 44.



H.K. CRISTO Col,  
for VP Adm Sec.

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To: *Region I by EAST AD.*

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14 Jun 44

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SUBJECT : Regional Conferences.

TO : RC Region I  
RC Region II

*31A refers*

1 It is hoped that Admin Sec will be represented at Regional Conferences as follows:

Region I	Faleras	21 Jun	Major R.A. Percell.
Region II	Potenza	22 Jun	Lt Col S.H. White & Lt Col T.V. Smith (Edus)

2 Will you please say whether this will be convenient.

*R. R. Crim*  
R. R. CRIMS, Colonel,  
for VP Admin Section.

Copy to: All Admin Sub-Commissions who will please communicate direct with these officers with regard to any enquiries or messages which they wish made or carried.

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*Public Safety*  
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10 June 44. (34A)

4/22.3/43.

SUBJECT : Regional Conferences.  
TO : All Adm Sub-Commissions.

Adm Sec will be represented at Regional Conferences as follows -  
R.VI Sardinia by Col Spicer Int. Sub-Comn.  
R.III Naples by Lt Lewis Int. Sub-Comn.

Sub-Comms will please inform these officers direct of any matter or way in which they (the officers) can assist them (the Sub-Comms).

31A/32A refer.

*R.H. CRIPPS*  
R.H. CRIPPS Col,  
GSO Adm Sec.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R. C. & M. G. Section  
APO 394

6 June 1944

Ref/107/CA.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regional Commissioners Conference, 31 May 1944.

TO : Distribution as per Minutes.

The following amendments will be made to the Minutes of the Regional Commissioners Conference held on Wednesday, 31 May 1944 :

First page, Opening Remarks by Executive Commissioner

Para. 4, line 2, delete "Region VII" substitute "Region VIII".

Para. 5, line 2, delete "Region VIII en bloc" substitute "Region VII en bloc".

*Norman E. Fiske*  
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NORMAN E. FISKE,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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8 June 44.

W/22.B/AS.

SUBJECT : Regional Conferences.  
TO : All Adm Sub-Commissions.

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Please amend W/22.B/AS of 7 June.  
Region II Conference will be held at Naples on 14 June and not on 23 June.

*[Signature]*  
S.H. [Signature] Lt Col.  
for CSO Adm Sec.

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7 June 1944

SUBJECT : Regional Conferences.

TO : All Admin Sub-Comms.

The following is a list of Regional Conferences to be held in June. To enable arrangements to be made, will Sub-Commissions please state (personally or by phone will suffice) which conferences will be attended by their representatives.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DAY.</u>	<u>REGION.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>
<del>3</del>	Sat.	V	Campobasso.
<del>7</del>	Wed.	VII	Catanzaro.
10	Sat.	V	Campobasso.
14	Wed.	VI	Sardinia.
17	Sat.	V	Campobasso.
21	Wed.	I	Palermo.
22	Thu.	II	Potenza.
23	Fri.	III	Naples.
24	Sat.	V	Campobasso.

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*R. P. Cliffs*  
 R. P. CLIFFS,  
 Colonel  
 CSO, Admin Section.

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Date: 3 June 1944  
Init: [Signature]

SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES OF MONTHLY CONFERENCE ----- 30 MAY 1944

Army Sub-commission, Major General Langley Browning

1. The Army Sub-commission is an agency set up by direct order of the Combined Chiefs of Staff with the functions of re-organizing and rehabilitating the Italian Army, and providing and accounting for supplies issued to the Italian Armed Forces (Navy, Army and Air) by the Allies.

2. Proposals have been put forward to C.C.S. by Gen. ALEXANDER, whereby the Italian Army will amount to a total strength of 341,170, sub-divided into:

Combat Div in the line.....	14,100
10 I.S. Divs, distributed over Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.....	101,200
Troops employed by the Allies (Labor Bns, Port Dets, etc.).....	180,000
Central Italian Administration.....	15,870

3. A single ration scale for all Italian troops is to replace in due course the "basic" and "combat" scales.

4. An establishment for the A.S.C. has been put forward to permit a central directing headquarters, a liaison staff with major Italian formations, and an executive and liaison staff to supervise the issue and accounting for supplies to the Italian Armed Forces. This has not been approved and we are still 11 officers and over 100 men short, despite having a large number on loan.

5. The reorganization and rehabilitation of the Italian Army is a very complex matter due to numerous factors:

- a. the best troops are either PW's, or north of the present line.
- b. the standard of Italian efficiency is lower than normal.
- c. a large percentage of the available Italian troops are in Sardinia, and shipping is short.
- d. the pre-war Italian Army was organized on an area basis, and therefore, many depots, data, and files are in German hands.
- e. industry is mainly in the North, and this affects clothing, boots and equipment generally for the Italian Army.
- f. communications are difficult, due to their comparative lack in this mountainous country, and priority of transportation for the Allies.
- g. transition from an enemy to a co-belligerent status is unprecedented.
- h. graft, corruption, and nepotism was rampant for many years with the Fascist regime.
- i. the Italian conception of producing efficiency and raising morale is very far below and very different to Allied standards.



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Central Italian Administration.....	45,870

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6. We are tackling all this in three ways:

- a. by exercising pressure on the Italian military authorities to put their own house in order and make the fullest use of their own resources,
- b. by backing them up in every possible and legitimate way, and
- c. by advising them of our views as to what they must do to make their Army "in fact effective", and thus worthy of the issue of supplies from Allied sources.

7. There is little contact and comradeship between officers and men. There is little thought of welfare, amenities, and good living conditions for the troops. There are many officers who are not suitable as leaders in a modern army. This is inevitable when promotion is by seniority, NOT merit; and when cadets for commission are chosen by influence, birth or financial status, without regard to ability, character and powers of leadership.

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2. Things are sorting out gradually; the Italians are cooperating according to their own lights, and there is an abundance of good-will among the Allies to solve all problems.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General Browning was asked whether there were any signs of epuration. The reply was, "No." It was felt that some might be needed at the Military Academy among the cadets, who were under the Fascist regime.

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Naval Sub-commission, Commodore I. M. Palmer

1. Work of this Sub-commission has been carried on at Taranto during the past six weeks.
2. The Italian fleet has been carrying out patrolling, convoy, and troop-carrying duties. Submarines are employed on training duties.
3. 7000 men are employed at the Taranto dockyards. The Franco Tosi shipbuilding works employs about 3000 men. The lack of boots and clothing has caused a reduction of working parties by about 25%.
4. Since the 8th of September, 1943, the following Allied ships have been refitted with major repairs: 1 cruiser, 18 destroyers, and 110 minor craft. Refits to Italian ships have included 12 cruisers, 14 destroyers, 28 torpedo boats, 24 submarines, and others. The best record is the number of ships docked which total 449, consisting of 110 Allied warships, 72 Allied merchant ships, 228 Italian warships, 15 Italian merchant ships, and 24 Italian submarines.
5. Two 800 ton floating docks are at present being built in the Franco Tosi Shipyard, who also carry out a large amount of incidental repairs for the Allied military, for railway engines, and the production in bulk of certain spare parts for landing craft.

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Air Sub-Commission, Air Vice Marshal W.A.D. Bowen-Buchanan

1. The Italian Air Force has continued to support the Allied war effort.
2. The Fighter Wing has been employed on offensive sweeps on the Balkan Coast. With the beginning of the land offensive in Italy the operational control of this unit passed from the Desert Air Force to the 242 Group. During April 215 operational sorties were carried out and up to the 26th of May 290. Results have been good, damage having been inflicted on rolling stock, M/Ts, barges, schooners, and small craft.
3. The Bomber Transport Wing during April flew a total of 150 sorties on supply-dropping missions in Yugoslavia and Albania. A net total of 147 tons of supplies were dropped. Bad weather conditions in the Balkans have hampered supply dropping this month. A severe blow was received on May 14 when 5 Cant 1007 aircraft were

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4. Since the 3th of September, 1943, the following Allied ships have been refitted with major repairs: 1 cruiser, 26 destroyers, and 110 minor craft. Refits to Italian ships have included 12 cruisers, 14 destroyers, 28 torpedo boats, 24 submarines, and others. The best record in the number of ships docked which total 449, consisting of 110 Allied warships, 72 Allied merchant ships, 228 Italian warships, 15 Italian merchant ships, and 24 Italian submarines.
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4. The Seaplane Wing continues to carry out very valuable work as part of the Mediterranean Area Coastal Air Force. U-boat hunts, convoy escort duties and air-sea rescue are their main duties. In addition there have been many sorties for courier services, anti-aircraft cooperation and parachute dropping exercises.
5. Future operations will be limited by our ability to maintain our rather elderly aircraft in serviceable condition. The Prime Minister has said that the Italian Air Force will be reinforced with British aircraft. It was thought that Allied aircraft was meant.

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6. The maintenance and equipment aspect of the I.A.F. shows a slight improvement, but there is still the "go slow" element in the Italian Air Ministry whose inefficiency and red-tape hamper the operational side. Requisitioning of Air Force property still goes on. Usually it is the British Army which does this.
  7. The labor dispute at the Alfa-Romeo works has been settled. The Sanita Works at Benevento has staged a remarkable recovery, and will eventually be the main I.A.F. fighter repair base.
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- Legal Sub-commission, Colonel G. R. Upjohn
1. Since the last meeting, 24 spy cases have been reviewed at HQ, ACC:
    - a. 12 spies were sentenced to death and conviction confirmed.
    - b. 6 were sentenced to death and conviction commuted.
    - c. 2 were sentenced to imprisonment.
    - d. 1 was sentenced to imprisonment, but sentence was quashed.
    - e. 3 were found not guilty.
  2. Other cases in Naples have shown a decrease due to increased activity of Naples Courts, and arrangements have now been completed for transfer of all curfew, speeding, and prostitution cases to Italian Courts.

3. In Italian Government territory, the Chief Commissioner's policy remains the same - that only exceptional cases will be tried by AMG Courts.
4. There is a big accumulation of cases in Sardinia. The situation has improved substantially since 19 additional judges have been provided.
5. The situation in Bari is not very satisfactory. A special committee of representatives from the Legal Sub-commission and the Ministry of Justice is now at Bari to consider ways and means of improving the position.
6. The Court of Cassation has been set up at Salerno and will be ready to move to Rome on short notice.
7. Relations with the new Minister of Justice and his staff are good. The Epurazione Decree providing for the punishment of Fascists has been their greatest work this month. They have personnel ready for Rome, which it is hoped will be adequate in the early stages of occupation.
8. The Italian Military Courts are very short of personnel, but it is hoped that arrangements will soon be made for the repatriation of I.W.'s to act as judges.
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Attention is directed to the security classification of this Supplement. 6503

*Robert E. Doe*  
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 Major, A.G.D.  
 Secretary General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
MONTHLY CONFERENCE  
30 MAY 1944

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The Conference was opened at 0930 by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane.

Remarks by the Chief Commissioner:

Things are moving fast. This may be the last Conference to be held in Naples. With the resumption of advance by the Armies, all units are working well together as a formation. Under operational conditions, the Army AMG's and spearheads are doing a first class piece of work.

Regions IV & V have been cooperating admirably in getting their personnel into liberated areas. Region III has the big task of governing the 3 provinces and Naples. Regions I, II, VI, & VII are engaged in controlling and assisting Italian administration. The main problems in the operational areas remain the same -- food and refugees. These problems are always with us. From all reports, it appears that the job is being done well.

Our task is to run our show so that the Commander-in-Chief and the other Commanders in the field will have nothing to worry about except their operational tasks. In this, ACC has succeeded very well so far. The greater the speed of the advance, the greater our problems will become, and we are planning things ahead to meet new situations which will stretch our organization to the utmost. We have had plenty of time to deal with Rome, and plans are laid. General Alexander has referred to ACC/AMG as his 'third Army'. The combat Armies are doing admirably, and we must also deliver the goods.

I ---- REPORTS BY REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION.

Region I, Colonel A. N. Hancock.

1. The settlement of some of the problems in Sicily may lay the foundation for the solving of problems in the rest of Italy. There is an erroneous popular belief among outsiders that Sicily is a island flowing with milk and honey."
2. The greatest problem is the wheat harvest. Others are food and local politics. From the end of June the Island is expected to provide its own daily bread. Sicilians desire to be self-sufficient and to shoulder the responsibility. The price for wheat is considered too low in view of the factors which enter into the cost of its production in Sicily. Machinery and equipment is primitive. Some incentive or premium will be necessary in order to get farmers to deliver their grain.
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4. The new Badoglio Government was received with favor and political activity is more orderly. Separatist activity continues, but only in a minor degree. 6504
5. There has been labor agitation for more and cheaper food or more pay. It has required much persuasion to keep electricity workers working. Railway labor is also affected and to lesser extent sulphur miners.
6. Public health is better than a year ago, but there is evidence that tuberculosis and rickets are increasing owing to undernourishment. Further observations are being made along this line.
7. The police forces, particularly the Carabinieri, are gaining in prestige. The discovery and arrest of a band of forgers was accomplished. Forty million counterfeit lire were seized. In Agrigento Province a gang of kidnapers was rounded up and arrests were made.



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8. Refugees are being received in groups of 500 to 700. An organization for dealing with them is functioning satisfactorily.

9. The present policy regarding schooner control is seriously affecting essential coastwise transport of foodstuffs. Particularly in Messina affected and it is still semi-isolated. Schooner aid for coastwise shipping is essential.

10. Current revenue is 50 million lire greater than for the corresponding period last year.

11. Staff reductions during May included 38 officers and 37 other ranks. The Province of Enna is now combined with Galtanizatta; Ragusa with Siracusa, and Trapani with Palermo. This will accelerate the assuming of responsibility by Italian authorities.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: It would have been well to have had the Supply Mission. Major Colonel Manco's report, as they talked of Sicily as a Utopia; this is not brought out by the actual facts. We should be careful in accepting remarks of visitors who may not be well acquainted with factual conditions. With reference to the price of wheat, the cost of production is higher in Sicily, but care should be exercised in differentiating between the areas. Inasmuch as Sicily suffered more from war damage than most of the other Regions, consideration will be given to the grant of a war bonus.

Labor difficulties have been met in other regions. The solution is not necessarily an increase in wages alone. The food ration must be raised and approval is being sought for this.

Region II, Colonel J. P. Zellars.

1. Political reaction and popular opinion:

Very little change during the period. Both remain moderate and somewhat apathetic. The Communist Party appears to be in the ascendancy. Consolidation of public opinion is slow and almost entirely peaceful.

2. Local government - Political:

a. This problem shows some evidence of improvement. A new Prefect of Potenza Province has recently been posted to Bari. Italian labor organizations in organization of the Granai del Popolo in Matera Province has been very thorough. b. Defascistization continues at a slow, steady pace. Timidity and procrastination remain evident.

3. Economic resources and supply, with special reference to food:

a. Small industrial and agricultural plants continue gradually to renew operations. b. The production and distribution of charcoal increased.

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- a. Small industrial and agricultural plants continue gradually to renew operations.
- b. The production and distribution of charcoal increased slightly during the month.
- c. Vegetables in fair quantity and variety are now within reach of almost everyone.
- d. The chief interference with civilian supply and price control of agricultural products continues to be from Allied troops.
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4. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries:

a. Food crops continue to be excellent. Only a disaster such as heavy rains or a spell of hot winds within the next two weeks will prevent a bumper crop of grain, legumes, and leafy vegetables.



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- b. Forestry - No change in this situation, which remains satisfactory.
  - c. Fisheries - Some improvement in the collection and distribution, particularly in Bari Province.
  - d. Live stock - No serious shortage of farm animals except perhaps in Brindisi Province.
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- a. Italian labor organizations have progressed.
  - b. The dock-side labor unrest at Taranto was appeased, at least temporarily by additional rations.
  - c. Plans are completed to utilize imported agricultural labor for the grain harvest, which has commenced.
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  - b. Plans now being made for reduction in consumption of electric power, when, and if, it becomes necessary.
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e. Medical supplies are adequate for June.

9. Education:

Tendency to improve.

10. Refugees:

- a. General situation greatly improved.
- b. Organization by Italians has progressed. All provinces now have reception centers.

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c. None received during May to 20th. On hand approximately 27,000. Prepared to receive 15,000 in June.

11. Communications

- a. Roads - Much progress.
- b. Rail - Little, if any, progress.
- c. Telecommunications - Some, small progress.
- d. Posts - Some, small improvement.

12. Property control:

Remains in good order.

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- 11. Regarding the program of the "Granai del Popolo":
  - a. The amount of seed which farmers are entitled to retain for early sowing (1.80%) is satisfactory, but that for late wheat sowing (1.29%) is a little low. It was 1.80% last year and it is recommended that the farmers be allowed to retain 1.50% for late wheat.
  - b. Price. Public officials, church people and other informed people believe that the price of 1000 lire for wheat is too low. It is thought that farmers will not turn in grain at that price. Some indirect incentive might prove more fruitful than increasing the price. For instance, farmers who turn in their grain could be given the right to purchase certain things which they need; such as fertilizer, footwear (which sell for 3000 lire per pair in some places), clothing (Red Cross clothing could be given to farmers who cooperate).



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c. The food ration should be increased for everyone. This would be an effective means of breaking the 'psychology of scarcity'. A ration of 200 grams bread and 80 grams pasta was suggested. This would help to bring in the grain. The 'psychology of scarcity' is the real problem. Separate ration scales for heavy workers should be done away with. If the rations are increased for everybody, then the worker can make the adjustment within his own family.

12. Dissatisfaction exists among police groups; namely, Guardia Finanze, the Carabinieri, and the Agenzia Publica Sicurezza, who are not on the same ration level but do the same type of work. There has been a little talk of strikes, but trouble is not expected.

13. Transport. 80 trucks were lost to Rome and 80 more are being lost. 20 trucks were promised to this region from Potenza, if 20 were released to Salerno. The 20 were released to Salerno but the replacements have not arrived. Many of the trucks on hand are unserviceable. Those which were released were serviceable trucks. Large quantities of hemp need to be moved; also food supplies, fertilizer, etc. Civilian transport is being put to use as much as possible. 30 days food supply has been laid up in Benevento, which aids the transport situation somewhat.

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General MacFarlane said he was informed no more shoes or boots can be imported.

With regard to rations for the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza and others, the Chief Commissioner pointed out that efforts are still being made to settle the matter.

General MacFarlane added his thanks to No. 3 District, PBS, and others for their help to ACC.

The problem of tires is also being dealt with; mention was made of the setting up of retreading plants in Bari and Naples. The emergency of trucks for Rome had to be met.

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The Chief Commissioner said that he agreed with Colonel Poletti on the subject of the desirability of increasing the ration. It would do much to stem the black market.

Region IV, Brigadier J.K. Dunlop.

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Region V, Colonel F.L. Whitley.

1. Conditions have improved considerably. There has been an awakening of the people from their general apathy and they now realize that we are working for their good.
2. In general our efforts are to gather a big harvest.



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3. Politically the Region is quiet. A request was received from a Catholic youth organization to have meetings. This is being investigated. The Prefect of Foggia was a high Carabinieri official and is not identified with any political party. In Campobasso Province the new Prefect is a lawyer. He is enthusiastic and energetic and also has not identified himself with a party. A new prefect has arrived in Chieti.

4. The food situation is good. Vegetable farming is a big aid. Markets have a sufficient supply to take care of the civilians and the armies too, should they want supplies. Warehousing is a problem. Warehouses have been occupied by troops and it will be difficult to move them out. An excellent harvest is expected, but labor is scarce.

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2. There is very little political or subversive activity. The people are disappointed that no Sard was included in the new Cabinet. The main thought is that of uniting the nation and getting on with the war. This improvement in morale is due to the success of the Allied advance.



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3. Certain commodities are still awaiting shipment to the mainland. Approval for extension of night fishing areas has been sought. The ban on schooner sailing prevents further progress in the plans for inter-island trade. The question of use of spare space in Allied ships is being taken up.
  4. Food. With an increase in local supplies, the food situation is generally satisfactory. There has been a good season in tunny fishing, and market prices of fish have improved. The price for grain has been received with satisfaction. The High Commissioner feels that neither price nor propaganda will get the farmers to bring in grain to be used in other communes, and he wishes to set up military commissions to enforce the sowing of grain.
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5. Legal. The Regional Legal Officer has established advisory liaison with all Italian courts and court officials. Cases are being tried at a faster rate.

6. Education. Schools are open, but the situation is unsatisfactory since supplies are badly needed, and too many buildings are still occupied by refugees and Italian troops. The teachers are working hard.

7. Property Control. In Cosenza Province all Allied property, and some personal and lease-hold property, has been taken into custody. Progress is being made in the remainder of the Region.

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8. Agriculture. Sulphur, binder twine, and copper sulphate for agricultural purposes have been received in the Region and are being distributed.

9. Communications. Telephone and telegraph service has been reestablished everywhere.

10. Public Health. Nothing unusual or ordinary communicable diseases. In addition to the Italian medical authorities, close cooperation has been maintained with the British Military Mission located here. Active control measures are being taken against malaria and venereal disease.

11. Economics & Supply. There is an increase in the use of rail transportation, but limited rail facilities make distribution of supplies difficult. Supply distribution system is being established. During May the whole system of supply distribution was reorganized to remedy the state of chaos prevailing at the time of coming over. Prices are now stabilized and uniform throughout the Region.

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c. Fighting Front: In the area captured up to 30 May we have actually occupied ten places of importance. The population of that area in peace time was about 40,000. Cassino, Fico, Piedimonte, and Pontecorvo have been completely destroyed, and there is no chance of inhabitants returning. There are only about 300 people living in semi-destroyed farm houses. The Germans had cleared the whole of the Cassino Plain up to 15 kilometers from the Hitler line, where the number of refugees is about 20,000. From the stock pile at Vomano food for 20 days was supplied to all the recently captured towns in this sector, and we have more to go on for the next advance. Very few inhabitants were found in these places; they had



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The health situation is very good, only case of typhoid and 30 wounded civilians.

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Comments by the Chief Commissioner: While visiting the areas which had been liberated at the front, he noticed that all personnel were doing their work very well indeed.

Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt. Colonel F. M. Brister.

1. Since the date of the last Conference the activities of the branch have widened.
2. There are eight forward camps in the Eighth Army area, both mobile and

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static, with a capacity of 4,600, and a smaller one in the Fifth Army area.

3. Main camps are located at Averea, Capua, Foggia and Naples, the latter having three camps with a holding capacity of 11,000. The main camps on the West have handled 45,000 refugees including about 9,000 since the latest Fifth Army push, have dealt with 91 battle casualties, and treated 4,750 in camp hospitals. Each camp has an infirmary sufficiently large to take care of all except chronic and very serious cases. 10 to 30% of all refugees have been treated for scabies. In these camps there have been 25 births, 11 deaths, 14 weddings, 47 christenings, and many confirmations. 90,000 garments have been issued to about 30,000 persons.

4. Social, religious and educational activities have been instituted in addition to the vital ones of food, medical care, disinfection, inoculation, registration, etc. There are also work facilities for the refugees; these include baking, shoemaking and tinmithing.

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Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush.

The Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush, said that the Regional Control Section tried to minister to the needs of the Regional Commissioners, the Refugees Branch and the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, who had spoken that morning. The Section also passed to them the desires and instructions of the various Sub-Commissions co-ordinating this work and ensuring that it was carried out in the field. He expressed the gratitude of the Regions towards the Sub-Commissions who, particularly in the recent phases of the Commission's work, had been most helpful to officers in the field.

Brigadier Lush also emphasized the assistance which was always forthcoming from AAI. As an example he quoted the prompt arrangements made for the transport of 3,000 Italian soldiers from Sardinia to work in the Foggia harvest.



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The Executive Commissioner emphasized the necessity of conducting business through the proper channels. Apart from other reasons it was most essential in the work of the Commission to obtain from the Regions the views of the Italian people themselves. The Italians probably knew better than we what they wanted and what was good for their country and by obtaining information from the field we should avoid imposing upon them legislation or other schemes which might not be proper or suitable for the country. We had to build up from the bottom by knowing what the people needed and desired and what their reaction would be to proposals made by the Commission.

On the establishment side the Chief Commissioner might like to know how the 900 officers in the field were distributed. Figures were as follows:

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In reply to the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Hancock said that the staff in Region I (Sicily) had been reduced from an initial number of about 290 officers, first of all to 160 and now to 83.

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 The Conference adjourned at 1245 and re-opened at 1430.  
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II -- REPORTS BY INDEPENDENT SUB-COMMISSIONS.

Reports by the Army, Naval, and Air Sub-Commissions are included in the classified supplement to these Minutes.

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Communications Sub-Commission, Colonel J. L. Henderson.

1. This Sub-Commission has recently taken over Civil Censorship as a third branch.
2. In Italian Government Territory communications for civilian use have been restored. About 70% of the total number of telegraph offices in Italian Government territory are in service.
3. The civil telephone service is now authorized for calls within provincial boundaries. About 12% of the communes now have telephone service, including all the larger towns. Direct telephone service is available for official use from Salerno to all provincial capitals on the Mainland and to Palermo, Messina, and Catania in Sicily.
4. The following new services have been started:
  - a. Registered, insured and express letters.
  - b. Newspaper post.
  - c. Air mail Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, Tripoli.
  - d. Maximum letter weight raised from 90 grams to 210 grams.
  - e. International Red Cross Service.
5. The first inward foreign mail arrived in April and included letters from the U.S.A., U.K., Africa, India, and Australia.
6. The volume of mail handled at Naples is over a million letters a month plus a quarter of a million prisoner of war letters.
7. The Civil Censorship Branch has increased the staff of this sub-commission by about 20 officers and 90 enlisted men. This branch will cover mail, telegraph, and telephone censoring.
8. During May a policy was decided on by the Chief Commissioner, in agreement with AFHQ and AAI, to turn over the operational control of civil censorship in Italian Government Territory to the Italian Government and simultaneously to permit control to be exercised by the Italian Military authorities. The transfer will be effected next month. The transfer of control to the Italian military authorities is made to place the censorship on its proper basis as an instrument of military security and to avoid any continuance of censorship as a political matter.
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Public Relations Branch, Major L. Fielden.

1. Representatives have been sent to Regions I and VI and to 5 and 8 Armies.

2. We have continued the publication of the Weekly Bulletin.

3. The Public Relations Branch notes trends of opinion. The exchange of representatives between the Russian Government and the Badoglio Government brought the entire Italian set-up under review in the Italian press.

4. Cooperation received from some parts of ACC has been extremely good. If the sub-commissions will cooperate we can give a good show in the press. By the middle of May we had a good showing in the Allied press and there were headlines in the New York press saying that ACC was now in capable hands.



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5. News of AMG operations in the front are difficult to get across since cables are limited. However, the press has used many reports from the front recently.

6. A difference is noticed between the British and American press. Here there are only two British correspondents, both well up with Italian affairs. They comment very little indeed. There has been a score on the American side who are up on politics. They write a great deal, filling columns of the American press. We can deduce that the British public is not as interested in politics.

7. The Allied Publications Board has to deal with licensing of papers in liberated Italy. This is a difficult question. We are extremely short of newsprint and there is insufficient censorship personnel. Priorities have been drawn up. Papers which will be given precedence are in three categories; namely, morale papers with Allied news and propaganda, papers for the political parties, and cultural and religious papers. These priorities necessitate having publication centers where the priorities will come into operation and censorship can be done.

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## III - ADDRESS BY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR NOEL MASON MACPARKANE.

The chief event in the political field has been the formation of the new Government including representatives of all six political parties which had previously been in opposition. The new Cabinet is pulling together well but has hardly had time to prove its strength. The new Government has been quite well received in Rome and Northern Italy.

The King will transfer his powers to the Crown Prince when the Allies reach Rome. It is hoped that the badly needed political truce will now continue, and it is also hoped that political structures available in Rome will further strengthen the matter.

The new Government has taken over all obligations to the Allies of its predecessors. It has collaborated well with ACC. The price of wheat was settled in close collaboration with the Italian Government. We shall be able to find out, through trial and error, any adjustment that may be needed. No efforts will be spared to get the best amassi possible. A large number of people, including the Church, has been preaching this to the public.

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2. In regard to the substitution of local government bodies, the progress is slow, but undoubtedly depends upon the personalities of the Prefects and of some Regional Commissioners.

3. Wherever a Giunta Comunale has been established, it has been a success. It is essential that officers of ACC or AMC who say "I can't be bothered with a Giunta-- I want one man", be firmly instructed to adopt a different attitude.

4. Survey and report tours have been made by officers of the Sub-commission, and observations are being sent to Regional Commissioners.

5. The third course organized by this Sub-commission was held for the purpose of instructing officers in the more intricate details of local government. 43 officers have now attended.

6. A fully cooperative and harmonious working liaison has been established between the new Minister of the Interior and his staff.

7. Every encouragement should be given to the democratic institutions of local government, and those responsible in the field must carry out that program with enthusiasm.



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6. The Italian Government is short of trained administrative officials. A Prefect pool is being formed at the moment, so these officers will be available when wanted in the forward areas. Men will not be drawn from this pool, however, if there is a suitable local man available.

Public Safety Sub-Commission, Colonel A. E. Young.

1. There have been indications of increasing confidence and assertiveness among the Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.
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In reply to the Chief Commissioner's query, Colonel Young stated that he hoped there would be some Carabinieri in Rome whom we could employ.

Public Health Sub-commission, Brigadier G. S. Parkinson

1. There have been no deaths from the mallow epidemic. The vaccinations have all been "taking", thus showing the general susceptibility of the population.
2. Malaria is one of the greatest problems we have to face. We have in Naples a first class malaria control unit, and we are fortunate in having members of the Rockefeller Foundation. The work being carried out is on the control side and the experimental side. Good results have been obtained in using DDT powder as a larvicide instead of Paris Green. Pumping work is being carried out and an allocation of planes has been obtained for use in spraying breeding places. Posters have been printed to help inform the public. The Pontine marshes constitute a hazard, but restriction on the movement of population would help. In recent test, it was found that 50% of the population are potential carriers of malaria.

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3. Venereal disease control is still not satisfactory. In Naples, 2000 hospital beds for prostitutes care for about 5000 a month. The problem among troops is one for unit control which military authorities should take up.

4. Medical supplies are coming in well except for some articles. It is hoped that two laboratories will be functioning in Naples shortly.

5. Sanitary conditions in towns have improved beyond our expectations.

6. The great difficulty is transport. Ambulances are needed to evacuate sick and wounded from the front areas.

7. Personnel is desperately short. Italians have been helpful, and Italian medical officers are being employed.

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4. Inspection visits to Calabria and Sicily have been made. Classes were visited in many schools, and school officials were engaged in earnest discussion of two main problems; the completion of a card file on defascistization, and the compilation of dependable statistics on school plants, school attendance, school administration, etc.

5. Much experimentation has been going on in AMG Region III in the field of youth and adult education.

6. The distribution of text books is now complete. While we have not been able to print all required, the 100,000 distributed have made more than a dent upon the pressing need. We now approach the task of printing more than a million during the summer, and a supply of good quality paper has been received from the U.S.A.



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  4. Inspection visits to Calabria and Sicily have been made. Classes were visited in many schools, and school officials were engaged in earnest discussion of two main problems; the completion of a card file on defascistization, and the compilation of dependable statistics on school plants, school attendance, school administration, etc.
  5. Much experimentation has been going on in AMG Region III in the field of youth and adult education.
  6. The distribution of text books is now complete. While we have not been able to print all required, the 200,000 distributed have made more than a dent upon the pressing need. We now approach the task of printing more than a million during the summer, and a supply of good quality paper has been received from the U.S.A.
- Property Control Sub-commission, Lt. Col. G. R. Harris.
1. The Italian Government has passed a decree abrogating the application of the War Law of 1938 to the property of Governments and Nationals of the United States and France. Arrangements have been made for a formal distribution of the same to the owners, and in their absence, to the Property Control Sub-commission. This decree will be published in a few days, and it will be applied to Military Government Territory.
  2. Financial arrangements have also been agreed, under which the Italian Government will advance such monies as are required for the maintenance of united Italian and French properties.
  3. Real properties will continue to be managed by the banks appointed for



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this purpose, under the direction of the Property Control Sub-Commission.

4. Relations with the Minister of Finance have been admirable. He appreciates that the property of foreigners in Italy must be properly treated.

Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Major E. P. de Wald

1. Administrative

a. Pamphlets of Protected Monuments in Italy, Nos. 1 and 2 have been distributed. There were many demands for these in Sardinia and Liberated Italy. During last week List No. 3, Lario, Abruzzi and Molise were distributed to the Fifth and Eighth Armies. List No. 4, the Marches, Tuscany and Umbria has just come off the press.

b. Liaison with MAF established. MAF has requested information and lists. Lt. Hart went to Sardinia for the editing of information concerning air-damage in enemy occupied Italy from air-photographs. An air-damage file has been set up.

c. Liaison with Italian Officials. We have held fortnightly meetings with officials of the Italian Government concerning preservation of monuments and art treasures.

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Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel W. Evans.

1. Survey of the utilization of the industrial resources for:

a. Products needed by the Allied forces. A considerable contribution  
has been made in the production of industrial gases. Various new products include  
canvas, rope, twine, and so on. There has been some recent production, and engineer-  
ing materials have been allocated to the Services.

b. Products needed to meet essential civilian requirements.

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requirements. It is being produced in Sicily.

- (2) Textiles and shoes. Requisitions for Regions I to VI were submitted to, and passed by G-5, AFHQ, but it is not known if they will be supplied.
- (3) Fabrics. Arrangements have been made to repair Army uniforms, but there will be only about 100,000 available by the end of the year. Cotton cloth manufacture can be stepped up. Requisitions for raw cotton have been submitted. There are some stocks on hand, and some is being imported.
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3. Unfortunately, we find that whenever workers ask for an increase, even ACC officers, under pressure, urge, "Give them something." The result is that the Labor Sub-Commission has the appearance of being the only body to say "No."

4. Always there is the implied threat of a strike. I don't believe we will have a strike, and even if we did, it would not last, and perhaps a trial of strength is necessary. We cannot continue to raise wages because of pressure.

5. The Italian is good at "back door" methods, often the easy way; but he should be stopped and made to face the facts honestly.

6. There is an absence of respect for the authority of the Italian Government.

7. The answer is more food. There can be no general increase in wages. The food position is improving.



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3. A few examples of what we have found may be of interest, and help indicate that things are not as they appear on the surface and that there appears to be sabotage of our effort to preserve the economy of the country:

a. Always the "base wage" is quoted, but there is in addition Temporary Increase, Family Allowances, and about 54 Indemnities.

b. L. 1000 loan when told NOT to; 150% increase on one indemnity; British officer 'approved' wage increase on his own.

c. Wholesale upgrading to get into higher wage group; 'forgetting' important elements in wage; 'forgetting' advances in kind repaid at ridiculously low rate; 70% on each item NOT on total.

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c. Sacks, Binder Twine and Warehouses. Every effort is being made to locate all available sacks and allocate them according to the needs. Supplies of binder twine are being shipped to the most important wheat production areas as rapidly as availability permits. They may be a little short. Imports during June will be transported to the most critical areas as soon as the ships arrive.

d. Other Agricultural Supplies. Copper sulphate, ammonium nitrate, rope, baling wire, super phosphate, and other farm supplies have been allocated.

2. Fisheries.

a. Thirty tuna nets have been placed in position in the waters adjoining Sicily, Sardinia, and the mainland. A preliminary estimate of the catch of tuna is between 1500 to 2000 tons.

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- b. Arrangements have been made for a schooner service between Palermo and Naples for importing surplus tuna to Naples. The first ship should arrive on June 5th.
- c. 175 fishermen from the Island of Procida have been transferred to the Calabrian coast to increase the catch of fish for consumption in Naples. A minimum of 500 qcls. should reach the Naples market each week following May 27.
- d. The Allied Flag Officer for Western Italy has authorized fishing with lights 1½ hours before sunrise and from dusk to 1½ hours after sunset in the Gulf of Naples and Salerno. Night fishing has also been authorized off the coast 15 miles south of Salerno to Reggio. This will result in a considerable increase in production.

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Through rationing and enforcement measures we are cooperating with the Region III to reduce the number of forgers and counterfeiters. There has been a reduction from 15 to 7% since May.

4. Ration Cards - Progress Report. Plans have been laid to build up a record of persons entitled to bread ration cards. This is being prepared by the Regional Commissioners and the information will be available by 15 June. We will be able in time to issue a national ration card.

Plans have been laid for the movement of grain during the forthcoming



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harvest and details will be circulated to the Regional Commissioners.

There is a good number of sacks in the hands of the Provincial officials. They were frozen at one time by the Food Sub-Commission but have now been released for the harvest.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: Asked by the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Lega said that an adequate supply of milk would be available for the children of Rome.

Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, Lt. Colonel J. A. Jenny,

1. Military Highways. Military highways and bridges are being reconstructed throughout occupied Italy. We have been directed also to take over military highways in Sicily and Sardinia. An extensive requisition has been made for highway construction equipment from the United States. Considerable difficulty is experienced in financing projects, and at times money is not available to pay contractors.

2. Rates for Utility Services. Considerable progress has been made, more applications for rate adjustments for gas, water, and electric companies are expected as soon as the Decree permitting increases in Italian Government Territory has been passed.

3. Electricity Rationing. Local Boards have been set up in accordance with the Italian Decree, working under the general supervision and direction of this Sub-Commission. The problem of further rationing with the Movement forward of our Armed Forces is being given consideration.

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6. Inspections. The new Minister of Public Works and the Director of this Sub-Commission made an inspection trip through Sicily. Visits were also made to Region V and Region II to settle certain important outstanding military problems.

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8. Personnel. The reconstruction of the Italian Cabinet on 21 April, 1945, Colonel Guido has resigned as Minister of Finance. He was replaced by Ing. Quinto Quintiani (non-party), President of the Bank of Calabria, and Dr. Antonio Quintiani (non-party), President of the Bank of Calabria, and Dr. Antonio Quintiani (non-party), a former professor of economics, formerly chief economist of the Communist Party, a former professor of economics. These officials have shown themselves

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2. Colonel Crafty-Smith, Joint Director of Finance Sub-Commission, and Colonel Crawshaw, Chief Accountant, recently returned from London, where various problems in connection with accounting for funds and supplies were discussed.

3. In order to coordinate ACC policy in the field of inflation control, the Chief Commissioner has appointed the Allied Anti-Inflation Committee with the Deputy Chief Commissioner as Chairman. This committee, which includes Mr. Harold Glasser of the U. S. Treasury and Mr. E.H.H. Lloyd, the British Financial Adviser in the Middle East, is reviewing all current anti-inflation measures and will make recommendations.

4. Progress has been made on revisions of taxation measures and on the preparation of the budget for the next fiscal year.

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5. Detailed financial plans have been laid for the occupation of Rome. The Ministry of Finance and the Banca d'Italia have designated representatives who will proceed to Rome and, under the orders of the Senior Finance Officer, Fifth Army A.G., aid in maintaining continuity in bank operations and control. The central records of the Finance Ministry, the central bank, and the Exchange Control Institute will be safeguarded.

6. The personal remittance system is functioning smoothly and at the present time it is estimated that payment orders amounting to more than 300,000 dollars have been issued by U. S. Banks and 3,000 pounds by the Bank of England to the Italian banks responsible for making payment to the designated payees in Italy.

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The DSTO retains a prior call on all schooners and it appears doubtful if many will be available for civil movement as rail devastation in forward areas is likely to cause an extra call for schooners.

The amount of movement required to and from Sicily and the ~~mainland~~ <sup>mainland</sup> is such that it appears coastal schooners will have to be kept to a minimum.

Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Ian Campbell.

The main item of interest has been the appointment of Lt. General Matteini as Head of the Italian Merchant Marine replacing the former Minister who was removed at the suggestion of the Shipping Sub-Commission.



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Schooner traffic tends to help the black market, but the permit system as a control is helping to arrest this traffic, and the transportation of unauthorized persons is also coming under control.

Deep Sea Vessels. These are generally in a poor condition with the exception of those which were trading at ports not in the Mediterranean. They are being repaired by us and put back into service.

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1. With the occupation of additional areas the Regions must be adequately staffed with the necessary technical officers; this because of the ceiling established for total officer personnel. It is necessary that we call forward from longer established Regions, officers to staff the new Regions. This will require numerous changes of assignment. A complete and correct file of all our sub-commissions, personnel and their respective assignments is maintained by Headquarters Economic Section. Changes of assignment must be worked out with the Sub-Commission concerned, the Establishment Branch, and cleared with the Regional Commissioner. Every effort is being made to cooperate with the interested parties in order that these changes will create the least disturbance and in order to make the best use of our limited number of officers.
2. A development since our last meeting has been the establishment of a Coal Division, which has been placed in Transportation Sub-Commission; this for the reason that the importation and distribution of coal was handled by a subsidiary of the Italian State Railways, which are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Communications, with whom the Transportation Sub-Commission deals on various matters. This division is now engaged in working out a plan with the Italian Government for the development of a civilian organization that will be competent to take over and handle the importation and distribution of coal. This Coal Division will become the agency that eventually will screen all of our coal requirements and deal as an ACC agency, direct with AFHQ on these matters. This should ensure much greater consideration being given to coal requirements for essential industries.
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4. The matter of price control has not been touched on, as it is one that is not exclusive to any of our sub-commissions, but is handled by the Price Group of the Economic Section. This group is made up of specialist officers of the several sub-commissions involved, together with Mr. Wadleigh of the Economic Section. In addition to the matter of routine price matters, this group developed such information and material needed in recommending a price for wheat and now have the responsibility of establishing the prices of other grains and pulses which must be related to the price of wheat. These prices are being worked out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, so that the prices may be correlated closely in all Italian territory. The Minister of Industry and Commerce, and the Minister of Agriculture, have agreed to set up a price office in order to collaborate with our price group in this work. The price of wheat established is one that will give



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4. The matter of price control has not been touched on, as it is one that is not exclusive to any of our sub-commissions, but is handled by the Price Group of the Economic Section. This group is made up of specialist officers of the several sub-commissions involved, together with Mr. Wadleigh of the Economic Section. In addition to the matter of routine price matters, this group developed such information and material needed in recommending a price for wheat and now have the responsibility of establishing the prices of other grains and pulses which must be related to the price of wheat. These prices are being worked out in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, so that the prices may be correlated closely in all Italian territory. The Minister of Industry and Commerce, and the Minister of Agriculture, have agreed to set up a price office in order to collaborate with our price group in this work. The price of wheat established is one that will give the average producer not only his cost of production, but a substantial profit besides. When compared to the price of wheat in various other producing countries, it will be realized the producer is being paid a substantial price. The price is about 80% more than is paid to the producer in the United States or Canada. Price alone will not guarantee the amassing of wheat. Further, we cannot set the price high enough to compete with black market prices. It is felt that a higher price would only promote inflation; however, the price has been agreed with the Italian Government, and now that it has been established, for this most important commodity, we have now a price anchor to which to relate other prices and endeavor to hold the inflation movement at this General level.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: It is necessary to establish a level for prices, and as wheat is the first large commodity and due for amassing soon, the price at 1000 lire per quintal will be the base for the fixation of prices for all kinds of consumer goods.



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VI -- DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CAPTAIN ELLERY W. STONE, USNR.

1. The detailed explanation of the many problems of this Commission has been so complete during this Conference that any remarks of mine would seem to be a duplication of effort.

The basic problem before us is the question of increasing the daily ration, not only because of the physical needs of the people and our own responsibility due to our promises, but because it is and must be the keystone to the prevention of runaway inflation, like that which occurred in Germany after the last war. It must be prevented here, and the steps we take may well serve as a guide to similar efforts in other countries of Europe.

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Brigadier Lush said that he had noted in the reports given by Regional Commissioners at the previous day's meeting very little reference to the progress of local government. He asked Regional Commissioners to remember that the development of local government, the only basis of sound administration, was the primary duty of Regional Commissioners. The economic problems would be often more obvious and clearly most important but they should not be allowed to exclude attention to the administrative side of Regional work.

He asked Regional Commissioners to let Headquarters know of any shortcomings that might be apparent. After four months of re-organization there must be matters which needed correction and co-ordination to the advantage of officers in the field. Headquarters must know from Regional Commissioners what should be done in this respect.

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1. Ration Card Percentage.

The Executive Commissioner explained the Chief Commissioner's policy of distributing to each Province sufficient food to feed on the



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ration scale the percentage of the population recommended by the Provincial Commissioner as entitled to ration cards. ~~The food distributed on the ration cards should represent the deficiency between the amount of food which the Italians could produce locally for themselves and what was necessary to support life in the Province.~~ Regional Commissioners had been asked to produce percentage figures. This would be taken as a guide to food to be issued.

Colonel Legg explained. He said that based on the number of growers entitled to retention allowance so much food would be allotted to a Prefect whose job it would then be to see that the people were fed. The detailed responsibility would be that of the organisation SUPRAL. It will therefore be necessary to reduce the number of holders of ration cards to fit in with the allotment of food. As a working basis the standard figure of 65% has been adopted. According to the views of Regional Commissioners adjustments in relation to this figure would be made but the percentage figure would need to be kept under review and the recommendations of Regional Commissioners would be called for at intervals. Reductions or increases in the percentage figure would be considered, but there should be no arbitrary reduction. Parallel with this there would be required an epuration of ration cards. Colonel Hancock, Region I, explained how the system was working in Sicily. It was agreed that a similar system should operate throughout all Regions. Food Sub-Commission would prepare instructions to the Regions.

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Brigadier Carr asked about the epuration of the CC, RR and it was answered that this was the responsibility of the Commanding General of the CC, RR. A directive was requested to amend Clause 4 of the decree of December 28th. Executive Commissioner suggested either the appointment of an officer to watch the process of epuration and defascistization, or the formation of a committee. Colonel Young said he had proposals on the subject which he would submit. To remove all officials might mean chaos for a short period though it was generally agreed that a clean sweep would be the best in the long run. The Executive Commissioner said that the policy was to move as many as possible, using discretion sparingly and only in exceptional cases.

3- Staff Mt. Re.

(a) Colonel Albright said the ceiling for all Italy up to the Rimini-Pisa line was 1270 officers, 635 American and 635 British. We must hold to this ceiling. It had been computed that for all Italy a further 300 officers and 600 E/ORS would be necessary. Inquiry as to the possibility of getting these officers posted now for training to avoid inexperienced officers having to be employed if rapid tactical moves occurred, had not yet been satisfactorily answered. No information was available as to where these personnel were to come from.

Further cuts must come in Regions III, IV and Rome Staffs, and Regional Commissioners must plan future cuts now. Directive to be issued shortly would include provisional figures. Specialist officers would also be affected. Officers would be required to double up jobs inside Sections. There will be a shortage of Provincial Officers.

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(e) Italian drivers. Regional Headquarters must make arrangements for the housing and care of US drivers and provision of places for safeguarding cars. The provision of some form of uniform, e.g., standard overall, for Italian civilian drivers, was suggested and Establishment Branch asked to consider this.

(f) 2675th Regiment. Colonel Parkin said Companies of this Regiment were commanded by junior officers. Senior officers should back these junior officers. A memorandum of which the main features were read, is to be published.

(g) Administrative requirements for June.  
(i) Efficiency reports on officers for the period 1st Jan to 30th June. General instructions for the preparation of the efficiency reports will be despatched by 10th June to all Regions. Efficiency reports must be in this Headquarters by 15th July.

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(ii) Need to tighten up the arrangements for safe-guarding Commission vehicles.

(iii) Promotion and reassignment of NCOs must be the subject of reports addressed to G.O. 2615th Regt. They will be acted on when received.

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(h) Investigation of Rumours.

Cases of rumours reflecting on the integrity of officers have been reported. Two investigating officers have been appointed and will be sent to Regions where necessary, but if proper enquiry is made rumours might be discounted before these officers went out. This should be done immediately.

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(a) Colonel Bowman explained that it was not intended to distribute Regional reports to all the Regions. They were for the use of this HQ, but copies could be had on application either to the Regions concerned or this HQ. Distribution was considered satisfactory.

(b) Pro-Forma Monthly Report. Regional Commissioners agreed that no amendment to the form of report was necessary except that a short para should be added to the report dealing with Finance. Agreed. Executive Commissioner stressed that reports must be factual and must not contain demands for personnel or supplies, which must be submitted in the usual way.

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(c) Regional Commissioners reported that they were getting material from the Information Section. Generally the feeling was that reports were a necessary evil and that they could be handled so long as sufficient time was given to collect the necessary data and information. Agreed that Civil Affairs Branch should ensure that a reasonable period is allowed between calling for report and date of submission.

(d) Distribution within HQ, ACC. This is a matter for the HQ, Regional Commissioners were invited to suggest when submitting reports that they should be circulated in special quarters.

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8. Prisons.

Colonel Young explained that the position with regard to prisons, at one time in danger of becoming a scandal, was getting better. The Italian Government have appointed a Prison Director and an Inspectorate. AAI have given a lot of assistance and three main prisons have already been handed back to ACC. In future AAI will not requisition prisons unless operationally necessary. Regional Commissioners were requested to keep pressing for de-requisitioning of prisons which were considered not operationally necessary for the Army.

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9. Emergency Supplies.

Colonel Bowman spoke on this subject from the Liaison standpoint and stated that it was imperative that needs should be forecast and supplies estimated well in advance. The policy of planning ahead should be one which Regional Commissioners should keep constantly

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before them. While there were many items they could not estimate for, there were many they could. A memorandum on Supplies (Military and Civil) that will give guidance on sources and methods is under consideration.

#### 10. Arrest of Italian Nationals.

It was agreed to adopt the procedure set out in HQ letter 316/64/CA. Colonel Wilmer said it was working satisfactorily in Regions II and VII. (No. 2 District).

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(a) The Chief Commissioner desires Vice Presidents to consult Regional Commissioners on subjects which would affect the work of ACC. Regional Commissioners should similarly consult Provincial Commissioners in order that the views of all are collated - a clear picture can thus be obtained of the effects of rulings or decisions taken.

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  - Investigation & Report \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: *The question of visits to Regions will be discussed at the next VP's meeting.*

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Report on Region I Conf. see.  
Palermo, 24 Nov 44.

To: VP Adm Section.

For Special attention or action.

I duly attended the conference at Palermo and attach an agenda of the meeting which commenced at 0945 and did not finish until about 1830 hours.

Generally: The principal impression left upon me by the proceedings is the importance of the presence at these conferences of staff officers from HQ. Here provincial officers discuss their difficulties; no better opportunity could possibly be conceived of feeling the pulse of the whole Region, of ascertaining local conditions and opinions and of giving guidance as to policy or advice on difficulties. In my opinion it is essential that the three sections, PC & VC, Admin and Econ should invariably be represented and that in addition the principal policy-forming and administrative sub-comms should preferably attend by the Director or his Deputy and that the Directors of other Sub-Comms or their Deputies should attend at least once in every three months. There is as much that a Director could usefully have heard or said that I put the attendance of these conferences at a high priority in importance. I recommend that the combined Duties of a Director and his Deputy should be so arranged as to ensure freedom for attendance at these conferences in the case of the more important Sub-Comms preferably every month and of other Sub-Comms once in every three months. There still exists in Regions a misconception as to the respective responsibilities of HQ & C and Sub-Comms which can most quickly and most surely be eradicated by the presence of senior responsible officers exercising their functions.

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Provincial Commissioners' Reports:

AGRICULTURE:  
Food - Black Bread 45/100 L. p. kilo. Seen and grain crops good. Political - Communist in strongest party. Local intrigues against Musotto, query with Aldoia. Supplies good - rail thefts e.g. holes cut in roofs of grain wagon; brace and bit holes through floor so grain pours out.

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Labour - no change. Sulphur mines are difficult; at one mine only a 100 out of 1,300 at work. Refugees - about 2,000 - refuse to spend their cash allowance on ground that everything should be found for them. Apparently do not consider the cash allowance as a part of the method of providing for their needs; the allowance is just their's. Crime - on downgrade - Red Cross clothing has been stolen. Patrol - notice of reduction of petrol allowance was not received until after civil ration had been issued. This left insufficient to keep essential service going. Had therefore exceeded his allowance.

**GALTANISSETTA & ENNA :**

Interior - no Prefect. Vice Prefect not very satisfactory and will be removed when defascistisation is undertaken and is therefore not working. The local defascistising commissions should themselves be screened; they are not yet working. Food - Unlike of imported emergency food stuffs - crushed beans are accepted but not liked. Dried soup is disliked, and condensed and powdered milks are regarded with suspicion. Crop prospects excellent. Political - Principal political parties are Christian Democrats and Communists. Black market Bread 50 L. p.k. Refugees - about 1,300 are completely ungrateful for anything that is done for them.

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Divisional Matters:

Legal: Prison situation fairly satisfactory. Untried cases some accused have been ten years awaiting trial. Provincial Commissioners will try to expedite trials. Key Italian civilians draw patrol in case or must it be delivered into their own tanks.

Health: Approve of Italian Regional MCH scheme, he would stand to the Provincial MCH in a position somewhat analogous to the English Minister of Health stands to the county MCH. Cars were required for material control. Could not be spared for street watering. Some arrangements must be made to control retail price of medicines, were the Guardia Finanza suitable for this. The new welfare scheme was welcomed.

Safety: Saboteurs - wire cutting had increased, probably more theft than vice but special mixed patrols of military and civil police had been organised to deal with it. Police patrols were being used to search for grain, in one case 40 tons had been found. Certain senior officials and Allied officers were involved. Provincial committees for defascistising were not working. Receipt of Scheds Personnel not completed.

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**Agriculture:** Collection of potato crop is starting - no control of sales. Army requirements will be covered by requisition. Principal problem is caused by price of wheat having been fixed at 1,000. Checking of Ration Cards, procedure should be to check the register of citizens, deduct births and movements, add births and move in, which should show the population. Allowance has then to be made for those entitled to producer's milling cards and the remainder should be those entitled to ration cards. HQ thinks that 50% only of the population receives ration cards. Experience shows that the population varies according to the principal industry from 60% to 90%. With regard to HQ proposals for control of wheat and wheat prices. It will be extremely difficult to form the proposed local committees of two farmers and two farm workers. No farmer will neglect his farm at the height of the most important and busiest period of the farm year any more than farm workers can afford to lose the work which is by far the most highly paid of the year. The price offered is totally inadequate - in addition to special harvest pay, harvesters

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receive 1 kilo bread and 1 litre of wine per day. Fixed salary employees receive two quintals per labourer plus extra for members of the family. The only way grain will be brought in will be by amassing the whole. Price must be 1,700 - 2,000 per quintal grain to last them the year. The people's view is that inadequate price proves that fascist rule still prevails and that they are still being exploited. For these among other reasons, it is inadvisable to apply a decree of May 43 which was drawn up by a Fascist Government. Labour costs 30 lire per hour or 300 lire per day. Threshing costs 200 lire per quintal. It will be impossible to get grain in at 1,000 lire. Rich peasants will evade the law and supply the black market at a remunerative price and not cause a loss. Total requisition is essential - milling permits should be abolished. The peasants have not the same objection to a total requisition as they have to assessing. Farmers should not be left with grain for any purpose. They should buy back their needs and have ration cards. It is impossible to enforce the present system rigorously when the farmer is allowed to retain grain on all sorts of grounds and this grain is merely estimated, there is room for all sorts of fraud and collusion. A large number of relatively small frauds aggregate to an immense loss. The penalty for fraud should be imprisonment and not fine. Whenever should be allowed to work, what is left to them is impossible to collect, they even pick up individual grains but the total amounts to 15,000 quintals, this cannot be taken into account but it is so much food. If gleanings is forbidden, this food will just be lost. There is general dismay, disillusionment and disapproval at the price which has been fixed. The cost to producers of growing the crop is not covered; the estimated total cost of production is 1,600 lire. This is the absolutely unanimous view of all provincial Commissioners. Ration must be increased. If increased it may completely kill the black market. The crop will be large enough to allow a ration big enough to make resort to the black market unnecessary. If the price is not increased the Region is faced with the prospect of facing insurrection or starvation. Stocks in hand are not sufficient to give the extra ration for harvesters which is laid down in the instruction received from RCMG. In order to provide this ration an extra 5,000 tons of wheat would be required.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. Section  
APO 394

23 May 1944.

Ref./107/17/CA.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : R.Cs. Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII & IX.  
SCAOs. 5th & 8th Armies.

1. Reference 107/12/CA of 18 May 1944, enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting to be presided over by the Executive Commissioner.
2. It is anticipated that Col. C.M.Spofford, Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., will be present and will speak on items 3 (f) and 3 (g).
3. Officers named in brackets will be responsible for opening the discussion on the subjects against which their names appear. Arrangements should be made for attendance at times to be notified before the meeting. Other members of the Staffs concerned will be present as required.

*W. D. Spofford (initials)*  
for NORMAN E. FISKE, Major  
Colonel, Lt.  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

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- Eccon Section (3)
- Establishment Br. (2)
- Army Sub-Commission (1)
- Chief Liaison Officer (1)
- (Lt.Col.Bowman) (1)
- Hq. 2675 Regt. (1)

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, 31 May  
Thursday, 1 June

AGENDA

ITEM

- 1. Ration Card Percentage.
- 2. Epuration (Defascistization) Legal (Col. Upjohn)  
Establishment Branch (Col. Albright)
- 3. Staff Matters. (Col. Parkin)
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  - (c) Formation of Staffs for New Regions
  - (d) Italian Drivers
  - (e) 2675 Regt. Admin. Responsibility of Senior Officers.
  - (f) Investigation of Honours, and reports on officers.
- 4. Collection of Commodities Economic Section (Col. Adams)
  - e.g. grain (Grano di Popolo)
  - Price of barley, pulses and olive oil.
  - Collection (Grain): Region II (Col. Zellars) and Legal (Col. Upjohn)
  - Courts to deal with delinquents.
  - Composition of Committees.
- 5. Regional reports: R.G. & M.G. Section.
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- 6. Transport: Establishment Branch, R.G. & M.G. Section, Region IV (Maj. Dunlop) 481
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- 7. Italian Armed Forces - Clothing, Army Sub-Commission (Maj. Gen. Brown)



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- 7. Italian Armed Forces - Clothing, Equipment and Rations.
- 8. Prisons - Overcrowding, diseases and remedies.
- 9. "Emergency" Supplies.
- 10. Arrest of Italian Nationals.
- 11. Other business.

(Col. Parikh)

Economic Section (Col. Adams)

Region II (Col. Zellars) and Legal (Col. Upjohn)

R.C. & M.C. Section.

Establishment Branch. R.C. & M.C. Section. Region IV (Brig. Dunlop) 1281

Army Sub-Commission (Major-Gen. Browning)

Public Safety (Col. Young)

Chief Liaison Officer (Lt. Col. Bowman)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Monthly Conference - 30 May 1944

A G E N D A

Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Chief Commissioner.
2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:
  - Region I - Colonel A.N. Hancock
  - Region II - Colonel J.T. Zellars
  - Region III - Colonel C. Poletti
  - Region IV - Brigadier P.K. Dunlop
  - Region V - Colonel F.L. Whitley
  - Region VI - Brigadier M. Carr
  - Region VII - Colonel R.G. Kirkwood
  - Eighth Army AMG - Gp-Capt. C.E. Benson
  - Fifth Army AMG - Brig. Gen. E.E. Hume
  - Refugee Branch (Italians) - Lt. Col. P.M. Bristler
  - Displaced Persons Sub-Commission - Colonel C.B. Findlay
  - Executive Commissioner - Brigadier M.S. Lush

Recess 1100 to 1115

3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:
  - 1115 to 1245
  - Naval Sub-Commission - Rear Adm. C.E. Morgan
  - Army Sub-Commission - Maj. Gen. L. Browning
  - Air Sub-Commission - Air Vice Marshal W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet
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  - War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission - Major J.A. Campbell
  - Public Relations Branch - Major L. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1430

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.
5. Reports by Administrative Section:
  - 1445 to 1615
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  - Public Safety Sub-Commission - Colonel A.E. Young
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6. Reports by Economic Section:

1630 to 1800

- Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission - Colonel W. Evans
- Labour Sub-Commission - Colonel J.R. Bain
- Agriculture Sub-Commission - Lt. Col. W.A. Hartman
- Food Sub-Commission - Colonel W.J. Legg
- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission - Lt. Col. L.A. Jerry
- Finance Sub-Commission - Colonel E.H. Foley
- Transportation Sub-Commission - Lt. Col. L.E. Vining
- Shipping Sub-Commission - Mr. Ian Campbell

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- Colonel D.S. Adams (for Hon. Mr. Henry Grady)

7. Closing remarks by Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

10 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: Agenda for Executive Commissioner's Meeting on 31 May 1944.  
TO : Admin. Section.

The following item is suggested for inclusion in the Agenda  
of the Executive Commissioner's Meeting on 31 May 1944:-

Prison overcrowding

1. Extent of overcrowding.
2. Causes
3. Remedies.

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*A. E. Young*  
A. E. YOUNG, Colonel  
Deputy Chief, Public  
Safety Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
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ADMINISTRATION SECTION

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SUBJECT: Regional Commissioner's Conference.

TO : All Admin Sub-Coms.

Reference paras 3 & 5 of 107/2/CA of 5 May.

1 Please submit to reach Admin Sec on dates named:

- a Precise of your intended remarks by 26 May.
- b Items for agenda. 11 May.

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5 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : Distribution below.

1. The next conference will be held in Naples on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday May 30, 31 and June 1, 1944.

2. The Chief Commissioner will preside on Tuesday May 30. The meeting will commence at 1930 hours.

The agenda will be:

- a) Reports by Regional Commissioners and SCAD's Armies AMG.
- b) Address by Chief Commissioner.
- c) Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections.

- 3. a) Vice Presidents are asked to furnish to the Secretary General precis of the proposed remarks of the Directors of Sub-Commissions in their sections by 1200 hours on Monday May 29, 1944.
- b) Regional Commissioners and S.C.A.S.'s AMG, Armies will submit their precis to the Director, Civil Affairs Branch (R.C. & M.G. Section) by 1200 hours on Sunday May 28, 1944.

4. The Executive Commissioner will preside on Wednesday May 31. The meeting will commence at 1930 hours. Vice presidents and Directors of Sub-Commissions may be invited to attend the discussion of agenda items affecting their departments at times to be notified before the meeting.

5. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Wednesday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should reach R.C. & M.G. Section Civil Affairs Branch, not later than 13 May 1944.

6. Regional Commissioners and SCAD's AMG Armies are invited to bring one of their Provincial Commissioners with them. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in Naples at least 8477 day prior to the opening of the conference. R.C. & M.G. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodations and transport may be arranged where necessary.

7. a) The Secretary General will act as Secretary on May 30, 1944.
- b) A staff officer of the C.A. Branch, S.C. & M.O. Section will act as secretary 31 May and June 1, 1944.

*N. H. Fiske*  
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Ref/107/64/C.

SUBJECT: Minutes of R.O.'s Conference, 15 - 16 April 1944

TO : Distribution below.

Amendment.

Executive Commissioner's Opening Remarks.

In second para. line 3 should read :

"monthly reports should report facts and NOT ventilate complaints or ....."

Please amend all copies.

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25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Action on Minutes - R.Ca. Conference.

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TO : Distribution below.

1. (a) It will be noted that the left margin of the minutes of the Conference held April 15 & 16, 1944, has been headed ACTION and a note made of the officers or Branch of whom action is expected.

(b) As regards the Admin and Economic Sections, it would be appreciated if V.Ps. would examine the relevant paragraphs and take such action as in their opinion they consider necessary.

2. The annotation "All concerned" may refer to some or all of the following :

- (a) Regional Commissioners.
- (b) SCAG's 5 and 8 Army AMG.
- (c) Heads of Sections.
- (d) Heads of Sub-Commissions.
- (e) Heads of Branches.
- (f) Transport Officers.
- (g) Dispatch Officers.
- (h) Headquarter Commandants.
- (i) Provincial Commissioners.
- (j) Personal Assistants.

3. You are requested to examine the minutes carefully and to ensure that where action is required it is taken promptly.

*M S Lush*

M. S. LUSH,  
 Brigadier,  
 Executive Commissioner.

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MINUTES OF

Regional Commissioners Conference

Saturday, 15 Apr 44 - Sunday, 16 Apr 44.

PRESIDING : Brigadier M. S. Lush.

ACTION

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Item No. 1 - Regional Control Matters.

(a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.

Chairman explained that Allied Armies in Italy objected to Free movement in Regions III, IV, and V, and that restriction had to be imposed on these areas.

It was agreed that the pass system was unsatisfactory owing to lack of personnel for checking purposes but that fixing of boundaries on natural barriers would assist.

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It was agreed that Col. Kirk should see Brig. Airey and Col. Gibson, explain Regional Commissioner's views and produce a scheme conforming to pass-system principle. Italian police must be persuaded to co-operate. Identity card issue would be extended and passes issued only to holders of authentic and valid identity cards.

(b) Monthly Reports.

The suggestion to introduce quarterly reports was not favoured as it was thought the period covered was too long.

All  
concerned

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M. G. Sec.

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Arms.  
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M. G. Sec.

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(a) Staffs of Regions in relation to Allied Control Commission Ceiling.

Chairman stated that there was little chance of increasing the ceiling of 1222 officers. The proportion of specialist officers to administrators will inevitably increase as Allied Control Commission territory enlarged. 304 officers was the bedrock for Provincial Officers of all Regions. Regional Headquarters (Administrative) Staffs must therefore be reduced.

The titles accorded Regional Staffs was too many. Regional Commissioner, Executive Officer, General Staff Officer, and Headquarters Commandant should be sufficient to cover them all.

All concerned

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(b) Promotion of Officers.

Chairman said that Lists were being examined on 16 April. A lag between publication of U.S. and British promotions was possible due to divergence in procedure.

(c) Reports on Officers.

The Executive Commissioner explained that Regional Commissioners need not hesitate to render reports on officers of another nationality, and that he was sure that this system was acceptable to all American and British officers who might be the subject of such reports. Official reports must be signed by the officer of the same nationality, and endorsed by the Reporting officer who could also express his views in a covering letter.

If help was required on establishment matters assistance would be given, and if necessary an officer sent out.

All concerned. transfer.

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The vital importance of first echelon maintenance was emphasized. Regional Commissions must search among personnel for those with any technical knowledge. Assistance should be sought from any local M.T. units.

(g) Registration of Requisitioned Vehicles.

All requisitioned vehicles must be officially registered and instructions would shortly be issued.

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Executive Commissioner directed that only those vehicles essential for official work be used and that Regional Commissioners should supervise use of the vehicles held. A number of vehicles would be required by the Italian Government.

(h) Essential Civilian Vehicles.

An Italian Government decree and an AEE directive were shortly being published.

(i) Friends Ambulance Unit - Status of Personnel.

All concerned

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- Sindaco
- Priest, Questore or similar local official.
- Farmer, member of Farmers' Union or Association.
- Farmer nominated by Inspector.

(c) The Committee's duty would be to screen statistics of wheat production, retention and massing, and to initiate prosecutions.

(d) Among other views expressed Region II asked which Court would try offenders. The lower court would be unsatisfactory, and the higher would be inundated.

(e) Lt.Col. Cousins suggested a vigorous publicity campaign to stress that feeding the population is an Italian responsibility. Non-co-operation would mean hunger. Lower courts should have increased powers.

ACTION

- (f) It was stated that FFM was anxious to help and its help should be enlisted.
- (g) Lt. Col. Payne stated that from his experience in the Middle East, amassing was similar to tax collection. An organisation was essential. Authority should be conferred on the officials with the warning that dismissal would be the penalty for failure in their tasks.
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Item No. 4 - Refugees, Disposal and Feeding.

(a) Lt. Col. Fulla, Refugee Branch, stated that refugees could not be sent overseas and must be accommodated within Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. He suggested that it be done by house to house billeting as done in England.

(b) Among many objections were transportation, the different scales of rations and the hunger of refugees.

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- (c) It was suggested that communal feeding be instituted, giving one hot meal per day.
- (d) This was an important problem and he emphasized the point that the Italian Government must take a higher interest in refugees.
- (e) Col. Poletti (Region III) desired an officer under his command who would deal with the refugee problem and keep him informed. He explained his difficulties in placing refugees and stated he was placing a few in Avellino and South Naples, none in Benevento and filling up Salerno.
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(d) Oil (Diesel No.2) in drums on indent could also be obtained. Transport was a difficulty and escorts would be required to prevent theft of the oil. A method of rendering the oil unfit for other use would be sought.

(e) He suggested that their efforts should start from Line of Communications and military centres and work outwards thus ensuring the maximum assistance to the war effort.

(f) Control Services.

The services of a Medical Officer, Entomologist and Engineer were available on demand.

ACTION

(E) Paris Green was in short supply and would only be used for the benefit of the Armed Forces. The oil would be used for civilian purposes. Sprayers were in short supply but more were expected shortly.

(h) Col. Russell explained that the peak breeding period was June, falling sharply after September. Malarial cases begin about July with the peak at the end of August.

The treatment was :

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- (ii) Prophylactic to be applied to civil workers on civil projects.

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Col. Upjohn said that a clause would be inserted retaining power for the Regional Commissioner to veto the decision of the Commissions either permanently or temporarily.

Item No.7 - Road Haulage.

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functioning well. The 120 handed over by the 1001 Coy. Coy on the East side only 65 were serviceable to start with but these had been replaced by 120 completely new British vehicles and these are now in service.

Lt.Col. Carnes said maintenance of vehicles was the responsibility of the Italians. The responsibility for seeing this done was that of the Regional Commissioners and an organization should be set up for this purpose. Spare parts and tools would be available for British and United States vehicles and intents could be submitted and would be accepted. Garages would be available for repairs, but the question of trained supervisory U.S. and British personnel was the difficulty.

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R.O. &  
M.G.Sec.

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The Local (Regional) Publications Boards were still a little undecided in the activities but the position was improving and application could be forwarded to these Boards with more confidence. All applications for licenses to publish should bear the endorsements of the appropriate Allied Control Commission officer.

B.C. &  
H.S. Sec.

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Item No. 9 - Coastwise and Inter-Regional Shipping.

(a) Mr. Nichol said that the Services used all the schooners and there was little left over for the use of the civilian organisations. It was pointed out that any schooner under 50 tons might be used without permission but the following had to be borne in mind:

- (i) the schooner should be registered, and
- (ii) before sailing the route should be confirmed by Naval authorities.

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Shipping  
Sub-Com.

Item No. 10 - Social Welfare.

To be continued in Sicily as at present.

Legal  
Sub-Com.  
E.C.&  
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Telecom.  
Sub-Com.

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Mr. Jenkinson was invited to add to his previous remarks that an important item was the Commission's own archives, which were important. It was also important to educate the Italians in the proper preservation of their own modern archives in order to reduce search for valuable data in the future. The ultimate disposal of the Commission's archives was a matter for consideration.

Asked that ruling should be given on "tumbling" and "paging" in reproducing documents that would have to be preserved.

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Branch.

Agreed to refer matter to Archives Advisory Committee.

Suggested that individual histories would also be of value, as distinct from formal War Diaries.

All concerned.

Agreed that War Diaries be dispensed with but that some kind of journal be kept to be supplemented by historiography.

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R. Co.  
SCAOs  
Arms.

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Col. Penycuik had been instructed to visit Regional Headquarters to study the internal transport situation. He had found conditions so varied that he had come to the conclusion that the only criterion that could be adopted was to base the number of cars required on the number of officers employed.

On Establishment there was a deficiency of about 250 official cars. To cover this there were about 400 requisitioned cars and in view of the unreliable condition of these cars this was not too many.

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Three points should receive immediate attention :

- (i) The proper employment of cars as to type, which would involve re-distribution, e.g. cars suited to town and level running might be unsuitable for country and long distance work over indifferent roads.
- (ii) Servicing difficulties owing to lack of tools and garage facilities but more could be done.
- (iii) Pooling to achieve economy in use. There should be a minimum of individual allocations.

All concerned.

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Question raised by Regional Commissioner Region II.

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All concerned.

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P.S.  
Sub-Com.

Agreed to examine the requirements again with a view to converting Carabinieri strength for proper duties.

(ii) Arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri.

Executive Commissioner explained that a proposal had been received to grant powers of arrest of Allied Military Personnel to Carabinieri and asked Regional Commissioners' views. The concensus of opinion was against it.

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M.G.Sec.

Agreed to reply accordingly.

(iii) Tentative.

Brig. General Hume said he required tents for his own personnel in connection with GAS planning. He had arranged to draw from G-4, 5 Army but had since found that only 2675 Regt authority would be accepted. 2675 Regt cannot supply without a movement order. This would be taken up.

Estab.  
Branch.

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- (a) Completion of Records.
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Branch.

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Agreed that it would probably earn goodwill and increase our influence. Suggested that Interior Sub-Commission take up with the Italian Government.

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Sub-Com.

- (c) Whether money from AIG funds could be advanced for the repair of Churches which were not National Monuments in those places where no other place of worship existed.

It was thought that the Vatican had funds which could be applied to this. It was contrary to general policy in other countries.

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M.G.Sec.

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Agreed that the matter be taken up with Monsignor Carroll, the Vatican representative.

10. Colonel Farrer (Executive Officer) asked :R.Cs. &  
SCAOs  
Armies.

(a) That Regional Commissioners should furnish quickly, in the case of British Officers, A.F.M94G for those officers who had been ordered to another theatre.

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M:Sec.

(c) Discipline. He called the attention of American officers to the matter of discipline. They should be instructed to re-read "Articles of War" and confirm. Major Hinkel (Information Division) was instructed to make copies available. Executive Commissioner endorsed this in respect of British officers and said that officers should be reminded that the Commission was a military unit.

All  
Officers.

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(d) Classification of Documents. The classification TOP SECRET should only be used in very exceptional cases. Its use should be avoided as far as possible.

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MEMORANDUM TO: All Concerned

SUBJECT: Classification of Conference Minutes

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE

14 APRIL 1944

The Conference was opened at 0930 hours by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason Macfarlane, who welcomed the Regional Commissioners, Guests, and members of the Advisory Council. General Macfarlane pointed out that the Commission is still suffering "growing pains" in the third month of its present history, but stated that he is quite pleased with the manner in which the problems are being sorted out and tackled. Sincere appreciation was given for work well done, both in the Regions and at Headquarters, which show that the organization has begun to pull together as a team.

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6. Crime and public safety show slight improvement in spite of several uprisings. A plan was made to Interior Sub-Commission to give juridical power under Italian Government to Public Health, Public Welfare and Public Safety institutions formed by ANS together with an assurance of continuation.

7. The collaboration of sub-commissions was requested to assure closer cooperation between Ministries and High Commissioner for Sicily. Ministries have been conducting direct with the Prefects.

8. The Ministries have been appointing public officials; that is, making appointments with ANS nominees very already in office, which is contrary to the terms of transfer.

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9. The Italian press has been encouraging displaced nationals to register for eventual return to previous domicile in Tripolitania, Cirenaica, and North Africa.

10. A Royal Decree suspends for 1944 State exams for doctors, veterinary surgeons and other professions but allows candidates to practice. This was noted as a dangerous practice.

11. Submarine exports to U.K. for the month have been 10,000 tons.

12. The first group of refugees numbering 1,034 reached Syracuse during the Easter period.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner referred to the question of central organization with High Commissioner stating that he had spoken to Marshal Indoglio who is in favor of carrying on as formerly with AMI. General MacFarlane also asked about the disturbance connected with French troops in Tripoli. There was nothing further to report at the time on this matter.

5. Regional Commissioner, Region II (Southern Italy), Lt Col G. H. McCaffrey.

1. The situation is unsatisfactory. Popular opinion is still strongly with the Allies but against the Badoglio Government. The people will neither cooperate nor obey; they only do so because of our support.

2. In Matera Province the prosecution of several cases was necessary in order to force the massing of grain. Often instructions from the Ministries will vary thereby giving excuses for delay in work.

3. There are three groups of subversive Fascists in the Regio, but it is believed they are being successfully dealt with by police and counter espionage agents.

4. The Minister of the Interior has undertaken to remove three AMI prefects, and he has also shown his desire to reinstate Fascist prefects.

5. Regarding de-Fascistization the following removals have been made: 13 in Bari, none since December in Brindisi, none in Lecce, 56 in Taranto. After much hard work in removing Fascists under AMI, the Ministries have been putting back in office one by one those removed under AMI. This is bringing complaints from the Italian population. The Fascist youth organization OI is being revived, only it is now called OI.

6. Falcing is in good order, there having been but few disturbances and no violent ones.

7. The 200 gram bread ration has been retained; medical supplies have been coming in good and hospitals functioning well.

8. While the refugee situation has been improving, Italian families subject to more people being pushed in on them, and there is further objection from the refugees themselves as to their families being split up. Good reception centers are functioning in several provinces. Needs are rapidly improving.

Central organization with High Commissioner stating that he had spoken to Marshal Badoglio who is in favor of carrying on as formerly with AMG. General MacFarlane also asked about the disturbance connected with French troops in Itupani. There was nothing further to report at the time on this matter.

B. Regional Commissioner, Region II (Southern Italy), Lt Col G. H. McCaffrey.

1. The situation is unsatisfactory. Popular opinion is still strongly with the Allies but against the Badoglio Government. The people will neither cooperate nor help; they only do so because of our support.

2. In Western Province the prosecution of several cases was necessary in order to force the amending of laws. Often instructions from the Ministries will vary thereby giving excuses for delay in work.

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6. Policing is in good order, there having been but few disturbances and no violent ones.

7. The 200 gram bread ration has been retained; medical supplies have been coming in good and hospitals functioning well.

8. While the refugee situation has been improving, Italian families object to more people being pushed in on them, and there is further objection from the refugees themselves as to their families being split up. Good reception centers are functioning in several provinces. Needs are rapidly supplied.

9. The crop situation looks very encouraging. The wheat crop should be favorable if proper rainfall is forthcoming. It is important to decide now on a policy in regard to marketing of wheat.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner commented on the above picture painted by Colonel McCaffrey by stating that it was the Advisory Council appointed by the former Government which suggested that the portion of Southern Italy should be handed back to Southern Administration. It is AGO's job to make it run in the best possible way. General MacFarlane further pointed out that the Communist Party's acceptance of the Badoglio Government may help the present attitude toward this Government by weakening its base.

Colonel McCaffrey, when asked what could be done to help this gloomy picture, replied that the breadwinning of the base of the Government as even as possible and the cleaning out of Fascists by an officer would serve this end.

General MacFarlane then asked that all the Regional Commissioners should bring any such cases to his attention immediately so that they might be taken up with Marshal Scalegio for consideration by the Italian Government to get the desired action.

C. Regional Commissioner, Region III (Campania), Lt Col. C. Poletti.

1. ACC/ASG have been doing a very fine job with progress made in all fields. There have been no disturbances of any kind; even in villages there is no state of discontent. The policy of the Chief Commissioner to allow the Clueta party meetings has proven very valuable. The people now have the sense of being able to express themselves.
  2. Cleaning up garbage has been facilitated by 50 trucks now working in Naples alone, which places the city in much better shape. Constant pressure is placed on the Italians to improve the situation. 5,000 drums have been obtained for distribution throughout the city for collecting refuse and garbage.
  3. Satisfactory progress has been made in public works with improvements on roads, streets, city walks and sewers.
  4. The most urgent problem is that of the "black market." A reorganization of distribution of Alf-food has taken place and we are now using our own transport to take food from docks to district warehouses. The police have been strengthened; individually they now have a greater appreciation of their jobs. Some of the hoodlums have been called in and it is hoped to bring about prosecution and sentences speedily. "Out of bounds" signs which have been dealt out in cooperation with FIS have given good results. A price list which is restricted to essential goods is to be made up for the Italians. In the summer civilian squads have been started with efforts to make the people feel that honesty can be achieved.
  5. A fishing agency has been established with Italian commissioners appointed. Markets have been opened and prices for fish will be fixed. Fishermen are at present opposed to this action, because it will mean a lower price for fish.
  6. An attempt has been made to improve transportation.
  7. The "battler" is still being fought against other regions. It is felt necessary at times to issue permits to persons so they may enter other regions to bring food into Naples. Attention of other Regional Commissioners was invited to the fact that there is quite a concentration of the population in Naples.
  8. It is needed for the Italian Government to give some direction on agriculture and also on welfare. Will there be an amazing system? Millions of lire are being spent on welfare. It is desired that a program be given.
  9. Colonel Poletti believes the Fascists are being cleaned up, but states they require careful watching to keep them from coming back.
- Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner explained that pressure has been put on the Italian Government to get directives on agriculture, but no such directives have been obtained. If no such directives are forthcoming in the very near future, severe pressure will be brought to bear. The Agriculture Sub-Commission also needs this cooperation.



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General MacFarlane expressed his appreciation for the splendid work <sup>done</sup> AUC together with PPS, No. 3 District and Bari Sub-Area in connection with the various emergency operations. The job was rapidly and efficiently done.

D. Regional Commission, Region V (Foggia & Campobasso), Colonel F. I. Whitley.

1. This Region was activated only about two months ago. This is the first report of activities.

2. The political situation is quite satisfactory, with political agitators causing only a little disturbance. The people in general stand by the turn of war; but the masses are apathetic, living from day to day. Some are seeking political activity. One incident arose in which a political meeting of 9 March at Bari was called without notifying the Regional Commissioner. Through this occasion a vice-



sindaco lost his post. Another case was noted where Carabinieri were endeavoring to round up deserters without permission. Military police have assisted the Carabinieri greatly. It is found they have to be watched when on their own.

Activity of the Borio Brothers has caused several political disturbances. There was one incident at Gargano when District 2 had cut off electricity without advising the people. When a pasta factory could not turn out its product the Borio Brothers endeavored to organize a riot. Colonel Whitley asked that in the future notification be given of any intended cut-off of utilities to avoid disturbances.

3. Regarding the food situation new ration cards are being instituted. Supply of olive oil is inadequate. Meat prices are sky high. People in the agricultural areas are to be reduced to a proper diet. 90% of the consumers have 50% of the people engaged in agriculture, or 75% are thus engaged.

4. Forestry is underway on the Gargano Peninsula. A company of New Zealanders is at present logging for military purposes. There is a forest guard party to see that regard is given to conservation.

5. Herds of deer have been destroyed by Air Corps units on hunting parties.

6. Potatoes are being planted; some are spoiling due to lack of transport. Grain planting has been completed to about 90%. It is planned to amass 40% in Puglia province and 10 to 20% in Campania and other provinces. 20,000 sacks are needed as well as the necessary time in order properly to amass the grain. Care will need to be exercised by sterilizing to see that the bugs do not get into the black market.

7. Inland fisheries are being developed as well as the sea fishing industry throughout Puglia Province. A tariff is placed on fish exported to keep from robbing the local markets, since fish commands a far higher price in other localities. Fishermen need nets and cordage. At present most of the fishing is carried on in sailing schooners. More people who have never schooners should be encouraged to enter into the fishing business.

E. Regional Commissioner, Region VI (Sardinia), Brigadier J. Gary.

1. The general situation is satisfactory. There is a lack of transportation and tires for vehicles. Too many Italian troops are still in Sardinia. Political situation is satisfactory.

2. Food situation has improved. Stocks of flour have enabled us to set up warehouses out in the provinces. The shortage of olive oil is very much felt. A comment is on the way from the mainland.

3. On the loyal side, the civilian courts are to be reconstituted. Major Palmieri from ASD has been working on this project. 55 more judges are required. Over 5,000 cases are awaiting trial by military tribunals. The number is piling up. Detention prisons have been overcrowded. Situation has been improving somewhat.

4. With reference to industry and commerce, lack of transportation has been a great handicap. No progress has been made in obtaining small vessels for inter-island trade. Six small schooners which are lying idle in port of Cagliari have been requested. Night fishing is to begin, and if this increases the fish intake

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8. Regional Commissioner, Nazim VI (Saragines), Brigadier R. Carr.

- 1. The general situation is satisfactory. There is a lack of transportation and tires for vehicles. Too many Italian troops are still in Saragines. Political situation is satisfactory.
- 2. Food situation has improved. Stocks of flour have enabled us to set up warehouses out in the provinces. The shortage of olive oil is very much felt. A contingent is on the way from the Mainland.
- 3. On the legal side, the civilian courts are to be reconstituted. Major Palmieri from AOC has been working on this project. 35 more judges are required. Over 5,000 cases are awaiting trial by military tribunals. The number is filling up. Detention prisons have been overcrowded. Situation has been improving somewhat.
- 4. With reference to industry and commerce, lack of transportation has been a severe handicap. No progress has been made in obtaining small vessels for inter-island trade. Six small schooners which are lying idle in port of Castellari have been requested. Night fishing is to begin, and if this increases the fish intake there will be a need for more transportation.
- 5. Wheat is in good condition with but slight damage from weevils. A need exists for sulfur and fertilizer.
- 6. Crime has increased, especially robberies and thefts, full reports of which have been rendered.
- 7. Preliminary arrangements have been made for taking 10,000 refugees if there is an emergency.
- 8. Health situation is satisfactory, however there is an increase in malaria and venereal disease. All available medical supplies have been distributed to the provinces and there have been complaints about shortages. It is hoped that this situation has been dealt with.
- 9. Through the month of March transportation with the mainland was sub-

ended.

10. There is need for a policy in regard to unassigned.

Comments by Chief Commissioners: General MacFarlane remarked that the Shipping Sub-Commission would let the Conference know about the six policemen at Cagliari.

8. Eighth Army AIG, Lt. Colonel C. E. Jensen.

1. No political problems. AIG Eighth Army has been undergoing a period of reorganization. Administrative Control in Campobasso Province now divided in control. Provinces of Benevento and Naples are still under administrative control of Region III. Only operation orders from Army bring AIG Eighth Army into the picture. The Northern Coast is severely handicapped as Allied Forces have not captured provincial capital.

2. Food situation is satisfactory. There is a railroad and food can be distributed by our own trucks. There is one tendency which has been noted on which help is needed from AIG; namely, warehouses have been constructed with requisitioning for billeting purposes. These warehouses will be needed at harvest-time for storage of crops.

3. No report can be given on health, disturbances or public safety. All is going along well.

4. In Campobasso Province the food supplies are going to be built up. Stocks in Aviano have been built up with food for one month for 40,000 people.

5. A new Prefect is needed in Campobasso Province.

6. With reference to transport, we are at present lucky to have 50 trucks which were handed over by the Army. When AIG moves on it will be difficult for Campobasso to find itself. The availability of these trucks is vital.

7. There is nothing to report concerning Benevento and Naples Provinces except labor matters. It has been found difficult to get the necessary labor to work on bridges and roads which the Army requires because of the extensive prison in provinces.

8. The campaign against disease is a transitional problem now. Plagues are being cleaned up, but we are desperately short of doctors.

9. Fifth Army AIG, Lt. Colonel General E. E. Hume.

1. Some AIG personnel of Fifth Army were reassigned to Eighth Army accompanying the military units transferred from one army to the other.

2. Arrangements were made with Benton III for basic Administration of these provinces in the rear of Fifth Army area (between rear Campobasso and near Army lines); this to include civil-administrative work.

3. The wholesale evacuation of civilian population from the Aviano-Veneto area was a considerable undertaking. Care has been taken to safeguard labor requirements and the cattle in the area.



2. Food situation is satisfactory. There is a railroad and food can be distributed by our own trucks. There is one tendency which has been noted on which help is needed from AAG; namely, warehouses have been transferred with requisitioning for billeting purposes. These warehouses will be needed at harvest-time for storage of crops.

3. No report can be given on health, disturbances or public safety. All is going along well.

4. In Cuyotama Province the food supplies are getting to be built up. Stocks in Aquila have been built up with food for one month for 40,000 people.

5. A new Prefect is needed in Cuyotama Province.

6. With reference to transport, we are at present lucky to have 50 trucks which were handed over by the Army. What AAG moves on it will be difficult for Cuyotama to feed itself. The availability of these trucks is vital.

7. There is nothing to report concerning Inebonito and Implos Provinces except labor prices. It has been found difficult to get the necessary labor to work on bridges and roads which the Army requires because of the excessive prices in provinces.

8. The campaign against disease is a troublesome problem now. Diseases are being cleaned up, but we are desperately short of doctors.

C. Fifth Army AAG, including General M. E. Lane.

1. Some AAG personnel of Fifth Army were reassigned to Ninth Army accompanying the military units transferred from one army to the other.

2. Arrangements were made with Region III for their administration of those companies in the rear of Fifth Army area (between rear Corps and rear Army lines); this to include maintenance work.

3. The wholesale evacuation of civilian population from the Anzio-Nettuno Area was a considerable undertaking. Care has been taken to safeguard labor requirements and the cattle in the area.

4. Casualties of AAG personnel in the beachhead area have been: 3 officers wounded, one killed, one disabled by wounds and shortly to be evacuated to the United States. Four Carabinieri were killed. Our supply depot was destroyed by shell fire and we have been ~~forced~~ <sup>temporarily</sup> out of three separate headquarters.

5. In regard to Carabinieri affairs it was agreed brought out that Carabinieri must be kept far from the 200 Carabinieri base, in spite of protests, for permanent assignment to Sicily, have been ready to depart for more than a fortnight, but are still without orders.

6. It is suggested that some arrangement may be made whereby a part of the livestock (chiefly sheep) from the Anzio-Nettuno Area be brought out for use as food. The evacuation of the bulk of the civilian population greatly increased the problem of caring for these sheep. The Italian troops of the March Expeditionary Corps are very desirous of having fresh milk made available, and have their own facilities for slaughtering, etc.



7. Recent changes have reduced the commissions personnel of the Fifth Army to about 25.

8. Movements within the Fifth Army area are being closely checked by military police. Civilians are evacuated from the most forward zone. Behind this is a second zone in which civilians are allowed to remain, but unauthorized movement between towns and villages is prohibited. In the rest of the Army area the 10 kilometer rule applies. In general civilians are not permitted to go north of the Volturno River. A special control officer at Gages issues passes in exceptional cases. All military personnel having official business in the forward areas should hold passes from their commanding officers stating the dates on which visits are authorized and for what purpose. The town of Cassa Arunna is out of bounds, except to pass holders.

9. A military court is sitting at Santa Maria to try cases of espionage and sabotage. So far 24 persons have been tried and 21 found guilty.

10. Food supply for Rome is to be taken forward in trains made available by the Fifth Army, for the portion of the Fifth Army's occupation of the city. We expect to unload all of the telephones in which we now have food stocks.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacFarlane assumed General Hume that it is realized that Carabinieri are needed for Rome, and he expressed the hope that they will be returned promptly when Rome is reached.

ii. Refugee March (Italians), Lt. Col L. R. Hill.

i. From 1 March to 14 April it has been necessary to move 21,000 refugees from forward areas and disperses them in Southern Provinces. This included 11,000 from the beachhead. The refugees have been made up of 15-20% men, 50-55% women and 50% children. They have been moved by lorries or by lorries and travel has been hard. Losses among the 21,000 were 5.

2. a. Whilst the majority during March went to Region II, some have gone to Region I and III. As few as possible are being sent to Region II this month or next, which will give them a chance to digest those already sent.

b. Region II and III are having considerable difficulties in absorbing their quotas, due to the numbers and movements of troops in their areas. They will only be able to absorb maximum numbers in the future, by working in closest contact with area commanders, who now know the general situation and have been directed by their district commanders to assist, and by Rome to issue tickets.

c. Region I has not about this problem with far greater thoroughness than anywhere else. In conjunction with District I and IAC they have made extensive reception and dispersal plans for large numbers.

2. Movement by sea to Sicily commenced last week. 1,000 were embarked on the BARBICOT on April 5th and a further 750 on the 11th. The first voyage was made without difficulty.

3. Real trouble for refugees commences when they arrive in reception areas. The Italian authorities have failed to

10. Fuel supply for ships is to be taken forward in ships made available by G-4, Fifth Army, for the period of the Fifth Army's occupation of the city. We expect to unload all of the soldiers in which we now have food stocks.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacFarlane assured General Hane that it is realized that Carabinieri are needed for Rome, and he expressed the hope that they will be returned promptly when Rome is reached.

H. Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt Col E. S. Ellis.

1. From 1 March to 14 April it has been necessary to move 21,000 refugees from forward areas and disperse them in Southern provinces. This included 11,000 from the beachhead. The refugees have been made up of 45-50% men, 50-52% women and 9% children. They have been saved by lorries or by LCI's and travel has been hard. Losses among the 21,000 were 5.

2. a. Whilst the majority during Naval went to Region II, some have gone to Region I and III. As far as possible are being sent to Region II this month or next, which will give them a chance to digest those already sent.

b. Regions II and III are having considerable difficulties in absorbing their quotas, due to the numbers and movements of troops in their areas. They will only be able to absorb maximum numbers in the future, by waiting in closest contact with sub-area commanders, who now know the general situation and have been directed by their district commanders to assist, and by means to house billeting.

c. Region I has set about this problem with far greater thoroughness than anywhere else. In conjunction with District 1 and IPR they have made extensive reception and absorption plans for large numbers.

d. Movement by sea to Sicily commenced last week. 1,000 were embarked on the MARINETT on April 5th and a further 750 on the 11th. The first voyage was made without difficulty.

3. Real troubles for refugees ensue when they arrive in reception areas and are dispersed in camps. In general the Italian authorities have failed to look after these people, whose condition in certain places is deplorable. It is intended to leave no doubt in the minds of Italian Ministers that their responsibility is theirs. We recognize their difficulties, the main one being food, and intend to assist without allowing them to think that we are assuming their burden. People don't like refugees and it is very difficult to billet them. It is essential that they be kept off the lines of communication. The main requirement from the Italians is permanent service. We are making it clear that if their welfare committees will work e.g. in setting up soup kitchens, we will make available food supplies which will give refugees a hot meal a day.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner stated that we are now doing our best to get the Italian Red Cross on its feet, which would help the refugee problem.

I. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel R. C. Kirkwood,

1. This Sub-Commission deals with all displaced persons and refugees except Italians, mostly the Yugoslavs. The type of work we have changed during the last month or so - probably they were received from Belgrade but are now coming through the German lines. The latter are mostly orphans, women with children and old men and women. Refugees are now in such a condition as to require more medical attention. 90 orphans were received on one ship alone. There are two orphanages which started at present.

2. Higher headquarters estimated that the Yugoslav refugee problem would cease. There were 4,500 per month in February and March. During the first week of April 2,000 were received. They are not kept in camps. We have moved 16,442 Yugoslavs to Ljubljana last, and of these approximately 5,000 were moved during March.

3. Organization of Sub-Commission is still on insecure foundation.

4. Method of feeding, source of feeding and accommodation stores are problem.

5. There are two hospitals at present with 100 beds in each occupies all the time. Red Cross has rendered valuable welfare and nursing assistance. There has been some support from the army, but they have been taking personnel away. Yugoslavs, Czechs, Poles and Italian Army doctors are being trained to carry on the work.

6. With reference to accommodation stores, the Army has not up to now means of supplying. Army initially supplied these, but they are becoming less and less a source of supply and we will have to make our own arrangements. We have helped ourselves as much as possible but will need some assistance in the matter of material.

7. The system is inadequate for small children, nursing mothers, etc. This is helped somewhat by hospital comforts. The Army does not consider it their job, thus the Italian subsistence ration is all that they have to fall back on. This is a problem to be dealt with by AGO. The numbers are not great compared with the rations supplied to the Army, therefore it is not a problem of taking food from the Army.

8. It is believed that the refugees should be repatriated when possible and sent home, or they could be sent to other countries and given a chance to start life on a new footing.

Comments by Chief Commission: The Chief Commissioner asked whether there were able bodied Yugoslavs coming over who were capable of service in General White's Army. Colonel Kirkwood replied that such men were being trained and returned to Yugoslavia.

J. Executive Commissioner, Brigadier A. S. Lush,

1. The reports by Regional Command and Military Government Section were concluded by Brigadier Lush, who stated that the picture given at that time is better than the one given at the last. This was attributed to the fact that the officers had obtained a grip of their jobs and also to the easing of the food situation. The grave difficulties are in regard to transportation, especially in distribution of food. The favorable man-power points to one remedy for the

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6. With reference to accommodation stores, the JCS has set up no means of supplies. Army initially supplied houses, but they are becoming less and less a source of supply and we will have to make our own arrangements. We have helped ourselves as much as possible but will need some assistance in the matter of water.

7. The nation is inadequate for small children, nursing mothers, etc. This is helped somewhat by hospital staffs. The Army does not consider if their job, thus the Italian subsistence ration is all that they have to fall back on. This is a problem to be dealt with by JCS. The numbers are not great compared with the rations supplied to the Army, therefore it is not a problem of taking food from the Army.

8. It is believed that the refugees should be vaccinated when possible and sent home, or they could be sent to other countries and given a chance to start life on a new footing.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner asked whether there were able bodied Yugoslavs coming over who were capable of service in General Tito's Army. Colonel Parkwood replied that such men were being trained and returned to Yugoslavia.

3. Executive Commissioner, Brigadier M. S. Lamb.

1. The reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section were concluded by Brigadier Lamb, who stated that the picture given at this Conference is better than the one given in the last. This was attributed to the fact that the officers had obtained a grip of their jobs and also to the easing of the food situation. The grave difficulties are in regard to transportation, especially in distribution of food. The favorable crop forecast points to one remedy for this situation.

2. The problems in the forward areas at the moment are simpler than those in liberated Italy. Direct government is easier than advisory control. There is an inevitable slowing down when the Italian Government takes over. All with allied officers in charge and with their resources cut in half are more than Italian officials who are acting under orders of a Government which itself is in no easy position and who find themselves in difficult circumstances. It is a difficult task for Regional Commissioners in liberated Italy, not only to prevent themselves ordering too much but to learn on their own. Italian officials may be encouraged to take initiative. The situation is easier in the islands where there are High Commissioners than in the mainland where Prefects are answerable directly to the Govern-

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ident.

- 3. Experiences gained in Liberated Italy would be invaluable to AG in forward areas. It would be a help in the future in sending over Regions to the Italian Government.
- 4. It is very necessary to maintain close and constant contact between Headquarters and regional Commissioners. This is brought to the attention of heads of Sub-Commissions in all aspects of their work. Headquarters also ought to know what is happening in the Regions, particularly so in the case of the Administrative Section which deals with the local government problems.
- 5. The Chief Commissioner had decided that Region II would be divided into two parts. Calabria would form a new Region VII. Apulia and Limestone would comprise the new Region II.
- 6. 109 officers had been sent to other theatres. It is hoped that there will be no further calls for officers.
- 7. Lists of promotions for officers (both American and British) are to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner by the course of the next few days.

A recess was called at 1125 and the Conference reopened at 1140.

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II. REPORTS BY INDEPENDENT SUB-COMMISSIONS.

A. Navy Sub-Commission, Commodore I. M. Rainey.

- 1. The Italian Fleet during the last six months has employed 502 ships on patrol work and transporting troops from North Africa to Naples. All reports have been satisfactory. Particular praise is due to Italian sub-marines for training in food and supplies to troops during Aegean operations, while under constant bombing. Most are now employed on training duties.
- 2. It has been asked why so many men have left the Italian Navy. At the present time Italian officers and men are reviewing our personnel starting in Sicily and working North. We are asking that they relieve us of some of the work in the port of Naples. Admiral Morgan has asked the Minister for a detailed report, after which answers to personnel questions can be given.
- 3. There has been some ill feeling in regard to food and pay for those going back home who feel they are not on the proper status. Colonel Bain of Labor Sub-Commission has promised aid in this matter.
- 4. Another problem is that the Italian Navy is getting short of clothing and boots. A supply has been requested.

B. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier G. S. Duckworth.

- 1. Major General L. Fremming is now in the process of taking over the Army

Sub-Commission.

7. Lists of positions for officers (both American and British) are to be submitted to the Chief Commission in the course of the next few days.

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II. ATTACHES BY IMMEDIATE SUB-COMMISSIONS.

A. Army Sub-Commission, Commander I. N. Feltner.

1. The Italian fleet during the last six months has employed 102 ships on patrol work and transporting troops from North Africa to Naples. All reports have been satisfactory. Particular praise is due to Italian submarines for running in food and supplies to troops during Agass operations, while under constant bombing. Most are now employed on training duties.

2. It has been asked why so many men have left the Italian Navy. At the present time Italian officers can not be relieving our personnel starting in Sicily and working North. We are asking that they relieve us of some of the work in the port of Naples. Admiral Weyburn has asked the Minister for a detailed report, after which answers to personnel questions can be given.

3. There has been some ill feeling in regard to food and pay for those doing hard labor who feel they are not on the proper status. Colonel Bair of Army Sub-Commission has promised aid in this matter.

4. Another problem is that the Italian Navy is getting short of clothing and boots. A supply has been requested.

B. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier G. C. DuBois.

1. Major General I. Browning is now in the process of taking over the Army Sub-Commission.

2. Nation getting was reviewed at conference between Chief Commissioner and Mr. AAI on March 31; and recommendations for future strengths include Security Police and Fire Etc in addition to Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza. If approved, this will raise the ration bill to 537,000, compared with current authority for 500,000 and actual present strength 400,000.

3. Since 25 March MIA has supervised the issue of all Allied supplies shipped direct for Italian armed forces to the Mainland. In Serbia and Sicily the Allied Garrison is at present supervising these issues, and MIA is organizing and accounting through Mr. AAI. We should like now to initiate liaison between MIA Supply Supervisors at the various ports and those of Food Sub-Commission. The supply situation has crystallized the question of how many troops are to stay in Serbia and how they to come to the Mainland.

4. On the Mainland, Allied supplies now have 75,000 of the Italian Army  
these they command including 2,000 combat troops; the balance is to build  
this up to 194,000 the Army a combat division of 14,000.

The Italian Army is calling in all illegal absconces of the 1923 class  
plus all illegally absent motor drivers; it will continue one class at a time until  
all are in control.

5. With reference to Sardinia, shipping ceased but is now starting again.  
Previously no Italian Army troops have even brought horses to the mainland during  
the past month, but Italian warships are now re-commencing to transport ten thousand  
and per month. Of the garrison in Sardinia 20,000 are working for the Allies.  
2,000 Italian auxiliary soldiers are in the process of transfer to Corsica for air-  
field labor under the Allied garrison there.

6. In Sicily the 12 Italian corps equipped formation in Palermo in  
mid March. It is carrying out a certain of the inclusive 1912 to 1924 age classes  
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up within the nation ceiling.

5. Air Sub-Commission, Air Commando W.A.S. Italy, Rome, December.

1. There has been a continuance of operational work in the war effort.  
The Fighter Wing has been employed in offensive sweeps with good results along the  
Dalmatian Coast under the operational control of the Desert Air Force. Long range  
fighters have been used to give support to I.A.F. supply dropping aircraft over  
Yugoslavia. The Bomber Transport Wing has been employed in dropping supplies to  
Partisans and Italian troops in Yugoslavia and evacuating wounded. The Coastal  
Wing has carried out convoy escort duties, anti-submarine patrols and air-sea res-  
cue flights. The number of sorties carried out by each of these to date has been  
1,520 for the Fighter Wing, 1,320 for the Bomber-Transport Wing and 741 for the  
Coastal Wing.

2. With the advent of fine weather it is hoped to work up to an aggregate  
of 1,000 sorties per month. Between 1st and 8th April there have been 44 supply  
dropping sorties, of which 37 have been successful, and 21 tons net of supplies  
have been dropped.

3. The maintenance and equipment position is not satisfactory. There is  
no proper organization for dealing with it. Energetic steps are now being taken  
to put them on a proper basis. The success of these steps will depend to a great  
extent on the payment of civilian firms working for the I.A.F. for work carried  
out since the Armistice. At present the Italian Government is being extremely dif-  
ficult in settling these payments, and some firms may have to close down temporarily  
for lack of funds.

4. A total of 10,213 I.A.F. personnel are now on loan to the Allied Air  
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is satisfactory to note that they are giving excellent service in all theatres.  
Some future transfer may preclude the operational capacity of the I.A.F. it will  
be necessary in the future to secure the right to recall those required for I.A.F.  
duties when this becomes essential. Technical personnel are urgently needed.  
There are a number of highly skilled technicians in Sardinia and also in North Africa.  
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5. Further in regard to maintenance, we must have full access to all salvaged Italian Air Force material. There is a need for stronger orders to prevent further requisitioning of Air Force equipment.

6. A total of 515 I.A.F. Arditi personnel have been trained as a "Commando" battalion equipped with rifles, automatic rifles, machine-guns, and light mortars. They should be fit to do a combat job very shortly.

7. It is believed it would help to give a little more publicity to the good work being done by the Italian Air Force.



D. Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission, Colonel J. L. Henderson.

1. Internal telegraph service has been restored in and between all ten provinces of the mainland and all provinces in Sicily. There is service in Calabria too, but no outlet from Calabria, except for official traffic.
2. Telephone calls are limited to urban calls except for officials.
3. Work being finished at present includes the following:
  4. Extension of internal telegraph service to include Naples, Avellino, Benevento, up to rear Army boundary.
  5. Resumption of civil calls within provincial boundaries up to the same line.
  6. The question of resumption of external cable service has been raised.
  7. Repair of the main Salerno - Reggio cable is proceeding; when complete, this will give official telephone service with Catanzaro, Reggio, etc. up with Messina, Catania, and Palermo.
  8. The internal and foreign mail service has been extended to include Naples and Avellino provinces up to the rear Army boundary. The extension into Benevento Province is in hand. Other special services have been worked out for the Vatican, I.R.C.C., Italian prisoners of war, and to Italians in occupied territory.
  9. Other activities have included correspondence with Military Signals over typing of circuits for Italian government use, and restoration of coast and Great Wrecking circuits; correspondence with civil consularly analyzing and submitting to Economic Section proposed rates for telegraph, telephone and postal services, arranging for supplies of stamps from U. S. for Italian Government; supervising Allied Control Commission communications.

E. The Economic General Sub-Commission, Colonel J. E. Willets.

1. This Sub-Commission's work is with the Institute Hospital and the Factories.
2. In Sicily the turn over to the Italians of war materials in excess of Allied needs is proceeding. As regards the Western half of the island it is about 95% complete, but the Eastern half is not so far advanced. On the mainland and in Calabria the turnover continues in the technical situation specified.
3. From available statistics and reconnaissance it was found that in Sicily prior to Allied invasion there were 60 factories producing war materials or combustible material. Of these 60, twelve are now producing in whole or in part either directly or indirectly Allied munitions or by services troops themselves. Twelve to fourteen were completely destroyed by war. The remainder are producing from nothing to very little--these are mostly small factories without raw materials.

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E. War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, Colonel J. T. Collins.

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4. It was since the last Conference that this Sub-Commission has acquired  
the additional responsibility of War Factories. This term applies only to Italian  
manufacturing plants in three general categories.

a. Italian War Factories created directly by or under direct super-  
vision of Allied Forces.

b. Italian War Factories created directly by or under direct super-  
vision of the Italian War Industry.

c. Italian War Factories (Auxiliaries) operating in the production  
of War materials under supervision of Italian War Industry.

5. On the mainland the factories are nearly all used for the maintenance  
and repair of our own materials and equipment. The use of these factories is in-  
satisfactory.

W. Philip Holman, Branch, Major L. Fielder.

1. The Public Relations Branch was officially established on April 1st, March, January and February for Fielder was the only one with ACC though there were five BRDs attached to Regions III, IV and Fifth Army A&C. Regional BRDs have now been abolished and the officers assigned to this branch at Headquarters ACC.
2. During March representatives of 12 newspapers in newspaper syndicates consulted the Public Relations Branch and were supplied with the information and services they require. Interviews were arranged with members of ACC as requested. Twenty-six press releases in various subjects of the organization's work were handed out. A press conference was convened on March 15. Arrangements were worked out for supplying regular news to the papers controlled by the FBI. The Allied Publications Board on which the BRD had as a representative of ACC was reorganized and local boards were set up to deal with applications to publish.
3. Great publicity to the reorganization of ACC had partly to the lull on the hostile fronts a growing interest has shown by congressmen and this interest should soon be reflected in the Allied press.
4. A weekly Bureau to Regional Commanders of ACC activities has been started in an attempt to bridge some of the present gaps in relationships. It is hoped to produce a regular ACC journal about the first of ACC, the need for it being found in the fact that there is a great deal of report detail which is liable to get by-passed.
5. Major Fielder pointed out that the FBI is sometimes regarded as being without clearly defined functions. It is one of the main activities of this branch to see that the press gets the correct information, simpler information being one of the chief causes for delay in the Allied press. In order to get an accurate and comprehensive picture of the whole work of ACC to the press it will help greatly if every agency of news regarding developments is obtained weekly.
6. Public Relations work had been concentrated at Headquarters, but in the near future will be sent out into the field to get in touch with the activities there.

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3. Owing mostly to the reorganization of ACP and partly to the pull on the battle front, a growing interest was shown by correspondents and this interest should soon be reflected in the allied press.

4. A weekly review to Regional Commanders of ACP activities has been started in an attempt to bridge some of the present gaps in communication. It is hoped to produce a regular ACP Journal about the size of ACP, the news for it being found in the fact that there is a great deal of expert detail which is liable to get forgotten.

5. Major Nelson pointed out that his PPO is sometimes regarded as being without clearly defined functions. It is one of the main activities of this branch to see that the press gets the correct information, whatever information being one of the chief causes for abuse in the allied press. In order to get an accurate and so comprehensive picture of the whole work of ACP to the press it will help greatly if every scrap of news regarding developments is obtained quickly.

6. Public Relations work has been concentrated at Headquarters, but in the near future may well be sent out into the regions to get in touch with the activities there.

The morning session of the conference adjourned at 1215 hours.

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III. Address by Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason-Pearce.

General Macmillan commented on the political situation as being brighter than at the time of the last conference. Then there was the threat of a strike by parties of the left with reference to the Prime Minister's speech. After several discussions with the leaders involved, they called off the strike and held a public meeting of protest instead.

The Communist Party changed its policy and agreed to work with the Government of Marshal Badoglio. There had been little change in the 6 parties otherwise. The main objection had been the King. The King had recently crystallized his present intentions and the reaction of the parties in his declaration is awaited. The question is whether the other parties will follow the lead given by the Communist Party or head out for further action from the King. The lead by the Communist Party is to be warmly welcomed by us. These parties have had no constitutional method of solving their aims, which has kept the threat of strikes and disturbances before us.

The aim in view is a leader-based government as the greater the representation of the people the more they will pull together for the common cause. With the present action of the Communist Party and the statement of the King we are much nearer the goal of broadening the base of the Government.

The Chief Commissioner greeted the advisory Council members who were present, now that these representatives are resident in Naples he shall have the benefit of their local advice in connection with political problems.

General Macmillan expressed his regret at the departure of Colonel McCaffrey, Brigadier Duchesne and Air Commodore Foster. A welcome was given to Air Commodore Boken-Busserlet, Air Director of the Air Sub-Commission. There have been other changes in the high positions in AOC. Brigadiere Buslog and Carr have changed positions. Colonel Kirkwood would take over the Air Region VII. Displaced persons Sub-Commission would be taken over by Colonel Finlay.

A welcome was also given to General De Sevin, French representative with the Commission.

We are now proceeding our ultimate calling in officer personnel. This calling represents the number with which we must tackle the office of Italy. It will not be increased no matter how far forward we go through Italy. There will be no reinforcements. This makes it necessary to get the country sorted out as we go forward and to ensure that the Italian Air people of taking over us as we forward. Then our own personnel can be taken from the rear areas to other fields. It is hoped that the changes and transfers of the past few months will not become considerably later; however, this does not mean that a person will be permitted to be attached in a job, or in an undesirable location. To prevent this potential region of appointments will be made.

There is still scope for improvement in contacts but our regions and headquarters. It is desired that people should get out from headquarters, and in the other hand, visitors from regions will be welcomed here.

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General MacArthur expressed his regret at the departure of Colonel McGeoffrey, Brigadier Buchanan and Air Commodore Foster. A welcome was given to Air Commodore Bowers-Jones, new Director of the Air Sub-Commission. There have been other changes in the high positions in SAC. Brigadiers Dunlop and Carr have changed positions. Colonel Kittered would take over the new Region VII. Displaced persons Sub-Commission would be taken over by Colonel Minley.

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We are not representing our ultimate calling in officer personnel. This ceiling represents the number with which we must tackle the whole of Italy. It will not be increased so matter how far forward we go through Italy. There will be no reinforcements. This makes it necessary to get the country sorted out as we go forward and to ensure that the Italians are capable of taking over as we go forward. Then our own personnel can be taken from the rear areas to new fields. It is hoped that the chiefs and staffs of the past few months will now become considerably less; however, this does not mean that a person will be permitted to be "stuck" in a job, or in an undesirable location. To prevent this periodical reviews of appointments will be made.

There is still scope for improvement in contacts between Regions and Headquarters. It is desired that people should get out from Headquarters, and on the other hand, visitors from Regions will be welcomed here.

General MacArthur reminded the Commissioners again of the way in which SAC works. As we go forward we begin activities in territory with the SACs of the Army. This is followed up by Regional Military Government and then the time is ripe, and the Advisory Council operates. The territory is handed over to the Italians and SAC assumes advisory functions. It is essential to train the Italians, as we do not have the manpower to run the show. The time to clean up positions in Italy is the SAC period. Things must be sorted out. People must be sorted and the right Italians must be picked and trained while we are exercising military government. It is much more difficult to do this after backing "advisory" and taking the executive role. Training has been appointed by SAC. He cannot be removed without our consent. Unless the Italians can produce a man whom we feel is fit, they cannot replace our man. Therefore it is most important to train them during the SAC stage. If the right man cannot be found, then Headquarters should be advised at once. Regional Headquarters has always cooperated when asked to provide a man.

The Regions will normally "try out" when control passes to the Italian Government. Personnel will be reduced to numbers and functions will be advisory. This advisory job will become easy or difficult depending upon the executive period under SAC.

The Chief Commissioner stated that he did not think that Headquarters and the divisions are yet working as smoothly as they might. This is due very largely to lack of coordination on the part of some people as to what is required, also lack of experience. On technical questions the Sub-Commission will not direct the regions and provinces in the field. When it comes down to operational directives, these must go through Regional Commissioners. They must know what is being done in order to coordinate the work. Two things must be decided; namely, (1) working too much in inter-tight compartments and (2) delay in office procedure. The "spanning" team should be established.

In closing the Chief Commissioner pointed out that probably it will be some time before this Conference and the rest of the work will be completed. He stated that the organization must solve these complex problems.

IV. REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION.

Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel W. Evans.

1. A stage of advancement from survey to actual rehabilitation has now been reached which necessitates co-ordination with Services for mutual integration of savings program, rehabilitation and restoration.
2. A visiting Commission from CEC emphasized the importance of relief of skilled labor shortage in UO and W. Shipping space is no longer the sole overriding consideration. Importation of raw materials is preferable to manufactured products. Cloth and leather, hosiery and sewing thread are needed from abroad.
3. Local Resources Board have continued excellent cooperation from Local Resources Section, W. and W. Board but it is clear that local boards in Sicily and Corsica require definite policy directions to prevent confusion. Director and Joint Vice Chairman are proceeding forthwith to Sicily for this purpose.

4. Some of the achievements can be summarized as follows:

- a. 78 industrial plants have now been surveyed including many of major importance and a report on heavy industries is under the printers' hands.
- b. Cotton seed is now generally here and cigarette paper is on route. Thus soap and tobacco industries are being reactivated.
- c. The availability of the requisitions for the next six months entitled considerable work. The items numbered 1748 varying from 800,000 meters to rivets and hardware.
- d. Export program is now being rapidly developed from mainland.
- e. Sulphur and coal program from Sicily and Corsica respectively has been continued but coal output has been limited by CERN orders.

5. The various problems at present are:

1. Lack of transportation, especially the wire situation, and the instructions issued by C.E.C. and W.C. for requisitioning tires have proved impossible



IV. REPORTS BY ECONOMIC DIVISION

1. Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel J. D. White

1. A study of adjustment from survey to actual rehabilitation has now been reached which necessitates co-ordination with Services for mutual integration of allways program, rehabilitation and restoration.

2. A visiting Commission from C.S.C. emphasized the importance of relief of skilled labor shortage in U.S. and U.K. Shipping space is no longer the sole overriding consideration. Importation of raw material is preferable to manufactured products. Cloth and leather, needles and sewing thread are needed from abroad.

3. Local Resources Boards have continued excellent cooperation from local Resources Section, Havana (Am. Div.) but it is clear that local boards in Sicily and Sardinia require definite policy directives to prevent confusion. Director and Joint Vice Chairman are proceeding forthwith to Sicily for this purpose.

4. Some of the gold elements can be enumerated as follows:

a. 78 industrial plants have been surveyed including many of major importance and a report on heavy industries is now in the printers hands.

b. Quinine and is now actually here and cigarette paper is en route. Tannin and tobacco industries are being reactivated.

c. The completion of the requisitions for the next six months entitled considerable more. The items numbered 1789 varying from apparatus to riveting hammer.

1. Export program is not being rapidly developed from mainland.

2. Suburban and coal program from Sicily and Sardinia respectively has been continued but coal output has been limited by APLI orders.

3. The various problems at present are:

a. Lack of transportation, especially the tire situation. **5/15/45** The instructions issued by C.M.C. and M.C. for requisitioning tires have proved impossible to observe in practice.

b. There has been no report of regional personnel determination for industry and Commerce functions. At Headquarters there is a shortage of translators. The nervousness of the interpreters and translators could be a hindrance.

2. Labour Sub-Commission, Colonel J. A. Blair

1. A final draft of a Royal Decree, which is in essence a Wright Code for Italian labor, has been completed, and is now being submitted for acceptance. This is the combination of long months of experience and study with the Italian Government, Italian labor, and the results of M.I./C.C. administration. This document, when issued, may well stand as a lasting monument of Allied Occupation, and should be broadcast to other activities in the area where it is concrete evidence of our aims and purposes. This will be followed by a further decree giving trade unions a charter setting forth their rights, privileges and restrictions.



2. The past month has shown that too frequently we meet with non-cooperation. Problems have been handled at too low a level. It is of the utmost importance that the Labor Sub-Commission definitely and actually be recognized as the principal authority in all labor matters for all Italian Territory, so as to eliminate interference and decisions made by various other agencies and departments without reference to, or consultation by, the Labor Sub-Commission. Too many problems have been handled which had been picked up and made worse previously. Field officers should keep us advised. In this connection, it is pointed out that there are no field officers in Sicilian region II, Fifth Army, Eighth Army, Displaced Persons, and Italian Refugee Branch.

3. It has become more apparent than ever, particularly since the Italian Government has been given jurisdiction over certain areas, that the responsibilities and problems of the Labor Sub-Commission have more than doubled, therefore another urgent request is made for increased personnel to handle this formidable task.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner emphasized the necessity of referring matters to the Labor Sub-Commission when labor days are put in them, and all concerned were urged to give full use of this sub-commission's services. The lack of personnel in some areas which must be faced since we have held them to a ceiling, it will be seen that can be done about giving them more personnel in the field. One difficulty with the limited ceiling is that you cannot ensure having enough of the right people in the right places. In many cases the problem is not capable of being solved.

C. Agriculture Sub-Commission, Major W. A. Hartsh.

1. The Italian Minister of Agriculture and the Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission conferred with Allied and Italian officials in Sicily, Apulia, Luccania, and Calabria in the interests of creating uniform agricultural organizations in the field to obtain maximum production at harvest and in marketing of wheat and other vital crops.

2. It has been endeavored to get a plan defined. The new Minister advised that a field check would be necessary before such a plan could be outlined. Such field checks have been completed in Regions I and II. The Minister of each place spoke to various agricultural officials and expressed to them what they must do with reference to organization. They have had instructions and assurance has been brought to bear, but we still have no defined plan in writing.

3. We do not have men then for trained agricultural officers in the theaters. Also the Minister cannot locate competent men who are willing to accept responsibility. We have one better man to him, but he was reluctant to do anything about it. We have promises but no critical results. The Agricultural Sub-Commission has in complete cooperation of the Ministry's staff except the Minister himself when it comes to action.

4. Another problem is transportation. No Italian agricultural official has a car in Sicily. The Minister was pushed on this question. The provision of at least 1 car to each Sub-Commission Inspector and 2 cars to each Provincial Inspector is necessary.

5. As of January 15 Provincial officials will be making out a crop count report. This will come a bi-monthly report. Revised for out by 15 May will be an additional level for completing plans to obtain maximum marketing of wheat and other crops.

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3. We do not have more than ten trained agricultural officials in the theatre. Also the Minister cannot locate competent men who are willing to accept responsibility. We have suggested names to him, but he was a queer to do anything about it. We have promised but no written results. The Agriculture Sub-Commission has the cooperation of the Ministry's staff except the Minister himself when it comes to action.

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5. Beginning April 15 Provincial officials will be making out a crop condition report. This will become a bi-monthly report. A revised forecast by 15 May will be on additional basis for completing plans to obtain maximum amount of wheat and other crops.

6. Seed lots to imports totaled about 37,000 tons, a large proportion of which arrived after latest safe planting date 15 March; about 2500 tons of late arrival had to be diverted to Army rations; sterility due to long time on boat plus other reasons necessitated diverting an additional 1500 tons for food use. With these exceptions loss of seed has been extremely small in light of obstacles that were overcome to get seed in ground.

7. A survey of fishing conditions and means to get maximum harvest are being completed for all occupied territory including Tunisia; fishing supplies available from local resources are being distributed to areas which assure largest fish catch. Arrangements are in process of completion to assure tuna fishing operations in season along coast waters of Italy and North Africa; approval has been obtained to

extend night fishing operations at several points along the coast of Italy and Sicily. A fish marketing plan has been developed which will minimize black market operations and result in more equitable distribution, etc. Some working relations have been established with fisheries section of Italian Ministry of Agriculture on the above and all other activities of the Division.

6. Fuel wood harvest operations in Fifth Army area about 18 miles from Cassino continue to provide for all needs of hospitals and other Army purposes in forward areas. About 100 civilians are employed on this job. Steps have been taken to re-activate the Italian Royal Forestry Corps to assume responsibility for successful forestry operations. Most of the personnel do not have forestry training. It seems to have been a typical Fascist organization.

2. Food Sub-Commission, Lt Col G. J. Linn.

1. The Food Sub-Commission members of the Younger sub-commissions, whose principal job is to ensure that the people receive their daily bread, this has been achieved. The ration scale and miscellaneous food issues for April are higher and more varied than for any previous month. My issues are expected to be on a similar scale. Regarding distribution, they and I will be difficult months. Of the cereal ships, five will be grain ships and one only will be flour. Previously these ships have been mixed cargo. The program, however, is different; of this fact the Regional Commissioners should be informed. With only two ports accepting bulk grain, we are faced with the problem of a tonnage of 25,000 tons. Also 500,000 quintal-size sacks will be needed to handle the grain. This complicates distribution and puts a strain on the men. Further in regard to the sack problem, the Food Sub-Commission has opened up recovering inputs to sack flour and grain, which involves much work.

2. There is a pressing need to take into account local resources. We have planned to take care of the supplies, both wheat and cereal crops, to which major effort has been referred.

3. Regional Commissioners have spoken about industrial requirements and trade. Free trade should be encouraged but requires coordination and control. A civil supply Italian group is working closely with Minister Iuciforo and by this means it is hoped to control the basic items of supplies of cereals and grain crops of this country. Despite the changes in the Ministry of Agriculture definite progress has been made. Agriculture will provide the answer to many problems and to the many requests for an increase in ration scale.

4. Another sore spot is ration cards and counterfeit cards. We are not actively engaged in pursuing a ration reform policy. A plan was recommended to Regional Commissioners. An equal number of inspectors and Guardia di Finanza are employed. Shops for operation are selected at weekly separated points. Inspectors are in shops during service hours. Inspectors and Guardia di Finanza are checked daily. Inspector examines ration cards of all shops entering the shop. Inquiries are made for purposes of checking ownership. The following gives an indication of the success of the drive.

During first ten days eight baker shops were taken under control. Forty-five false cards were found; 11 were found belonging to deceased persons; 13 were people who had left the district and the number of burned cards was 24. A copy of this scheme is being circulated to Regional Commissioners for use in their own



1. The Food Sub-Commission fears of the younger sub-commissioners, whose primary job is to ensure that the people receive their daily bread, this has been achieved. The ration cards and miscellaneous food issues for April are higher and more varied than for any previous month. My issues are expected to be on a similar scale. Forwarding distribution, May and June will be difficult months. Of ten cereal ships, nine will be grain ships and one only will be flour. Previously these ships have been mixed cargo. The program now, however, is different; at this time the regional Commissioners should be informed. With only two ports receiving bulk grain, we are faced with the problem of a tonnage of 65,000 tons. Also 500,000 quinaltine sacks will be needed to handle the grain. This complicated distribution and rate strain on the men. Further is required to the sack problem, the Food Sub-Commission has opened up recovering deposits to handle flour and grain, which involves much work.

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E. Finance Sub-Commission, Colonel E. H. Foley.

1. During March steps have been taken to establish the Banca d'Italia as the central bank for the Italian Government in the liberated areas. For King's Italy the branch at Salerno has been made acting head office, and the branches in Pescara, Bari, and Vi are managed from Naples. An office of the Finance Sub-Commission has been appointed in the office of the Banca and has his office in the Salerno Branch. This intervention has enabled us to finance the Italian Government's deficit out of the existing currency resources of the Banca d'Italia. Since April 1, no advances of Italian currency are being made to the Italian Government or puppet organizations and arrangements are now being made to finance provinces and communes out of bank funds. In fact the currency reserves of the central bank now stand at such a level that we are withdrawing 1.9 billion lire from the Banca d'Italia. This withdrawal is in the form of a partial repayment of the advances made to the Italian Government or its subdivisions by ACC/ARS. Such advances total about 5 billion lire and the re-



payment is approximately 2/5 of this amount.

2. Colonel Jany, while in Washington, arranged for the printing and shipment of new Italian Government currency. It is estimated that this currency will not be available for approximately six months from final approval of the design. When available, we can take steps in concealed ways to maintain control.

3. Black market trading in den-den tender notes has been developing. It is hoped to take of active action to stem up this currency trading in the next step to violations of law involved in transactions in which it is implicated.

4. More drastic penalties are recommended when outstanding convicted forgers, and a number of cases involving forgery of 2000 1000 currency are consistently coming to light. The volume of cases is not dangerous but should be checked.

5. The present economic situation of liberated Italy is chiefly characterized by an extreme shortage of materials with consequent high black market prices. The largest single source of income in liberated Italy is the Italian Government's deficit, which is estimated to be 20 billion lire since 1 July 1947, and is now averaging over 5 billion lire per month. The monetary measures we are taking include an attempt to reduce the level of Italian Government spending, more drastic tax measures and a reduction in the size of the deficit by more Government borrowing from the people.

6. A Commission from Washington has visited here to see how receipts are being kept regarding imports. It is necessary to cost account supplies coming in. We must know what goods come in, country of origin and what disposition is made of them. The Regional Commissioners must help in this collection of supply accounting data. The Chief accountant reports that the necessary information is very slow in forthcoming from the Regions.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner stressed the point made by Colonel Jany regarding the furnishing of proper information to Headquarters as that the show any run properly.

8. Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, Lt Col L. K. Jany.

1. Work is progressing in regard to military highways but the lack of personnel and equipment is a handicap. Military authorities have asked that an extend and accelerate war organization and steps have been taken to accomplish this. Personnel will have to be increased and highway construction material must be imported from the United States. This has been put up to HQ for review.

2. A program of procedure for utility rates was submitted and approved at a special Economic Section meeting. Basic structures is not being altered.

3. Colonel Jany mentioned the incident occurred in Cassin where a post factory had to be shut down when their electricity supply was cut off. He explained that this restriction of electricity was an emergency measure brought about by a rival plant's need for electricity. The excuse for this restriction was not ready although the Minister had been asked for it. Thus rationing was actually undertaken by us before the Secret became operative, and the demand was kept within the amount allotted.

5. The present economic situation of liberated Italy is chiefly characterized by an extreme shortage of foodstuffs with consequent high black market prices. The largest single source of income in liberated Italy is the Italian Government's deficit, which is estimated to be 20 billion lire since 1 July 1943, and to be increasing over 3 billion lire per month. The monetary measures now being taken include an attempt to reduce the level of Italian Government spending, more drastic tax measures and a reduction in the size of the deficit by more Government borrowing from the people.

6. A Commission from Washington has visited Rome to see how funds are being kept running in Italy. It is necessary to get account supplies coming in. We must know what goods come in, country of origin and what disposition is made of them. The Regional Commissioners must help in this collection of supply accounting data. The Chief Accountant reports that the necessary information is very slow in getting from the Regions.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner stressed the point made by Colonel Peley regarding the furnishing of proper information to Headquarters so that the show may run properly.

7. Public Works & Utilities Sub-Committee, Lt Col L. A. Jaffy.

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3. Colonel Jones mentioned the incident occurring in Foglia where a power factory has to be shut down when their electricity supply was cut off. He explained that this rationing of electricity was an emergency measure brought about by a rail-truck accident for electricity. The decree for this rationing was not ready although the minister had been pushed for it. Thus rationing was actually undertaken by us before the Decree became effective, and the demand was kept within the amount allotted by the Local Resources Board. When the Decree was published in the Gazzetta, we found that it allowed continuation to the final draft which we had prepared and which was stronger and more precise than the published form. After discussing this matter with the Local Sub-Committee we requested the passage of a new Decree in the form approved by us and rewording the one in effect now.

4. Studies are in progress in cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Warfare and Merchant Marine, for mining mines during in various harbors so as to clear harbors and allow use of the ships; and five million lire in 1944, been appropriated for this. Studies are also in progress for the rehabilitation of shipping capable of building and a wooden vessel from 200 to 400 tons.

5. Officers of this Sub-Committee have visited Sicily, in Calabria and have studied the conditions in these two theaters. Some changes are being contemplated in Sicily.

6. AFM has just been asked to study the question of taking over and operating various plants producing essential construction materials. The armed forces have taken over many plants and materials are taken to the front areas.

7. At the last meeting a statement was made that the situation on the electrical current for Rome was concerning and favorable. Work for restoration had been assigned to AFM. Financing the project and providing labor and food for workers was assigned to AFM.

8. AFM had many AFM regional engineers and some requisitioned aircraft and trucks belonging to the Italian engineer forces. This provision must come. We are planning to issue special permits to them, with the cooperation of the armed forces. "fracking" their equipment so they can function.

9. A very large number of varied problems have been handled including repairs to buildings and buildings "recovered" for the Vaticano Building, also the receipt shipment of Vesuvius added to our tasks.

10. The Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has a basic task to perform. It is composed of specialists in various fields but does not have enough men to handle the tasks that have been given to it to perform. A few more men are needed at headquarters. Major General III, III, V must have personnel. Action will be taken electrical experts to be introduced; about four more are needed immediately.

G. Transportation Sub-Commission, Colonel F. A. Fitch.

1. The military authorities will retain control of railways on the mainland and in Sardegna. In Sicily the complete supervision of the whole of the railways belongs to the responsibility of AFM from 15 March, and it is a little early to assess the results. The volume of civil freight movement generally has increased as compared with the previous month.

2. Owing to a shortage of coal, locomotives and rolling stock, and the heavy priority requirements of Allied Forces, the railway facilities available for civil traffic are still not sufficient to meet essential civil needs. No increase in civil passenger train services can yet be made.

3. 550 trucks have been made available since the last meeting, of which 150 are awaiting allocation. Will be handed over to the Italian Government in the near future. The 1001 A.F. Coy. (420 trucks) will be handed over to Region II fit for work in 4 to 5 days.

4. Movements arranged through this sub-commission for sub-sea transportation are increasing. The setting up of a more satisfactory organization for sub-sea is pending. A few objectives have been identified to specific points for local civil movements. It is hoped to secure increased allocations for regular local movements, as soon as sufficient evidence of need is forthcoming.

H. Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Robert Nicoll.

9. A very large number of various problems have been handled including repairs to buildings and buildings "destroyed" for the Venturo Building, also the recent explosion of V-suiting failed to our tasks.

10. The Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has a basic task to perform. It is composed of specialists in various fields but does not have enough men to handle the tasks that have been given to it to perform. A few more men are needed at headquarters. Eugene H. Hill, III, must have returned. Region VII needs electrical experts to do the work; about four more are needed immediately.

8. Transportation Sub-Commission, Colonel S. A. Fitch.

1. The military authorities still retain control of railways on the Italian peninsula. It is the complete supervision of the rail of the railways has no the responsibility of 500 as from 10 March, and it is a fairly solidly to handle the results. The volume of civil freight movement generally has increased as compared with the previous month.

2. Owing to a shortage of coal, locomotives and rolling stock, and the heavy priority requirements of Allied Forces, the railway facilities available for civil traffic are still barely sufficient to meet essential civil needs. No increase in civil passenger train services can yet be made.

3. 500 trucks have been made available since the last meeting, of which 150 are awaiting allocation. Will be handed over to the Italian Government in the near future. The total T.O. Coy. (120 trucks) will be handed over to Region II for work in a few days.

4. Movements arranged through this Sub-Commission for other transportation are increasing. The setting up of a more satisfactory organization for passengers is pending. A few sponsors have been allowed to specific points for local civil movements. It is hoped to secure increased commitments for regular local movements, as soon as sufficient evidence of need is forthcoming.

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5. Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Robert Minch.

1. The registration of the schooners is proceeding in a more orderly and rapid manner than was anticipated. They are very limited in number. Over 200 schooners are now registered, and a considerable number of those are engaged under the direction of the Mediterranean Shipping Board. Sub-Commission in view for the services of the Allied Nations.

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3. The following is an illustration to show the possibility for reducing the program which is so earnestly desired. Since almost the total requirements of flour for the needs of Italy are arriving from Austria in one large ship, in order to save on ocean going tonnage it is desirable that this ship should discharge at one port. Mr. Minch together with his colleagues have acquired as to what substitution the Economic Committee can make towards the distribution of this flour to its ultimate destination. A program such as this can be quickly achieved and would permit them their available ports.



4. The operation of other Italian ships has been a matter on which this sub-  
committee has been most closely engaged in conjunction with the Commander-in-Chief  
and our principals in Washington and London. The ships now being employed in useful  
service are the results of machinery which we have created. The Italian tonnage in  
service is as follows:

a. Inside the Mediterranean--passenger type 10845 G.R.T., cargo vessels  
7,222 G.R.T. and tankers 4277 G.R.T.

b. Outside the Mediterranean--passenger type 24470 G.R.T., and cargo  
vessels 10,253 G.R.T.

1. Economic Section, Colonel G. B. Cohen (reporting  
in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Henry Brady).

1. The reports of the Sub-Commissions have given an overall picture of the  
activities. Although we had at first some progress is shown, it is apparent from  
the reports already made that very substantial progress has been made in a surpris-  
ingly short time.

2. This is impressive when we look back and realize that the General's first  
conference was held only a little over two months ago. That was the first time the  
Regional and Headquarters members together in the organization under one command  
with jurisdiction over all civil affairs activities in this theatre. On the economic  
side it has been possible to make progress in making effective its program in connec-  
tion with wage levels, rice, low rationing and distribution, accounting, regula-  
tions for imports for essential supplies, and in the control of local resources.

3. IEC is now establishing itself with the various activities as an import-  
ant section of the Italian Corps in Italy; an agency that can be depended upon to  
handle the many problems involving civilian labor, local resources, including food,  
engineering and other materials, also the handling and distribution of food imports.

4. Looking ahead, there is a tremendous amount of work to be done. One job  
facing us right now is the food situation. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have indi-  
cated to us their expectation that, with the coming harvest, Italy must feed itself  
and no longer rely upon the imports of food which we have had in past months. The  
responsibility for effecting this policy is placed on IEC and, of course, the Italian  
Government must assume its own responsibility in this connection and has already  
been prepared on the matter. The possibility of Italy feeding itself has already  
been explored and the program for the collection and raising of the grain, reduction  
in food and seed rations, price of wheat, etc., will be discussed with the Regional  
Commissioners while they are here. The necessity for feeding the Italian people from  
local resources is one of our primary concerns and IEC should be re-  
sponsible for this policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Economic Section and Regional Commission are now a primary responsi-  
bility but will need the cooperation of all of IEC, particularly Public Health and  
Public Safety Sub-Commissions. Also all publicity releases will have to closely  
support this policy.

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2. There is an impression often to look back and realize that the General's first conference was held only a little over two months ago. That was the first time the Regions and Headquarters gathered together as one organization under one name with joint jurisdiction over all civil affairs activities in this District. In the economic time it has made possible a program in making effective its programs in cooperation with other levels, where food rationing and distribution, accounting, requirements for imports for essential requirements, and in the control of local resources.

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The Economic Section and Regional Commissioners have a primary responsibility but will need the cooperation of all of AEC, particularly Public Affairs and Public and Sub-Commission. Also all publicity releases will have to closely support this policy.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner commented that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it would. This may be due in certain cases to political insecurity of certain Ministers. It will presumably show improvement with the coming of a transfer-back and more secure government. A most realistic behavior the manner in which the Italian Government came into being. General Sciglios with but one direct input to his government. They did not have experienced personnel from them. Thus we are dealing with an administrative machine which has been built up with difficulty. We must get everything possible out of them as rapidly and efficiently as possible. It is no surprise that they are not functioning as one would expect a government to function. That does not mean we should not try by all means and means to get the goods from them.

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REPORT BY SA [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]

Interior Sub-Commission, Colonel R. S. R. Spindt

1. There has been the misconception that Interior Sub-Commission is beset with public health, whereas it deals with the Minister of the Interior outside the sphere of Public Health, Public Welfare and Public Safety. There is almost daily contact with Minister Neale or his staff. Multitudinous matters concerning Prefecture, Simulac and other extraneous matters is dealt with.

2. A course in local government was held between 16-22 March. Officers attended from 15, 16 and 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31. The program shown and gratifying and the Interior staff learned much from the students. A second course is in progress.

3. Colonel Spindt with his staff officer has visited Bebevento, Avellano, Compadre, Coesete, San Victor, and other local. They were with the Minister. In each place, the senior officer was interviewed and with his permission, wherever possible, the Prefecture. It has a surjection to find that the Guardia Semanale in locally constituted in Bebevento III and 1st Army Corps, was north of the Volcano.

4. Captain R. S. Spindt of the Sub-Commission has been on tour in Bebevento since 1st April.

5. Local Government in the lines approved by the Chief Commissioner is alive in Bebevento III. The first meeting of the Guardia Froy noble administrative in Bebevento Province was attended by officers of the first course as guests. An immense amount of business was done. The citizens' number met for the first time. It is firmly believed that these appointments and appointments are producing and will produce a better and real feeling of responsibility in the responsibility of their country by the men of the region as opposed to narrow officials, and will play an important part in stabilizing affairs.

6. The Royal Decree in regard to the reorganization of Local Government is still under discussion with the Minister of the Interior. The Legal Sub-Commission has been consulted and has advised certain amendments.

Public Safety Sub-Commission, Colonel R. S. R. Spindt

1. Conferences of National and Public Safety Officers have been held and uniform policies adopted.

2. Matters for public safety organization have been in important items.

3. Regional Commissioners, Police and Public Safety Officers are all interested in the activities and working of the police.

4. Contact with the Commissioners is active.

5. There have been growing reports of discontent of military troops.

6. Additional police for Carabinieri has been established at Bebevento and Bebevento.

7. A tour of inspection is being conducted from Bebevento to Bebevento.

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and place the senior officer in interview and with his permission, whenever possible, the Prefecture. It was a surprise to find that the District Commission is actually functioning in Region III and 5th Army areas, even north of the Volturno.

4. Captain B.H. Temple of the Sub-Commission has been on tour in Sicily since 1st April.

5. Local Government in the Isles approved by the Chief Commissioner in five in Region III. The first meeting of the District Provincial Administrative in Palermo Province was attended by officers of the first course at night. An immense amount of business was done, all the citizens members set for the first time. It is firmly believed that these institutions and activities are producing and will produce a better and more feeling of responsibility in the rehabilitation of their country by the aid of the people is applied to senior officials, and will play no mean part in stabilizing affairs.

6. The Royal Decree in regard to the reorganization of Local Government is still under discussion with the Minister of the Interior. The Local Sub-Commission has been consulted and has advised that in members.

5. Public Safety Sub-Commission, Colonel M. G. King.

1. Consistency of Regional and Public Safety Officers have been field and uniform policies adopted.

2. Methods for Public Safety organizations have been an important item.

3. Regional Commissioners, police and public safety officers are all interested in the clothing and equipping of the police.

4. Contact with the Carabinieri is daily.

5. There have been growing reports of misconduct of Ardit troops.

6. Replacement table for Carabinieri have been established at Regio 3, Bari.

7. A tour of inspection is being conducted from a disciplinary 6456 6456 in the Regio 3, Bari.

8. Fire control and civil defense are still active.

9. Increasing is being forward with uniform system.

10. A course for re-organization in 1943 areas has been proposed and will be considered at the meeting tomorrow.

6. Public Health Sub-Commission, Colonel G.S. Hershman.

1. The Typhus course has dispersed. Systems Advisory Board has been set up. The first meeting has been held with discussions of venereal disease, malaria control and sanitation of towns and villages.

2. The Italian Government has been asked to set up a VD Department and to take some vigorous action in dealing with plague and clandestine prostitution. None



hospital beds have been provided for patients. There has been a slight fall in the VD rate among troops in Region I.

5. Malaria control, headed by Colonel Procell of the Wehrfaller Kommando, a salary survey of Sorfials has been made, as well as of other known malaria areas. Meetings have been held to ensure uniformity of action and cooperation. We are trying to get the Italians to cooperate as much as possible.

6. The financial system at hospitals have been much appreciated.

7. A veterinary survey of Sicily has been made which shows that the Italian veterinary service is doing well in some conditions and that biologists are being produced in quantity. Investigations have been carried out on the immunization of live stock.

8. Medical supplies are coming in regularly and distribution is better. Medicines stored have been set up in convenient places. More clothing has been collected and distributed. There is a shortage only of certain items rather than insufficient assignment of supplies.

9. There has been a certain amount of all types of 504 cases clinically. The investigations are being made. Drugs have also been taken in hospitals.

10. Close liaison with the Italian Government has been maintained with the view of eventually setting up a Military Department to meet the requirements of the Italian people.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General Martini so inquired regarding forgo for Army medals in Sorfials. It was not definitely known, but reported that forgo had to be shipped from the mainland.

The Chief Commissioner commended the work of Colonel Napolita and the Personnel Administration Institute on the file results brought forth in Sorfials with the typhus epidemic.

11. Local Sub-Commissioner, Colonel G. R. Napolita

1. The Allied military courts have been requested to give to Regional Commissioners the right to review all cases of imprisonment. This is a most important duty, and it is hoped the Commissioners will be part of the reviewing themselves.

2. The Chief Legal Officer in Sorfials is a key man who can help the G.O. to administer justice. It is found that a sentence in Sorfials district may not be adequate in a place like Sorfials, thus good legal service is necessary in the Sorfials. As further sin a book will be distributed shortly, Sorfials without power which will be made of technical language.

3. There are 26 legal officers in Sorfials. In Sorfials, 4000 cases were taken last year. It has been discussed with the Italian Government whereby they will have over 200 of the legal work in Sorfials, as these officers cannot be left in this

6. Medical supplies remain in relatively the distribution in Italy. In addition, it is necessary to set up in individual places. More planning was received and distributed. There is a shortage only in certain items rather than in sufficient consignments of supplies.

7. There has been a certain amount of uniformity of Pan Army clothing. Investigations are being made. There have also been action in hospital.

8. Close liaison with the Italian Government has been maintained with the view of eventually setting up a Military Day Centre to meet the requirements of the Italian people.

Comments by Chief Commissioners General MacFarlane inquired regarding Comma for Army units in Sicily. It was not definitely known, but it is noted that Comma had to be shipped from the mainland.

The Chief Commissioner commented the work of Colonel Maddali and the personnel for production Institute on the line results brought forth in dealing with the typical epidemic.

4. Legal Sub-Commission, Colonel E. S. S. S.

1. The Allied military courts have been requested to give to Political Commissions the right to review all cases of imprisonment. This is a most important duty, and it is hoped the Commissions will do part of the reviewing themselves.

2. The Chief Legal Officer in Sicily is a key man who can help the Comma to administer justice. It is noted that the situation in Sicily is not to be adequate in a place like Sicily, that good legal advice is necessary in the Sicily. As a matter of fact, there will be distributed shortly, "Justice without delay" which will be vital of individual language.

3. There are 26 legal officers on 1000 in Sicily. 1000 cases were tried last year. It has been discussed with the Italian Government whether they will take over some of the legal work in Sicily, as this officers cannot be left in this city.

4. The policy of putting surplus that we desire through various law provisions satisfactory. The Italian Government is no reputation in a week or ten days some surplus which we want in occupied territories.

5. The Italian Government has done useful work in getting a pool of judges as they come through the Sicily. Substantial number must be kept for Rome but we can help Italian Comma (Sicily).

6. Priest legislation has been reviewed. They excellent law had passed under Mussolini's regime. The law providing laws are being revised now.

7. Further directives from Comma in being submitted to the representative of paper property. This is a very difficult question. Previous directives were very conflicting, as soon as instructions are forthcoming they will be submitted in a directive to the field.

13 Report on Sub-Commission, Lt Col L. V. Smith,

- 1. The High School youth organization has shown splendid work and has been very active. I expect to send funds to further their organization and help in Belgium.
- 2. An investigation has begun in universities to see what kind of standards are operating under the routine.
- 3. A survey of schools was instituted in Regions III and IV trying to get a picture of what was going on. It is still in progress. We have under 300,000 and are trying to be constructive in the Italian system.

F. Property Control Sub-Commission, Lt Col C. B. Harris,

- 1. In Region I the process of taking custody of all Allied property is nearly complete. Also this is true in Region IV.
- 2. To have reached an agreement with the Italian Government as to the steps necessary to legalize the activities of the Property Control Sub-Commission under Italian law.
- 3. A satisfactory agreement on the financial side of properties has been reached whereby the Italian Government will advance necessary funds where the income is insufficient. They also agreed to pay no funds in cases where no damage has been caused to properties.

G. Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Major E. H. G. Wild,

- 1. The reorganization of personnel has been somewhat of a problem but it is hoped that it will be satisfactorily solved.
- 2. There was supervision of activities in the field which Sub-Commissions can undertake. In Regions I, II and III there were a number of monuments and churches needing attention as a result of war damage. Work in Region I is finished and practically finished in Region II; the difficult problems are in Region III. These are of two kinds: (1) Repair of churches bombed. In the last period full cooperation with Italian officials, repairs were completed in two weeks. (2) Buildings such as the Royal Palace which suffered damage due to looting or shelling by troops. A commission was established to take care of such cases.

H. Action taken on the Recommendations of the Collier report include the following:

- a. Case of National Museum, Royal Palace, San Martino, Parma, etc.
- b. Preparation of report regarding the Protection of Property of Historical and Educational Institutions in Italy; submission of it to the UN (see table); table issued by the Administrative Instruction No. 10.
- c. The preparation of lists of protected monuments as required by the Administrative Instruction No. 3. Table and list issued now in hands of printer.

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iv. Memoranda and Plans, Sub-Commission, Major E. T. A. Field,

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3. Action taken on the recommendations of the Collier report includes the following:

- a. Care of National Museum, Royal Palace, San Martino, Pienza, etc.
- b. Preparation of draft regarding the protection of property of historical and educational importance in Italy; submission of it to H. M. I. (4th Sub); their issuance of it as administrative instruction No. 15.
- c. The preparation of lists of protected monuments as required by the administrative instruction No. 3. (Note and attached now in hands of printer. South Italy follows immediately and also Pescara.)

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- 3. The preparation of sub-commission action to act in Italy.
- 4. Submission trials to the most important areas were made by the Director and Deputy Director.
- 5. In regard to the future we are ready for action as the armistice forward.

By This Sub-Commission came into being through the President of the United States and cultural services in the U.S. and U.S. We are to give first aid to any damage there it happens but we are not just a sweeping up squad. It is our first duty to try to avoid there being damage to works of art.



N. Vice President of Administrative Services, Rt Hon. The Viscount Stansgate.

1. Lord Stansgate stated his belief that all profit eventually by the Commission. He expressed his desire to be more fully informed about the activities of the Economic Section since they are the backbone of the whole programme.
2. Cusani was made on the same context which would be had with the Italian Ministers as to their advantageous location. He deemed that to happen- ing, even though he may have not what the man in the street thinks.
3. Lord Stansgate remarked that he would like to request the Regional Commissioners to our "eyes and ears." It is necessary to hear from them more than just in the monthly reports. He needs their impressions. The Headquarters is trying to build up the morale of the Italian people. The Regional Commissioners should fully inform the Sub-Committees of the state of affairs as they note them. Lively daily contact is needed.
4. Stansgate was made to the fact that some directors object to the actions of Ministers in receiving reports. This is another item which should be brought to Headquarters attention.
5. Regarding visits to the field, 43 individuals have been in the field 165 days. He should be very glad to have men from the Regions to visit Headquarters.
6. It is hoped that we may do something in the direct war effort. We must help the Anglo-Italian relationships and get the Italians' hearts into the war effort.

VI. Closing address by Deputy Chief Commissioner, Captain Edward J. Stone, USMC.

Captain Stone stated his belief that it had been a very constructive meeting because many had had numerous critical things to say. This is a healthy sign. Since ACC was created to take the business of government off the shoulders of the Chiefs, if everything were running smoothly there would be no need for it.

Facing the Italian people was the first big problem. When they are fed they can tackle the cultural and other problems. A provision of the children to be seen during our first days in Italy with those of today will show what ACC has done of worth.

Cooperation and coordination is needed in the Sub-Committees. The fault here has been one of the division rather than cooperation. There is a need for greater personal contact between these areas. Problems are similar, and let each ACC utilize and their Italian officials.

The work of the Section has been in coming along with a desire being placed for the publishing of weekly reports.

The Communist Party's stand for cooperation with the King and Marshal Badoglio gives us hope for a pro-Italian government.

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The Conference adjourned at 1000 hours.

- 4. Reference should be made to the fact that some directors object to the actions of Ministers in removing provinces. This is another item which should be brought to Headquarters attention.
- 5. Regarding visits to the field, 63 individuals have been in the field 165 days. It should be very clear to Headquarters from the figures in to visit Headquarters, it is hoped that we may do something in our direct war effort. We must help the Anglo-Italian relationships and get the Italian hearts into the war effort.

VI. Operational Matters by Deputy Chief Commissioner, Captain Henry T. Stone, OAM.

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Cooperation and coordination is needed in the Job-Commissions. The fault here has been one of the misalignment of the commission. There is a need for greater personal contact between those whose problems are similar, and between all officers and their Italian opposites.

The work of de-facto administration is coming along with a degree being passed for the purpose of the present crisis.

The Communist Party's stand for cooperation with the King and Marshal Badoglio gives us hope for a broader-based government.

The conference adjourned at 12:00 hours.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 ROBERT Z. DICE  
 Secretary, S.S.D.  
 Secretary General

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ALLIED GENERAL COMMISSION

Monthly Conference - 14 April 1944

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Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Chief Commissioner.
2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Sections:
  - Region I (Sicily)
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3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

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- Naval Sub-Commission
- Army Sub-Commission
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- War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission
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- Colonel J.I. Henderson
- Colonel J.T. Gallars
- Major I. Fielden

Afternoon Session - 1430

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5. Reports by Economic Sections:

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- Labour Sub-Commission
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- Major W.A. Hartman
- Lt Col H.J. Lamb
- Lt Col D.A. Janny
- Colonel F.H. Foley
- Colonel G.A. Pitch
- Lt. Ian Campbell
- Colonel G.S. Adams (18484)



- Lt Col C. Poletti
- Colonel F.L. Whiting
- Brigadier M. Carr
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- Colonel D.S. Adams (Mr. Henry Grady)

6. Reports by Administrative Section:

1630 to 1830

- Intersex Sub-Commission
- Public Safety Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- Legal Sub-Commission
- Education Sub-Commission
- Property Control Sub-Commission
- Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission
- Lt Col R.S.R. Spicer
- Colonel P.G. Day
- Brig. G.S. Parkinson
- Colonel G.R. Upjohn
- Lt Col T.V. Smith
- Lt Col G.S. Bantle
- Major E.C. de Walle
- The Rt Hon The Viscount Stansgate

7. Closing remarks by Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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GENERAL Conference PSO's held March 8th.  
Status re-rations and equipment for Public Safety personnel.

POLICE CC.RR - Contact with GOC. Activity reports. Misconduct of Allied troops. Visits of inspection with Chief of Staff. Replacement pools for CC.RR, Naples and Bari. Recruiting progress. P.C.R.'s.

GA.FT. Gen. Moriconi Commanding.

AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA. Chief career official not yet selected. Minister of Interior controls via Prefects. Decree for recruits. Railway police to be recruited, and organized as part of Agenti.

SPECIAL REPORT. recommending power of arrest for CC.RR of military personnel.

FIRE & CIVIL DEFENSE. Engaged in plans for the forward displacement of serviceable fire fighting equipment to supplement Army Fire Services.

PRISONS. Recommend standing committee of interested agencies to treat with problem in orderly manner instead of piecemeal approach. Food rations for prisoners suggested by Public Health Sub-Com. in hands of Food Sub-Com. for implementation. Transfers of prison guards arranged between occupied and unoccupied Italy.

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION. Uniform system devised for civilian motor vehicles in occupied and unoccupied Italy. Uniform civilian circulation permits prepared. System for registration of civilian vehicles used for military purposes submitted. Directive and Decree for registration of livestock.

STAFF VISITS.  
DEFASCITIZATION IN AMG AREAS. - Col. Young.

PAUL G. MIRE  
Colonel, Inf.  
Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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Text of circular letter from Dep. Sec. Gen. on 6/4/44:-

The following information was received by the Dep. Sec. Gen. in a communication dated 5/4/44 from the Sec. Gen. Naples:-

With reference to letter, this office dated 23/2 subject "Conferences" effective immediately the Chief Commissioners routine conference held weekly on Thursday at Salerno is cancelled permanently. The Naples conference will continue to be held on Mondays at 1100 hrs.

Dep. Sec. Gen.

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30 March 1944

Ref/107/14/CA.

SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference.

TO : See Distribution Below.

1. Reference memorandum 107/13/CA of 29 March 1944.
2. The proceeds of remarks requested in para. 2 (c) of above-quoted memorandum is required by the Secretary General by 1200 hrs on day previous to meeting.
3. Will you please make the necessary amendment.

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*[Signature]*  
 NORMAN E. FISKE  
 Colonel,  
 Deputy Executive  
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29 March 1944

Ref: 107/13/CA  
SUBJECT: Regional Commissioners Conference

TO : See Distribution.

1. This is to confirm that as arranged at the last Regional Commissioners Conference the next conference will be held at Hq. ACC, Provincia Building, Naples on Friday April 14 and Saturday April 15, 1944.
2. The Chief Commissioner will preside at the Friday meeting which will commence at 0900 hours.

The agenda will be:

- a) Address by Chief Commissioner.
- b) Reports by Regional Commissioners and SCAG's AMI Armies.
- c) Reports by Heads of Sub-Commissions (to be so prepared that they can be delivered in a maximum of 5 minutes) and Vice Presidents of Sections. (Officers making reports are requested to furnish *by 1200hrs* the Secretary General with a precis of their remarks, *immediately* *on the day* before the meeting).

3. The Executive Commissioner will preside at the Saturday meeting which will commence at 0930 hours. Attendance of heads of sections and Sub-Commissions may be required by agenda items, at times to be notified before the meeting.

4. Regional Commissioners and heads of Sub-Commissions are invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the agenda of the Saturday meeting. The suggestions should be accompanied by a brief statement on the points to be discussed, which will be circulated to all concerned before the meeting. Suggestions should be in the hands of the Deputy Executive Commissioners, R.C. & M.C. Section by 4 April 1944 latest.

5. Officers attending from outlying stations should assemble in Naples at least one day prior to the opening of the conference. R.C. & M.C. Section should be notified of expected time of arrival in order that accommodation and transport may be arranged where necessary.

6. The Secretary General will act as Secretary on the Friday Meeting.

A staff officer of the C.A. Branch R.C. & M.C. Section will act as secretary of the Saturday meeting.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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Regional Commissioners Conference

Saturday, March 4th

0900 hrs.

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Presiding: Brigadier M.S. Lush.

PRESENT

Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C. (Chairman) Executive Commissioner.  
 Brigadier General E.E. Hume S.C.A.O. 5 Army AME.  
 Brigadier M. Carr R.C. Region IV.  
 Brigadier K.K. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C. R.C. Region VI.  
 Colonel N.E. Piske Dep. Exec. Commissioner.  
 Group Captain C.E. Benson, D.S.O. S.C.A.O.  
 Colonel F.L. Whitley R.C. Region V.  
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 " J.O.M. Ashley C.S. 5 Army AME.  
 " J.J. Albright Estab. Officer.  
 " D.S. Adams C.S.O. Econ. Section.  
 " A.J. Young Security Branch.  
 " S.A. Pritch Internal Trans. Sub-Com.  
 " R.H. Farrer Executive Officer (Br).  
 " R.G. Kirkwood Director, Displaced Persons Sub-Com.

Libt. Col. A.M. Hancock R.C. Region I.  
 " G.H. McCaffrey R.C. Region II.  
 " The Lord Robertson C.S. Region III.  
 " E.O. Hobbs Region IX.  
 " R.R. Cripps C.S.O. Admin. Section.  
 " E.L. Clough Executive Officer (A).  
 " F.A. Puryold G-1 (Br).  
 " A.C. Bowden Chief Liaison Officer, ICG.  
 " T. Farley Smith Staff, R.C. & G. Section.  
 Major W.D. Colclough-White " "  
 " E. Brown Liaison Officer, Flambo, (afternoon only).  
 " P. Friend James Liaison Officer, HQ. ICG, (afternoon only).  
 " Bordass Int. Transport Sub-Com.  
 Capt. P.S. Gurney Industry & Commerce Sub-Com.  
 " L.W. Stearns Asst. G-1 (Int).  
 " E. Talbot Staff, R.C. & M.G. Section.

- Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., E.C. (Chairman)
- Brigadier General E.E. Hume
- Brigadier M. Carr
- Brigadier K. Dunlop, O.B.E., M.C.
- Colonel H.E. Fluke
- Group Captain C.E. Benson, D.S.O.
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- " E. Brown
- " P. Friend James
- " Bordass
- Cepts P.S. Gurney
- " L.W. Stearns
- " E. Talbot
- 1st Lieut. D.K. Young

The Chairman called the Meeting to order at 0900 hrs

Item No. 1.

Coordination of Road Transport with Regions.

Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission (Col. Fitch) explained the salient points of the proposed organisation for road haulage transport as issued to Regional Commissioners 11 Feb 44. Progress of plans was reported which included formation of Truck Unit of 80 trucks, and the availability of further 250 trucks. Of those allotted to Region II a total of 65 were now found to be unworthy. Arrangements have been made by Adm. Ech. Staff to attach competent officers for the purpose of ensuring that all trucks assigned were put into roadworthy condition. Three officers had been detailed and would be attached for one month.

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Chairman stressed the importance of the organization and emphasized that the Chief Commissioner was not satisfied with the progress made since the publication of the instructions, and asked Regions to report on the state of organization in their areas.

Region I - organization working. Additional trucks required to augment services. Number required 100.

Region II - little progress.

Region III - organization ready to accept 50 trucks at once.

Region IV - plans made, estimate initial requirements 200 trucks.

Region V - plans made, estimate initial requirements 125 trucks. Ultimate requirements 300 to cover the whole Region, but it was required to know under what conditions the operatives would be cloaked, fed and paid, and what sort of terms could be offered to contractors.

From Region V remarks, it was obvious that there was some misconception as to the nature of the scheme. The Chairman therefore explained that the outline of the plan and the agreements reached with the Italian Government authorities were as follows:

(a) Vehicles are to be assigned to A.C.C.

(b) Vehicles will be sold to the Italian Government with the option to re-purchase. Italian Government will contract out with public agencies and road haulage concerns on a basis whereby the road haulage concern undertakes the upkeep and maintenance of the vehicles, payment of the employees, and general management in return for kilowattage allowance on tariffs fixed in relation to areas and terrain.

(c) The Minister of Commerce, Italian Government, has undertaken to locate the agencies. Regional Commissioners would be informed (except in Region I).

Col. Adams (Economic Section) confirmed that these were the broad lines of the arrangements made with the Italian Ministry of Commerce. Question was asked whether the Italian Government could own vehicles operated in A.C.C. Regions, and it was suggested that Italian Government could furnish vehicles in such Regions but that would have to be under the operational control of the R.C. at all times and for all purposes.

R.C. Region I explained the scheme now operating in Sicily under I.N.T. and in conjunction with Reparto Generale di Motorizzazione, which is represented in every Province in Italy.

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Re: Region I explained the scheme now operating in Sicily under I.N.T. and in conjunction with Associazione Generale di Motorizzazione, which is represented in every Province in Italy.

Region II has the organization S.I.T.A.

Region III has a similar organization in C.A.M.

Region V has a number of contractors willing to form a pool in Puglia.

From this it appeared that the scheme could operate as soon as the necessary trucks became available.

It was agreed that in A.M.C. territory, trucks should be turned over to R.C.s. and accounted for in the same way as A.F.L. line, or any other commodity. On the turn-over of territory to the Italian Government the vehicles would also be turned over to the Italian Government on payment. Vehicles would then be turned over to contractors against receipt and guarantee of maintenance and upkeep.

Contractors to be paid allowances on distances according to tariffs. R.C. Region I undertook to send to this H.Q. form of existing contract which has actually been used.

R.Cs. were asked to send in immediately their plan for freight charges and kilobridge allowances. It is appreciated that there will be differentiations and these will be coordinated at this H.Qs.

Deputy Executive Commissioner (Col. Fisco) took the opportunity to explain that A.P.H.Q. had ordered the return to the Italian Army of all Italian military equipment, especially transport vehicles. R.Cs. had been instructed to return all Italian military transport vehicles to the Italian Military authorities. Where this would vitally disorganize the existing transport system for civilian supply, or other works, R.Cs. were asked to state the case for each individual vehicle and then to submit to this H.Q. without delay.

Item No. 2.

Relation and Channel of Communication between Regions and Sub-Commissions.

The Chairman stated that Sub-Commissions have the right to deal direct with the technical members of Regional and Army HQ Staffs on technical matters. S.Cd.Os. and R.Cs. were asked to give their views as to routine channels of communications.

5 Army - no trouble so long as orders were not issued.

8 Army - satisfactory. Attention was drawn to the instructions regarding entry into Army areas. Essential that all officers should first obtain permission to enter these areas and inform the Army staffs who they were visiting.

Region I - satisfactory, but complaint raised regarding the introduction by independent Sub-Commissions of Units into Regional area without warning of arrival or explanation of circumstances.

Region II - attention drawn to "mavericks" (unbranded cives). Cases cited: Mr. Weston activities in connection with silk, Mr. Wilson something to do with Industry and Commerce. Major Knight reputedly Supply Officer Anzio. Various A.P. agencies. None of these people appear to have any credentials, nor did they present themselves at Regional H.Q. to explain their presence in the Regions.

Region III - satisfactory, but a request that all correspondence be addressed to Regional H.Q. for the attention of my special officer.

Agreed that correspondence should not be addressed to officers in the Regions by name. The P.C. suggested that Heads of Sub-Commissions should remember that Regional Control existed even in Naples and that contacts should be



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Region III - satisfactory, but a request that all correspondence be addressed to Regional H.Q. for the attention of my special officer.

Agreed that correspondence should not be addressed to officers in the Regions by name. The R.C. suggested that Heads of Sub-Commissions should remember that Regional Control existed even in Naples and that contacts should be effected through the Regional Commissioner. 6447

C.S.O. Admin. Section (Lt. Col. Crisp) asked that correspondence from Regions to Sub-Commissions should be addressed to the Executive Commissioner, H.Q. A.C.C. and routed to the Sub-commission concerned. Also agreed that communications from the Italian Government to Regions must be sent through H.Q. A.C.C.

Region IV - no objection with the same proviso as Region III. It was noted that as the H.Q. of Region IV would not when in operation be situated in the same town as the central H.Q. the question would not arise.

Region V - no objection. R.C. requested that any officer travelling in the Region should give advance notice of their probable arrival in order that arrangements for their feeding and accommodation might be made. Also requested that all contacts within the Region should be made either through the R.C. in the first instance, or that he should at least be informed of the intentions of the visiting officer.



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Chairman instructed that an order to this effect should be published in the Daily Bulletin and repeated once a week until further notice.

Region VI - no objection. Suggested that military communications relating to the Region be reported to R.C. Visitors to be instructed to carry blankets.

Item No. 3.

The Rt. Hon. the Viscount Stansgate, Vice President Administrative Section, and representatives of Legal (Col. G. R. Upjohn), Interior (Lt. Col. R. A. B. Spicar), and Public Safety (Col. P. C. Kirk) Sub-Commissioners joined the Conference.

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Col. Upjohn reminded the Conference that under the Amistoe terms the Armed Forces of the Allies were allowed complete control of all communication systems. For that reason military authorities were within their rights in denying to the Italian Government the use of any tele-communication facilities.

(d) Prostitution.

Col. Upjohn advised that the control of prostitution was a very delicate matter and any steps taken by R.Cs. should be fully coordinated with the Legal Sub-Commissioner.

(e) Review of Court Cases.

The Chairman said that it was incumbent upon R.Cs. to take a very active interest in the review of all Court cases within their regions. They should from time to time actually review cases themselves, especially those in which their own officers might be impugned, or against whom allegations might have been made, or might have subsequently been made. Col. Upjohn quoted cases.

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(District III were being pressed to raise the ban on some of its closed areas). *Suggested.*  
 Region VI (Sardinia) to take 10,000 if shipping could be arranged.

- (d) Feeding en route. The present arrangement was to put rations for 48 hours on the trains. This had not been entirely satisfactory, but would be continued. In addition, it was required to have feeding stations (soup kitchens) at 4 points (SALINNO, PAOLI, CATANZARO and REGGIO) along the railway route. One meal per train of 700 people at each point.



Equipment - 10 Sawyer stoves would be provided.

Organisation of team of workers was necessary, e.g. Mayor, doctor, priest and some women.

Stockpiles of food would have to be formed - initial supplies would be forthcoming.

- (e) Work required in camps and en route must be done by Italians up to 100%. Instructions and advice would be circulated to assist Provincial Officers in solving problems.

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Pointed out that CC.RR is a national organization and command responsibility was being required. There would be changes in local commands and transfers of individuals for various reasons. No attempt should be made to influence those changes or prevent them on grounds of "losing a good man", or the break up of pleasant associations.

Reasons for a protest against moves would need to be very substantial.

The question of supplies (excluding food) for CC.RR is being taken up by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

(h) Screening of Italian Officials.

Head of Security Branch (Col. Young) explained briefly the use of the "Scheda Personale" (copy attached) and how the screening scheme had been worked in Regions I & II. With modifications dictated by experience, a new form was being printed and would be brought into use in all Regions.

Chairman announced the formation of the Zanibone Committee and organization for the purge promulgated. Suggested that a member of the Committee should be co-opted on to the organization being formed in Region III. R.C. Region III declined to accept this without further examination.

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3. This should result in freer movement of abundant foodstuffs and assist in trading black market dealers.

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Item No. 5a

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Item No. 52

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Chairman introduced Lt.Col. King to explain the work of the Petroleum Section, A.C.M.F.

Region II - Control was difficult because registration was not completed before the turnover to the Italian Government. Brigadier Lusk replied that the Government would doubtless now cooperate in this.

S.O.A.O. 5 ARMY : The material presented would have special reference to Rome.

Agreed that returns on petrol supply bids be quarterly and not monthly.



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Item No. 6.Personnel and Transport Situation (Colonel Albright) - (See attached Schedule "A").

Col. Albright said that many shortages existed as a result of calls for personnel to be used in other theatres and operations. The ultimate prospect for this theater was approximately 1222 officers, equally divided between American and British, which was considerably below the previous authorized strength of more than 1400. It would, therefore, be impossible to have fixed establishments within Regions. Personnel must be posted where required. Ceilings will, however, be set up for Regions. Also, with this situation prevailing, all advancements of officers and EM/Ors would be dealt with by ACC HQ upon recommendation from the Regions and Sub-Commissions. It is hoped that Tables of Organization can be set up for enlisted men so that a fair distribution of grades might be maintained.

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S.C.A.O. 5 Army: asked what is the status of the Rome Party until the formation of its Sub-Regions. Establishment Officer replied that in some cases their positions were not yet determined, but generally they would be attached to formations with which they were now working.

Agreed that Rome Party specialists may be summoned to meetings, if the specialists are notified through the Regional Commissioners.

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Establishment Officer facilities vehicles are expected from MATOUSA for the Refugees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions which could then return the vehicles borrowed from Region IV. The Matosusa 1/3's were now approved and additional vehicles would be available as soon as they could be assembled. Interest Regions and Sub-Commissions should submit requests especially for trailers. In order that priorities might be determined, reasons for request should accompany. At present, Refugees and Displaced Persons have the first priority. A Pool would be set up to cover emergency demands; 2/3's will not be fixed. Maintenance to be handled by local units of other formations.

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2. Make all original contacts through the Liaison Officer to ensure that the proper agency is reached, and that no man people do not initiate contacts.
3. Make requests specific, and only if justified.
4. Make the use of liaison two-way.



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Item No.9.Medicinal Supplies.

Colonel Griffin said that help was requested from the Regions in collecting information upon which to base requisitions. Normally the operations of the Sub-Commissions would extend only down to the Regional level except in cases of emergency. The prices of supplies would be determined and notified to the interested persons. All possible aid should be given to restoring drug-making industries.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 374

1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment  
IO : All Regions, AMG armies, and sections, Sub-Commissions and branches of HQ.

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c. On the strength of the above two units is borne the whole of the personnel allotted to AMG-AMC in Italy.

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b. The chief reason for the decision is that conditions, and with them the weight and direction of effort are and will be constantly changing. It is therefore impossible to allot personnel on any permanent basis, and it would be useless -- in fact positively harmful to issue sub-establishments /IOs which would be subject to constant amendment. Personnel will therefore be allotted by the volume of work to the extent



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b. The chief reason for the decision is that conditions, and with them the weight and direction of effort are and will be constantly changing. It is therefore impossible to allot personnel on any permanent basis, and it would be useless -- in fact positively harmful to issue Sub-establishments /IOs which would be subject to constant amendment. Personnel will therefore be allotted by this HQ as and when required in accordance with the volume of work to the extent permitted by available numbers. All that can be said is that for the present, Region I will operate with about 110 Officers, Region II with 117, and Region III will be gradually reduced to about 40 after its territory is handed over to the Italian Government.



Letter, dated 1 March 1944, Subject: Establishment (Cont'd)

3. Ranks and Promotion

a. The question of ranks and promotion will similarly be dealt with centrally by this Hq because it is not possible to lay down any fixed ranks for Officers or Lt/CR in Regions since the total personnel will vary as territory is handed over and duties become supervisory on the one hand or operational duties increase under AG on the other. Similarly, the volume of work in Sub-Commissions is not constant.

b. Recommendations for promotion of Officers (as to which separate instructions on the British side have been issued in Exec Memo No. 19) will therefore be submitted without regard to whether there is or is not a suitable assignment in a higher rank in the particular region, Sub-Commission, etc., in which the Officer being recommended happens to be serving at the time.

c. Instructions regarding the promotion of both EMs and OAs are being issued shortly.

For the Executive Commissioner:

JOHN J. ALBRIGHT  
Colonel, Infantry  
Establishment Officer

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All Regions

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Sub-Commissions, Sections, Branches of Hq.

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# GOVERNCO MILITARE ALLIATO

N. B. - Penalties severissime, di prigione e di ammenda sono previste per chiunque facesse delle dichiarazioni false nella presente scheda.

## SCHEDA PERSONALE

SI DEVE rispondere a ogni domanda secondo le indicazioni

*Every Question Must be Answered*

1. Cognome \_\_\_\_\_ di \_\_\_\_\_ di \_\_\_\_\_  
e fu \_\_\_\_\_ (i)
- a) Luogo di nascita \_\_\_\_\_  
*Place of Birth*
2. Indirizzo \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address*
3. a) Professione \_\_\_\_\_  
*Profession*
- c) Carica desiderata \_\_\_\_\_  
*Position Desired*
4. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F. ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Were you a member of P. N. F. ?*
5. Appartenevate ad uno dei seguenti gruppi (SI o NO):  
*Did you at any time belong to any of the following groups (Answer YES or NO).*
  - a) Sannepoleristi \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Squadristi \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) M. V. S. N. ? \_\_\_\_\_

d) Se eravate nella Milizia, in quale delle seguenti unità avete prestato servizio? Indicate con un SI od un NO l'unità e la data negli spazi rispettivi):  
*If you belonged to the Milizia, in which of the following units did you serve? (Answer YES or NO opposite unit giving the date).*

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO (Length of Service)  
*(Specify whether permanent or temporary service)*

- Milizia ordinaria ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Ordinary Milizia ?*
- Milizia Ferroviaria ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Railroad Milizia ?*
- Milizia Postale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Postal Milizia ?*
- Milizia Portuale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Port Milizia ?*
- Milizia Forestale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Forest Milizia ?*
- Milizia Stradale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Road Milizia ?*
- Milizia Contornaria ? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Border Milizia ?*
- Milizia Universitaria ? \_\_\_\_\_

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 e fu \_\_\_\_\_

2. a) Luogo di nascita \_\_\_\_\_ b) Data di nascita \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth Date of Birth

3. a) Professione \_\_\_\_\_ a) Residenza permanente \_\_\_\_\_  
 Profession Permanent Residence

4. Carica desiderata \_\_\_\_\_ b) Posizione attuale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Position Desired Present Position

5. Eravate iscritto al P. N. F. ? a) Da quando ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Were you a member of P. N. F. ? Since when ?

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 (Specificare su servizio effettivo o nel quadro)  
 (Specify whether permanent or temporary Service)

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 Ordinary Militia ?
- Milizia Ferroviaria ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Railroad Militia ?
- Milizia Postale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postal Militia ?
- Milizia Portuale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Port Militia ?
- Milizia Forestale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Milizia Stradale ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Road Militia ?
- Milizia Contarina I ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Border Militia ?
- Milizia Universitaria ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 University Militia ?
- Milizia Antieres ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Antiaircraft Militia ?
- Milizia Artiglieria Marittima ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Naval Artillery Militia ?
- Moschettieri del Duce ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Duce's Musketeers ?
- Battaglioni o M. S. ? \_\_\_\_\_  
 M. S. Battalions ?

e) Se avete militato solo in tempo di guerra, siete entrato nella milizia da volontario o in seguito a regolare chiamata ?  
 If you served during the war only, did you volunteer or were you drafted ?

6. Avete ricoperto una delle seguenti cariche nel Partito Fascista (rispondete SI o NO e indicate i periodi di servizio in ciascuna carica negli spazi rispettivi):  
 Did you at any time hold any of the following positions in the Fascist Party? (Answer YES or NO giving the length of time of each).

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO  
LENGTH OF SERVICE

- a) Segretario nel P. N.    
*Secretary of the P. N.*
- b) Membro del Direttorio Nazionale?    
*Member of the National Council?*
- c) Segretario Federale?    
*Federal Secretary?*
- d) Membro del Direttorio Federale?    
*Member of Federal Council?*
- e) Ispettore del Partito?    
*Inspector of the Party?*
- f) Ispettore Federale?    
*Federal Inspector?*
- g) Segretario Politico di un Fascio?    
*Political Secretary of a Fascio?*
- h) Fiduciario di un Gruppo Regionale?    
*Fiduciary of a Regional Group?*
- i) Membro di un Gruppo Regionale?    
*Member of the Regional Group?*
- j) Capo-settore?    
*Chief of a Sector?*
- k) Capo-nucleo?    
*Chief of a Group?*
- l) Una posizione autorevole nella G.I.L.?    
*An authoritative position in the G.I.L.?*
- m) Una posizione autorevole nel G.U.F.?    
*An authoritative position in the G.U.F.?*
- n) Una posizione autorevole nei Fasci Femminili?    
*An authoritative position in the women Fasci?*
- o) Qualche altra carica nel Partito?    
*Some other position in the Party?*

Quale?    
*Which?*

7. Siete stato in qualche periodo membro dell'O.V.R.A.?    
*Have you at any time a member of the O.V.R.A.?*

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico del C.C. R.R.?    
*Have you a member of the Political Office of the C.C. R.R.?*

9. Avete fatto parte di un ufficio politico di P. S.    
*Have you a member of the Political Office of the P. S.?*

10. Siete stato in qualche periodo funzionario in una delle seguenti organizzazioni?    
*Have you at any time a functionary in any of the following organizations?*

a) in una Corporazione?    
*In a Corporation?*

Quale?    
*Which One?*

Denominazione della carica

Quando?    
*When?*

Quando?    
*When?*

Quando?    
*When?*

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO  
LENGTH OF SERVICE



f) Ispettore Federale?  
*Federal Inspector?*

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*What?*

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*Were you at any time a member of the OVRA?*

Quando?  
*When?*

8. Avete fatto parte dell'ufficio politico dei CC, RR?  
*Were you a member of the Political Office of the CC, RR?*

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*In a Corporation?*

Quale?  
*Which One?*

Denominazione della carica  
*Title of Position*

b) In una unione sindacale?  
*In a syndical Union?*

Quale?  
*Which One?*

Denominazione della carica  
*Title of Position*

c) In un Consorzio Agrario?  
*In a Consorzio Agrario?*

Quale?  
*Which One?*

Denominazione della carica  
*Title of Position*

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO  
LENGTH OF SERVICE

d) In qualche altra organizzazione corporativa

o sindacale?

*Is some other Corporation or Syndical organization?*

Quale?

*Which One?*

Denominazione della carica

*Nature of Work Done*

11. Indicate le cariche nazionali, provinciali o comunali - governative o parastatali - occupate da voi dal 1921, come segue:

*Give the National, Provincial or Communal, governmental or parastatal positions held by you since 1921*

NOME DELL'ISTITUTO

*Name of the Institute*

PERIODO DI SERVIZIO

*Length of Service*

MODO DI ASSUNZIONE

*How Acquired*

12. Indicate le principali fonti dei vostri introiti durante il regime Fascista:

*Show the principal sources of income during the Fascist Regime:*

FONTE

*Source of Income*

MEDIA ANNUALE

*Yearly Average*

INTROITO DEL 1942

*Income in 1942*

13. Avete prestato servizio militare?

*Have you rendered military service?*

b) Quando?

*When?*

d) Dove avete prestato servizio?

*Where did you serve?*

e) Siete stato «Volontario» nella guerra civile Spagnola?

*Were you a volunteer in the Spanish Civil war?*

f) Siete stato «Volontario» nella campagna dell'Africa Orientale?

*Were you a volunteer in the Ethiopian Campaign?*

Della campagna in Russia?

*Russian campaign?*

g) Avete goduto di qualche esonero dal servizio militare?

*Were you deferred from Military Service?*

Per qual motivo?

*Why?*

a) In quale arma?

*What branch?*

c) Quale grado rivestivate ultimamente?

*Last rank?*

Del Nord Africa?

*North African campaign?*

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*Have you belonged to any political party other than the Fascist Party since 1922?*

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Nome dell'organizzazione: *Name of the Party or Organization?*

Periodo di appartenenza? *How long were you a member?*

10. Dichiaro sinceramente e solennemente che tutto quanto ho affermato è vero. *I solemnly swear that all I have said is true.*

Firma *Signed*

Testimone *Witness*

Data *Date*

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MONTHLY CONFERENCE 2 MARCH 1944

The Conference was opened by the Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane at 1100 hours. General MacFarlane summarized the present situation as follows:

1. Move of the Italian Government to the Salerno Area has been completed.
2. The organization of the Allied Control Commission has reached finality.
3. The regions have been altered recently. Salerno Province has been returned to Region 3, and Region 4 now has a sub-region which will deal with Rome working under AMG 5th Army when Rome is recaptured and so long as Rome comes within 5th Army Area.
4. There has been a reorganization in the Sub-Commissions. The independent Sub-Commissions now are:
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  - b. Army
  - c. Navy
  - d. Air
  - e. War Material Disposal

Allied prisoners of war are now dealt with directly by ACMF.

5. The Public Relations Branch will now be centralized at Main Headquarters, and PROs will go out into the regions only as required.

6. Close contact has been established between ACC PWS and ACMF.

7. The loss of personnel, officer and enlisted, has been a severe blow, which must be faced. There is a ceiling to the allowable personnel and it is final. It is up to ACC to shift the burden to the Italians as rapidly as they can assume it efficiently in order to place Allied personnel where they can be most useful.

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9. The Italian Government is now a Government of ministers, rather than a Government of secretaries.

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(G.O.C-in-C, General Sir Harold Alexander, arrived at conference at 1113.)

11. The fusion of ACC and AMG has opened possibilities which are not fully realized by many, especially in the field, and there is a noticeable tendency not to make use of these advantages. It is important that there be a coherent chain of policy from the time AMG first takes over at the time of occupation to the time when ACC follows in its advisory capacity. As and when the Italian Government takes over, there must be an immediate reduction of Allied personnel who will move to new regions.

12. The question of promotions for American officers is being given all the attention possible.

13. Our main job is to get the maximum in war effort from Italy. AMG penetrates new ground, after which the Italian machine must be made to function under our supervision, and as soon as possible the Italians must run the job themselves with the minimum supervision.

14. The problem of defascistization continually looms up, and there are still

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many people in official positions who have Fascist records. This has been necessary for the smooth running of the country. It is desired to replace these individuals as soon as possible, and for this purpose an understudy is necessary who can be trained to take over the position.

15. The food and refugee problems are still important. A large influx of refugees from the Balkans contributed greatly to this. The Red Cross has given admirable assistance. The Chief Commissioner has asked for more Red Cross personnel to work with refugees.

The only real answer to the black market situation, which is common to all countries, is to procure adequate supplies.

16. Executive control has been established through the Executive Commissioner and his section. The Chief Commissioner pointed out that the Sub-Commissions may and should deal with their own representatives in regions and provinces, but their instructions should go through the Regional Commissioners.

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The problems at present in the political field can be summed up as follows: (1) there is an intense feeling against the King; (2) the arrival in Rome is not on schedule, and (3) it is unfortunate that the opposition parties were able to organize the proposed ten minute stoppage of work. It is thought this latter problem will be settled amicably.

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4. Satisfactory relations exist with Army and Navy.

5. There was an unexpected arrival of refugees, but they were taken care of by Italians.

##### B. Regional Commissioner, Region II (Southern Italy), Lt. Col. G. H. McCreffrey.

1. There was no friction or disorder at the time of changeover.

2. The food situation has improved.

3. Crime is down 25% from normal.



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- 4. Courts in Apulia are unsatisfactory. There have been very few prosecutions against people committing crimes against the Allies.
- 5. Road haulage is a difficult problem because of lack of trucks and the fact that 1001 GP Coy was handed over with 60 unserviceable trucks. An attempt is being made to get Italians to shoulder more of the responsibility for this transportation.
- 6. The power situation is not satisfactory.
- 7. Reduction in personnel has created difficulties.
- 8. Obstacles have been encountered in moving Headquarters from Matera to Bari. Assistance will be needed from higher authority in order to get suitable accommodations and assistance.

C. Regional Commissioner, Region VI (Sardinia), Brigadier I. K. Dunlop.

- 1. This region never passed through the AMG stage.
- 2. The population of Sardinia is just over a million. It is wholly an agricultural and pastoral community. The villages are crowded with Italian soldiers. It is a very malarious region. We must get the Italian soldiers away from the island before malaria season, or move them to the hills in bivouac if necessary.
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- 5. There is much salt and cork ready for export and a little has already been shipped. Island trade with Sicily has been hampered by the Navy's taking over schooners.
- 6. Prices of consumer goods are going up.
- 7. There is no refugee problem at present. When there is, it will be principally a shipping problem.
- 8. Mr. Cuddy added the comment on Sardinia that fishing and earnings will soon get underway.

D. Regional Commissioner, Region III (Campania), Lt. Col. C. Poletti.

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- 3. Public order in Naples is not very good. The crime rate is high. Some of the Carabinieri scheduled for Rome have been put on duty in Naples to help in dealing with this problem.
- 4. A squad of 100 trained men is dealing with the black market problem.
- 5. A public utility strike threat for higher wages and more food was quelled successfully.
- 6. On the political side there is the opposition to the King and a similar feeling toward the Fascist Government. There is a feeling that the Fascists are not being cleaned out fast enough.
- 7. A primary difficulty in connection with the food problem is that there are too many restrictions on free movement of commerce, which curbs individual ini-

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tative. It is desired to relax these restrictions if possible.

People are desirous of having a pasta ration in addition to bread. If necessary it would even be satisfactory to reduce the bread ration if a 42 gram pasta ration could be added.

The special rations which have been given by the services to certain groups doing hard labor have brought complaints from other groups. This will have to be ironed out.

8. Regarding crops, the people are asking which products are going to be amassed under the "Amasso System."

9. A special division has been formed for transport. It is planned to begin garbage hauling and cleaning up the debris in Naples.

10. The courts are closed at present, both Army and Italian.

11. People are asking for a revision of pensions. (General MacFarlane advised that this was being handled by the Finance Sub-Commission.)

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- 8. Education has not been taken up so far.
- 9. There have been no developments in property control.
- 10. Legal matters are satisfactory.
- 11. The greatest problem is black market dealings. A roving patrol is clamping down on this matter. CAOS of other regions have been giving authority to enter Foggia to buy supplies, which has added to the problem in the region.
- 12. The fuel situation is not serious; there is enough wood for cooking.



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13. The salt situation is now satisfactory, but during the fall when meat is cured, this will become a problem.

14. General MacFarlane asked when the Regional Commissioner would advise handing over this territory and Region III to the Italians. The Regional Commissioner believed it would be better to keep the region as a military area due to Air Force requirements until all of Italy is liberated.

Colonel Poletti, Region III, stated that he thought it inadvisable to transfer his region at the present time. He believed that handing back the rest of Campania should be deferred until Rome is reached.

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G. Fifth Army AMG, Brigadier General E. E. Hume.

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2. Transportation complicates the food problem.
3. Agriculture is progressing satisfactorily.
4. On the legal side, the principal difficulty lies in dealing with diverse types of troops.

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5. Military arrangements in regard to bridges get priority which sometimes cause civilians to suffer. The Engineers have been very cooperative in this matter.
6. With reference to transfer of territory, Region 3 overlaps the boundaries of the 5th Army, thus coming under the Army Commander as far as territory is concerned.
7. Rome. Carabinieri force already organized is to be taken along. It would be fine to have them work somewhere for the present, but they must not be dispersed, as there are no more to be recruited.

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4. Only two cases of typhus have been encountered and these were not in ACC camps. Many people are ill. They all require instruction in sanitation and disinfection.

5. Request is made that CAOs be instructed not to give passes to internees. Passes will be given by camp commanders.

6. People who wish to go out into the community to live must have permission from the Provincial Commissioner, as well as the camp commandant.



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7. The matter of food payments must be settled with Regional Commissioner.

8. General MacFarlane asked Colonels Kirkwood and Halls whether the Yugoslavs and other refugees were doing their own cooking and looking after their own sanitary problems. The reply was that they were not doing much for themselves.

The question was brought up regarding recruiting of Displaced Persons. General MacFarlane stated that Yugoslavs were not to be recruited from the Italian Army.

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4. Clothing and equipment have been handled through military channels.

5. Licensing and registration of motor vehicles is being dealt with in Regions I to V.

6. General MacFarlane asked whether it would be better to have the Public Safety work more centralized. The answer to this query was "Yes and No." Some of the activities could be better directed centrally, some could not. A short discussion followed regarding the centralization of control.

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C. Public Health Sub-Commission, Brigadier G. S. Parkinson.

1. Responsibility for typhus control was handed over to ACC by the Typhus Control Commission. There have been between 1400 and 1500 cases. At present there are 700 engaged in the control of the disease. The shortage of soap is a great handicap. If caustic soda could be imported it would be possible to manufacture soap here. A meeting of the Typhus Board brought up the question of relaxation of restrictions on troops. This will be reconsidered at next meeting during coming week.
2. Venereal disease. There is the problem of what to do with prostitutes. 450 are hospitalized at the present moment. Concentration camps have been suggested. A revision of laws and their exact enforcement are needed.
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E. Education Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. Smith.

1. Defascistization of University of Naples was being accomplished.
2. Text books are finally being received which are void of traces of fascism.



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3. A Youth Commission is exploring to see what can be done for youth to fill the gap left by the abolition of the Fascist Youth Movement.

- a. Serving of lunches to school children was under consideration.
- b. General MacFarlane suggested a Boy Scout movement, etc.

4. Many school buildings had been requisitioned and their release was required.

F. Property Control Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. G. R. Harris.

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III. REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION.

- A. Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, Colonel W. Evans.
  - 1. Industries which could be reestablished to care for essential civilian needs and not hamper the war effort have been promoted. Chief among these is the clothing industry.

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2. It has been desired to start soap manufacturing, but caustic soda cannot be obtained. This has been on requisition since September. There is no surplus in the United Kingdom.

B. Labour Sub-Commission, Colonel J. R. Bain.

1. The only real labour difficulties have arisen from the amount of food available to the workers. We cooperate with the Food Sub-Commission to determine which workers shall be given the midday meal which was authorized by AFHQ. The difficulty has been to limit such distribution. Additional groups of workers have asked for consideration. There should be no discrimination in the distribution of food. The recent trouble over the question of issuing a midday meal to the public utilities workers of Naples has been settled so that a serious threatened strike was avoided.

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  - 4. Emphasis was placed on making the Italians more conscious of the necessity for forecast and planning.
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  - 6. It was stressed by Major Hartman that more than 50% of the physical resources and 50% of the labour in Italy are engaged in agriculture.
- Forestry
- 7. All Italian personnel possible have been utilized in forestry, but it is difficult to find experienced Italians in this field.



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8. Timber is being harvested as near to where it is to be used as possible to conserve transportation, which is already a major problem.

9. The Italian Minister has been asked to get reports which will enable the planning of a timber program for the coming year. A survey of resources is being made.

Fisheries

10. This Sub-Commission is working closely with the Fisheries Section of the Ministry with a view to central control of fisheries.

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2. Electricity rationing. We have had many conferences and the problem is well in hand. The armed forces agreed that it was their responsibility to see that the electricity was supplied but they have asked ACC for personnel to look after the matter. A decree must be issued to authorize rationing. The question was taken up with the Legal Sub-Commission. A decree is now ready to be presented to the Government. The armed forces must also reduce their requirements. Immediate results are not visible.

3. Utility rates. This is an involved problem and conditions are uncertain at the present time.

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F. Finance Sub-Commission, Colonel A. P. Graffey-Smith.

1. Colonel Graffey-Smith has had discussions with the Minister of Finance regarding the method of taking over Region 1 and 2.

2. Arrangements are being made for a repayment to AMFA in Sicily.

3. The revenue side is not bright. There is a general feeling that all the big tax payers have gone, and the tax-collectors are apathetic.

4. With regard to Government finance, postal savings bonds will soon be on sale.

5. Banks are coming along well and bankers are cooperative.

6. Administrative Memorandum No. 95 was mentioned. The question was brought up as to whether Italian Army will pay certain agencies. A voucher system is being installed.

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1. Rail. Military authorities still have control. AOC should take over railways in Sicily as soon as possible. Movements on Mainland have been better. A bid for transportation is often made and then the interested party fails to get his goods to the railroad at the proper time. It is requested that this situation be remedied by Regional Commissioners.

2. Roads. Progress is not as rapid as desired. Transport which was handed over was not in operating condition. Also it is thought to be best to postpone for awhile the turning over of transportation to civilian agencies.

3. Schooner. A good movement of loads has been made. Registration of schooners has been an interference.

H. Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Ian Campbell.

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1. Rail. Military authorities still have control. AOC should take over railways in Sicily as soon as possible. Movements on Mainland have been better. A bid for transportation is often made and then the interested party fails to get his goods to the railroad at the proper time. It is requested that this situation be remedied by Regional Commissioners.

2. Roads. Progress is not as rapid as desired. Transport which was handed over was not in operating condition. Also it is thought to be best to postpone for awhile the turning over of transportation to civilian agencies.

3. Schooner. A good movement of loads has been made. Registration of schooners has been an interference.

H. Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Ian Campbell.

1. With further reference to the registration of schooners, this is helping check up on the black market shipping.

2. Several deep sea ships have been put into operation. It is hoped to get another six into operation in the next few days.

General MacFarlane asked whether this would help to get troops out of Gardinia. Mr. Campbell replied that broadly speaking it would.

I. Electric Power Mission, Colonel J. P. Crowdon.

1. The demand is increasing for electric power; and the supply is definitely limited.

2. Plans for supplying power to Rome are underway.

3. The theft of wire has been a serious obstacle by hampering the work.



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J. Vice President of Economic Section, Hon. Mr. Henry Grady, concluded the reports from his Section. Mr. Grady remarked that since the small schooner matter is really for Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, the Shipping Sub-Commission at present is without a field.

A study has been made of the general question of inflation and the factors bringing it about. Mr. Grady stated that he was not satisfied with the manner in which currency valuation was worked out, and he wishes to present the matter to Combined Chiefs of Staff. The whole matter requires careful study.

Regarding prices, wages and rates - these matters should not be dealt with by the Sub-Commissions as far as taking action, however they may make recommendations.

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D. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier G. C. Dueneane.

- 1. Ceiling for Italian Army is now set at 500,000 men. We are within 3,000 of the limit. Rations for Italian Armed Forces are handled at the moment by the Allied Forces issuing to them through books of the ACC. This Sub-Commission has not touched nor attempted to touch the rationing in Sicily or Sardinia.
- 2. Clothing and boots are beginning to come in.
- 3. At present the Army Sub-Commission is handling program for ACMF.
- 4. There are three divisions on the Mainland, one of which is a combat division.

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- 5. The problem of shipping troops from Sardinia has been taken up.
- 6. The civilians employed by the Army have their pay based on administrative instructions.

E. Air Forces Sub-Commission, Air Commodore E. M. Foster.

- 1. The Italians have shown very fine cooperation.
- 2. An average of 700 sorties per month have been flown. It is hoped to get this up to 1,000 when the weather improves.
- 3. The Coastal Wing has done much useful work, especially in rescue missions. Bomber Transport Wing has been used for dropping personnel and supplies in the Balkans. There are a few aircraft for evacuating wounded. Work on the whole is satisfactory.
- 4. This Sub-Commission must rely entirely on wreckage and salvage as sources for spare and repair parts.

The conference adjourned at 1800 hours.

ROBERT E. DOE  
MAJOR, A.G.D.  
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Administrative Section

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28 Feb 44

SUBJECT : Meeting of Regional Commissioners

- TO : Legal Sub-Commission
- Interior Sub-Commission
- Education Sub-Commission
- Property Control Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- Public Safety Sub-Commission
- Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives Sub-Commission

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Further to this office letter of even number dated 27 Feb 44, the meeting referred to will take place on the date stated at 11.00 hours, and will be held in the Conference room ( Room 29), Provincia Building, Naples.

*H. F. Gripps*

H. F. GRIPPS,  
Lt. Colonel,  
for The Vice President, Administrative Section,  
Allied Control Commission,

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  - Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission

*see SA*

1. General Alexander will be present at the meeting of Regional Commissioners, etc. at NAPLES on March 3.
2. The Heads of Sub-Commissions will be asked to give a brief account of recent developments (about 5 minutes).

*R.R. Cripps*

R. R. CRIPPS,  
Lt. Colonel.  
for the Vice President, Administrative Section,  
Allied Control Commission.

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Headquarters  
Allied Control Commission  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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5. In reply to a question regarding the use of the "class of officers" regulation by the area in the 1950s, it is noted that at the time of the change in policy the policy was to limit officers' return to the active list to their position when there was no fully paid reserve status. Officers will not accept a contractive unless they are active of their position for active.

6. After review by the Director and approval of communication the chief of the area is requested to reply to a question that these people be in detail under regulation by the Director.

(c) The regulation is not to be changed other than by the Director. It will not have a regulatory designation until to be approved by the Director.

(d) Control of the active Government will be direct through reports to the Director.

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APPENDIX

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 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
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Communications Sec.	
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... of military formations in  
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India

The Director of Public Works and Utilities addressed the meeting on matters mainly  
... for housing and industrial purposes. He consid-  
... at present being done.

India

The main points arising in this part of the discussion were:

India  
... Regional Commissioner,  
... Provincial Commissioner.

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4 FEB 1954  
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	Econ. & Admin. Section
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	Public Works-Mines Sub-Commission
	Agric., Forests-Fisheries Sub-Com
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	Archives & Reference Library
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

4 February 1944

F.A. to Chief Commissioner  
V.P. Adm., The Viscount Stanagato  
V.P. Econ., Mr. Grady  
Directors Political, Mr. Caccia  
V.P. S.C.M.G., Brig. Lush  
Chiefs of all Subcommissions (less Navy, Army, Air Force, War Material  
Disposal)

Major Magnus  
Chief of AMG V Army, Brig. Gen. Hump  
Chief of AMG VIII Army, Gp. Capt. Benson  
RCAO Region 1, Lt. Col. Folotti  
RCAO Region 2, Lt. Col. McGeffrey  
RCAO Region 3, Lt. Col. Lord Forrester  
RCAO Region 4, Brig. Carr  
RCAO Region 5, Col. Whitley  
Executive Officers  
Hq. Comdt - Naples  
Hq. Comdt - Salerno  
Duty Officer for night 3/4 Feb., Naples

*Recd. P.S. 3-C  
16-45 hrs 4 Feb*

WARNING ORDER

1. Meeting of Vice Presidents, Directors, Chiefs of Army AMG, RCAOs  
Friday, 4 February - 1100 hours
2. Meeting of above with in addition chiefs all Subcommissions  
Friday, 4 February - 1430 hours
3. Location both meetings - Conference Room, Provincia Building, Naples.
4. Confirmatory orders, depending on arrival of Brig. Dunlop and Lt. Col. Hancock, will be issued later.

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E. GUETERBOCK  
Brigadier



HQ ACC

Public Safety Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY CONTRACT COMMISSION  
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APO 994

31 January 1944

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MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Head of Sub-Commissions & Sections

1. The Chief Commissioner will hold Vice President's conferences on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 1100 Hrs, in the Palace of Justice.
2. First conference will take place Tuesday 1, Feb 44.
3. This memorandum supersedes all previous notices.

By command of Lieutenant General McFARLANE:

*F. J. Slaughter*  
 F. J. SLAUGHTER, 6420  
 Captain, ADC  
 Asst Adj Gen.

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PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

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Chief of Public Safety  
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

16 November 1943

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Minutes

15 November 1943

Staff Meeting

Present:

- Brig. I. Gueterbock
- Col. R. A. Hamlyn
- Col. C. H. Spofford
- Col. J. J. Allrights
- Col. R. E. Rathbone
- Col. D. S. Adams
- Lt. Col. C. C. Brown
- Lt. Col. E. L. Clough
- Lt. Col. K. R. Cripps
- Lt. Col. L. D. Denamore
- Lt. Col. S. A. MacFarland
- Lt. Col. F. A. Purgold
- Lt. Col. F. N. Reiter
- Major V. Driffield-White
- Major J. R. McDougall

- Acting Chief of Staff
- Acting Economic Director
- Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
- Acting Executive Officer
- Acting Executive Officer
- Economic Directorate
- G-4
- Adjutant
- Administrative Directorate
- Communications
- Displaced Persons Sub-commission
- G-1
- Industrial Planning Staff
- Operations Security Intelligence
- G-1

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- Lt. Col. L. D. Denmore
- Lt. Col. E. A. MacFarland
- Lt. Col. F. A. Pongold
- Lt. Col. F. M. Keiter
- Major W. Griffiths
- Major J. R. McLaughlin

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Other Measures

Information was received as to the result of the recent levy of 50 kg on produce in Region I. The suggestion of house to house searches was made and an offer to loan officers and transport was made for that purpose. Brig. Gusterbeck hoped something was being done and it was suggested that officers meet Col. Pelletti to formulate a plan.

Black Market

The formation of this Committee had been approved in Brindisi.

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Air Forces, Prisoners of War, War Material Disposal, Foreign and Internal Affairs, Intermixes and Displaced Persons and Telecommunication, be issued in Brindisi.

Regions - Issue of Orders

Status of Regional Orders was raised. Col. Spofford to produce a letter dealing with the matter.

Correspondence

"Copy to Brindisi" "Copy to Palermo"

Sub-commissions

To be congruent with conditions in suburban to districts.

Maple's Move

Doubtful as to room for the two Governments. Italian Departments to be parallelled. Education, Justice, Public Welfare, Finance, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Industry and Commerce, Communications, War, Marine, Finance and Industry needs high grade men. Of a maximum of 80 officers it is doubtful that more than 20 be available on sub-commissions. It was presumed that Italian "Public Safety" come under Ministry of Justice. (Later note - accommodation for additional officers may be available).

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Lt. Col. Moffatt's Party

Lt. Col. Moffatt to be shown on T/O of ACC HQ, remainder on T/O of No. 2 Region, detached to work under Advance Command Post ACC.

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To make headquarters at Bari under supervision of Brindisi. Lt. Col. MacFarland to report to Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, Mr. Caccia and Maj. Cave, Intelligence.

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Sub-commissions

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GENERAL DISCUSSION

Directive of sub-commission submitted to Brig. Gen. Maxwell Taylor should be functions and delegations of ACC and not A3. Copies of Regional COAO orders to provinces would be helpful. Reorganization of Italian Merchant Marine was being handled by North African Shipping Board. Report from Col. Danmore was awaited. Travel Orders - Request must be in writing and if scheduled trip is not taken, Transport Officer to be notified. Adjutant General to confirm all orders. This was stressed by Col. Clough.

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Officers concerned were reminded that on Monday and Thursday at 0900 hours, there is a Staff Conference and that their regular attendance was desired without notice. The Executive Conference is at 1500 on Friday, G-1 and G-4 do not attend. The meeting was adjourned at 1045 hours.

By command of Brigadier General KASHERRY:

OFFICIAL

*[Signature]*  
E. GUETTERBOCK  
Brigadier  
Acting Chief of Staff

*[Signature]*  
E. L. GLOVER  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,  
Acting Adjutant General

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Chief of Information Sub-Commission  
Chief of Industry and Commerce (Foreign Trade) Sub-Commission  
Chief of Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission  
Chief of Interior Sub-Commission  
Chief of Labor Sub-Commission  
Chief of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries Sub-Commission  
Chief of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
Chief of Communications Section  
Chief of Tel. Communications Sub-Commission  
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission  
Chief of Shipping Sub-Commission  
Chief of Postal Services Sub-Commission  
Chief of Industrial Planning  
Chief of Public Health Sub-Commission  
Chief of Public Safety Sub-Commission



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Acting Chief of Staff

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Present:

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| Brig. S. MacArthur       | Acting Chief of Staff                |
| Col. R.A. Hurlyn         | Acting Economic Director             |
| Col. D.S. Adams          | Economic Directorate                 |
| Col. A.L. Young          | Security Intelligence                |
| Col. J. Albright         | Acting Chief Executive Officer       |
| Lt. Col. F.L. MacFarland | Acting Director of Displaced Persons |
| Lt. Col. E.R. Oring      | Administrative Directorate           |
| Lt. Col. W.C. Chamber    | Administrative Directorate           |
| Major R.A. Persell       | Administrative Directorate           |
| Lt. Col. F.A. Furgold    | G-1                                  |
| Lt. Col. G.C. Brown      | G-2                                  |
| Lt. Col. F.M. Reiter     | Industrial Planning Staff            |
| Lt. Col. L.D. Dunsmore   | Chief Communications Section         |

Conference was convened at 0900 hrs.

1. TOPIC  
The Chief of Staff stated that it was too early for sub-commissions to realize their own needs. The figures had been out soon and suggested that the reconsideration be deferred for three weeks. This was agreed to. Mention was made of G-1 and G-2 and it was decided that sub-commissions should submit their immediate needs with a view to more equitable distribution. Col. Albright to allocate personnel on hand.
2. Party to Brindisi. Ten officers being demobilized to Brindisi as liaison officers between Italian Govt., Military Mission and HQ Palermo. Col. Albright was engaged in their selection.
3. The C of S stated that Mr. Bule, Hurlyn and certain other officers had been called to confer with Venonada Joyce and others. An order would be issued.

DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION

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- Lt. Col. R.B. Griggs
- Lt. Col. W.C. Gensler
- Major R.A. Persell
- Lt. Col. F.A. Burgold
- Lt. Col. C.G. Brown
- Lt. Col. F.M. Reiter
- Lt. Col. L.D. Densmore
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- Acting Chief Executive Officer
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- C-1
- C-4
- Industrial Planning Staff
- Chief Communications Section

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Lt. Col. MacFarland stated that all displaced Italians were not his responsibility and that the Sicilian prisoners were handled and recovered by Italians. It was recommended that Public Health should group 6220 so that the Sab-Correlation could handle the case movement and see the Italian were put into the right Italian channels.  
Mass Movement across the Sicilian straits had been approved, but the Chief of Staff emphasized that the security question is completed before movement. Screening by 15th Army Group was recommended.  
Personnel needed specialists it was stated and experienced officers had been sent for from the Middle East.
- (b) The Chief of Staff reminded the meeting that the Italian National "Spartaco" had no sovereignty rights in IIG. It was preferable to have a separate Italian Committee to work in IIG area under AMG COMANDI, with the Sul-Commission to work with it.
- (c) AMG had no responsibility in 15 Army Group area but took over responsibility at railroad. "Working by Railroad."

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- (f) Disposal of Displaced Persons depended on category and was subject to security and the idea of a separate Sicilian committee was deprecated by the Chief of Staff. Orders had been received as to disposal of all nationalities bearing Chinese and Russians and instructions were issued by the Chief of Staff to cable us to their disposal. Screening was to be done by the Sub-Commission. It was recommended that screening on the Peninsula be at important points other nationalities being under our supervision. The Chief of Staff suggested that in view of actualities a payoff be arranged with the subject. It was stated that the raising of either a Yugoslav Army or Labour Corps was not acceptable. Mention was made as to the disadvantages of the Italian civilian compared with the refugees in matter of food etc. and it was stated that there was surplus labour in Sicily, but possible employment of DPs (other nationalities) was to be enquired into.
- (g) Displaced persons necessities. It was observed that Camp Feeding was a drain on local markets. There was no obligation to use Army Rations. The Chief of Staff instructed that a telegram be sent to ARHQ stating the position, mentioning that rations were being used and that this did not apply to the Italians. Brig. Healy emphasized that no money was to be issued direct to the Italians and that it was to go through the Govt. Main and that all records were to be kept in quantities, the Sub-Commissions and Regions concerned to be advised and made responsible for the bulk issues.
- (h) Clothing. 100,000 sets class III would be available by Govt. 1 and that it was expected that D.Ps would have share, but it was a responsibility of the Italian Govt. and a regional problem. Some supplies arriving through Regions and others through Red Cross.
- (i) Medical attention it was stated, was obtained from Regions and local sources under H.O. or D.P. staff.
- (j) Accommodation. Chief of Staff said that D.P. Sub-Commission was to assume responsibility as soon as possible, working with Prisoner of War Sub-Commission.
- (k) Transport. Chief of Staff suggested use of Italian Army Transport as far as it existed and was to be arranged through the Allied Military Mission and Italian Govt. in Brindisi.
- (l) Contact with Italian Government. Chief of Staff said nucleus was in Brindisi in liaison with the Italian Government. The D.P. Sub-Commission should have an officer in Brindisi.
- (m) Location of Sub-Committee. Chief of Staff suggested that they should move forward to Bari with the Rear link from Bari to Palermo. This was agreed and also was recommended that an officer be sent in advance to Col. Gony. Chief of Staff said he would alert by points in Brindisi. D.P. Sub-Commission to take over Gravina Camp.
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- (p) Provision of Personnel. Chief of Staff recommended the matter be left with Col. Albright. Original quota of Intelligence Officers not thought necessary and it was recommended that Camp Commanders use ordinary officers with a visiting team of four well trained Intelligence Officers. Captain Tate to supervise G-2.
- FOOD
1. Black Market. The Chief of Staff referred to the setting up of a Food Committee consisting of Economics, Administration, Communications, Interior, Public Safety, Agriculture and Public Health. An order was to be produced. Comment was suggested to deal with the Black Market which was to be different from the Food Committee and Col. Albright was instructed to proceed with the matter.
- a. General wage increases. Issue of differential rations suggested and a recommendation that on mixed expedition rations be issued to the Carabinieri and also that supplementary rations be issued to keep the

Carabinieri out of the Black Market. The Chief of Staff directed that a memorandum be drawn up to General McSherry as to classes of differentiation.

Meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

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