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REPORT NO. 12.

S/2/RLS December 23rd, 1945.

Grain Situation.

Regional Commissioner.
~~U.S.Rep.~~ Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Lt. Colonel WALKER.
Economic and Supplies (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) The grain problem continues to cause concern with respect to public safety. The arrival of grain shipments recently has improved the situation. It is now estimated that the present supply, including shipments arriving recently will last until about January 25.

(2) The consequences of measures adopted to secure additional grain by force have been seen in a wave of demonstrations and disorders. The primary and immediate cause has been the military call-up, but some of the demonstrations were identified as protests against the requisitioning of grain. Measures requiring the harvesting of an additional quantity and to reduce consumptions in producing areas seem to have induced a strong resistance.

(3) The greater number of the demonstrations and disorders were centered in the grain producing areas - Enna, Caltanisetta, Agrigento, Ragusa, Siracusa and Catania. Of a combined total of 72 demonstrations and disorders 9 were definitely identified as protests against requisi-

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Ribera	(Agrigento)
S. Ninfa	(Trapani
Pacecco	"
Polizzi Generosa	(Palermo)
Palazzolo Acreide	(Siracusa)
Prigento (Noto)	"
Joppolo	(Agrigento)
Alcamo	(Trapani)
Solarino	(Siracusa)

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(4) It is quite evident that a grain shortage would aggravate the present discontent and the consequences would most likely be serious.

(5) The activities of the police have continued in a routine fashion with some results. As for definite efforts to collect the additional grain there is no way to determine how much police effort

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has been put on it - that it has been a failure is generally recognized-. The continued crime problem and the present state of disorder indicate quite clearly that the police have been engaged. The High Commissioner did investigate the organisation of a special provincial squad on grain and other controls. But beyond the preparation of a plan no further action has been taken. Such an organisation is necessary to avoid drawing on the services; and because the task of finding hidden grain is so difficult, specialised personnel is required.

(6) (a) Grain Confiscated. (Nov. 4-30) (In kilograms)

C. di Fin.	- 1871	
Rly. Pol.	- 2766	
CC.RR.	- 52111	
A.P.S.	- 17584	Total 74532

(b) Persons Denounced and arrested. (Nov. 4-30)

C. di Fin.	- 64	
Rly. Pol.	- 202	
CC.RR.	- 530	
A.P.S.	- 531	Total 1327

(7- (a) Totals to Nov.30. Grain Confiscated (In kilograms)

C. di Fin.	-101696	
Rly. Pol.	- 64702	
CC.RR.	-2382937	
A.P.S.	-1171829	Total 3721264

(b) Totals to Nov.30. Persons Denounced and Arrested

C. di Fin.	- 835	
Rly. Pol.	- 881	
CC.RR.	- 1051	

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(b) Persons Denounced and Arrested. (Nov. 1-30)

C. di Fin.	- 64	
Rly. Pol.	- 202	
CC.RR.	- 530	
A.P.S.	- 531	Total 1327

(7- (a) Totals to Nov.30. Grain Confiscated (in kilograms)

C. di Fin.	-101656	
Rly. Pol.	- 64792	
CC.RR.	-2382957	
A.P.S.	-1171859	Total 3721264

(b) Totals to Nov.30. Persons Denounced and Arrested

C. di Fin.	- 838	
Rly. Pol.	- 881	
CC.RR.	- 7051	
A.P.S.	- 8831	Total 17601

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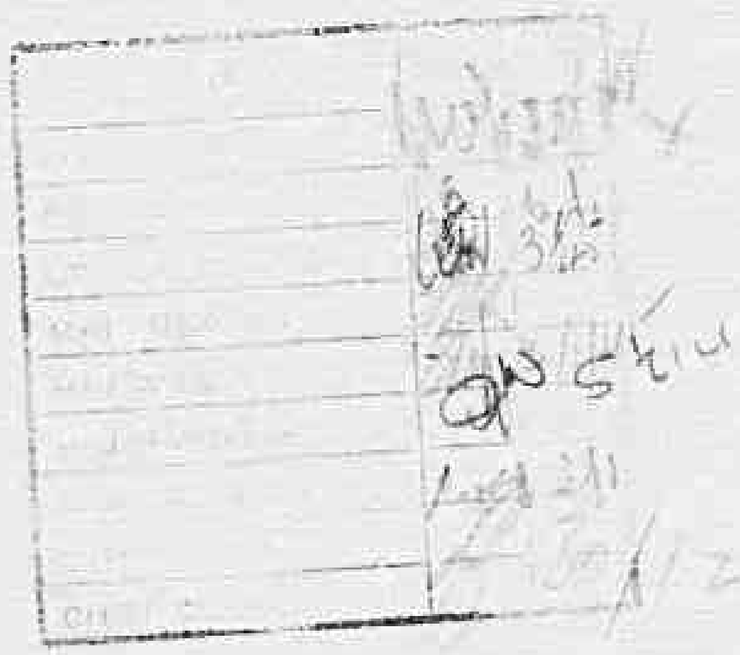

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REPORT No. 24.

November 14th, 1944.

Grain Situation.

Regional Commissioner.
ADC. Eq. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Lt. Colonel [redacted].
Economic and Supplies (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) The activities of the police in connection with the collection of grain show a decrease in results.

(2) Grain Confiscated (Oct. 1 - Nov. 4) (In kilograms)

U.S.	-	126,678
A.P.S.	-	107,998
Liv.rel.	-	5,284
Sdi Min.	-	540
Total		147,000

(3) Persons Denounced

U.S.	-	454
A.P.S.	-	1,950
Liv.rel.	-	360
Sdi Min.	-	61
Total		1,775

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(4) Totals to Nov. 4

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(c) Grain Confiscated (Oct. 1 - Nov. 4) (In Kilograms)

CO.EX.	-	16,678
A.P.S.	-	102,925
Civ.Pol.	-	5,234
Gdl Min.	-	630
Total		147,000

(3) Persons Denounced

CO.EX.	-	414
A.P.S.	-	1,050
Civ.Pol.	-	200
Gdl Min.	-	63
Total		1,775

(4) Totals to Nov. 4

(a) Grain Confiscated (In Kilograms)

CO.EX.	-	1,130,546
A.P.S.	-	1,154,475
Civ.Pol.	-	66,086
Gdl Min.	-	30,725
Total		3,645,732

(b) Persons Denounced to Nov.4.

CO.EX.	-	5,921
A.P.S.	-	3,160
Civ.Pol.	-	670
Gdl Min.	-	274
Total		10,274

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COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WOODY		
MAJ. LUCKMAN	9/2	18
MAJ WILSON		
MAJ HENRY		
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REPORT No. 11. October 6th, 1944.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. Hq. PUBLIC Safety Sub-Commission.
Lt. Colonel WALKER.
Economic and Supplies (Agricultural Section)
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

The results of police activities on grain have gradually decreased since September 1st due undoubtedly to decreased movement and the delayed period to complete denunciae.

The police activities must now be based on investigation followed by necessary search and seizure. This is a detailed and slow procedure which will require considerable force. And some definite estimate must be made before it is started.

The results obtained in the province of Palermo by a special grain squad indicates that this method may be the most practical. Organization of other squads in the provinces of Agrigento and Trapani are under consideration. With such an organization the other police agencies will not be drawn from their normal police duties, because the crime problem cannot be neglected.

Much grain is probably already hidden, but the amounts and locations are difficult to determine. The intensive efforts of a special provincial squad seems to offer the best chance of getting the facts and the existing grain.

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(2) Police Activities.

(a) SICILY. (In kilograms)

CARABINIERI.

(Sept. 17 - 30)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	28758	-	1160	449	2340
TRAPANI	1757	450	-	108	-

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
BAJA CALIFORNIA	193	-	324	10	51
AGUASCALIENTES	15809	1687	236	231	1360
DURANGO	1369	205	29	-	18
CHIHUAHUA	12767	1757	1678	163	9649
NAYARIT	2955	-	189	-	8
SINALOA	920	-	-	-	-
SONORA	1139	-	605	24	-
TOTAL	65247	4079	4461	985	15406

AMOUNT OF AMERICAN SURPLUS

(Sept. 11 - Oct. 1)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGUASCALIENTES	4575	-	6182	319	57
CHIHUAHUA	2574	-	2306	410	476
DURANGO	171907	1505	2461	199	-
NAYARIT	9921	-	-	-	-
SINALOA	704	-	52	65	132
SONORA	35074	467	6301	4653	10917
BAJA CALIFORNIA	1615	-	516	30	0
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(Sept. 11 - Oct. 1)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Vine)	(Fruit)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	4575	-	5156	319	57
CALTANISSETTA	1554	-	1366	410	472
CATANIA	178807	1575	4581	355	-
ENNA	15581	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	504	-	52	65	111
PALERMO	33674	467	8681	2653	10017
SIRACUSA	1615	-	516	30	0
RAGUSA	130	-	-	-	-
TRAPANI	37011	4470	961	-	-
TOTALS	307712	4530	23321	3832	13048

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+ The statistics of Agents di P.S. include activities of carabinieri and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Mecuine Legion)

(Beginning to Sept.25)

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	15359	981	1798	537	61

GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion)

(Sept. 3 - 30)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	9740	1130	1899	526	324

RAILWAY POLICE

(Sept. 15 - Oct. 1)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	4672	-	3770	645	333

(b) PERSONS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED

CARABINIERI

(Sept. 17 - 30)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	11	69	2	12	-
TRAPANI	6	1	5	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	3	1	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	17	33	4	6	20.5

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CARABINIERI

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	11	69	2	12	-
TRAPANI	6	1	5	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	3	1	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	17	33	4	2	-
MESSINA	5	3	-	3	-
CATANIA	6	42	3	4	-
RAGUSA	2	2	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	2	2	-	-	-
ENNA	1	2	4	1	-
TOTALS	53	155	18	24	-

\+ AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

(Sept. 11 - Oct. 1)

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	12	32	-	-	-
CALTANISSETTA	10	24	66	48	-
CATANIA	16	19	98	3	-
ENNA	4	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	8	5	4	4	-
PALERMO	12	465	62	53	2
SIRACUSA	4	1	2	5	-
TRAPANI	1	-	-	-	-
RAGUSA	10	-	5	-	-
TOTALS	87	548	237	113	2

+ The statistics of agents at P.S. include activities of inspectors and the 13 inter-provincial Officers.

COMANDO DI FIAMMA (Messina Legion)

(Beginning to Sept. 30)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
persons	32	57	13	7	-

COMANDO DI FIAMMA (Palermo Legion)

(Sept. 1 - 30)

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QUESTURA DI TRAPANI (Messina Region)

(Beginning to Sept. 15)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	31	95	13	7	-

QUESTURA DI ATRANIA (Palermo Region)

(Sept. 1 - 30)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	15	30	50	16	-

MILITARY POLICE

(Sept. 16 - Oct. 1)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	1	126	8	2	-

(c) FINAL CERTIFICATIONS TO DATE

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(In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
CARABINIERI	2133968	141027	54982	11394	229775
AGENTI P.S.	1051347	45217	82930	18258	70412
GUARDIA FINANZ.	97945	12097	6968	4237	8482
RAILWAY POLICE	56472	115	28041	6012	5127
TOTALS	3339732	- 198456	-172921 -	39901	313796

(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	1157	4372	294	233	11
AGENTI P.S.	624	3627	1338	641	20
GUARDIA FINANZ.	183	262	188	75	3
RAILWAY POLICE	3	452	10	2	3
TOTALS	1967	8713	1820	951	37

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AGENTI P.S.	624	3627	1338	641	20
GUARDIA FINANZ.	253	262	188	79	3
RAILWAY POLICE	3	452	10	2	3
TOTALS	1967	8713	1820	951	37

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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

REPORT No. 12. September 21st, 1944.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel WALKER.
ECONOMIC AND SUPPLIES (Agricultural Section)
Regional Legal Officer.

Public Safety Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission

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Durbo 28/9

(1) General Situation.

The activities of the police for the period under consideration have continued to show some slight decrease over the previous period. There appears to be a general lull in the whole program as a result of the extension of time for making denunzie.

Police Activities.

(a) SEIZED. (In kilograms)

CARABINIERI.

(September 3 - September 16)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	27528	582	2563	418	10391
TRAPANI	19868	-	241	-	335

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CARABINIERI.

(September 3 - September 16)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	27528	582	2583	418	10391
TRAPANI	13868	-	241	-	335
CALTANISSETTA	5887	-	990	177	2
AGRIGENTO	19666	179	696	350	23
MESSINA	6245	348	319	15	144
CATANIA	53326	3286	920	244	4223
RAGUSA	922	-	44	-	223
SIRACUSA	880	-	-	-	170
ENNA	115899	12641	165	23	-

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	244221	17036	5958	1227	15421

\+ AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

(August 27- September 10)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	1854	-	522	94	25
CALTANISSETTA	3793	-	1259	225	761
CATANIA	27651	1448	1802	93	117
ENNA	4614	208	-	-	-
MESSINA	1791	65	33	29	404
PALERMO	41359	356	7322	1567	7564
SIRACUSA	-	-	-	24	17
RAGUSA	-	-	237	40	14
TRAPANI	8472	-	467	-	-
TOTALS	89534	2077	11642	2062	8902

\+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

GUARDIA DI FINANZA.

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[illegible] INA	1791	65	31	29	404
PALERMO	41359	356	7322	1567	7564
SIRACUSA	-	-	-	24	17
RAGUSA	-	-	237	40	14
TRAPANI	8472	-	467	-	-
TOTALS	89534	2077	11642	2052	8902

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GUARDIA DI SINANZA.

(Data not yet complete)

RAILWAY POLICE.

(September 4th - September 17th)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	8450	24	6804	1162	88.5

(b) PERSONS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED

CARABINIERI

(September 3 - September 16)

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	28	139	22	3	-
TRAPANI	14	7	9	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	12	24	1	-	-
AGRIGENTO	18	30	5	1	-
MESSINA	16	3	1	-	-
CATANIA	25	48	4	5	-
RAGUSA	2	1	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	9	-	-	-	-
ENNA	3	14	-	-	-
TOTALS	126	266	42	11	-

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(August 27 - September 10)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	-	49	-	-	-
CALTANISSETTA	4	18	24	2	-
CATANIA	2	-	95	13	-
ENNA	2	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	11	2	10	8	-

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SIRACUSA	9	-	-	-	-
ENNA	8	14	-	-	-
TOTALS	126	266	42	11	-

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(August 27 - September 10)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	-	49	-	-	-
CALTANISSETTA	4	18	24	2	-
CATANIA	2	-	95	11	-
ENNA	2	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	13	2	10	8	-
PALERMO	40	377	29	28	1
RAGUSA	5	-	1	1	-
SIRACUSA	7	5	1	1	285*
TRAPANI	10	8	-	-	-
TOTALS	83	459	160	53	1

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GUARDIA DI FINANZA

(Data not yet complete)

RAILWAY POLICE

(September 4th - September 17th)

	(Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	-	180	-	-	-

(c) TOTAL CONFISCATION TO DATE

(In kilograms)

	(Grain	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
CARABINIERI	2128721	136948	50521	10409	214369
AGENTI F.S. (data not compl.)	743630	40887	59709	14430	55764
RAILWAY POLICE	51800	115	24271	5367	4704
GUARDIA FINANZA (data incomplete) (Palermo Legion)	72847	9986	3271	3174	7897
TOTALS	2996998	187936	137772	33380	285824

(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	1194	4217	276	209	11

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AGENTI P.S. (data not compl.)	743630	40887	59709	14430	58764
RAILWAY POLICE	51800	115	24271	5367	4794
GUARDIA FINANZA (data incomplete) (Palermo Legion)	72847	9986	3271	3174	7897
TOTALS	2996998	107936	137772	33380	885824

(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	1104	4217	876	209	11
AGENTI P.S. (data incomplete)	541	3085	1101	528	10
RAILWAY POLICE	2	326	2	-	-
GUARDIA FINANZA (data incomplete) (Palermo Legion)	117	173	125	58	3
TOTALS	1764	7801	1504	789	32

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VILLAROSA.(Enna) Chairman of Committee ill, substituted.

VENTIMIGLIA SICULA.(Palermo) Irregular conduct in office of UPSEA official.

MONTEROSSO ALMO. (Ragusa) Irregularities committed by STROZZI Mario of UPSEA.

ALTAVILLA MILICIA. (Palermo) Head of UPSEA not diligent; often absent from office.

FRAZZANO. (Messina) 200 persons demonstrated against grain amasso.

VIZZINI. (Catania) Committee not functioning too well.

SCORDIA. (Catania) Committee working slowly.

CRANMICHELE. (Catania) Committee working slowly.

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GRA[illegible]ICHELE. (Catania) Committee working slowly.

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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

REPORT No. 11. September 6th. 1944.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel BARKER.
Economic and Supplies. (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

The number of denunciations and confiscations by the police reached a peak in July, but diminished in August. During August there was a gradual falling off, but the week reported on August 28-September 3 shows some increase over the previous week.

Reduced movement on the roads seems to be the cause. The program for the police has now entered the phase where careful investigations must be made to select the areas and properties where grain has been hidden and followed by searches and confiscations. The recent decisions of the High Commissioner to change the date on which returns must be in will have a bearing on these activities.

A special squad has been organized in Palermo province composed of Agents of Public Security, Carabinieri and members of the Guardia di Finanza. Reports of the activities of this squad are not available at present, but the officials verbally report it as being effective.

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The general crime problem continues to be delicate as there is some increase shown in the serious crimes and a few bands have been operating. The police officials show some concern over the possibility that "all out" employment of the police on grain may be dangerous.

(2) Police Activities.

(a) MILAZZO. (In Milagrosa) 23[illegible]

CARABINIERI.

(August 27 - September 2)

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	10056	-	476	186	1934
TRAPANI	30880	3400	55	226	-
CALTANISSETTA	24485	218	1838	43	-
AGRIGENTO	45878	300	5564	209	37
MESSINA	9101	110	17	-	162
CATANIA	42754	4473	391	61	1900
RAGUSA	5034	188	47	-	-
SIRACUSA	24835	561	183	-	-
ENNA	25633	120	249	2	-
TOTALS	158794	9774	8740	747	4033

+ ARMED MILITARY SECURITY

(August 21 - 27)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	1616	60	68	76	15
CALTANISSETTA	121	-	1829	212	-
CATANIA	13316	-	546	-	104
ENNA	684	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	2733	-	100	-	14

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TOTALS	158794	9774	8740	747	4033

+ AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

(August 21 - 27)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	1626	60	68	76	15
CALTANISSETTA	121	-	1828	812	-
CATANIA	13316	-	546	-	104
ENNA	684	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	8753	-	100	-	232
PALERMO	42902	729	3177	810	1706
SIRACUSA	1033	132	76	-	661
RAGUSA	17	-	62	-	33
TRAPANI	5434	3400	17	100	101
TOTALS	68466	4321	5874	1198	2752

+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

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GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion)

(August 27 - September 2)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	5576	25	483	33	1776

RAILWAY POLICE

(August 28 - September 3)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	3910	-	2678	547	160

(b) PERSONS DETAINED AND ARRESTED

CARABINIERI

(August 27 - September 2)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	9	60	6	7	1
TRAPANI	23	3	-	1	-
CALTANISSETTA	17	16	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	93	46	4	-	-
MESSINA	8	6	-	-	-
CATANIA	14	20	5	3	2
RAGUSA					

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CARABINIERI

(August 27 - September 2)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	9	60	6	7	1
TRAPANI	23	3	-	1	-
CALTANISSETTA	17	16	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	33	45	4	-	+
MESSINA	8	6	-	-	-
CATANIA	14	20	5	3	2
RAGUSA	3	3	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	15	2	-	-	-
ENNA	7	2	-	-	-
TOTALS	140	156	15	11	3

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+ AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

(August 21 - 27)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	-	7	-	-	-

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CALTANISSETTA	-	-	12	-	-
CATANIA	1	-	34	2	-
ENNA	2	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	9	3	3	-	-
PALERMO	38	158	18	53	2
SIRACUSA	11	3	-	-	-
RAGUSA	1	-	-	-	-
TRAPANI	10	-	2	1	-
TOTALS	69	171	129	56	2

+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion)

(August 27 - September 2)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	17	4	10	2	-

RAILWAY POLICE

(August 28 - September 3)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen

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TRAPANI	10	-	2	1	-
TOTALS	69	171	129	56	2

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GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion)

(August 27 - September 2)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	17	4	10	2	-

RAILWAY POLICE

(August 28 - September 3)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	2	146	2	-	-

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(c) TOTAL CONFISCATIONS TO DATE

(In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
CARABINIERI	1884500	119912	44563	9182	196858
AGENTI P.S.	654096	38810	48067	12368	49862

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
RAILWAY POLICE	43334	91	18067	4205	3928
GUARDIA FINANZA (Palermo Legion)	72847	9986	3271	3174	7897
TOTALS	-2654777-168729	- 113968	- 28929	- 260545	-

(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	978	3951	234	198	11
AGENTI P.S.	458	2626	941	475	17
RAILWAY POLICE	2	146	2	-	-
GUARDIA FINANZA (Palermo Legion)	117	173	125	52	3
TOTALS	1555	6896	1302	725	31

Total 10509

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Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ANNEX I TO REPORT NO. 11.

ROCCAPALUMBA (Palermo) UPSEA office - unskilled employees handling grain declarations. Not too scrupulous.

CALTAGIRONE. (Catania) Questionable acts on part of two employees of Office of Accertamenti.

FRAZZANO' (Messina) Committee inactive. Its President, FRAGALE and PIPARO, another member, encourage violations.

BELMONTE MEZZAGNO (Palermo) ASCIUTTO Ubaldo, official of Granaio little active.

PIAZZA ARMERINA. (Enna) Committee not too active.

ALIA (Palermo) President of Committee and Mayor very incapable, and inactive. Derelict in examination of grain returns.

MONTEMAGGIORE BELSITO. (Palermo) UPSEA personal not active or efficient.

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MONTEMAGGIORE BELSITO. (Palermo) UNSEA personal not active or efficient.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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REPORT NO. 10.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1. August 31, 1944.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel WALKER.
Economic and Supplies. (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

Doubts are still being expressed as to the ultimate success of the grain program. There may be a tendency, in the event of failure, to charge the responsibility to the police. But the police, it must be remembered, can be no more efficient than the form of government of which it is a part. The general resistance against the grain program from the beginning and the inefficiency and lack of coordination on the part of Italian Government officials are problems which the police cannot overcome alone. The employment of the police entirely in the grain collection campaign has presented an opportunity for criminal elements. The statistics for the past month, though not at present complete, indicate an increase in the serious crimes.

Some criticism has been levelled at the police for their aggressive activities against the small violator, whereas, it is alleged, the big violator is not denounced. This, likewise, although not conceded as being entirely true, is not entirely the failure of the police. The police are put into action by government officials and of necessity must have their complete support and assistance. In fact, it is reported that some of these big violators are themselves officials of the present government.

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(2) Police Activities.

(a) SEIZED. (In kilograms)

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CARABINIERI.

(August 20 - 26)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	28138	549	943	230	308
TRAPANI	9013	164	28	20	1135
CALTANISSETTA	8188	378	327	45	210

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	12685	7300	135	41	19
MESSINA	1249	77	130	-	-
CATANIA	57044	3147	1474	224	7330
RAGUSA	1102	265	39	-	-
SIRACUSA	13677	283	-	18	100
ENNA	112398	-	427	32	-
TOTALS	243494	12163	3503	610	9102

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(August 13 - 20)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	1719	-	169	141	50
CALTANISSETTA	1300	-	395	504	-
CATANIA	3265	-	679	108	60
ENNA	900	7321	-	-	-
MESSINA	1975	-	43	16	51
PALERMO	42562	1014	3328	990	3182
RAGUSA	1054	427	58	-	-
	-	-	-	-	101

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AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

(August 13 - 20)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	1719	-	169	141	50
CALTANISSETTA	1300	-	395	904	-
CATANIA	3265	-	679	106	60
ENNA	900	7321	-	-	-
MESSINA	1975	-	43	16	51
PALERMO	42562	1014	3326	990	3182
RAGUSA	1054	427	58	-	-
SIRACUSA	-	-	-	-	101
TRAPANI	21286	-	631	-	-
TOTALS	73511	8762	5301	1759	2444

+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo legion)

	(Grain)	(August 20 - 26) (Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	10375	323	199	25	1034

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RAILWAY POLICE

(August 21 - 27)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	3483	-	2'54	408	136

(b) PERSONS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED

CARABINIERI

(August 20 - 26)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	33	53	4	11	-
TRAPANI	19	-	5	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	13	3	-	3	-
AGRIGENTO	12	8	-	-	-
MESSINA	14	2	1	-	-
CATANIA	29	55	4	6	1
RAGUSA	2	-	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	19	3	-	-	-
ENNA	7	24	-	-	-
TOTALS	134	148	14	22	1

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PALERMO	23	53	4	11	-
TRAPANI	19	-	5	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	13	3	-	3	-
AGRIGENTO	12	8	-	-	-
MESSINA	14	2	1	-	-
CATANIA	29	55	4	6	1
RAGUSA	2	-	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	13	3	-	-	-
ENNA	7	24	-	-	-
TOTALS	134	148	14	22	1

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(August 13 - 20)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	2	18	-	-	-
CALTANISSETTA	-	-	13	5	-
CATANIA	-	3	80	1	-
ENNA	3	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	7	1	3	-	-

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	26	271	21	33	1
RAGUSA	2	-	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	4	-	3	2	-
TRAPANI	6	4	3	1	-
TOTALS	50	297	123	42	1

+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion) (Aug.20-26)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	12	7	8	-	2

RAILWAY POLICE

(August 21 - 27)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	6	96	5	5	-

(e) TOTAL CONFISCATIONS TO DATE

(In kilograms)

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	Illegal detention	Illegal firearm.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	12	7	8	-	2

RAILWAY POLICE

(August 21 - 27)

	Illegal detention	Illegal firearm.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	6	96	5	5	-

(c) TOTAL CONFISCATIONS TO DATE

(In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Fruit)	(Other cereals)
CARABINIERI	2685706	110138	35823	8435	194825
AGENTI P.S.	985630	34489	42193	11176	47110
RAILWAY POLICE	30424	91	15389	3658	3760
GUARDIA FINANZA (Palermo Legion)	67271	9961	2848	3141	6121
TOTALS	2369031	154679	96253	26404	251816

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(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	829	3793	219	187	8
AGENTI P.S.	389	2455	812	419	15
RAILWAY POLICE	13	850	5	5	2
GUARDIA FINANZA (Palermo Legion)	100	169	115	50	3
TOTALS	1331	7267	1151	661	28

(3) Under present conditions with reduced personnel, all activities of the police must be coordinated through the proper chain of command, and directions, suggestions and orders given only through proper channels.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Public Safety Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.
(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

August 26th, 1944.

REPORT No. 9.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel WALKER.
Economic and Supplies. (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

A feeling that the objectives will not be reached has been expressed during the past week. Police activities have continued but the results have decreased. The decrease appears to be attributed to reduced movement on the roads. The problem of finding the existing grain not assessed will require careful investigation to select areas, followed by a thorough search of the areas. The police program is entering this phase.

Among the reports received are those of an existing "organised resistance". Rumours, always a threat in Sicily, may attribute this "organised resistance" to politics, the Mafia, etc. As yet there is no new or definite information of an "organised resistance". The resistance has been basic and general - unpopular system, low prices, tardy and unsound organisation of the agricultural committees and general inefficiency in government.

Exceptional powers were delegated to the police. But the expectations of the police places almost entirely on them the responsibility for success or failure of the program. This procedure is an expedient but not a solution. - that of placing

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Meanwhile the Italian Government, particularly the Regional level, has done little or nothing to support the police and until quite recently seems to have completely ignored the police recommendation respecting one of the most, if not the most important problem in Sicily - control by criminal elements - such as once existed, and finally broken by the Fascist Government. The resumption of this control has been held in check recently by police pressure, and has now all of the physical elements to enable it to regain its position. Permitted to develop as it has during the past few months, it could and most likely would become the predominant factor in Sicily. As such, all life would be subjected, not to government control, but to control by delinquent and criminal elements. Thus there would be a "controlled" -

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and possibly an unbreakable resistance to the grain collection.

The reports of resistance have been coupled with other more positive signs - at least three known criminal bands have been recently broken by the police. Thus the reports may be a danger signal.

The strong action recently taken by and the program of the present High Commissioner presents hope that the Public Safety problem will move toward a solution, which, when reached, will lay the foundation for police control of the grain problem. In the meantime the police activities on grain continue. (See Annex I for two outstanding instances of effective police work in the collection of grain.)

(2) Police Activities.

(a) SEIZED. (In Kilograms)

CARABINIERI.

(August 13 - 19)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	46070	1163	1131	219	2117
TRAPANI	17362	-	80	-	23
CALTANISSETTA	6399	581	685	65	49
AGRIGENTO	23161	1176	200	25	320
MESSINA	1683	6099	104	-	-
CATANIA	18395	1958	1226	135	169
RAGUSA	17323	5872	342	-	21

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CATANIA	18395	1958	1226	135	169
RAGUSA	17323	9872	342	-	21
SIRACUSA	7257	886	78	-	293
ENNA	6123	40	331	-	-
TOTALS	143773	17875	4177	444	2992

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(data not yet complete)

RAILWAY POLICE

(August 14 - 20)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	2869	-	2068	659,300	622

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GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion).

(August 13 - 19)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	7501	+	334	67	1248

(b) PERSONS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED

CARABINIERI

(August 13 - 19)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	18	94	-	-	-
TRAPANI	6	3	8	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	6	27	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	9	28	3	10	-
MESSINA	10	13	-	-	-
CATANIA	9	50	2	3	1
RAGUSA	11	2	2	2	-
SIRACUSA	22	11	-	-	-
ROMA	5	30	-	-	-
TOTALS	96	258	15	17	1

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CALTANISSETTA	8	27	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	9	28	3	10	-
MESSINA	10	13	-	-	-
CATANIA	9	50	2	3	1
RAGUSA	11	2	8	2	-
SIRACUSA	28	11	-	-	-
ENNA	5	30	-	-	-
TOTALS	96	258	15	17	1

AGENTI DI PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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RAILWAY POLICE

(August 14 - 20)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	7	185	-	-	1

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GUARDIA DI FINANZA (Palermo Legion)

(August 13 - 19)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transp.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	7	8	21	-	-

(c) TOTAL CONFISCATIONS TO DATE.

(In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
CARABINIERI	1442212	97975	32320	7825	185723
AGENTI P.S. (Data incomplete)					
RAILWAY POLICE	26941	91	13305	3250	3622
GUARDIA FINANZA (Palermo Legion)	56896	9638	2659	3116	4087
TOTALS	1526049	107704	48284	14241	193432

(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

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AGENTI P.S.					

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AGENTI P.S. (Data incomplete)					
RAILWAY POLICE	7	754	-	-	2
GUARDIA FINANZA (Palermo Legion)	88	162	107	50	1
TOTALS	790	4561	312	215	10

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Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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CC.RR. REPORTS.

MARINEO. (Palermo) UPSEA Official, ANNONE Francesco,- under prosecution for maladministration.

REALMONTE. (Agrigento) Committee not functioning due to absence of Mayor who is uninterested in ammassi.

GIBELLINA. (Trapani) Committee meets on Sundays only. Mayor inactive.

ROCCAPALUMBA. (Palermo) UPSEA under staffed.

GALATI MAMERTINO. (Messina) Capo zona of ammassi denounced for irregularities.

VENTIMIGLIA SICULA. (Palermo) UPSEA official issues bollette in blank paper.

NISCEMI. (Caltanissetta) Statistics office not functioning well.

BUTSERA. (Caltanissetta) Committee not functionning well.

PATTI. (Messina) Committee not functionning well.

TWO NOTEWORTHY CASES OF POLICE WORK.

1. LIBERTINA. (Enna) On August 14 CC.RR. arrested TUSA Salvatore for illegal transportation of grain and for false return of grain produced. Confiscated,- 967 quintali of grain; 5 carts and 10 oxen.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action/information

	INIT.	DATE
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Ex. Officer	[illegible]	11/9
POLICE	DPS	11/9
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Fire & C. D.		
Regn & Licensing		
Adm. Officer		

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

WAH/11
13 August 1944

Tel: 262

AGR/300000

SUBJECT: Open Violation of Agrarian Contract and Crop Collection Decree.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture.

1. Attached is copy of self-explanatory communication apparently released by the Provincial Union of Agricultural Workers with HQ at Bari. Since this notice directs farmers and tenants not to surrender wheat, olive, or other crops in accordance with legal decrees and directives, it is assumed that legal action should be instituted to remove such unnecessary obstacles to attainment of our mutual objectives.

2. Please keep this Sub-Commission advised of action the Ministry takes to eliminate these public violators of law and order.

W. A. HARTMAN
Lt. Colonel
Director

DIST:

Economic Section, ATT: Executive Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Altamura, 21.6.1944

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PROVINCIAL UNION OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

BARI

Secretary's Office

PROVINCIAL FEDERATION

Bari Laboureres

Bary. Via Cairoli, 85

FARMERS- TENANTS - PROFIT SHARING TENANTS

Nobody can put out of the land which you cultivate directly. The extension for a year of the agrarian contracts decreed by the Democratic Government on 26.5.44 declares void even sentences that were already adjudged. No legal act can be attempted against you.

DO NOT SURRENDER WHEAT, OIL, AND VEGETABLES FOR rent of profit sharing contribution, but pay whatever is due on the basis of pool prices in the year of the stipulation of the contract.

For information and assistance, apply to the Federation of Land Workers of Bari via Cairoli 85, Fourth Floor .

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Translation/es.

UFFICIO NAZIONALE STATISTICO ECONOMICO DELL'AGRICOLTURA
Provincia di Roma.

Nr. 5369 SL/bgg

Rome, 26 July 1944

Subject: Control of activity of cereal mills on behalf of direct consumers.

To the Legion Command of
Royal Carabinieri of Lazio
ROME

To the Chief of the Ispettorato
Provinciale dell'Agricoltura.-
To the ACC - Agriculture Division
ROME

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and for information.

According to the provisions of the Ministerial Decree of 5 March 194[illegible] the late Ufficio Provinciale Accertamenti Agricoli should have assumed the control over the artisan mills of the Province, formerly of the competence of the dissolved Confederazione Industriali.

The superior Authorities of the Province, and in their stead the Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura, by letter No 1147 of 18 currt., confirmed the attribution of the above service to this Office which, according to the provisions made by the Allied Control Commission, has replaced the Ufficio Accertamenti Agricoli.

The present situation in the sphere of milling activities requires an urgent resumption of such control. Hence it has been decided to make use of the peripheric organization of this Officer, which disposes of a zone office in every Commune of the Province.

Since in controlling the activity of the mills, and particularly in encountering the possible transgressions, the authority of our zone offices might be insufficient we request your Command to urge the dependent stations of your Province to collaborate with same in carrying out the services in question.

Our zone offices will effectuate their control through inspecting visits by which they will ascertain whether the mills are being maintained in observance of the provisions; the frequency of these visits may be locally determined, with regard to the different situations, yet it has been established as a minimum that each mill shall be inspected at least once a week.

It has also been decided that the zone offices shall make an inspection report for every visit on the spot, which

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The relative printed provisions are being distributed, and a copy will also be sent to your Command.

The provisions in operation, governing the milling and transport of blocked cereals and corresponding flours, will be as soon as possible summarized by the undersigned in convenient instructions which will also be sent to the AM.GG Stations, whose collaboration with our zone offices is essential to the good functioning of the Granai del Popolo.

The Chief of the Uffici Provinciali
/s/ Reginald Leone

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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REPORT No. 8. (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION) 11091

FILE - No. RPS/014.1. August 17th, 1944.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel WALKER.
Economic & Supplies. (Agricultural Section.)
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

Amount of grain examined has increased. But this week compared with the same period 1942, is approximately 15% lower. The principal causes that seem to be recognized are,- the lateness of the present season and the resistance to assessing which is based on price. There is no definite evidence that the resistance is broken although some reports indicate that the activity of the police and the courts is arousing fear. The police are still committed to the maximum degree. During the week there has been a reduction in the number of denouncements. Reports from the police of failures of committees, officials, etc., continue. The relation to the general crime problem cannot be clearly evident, but the employment of all police power on grain may afford an opportunity for criminal elements to become organised. Recently it has been necessary to combat activities of armed bands.

(2) Police Activities.

(a) SEIZED. (In kilograms)

CARABINIERI

(August 5 - 12)

(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)

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CARABINIERI

(August 6 - 12)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	40020	260	821	433	4939
TRAPANI	7520	-	793	-	-
CALTANISSETTA	7566	-	224	26	267
AGRIGENTO	39258	1399	644	92	281
MESSINA	8991	3206	314	-	6307
CATANIA	46230	7029	979	2	2195

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Rice)	(Maize)	(Other cereals)
RAGUSA	87292	4534	968	-	46
SIRACUSA	62295	2505	400	-	33
TRAPANI	14017	1174	243	51	-
TOTALS	237015	201 02	5060	604	14068

* Agenti di pubblica sicurezza

(Annex 7 - 15)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Rice)	(Maize)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	432	235	313	72	100
CALTANISSETTA	404	-	411	101	-
CATANIA	23017	3076	609	179	434
ENNA	633	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	910	-	99	32	65
PALERMO	45693	549	2758	1211	6730
RAGUSA	-	-	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	103	-	28	-	5
TRAPANI	7955	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	84709	3860	4324	1655	7124

* The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial offices.

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CATANIA	406	-	411	161	-
CATANZARO	27017	3036	599	179	434
ENNA	633	-	-	-	-
MESSINA	910	-	89	32	55
PALERMO	45653	549	2768	1211	6730
RAGUSA	-	-	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	103	-	88	-	5
TRAPANI	7855	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	84709	3880	4314	1655	7124

+ The stations of Questi di P.S. include motorbikes of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

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Railway Police.

(August 3 - 13)

	(Cross)	(Burles)	(Blows)	(Shots)	(Other crimes)
TOTALS	2598	10	1455,500	100,300	1000

Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion)

(August 5 - 10)

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	7462	1806	88	110	826

(b) PERSONS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED

Carabinieri (August 6 - 12)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	17	106	2	1	-
TRAPANI	11	17	18	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	9	13	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	10	89	-	2	-
MESSINA	24	6	-	3	-
CATANIA	7	110	1	3	-
RAGUSA	15	20	-	5	-
SIRACUSA	7	4	-	-	-
ENNA	4	10	-	-	-
TOTALS	105	381	21	16	-

+ Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza (August 7 - 13)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	1	6	9	2	-
CALTANISSETTA	1	-	14	-	-

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CATANIA	7	110	1	3	-
RAGUSA	10	20	-	5	-
SIRACUSA	7	4	-	-	-
ENNA	4	15	-	-	-
TOTALS	105	381	21	16	-

Arrest by Public Security (August 7 - 13)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport	Illegal purchase sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	1	6	9	2 -
CALTANISSETTA	1	-	14	-
CATANIA	-	4	56	10 -
ENNA	-	3	-	- -
MESSINA	8	-	2	2 -
PALERMO	34	300	25	31 2
RAGUSA	-	-	-	- -
SIRACUSA	3	-	-	4 -
TRAPANI	5	-	-	- -
TOTALS	52	313	106	49 2

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+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

Railway Police. (August 6 - 13)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	-	88	-	-	1

Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion) (August 6 - 12)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	18	14	29	20	1

(c) TOTALS OF CONFISCATIONS TO DATE

(In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
Carabinieri	1298439	80100	28143	7431	182731
Agenti P.S.	512019	25727	36892	9411	44666
Railway Police	24072	91	11237	2610	3000
Guardia Finanza	49395	9638	2325	3049	2839
TOTALS	1883925	115556	78687	22501	233236

(d) TOTAL INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE 2820

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Carabinieri	599	3387	190	148	6
Agenti P.S.	339	2158	689	377	14
Railway Police	-	569	-	-	1
Guardia di Finanza	81	154	86	50	1
TOTALS	1019	6268	965	575	22

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(3) Except for certain local deficiencies, reports indicate that the police services, particularly the C.I.D., are satisfactory. The direct authority to the C.I.D. to stop torture has been promised by the High Commissioner through the Regional Commissioner. As yet it has not been received.

An experimental plan is being put into operation in the province of Kilarno. A special squad is being organised, of representatives of the various police agencies designed primarily to find the large quantities of grain.

(4) The continued reports of inefficiency indicate that responsibility for the functioning of other agencies to a large extent rests with the police agencies.

(See An ex 1.)

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Lieut. A. USN.R.
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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PRESIDENCIA SICILIA.-(Palermo)-Since in spite of fact that the matter has been called to his attention, still issues bulletins with wide time limits, and uses ordinary paper rather than the printed form.

[illegible].-(Palermo)-Dentifice not functioning.

[illegible].-(Sofia)- Series of errors discovered to be very faulty. Treasured keeper believed to have profited illicit gains by the recording of credit. Should be substituted.

[illegible].-(Vienna)- Since that zone AIRVO was flooded by bad electrolyte acid, it is reported, he has been corrupted. Taken little interest in work.

[illegible].- (Nicosia)- Vice chief ill, of ice run by inexperienced young. Dentifice does not react often.

[illegible]. -(Gibraltar)- Vice director suspected,- investigation of irregularities.

[illegible]. -(Palermo)- Local authorities not cooperating with [illegible] Company not functioning properly.

[illegible]. -(Bengal)- Dentifice not serving well. Is to be used weekly. Super Dento Cheer.

[illegible].-(Gibraltar)- Paper has reached [illegible] Dental dentifice not working well.

[illegible]. - (Palermo)- Director of Distribution office of Agriculture, at Trapani, unscrupulous and partial, on intimate terms with mafia producers.

[illegible].-(Palermo)- Director [illegible] of U.S.A. Agricultural Agricoli complains he is unable to work alone and unafraid when possible, daily corrective.

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BAGCINA -(Palermo)- Committee not functioning well.

MEZZOJUSO.-(Palermo)- UPSEA official, MAZZARESE, not active.

CASTELLUCCIO DI PISALIA.- (Palermo) UPSEA Official not active

CERALU'-(Palermo)- Committee not functioning well.

CALTAVUTURO.-(Palermo)- UPSEA officials not active.

CASTRONOVO DI SICILIA.-(Palermo)- Committee not functioning well.

CAMPOBELLO di MAZARA-(Trapani)- Committee not functioning.

PIRAINO.- (Messina)- Committee not functioning.

POGGIOREALE.-(Trapani)- Committee not functioning.

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REPORT No.7 (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

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FILE - No. RPS/014.1. August 10th, 1944.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel WALKER,
Economics & Supplies. (Agricultural Section.)
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

The denouncements and confiscations continue as do the reports of Sindaci, committees, etc., who are not functioning.

(2) Police Activities.

(a) SEIZED. (In kilograms)

Carabinieri.

(July 30 to August 5)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	19470	530	1843	427	2675
TRAPANI	30644	329	134	-	1161
CALTANISSETTA	23880	712	563	-	125852
AGRIGENTO	55434	194	1200	32	77

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MESSINA	16979	1153	324	-	15
CATANIA	97765	2310	1225	216	5038
RAGUSA	78006	12199	1010	110	1169
SIRACUSA	69154	4103	21	18	2198
ENNA	13244	7172	472	78	-
TOTALS	404576	28702	6792	881	138185

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+ Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza.

(July 23 to August 6)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	25052	19	672	85	399
CALTANISSETTA	4393	1739	2969	153	-
CATANIA	76316	9186	1405	182	438
ENNA	23791	-	160	-	3780
MESSINA	2370	16	151	223	64
PALERMO	55770	735	10585	2046	15530
RAGUSA	13149	2250	101	-	-
SIRACUSA	7790	77	530	441	166
TRAPANI	39685	962	795	63	198
TOTALS	248316	13984	17468	3193	20575

+ The statistics of Agenti di P.S. include activities of Questure and the 13 Inter-Provincial Offices.

Railway Police.

(July 30 to August 5)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	4483	81	2189	441,500	1095

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SIRACUSA	7790	77	630	441	166
TRAPANI	33685	962	795	63	198
TOTALS	246316	13984	17460	3193	20575

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Railway Police.

(July 30 to August 5)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	4485	81	2189	443,500	1095

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Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion Only)

(July 30 to August 5)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	3575	370	248	1565	238

(b) PERSONS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED

Carabinieri

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(July 30 to August 5)

	Illegal Detention	Illegal Transport.	Illegal Purchase	Illegal Sale	Stolen
PALERMO	22	60	6	3	-
TRAPANI	3	30	7	3	-
CALTANISSETTA	21	42	-	-	-
AGRIGENTO	7	92	1	2	-
MESSINA	65	58	-	1	-
CATANIA	8	195	-	3	-
RAGUSA	33	44	1	12	-
SIRACUSA	16	48	-	-	-
ENNA	8	55	-	-	1
TOTALS	183	624	15	24	1

* Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza

AGRIGENTO	10	30	18	5	-
CALTANISSETTA	-	19	26	3	5
CATANIA	16	154	80	19	-
ENNA	10	6	-	-	-
MESSINA	21	3	2	2	-
PALERMO	40	769	194	97	-

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RAGUSA	33	44	1	12	-
SIRACUSA	16	48	-	-	-
ENNA	8	55	-	-	1
TOTALS	183	624	15	24	1

\+ Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza

AGRIGENTO	10	30	18	5	-
CALTANISSETTA	-	19	26	3	5
CATANIA	16	154	60	19	-
ENNA	10	6	-	-	-
MESSINA	21	3	2	2	-
PALERMO	40	769	194	97	-
RAGUSA	8	9	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	23	6	7	3	-
TRAPANI	23	40	5	5	-
TOTALS	151	1036	312	134	5

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Railway Police.

(July 30 to August 5)

	Illegal Detention	Illegal Transport.	Illegal Purchase	Illegal Sale	Stolen
TOTALS	-	208	-	-	-

Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion Only)

(July 30 to August 5)

	Illegal Detention	Illegal Transport.	Illegal Purchase	Illegal Sale	Stolen
TOTALS	10	11	12	11	-

(c) TOTALS OF CONFISCATIONS TO DATE

(In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
Carabinieri	1061420	59998	23063	6827	168663
Agenti P.S.	427310	21847	32668	7756	37542
Railway Police	20514	81	9782	2310	2000
Guard.Finanza	41933	7832	2297	2919	2013
TOTALS	1551177	89758	67810	19812	210218

(d) TOTALS INDIVIDUALS DENOUNCED AND ARRESTED TO DATE

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Carabinieri	494	3006	169	132	6
Agenti P.S.	287	1845	543	328	12
Railway Police	-	481	-	-	-
Guard.Finanza	63	140	57	30	-
TOTALS	844	5472	769	490	18

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(3) In general all agencies are working smoothly. The control of clandestine traffic on the railroads is not as yet complete; the responsibility rests with the High Commissioner. The police have been given special powers, and to maintain their efficiency will require more active support of the Government.

The Inter-provincial Offices of P.S., the service established by the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza under direction of a central Regional Directorate, are an important service which, if not supported, must either fail or be abolished. On this matter too, responsibility rests with the High Commissioner.

In general, the police are to the best of their ability enforcing a law which does not have complete support and the responsibility which rests upon them for functioning of the structure of Government, may produce reactions of an important and far reaching nature.

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Regional Public Safety Officer.

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CO.MU. REPORTS.

PALAGONIA. (Catania) Committee has not yet met. Only list of demands in.

GRAMMICHELE. (Catania) Committee has not yet checked demands. Ammezzi quarters not yet prepared; no store keepers.

LICODIA EUBEA. (Catania) Insufficient supply of demands forms; comparatively few demands in.

CALTAVUTURO. (Palermo) CO.MU. arrest 1 - referred to Prov. Commission for police confine as saboteurs of "granai del popolo". Rumours that harvest to be hidden.

GRANITOLO. (Palermo) Avv. ANTACHILE and MUSCARO advise against amnesty. Warned by CO.MU.

MARSALA. (Trapani) Office of Assessorato Agricoli under staffed.

MISILMERI. (Palermo) Type form of UNRRA has shown little capacity. CO.MU. urge new appointment of outsider.

S.GIMO. (Catania) Committee not functioning properly. Because Mayor has no influence over people, he should be substituted.

CASTEL DI JUDICA. (Catania) Committee has not met. Mayor interested only in own crops.

CALTAGIRONE. (Catania) Mills open only 2 days weekly, causing over burdening of small CO.MU. and CO.PP. detachments on calling days.

CASTELVETRANO. (Agrigento) Irregularities by Mayor in connection with bollette di accompagnamento.

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MISTRETTA. (Catania) Cope Zone of DECA has shown little capacity. CC.RR. urge new appointment of outsider.

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CANICATTI'. (Agrigento) Irregularities by Mayor in connection with bollette di accompagnamento.

RAVANUSA. (Agrigento) Committee not well. Bonomia not choked yet. Mayor inactive and uninterested in welfare of town.

BORGHETTO. (Palermo) Committee meets infrequently and badly.

CAMPOFRANCO DI MARSALA. (Trapani) Committee not working.

S.GIULIANO. (Caltanissetta) Mayor rarely with Committee and no Committee works badly.

PARTINICO. (Palermo) Committee works badly.

MONREALE. (Palermo) same.

LERCARA FRIDDI. (Palermo) Committee rarely meets now Mayor needed.

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CASTRONOVO DI SICILIA. (Palermo)
VALLEDOLMO. (Palermo)
ROCCAPALUMBA. (Palermo)
VICARI. (Palermo)

No Committee.

CASTELBUONO. (Palermo) Attorney BUCCINO, farmer representative not at meetings; should be substituted.

ALIA. (Palermo) Substitut. of Magazziniere ALESSANDRA, ex fascist and of questionable record, urged.

ISPICA. (Ragusa) Pretore released 4 people arrested for subatraction grain. Unfavorable repercussions.

FAVARA. (Agrigento) Illegal issue of bollette by agricultural officials. Arrests made.

ALESSANDRIA DELLA ROCCA. (Agrigento) Substitution of magazziniere SUNSERI necessary, because of absence from Commune.

CALTAGIRONE. (Catania) Work of Committee slow.

RIESI. (Caltanissetta) UPSEA not working too well.

ALTOFONTE. (Palermo) Prof. TRAPANI, Capo Zona of UPSEA engaged in illegal issuing of milling tickets.

VITTORIA. (Ragusa) Railroad people do nothing to prevent passengers from carrying large quantities of grain.

TERMINI IMERESE. (Palermo) Committee not yet formed 7/24/44. UPSEA not working satisfactorily.

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CONTESSA ENTELLINA. (Palermo) Committee not functioning properly, due to absence of Mayor.

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REPORT No.6. (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

August 1st, 1944.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ASC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel WALKER.
Economics & Supplies. (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

The denouncements and confiscations continue. Many officials and committees are being reported by the police. The police are at present employed to the maximum. Reactions may be anticipated, but at present the only positive sign is an increase in some places of serious crimes by armed bands. The organisation of armed bands is a constant threat and may develop if the police become over extended on the grain problem.

(2) Police Activities.

(a) SEIZED.

Carabinieri

(In kilograms) (July 23-29)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	17339	-	2567	321	2175
TRAPANI	38220	72	275	-	122
CALTANISSETTA	36883	1520	1315	378	3554

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TRAPANI	38220	71	275	-	122
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(a) Arrests.

Cumulative

(In kilograms) (July 29-Aug 12)

	(Kwale)	(Kericho)	(Kisumu)	(Nakuru)	(Other districts)
KIKUYU	1713	-	1587	391	179
KAMBA	16320	71	273	-	132
KALENJIN/MASAI	14083	1520	1115	378	1654
LUYIA/NYO	44333	1406	187	425	492
GUSII/KIPS	938	234	-	-	16
CARIBBEAN	13605	412	1044	370	649
NATIVE	4436	155	77	-	156
EUROPEAN	14048	1393	37	-	26
OTHER	14084	87	175	-	56
TOTALS	13068	6589	5607	1404	7432

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+ [redacted] di Pubblica Sicurezza

(In Milograms) (From start of Campaign to July 22)

	(Gra n)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
AGRIGENTO	18837	272	1084	48	169
CALTANISSETTA	18917	321	1515	1083	339
CATANIA	35860	3727	4824	141	70
ENNA	14645	200	-	-	-
MESSINA	16735	258	170	230	10982
PALERMO	33575	502	6574	2488	3915
RAGUSA	5279	400	207	200	72
SIRACUSA	20425	1683	598	470	96
TRAPANI	14719	600	226	3500	1324
TOTALS	178992	7963	15198	8180	16967

Railway Police

(In Kilograms) (July 24-30)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	8212	-	3394	1192,400	793

Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion only)

(In Kilograms) (July 23-29)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)

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TRAPANI	14719	600	226	3500	1324
TOTALS	178992	7963	15198	8160	16967

Railway Police

(In Kilograms) (July 24-30)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	8218	-	3394	1102,400	793

Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion only)

(In Kilograms) (July 23-29)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	17643	405	290	72	187

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+ The statistics of Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza (not previously reported) include activities of the Questure and the 13 Interprovincial Offices.

(b) Persons denounced and arrested.

Carabinieri

(July 23-29)

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	8	99	14	20	-
TRAPANI	8	33	26	7	-
CALTANISSETTA	8	139	-	2	-
AGRIGENTO	10	131	6	5	-
MESSINA	11	14	-	-	-
CATANIA	26	94	-	1	-
RAGUSA	9	23	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	13	17	-	-	-
ENNA	7	21	2	-	-
TOTALE	100	577	50	35	-

* Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza.

(From start of Campaign to July 22)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
AGRIGENTO	19	87	51	21	-
CALTANISSETTA	7	21	32	14	-
CATANIA	17	187	7	3	-
ENNA	4	13	-	1	-
MESSINA	22	4	11	5	-

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ENNA	7	21	2	-	-
TOTALS	100	577	50	35	-

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(From start of Campaign to July 22)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
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CALTANISSETTA	7	21	32	14	-
CATANIA	17	107	7	2	-
ENNA	4	33	-	1	-
MESSINA	22	4	11	5	-
PALERMO	43	357	107	104	-
RAGUSA	12	29	1	2	-
SIRACUSA	-	63	13	22	3
TRAPANI	12	28	8	3	4
TOTALS	136	809	230	174	7

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Railway Police

(Jul 24-30)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	-	273	145	-	-

Guardia di Finanza (Palermo Legion only)

(July 23-29)

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	8	44	18	6	-

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(c) Totals of confiscations Since Start of Campaign. (In kilograms)

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
Carabinieri (to July 29)	656844	31296	16271	5946	30478
Guard.Finanza (to July 29)	38358	7462	2049	1354	1775
Agenti P.S. (to July 22)	178994	7863	15200	4563	16967
Railway Police	16029	-	7593	1867	1188

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TOTALS	890225	46621	41113	13730	50408

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(d) Total Individuals Denounced and arrested since Start of Campaign.

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal Purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
Carabinieri (to July 29)	311	2382	154	108	5

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
Guard.Finanza (to July 29)	53	129	45	19	-
Agenti P.S. (to July 22)	130	709	231	174	7
Railway Police (to July 10)	-	273	145	-	-
TOTALS	500	3593	575	301	12

(3) The police services now appear to have reached the maximum effort - any further extension of police powers may bring unfavourable reactions. The number of reports by the police indicates that the Government officials, committees and technical officials are not yet functioning efficiently.

A summary of police reports on officials is given in Annex I attached. These reports are made to Prefects and the High Commissioner. A copy is provided to A.C.C. and is distributed to officers concernad. The Italian troops are in position and assisting the police.

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The investigation of speculaters is being recommended to the police. Results will be presented later.

A memo is being issued to all officers in the Region giving a brief outline of the police program

Conference with Lt. Col. [redacted], the officer assigned by ACC. HQ. to discuss details of the employment of the police on a long-term basis is pending

Reports from Regional Legal Officer indicate that the Italian Courts are functioning.

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With reference to the temporary requisitioning of means of transport it is to be noted that orders respecting requisition are issued by the High Commissioner, and authority to requisition still rests with the Prefects through whom the police must act.

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO REPORT NO. 6

CC.RR. REPORTS

SALEMI. Irregularities by UPSEA in permits to thresh 26/7/44.

Sindaco CAMPOREALE refrains from persuading producers to amass.

CALATAFIMI. UPSEA. D'ANNA Pietro,- irregularities in "bollette di accompagnamento" 26/7/44.

POGGIOREALE. (Trapani). Committee has not met. Sindaco, Dott. Gaspare Tamburello, lives at Palermo, goes to Poggioreale once a month. Vice-Sindaco manages a farm and does not interest himself in the Commune. 26/7/44.

ALI. (Messina). Functionari UPSEA absent 26/7/44.

PAGLIARI. Sindaco sick; temporary appointment.

MARINEO. Question of magazziniere not settled. Appointment required immediately. Proposed by CC.RR. VONO Giuseppe, INGIU' Salvatore, fu Carmelo, BIVONA Giuseppe Antonio, 26/7/44.

TUSA. (Messina). RUSSO Antonio UPSEA left 12 July - not paid; does not intend to return.

NAPOLI Giuseppe, left in charge by Mayor.

No storehouse or magazziniere yet.

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FLORESTA. (Messina). Neither mayor or committee working. Of 600 farmers who must declare wheat only two have done so.

Mayor lives at S.Domenica Vittoria and only visits Floresta sporadically, taking no interest in grain campaign.

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Provincial Statistics Section, CALTABELLOTTA, now available

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Provincial Statistics Officer, CANFARELLA, very unsuitable for job.

S.STEFANO QUISQUINA. (Agrigento). Commissario Prefettizio, Bongiovanni Domenico, unInterested; gives little collaboration to CC.RR. Has not captured the good will of farmers.

PATTI. (Messina). Capo zona, MASTRANTONIO Sebastiano, engaged in questionable activities in connection with grain. Mayor and committee have asked Prefect for his removal. CC.RR. to prepare charges against him.

S.BIAGIO PLATANI. (Agrigento). Committee not functioning.

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CASTROREALE. (Messina). Committee working poorly. Mayor calls meetings only on Sundays.

GALATI. (Messina). Mayor puts in an appearance every 20 or 30 days,- (he lives in Messina), hence communal committee has not been set up. Nor is there an UPSA representative.

New Mayor recommended by CC.RR. a MICCIA Giuseppe, druggist.

SIRACUSA PROVINCE. - communist-socialist feeling against acting Vice-Prefect CRAVERI.

CC.RR. urge appointment of Prefect.

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6 AUG 1943

SUBJECT: SICILIAN GREEK CAMPAIGN. 1491

TO : Executive commissioner (2)
R.C.S. & M.G. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. ROME

COPIES : Public safety sub-commission ✓
Economic Section (1)
FOR: AGRICULTURE sub-commission (1)
FOOD sub-commission (1)
PUBLIC RELATIONS (1)

1. I am forwarding herewith a summary of the duties and powers of the Italian police forces in connection with the SICILIAN GREEK CAMPAIGN.

2. The attached instructions of General Alexander and VI Brigade CO.'s, are considered noteworthy.

3. A copy of my instructions to officers assigned to the command are also attached.

C. E. Kaiser
A.F. KAISER
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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1st August, 1944.

SUBJECT: Police Duties and Powers in the Grain Campaign.

TO : All Officers, Region 1.

The following is a summery of the duties and powers of the Italian Police Forces in connection with the Grain Campaign.

1. POLICE FORCES include:

(a) CARABINIERI REALI - Controlled through the following chain of Command:

(i) VI BRIGADE : Commander - General A. BRANCA at PALERMO

(ii) PALERMO Legion - Commander - Col.CALABRO'
MESSINA Legion - Commander - Col.ANDREOLI

(iii) GROUPS - In each Province, commanded generally by a Major with H.Q. at Carabinieri Barracks in the Provincial Capital.

(iv) Each Commune has a local CC.RR. Command. According to its importance the commune may have a Captain or Lieutenant and up to 100 Carabinieri, or only 4 to 10 or 20 or 30 under a Brigadiere or Maresciallo.

(b) GUARDIE DI FINANZA - Under two Commands:

(i) PALERMO Legion - Commander Col. BIONDI
(ii) MESSINA Legion - Commander T.Col.MAGLIO (Temp)

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GG.FF. are installed in all so-called "industrial" flour-mills with the duty of checking in-coming grain and out-going flour.

(c) AGENTS of PUBLIC SAFETY

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(iv) Each Commune has a local CC.RR. Command. According to its importance the commune may have a Captain or Lieutenant and up to 100 Carabinieri, or only 4 to 16 or 20 or 30 under a Brigadiere or Maresciallo.

(b) GUARDIE DI FINANZA - Under two Commands:

(i) PALERMO Legion - Commander Col. BIONDI
(ii) MESSINA Legion - Commander T.Col.MAGLIO (Temp)
GG.FF. are installed in all so-called "industrial" flour-mills with the duty of checking in-coming grain and out-going flour.

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(c) AGENTS of PUBLIC SAFETY - In each province are under the control of the Questore at the Questura. The Questori are subject to direction of High Commissioner thru the Regional Director of Public Safety - Dott. MODICA.

(d) RAILROAD POLICE - These are posted at the principal railway stations and are under direction of Dott. CASTELLANI at PALERMO.

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2. ITALIAN ARMY in SICILY. - Detachments of the Italian military forces are being placed at the disposal of the CC.RR., in certain communes, to strengthen their numbers and for use in grain duties of checking and searching, and in road-blocks.

3. MAIN AGENCY. - The CC.RR. will be the principal police agency concerned with the collection of grain, and on which the other forces, as above, will mainly depend.

4. POLICE CONTROL. - The Police Forces are at the disposition of each Prefect, but must not be employed in a manner which conflicts with the orders of their respective higher commands.

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(a) In addition to normal powers under Italian law and the Ministerial decrees, special powers have been conferred in connection with the grain programme.

(b) The police have been instructed to give special attention to the supervision of farms, warehouses, granaries and mills and to employ every possible measure to restrict and prevent the illegal transport of grain. The supervision of bakeries and the possession of unauthorised ration cards are also matters which are receiving police attention.

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(c) The police have authority to inspect and investigate all administrative measures which are being employed in the grain collection plan and to report any irregularities or deficiencies to the proper authorities.

(d) The CC.RR. have authority to requisition transport of any kind that they require for the performance of their duties in connection with grain collection.

(e) The local CC.RR. commander is a member of the communal and provincial committee and is responsible for reporting any procastination or inefficiency on their part.

(f) The police have been ordered to report any circumstances in which officials or organizations fail to perform their duties or in any way impede the programme.

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(E) Such reports respecting officials and organizations will be made locally to the Prefect as well as direct to the High Commissioner through the chain of command of the reporting service.

All A.C.C. Officers functionning in the field, will report irregularities which come to their notice locally to communal and provincial authorities, and in addition forward copies of all such reports to the Regional Commissioner with any recommendations for his information and action.

Copies of the recent orders issued by General Branca, Comandante VI Brigade CC.RR., are attached hereto for information.

For the Regional Commissioner.

Russel A. Snook,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Copy to : Public Safety Sub Commission, ACC. HQ.

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COMMAND OF THE 6th BRIGADE CARABINIERI REALI

Palermo - 30th June, 1944

Information - Allied Control Commission, Civil Police Section.

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1. The Allied Authorities, the High Commissioner and Prefects are complaining, on good grounds, against the insufficient action on the part of the CC.RR. in connection with the delivery of grain to the public storehouses.

2. I have personally questioned patrolling Carabinieri and have noticed that although they were ordered on a vigilance service of the transportation of grain, they ignored the conditions governing such transportation, and the action to be taken by the Carabinieri in the country and villages concerning grain with-held from the Ammasso.

3. I have personally noticed that the action of the Commanders of the Stations is not energetic, and is affected by the hostility that local authorities and agricolturals feel for the delivery of their grain.

4. Since Italy has been supplied with grain until 4th July, and that after that date the Island shall supply its own people with its own grain, it is obvious that should not the grain be taken into the Ammasso it will not be possible to feed the population, therefore serious disorders and disturbances of public order would be unavoidable in which Carabinieri will be involved with serious consequences.

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6. Municipal Commissions shall function, agriculturalists shall be induced to deliver their grain, injunctions to be followed by searches and arrests; threshing floors to be watched.

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7. Employ informers, send them into the countries in order to discover hiding places chosen by the farmers for their products.

8. Patrolling service, concealments, places of mobile road blocks (not fixed because farmers knowing that one street has been blocked chose another, and if necessary cross fields or hide their products for transportation at better opportunity) shall be executed by continuance, and I repeat, without granting rest to themselves, because the matter has an essential importance, and should the matter of the ammassos fail, we shall, within a short time drift into serious difficulties.

9. The Commander of the Caltanissetta Group shall transfer himself to the coast zone, where the harvest has already taken place, and he shall direct the services. The Commanders of the Groups of Agrigento and Catania shall do the same.

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10. The Commander of other Groups shall bear in mind also that they are held personally responsible for the good functionning of the services, that they personally shall preside and direct without limiting themselves to fleeting and occasional inspections.

11. All the Commanders of Groups are authorized to execute temporary movements of personnel from the zones where the harvest has not yet been started to those where it is taking place, so that it will be possible to concentrate the best effort in the harvest zones.

12. When there is suspicion of stealing, arrests shall be made, and the production confiscated from the same threshing floor.

13. The Commanders of the Groups are authorized to request the cooperation of Army Units (who, through the Command of the 12th Army Corps, shall be dispersed in all the chief places of the Province), of the R. Finance Guards, and of all other police forces, including the groups attached to Regional P.S. sectors.

14. Specially, the Commanders of the Groups of Catania, Agrigento and Caltanissetta (in the territory where a general evasion has already been noticed, assisted by the absence of CC.RR. and by the tacit complicity of local authorities), shall move themselves into action, taking the initiative and placing themselves in a position so as to be able to face any situation, and to modify it according to the interests of the occasion.

15. It must be borne in mind that the Provinces of Messina and Palermo shall supply themselves in the next few days, the former from the Province of Catania, and the latter from

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16. Point out to me at once those Mayors and local authorities who are not giving to the Carabinieri all their impassionate cooperation required in the matter, point out to me eventual inconveniences, propose transfers of Officers, NCOs, and Carabinieri who are not active and zealous: make proposals for the happy attainment of our purposes, but first of all act taking the initiative to provide for the grain to pour into the stores for the supply needed for feeding of the population.

17. The Commandos of the Legions shall readily assent to the requests for reinforcement of and the removal of personnel.

18. I deem now that all my dependents and the Commanders of Groups, particularly, must have understood the very serious responsibility incumbent upon them, and that I am steadly decided to adopt any measure should not the grain gathered in from the lands of the Island go towards the purpose marked by the Allied Authorities and the National Government.

19. Orders and Directions will be issued on the matter with a special ordinance.

(Signed) General A. BRANCA.

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COMMAND OF VI BRIGADE CARABINIERI REALI

FILE : 438/50. Palermo July 22, 1944.

SUBJECT: Granai del Popolo.

TO : All the dependent CC.RR. Groups

and for information

Allied Control Commission - Civil Police Section, PALERMO.
High Commissioner for Sicily, PALERMO.
Command of Legion CC.RR., PALERMO & MESSINA.

At a recent meeting held at Palermo, being present Colonel Hancock, Regional Control Commissioner, Col.Young and other Allied Officers. also the High Commissioner and other personalities concerned in the coordination of duties respecting "Granai del Popolo", it was decided to give to the Commanders of the CC.RR. Stations the following charges :-

1. Checking transportation authorizations issued by U.P.S.E.A. Offices for the transport of grain. Eventual abuses, apart from being communicated in the usual returns, must be reported direct by the Stations to this Brigade which in turn will inform the competent authorities for what action deemed necessary against the Directors of such Offices. Information has been received that there are in circulation authorizations in which the indication of time to transport the grain is made in pencil and not in ink and the quantities of grain to be transported is marked incorrectly. Orders must be given to CC.RR. personnel to immediately seize such quantities in cases where the above irregularities have been ascertained.
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Moreover in order to avoid one authorization being used for other transportations the CC.RR. must sign, putting date and hour in full in ink or copying pencil on the bills already checked, in such a way that these cannot be used again.

2. Checking the regularity of the distribution of ration cards because information shows that ration cards are being used which were issued to people now dead or removed, etc. The Commanders of CC.RR. Stations are authorized to go to the Vital Statistics Office in the Commune or to the Ration Card Office to obtain all necessary information to control the issue.

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3. Checking the functionning of the Communal Committees : The Commanders of CC.RR. Stations have the power -

(a) To order the local responsible authorities to constitute Communal Committees wherever this has not been done,

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(b) To order meetings of such communal committees if they are not held often enough to deal with the number of declarations already forwarded to the competent offices. Consequently the Commanders are authorised:

(c) To examine all declarations forwarded by the producers and take notice of those decisions arrived at by the Communal Committees which they think irregular concerning:

(i) Issuing of Milling Cards,
(ii) Grain detained for the use of families or managements,
(iii) Quantities of cereals to be amassed by every producer.

The Station Commanders must inform the Commanders of Group or this Brigade:

(a) Direct by telegram - if Communal Committees have not been appointed or if meetings are not being held,

(b) by letter - all irregularities as above stated.

4. Officers must continuously check the action taken by the dependent NCOs, and to this end until further order, at least twice monthly they must visit the Communes of their jurisdiction to ascertain whether the Station Commanders are fully aware of their duties, noting unfavorable results in the collection of grain forwarding this information together with their recommendations.

5. The Commanders of Groups, who in their turn are responsible for the happy results of the drive in the respective provinces, must be in a position to know:

(a) The activity of each officer and Station Commander,

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(a) The activity of each officer and Station Commander,

(b) The results progressively attained, in such a way as to eliminate those who are proved unfit and report both to Prefects and to this Brigade all deficiences which must be readily obviated.

In conclusion the CC.RR. Officers and Station Commanders have been entrusted with the protection of the interests of the Nation and of the Italian people in connection with the collection of grain.

I am fully confident in the action of directing, coordinating and controlling taken by the Commanders of Groups.

This directive must be sent by express messenger to all CC.RR. Stations.

THE GENERAL COMMANDING

- Amedeo Branca -

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 594

12 July 1944

Instructions to officers detailed for intensification and maximization of wheat collection

1. Contact in Communes

a. At the Municipio: Mayor and Communal Secretary (Mayor is honorary, C.S. is a Civil Servant)

b. At CC.RR. Station: Station Commander Carabinieri who is a Member of the Communal Agricultural Committee.

c. UPSEA officer may have separate office or be accomodated at the Municipio.

d. Consorzio Agrario representative in charge of granary.

2. UPSEA officer should be requested to

a. Give details of number of farms under his jurisdiction and of the estimated total crop of wheat and barley.

b. Check number of declarations made to date and initiate action through CC.RR. against farmers who have failed to comply with the regulations.
Final notice to be served that legal action will be taken if declaration not completed within 3 days.
Ascertain from UPSEA officer whether all necessary forms are now available for dealing with deliveries of wheat and barley to Consorzio Agrario warehouses.

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a. How often Communal Agriculture Committee has met to date and how many declarations have been dealt with. When nothing has been done see that a meeting is called making CC.RR. responsible that all members attend.
Insist that meetings continue to be convened at least bi-weekly during harvesting and that all declarations are checked so that total quota of wheat and barley to be turned into the granaries can be definitely assessed.

b. It will be necessary to check declarations against previous year's figures and for committees to examine deficiencies.

c. Committees will have to name dates between which farmers will turn in their quotas.

4. Excuses may be made that declarations have been forwarded to the Provincial Agricultural Committees direct. Even if this is the case, which is open to doubt, it does not exempt the farmer from making a declaration to the Communal Agricultural Committee.

5. Local UPSEA officials are failing in their duty if their records are not complete. They should submit progress reports to their Provincial Offices at frequent intervals with copies to Provincial Agriculture Inspector.

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6. Transport check

a. Find out what facilities CC.RR. have of operating road blocks and checking transport of wheat and barley.

b. Submit recommendations when found to be insufficient.

7. Local committees must shoulder their responsibilities and be prepared to request force and the application of the law in all instances of apparent evasion.
A.C.C. officers will initiate any action they consider necessary to achieve this end.

8. The wheat target for Sicily is 3.500,000 quintals to feed the population for a year at the rate of 300 grs per head per day. (200 grs bread daily, plus 550 grs. pasta weekly). This commitment requires almost 900 tons (9,000 quintals) of wheat daily. During the harvesting season, which normally ends about 15 Sept, deliveries to the warehouses should total at least 4,000 tons (40,000 quintals) daily.
Find out what should be total quota due in each commune you visit. This is the target figure.

9. Look out for the middleman speculator and bring him to justice without compunction.

10. Ration Cards

a. It is estimated that in round figures, 3,000,000 non-producer ration cards are issued in Sicily. The issuing authority in each province is the Sezione Provinciale dell'Alimentazione ("SEPRAL") of which the Prefect is the Chairman.

b. Although instructions have been issued by the High Commissioner to Prefects to check the ration card holders in the communes, it is not certain that such a check has in fact been effectively and efficiently carried out.

c. Officers will therefore inspect communal ration card offices and obtain from the Mayor a written declaration of the official number of ration card holders. Each commune has an Ufficio Anagrafe or Registry office which, if up to date, should have an exact figure of local residents. This figure should

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C.N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

REGION 2. HEADQUARTERS

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Your ref _____ OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL POLICE OFFICER

My ref PS/19

Subject Grain Seizures By CC.RR. 31 July 1944

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, ACC., APO 394.

Forwarded herewith for your information are copies of a letter received from Colonel Tuccari, Commander, Karl Legion, CC.RR and my reply thereto.

Lloyd E. Kelly, Lt. Col.

For JOHN T. BELLARS.
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

29 July 1944

TO: Lt. Col. Francesco Tuccari, Commanding Officer,
Bari Legion, CC.RR.

Dear Colonel Tuccari,

Many thanks for your letter of July 27th, regarding grain seizures by the Carabinieri of your Legion. A copy of your letter is being forwarded to the Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ., A.C.C., for his information.

Personally and officially I think it is splendid vigilance and fine evidence that you Italian people are getting your own "administrative teams in harness."

Yours Truly

JOHN T. ZELLARS.
Col. Inf.
Regional Commissioner.

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FROM : Carabinieri, Bari

27 July 44

SUBJECT : Failure to deliver grain to the granaries of the people.

TO : Col. Zellars, R.C., Region 2, Bari

During the past week the following amounts of grain has been seized by the groups depending upon us :

MATERA Group	377.25	q/ls
TARANTO "	197.72	"
LECCE "	55.03	"
BRINDISI "	42.35	"
BARI "	13.35	"

(Sgd) FRANCESCO TUCCARI, It.Col.
Commanding Officer

ALLIED SECTION (G-5 DIVISION)
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REPORT. No. 5. (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

July 26th, 1943.

FILE - No. RPS/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner.
ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Colonel A. ZUNG.
Economics & Supplies. (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

The denouncements of violators and confiscation of grain continue. Det reports from Agricultural Division indicate that amount of grain being amassed is increasing.

(2) Police activities.

(a) SEIZED.

(from July 16 to July 24)

CARABINIERI

		(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	Kg.	11099	532	1120	387	2163
TRAPANI	"	16102	-	522	-	154
CARABINIERI		3558	263	453	75	800

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(2) Police activities.

(a) SEIZED.

(from July 15 to July 21)

CARABINIERI

		(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	Kg.	11099	502	1120	387	2163
TRAPANI	"	16153	-	522	-	154
CALTANISSETTA	"	9592	263	483	75	800
AGRIGENTO	"	45611	4353	455	402	34
MESSINA	"	2811	-	-	-	7413
CATANIA	"	22742	3059	481	54	1778
RAGUSA	"	5597	-	204	19	22
SIRACUSA	"	47557	2831	-	-	52
ENNA	"	16734	314	469	18	909
TOTALS	Kg.	177831	Kg.11332	Kg.3745	Kg.955	Kg.12925

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(from July 16 to July 22)

Palermo Ispica Guardia di Finanza

	(Grain	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	Kg. 4367	3317	95	167	394

(from July 16 to July 22)

Railway Police

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	Kg. 6133	-	1237	420	306

(b) Persons denounced and arrested.

(from July 16 to July 22)

CARABINIERI

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	15	23	27	25	-
TRAPANI	6	8	2	3	-
CALTANISSETTA	6	66	-	3	-
AGRIGENTO	1	108	2	2	1
ENNA	-	9	9	-	-
CATANIA					

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CARABINIERI

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	15	93	27	25	-
TRAPANI	8	8	2	3	-
CALTANISSETTA	6	66	-	3	-
AGRIGENTO	1	128	2	2	1
MESSINA	-	9	9	-	-
CATANIA	19	134	10	7	-
RAGUSA	2	19	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	6	5	-	-	-
ENNA	11	54	3	1	-
TOTALS	68	516	53	41	1

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(from July 1 to July 2)

Interno Ignazio Questura di Palermo.

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	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	8	42	6	10	-

(from July 16 to July 22)

Railway Police.

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	77	-	-	-	-

(c) Totals of confiscations since start of campaign up to 22/7/1944

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
CARABINIERI	Kg. 443858	22741	10644	4542	23065
GUARDIA FINANZA (Legion Palermo)	20735	7057	1759	1382	1508
RAILWAY POLICE "	7817	-	4199	675	395
TOTALS	Kg. 471410	29798	16602	6499	25049

(d) Totals of persons denounced and arrested since start of campaign up to 22/7/1944.

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	211	1805	104	73	5
GUARDIA FINANZA					

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GUARDIA FINANZA (Legion Palermo)	20735	7057	1759	1282	1588
RAILWAY POLICE	" 7817	-	4199	679	395
TOTALS	Rs.471410	3798	15502	6499	25049

(d) Totals of persons denounced and arrested since start of campaign up to 27/7/1944.

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
CARABINIERI	211	1803	104	73	5
GUARDIA FINANZA (Legion Palermo)	45	85	27	13	-
RAILWAY POLICE	37	104	37	-	62
TOTALS	293	1994	168	86	67

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(e) Reports on officials and organisations not functioning

(See attached Annex A)

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(3) Coordination of police activities.

(a) In addition to the powers conferred by Ministerial decree the High Commissioner has given the police power

(1) To requisition transportation;

(2) To examine all administrative records.

(b) The police have been ordered to force the functioning of committees and executive officials (UPSHA etc.) and make reports on delinquencies.

(c) All civil police forces are included - Agents of Public Security - Railroad police. The G.N.R. and M.V.P. are actually military but are considered part of the Police. Arrangements have been made with the military command for greater decentralization and closer support by the Viet-Nam troops. They may now be disposed in groups no smaller than 1/2 squad at G.N.R. stations (including Garrisons before Frenchs) and employed as directed by the local U.S.A. Commander.

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ANNEX "A"

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TRANSLATED SUMMARY OF REPORTS
SUBMITTED BY GEN. BRANCA

A L I A

Nothing has been done by Communal Administration to persuade people to bring in the grain. Lack of interest from the Mayor, who is a proprietor. He finds excuses saying that the secretary is often away without permission on his own business. Producers take advantage stating they will not ammass. Few agricultural meetings. Nothing arranged.

Necessary to appoint a "Commissario Prefettizio" or to send a Consorzio Official.

A L I M I N U S A

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Necessary to change "Commissario Prefettizio" Chief of U.P.S.E.A. and all members of committee. Necessary a visit by a Consorzio Inspector.

C A L T A V U T U R O

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C A L T A V U T U R O

Committee is functioning but is not efficient. It is anticipated that few agriculturists will bring in the grain. The warehouse keeper stays always in Palermo, therefore it is impossible to deliver the grain already seized or to be seized by CC.RR.

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C E R D A

The Mayor, the committee and U.P.S.E.A. are entirely inactive. "Ufficio Accertamenti" is not functioning, personnel unfit. Control is impossible.

Necessary to ascertain responsibilities and denounce in state of arrest.

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S C I A R A

We are informed that the Chief Priest D'AZARO Francesco a member of the Communal Committee, of Sciara does not make any propaganda for the success of "Granai del Popolo". Moreover information shows that he is hostile to the grain campaign to the point, that he, in his quality as manager of Prince Notarbartolo of Sciara's lands, obtains from the various tenants L. 18 for every Kg. of grain as yearly rent, which is contrary to enforced disposition.

For what action is deemed necessary.

M A R I N E O

The agriculturists of Marineo are complaining that up to date they haven't got any money for grain ammassed in 1943.

This could be detrimental to success of "Granai".

Necessary to pay out as soon as possible.

A L I A

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In consequence of his behaviour it is maintained that further presence of Lawyer TUMMINELLI, in his post is detrimental to the work of Communal committee. 2795

C O R L E O N E

The local Mayor SCHILLACI Vincenzo, owing to his limited professional capacity being half illetterate and also being physically not quite fit, cannot carry out successfully his duties. Moreover he lacks initiative, quickness, authority and is not an organizer. Therefore he is not recommended for the good functioning of the Committee.

C A C C A M O

For what action is deemed necessary we inform you that the Chief of Zone for the U.P.S.E.A., Caccamo, owing to his

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old age is not fit for the numerous duties of that Commune.

Necessary to substitute him with a more active person.

R A G U S A

This morning at Ragusa the local Judge imposed sentences against some violators of Ammassi Regulations. Soon after, four lawyers, left the hall as a sign of protest. Ministry of Interior & of Crance and Justice have been fully informed.

C E R D A

DI FELICE Giuseppe fu Felice, the warehouse keeper of "Granai del Popolo" Cerda, having been invited to withdraw the grain seized by CC.RR. stated that it was impossible for him to do so as he has not got the necessary means of transport. He also said that he cannot advance any money as he is not authorized by Consorzio.
This is detrimental to CC.RR. duties inasmuch that they are forced to encharge other people to take custody of the grain sequestered in the future.

Necessary and urgent to issue precise order to the warehouse keeper to avoid such inconvenience.

A L T O F O N T E

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This information is forwarded for what action is deemed necessary regarding Prof. TRAPANI, other responsible persons have been charged according to the law.

G A N C I

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The Mayor of Ganci communicated to the local Commander of CC.RR. Station that he had handed in his resignation to the Prefect for family reasons. People say that he did so, not for the reason stated, but owing to the difficulties of that Commune which lacks the means of transport and communication for the supplying the population, and also for the work he should do respecting "Granai del Popolo".

The example of the Mayor which does not fit the exigencies of the moment, was followed by the members of the Council. The members of the committee take advantage of this

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critical situation and do not participate in the meetings, not for family reasons stated but because being big producers they could not omit to bring the grain to the Ammass, whilst still members of the Committee.
Dispositions have been issued by CC.RR. for energetic action to be taken against those who attempt to subtract grain from Ammassi. The warehouse keeper was warned to keep at his post whilst awaiting the decision of superior authority.
Enquiries will be made to detect eventual saboteurs.

Necessary and urgent, to take rigorous action, sending a "Commissario Prefettizio" and appointing a new committee which is more trustworthy. This zone is very important.

R A G U S A

Officials and personnel of Vittoria Railway Station and travelling personnel, do not take any interest regarding the trains leaving for Ragusa, Ispica and Noto, on which important loads of grain are carried.
Such lack of interest is akin to resenting and detrimental to the interests of the State Railway, causing numerous interventions by CC.RR., who although seizing grain, cannot succeed to detect the owners of the sacks placed on the roofs of the cars.

Necessary to inform whomever it concerns in order to avoid such grave inconvenience.

S. C R I S T I N A G E L A

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It is clear that such authorizations enable people to escape control. Herewith copy of authorization referred to above:-

UFFICIO COMUNALE STATISTICO ECONOMICO
DELL'AGRICOLTURA.

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S. CRISTINA

Referring to declaration respecting threshing dated 12/7/44.
There is no objection on the part of this office to the Agriculturist, CHINNICI Luigi Antonino, transporting from the threshing site - Pianetto - to his own warehouse situated at S. Cristina

Qls.....of grain and Qls.....of barley in the days.....of the month.

Date 18/7/1944.

THE COMMUNAL CAPO UFFICIO
/s/ Illegible.

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"The u/m are sabotaging "Granai del Popolo":-

1. Lawyer CIPOLLA Mario fu Leonardo e fu Di Marco Rosalia born in Palermo on 28/1/1892, living therein & Caltavuturo, a big land owner.

2. CULLO Antonino di Giuseppe e di Gallegra Anna, born in Termini Imerese on 24/10/1906, living at Caltavuturo, a big land owner.

3. Baron PUCCI Giulio fu Antonino e fu Milano Antonina, born at Caltavuturo on 1/10/1888, living at Caltanissetta & Caltavuturo.

Necessary to ascertain responsibility by getting proofs, in case of proved offence, denounce them before the judicial authority.

No committee for "Granai" have been appointed in the above listed Communes:-

Cefalù
Lascari
Campofelice
Gratteri
Petralia Soprana
Gereci Siculo
Polizzi Generosa
Ganci
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COMMAND OF THE REGIA GUARDIA DI FINANZA LIBERATED ITALY

ORDER N.5

N.48-11534 - Div.Serv.- Granai del Popolo.

A Legislative provision is about to be elaborated which increases ~~embitters~~ the penalties fixed by the Law Decree 22/4/43 N.245 on behalf of those who, nevertheless steal grain from the Ammasso disposed of by the Law-Decree 10/5/43 N.397, and confirmed by D.M. 2/5/44 - Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Such provisions explicitly explain that the State organs intend to inflexibly stop any sort of escape from the Ammasso: insomuch as being ~~noxious~~ to the solution of the problem of Alimentation of the people.

Referring to sheets N.8965 AND 9973, respectively dated 5 &20 June 44, I have ordered the necessary directives for such controlling, which is a matter entirely for the Finance Guards, ~~aware of the~~ I am sure that all the guards, aware of the responsibility which is due to them in this important and delicate part of the National Economy, will feel it their duty to intensify, to their maximum, the preventive and repressive action of any infraction of the dispositions which regulate the discipline of the Ammasso.

Let the Legion Commanders give out strict directives controlling them, having the execution of such also controlled.

At the end of the grain campaign in course, they shall report to me the divisions which have mostly aided in the vigilance, stating the names of the guards who have distinguished themselves in ability, and results obtained.

Translation 24/7/44
amc/

COMANDO REGIA GUARDIA DI FINANZA DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA

FOGLIO D'ORDINI N. 5

Distribuzione a tutti i comandi dipendenti fino a quelli di brigata inclusi.

Salerno, 1 luglio 1944

N. 48-11531 - Div. Serv. - Granai del Popolo.

E' in corso d'elaborazione un provvedimento legislativo che inasprisce le pene stabilite dal R. decreto-legge 22-4-1943, n. 245 a carico di coloro che comunque sottraggano grano all'ammasso disposto dal R. decreto-legge 10-5-1943, n. 397, e confermato con D. M. 2-5-1944 del Ministero dell'Agricoltura e Foreste.

Tale provvedimento spiega implicitamente che gli organi dello Stato intendono stroncare inflessibilmente qualsiasi forma di evasione all'ammasso, in quanto nociva alla soluzione del problema dell'alimentazione del popolo.

Coi fogli n. 8965 e 9973, rispettivamente in data 5 e 20 giugno c. a., ho impartito le necessarie direttive per l'azione di controllo che spetta alla Regia Guardia di Finanza. Sono sicuro che tutti i militari del Corpo, consci della responsabilità che loro incombe in questo delicato importante settore dell'economia nazionale sentiranno il dovere d'intensificare al massimo l'azione di prevenzione e di repressione di qualsiasi infrazione alle disposizioni che regolano la disciplina dell'ammasso.

I Comandanti di Legione impartiscano rigorose direttive e ne controllino e facciano controllare la esecuzione.

Al termine della campagna granaria in corso mi segnaleranno i reparti che maggiormente hanno concorso nella vigilanza, comunicando altresì i nomi dei militari che si sono distinti per attività e per risultati conseguiti.

N. 49-11604 - Div. Serv. - Incidenti di servizio.

E' avvenuto di recente, in una località della Sicilia, che un appuntato dei RR. CC. e un carabiniere, nell'intimare il fermo a un autocarro carico di stoffe provenienti da furto, venivano aggrediti da otto malfattori che si trovavano a bordo: l'appuntato rimaneva ucciso sul colpo ed il carabiniere ferito gravemente.

Poco dopo, una pattuglia di finanzieri al comando di un sottufficiale s'imbatteva nello stesso automezzo e ne intimava il fermo, senza però conseguire scopo alcuno, in quanto entrambi i militari, non avendo potuto fare uso delle armi, erano aggrediti a loro volta, e nella violenta colluttazione che ne seguì, riportavano ferite multiple guaribili entro 15 giorni.

I malfattori riuscivano anche questa volta a dileguarsi. Solo più tardi l'automezzo e la refurtiva venivano sequestrati e parte degli aggressori identificati ed arrestati per opera dell'Arma dei Carabinieri.

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La pattuglia della Regia Guardia di Finanza ha subito gli effetti della sorpresa perchè:

— o non aveva le armi cariche;
— o non aveva adottato le misure precauzionali regolamentari (militari scaglionati a distanza di 50 – 100 metri).

In ogni modo, la sorpresa dimostra la leggerezza con la quale si compie il servizio di perlustrazione, servizio delicato, importante, spesso anche pericoloso.

I militari della pattuglia sono stati feriti e possono attribuire a grande fortuna di non aver seguito la stessa sorte della pattuglia dell'Arma. Sono stati anche puniti per leggerezza in servizio e per azione poco efficace.

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Serva il fatto di avvertimento e ammonimento a tutti: in servizio, oggi, nella situazione attuale, di fronte a delinquenti bene armati che non esitano ad adoperare le armi, è assolutamente necessario aprire bene gli occhi, essere sempre vigili e diffidenti, sempre pronti a rispondere all'offesa con azione decisa ed efficace.

N. 50-11535 - Div. Pers. - Onorificenze e ricompense degli Stati Alleati.

Il Ministero della Guerra, con circolare n. 527/8.1-2 dell'8 giugno u. s. comunica:

" I militari, i militarizzati ed assimilati già regolarmente insigniti di onorificenze e ricompense degli Stati Alleati sono autorizzati a fregiarsene in modo permanente.

Quelli di cui sopra che saranno insigniti di tali decorazioni dopo la pubblicazione della presente circolare, potranno fregiarsene senza attendere la preventiva autorizzazione Sovrana; essi, però, dovranno trasmettere nel contempo, tramite gerarchico e con le modalità di cui alla disposizione n. 50 del fascicolo 9° - parte 1ª - " Raccolta di disposizioni permanenti in vigore per il R. Esercito ", la prescritta domanda corredata da un documento autentico che faccia fede della concessione stessa, per ottenere l'ora detta autorizzazione Sovrana e l'iscrizione sulle carte personali ".

N. 51-11605 - Div. Serv. - Assegnazione alla P. T. I.

I seguenti militari con decorrenza a fianco di ciascuno indicata sono stati assegnati definitivamente al contingente della P. T. I.:

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N. 52-11053 - Uff. Militare - Denominazione dei Comandi Militari.

Lo Stato Maggiore del R. Esercito con circolare n. 4550|Ord. del 27 giugno 1944 comunica che, a decorrere dal 15 corrente mese, i seguenti enti assumeranno la denominazione a fianco di ciascuno segnata:

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- XIII " " " " " Sardegna
- XXXI " " " " " Calabria
- C/do FF. AA. Campania " " " Campania

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(PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE - No. RPS/014.1. July 13th, 1944.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - ACC Public Safety Sub-Commission.

10B 8A/19 Ref.

(1) The general plan for the coordination of police activities in the collection of grain is attached hereto.

(2) Col. A.E. YOUNG and Capt. GALE of A.C.C. HQ. with Maj. A. ZANCHINO of the CC.RR. have been sent to the Region. The Colonel will specialize on the collection of grain under direction of the Regional Commissioner, but in respect to the Public Safety problem and the general coordination of the police and military agencies will collaborate with the R.P.S.O.

(3) The following records which elaborate the general plan are enclosed herewith for information.-

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Situation Report 1 and 2 10D
Orders XII Corps ~~10 D(1)~~ 10G
Orders CC.RR. VI Brigade 10E 10F
Directive from Director Pubblica Sicurezza ~~and~~ Questori.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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July 8th, 1944.

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REINFORCEMENT PLAN

GUARDIA DEL POPOLO

(1). Objective.

To enforce : Ministerial decrees.

Orders H.C.

Prefectural Orders.

Local Orders.

(2). Forces Available - Control and Disposition.

(a) All forces to be employed at request of H.C.

(b) CC.RR. Normal Command VI Brigade.

(c) A.F.S. Control of Questori subject to direction from Central Directorate and 13 Interprovincial Offices.

(d) Guardia di Finanza - Palermo and Messina Legions.

(e) Railroad police - Central Command.

(f) Military forces, Command XII Corps -- Employment decentralized in provinces on direct call of CC.RR.

(g) All of the foregoing forces in the province are subject to call by the Prefect, if and when his directions do not conflict with orders in the respective services which have come from Regional level.

(h) Guardia Municipale - under local command.

(3). Liaison by A.C.C.

(a) The liaison with all police and military agencies will be maintained by the A.F.S.C.

(b) The responsibility will remain with the Italian officials - control exercised will be indirect through advice and constant contact. Officials not performing their

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duties will be immediately reported to the proper command.

(c) Contact will be maintained with the various police and military services by means of personal contact and liaison officers.

(4). Coordination A.C.C.

R.P.S.S.O. will keep a running account of police activities and furnish information to the Legal Officer - Contact between these offices will be maintained direct.

Economics and Supply Division will furnish daily reports of amounts of grain collected.

The R.P.S.S.O. will furnish the R.C. and/or E.O. written current reports periodically and make such personal reports as may be necessary.

All reports from the field will be furnished to the P.S. Division through the E.O.

All important changes of policy will be reported to the R.P.S.S.O.

(5). Method to be used by police.

(a) Local plans for the collection will be coordinated by local officials. The police will in all cases be coordination with these offices and officials - Communal committees U.P.S.R.K., etc.

(b) Police have been ordered to report on agencies or officials who fail to cooperate or shirk in duties.

(c) Patrols, fixed and mobile, road blocks, searches and fixed guards will be employed in the country, on the highways at command, mills, bakers, ports, railroads.

(d) Arrest of violators and confiscation of grain are instructions to be employed. Cases to be expeditiously turned over for trial.

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(e) Particular attention will be given to the investigation of speculators.

(6). Records.

R.P.S.O. shall be responsible for procuring reports from the military and police agencies.

The reports submitted to the R.C. will be in accordance with attached Annex No.1.

Daniel A. Sinn,
Lt.Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

Discussed with and verbally approved by the Regional Commissioner July 9th, 1944.

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Annex No.1.

REPORT POLICE ACTIVITIES

" GRANAI DEL POPOLO "

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Period of Report :

(1). General Situation.

State of resistande. General and specific areas, propaganda for and against;matters having a bearing on the situation. When the situation has been included in the Report it will not be repeated unless must be emphasized. Latest changes and current situation in brief.

(2). Grain received.

Figures - Economics and Supply.

(3). Police Activities.

No.Confiscations To date

Amount Confiscated To date

Persons Arrested To date

Failure to announce

Transportation

Buying grain or

Theft.

(4). Disturbances.

Location size nature result.

(5). Police and Military Agencies.

Material information respecting.

(6). Recommendations.

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SICILIAN REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 324
(Public Safety Division)

REPORT - No. 1 July 11th, 1944.

FILE-No. RPS/014.1

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - Regional Commissioner
Colonel A. Young
Economics and Supplies (Agricultural Section.)
Regional Legal Officer.

A telephone report has been received from Capt. MCNIM on the grain situation in the Province of Agrigento for the approximate period June 26 to July 8).-

(1) No change in the general attitude of the people.

(2) Grain brought to amnassi as of July 8 - 9886 quintals.

(3) Police activities.

(a) Seizures.

For illegal transportation

630 quintals grain
14 quintals flour
7 quintals pasta

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(c) Train Stopped and Searched.

3 quintals of grain confiscated

(4) There were no disturbances during the period.

(5) Police Activities are coordinated and all police are working satisfactorily.

(6) Some misunderstanding on the part of the military forces is reported. Matters are being taken up immediately with military and police authorities.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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REPORT No.2 (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE - No.RPS/014.1. July 13th, 1944.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - ACC., Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Regional Commissioner, Reg. I
Colonel A. YOUNG
Economics & Supplies (Agricultural Section)
Regional Legal Officer

(1) General Situation.

The resistance to the collection of grain continues. The resistance is based primarily on the economic system - a general complaint against the price. But it is questionable whether even an increase in price would break the resistance. The background of centuries of domination followed by 2o years of Fascism, the presence of German troops, a general suspicion of any or all governments, a low level of education, confidence in tangible physical things only, an uncanny skill and adroitness in evading the law and in particular in hiding things, the wide gap between classes - the small group of wealthy land owners on the one hand and the oppressed peasants on the other - the lack of industries as a result of which in centers of population a large proportion of people seek money without labor.

The granting of freedoms has developed a political situation which is confused. To date none of the parties have gained great strength. But as respects law and order there are cross currents of discontent which may be exploited by force.

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And anticipated peak of crime was reached following the invasion - former restrictions on criminals had been lifted, police forces had been broken, arms had been scattered around the countryside - in short the organized government that did exist had collapsed. Reorganization of the police on an island wide basis brought a decline in the crime rate. Since the turnover there has been some further reduction. But the Italian central government has not yet shown strong support of the police. The police still lack physical means and continue by voluntary effort rather than strong support.

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The economic base would not appear sound. Some items are controlled - grain etc. - and controlled by the same despised Fascist

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On this background is based the present program to collect grain. The situation is fraught with possibilities of threats to public order. But no estimate as to trends can now be made.

These facts are clear,-

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the police agencies are now committed to such a course.

(b) the force now available is not sufficient.

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3. Police activities.

From CC.RR. sources for the period ending July 1, 1944,-

GROUP	Grain confiscated		Persons arrested	Persons denounced
	Quintals	Kilograms		
Int. Palermo	22	41	4	6
Ext. Palermo	3	63	-	2

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GROUP	Grain confiscated Quintals	Kilograms	Persons arrested	Persons denounced
Trapani	38	04	2	27
Agrigento	741	10	26	255
Caltanissetta	23	02	5	4
Int. Messina	-	-	-	-
Ext. Messina	5	65	-	-
Catania	400	44	29	342
Siracusa	35	-	12	15
Ragusa	123	-	1	80
Enna	25	33	15	14
Totals	1415	262	94	665

(4) The police forces are coordinated but have not yet reached maximum effort - this is largely dependent on efficient functioning of the committee where passive resistance is still found, and the means of transport.

(5) The special problem of the grain will be handled by Colonel YOUNG in collaboration with the general public safety problem. Reports respecting the public safety ~~officer~~ problem will emanate from the office of the R.P.S.O.

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Questure

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Ragusa	67	7
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Palermo Legion

Circolo, Palermo	451
" Trapani	297
" Agrigento	217
Compagnia Comando, Palermo	61
Automobile Section, Palermo	12

Messina Legion

Compagnia Comando, Messina	66
Circolo, Messina	440
" Catania	342
" Siracusa	326

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ANNEX I (cont'd)

SPECIAL CORPS OF RAILWAY POLICE

STATION	STRENGTH
Palermo Centrale	84
Palermo-Chiovara	30
Palermo-Lolli	31
Palermo-Brancaccio	16
Catania Centrale	56
Catania Acquicella	21
Termini Imerese	10
Roccapalumba	7
Alcamo Diramazione	7
Trapani	18
Palermo Marittima	8
Caltanissetta	36
S. Agata Militello	8
Messina	53
Porto Empedocle	7
Licata	12
Palermo-S. Erasmo	19
Agrigento	6
Partinico	9
Enna	7
Siracusa	6
Canicattì	5
TOTAL	456

MILITARY AUTHORITIES

XII Corpo d'Armata

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Licata	12
Palermo-S. Erasmo	19
Agrigento	8
Pertinico	9
Enna	7
Siracusa	6
Caniccattì	5
TOTAL	456

MILITARY AUTHORITIES

XII Corpo d'Armata

Palermo	46th Inf. Regt.....	600
Messina	II bn. 45 Inf. Regt.....	300
Catania	45th Inf. Regt.....	700
Siracusa	II gp. 16th Art. Regt. and 1 co. III bn. 45th Inf.....	400
Enna	1 co. 130 Eng. bn.....	100
Caltanissetta	III gren. 16th Art. Regt.....	350
Agrigento	XXX bn. mortar.....	350
Trapani	I ren. 16th Art. Regt.....	200
Ragusa	330 bty. 20 m/m.....	25

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VI BRIGATA CC. RR.

GROUP	Effective Strength	Strength Employed (Grain)
Group Int. Palermo	920	96
" Ext. Palermo	635	300
" Trapani	570	296
" Agrigento	699	343
" Caltanissetta	439	321
" Int. Messina	752	396
" Ext. Messina	466	309
" Catania	829	572
" Siracusa	368	242
" Ragusa	284	132
" Enna	374	152
Totali	6356	3159

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Command of the 5th Brigade Carabinieri Reali.

Bologna - 10th June, 1944.

Information - Allied Control Commission, Civil Police Section.

1. The Allied Authorities, the High Commissioner and Prefects are complaining, on good grounds, against the insufficient action on the part of the C.C.R. in connection with the delivery of grain to the public storehouses.

2. I have personally questioned patrolling Carabinieri and have noticed that although they were ordered on a vigilance service of the transportation of grain, they ignored the conditions governing such transportation, and the action to be taken by the Carabinieri in the country and villages concerning grain with-holds from the Ammasso.

3. I have personally noticed that the action of the Commanders of the Stations is not energetic, and is effected by the hostility that local authorities and agriculturists feel for the delivery of their grain.

4. Since Italy has been supplied with grain until 4th July, and that after that date the Inland shall supply its own people with its own grain, it is obvious that should not the grain be taken into the storehouse it will not be possible to feed the population, therefore serious disorders and disturbances of public order would be unavoidable in which Carabinieri will be involved with serious consequences.

5. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO WHAT I HAVE ALREADY ORDERED, OFFICERS, NCOs AND CARABINIERI SHALL CONSIDER THEMSELVES MOBILIZED UNTIL FURTHER ORDER FOR THE EXECUTION OF PERTINENT SERVICES, WHICH SHALL HAVE PRIORITY OVER ALL THE OTHER SERVICES AND SHALL BE EXECUTED EVEN BY THE OFFICERS WITHOUT ALLOWING THEMSELVES BUT THE SHORTEST HOUR.

6. Municipal Commissions shall function, agriculturalists shall be induced to deliver their grain, injunctions to be followed by searches and arrests; threshing floors to be watched.

7. Employ informers, send them into the countries in order to discover hiding places chosen by the farmers for their

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8. Patrolling services, concealments, places of mobile road blocks (not fixed because farmers knowing that one street has been blocked chose another, and if necessary close fields and hide their products for transportation at better opportunity) shall be executed by continuance, and I repeat, without granting rest to themselves, because the matter has an essential importance, and should the matter of the ammasse fail, we shall, within a short time drift into serious difficulties.

9. The Commander of the Caltanissetta Group shall

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transfer himself to the coat zone, where the harvest has already taken place, and he shall direct the services. The Commanders of the Groups of Agrigento and Catania shall do the same.

10. The Commanders of other Groups shall bear in mind also that they are held personally responsible for the good functioning of the services, that they personally shall preside and direct without limiting themselves to fleeting and occasional inspections.

11. All the Commanders of Groups are authorized to execute temporary movements of personnel from the zones where the harvest has not yet been started to those where it is taking place, so that it will be possible to concentrate the best effort in the harvest zones.

12. When there is suspicion of stealing, arrests shall be made, and the production confiscated from the same threshing floor

13. The Commanders of the Groups are authorised to request the cooperation of Army Units (who, through the Command of the 12th Army Corps, shall be dispersed in all the chief places of the Province), of the R. Finance Guards, and of all other police forces, including the groups attached to Regional P.S. sectors.

14. Specially, the Commanders of the Groups of Catania, Agrigento and Caltanissetta (in the territory where a general evasion has already been noticed, assisted by the absence of C.C.R.R. and by the tacit complicity of local authorities), shall move themselves into action, taking the initiative and placing themselves in a position so as to be able to face any situation, and to modify it according to the interests of the Alliance.

15. It must be borne in mind that the provinces of Messina and Palermo shall supply themselves in the next few days, the former from the province of Catania, and the latter from the provinces of Agrigento, Enna and Caltanissetta.

16. Point out to me at once those Mayors and local authorities who are not giving to the Carabinieri all their impassionate cooperation required in the matter, point out to me eventual inconveniences, propose transfers of officers, NCOs, and Carabinieri who are not active and zealous: make proposals for

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17. The Commands of the Legions shall readily assent to the requests for reinforcement of and the removal of personnel.

18. I deem now that all my dependants and the Commanders of Groups, particularly, must have understood the very serious responsibility incumbent upon them, and that I am steadily decided to adopt any measure should not the grain gathered in from the lands of the Island go towards the purpose agreed by the Allied Authorities and the National Government.

19. Orders and directions will be issued on the matter with a special Ordinance.

Gen. Amedeo Mannca.

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ROYAL CARABINIERI COMMAND OF THE 6 BRIGADE

File No.438/8 Palermo, 14th June 1944.

The Commands of the Territorial Legions of R.C.C.
Group Commands of CC/RR. of the Inland.

Attached hereto Circular No. 4132 dated 6th June 1944 from the High Commissary for Sicily, I beg you, in agreement with other interested authorities, to take steps for the evacuation of the services requested which must be promptly carried out.

The success of the grain stock for the people depends largely upon the permanentness actions, preventive and repressive services that will be performed locally by the Commands of the Carabinieri, who must dedicate themselves to this work with particular diligence so as to obtain that the grain flows to the warehouses (ammassi).

Beginning 16th July the group commands will forward to me weekly reports in conformity with the attached forms.

The group commands, the direct officers, are obliged during the harvest season, to verify the activities performed by the dependent sub-officers, exercise suddenly and frequently control of the services disposed in this matter.

The commanders of the legion, on their part, will exercise high vigilance on the general execution of the services and are constantly informed of the results obtained and look into the reason if results eventually are scarce or deficient.

All those that prove to be incapable, lazy, careless or they show themselves not perfect convinced of the absolute necessity that the Arm, also in this agrarian campaign, must give proof of its vitality, usefulness, and the perfect efficiency of the services that are instructed, must be eliminated from the command posts.

The Commanding General of the Brigade

(Amedeo Branca).

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Regional Directorate of Public Security
of Sicily. PALERMO.

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24/6/44.

SUBJECT : Grain Ammasso.

I have already called your attention to my letter dated 14th Inst, on the circular of 6/6/44, N°. 4232 issued by the High Commissioner for Sicily, regarding the obligation of the delivery of grain, production 1944 - 1945 to "People's Barns".

It is my opinion that it is not necessary to dwell on the explanations concerning the finality of the directions issued according to which everyone is under the moral obligation to co-operate in order to attain that success, which is absolutely imperious particularly at this delicate hour.

This Directorate is well acquainted with the difficulties of various order, which interfere in the integral execution of an organic plan of service, first of all, the opposition of many agriculturalists who have become well experienced in the art of evading the ammass, but I am sure that you - the Questori, are aware if the supreme needs of the Nation, I can rely on the intelligent, active, and clever interest both by executing proper work of persuasion, and by intervention in cases of opposition, with a timely energetic repression, without using indulgence, which, whatever its motive would determine only encouragement to evil act and could be understood as a form of tolerance, owing to the presumed inadequancy of the price of delivery.

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operate in order to attain that success, which is absolutely imperious particularly at this delicate hour.

This Directorate is well acquainted with the difficulties of various order, which interfere in the integral execution of an organic plan of service, first of all, the opposition of many agriculturalists who have become well experienced in the art of evading the ammass, but I am sure that you - the Questori, are aware if the supreme needs of the Nation, I can rely on the intelligent, active, and clever interest both by executing proper work of persuasion, and by intervention in cases of opposition, with a timely energetic repression, without using indulgence, which, whatever its motive would determine only encouragement to evil act; and could be understood as a form of tolerance, owing to the presumed inadequancy of the price of delivery.

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It is not the task of Police to discuss Governmental measures, it has but the duty to mind that they be observed and to guarantee by the respect of laws - public order.

Therefore the action most suitable to the present circumstances, but with a proportionate degree, without negligence, and aimed straight to the goal - that is of obtaining that the moral and legal command to deliver grain to the ammasso is obeyed by all.

The failure, even if partial, would bring serious damage to the population, and would show a scanty quantity of civicism.

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In the near or immediate future it could be an incentive to serious repercussions in public order, the consequences of which, not easily foreseen, owing to the great discomfort and to the resentment of the humblest classes, could degenerate into riots, pillages, unfruitful violences in the immediate effects, but would find a certain moral justification in the insensibility and in the insatiable greediness of those accustomed to high profits, does not today feel the necessity of enduring sacrifice.

Public Force has therefore an obligation that cannot be disregarded, the law must be respected, without transactions, tolerances and false pity, otherwise they will be accomplises - even if unintentionally - of those, who under pretence and various forms, evade the ammasso in order to increase later the black-market, and by starving the poor population.

I wish to get a copy of the positive measures of service that you will issue, and every fortnight beginning from July 16th a brief report of the state of the ammasso, of the actions fulfilled, of the results obtained, and of reasons for any failure. Incidents of particular importance will be notified by telegraph, and I will appreciate a sign of assurance.

The Regional Director,
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The Regional Director,
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COMANDO DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA
Ufficio Operazioni - Ordinamento -

N. 2258/01 di protocollo

Palermo, li 29 giugno 1944

OGGETTO - Granai del Popolo.- Fonogramma.

AL - Comando della VI Brigata Carabinieri Reali
Palermo.

Per attuare obbligatorieta' conferimento grano ai granai popolo si rendera' necessario intervento forza pubblica comandi gruppo CC.RR. possono avvalersi del concorso delle truppe dell'esercito in posto come anche delle guardie di Finanza punto Rigorosamente prescrivo che non - dico non - siano impiegati piccoli gruppi ma squadre o preferibilmente plotoni riuniti punto Vieto quindi che militari siano ripartiti su vari automezzi punto Reparti dovranno essere autotrasportati sul posto di impiego con mezzi forniti dall'autorita' prefettizia punto

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
f/to A. Mariotti

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COMANDO DEL XII CORPO D'ARMATA
- Ufficio Operazioni - Ordinamento -

Palermo, li 23 giugno 1944

No. 2164/01 di protocollo

OGGETTO - Granai del popolo.

AL - Sig. GENERALE AMEDEO BRANCA
Comandante la 6 Brigata CC.RR. PALERMO
e, perla conoscenza,
INDIRIZZI OMESSI

Riferimento foglio 438/11 in data 19 c.m. (non diretto agli enti cui il presente e' inviato per conoscenza).

Per l'opera di controllo sul conferimento dei cereali ai granai del popolo, che l'Arma intraprende, le truppe ai miei ordini - nel limite delle loro modeste disponibilita' - sono a disposizione.

Con intese locali, i comandanti di gruppo CC.RR. potranno rivolgersi ai comandanti di Presidio Militare per averne la collaborazione.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
f/to A. Mariotti.

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BERLIN REGION HEADQUARTERS
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HEADQUARTERS
23 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

REPORT No.4 (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION) July 18th, 1944.

FILE - No. 228/014.1.

SUBJECT - Grain situation.

TO - ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
Regional Commissioner.
Colonel A. YOUNG.
Economics & Supplies. (Agricultural Section.)
Regional Legal Officer.

(1) General Situation.

Resistance based principally on prices continues; resistance ceases to some principally from the small producer.

(2) Grain Amassed to Date.

(See figures of Economics & Supplies).

(3) Police Activities.

(a)

C.C.H. (to July 15)

Seized

	(Corn)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Carts)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	15554	-	3132	165	396

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Resistance based principally on prices continued; resistance seems to come principally from the small producer.

(2) Grain Amassed to Date.

(See figures of Economics & Supplies).

(3) Police Activities.

(a)

CC.RR. (to July 15)

ARRESTED

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
PALERMO	16554	-	5132	165	556
TRAPANI	16175	-	252	40	533
CALTANISSETTA	16723	1701	371	212	29
AGRIGENTO	126032	5297	1744	454	1137
MESSINA	1296	-	-	-	-
CATANIA	52670	2012	791	1716	3032
RAGUSA	21828	1610	419	-	1766
SIRACUSA	4109	-	-	-	-

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	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
SIENA	7300	782	154	-	3032
TOTALS	259027	11409	6809	3587	10141

Giornale di Finanza (to July 15)

SEIZED

	(Grain)	(Barley)	(Flour)	(Pasta)	(Other cereals)
TOTALS	15408	1740	1564	1115	904

(b)

O.P. (to July 15)

Persons denounced and arrested

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	19	73	28	3	-
TRAPANI	8	49	1	1	1
CALTANISSETTA	18	33	-	11	1
AGRIGENTO	12	502	14	-	-
MESSINA	12	2	-	-	-
CATANIA	78	439	1	19	2
RAGUSA	4	127	1	2	-
SIRACUSA	1	17	12	-	-
ENNA	1	37	-	-	-

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Persons detained and arrested

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
PALERMO	19	73	28	3	-
TRAPANI	8	49	1	2	1
CALTANISSETTA	18	33	-	11	1
AGRIGENTO	12	502	16	-	-
MESSINA	12	2	-	-	-
CATANIA	78	439	1	15	2
RAGUSA	4	127	1	2	-
SIRACUSA	1	17	12	-	-
ENNA	1	37	-	-	-
TOTALS	153	1279	61	32	4

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Courts of Viceroy (to July 15)

Persons detained and arrested

	Illegal detention	Illegal transport.	Illegal purchase	Illegal sale	Stolen
TOTALS	37	43	21	3	-

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(See Giornale di Sicilia for July 18, 1944)

(4) Coordination of Police and Military.

The present assignment of the two field PUBLIC Safety Officers is neither adequate nor are they properly assigned. There is no field representative in Palermo and Trapani. (ACC offices having been closed there). Authority is requested to make the two remaining field representatives responsible direct to the Regional Public Safety Officer, and make them responsible for maintaining contact with the Commands located at Messina and Palermo,- Legion Commands CC.RR. - Inspector Agenti Pubblica Sicurezza Western Sicily, Inspector Agenti Pubblica Sicurezza Eastern Sicily, Legion Commands Guardia di Finanza. This assignment follows the chain of command of the Italian agencies and will make possible closer observation. It is requested that this assignment be approved by the Regional Commissioner and that Headquarters be asked not to move present public safety officers from this Region.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Headquarters be asked not to move Fresno public safety officers from this Region.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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REPORT - No.3 (PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION)

FILE - No. RPS/014.1. July 15th, 1944.

HEADQUARTERS
22 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

SUBJECT - Grain Situation.

TO - ACC. HQ. Public Safety Sub-Commission.
~~Regional Commissioner.~~
Colonel A. YOUNG.
Economics & Supplies (Agricultural Section).
Regional Legal Officer.

(Telephone report received from Capt. NOBLE on July 15, 1944, for period June 26 to July 8, 1944, covering provinces of Caltanissetta and Enna).

(1) Grain brought to Ammassi.

Caltanissetta	Enna
As of July 11, 1944	As of July 8
13,062 Qu.	8,100 Qu.

(2) Police Activities.

	Caltanissetta	Enna
(a) Seized (grain)	403 Qu.	130 Qu.
" (flour)	21 "	10 "
" (pasta)	14 "	0 "
(b) Arrests	24	54
(c) Denounced	101	18

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	Caltanissetta		Enna	
	As of July 11, 1944		As of July 8	
	13,062 Qu.		8,100 Qu.	
(2)	**Police Activities.**			
	Caltanissetta		**Enna**	
(a)	Seized (grain)	403 Qu.		130 Qu.
	" (flour)	21 "		10 "
	" (pasta)	14 "		0 "
(b)	Arrests	24		54
(c)	Denounced	101		18
(d)	Black Market Activities			
	Arrested	3		29
	Denounced	37		0

(e) 434 forged ration cards discovered in Agrigento. Under investigation.

(3) It is reported that the assistance from Italian troops is handicapped by restrictions in orders that the smallest number to be employed is one squad (10 men, including squad leader). As

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soon as more complete facts are obtained from Col. YOUNG (returns to Palermo Sunday), the matter will be taken up through the chains of command.

General BRANCA has been informed that operations appear satisfactory, but that committees must function and force be employed by the CC.RR. members to that end.

The situation with respect to the Railway Police has not improved. The matter is being called to the attention of Dr. CASTELLANI of the Railway Police. Plans are now being made for spot checks of trains.

Russell A. SNOOK,
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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10 Jul 44.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT : Enforcement of Grain Collection.

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

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

2 Following the conference held 8 Jul 44 at which were present -

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

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2A(iii)	CLO to write to Regional Legal Officers Regions I & II, calling for vigourous and immediate prosecution, and the imposition of maximum penalties in cases of grain collection evasion. CLO to arrange for Air Courier to transport sufficient copies of "Special number of Official Gazette citing AMGOT penalties decree" to Sicily. Gazette understood being printed 8 Jul 44.	Legal.
2A(iv)	Minister of Interior to issue instructions to Prefects in Region II and H.C. Sicily to prosecute grain laws enforcement. Special Order of the Day to be issued by Chief of Carabinieri emphasing their responsibilities in enforce-	Interior. Public Sa

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2A(iv) Minister of Interior to issue instructions to Prefects in Region II and H.C. Sicily to prosecute grain laws enforcement. — Interior.
Special Order of the Day to be issued by Chief of Carabinieri emphasing their responsibilities in enforcing grain collection, and vigourously arresting and prosecuting grain speculators. — Public Sa

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2A(vii) Matter re PINDOCCHIARO already in hand. No immediate action on MARTINO and DA BELMONTE until receipt of evidence in the case of the last named two. — Legal.

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

2D(vii) & 3A(ii) Public Safety to investigate the possibility of increase in numbers of CCRR in Regions I & II. — PS.

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

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

R.H. CRUPS Col.
CSO Admin Sec.

Copies to: DCG.
: Executive Commissioner.
: Security (for Col Young)

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Appx "A" to 203/28/GA
dated 6 Jul 44.

ENFORCEMENT OF GRAIN COLLECTION IN SICILY.

ACTION BY

1. The terms of the decree ordering the collection of grain is to be enforced in Sicily with the greatest vigour. We must expect opposition and obstruction from the people and drastic measures will be necessary.

2. The following action by the Italian Government, AOC and other authorities is recommended :-

A. By the Italian Government.

Adm Sec.
PRO
PWB

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

(a) that the price of L.1000 per quintal will not be increased by war bonus or any other means;

(b) that the collection of grain will be enforced by every means at the disposal of the Government and that heavy penalties will be enforced on offenders;

(c) that it is the duty of all Sicilians to make themselves self-supporting as an Island by bringing in the grain for proper distribution

Econ Sec.
Adm Sec.

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

Adm. Sec.

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

Adm Sec.
Econ Sec.

(iv) Instructions to be issued by the Ministers of Interior and and Agriculture to Prefects and Agriculture Inspectors insisting on drastic action being taken and a Special Order of the ~~day~~ to be issued to the Carabinieri concerning their responsib-

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Econ Sec. ing on drastic action being taken and a Special Order of the Day to be issued to the Carabinieri concerning their responsibilities in helping to collect the grain and to arrest speculators.

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

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

NC & MG Sec. (vii) The removal from Sicily of the heads of the Separatists Movement, especially FINOCCHIARO APRILE, AVVOCATO DE MARTINO, BARON CESARE BRUNO DI BELMONTE, and other members of the so-called National Committee for the Independence of Sicily.

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ACTION BY.

RC&MG Sec
Political Sec.

B. By the Vatican.

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

C. By A.C.C. Headquarters.

RC & MG Sec
Adm Sec.

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

MGLA

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

Econ Sec.

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

Adm Sec.

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

Sec Gen.

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

RC & MG Sec.

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

Adm Sec.

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

D. By A.C.C. Region I.

Regional Commissioner.

(i) Regional Commissioner will convoke the High Commissioner and his Giunta Consultiva on return to Palermo in order to intensify deliveries to the granaries and to warn them that no inducement will be forthcoming and that force has got to be used.

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

3. Most of the above also applies to Region II but the following special action is necessary:-

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3. Most of the above also applies to Region II but the following special action is necessary:-

A. By A.C.C. Headquarters.

Econ Sec. (i) Arrange for permanent use of at least one platoon of 2½ - 3 ton trucks for Region II in addition to those already provided from British sources and operatingon road haulage (approx. 110).

Adm Sec. (ii) Increase Carabinieri by 200, if possible.

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As far as Police are concerned

they are ready to take any action

within their power. Police are

in contact with the Italian military

as soon their help is needed.

Requests have been made for reinforcements

by Italian troops but none have arrived

Col. ~~Hancock~~ Hancock comp he does not

wish to be disarmed but he

thought he might be given the

position as yet may be cancelled

as a result of Col Hancock visit

Col Smith would like to

speak to you personally on the

matter on Thursday 6th July, 1944

If you will let Thursday a call.

Talked
with Smith
6 July 44

L Wilson Lt Col

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COUNCIL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Police for action/information

C.I.S. 2215

D.C.I.S.

Fr. Officer

Police

Prisons

Fire & Civil

Regts. & Licensing

Adm. Officer

Remarks

Sir, Nothing exactly corresponds with this although files Ac/14095 & Ac/14092/13 (alt) may be of interest. LR

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Div.Ser.No.2119
Ref.note 1966-26/5/44

Palermo, 7 June 1944

SUBJECT : Service for the control of the entries intended for the "Arsenal del piccolo" (Meat Warehouse)

I am informing you I ordered the dependent Regiments/Commands to place at U.S.F.I.A disposal the greatest number of military personnel.

I inform you, however, that, since the personnel is now limited, it is necessary that also C.C.N.N. should cooperate in the service, as the disposal of a greater numerical strength and many dependant units, and are in position to render assistance as it always done in the past.

It is necessary that could be formed either mobile independently, in those zones where there are no C.C.N.N. detachments, or beforehand C.C.N.N. qualified appointed to this service.

I will be very grateful if this Staff will intervene accordingly; informing us what will be decided, in order that this HQ could give orders to dependent detachments.

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(Paolo Verzino)

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No. 85/-2
Ref.Note 2038-21/3/44

7 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Orders for agriculture and mess organization.

I thank you very much to have sent me the publications concerning orders issued by this Ministry, for agriculture and mess organization.

I ordered the dependent Commands, commanding officers of service establishments, with plans of disposal of strategical-economic provincial agricultural office, during the time of harvesting and following of wheat to the "Granai del Popolo" (Peoples granaries) proper duties of military personnel of the Army.

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Translate

SIG. TEN. COLONNELLO W I L C O X - Stanza 104 - Palazzo di Giustizia. Salerno-

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MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE

Comando Superiore della R.Guardia di Finanza

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Divisione Servizi — Salerno, lì 5 giugno 1944

Prot.n. 8119
Risposta a nota n. 1966
del 26/5/1944

OGGETTO: Servizio per il controllo dei prodotti destinati ai granai del popolo.-

Compio il dovere di comunicare di avere ordinato ai Comandi di Legione dipendenti di mettere a disposizione degli U.P.S.E.A. il maggior numero possibile di militari disponibili.

Mi permetto, però, far noto che, essendo tale disponibilità molto limitata, si rende necessario far concorrere al servizio in questione anche i CC.RR., i quali, per la più numerosa forza organica e per il più vasto frazionamento periferico, sono in condizione di dare un valido contributo, così come avvenne in passato.

Tale concorso potrebbe concretarsi o in una azione autonoma, nelle zone dove non sono reparti della R.Guardia di Finanza, o in una azione di rinforzo ai drappelli della R.Guardia di Finanza, incaricati di tale servizio.

Saro grato, pertanto, se codesto On.Ministero vorrà intervenire in tal senso, informando su quanto sarà deciso, affinchè questo Comando possa, a sua volta, impartire istruzioni ai reparti dipendenti.

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IL GENERALE COMANDANTE

F.to ORESTE MORICCA

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COMANDO ARMA CARABINIERI REALI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
Ufficio Servizio e situazione

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n. 85/5-2 di prot.
Risposta al foglio del 31/5/44
n. 2038

P.M. 135, lì 7 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Direttive per l'organizzazione dell'agricoltura e degli ammassi. Disposizioni per la trebbiatura

AL MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA E
DELLE FORESTE

S A L E R N O

Ringrazio vivamente per l'invio delle pubblicazioni concernenti le direttive emanate da cotesto Ministero per l'organizzazione dell'agricoltura e degli ammassi ed ho impartito disposizioni ai comandi dipendenti perchè, compatibilmente con le altre esigenze di servizio, pongano a disposizione degli uffici Provinciali statistico-economici dell'agricoltura, durante il periodo della trebbiatura e della consegna del frumento ai granai del popolo, congruo numero di militari dell'Arma.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
. Giuseppe Pièche

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17th June, 1944

To : C.M.S.

Note regarding the employment of Italian Police in connection with harvesting.

On 17th June, 1944 I saw Dr. Aldo LANARO of the Ministry of Agriculture (Servizio Tutela Economica dei Prodotti Agricoli)

He explained that before the Allied occupation the harvesting of wheat, etc., was controlled by the Ammassi System (Fascist).

In each Province and Commune there was an organization known as Ufficio Provinciale (Communale) Accertamenti Agricoli. This office employed civilians during the harvesting season (one or two months) to check records of threshing. The civilians had no special training or experience and were invariably corrupt. In fact, the system was just a racket for Fascist parasites. The cost of paying these civilians was 100,000,000 lire without producing any results.

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In these circumstances there would certainly be strong protests if we suggested withdrawing CC.RR and GG.FF at a time when the harvest is just getting under way and when there is nobody to replace them. The gathering of this year's crop is regarded by ACC as of paramount importance.

Instead of drafting a directive on this matter, would it not be better to withdraw CC.RR or GG.FF gradually as their services become necessary elsewhere, leaving the duty of checking to be worked out locally as far as available strength allows?

I agree. Thanks
OK

A. F. VICOT,
Lt.Col.

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DIRETTIVE PER L' ORGANIZZAZIONE DELL' AGRICOLTURA E DEGLI AMMASSI

DIRECTIVE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AGRICULTURE AND OF THE AMASSING

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MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA
E DELLE FORESTE

Salerno 28 aprile 1944

Alle LL. EE. i Prefetti
Agli Ispettorati Agrari Compartimentali
Agli Ispettorati Agrari Provinciali
All'Associazione Naz. degli Enti Economici dell'Agricoltura
LORO SEDI

e p. c.

All'Ecc. l'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia
All'Ecc. l'Alto Commissario per la Sardegna
Al Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione
Alla Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari

OGGETTO: Direttive per l'organizzazione dell'agricoltura e degli ammassi.

Questo Ministero, avuto riguardo alla particolare situazione del Paese ed alle necessità del momento, ritiene opportuno ed indispensabile adeguare e coordinare di conseguenza la organizzazione periferica dei propri uffici per ottenerne il massimo rendimento, nei confronti, in modo particolare, dell'ammasso dei prodotti agricoli che si riterrà necessario disporre.

Con le istruzioni che si allegano alla presente sono pertanto definiti i compiti particolari derivanti a ciascuno degli uffici in indirizzo per il funzionamento degli ammassi, compiti e attribuzioni che qui si riassumono:

a) Ispettorati Compartimentali e Provinciali che rappresentano le autorità agrarie gerarchicamente più elevate nell'ambito dela rispettiva giurisdizione ed assumono intera responsabilità per il buon andamento degli ammassi e per l'attuazione di tutte le attività agricole.

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
AND FORESTS

Salerno, 28 april 1944

To:

Their Excellencies the Prefects
Compartmental Agricultural Inspectorates
Provincial Agricultural Inspectorates
National Association of Economic Bodies of Agriculture

Copy to:

His Excellency the High Commissioner for Sicily
His Excellency the High Commissioner for Sardinia
Office of the Commissioner General for Alimentation
Italian Federation of Agricultural Consorzi

In view of the unusual conditions and necessities with which our country is faced at this time this Ministry deems it advisable and indispensable to rearrange its peripheral organization and coordinate it accordingly, in order to insure maximum efficiency, especially as regards the amassing of such crops as will be ordered whenever necessary.

The enclosed instructions define the particular tasks assigned to each of the offices addressed herein in connection with the operation of Ammassi; these tasks and attributes may be summarized as follows:

a) Compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates represent the highest agricultural authorities within the scope of their respective jurisdictions, and shall assume full responsibility for the proper execution of amassing operations and for the performance of all agricultural activities.

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b) Comitati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura che sono gli organi consultivi a disposizione del Capo dell'Ispettorato Agrario per tutti i problemi inerenti all'agricoltura nell'ambito della rispettiva provincia.

c) Comitati Comunali dell'Agricoltura che dovranno costituire per ogni Comune l'organo a disposizione per tutte le attività inerenti all'alimentazione, all'assistenza agli ammassi e dovranno funzionare come arbitri bonari compositori di tutte le vertenze sorgenti per l'attuazione degli ammassi stessi.

d) Uffici Provinciali Statistico-Economici dell'Agricoltura ai quali è demandata la organizzazione degli ammassi, sotto il controllo del Capo dell'Ispettorato Provinciale Agrario, la raccolta ed il controllo delle denuncie di produzione e tutto quanto altro riguarda la disciplina degli ammassi stessi.

e) Concorzi Agrari Provinciali che rappresentano gli organi esecutivi per l'attuazione degli ammassi stessi.

Gli Uffici ed Enti in indirizzo, sulla base di quanto disposto con le norme allegate alla presente, dovranno provvedere, ciascuno per la parte di propria competenza, per l'immediata attuazione ed esecuzione delle norme stesse e per la messa in piena efficienza dei propri uffici.

Questo Ministero fa riserva di impartire più dettagliae disposizioni per ciascun ufficio e per ciascuno dei compiti ad esso affidati.

Nell'immane compito della ricostruzione, la riorganizzazione dell'agricoltura che prende inizio da questi primi provvedimenti di urgenza, compilati con il pieno accordo e la collaborazione della Sottocommissione per l'Agricoltura della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, troverà tutto l'appoggio degli Ufficiali della Commissione stessa uniti con noi tutti nello sforzo per raggiungere le mete comuni.

Il Ministro

F.to: FAUSTO GULLO

b) Provincial Committees for Agriculture, which sholl be advisory bodies upon whom the Chiefs of the Agricultural Inspectorates may call for advice concerning all problems affecting agriculture within their respective provincial sphere.

c) Communal Committee for Agriculture, which in each Commune shall be the organ charged to deal with all activities pertaining to alimentation and assistance to Ammassi, and shall act as fair arbiters in all controversies arising from the execution of Ammassi.

d) Uffici Provinciali Statistico-Economici dell'Agricoltura (U.P.S.E.A) which shall be charged with organizing the Ammassi under the supervision of the Chief of the Provincial Agricultural Inspector; with the collection and review of production returns and all other activities concerning the supervision of Ammassi.

e) Provincial Agricultural Consorzi, which consitute the executive organs for the carrying out of amassing operations.

All offices and agencies addressed herein shall, with the aid of the instructions attached hereto, and within the sphere of their respective jurisdiction, insure that these instructions are immediately complied with by all concerned, and that their offices are placed in full working order.

The foregoing is subject to issuance on the part of this Ministry of more detailed instructions concerning each office and each of the respective tasks.

In facing the stupendous task of reconstruction, the reorganization of agriculture, which has begun with the adoption of these initial emergency measures prepared in agreement and with the cooperation of the Agriculture Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, will receive the fullest measure of support from all officers of said Commission, who will join with us in the effort to achieve our common goal.

Signed: FAUSTO GULLO
Minister

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DIRETTIVE DI ORGANIZZAZIONE E DI FUNZIONAMENTO

Questo Ministero, riservandosi di emanare norme integrative in merito alla organizzazione ed al funzionamento dei dipendenti Ispettorati Compartimentali e Provinciali nonchè di precisare i compiti rispettivi, impartisce, per ora, in termini generali, le proprie istruzioni in merito che sono state concordate con la Commissione Alleata di Controllo (Allied Control Commission, Agriculture Sub-Commission).

La particolare critica situazione alimentare che incombe sul nostro Paese minandone alla base la tranquillità e l'ordine pubblico, esige il più duro e consapevole sforzo da parte di tutte le Amministrazioni dello Stato, operanti, ciascuna, nell'ambito delle rispettive competenze.

Al Ministero dell'Agricoltura spetta il compito, grave di responsabilità, di organizzare l'ammasso, o la disciplina di vincolo, per quei prodotti agricoli che si riterrà di sottoporre a tali obblighi.

La Commissione Alleata di Controllo attribuisce all'esito di tale azione la massima importanza, e soltanto se potrà trarre convincimento che tutto quanto è possibile fare da parte nostra per assicurare la massima produzione agraria ed il massimo risultato degli ammassi, sarà attuato, il Governo Italiano potrà ad essa rivolgersi per ottenerne, nei limiti del possibile, un adeguato aiuto.

In considerazione di fali presupposti questo Ministero, non può esitare a disporre che i propri Uffici periferici diano tutta la loro opera affinchè il risultato degli ammassi corrisponda alle necessità imperiose del momento.

Pertanto, preminente attività tanto degli Ispettorati Compartimentali come di quelli Provinciali, dovrà essere, in tutto il periodo di ammasso dei vari prodotti per i quali ne sarà disposta la disciplina, quella di contribuire al massimo per il conseguimento dello scopo indicato.

In ciascuno degli Ispettorati, il Capo dell'Ispettorato stesso è responsabile di fronte al Ministero del buon andamento degli ammassi nella rispettiva circoscrizione compartimentale e provinciale.

Allo scopo verranno immediatamente impartite disposizioni alla Associazione Nazionale degli Enti Economici dell'Agricoltura — che per modifiche di organizzazione e di compiti verrà ora detta « Ufficio Nazionale Statistico-Economico dell'Agricoltura » (U.N.S.E.A.) — di porre alle dipendenze tecniche degli Ispettorati Agrari Provinciali i propri uffici Provinciali con i rispettivi dipendenti Uffici di Zona in modo che la organizzazione

DIRECTIVES OF ORGANIZATION AND OF OPERATION

This Ministry, reserving the right to issue full regulation in regard to the organization and operation of its Compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates, and to define their respective responsibilities, issues now in general terms proper instrucions on the subject which have been agreed upon with the Allied Control Commission - Agriculture Sub-Commission. The especially critical food situation in which our country finds itself, undermining at the base public order and safety, requires the hardest and most conscientious effort on the part of all Goverument bureaus, each operating within its respective jurisdiction.

The Ministry of Agriculture has the task, heavy with responsibility, of organizing the ammasso or the control of those agricultural products which it is considered feasible to submit to such compulsion.

The Allied Control Commission attributes the greatest importance to the success of this program and only if it can be convinced that everything has been done at our end to maximize crop production and to insure that the amassing program shows maximum results, will the Italian Government be in a position to approach it with a request for adequate aid, as far as possible.

In view of the above, this Ministry can have no hesitation in ordering that its country offices give all their help so that the returns of the ammassi correspond to the imperious needs of the moment.

Therefore, the foremost activity of Compartmental Inspectorates, as also of Provincial Inspectorates, must be, during the period of accumulation of the various products for which this measure will have been ordered, that of contributing to the utmost to the attainment of the goal indicated.

Within each Inspectorate, the Head of the Inspectorate himself is responsible to the Ministry for the proper operation of the ammassi in his respective compartmental and provincial spliere. For that purpose instructions will be issued at once to the « Associazione Nazionale degli Enti Economici dell'Agricoltura » which, due to modifications of organization and assignment will henceforth be called « Ufficio Nazionale Statistico-Economico dell'Agricoltura » (U.N.S.E.A.) to place under the technical direction of the Provincial Agrarian Inspectorates their Provincial Offices and their respective zone offices, so that the or-

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di accertamento e di reperimento dei prodotti soggetti all'ammasso si svolgerà alle dipendenze degli Ispettori Agrari Provinciali i quali, pertanto, assumeranno la diretta responsabilità dell'andamento e del risultato degli ammassi stessi.

Ragioni contingenti hanno consigliato, per il momento, di non procedere all'assorbimento degli Uffici Provinciali Statistico-Economici dell'Agricoltura (U.P.S.E.A) nell'amministrazione statale, ma ciò se mantiene separati detti Uffici dagli Ispettorati Agrari sotto il punto di vista amministrativo e gerarchico, non deve costituire separazione dal punto di vista tecnico e tanto meno per quanto riguarda, più immediatamente, la tecnica degli ammassi come per quanto concerne ogni altra attività assistenziale di propaganda e statistica, per l'esplicazione della quale gli Ispettorati Agrari Compartimentali e Provinciali ritenessero valersi dell'opera di detti Uffici. Affinchè il controllo degli Ispettorati sia completo, esso dovrà estendersi anche ai Consorzi Agrari Provinciali in quanto Enti esecutori, per conto dello Stato, degli ammassi. A garantire gli agricoltori che il quantitativo di prodotti da conferire all'ammasso sia equamente valutato in rapporto alla produzione ottenuta, sarà costituito in ogni Comune un Comitato apposito che funzionerà come arbitro tra gli agricoltori e gli organi preposti all'ammasso.

Si accludono (allegato A) le istruzioni concernenti le modalità di collaborazione dei vari organi incaricati dell'attuazione degli ammassi, collaborazione che dovrà essere stretta e piena, dipendendo dall'azione concorde il successo degli ammassi stessi.

Le schede di statistica, concordate fra il Ministero dell'Agricoltura e la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, saranno spedite quanto prima, in quantità adeguata, agli Uffici interessati.

L'allegato B costituisce una copia del decreto che disciplina l'ammasso di grano e dell'orzo e le relative trattenute.

In attesa di porre in atto, a tempo opportuno, l'attività propria e dei funzionari dipendenti per rendere efficiente al massimo grado la organizzazione degli ammassi ed il relativo risultato, non manchino, frattanto, gli Ispettori Compartimentali e Provinciali di svolgere nei riguardi degli agricoltori opera di persuasiva propaganda, verbale e a stampa, per indurli ad accettare la disciplina di ammasso come un imprescindibile, e pur sacro ed umanitario dovere, dal compimento del quale, non può esitarsi ad affermarlo, dipende, sotto diversi aspetti, il nostro avvenire sia prossimo che remoto.

ganization of assessment and location of products subject to the ammasso will take place under the Agrarian Provincial Inspectors who, consequently, will themselves assume direct responsibility for operation and success of the Ammassi.

Present conditions have, for the time being, made it inadvisable to proceed with the absorption of U.P.S.E.A. Offices by the State administration, but if, on the one hand, this will keep said offices separate from the Agricultural Inspectorates from an administrative and jurisdictional standpoint, it must not, on the other hand, result in a separation in anything pertaining to the technical side or even less in that which concerns, more immediately, the technique of amassing or any other activity involving propaganda, statistics, or assistance to farmers, concerning which Compartmental Inspectorates might wish to avail themselves of the services of these offices.

So that control on the part of the Inspectorates be complete, it should extend also to the Provincial Agrarian Consorzi in their function of executive agencies, for account of the State, of the Ammassi. To guarantee to farmers that the amount of produce to be delivered to the ammasso be equitably appraised in proportion with the production obtained, in every Commune there will be constituted an appropriate Committee which function as arbiter between the farmers and the agencies charged with ammasso activities. Instructions are enclosed (Appendix A) in regard to the manner of cooperation among the various agencies charged with ammasso activities a cooperation which must be close and full, for on harmonious action depends the success of the ammassi.

Attached as Appendix B is a copy of the wheat and barley amassing and retention decree. Supplies of the necessary schedules agreed upon by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Sub-Commission will be available as the statistical basis for this work.

While awaiting the proper moment to get their own work and that of their officials going, to make the organization of the ammassi and the relative returns as efficient as possible, the Compartmental and Provincial Inspectors should not fail meanwhile to carry on in respect to the farmers a work of persuasive publicity, verbal and printed, to induce them to accept the ammasso control as an inescapable and also sacred and humanitarian duty, on the fulfillment of which, one cannot hesitate to say so, depends under varying aspects our future both near and distant.

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Sarà cura di questo Ministero stabilire, d'intesa con la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, i prezzi del grano e degli altri prodotti da sottoporsi all'obbligo di ammasso in misura ben rimunerativa in modo che il prezzo non venga a costituire incentivo alla evasione, ma al conferimento.

Per l'assolvimento di tali compiti, come di quegli altri inerenti agli Ispettorati Agrari dipendenti, emerge l'assoluta necessità dei mezzi di trasporto. Le condizioni attuali non consentono a questo Ministero di procedere a forniture dirette di automezzi; sarà però interessato il Ministero dell'Interno perchè a mezzo dei Prefetti sia fatto il possibile per fornire i mezzi di trasporto occorrenti agli Ispettorati, sia pure temporaneamente.

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Premesso quanto sopra in linea di contingente necessità, si fanno seguire disposizioni di carattere normativo per la organizzazione ed il funzionamento degli Ispettorati dipendenti.

1) *Ispettorati Agrari Compartimentali.*

Come già precisato in precedenti note ministeriali, è intendimento di questo Ministero che gli Ispettori Agrari Compartimentali assumano piena ed effettiva responsabilità, nei confronti del Ministero stesso, del coordinato svolgimento di tutte le attività che si esplicano nel campo della tecnica agraria in genere.

Pertanto l'Ispettore Agrario Compartimentale rappresenta nel Compartimento di propria giurisdizione l'autorità agraria gerarchicamente più elevata ed è responsabile, nei confronti del Ministero, oltre che dell'assolvimento dei compiti specifici istituzionalmente demandati agli Ispettorati Agrari Compartimentali, anche del buon funzionamento dei servizi propri degli Ispettorati Provinciali sia per quanto concerne l'attività e la disciplina del personale come pure per assicurare l'attuazione e l'applicazione coordinata delle direttive, norme ed istruzioni impartite dal Ministero agli Ispettorati Provinciali per l'organizzazione e l'incremento dell'agricoltura.

Per conseguire tale scopo l'Ispettore Compartimentale ha facoltà di impartire disposizioni normative ai dipendenti Ispettorati Provinciali di cui darà tuttavia sempre preventiva conoscenza a questo Ministero per la dovuta approvazione.

In dipendenza di quanto esposto, questo Ministero si riserva, intesa la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, di precisare quale debba essere, in corrispondenza delle esigenze emergenti per cia-

This Ministry will arrange to fix, in agreement with the Allied Control Commission, the prices of wheat and of the other products which are to be placed under ammasso control, in a quite remunerative measure so that the price will not constitute an incentive to evasion, but to delivery.

The fulfillment of these tasks, as well as of all those incumbent upon our subordinate Agricultural Inspectorates, brings out the absolute need for means of transportation. Present conditions do not enable this Ministry to supply motor transportation directly, however, the Ministry of the Interior will be approached in order that, through the intermediary of the Prefects everything possible be done to furnish Inspectorates with the necessary means of transportation, even if only temporarily.

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After this introduction, in view of contingent necessities, following are provisions of regulatory character for the organization and operation of the Inspectorates.

1) *Compartmental Agricultural Inspectorates.*

As has already been stated in previous ministerial communications, it is the intention of this Ministry that the Compartmental Agriculture Inspectors assume full and effective responsibility to the Ministry for the coordinated execution of all activities within the field of agrarian technique in general.

Therefore, the Compartmental Agrarian Inspector represent within his compartment the highest hierarchical agrarian authority and is responsible with respect to the Ministry, both for the carrying out of the specific tasks institutionally required of the agrarian Compartmental Inspectorates, and also for the proper functioning of the services of the Provincial Inspectorates, both as regards the activity and the control of personnel, as also to assure execution and coordinated application of directives, rules and regulations issued by the Ministry to the Provincial Inspectorates for the organization and promotion of agriculture.

To attain such purpose, the Compartmental Inspector is authorized to issue regulatory provisions to his Provincial Inspectorates, of which, however, prior notification will always be made to this Ministry for proper approval.

In connection with the above, this Ministry reserves the right, in agreement with the Allied Control Commission, to define what should be in accordance with the requirements of each In-

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scun Ispettorato, il rispettivo organico del personale, che, in ogni caso, sarà contenuto entro i limiti dello stretto necessario.

La enunciazione delle direttive che seguono, definisce altresì i compiti che vengono demandati agli Ispettori Agrari Compartimentali.

1) Come già raccomandato con precedente nota ministeriale, massima e senza riserve deve essere la collaborazione con gli Ufficiali Alleati di Collegamento, affinchè mediante l'azione combinata di questo Ministero e della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, possa giungersi, quanto prima, alla riorganizzazione e ricostruzione della nostra agricoltura.

2) Massima importanza assume nell'attuale momento il servizio delle informazioni statistiche. L'Ispettore Compartimentale affiderà ad apposito funzionario il servizio di statistica agraria e curerà che i dati statistici richiesti agli Ispettorati Provinciali, sia quelli periodici, oggetto di speciali moduli e schede, come quelli di cui si dovesse fare, a seconda delle necessità, apposita richiesta, siano raccolti ed elaborati con la massima diligenza e puntualmente inviati per proprio tramite al Ministero ed alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo, alle scadenze prescritte.

Dal canto suo dovrà riassumere ed elaborare in rapporto al proprio Compartimento i dati provinciali prima di inoltrarli al Ministero ed alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo.

Ciò vale anche per quelle richieste di dati e di notizie che potranno, di volta in volta, essere avanzate da questo Ministero o dalla Commissione Alleata di Controllo, avvertendo che ogni comunicazione del genere da farsi alla detta Commissione o ad alcuno dei suoi componenti, deve essere trasmessa, per conoscenza, anche a questo Ministero. Resta confermato che le notizie rilevate a scopo di statistica agraria, non debbono essere in alcun modo, e per nessun motivo, divulgate e comunicate a fini fiscali.

3) Date le attuali contingenze ed in relazione al fatto che l'Italia è pressochè sprovvista di tutto quanto costituisce materiale di fornitura dei mezzi tecnici e strumentali dell'agricoltura e che una parte soltanto di tali mezzi potrà essere ottenuta tramite la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, l'Ispettore Compartimentale deve seriamente preoccuparsi di segnalare a questo Ministero il fabbisogno relativo, con quel tempestivo anticipo rispetto all'epoca d'impiego, che consenta di poter provvedere, in tempo utile, alla fornitura.

spectorate the respective personnel setup, which in each case will be kept within the limits of strict necessity.

The following directives define likewise the tasks expected of the Compartmental Agrarian Inspectors.

1. As already recommended by prior ministerial communication, to the limit and without reserve must be the cooperation with the Allied liaison officers, so that, through the combined action of this Ministry and of the Allied Control Commission, reorganization and re-constitution of our agriculture may be attained.

2. The service of statistical information assumes utmost importance at the moment. The Compartmental Inspector will entrust a suitable official with the service of agrarian statistics and will see to it:

a) That the statistical data required of the Provincial Inspectorates, both periodical ones consisting of standard forms and schedules and those that may be required in case of necessity, be collected and worked out with utmost care and promptly forwarded by proper channels to the Ministry and the Allied Control Commission on the prescribed due-dates.

b) The Compartmental Inspector shall summarize and prepare provincial data in relation to his own Compartment before trasmittal to the Ministry and to the Allied Control Commission. This also applies to those inquiries for data and information which may from time to time be requested by this Ministry and the Allied Control Commission, and you are reminded that any communication of the kind to be made to said Commission or its components, must be forwarded for information also to this Ministry. Unchanged remains the instruction that information gathered for agrarian statistical purposes must not in any way and for any motive be divulged and communicated for fiscal purposes.

3. In view of present contingencies and by virtue of the fact that Italy is almost bereft of all that which constitutes material of supply of technical and instrumental means for Agriculture and that only a part thereof can be obtained through the Allied Control Commission, the Compartmental Inspector must seriously undertake to advise this Ministry of relative needs, with such advance notice, in respect to the time of use, as will permit to provide supply at the proper time.

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L'Ispettorato Compartimentale, predisponendo sin d'ora un apposito programma di coordinato lavoro, in relazione alle varie esigenze colturali ed alle varie operazioni di semina e di raccolta, richiederà a tempo opportuno dati e notizie agli Ispettorati Provinciali della propria circoscrizione e li trasmetterà a questo Ministero dopo averli riassunti ed elaborati in rapporto al Compartimento.

4) Sarà altro compito dell'Ispettore Agrario Compartimentale seguire l'attività delle varie Istituzioni Agrarie, dipendenti o controllate dal Ministero, operanti nel Compartimento, facendo, eventualmente, proposte al fine di conseguire un coordinamento del lavoro scientifico e tecnico da esse svolto nonchè la massima rispondenza delle loro attività alle esigenze dell'agricoltura che debbono essere valutate in rapporto all'attuale momento.

II) *Ispettorati Agrari Provinciali.*

Nella Provincia di propria competenza l'Ispettore Agrario Provinciale rappresenta l'autorità agraria più elevata in quanto esecutrice, diretta e responsabile, delle disposizioni, direttive e norme ministeriali nonchè di quelle che riterranno di impartire gli Ispettore Compartimentali, competenti per circoscrizione, allo scopo di conseguire il coordinamento ed il massimo rendimento dei servizi.

Nel caso che, per vicende di guerra, una sola delle Provincie appartenenti ad una determinata circoscrizione compartimentale risulti liberata e amministrata dal Governo Italiano o dal Comando Militare Alleato, l'Ispettore Agrario di essa corrisponderà direttamente col Ministero ed assalverà, in via transitoria, anche i compiti demandati all'Ispettore Compartimentale.

In relazione ai compiti che vengono in appresso specificati, questo Ministero, d'intesa con la Commissione Alleata di Controllo, si riserva di stabilire l'organico di ciascun Ispettorato Provinciale, che sarà tuttavia in stretta relazione con le reali necessità di funzionamento.

Gli Ispettori Provinciali improntеranno la loro attività e quella degli Uffici dipendenti alle seguenti istruzioni.

1) Massima e senza riserve deve essere la collaborazione con gli Ufficiali Alleati che abbiano ad assolvere incarichi loro affidati dalla Commissione Alleata di Controllo, o che nei Comandi Militari Alleati della Provincia disimpegnino funzioni che rendono necessaria tale collaborazione.

The Compartmental Inspectorate, in drawing up at once a suitable program of coordinated work, in relation to various cultural needs and the various operations of seed and harvest, will request at the proper time data and information from Provincial Inspectorates under his jurisdiction and will forward same to this Ministry after combining and elaborating same in respect to the Compartment.

4. A further task of the Agrarian Compartmental Inspector will be to follow the activities of the various Agrarian Institutions under and supervised by the Ministry, which are operating within the Compartment, submitting, if needed, proposals so as to obtain coordination of the scientific and technical work undertaken by them, as also the utmost correlation of their activities to the needs of agriculture which must be appraised with respect to the present moment.

II) *Provincial Agricultural Inspectorates.*

Within the province under his jurisdiction the Agrarian Provincial Inspector represents the highest agrarian authority inasmuch as he is the direct executor of and is responsible for the carrying out of provisions, directives and regulations of the Ministry, as also of those which the Compartmental Inspectors, who have jurisdiction over the section, will see fit to impart for the purpose of obtaining coordination and utmost results of of services. In case that through war events one only of the Provinces belonging to a certain Compartmental section be liberated and administered by the Italian Government or by the Allied Military Command, the Agrarian Inspector thereof will communicate directly with the Ministry and will undertake temporarily also the responsibilities incumbent upon the Compartmental Inspector.

With respect to the tasks which are below specified, this Ministry, in agreement with the Allied Control Commission, reserves the right to determine the personnel of each Provincial Inspectorate, which however, will be in strict relation with the real operational needs.

The Provincial Inspectors will adhere in their activities, and those of the offices under them, to the following instructions:

1. Collaboration must be to the utmost and unreserved with the Allied officials who have to discharge responsibilities entrusted to them by the Allied Control Commission or who in the Allied Military Commands of the Provinces are charged with functions which render such collaboration necessary.

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2) L'Ispettore deve esigere che tutti i funzionari dipendenti assolvano i rispettivi compiti con impegno ed alacrità, prodigandosi perchè ad essi non manchi, nella esplicazione dell'attività di ufficio, la propria opera di guida, di assistenza e di incoraggiamento.

3) E' stato già reso noto, e si conferma, l'intendimento di questo Ministero che gli Ispettorati Agrari Provinciali abbiano a riprendere un'attività improntata a quella svolta, con tanto risultato per il progresso dell'agricoltura italiana, dalle antiche Cattedre Ambulanti d'Agricoltura.

Ciò si rende particolarmente necessario in questo periodo in cui per note ed ovvie ragioni non possono essere impartite direttive tecnico-agrarie di ordine generale, ed ogni agricoltore richiede particolare assistenza in relazione alla specifica situazione che si è venuta a determinare per la sua azienda.

Pertanto l'Ispettore Provinciale predisponga il funzionamento di ufficio in modo che larga parte dell'attività possa essere dedicata alla propaganda ed alla assistenza, ottenendosi in tal modo anche lo scopo di togliere l'agricoltore da un isolamento, sotto diversi aspetti dannoso, dagli Organi Statali dell'Agricoltura.

Sempre in relazione a tale criterio, saranno ricostituiti gli Uffici distaccati di Sezione in numero adeguato alle necessità ed all'uopo gli Ispettori Provinciali trasmetteranno studiate proposte agli Ispettori Compartimentali competenti, i quali, vagliate opportunamente le proposte stesse, le trasmetteranno al Ministero con proprio motivato parere.

4) Per quanto riguarda il servizio di statistica e la segnalazione del fabbisogno dei mezzi tecnici e strumentali dell'agricoltura, valgono le norme sopra specificate per gli Ispettorati Compartimentali.

Si ravvisa opportuno, tuttavia, a seguito di recenti constatazioni in merito ai dati delle richieste pervenute, insistere sulla necessità:

a) che i dati statistici siano rilevati con la massima diligenza in modo che essi diano garanzia assoluta di attendibilità e che pertanto rappresentino essenzialmente lo stato del fenomeno oggetto del rilevamento e non l'adattamento coartato della rappresentazione statistica del fenomeno stesso a presupposti soggettivi o di opportunismo.

b) che la valutazione del fabbisogno dei materiali occorrenti all'agricoltura sia fatta a seguito di ponderato esame per evitare richieste esorbi-

2. The Inspector must insist that all his officials carry out their jobs with earnestness and alacrity, also seeing to it that in carrying out the required activities there be no lack of guidance, assistance, and encouragement on his part.

3. It has already been made known and is repeated that it is the intention of this Ministry that the Provincial Agrarian Inspectorates resume an activity similar to that carried on with so much success for Italian Agriculture, by the former Cattedre Ambulanti d'Agricoltura. This is particularly necessary in this period in which for known and obvious reasons there can be no issuing of technical agricultural directives of general character, and every farmer needs particular assistance with respect to the specific situation which has been developed on his farm.

Therefore, the Provincial Inspector will arrange the operation of his office in such fashion as to set aside a large part of its activity for publicity and assistance, in this fashion there being attained also the purpose of removing the agriculturalist from an isolation, harmful in various repects, from the State Agricultural Organs. Always with relation to such a criterion, there will be re-established the separate offices of the Section in an amount adequate to the requirements, and for that purpose the Provincial Inspectors will submit studied poposals to the appropriate Compartmental Inspectors, who, if they approve, will forward same on to the Ministry with arguments in support.

4. As regards the service of statistics and notification of technical and instrumental agricultural needs, the above mentioned regulations for the Compartmental Inspectorates apply. It is considered appropriate, however, following recent sizing up of data requested, to insist on the necessity:

a) That statistical data be gathered with utmost care so that absolute guarantee of reliability be given and that, therefore, they represent essentially a true picture of the object of the survey and not a forced adaptation of the statistical representation of the subject matter to assumed objectives or opportunism.

b) That appraisals of needs of materials required for agriculture be made following careful examination so as to avoid exhorbitant or defi-

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tanti o deficienti che, nell'un caso o nell'altro disorientano ingenerando diffidenza e perplessità.

5) Allo scopo di porre a disposizione degli Ispettorati Agrari Provinciali un adeguato organo consultivo, saranno ricostituiti in ogni Provincia, su nuove basi e con aumentate attribuzioni, i Comitati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura. Al riguardo vengono impartite precise disposizioni anche per la nomina dei componenti i Comitati stessi (Allegato A).

6) In rapporto al funzionamento dell'Ufficio ed al disimpegno dei vari servizi gli Ispettori Provinciali si atterranno alle seguenti istruzioni di massima che, pur già costituendo le normali direttive di attività, si riconfermano per espresso desiderio della Commissione Alleata di Controllo:

a) la Sezione Zootecnica: valendosi anche dell'opera di altri Uffici parastatali a norma di apposite disposizioni, curerà di tenere in continuo e diligente aggiornamento la consistenza del patrimonio zootecnico della Provincia distinguendo le specie degli animali e le categorie delle singole specie come nei moduli del censimento bestiame 1930.

Inoltre la Sezione Zootecnica sorveglierà e controllerà quanto viene effettuato a riguardo della distribuzione dei mangimi e dei foraggi includendo nei propri compiti anche la sorveglianza ed il controllo in merito alla raccolta del latte ed al trasporto di questo ai centri di distribuzione nonchè in merito al bestiame destinato al macello.

Sarà particolare cura della Sezione Zootecnica segnalare, a seconda delle occorrenze, il fabbisogno di sieri e vaccini in relazione al manifestarsi di particolari epizoozie.

b) la Sezione addetta alla cerealicoltura ed in genere alle colture erbacee curerà che sia dato il massimo incremento alla superficie da seminare a grano preoccupandosi in ogni modo che per il grano e per ogni altra erbacea siano applicati i migliori metodi colturali consentiti nelle attuali condizioni.

Segnalare le occorrenze di sementi e di fertilizzanti; di materiali per la lotta contro gli animali dannosi alle colture; di antiparassitari, costituisce altresì speciale compito di detta Sezione.

c) la Sezione che presiede al servizio delle colture leguose, assolverà analoghi compiti per quanto riguarda le colture di propria competenza tecnica.

Si confermano le disposizioni a suo tempo diramate per la soppressione degli Uffici Provinciali

cient requests which in either case cause difficulties entailing distrust and perplexity.

5. For the purpose of placing at the disposal of the Provincial Agrarian Inspectorates an adequate advisory body in every Province, on new bases and with increased functions, the Provincial Agricultural Commitees will be reconstituted. Precise instructions will be issued, also as regards appointment of members of said Committees (Appendix A).

6. With respect to the operation of the office and discharge of their various services, the Provincial Inspectors will adher to the following general instructions, which, although already constituting the normal operating directives, are restated by express wish of the Allied Control Commission:

a) The zootechnical section, availing itself also of the work of other semi-statal offices by virtue of appropriate instructions will attend to keeping continuously and religiously up-to-date the extent of the zootechnical resources of the Province, separating the species of animals and the category of the individual species based on the forms of the animal census of 1930.

In addition, the Zootechnical Section will supervise and control activities in regard to distribution of fodder, including in its activities also the supervision and control with respect to milk collection, and the transportation thereof to centers of distribution, as also in regard to cattle destined for the slaughterhouse. It will be the particular care of the Zootechnical Section to make notification, whenever required, of the needs in sera and vaccines in relation to the manifestation of particular cattle diseases.

b) The section assigned to cereal cultivation and field crops in general, will see to it that a maximum increase in the area to be sown to wheat will be attained, taking care that for wheat as well as for any other field crop the best cultivation methods possible under present conditions be applied.

To report requirements of seeds, fertilizers, materials for the fight against animals harmful to crops, and parasiticides, constitutes similarly a special task for that Section.

c) The Section which has charge of services of tree crops will discharge similar functions as regards the cultures under itsown technical jurisdiction.

There are hereby confirmed the instructions issued previously, concerning the abolition of the

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degli Enti Economici dell'Agricoltura (Cerealicoltura, Viticoltura, Olivicoltura, Ortoflorofrutticoltura, Pastorizia e Zootecnia) e per la assunzione da parte degli Ispettorati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura dei rispettivi compiti, mentre si fa riserva di dare comunicazione circa l'abolizione o il riordinamento di altri Enti quali l'Associazione Nazionale Coltivatori Piante Erbacee Oleaginose, Consorzi Provinciali Trebbiatori, ecc.

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Questo Ministero e la Commissione Alleata di Controllo mentre esprimono il più comprensivo apprezzamento dell'opera svolta dagli Ispettorati Agrari Compartimentali e Provinciali, rispettivamente nel proprio campo d'azione, nel turbinoso periodo attraversato dall'Italia ora liberata, fanno il massimo affidamento sulla volontà di lavoro e sulla competenza dei funzionari ministeriali affinchè, superata la corrente campagna agraria che per forza di eventi, superori ad ogni umana possibilità, ha dovuto svolgersi pressochè senza controllo ed in grave carenza di adeguati mezzi produttivi, possa riorganizzarsi e ricostituire l'agricoltura italiana su quelle basi di sana tecnica applicativa che ha costituito in ogni tempo la meta di questo Ministero e la realizzazione degli sforzi appassionati e assidui dei funzionari tutti, centrali e periferici.

Il Ministro

F.to FAUSTO GULLO

HQ/ACC/AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

Approved: (signed) W. A. HARTMAN
Major
Director

Provincial Offices of the Economic Bodies of Agriculture (Cerealicultura, Viticultura, Olivicultura, Ortoflorofrutticultura, Pastorizia e Zootecnia) and the absorption on the part of Provincial Agricultural Inspectorates of their respective tasks, subject to further announcements by this Ministry concerning the abolition or revamping of other agencies, such as the « Associazione Nazionale Coltivatori piante erbacee oleoginose, Consorzi Provinciali Trebbiatori », etc.

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This Ministry and the Allied Control Commission while expressing the most understanding appreciation of the work carried on by Agrarian Compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates in their own fields of action, during the tumultuous period undergone by liberated Italy, have the utmost confidence in the will to work and the ability of the Ministry's Officials, so that after completion of the current agrarian campaign — which thru forces beyond control has had to be carried on practically without supervision and in almost complete absence of adequate productive means — Italian agriculture may be reorganized and reestablished on that basis of sound technique which at all times has been the aim of this Ministry and the object of passionate and assidous efforts of all central and peripheral officials.

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Minister

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(Allegato A)

ORGANIZZAZIONE DELL'AMMASSO

1) L'Associazione Nazionale degli Enti Economici dell'Agricoltura che, per modificazione di organizzazione e di compiti, assume il nome di Ufficio Nazionale Statistico-Economico dell'Agricoltura (U.N.S.E.A) funzionerà quale organo dello Stato, alle dirette dipendenze del Ministero dell'Agricoltura e delle Foreste.

I compiti di carattere generale assegnati all'U.N.S.E.A sono quelli del rilevamento statistico, dell'accertamento e del reperimento della produzione agricola sottoposta a disciplina di ammasso o di vincolo e conseguenti controlli.

Allo stesso vengono anche affidate tutte le attribuzioni di carattere generale demandate dalla Legge 18-5-1942, n. 566 agli Enti Economici dell'Agricoltura, che esso ufficio svolgerà in nome e per conto degli Enti stessi.

2) Gli Ispettorati Compartimentali dell'Agricoltura presiederanno al coordinamento di tutte le attività tecniche ed economiche che si svolgono nell'ambito della rispettiva giurisdizione.

3) Nelle rispettive provincie gli Ispettorati provinciali dell'Agricoltura svolgeranno tutti i compiti di carattere tecnico e di assistenza agraria che, comunque, interessano le colture, gli allevamenti ed i prodotti, compresi quelli in precedenza demandati alle organizzazioni economiche periferiche.

Spetta inoltre ad essi Ispettorati vigilare e coordinare tutta la attività che permane ancora affidata alle predette organizzazioni periferiche.

4) Le istituzioni e gli organi tecnici specializzati dipendenti o controllati dal Ministero dell'Agricoltura e delle Foreste continueranno ad esplicare la loro attività.

5) Gli Uffici Provinciali dell'Associazione (Uffici Accertamenti Agricoli) vengono ricostituiti secondo i nuovi criteri che qui si precisano ed assumeranno il nome di Uffici Provinciali Statistico-Economici dell'Agricoltura (U.P.S.E.A.).

Gli Uffici provvederanno per la organizzazione ed il controllo degli ammassi dei prodotti agricoli che saranno disposti da questo Ministero, per la raccolta ed il controllo delle denuncie di produzione, per la disciplina degli ammassi stessi, per l'accertamento ed il reperimento delle produzioni soggette ad ammasso od a vincolo, per la disci-

(Appendix A)

TRANSLATION

ORGANIZATION OF « AMMASSI »

1. The National Association of Economic Bodies of Agriculture which, through a change in its organization and tasks, will assume the name of « Ufficio Nazionale Statistico Economico dell'Agricoltura » (U.N.S.E.A.), shall function as an organ of the State, directly under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.

The general duties of U.N.S.E.A. shall include statistical surveys and the assessment and location of agricultural products subject to amassing or blocking as well as to the corresponding controls.

There are likewise attributed to U.N.S.E.A. all functions of a general nature which Law No. 566 of 5-18-42 assigns to the Economic Bodies of Agriculture, which functions shall be performed by U.N.S.E.A. in the name and for account of said Bodies.

2. Compartmental Agricultural Inspectorates shall be responsible for the coordination of all technical and economic activities which are carried on within the scope of their respective jurisdiction.

3. Within their respective provinces the Provincial Agricultural Inspectorates shall perform all technical and advisory tasks which in any way affect growing crops, livestock, and agricultural products, and which include those previously assigned to peripheral economic organizations.

It is furthermore incumbent upon said Inspectorates to supervise and coordinate all activities of which the aforementioned peripheral organizations are still in charge.

4. Institutions and specialized technical agencies operating under or controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests shall continue to perform their activities.

5. The Provincial offices of the Association (Uffici Accertamenti Agricoli) are hereby re-created in accordance with new principles defined hereunder and shall be called Uffici Provinciali Statistico-Economici dell'Agricoltura (U.P.S.E.A.).

These offices shall arrange for the organization and control of the amassing of such products as shall be specified by this Ministry, for the collection and checking of production returns, for the regulation of the ammassi themselves, for the assessment and location of products subject to amassing or blocking, for the regulation of tran-

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plina dei trasporti e per l'accertamento delle infrazioni relative agli ammassi stessi.

Rientra fra le funzioni di detti Uffici l'assistenza ai produttori per l'assolvimento dei compiti ed il riconoscimento dei diritti loro derivanti dall'osservanza delle discipline di ammasso e di vincolo.

Gli Uffici Provinciali Statistico-Economici dell'Agricoltura rappresentano altresì gli organi a disposizione degli Ispettorati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura per indagini e rilevamenti di carattere statistico ed economico nonchè per la attuazione di particolari compiti di ordine tecnico-economico-assistenziale che questo Dicastero, su proposta degli Ispettorati Provinciali, ritenesse ad essi di demandare.

L'organizzazione periferica sarà completata dagli Uffici di Zona, che, con personale opportunamente selezionato e ridotto al minimo indispensabile, sono posti alle dirette dipendenze degli Uffici Provinciali.

Gli Uffici di Zona dovranno essere costituiti in numero tale da consentire il pieno rendimento di tutta l'organizzazione economica. Ciascun Ufficio potrà avere la propria giurisdizione su di uno o più Comuni, in rapporto all'importanza agricola dei Comuni stessi e delle possibilità di collegamento, ed avrà sede in quel Comune che meglio si presta per i rapporti con l'intera zona controllata, possibilmente centro di ammasso, di mercati, fiere ed in genere ove gli agricoltori abbiano frequenti ragioni di recarsi.

6) Resta fermo quanto è demandato dalle disposizioni in vigore ai Consorzi Agrari Provinciali quali organi per l'esecuzione delle operazioni di ammasso obbligatorio e volontario dei prodotti agricoli ed, eventualmente, quelle di difesa delle piante coltivate e dei prodotti contro cause nemiche.

In esecuzione delle disposizioni impartite con la presente circolare l'Ufficio Nazionale Statistico-Economico dell'Agricoltura disporrà per l'immediata messa in efficienza dei costituendi Uffici, sia centrali che periferici, e per l'accurata selezione sia dal punto di vista del rendimento che politico del personale che vi sarà preposto.

Inoltre, dovendo l'U.N.S.E.A. provvedere anche per la gestione del patrimonio degli Enti da essa rappresentati, costituirà nel proprio seno un servizio con amministrazione nettamente separata per la gestione di detto patrimonio secondo le norme che saranno all'uopo fissate.

Sono ripristinati, secondo le seguenti direttive, i Comitati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura — aventi

sports and for the reporting of violations occurring in connection with ammassi.

The functions of said offices include assistance to producers in the fulfillment of tasks and the exercise of rights arising from compliance with amassing and blocking regulations.

U.P.S.E.A. offices constitute likewise agencies at the disposal of Provincial Inspectorates of Agriculture for inquiries and surveys of a statistical and economic nature as well as for the performance of special technical, economic and advisory tasks which this Ministry might assign to them upon the recommendation of said Provincial Inspectorates.

The peripheral organization shall be completed with the creation of the Zone offices which are operate directly under the Provincial Offices, with carefully selected personnel kept within an indispensable minimum.

Zone Offices shall be sufficient in number to insure maximum efficiency in the entire economic organization. The jurisdiction of each Office may extend to one or more Communes, according to the agricultural importance of said Communes and to liaison possibilities, and shall be located in the Commune which is most favorably situated from the standpoint of *maintaining* relations with the entire controlled zone, and which might be the amassing center, or a market place, or a fair town, or any place farmers might have reason to visit frequently.

6. There shall remain in force current provisions which establish Provincial Agricultural Consorzi as the executive organs for the voluntary and compulsory amassing of agricultural products, and, if necessary, for the protection of growing crops and agricultural products against harmful influences.

In compliance with the provisions contained in this circular, U.N.S.E.A. shall immediately place the proposed central and peripheral offices in working order, and shall arrange for the most accurate selection of the respective personnel, both from the standpoint of efficiency and of political reliability.

Moreover, since U.N.S.E.A. will be called upon to manage the assets of agencies which it represents, it shall set up within its organization a service completely separate from an administrative standpoint, for the management of said assets in accordance with instructions to be issued for this purpose.

In accordance with directives hereunder, there are restored the Provincial committees for Agri-

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funzioni consultive per il coordinamento di tutti i provvedimenti da attuarsi in provincia in materia di disciplina della produzione, distribuzione dei mezzi tecnici e di inizative afferenti alle attività agricole — nonchè i Comitati Comunali, che assumeranno anche i compiti di assistenza e di componimento delle controversie eventualmente insorgenti per l'osservanza della disciplina di ammasso.

Il Comitato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura dovrà essere in ogni Provincia immediatamente formato come segue:

Presidente:

Il Capo del R. Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura.

Membri:

1) Un rappresentante della R. Prefettura.
2) Un rappresentante del Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia per la Sezione Agricola Forestale.
3) Il Direttore del Consorzio Agrario Provinciale.
4) Un agricoltore rappresentante dei proprietari ed affittuari conduttori.
5) Un agricoltore rappresentante dei proprietari dei beni affittati.
6) Un agricoltore rappresentante dei proprietari e affittuari diretti coltivatori.
7) Un rappresentante scelto fra i lavoratori dell'Agricoltura.
8) Un agricoltore rappresentante dei Tecnici Agricoli.
9) Il Direttore dell'Ufficio Provinciale dell'Agricoltura (ex Uffici Accertamenti Agricoli), con funzioni di Segretario.

Il Capo dell'Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura procederà alla nomina delle persone che ritiene idonee a far parte del Comitato ottenutane la preventiva approvazione dall'Eccellenza il Prefetto.

Con la stessa procedura il Presidente provvederà alla nomina del Vice Presidente.

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In ciascun Comune dovrà costituirsi un unico Comitato che assumerà la denominazione di Comitato Comunale dell'Agricoltura al quale vengono demandate:

a) le attività già affidate al Comitato Comunale dell'Alimentazione;

culture who are to furnish advice concerning the coordination of all measures to be enacted in the province in connection with the regulation of production, the distribution of technical means and all promotional activities affecting agricultural activities; there shall likewise be restored the Communal Committees to whose tasks shall be added that of furnishing advice and of settling any controversies which might arise in connection with the observance of amassing regulations.

Provincial Committees for Agriculture shall be appointed immediately in each Province, as follows:

President: The Chief of the Provincial Agricultural Inspectorate.

Membership:

a) A representative of the Prefettura.

b) A representative of the Provincial Economic Council, for the Agriculture and Forest Section thereof.

c) The director of the Provincial Agr. Consorzio.

d) A farmer representing owner and tenant managers.

e) A farmer representing owners and tenants who are personal operators.

f) A representative chosen from among workers in agriculture.

g) A representative of Agricultural Technicians.

h) The director of U.P.S.E.A. (ex Ufficio Accertamenti Agricoli) who shall act as Secretary.

The Chief of the Provincial Agricultural Inspectorate shall appoint such persons as he deems eligible for membership in the Committee, after obtaining the Prefect's approval in respect thereto.

The same procedure shall be followed by the President in appointing the Vice-President.

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In each Commune there shall be constituted a single Committee which shall be named Communal Committee for Agriculture and which shall perform the following:

a) All activities formerly carried on by the Communal Committee for Alimentation.

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b) le attività, nell'ambito comunale, demandate al Comitato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura;

c) la funzione arbitrale nelle controversie derivanti dall'applicazione delle discipline inerenti all'agricoltura.

Del Comitato Comunale dell'Agricoltura saranno chiamati a far parte:

Presidente: il Sindaco.

Membri: il Comandante locale dei RR.CC.;
un rappresentante del Clero designato del Vescovo;
il Capo dell'Ufficio di Zona Statistico-Economico dell'Agricoltura, con funzioni di Segretario;
due agricoltori locali rappresentanti degli agricoltori, di cui uno per le grandi aziende e uno per le piccole e medie aziende;
due rappresentanti scelti fra i lavoratori dell'agricoltura.

Il Comitato in parola dovrà essere immediatamente costituito.

Il Sindaco procederà alla nomina delle persone che ritiene idonee a far parte del Comitato dopo ottenutane l'approvazione del Comitato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura.

L'Ispettore Agrario Provinciale comunicherà a questo Ministero l'avvenuta costituzione dei Comitati Provinciali e Comunali dell'Agricoltura.

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Le Sezioni Provinciali dell'Alimentazione collaboreranno con la nuova organizzazione economico-agricola, in rapporto alle proprie attribuzioni in modo tale da rendere il più omogeneo possibile il complesso produttivo nell'ambito della rispettiva provincia.

Le LL. EE. i Prefetti ed i Capi degli Ispettorati Compartimentali e Provinciali dell'Agricoltura affiancheranno l'azione dell'U.N.S.E.A. per lo adeguamento della organizzazione periferica.

Questo Ministero si riserva di diramare altre norme, esecutive per il funzionamento dell'organizzazione economica in questione, e di fissare i compiti ad essa demandati e le rispettive sfere di competenza.

Il Ministro
F.to FAUSTO GULLO

HQ/ACC/AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION
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Major
Director

b) All activities — within the Communal sphere — incumbent upon Provincial Committees for Agriculture.

c) The function of arbiter in controversies arising from the enforcement of regulations governing agriculture.

The membership of Communal Committees for Agriculture shall be as follows:

President: The mayor.

Membership:

Local Carabinieri Commander.
A representative of the clergy designated by the bishop.
The head of the U.P.S.E.A zone office, who shall act as secretary.
Two local farmers representing the landholders.
Two representatives chosen from among the workers in agriculture.

The above mentioned Committee shall be constituted at once.

The mayor shall appoint such persons as he deems eligible for membership in the Committee, after obtaining the approval of the Provincial Committee for Agriculture in respect thereto.

The Provincial Agricultural Inspector shall notify this Ministry as soon as the Provincial and Communal Committees for Agriculture are instituted.

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The « Sezioni Provinciali dell'Alimentazione » (Provincial Food Bureaus) shall cooperate with this new economic organization in agriculture, in accordance with their functions, in order that the productive machinary in each province may be rendered as uniform as possible.

Their Excellencies the Prefects and the Chiefs of Compartmental and Provincial Agricultural Inspectorates shall support U.N.S.E.A. for the proper establishment of its peripheral organization.

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The foregoing is subject to the issuance of further instructions by this Ministry governing the operation of the economie organization in question, and defining both its tasks and the scope of the respective jurisdictions.

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(Allegato B)

DECRETO MINISTERIALE PER LA DISCIPLINA DI AMMASSO DEL GRANO E DELL'ORZO DEL RACCOLTO 1944

IL MINISTRO PER L'AGRICOLTURA E LE FORESTE

VISTO il R. D. L. 10-5-1943, n. 397 recante disposizioni per la disciplina totalitaria del raccolto cerealicolo 1943 e delle fave secche,

VISTO il D. M. 26-5-1943 sulla determinazione delle trattenute dei cereali e delle fave secche,

VISTO il D. M. 11-6-1943 sulle trattenute di grano consentite ai conduttori di aziende,

VISTO il D. M. 15-6-1943 che disciplina la macinazione dei cereali trattenuti per il consumo familiare,

VISTA l'ordinanza N. 1 del Commissario Generale per l'Alimentazione in data 24-9-1943,

VISTO il R. D. L. 25-2-1944, n. 63 che stabilisce il passaggio alle dipendenze del Ministero dell'Agricoltura e Foreste del Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione,

VISTO il R. D. L. 22-4-1943 n. 245 relativo alle penalità per il mancato conferimento dei cereali in genere,

CONSIDERATA la necessità nelle attuali contingenze di assicurare i rifornimenti indispensabili per le FF. AA. e per la popolazione civile,

RITENUTO pertanto di confermare l'ammasso del grano e dell'orzo con riserva di emanare successive disposizioni per l'ammasso o il vincolo di altri prodotti agricoli, prodotti nella campagna agraria 1943-44, disciplinandone i conferimenti, i trasporti, la lavorazione e la distribuzione,

DECRETA

Art. 1. Rimangono sottoposti alla disciplina di ammasso, i seguenti prodotti, da chiunque e per qualsiasi titolo detenuti: frumento ed orzo.

Restano in vigore le disposizioni di cui al R. D. L. 10 maggio 1943 n. 397 limitatamente all'ammasso del frumento e dell'orzo.

I prodotti conferiti sono immediatamente pagati, a termini dell'art. 10 del succitato R. D. L., sulla base dei prezzi fissati in relazione agli attuali costi di produzione risultanti dai conti colturali.

(Appendix B)

TRANSLATION

MINISTERIAL DECREE REGULATING THE AMASSING OF WHEAT AND BARLEY PRODUCED IN 1944

BY VIRTUE OF: R. D.L. No. 397 of May 10, 43 containing provisions for the comprehensive regulation of the 1943 production of cereals and dried horse beans.

M. D. of May 26, 1943, fixing retention rates, on cereals and dried horse beans,

M. D. of June 11, 1943 concerning wheat retentions authorized for farm operators.

M. D. of June 15, 1943 regulating the milling of cereals retained for family use.

Order No. 1 of the Commissioner General for Alimentation, dated September 24, 1943.

R. D. L. No. 63 of February 25, 1944 ordering the absorption of the Office of the Commissioner General for Alimentation by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.

R. D. L. No. 245 of April 22, 1943 concerning penalties for failure to deliver grains to amassi,

WHEREAS, due to the present emergency it is absolutely necessary to insure vital supplies to the Armed Forces and to the civilian population,

WHEREAS, therefore, it is deemed advisable to restore the amassing of wheat and barley — subject to issuing subsequent directives regulating the amassing or control of other crops — produced during the 1943-1944 season; and to regulate the delivery, transport, processing and distribution thereof,

The Minister of Agriculture and Forests

HEREBY DECREES

Art. 1. The following products, by whomsoever and for whatever reason held, shall be subject to amassing; wheat and barley. Provisions of R. D. L. No. 397, of May 10, 1943, concerning the amassing of wheat and barley, shall remain in force.

All products delivered to amassi shall be paid for immediately in compliance with Art. 10 of the above mentioned Decree, at prices fixed in relation to present costs of production as evidenced by cost analyses.

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Art. 2. E' ripristinata la disciplina per la macinazione del grano e dell'orzo di produzione 1944 da trattenere per il consumo familiare, secondo le norme di cui al D.M. 15-6-1943, fatta eccezione per l'art. 4 di detto Decreto relativo alle quote da trattenere per consumo familiare, che vengono fissate come al seguente art. 3.

Restano abrogate le disposizioni relative all'anticipata scadenza delle bollette di macinazione di cui all'ordinanza N. 1 del Commissariato Generale dell'Alimentazione.

Le quantità di prodotto trattenute per il fabbisogno della alimentazione familiare debbono essere giustificate dalle bollette di macinazione rilasciate, nelle norme prescritte, dall'Autorità Comunale; tali quautità non possono formare oggetto di compra-vendita.

Art. 3. Le quantità di grano che sul raccolto 1944 possono essere trattenute per il consumo familiare, in esenzione dal vincolo e dall'obbligo dell'ammasso, a termini dell'art. 2 del R. D. L. 10-5-1943 n. 397, sono stabilite nelle seguenti misure massime per ciascuna persona delle categorie in appresso indicate, restando inteso che nessuna persona può trattenere più di una quota:

a) conduttori non coltivatori manuali di aziende cerealicole, di cui siano proprietari o enfiteuti o usufruttuari o affittuari (conduttori in economia o a mezzadria, o a colonia parziaria o in compartecipazione) che esercitino direttamente e continuativamente la produzione dell'azienda con esclusione di ogni altra attività: q.li 1.50 di grano per il conduttore e per ciascuna delle persone di famiglia che con lui convivono a carico e per ciascuno dei dipendenti conviventi.

b) conduttori coltivatori manuali di aziende cerealicole, di cui siano proprietari, o enfiteuti, o usufruttuari, o affittuari (coltivatori diretti): q.li 2.00 per il conduttore e per ciascuna delle persone di famiglia che con lui convivono a carico e per ciascuno dei dipendenti conviventi.

c) coloni parziali, compartecipanti di aziende cerealicole: q.li 2.00 per il lavoratore e per ciascuna delle persone di famiglia che con lui convivono a carico e per ciascuno dei dipendenti conviventi.

d) convivenze e parrocchie che conducano direttamente aziende cerealicole in proprietà o in enfiteusi, o in usufrutto, o in affitto: q.li 2.00 pro-capite per i conviventi che attendono manualmente e stabilmente alla coltivazione dei terreni.

Art. 2. There are hereby restored the provisions governing the milling of wheat and barley produced in 1944, to be retained for family consumption, as directed by Ministerial Decree of June 15, 1943 with the exception of Art. 4 relating to amounts to be retained for family consumption, which are fixed in Art. 3 hereunder.

There are hereby abrogated the provisions relating to the expiration in advance of milling permits covered by order No. 1 of the Commissioner General for Alimentation. All amounts retained for family food requirements must be accounted for by means of the milling permits issued by Communal authorities, in accordance with existing regulations. Such amounts cannot be bought or sold.

Art. 3. Maximum amounts of wheat which may be retained from the 1944 crop for family consumption under the exemption from the amassing obligation, in accordance with Art. 2 of R.D.L. No. 397 of May 10, 1943, are set as follows for each person of the following groups; it being understood that no one person shall be entitled to more than one retention:

a) non-manual operators of cereal farms of which they are owners or « Enfiteuti » (long-term tenants) or usufructuaries or tenants (operators with hired help, or on a half-share tenancy basis, or on a share-tenancy or share-cropping basis) who personally and continuously attend to the management of the farm to the exclusion of any other activity; 1.50 quintals of wheat for such operator and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family and cohabitant help.

b) Manual operators of cereal farms, of which they are owners, or « Enfiteuti » or (long-term tenants), or usufructuaries, or tenants (personal operators): 2.00 quintals for the operator and each cohabitant dependent member of his family and cohabitant help.

c) Share tenants who share in the production of cereal farms: 2.00 quintals for each laborer and cohabitant dependent member of his family and cohabitant help.

d) Communities and parishes operating cereal farms as owners or « Enfiteuti » (long-term tenants) or usufructuaries, or tenants: 2.00 quintals per capita for members who manually and permanently attend to the cultivation of the land.

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Inoltre, i conduttori che abbiano, per patto di lavoro, obbligo di corrispondere cereali ai lavoratori, possono trattenere:

e) per i salariati fissi ed obbligati, addetti alle aziende cerealicole, quando per patto di lavoro abbiano diritto a compenso in natura fino a q.li 2.00 per ciascun lavoratore e per ciascuna delle persone di famiglia che con lui convivono a carico.

f) per i coloni parziali, i compartecipanti, i salariati fissi di aziende agricole ed i braccianti stabilmente occupati in tali aziende, ai quali per patto di lavoro debbano farsi somministrazioni di cereali: fino a q.li 2.00 per lavoratore manuale;

g) per i dirigenti e impiegati di aziende cerealicole che risiedono stabilmente presso le aziende stesse e vi esplichino continuativamente ed esclusivamente la loro attività, con funzioni tecniche od amministrative, di concetto o di ordine: q.li 1.00 per ciascun dirigente o impiegato e per ciascuna delle persone di famiglia che con lui convivono a carico.

Art. 4. In sostituzione totale o parziale di grano possono essere trattenuti per ogni quintale di grano q.li 1.30 di orzo prodotto nella stessa azienda agricola.

Art. 5. I quantitativi di grano e di orzo che possono essere trattenuti per le esigenze delle semine, in esenzione dal vincolo e dall'obbligo dell'ammasso, sono stabiliti per ogni ettaro da coltivare nelle seguenti misure massime:

grano di varietà precoce: q.li 1.80 per ettaro
grano di varietà tardiva: q.li 1.25 per ettaro
orzo per produzione di granella: q.li 1.50 per ettaro.

Art. 6. Non sono consentite trattenute di grano o di orzo per usi zootecnici.

Art. 7. Sono abrogate tutte le disposizioni che comunque contrastino con le norme fissate nel presente decreto.

Le infrazioni alle disposizioni contenute nel presente decreto sono punite ai sensi del R. D. L. 22-4-1943 n. 245.

Salerno, 2 maggio 1944

Il Ministro
F.to FAUSTO GULLO

Furthermore, operators who are obligated under wage contracts to make deliveries of cereals to laborers, may retain the following:

e) For fixed-salary employees and task-labor working on cereal farms, whenever wage contracts specify compensation in kind; up to 2.00 quintals for each laborer and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family.

f) For share-tenants, share-croppers, fixed-salary employees of farming enterprises and laborers permanently working for such enterprises, whose wage contract specifies deliveries of cereals; up to 2.00 quintals per manual laborer.

g) For managers and employees of cereal farms who permanently reside thereon and work continuously and exclusively, in technical, administrative, managerial or clerical capacity: 1 quintal for each manager or employee and for each cohabitant dependent member of his family.

Art. 4. As a total or partial substitute for wheat there may be retained for each quintal of wheat 1.30 quintals of barley produced on the same farm.

Art. 5. Maximum amounts of wheat and barley which may be retained for seeding, under the exemption from crop control and amassing obligations, are set as follows for each hectare to be cultivated:

Early wheat: 1.80 quintals per hectare.

Late wheat: 1.25 quintals per hectare.

Barley, for production as grain: 1.50 quintals per hectare.

Art. 6. No wheat or barley retentions are authorized for animal feed.

Art. 7. All provisions which in any way conflict with the ones set forth in this decree are hereby abrogated. The violation of any of the provisions contained in this decree shall be punishable in accordance with R. D. L. No. 245 of 22 April 1943.

Salerno, 2 May 1944

Signed: FAUSTO GULLO
Minister

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MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA E DELLE FORESTE

N.1847 di prot. Salerno, 17 maggio 1944
Div.3/I-O
Circolare n.100-La.

OGGETTO: Norme per la regolamentazione della disciplina per l'esercizio e l'incoraggiamento della trebbiatura e sgranatura a macchina, o con altri mezzi e sistemi, dei cereali e delle leguminose - Raccolto 1944.-

AL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA COMMERCIO E LAVORO
AL MINISTERO DELLE FINANZE
AL MINISTERO PER LA GRAZIA E GIUSTIZIA
AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO
AL COMMISSARIATO GENERALE DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE
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ALLA FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
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Presidenti dei Comitati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura

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Con Decreto in corso di pubblicazione viene abrogato il R.D. L.23/4/1942 n.433.

Pertanto sono soppressi i Consorzi Provinciali ed Interprovinciali Obbligatori tra gli esercenti la trebbiatura e la sgranatura a macchina per conto terzi, nonchè la relativa Federazione Nazionale.

E' perciò pure abolito il contributo di cui all'art.4 del R. D.L. 23/4/1942 n.433.

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Sulla base delle norme contenute nel decreto di imminente emanazione che disciplinerà l'esercizio della trebbiatura e della sgranatura per la corrente campagna, si impartiscono frattanto al riguardo le seguenti istruzioni:

1) Chiunque intenda esercitare la trebbiatura e sgranatura dei cereali con macchine azionate a motore deve munirsi di licenza, da rilasciarsi dall'Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura.

La licenza è del tipo A, per l'esercizio della trebbiatura e sgranatura sui soli fondi condotti dal titolare o dai titolari della licenza, e del tipo B per l'esercizio della trebbiatura e sgra-

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natura per conto di terzi, oppure per conto proprio e di terzi.

Le associazioni e le società comunque costituite fra gli agricoltori allo scopo di provvedere alla trebbiatura e sgranatura sui fondi condotti da esse o dai loro associati debbono munirsi della licenza di tipo A; se però intendono esercitare dette operazioni anche per conto di terzi, debbono munirsi della licenza di tipo B.

Non può essere rilasciata - salvo caso eccezionale - licenza per l'esercizio di macchine trebbiatrici o sgranatrici non munite di apposito estintore o non aventi la necessaria idoneità tecnica.

2) Le licenze sono rilasciate, a partire dal 1° maggio di ogni anno ed entro un mese dalla presentazione delle relative domande, su decisione dell'Ispettore Provinciale dell'Agricoltura, sentito il Comitato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura ed il Capo dell'Ispettorato dell'Industria e del Lavoro (ex Ispettorato Corporativo) competente per territorio.

Per la corrente campagna sono prorogabili le licenze rilasciate nell'annata precedente, purchè munite di nuovo visto da parte dell'Ispettorato Agrario e sempre che sia stato provveduto al pagamento - anche per la corrente campagna - della tassa di concessione governativa di cui al seguente punto 5°.

3) La licenza ha valore soltanto per la macchina o per le macchine, per le specie o per la specie di prodotto, per l'annata e nell'ambito della provincia, per le quali è stata rilasciata.

L'esercente di macchine che intende impiegare le stesse in altre provincie deve sottoporre la licenza al visto di autorizzazione degli Ispettorati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura competenti per territorio.

4) Il Comitato di cui al paragrafo 2° è chiamato a dare parere anche:

a) sul numero massimo di macchine da adibire, nell'ambito del territorio della provincia, alla trebbiatura per conto di terzi in relazione alle esigenze della produzione;

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b) sulla idoneità tecnica delle macchine adibite alla trebbiatura e sgranatura dei cereali;

c) sull'opportunità o meno di predisporre un piano di distribuzione per l'impiego delle macchine trebbiatrici nell'ambito della provincia.

5) Per le spese relative agli accertamenti sulla idoneità tecnica delle macchine trebbiatrici gli aspiranti alla licenza per l'esercizio della trebbiatura e della sgranatura a macchina sono tenuti a versare all'Erario una tassa di concessione governativa di L.200 per ogni tipo di trebbiatrice e sgranatrice qualunque sia la lunghezza del battitore.

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Pertanto nel richiedere la licenza gli interessati dovranno dimostrare di aver già effettuato il versamento di cui sopra.

6) Su conforme parere del Comitato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura l'Ispettore Provinciale dell'Agricoltura può revocare in qualunque momento la licenza qualora venga accertata la deficienza tecnica delle macchine, del personale addettovi, o la mancanza dell'estintore da incendio, o quando il titolare della licenza non osservi, nell'esercizio della trebbiatura, le norme di cui al precitato decreto o non rispetti le tariffe di trebbiatura fissate dal Ministero dell'Agricoltura e Foreste di concerto col Ministero dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro, o dai rispettivi organi provinciali.

L'accertamento delle infrazioni alle tariffe, è demandato all'Ispettorato del Lavoro competente per territorio.

Si trascrivono qui di seguito le tariffe medie di trebbiatura, con macchine azionate a motore e con carburante immesso a spese dal trebbiatore, concordate, a titolo di orientamento, tra i competenti Dicasteri e che dovranno servire di base nella determinazione, da parte dei Comitati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura, delle tariffe da fissare nella rispettiva provincia per il vaniente raccolto granario:

- trebbiatura per partita fino a q/li 50 di prodotto: il produttore è tenuto a corrispondere al trebbiatore un compenso in denaro pari a L.50 per q/le trebbiato;
- per partita da q/li 50 fino a q/li 100 di prodotto: il produttore dovrà corrispondere al trebbiatore un compenso in denaro pari a L.45 per q/le trebbiato;
- per partita oltre q/li 100 di prodotto: il produttore dovrà corrispondere al trebbiatore un compenso in denaro pari a L.35 per q/le trebbiato.

Tali tariffe si riferiscono alla trebbiatura del frumento con macchine azionate a motore a scoppio.

Nel caso che il trebbiatore proceda anche alla trinciatura e alla pressatura meccanica della relativa paglia, il produttore sarà tenuto a corrispondere L.12 per q/le di paglia pressata o trinciata, non compreso in tale compenso il prezzo del filo di fer

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- trebbiatura per partita fino a q/li 50 di prodotto: il produttore è tenuto a corrispondere al trebbiatore un compenso in denaro pari a L.50 per q/le trebbiato;
- per partita da q/li 50 fino a q/li 100 di prodotto: il produttore dovrà corrispondere al trebbiatore un compenso in denaro pari a L.45 per q/le trebbiato;
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Il trebbiatore è tenuto a fornire a proprie spese - durante le operazioni di trebbiatura - almeno tre operai specializzati per il funzionamento della trebbiatrice e per l'imboccatura del prodotto.

Tutti gli altri lavoratori saranno a spese del produttore.

I Comitati Provinciali dell'Agricoltura sono pregati di tenere presente che le tariffe medie di trebbiatura sopra riportato, si riferiscono a trebbiatrici normali, con battitore di cm.120, azionate con motori alimentati a nafta, o petrolio o benzina.

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Nel caso che l'azionamento delle trebbie sia fatto con altri mezzi (carbone, paglia, sanse esauste, ecc.) o si tratti di altri prodotti, le tariffe stesse dovranno essere opportunamente adeguate - in sede di Comitato Provinciale, presente il Capo dell'Ispettorato dell'Industria e del Lavoro - in base ai prezzi dei combustibili impiegati, al lavoro richiesto e alle Zone di impiego.

7) Presso ogni macchina trebbiatrice di cereali in funzione, deve essere tenuto, a cura del titolare della licenza, un unico bollettario a madre e figlie fornito, dietro pagamento, dall'Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura, per la registrazione dei dati e delle denunzie di cui appresso. Subito dopo ogni operazione di pesatura i dati delle singole pesate debbono essere trascritti, a penna o a lapis copiativo, a tergo della bolletta madre del predetto bollettario di denunzia.

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Sulle tre schede figlie di detto bollettario, dovranno essere eseguite - a cura del titolare della licenza di trebbia - le seguenti registrazioni e denunzie, controfirmate dallo stesso:

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b) compilazione della seconda scheda figlia e consegna della stessa, entro una settimana dalla fine della trebbiatura, al Municipio del Comune di produzione, il quale - desunti i dati che gli possono interessare per l'Ufficio Annonario - provvederà per il suo inoltro all'Ufficio Centrale di Statistica presso il Ministero dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro.

c) compilazione della terza scheda figlia da consegnare al recapito comunale dell'Ufficio Statistico Economico dell'Agricoltura (ex Ufficio Accertamenti Agricoli) nel cui territorio il prodotto è stato ottenuto. A sua volta, detto Ufficio Statistico Economico dell'Agricoltura, rimetterà la terza scheda al compe

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tente Ispettorato Agrario Provinciale. In quest'ultima bollet ta devono risultare, la quantità trebbiata, le generalità del conduttore del fondo da cui i cereali provengono ed il Comune in cui il tenimento si trova.

La consegna della terza scheda al predetto recapito comunale dovrà essere eseguita giornalmente per le partite che richiedono un lavoro non superiore ad un giorno; e subito dopo ultimata la trebbiatura per quelle partite che richiedono più di una giornata lavorativa.

Entro una settimana dall'ultimo giorno di trebbiatura i tron coni dei bollettari, anche se soltanto in parte utilizzati, debbo no essere riconsegnati all'Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltu ra che li ha rilasciati.

Si precisa che la prima scheda figlia - di cui al punto a) - potrà essere utilizzata anche come bolletta obbligatoria di accom pagnamento per il trasporto del prodotto trebbiato, dall'aia al magazzino del produttore.

A tale uopo, a tergo delle due ultime bollette a destra del bollettario in questione, sarà stampato apposito tracciato, allo scopo di potere registrare, di volta in volta, ogni uscita dal- l'aia del prodotto trebbiato.

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a) data d'inizio della trebbia, sgranatura e sbattitura dei cereali;
b) quantità media giornaliera di cereale che potrà essere trebbiato;
c) numero delle giornate previste per il funzionamento delle trebbie a mano e delle aie;
d) se la trebbia o l'aia vengono utilizzate per conto della propria azienda o per conto terzi ovvero promiscuamente.
In quest ultimi casi, nella domanda dev'essere previsto anche l'itinerario di lavorazione delle trebbie a mano e il nome dei

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produttori che, in ordine di tempo, usufruiranno della trebbia a mano e dell'aia;

e) la precisa dislocazione delle trebbie a mano private o la ubicazione delle aie comuni e delle aie private.

Sono considerate aie comuni di calpestio, di battitura con vergine o con manuale quelle aie nelle quali convergono i cereali di diversi produttori.

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A trebbiatura ultimata, sia il proprietario o il conduttore della trebbia a mano; sia il proprietario o il conduttore dell'aia, preventivamente autorizzate all'uso dovranno denunciare, con apposite bollette, all'Ufficio Comunale Statistico Economico, il prodotto trebbiato.

9) Per la sorveglianza sulle operazioni di trebbiatura e per l'accertamento delle quantità di cereali denunciati, nonchè della relativa superficie seminata, l'Ispettorato Provinciale dell'Agricoltura, può avvalersi degli Uffici Provinciali Statistico Economici dell'Agricoltura e richiedere anche l'opera degli agenti di polizia giudiziaria.

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SUBJECT: Peoples' Granary - Bulletin No. 2.

TO : All RC's for PC's, Agricultural Officers and Others.

A. GENERAL:

1. This second edition of Peoples' Granary Bulletin, contains an outline of an excellent program of action put into effect in Matera Province plus many other pertinent suggestions. It is hereby requested that each PC submit to this HQ office a copy of his overall action program. It is also suggested that each PC prepare a current outline of action and results and submit same at least every two weeks to respective RC's.

2. Attached as Appendix A is a copy of "The Matera Plan", that is in itself more of a result than a plan. It is a draft of the arrangements made in Matera Province for Maximizing the consignment of grain for the Granai del Popolo including a plan for control of wheat leakage and a propaganda program. This work was undertaken under the active supervision of the RC Region II with the collaboration of PC Matera, and the executive functions were coordinated under the chairmanship of 1st. Lt. Frank J. Verdirame (A). By 19 May, all Sindaci in the province had been given their final instructions, and had pledged their 100% support in administering the spirit and the letter of grain-collecting legislation.

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5. Overcoming critical shortage of parts and repairs for agriculture power plants implements, and transportation, will require the greatest ingenuity on the part of Allied and Italian personnel. Constant touch should be kept with military salvage dumps, and military and civilian workshops, in order to enlist their maximum assistance.

6. More sacks must be found quickly if the collection of grain is not to be delayed. We appeal again for help in disclosing hidden supplies of Italian sacks. In any event, the provision of additional sacks will have to be supplemented by imposing stiff fines on farmers who retain sacks beyond a stated time limit and by keeping up a quick turn-round of

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7. Allied Officers must keep constantly under review the P.O.L. situation with relation to farming, threshing and agriculture transport requirements. Should supplementary allotments be required, they must be demanded at the earliest possible moment, giving full justification, in order to facilitate release in time to be effective. In the past supplementary demands have been received by Pet. Sec. within the last few days of the month, for quantities which could obviously not be used during the remainder of the month, and without any justification. Allotments on a three monthly basis are being considered with a view to obtaining greater flexibility of delivery during the harvest season.

8. Early information is required in this Sub-Commission of any agriculture labor surpluses which are likely to arise in any locality, stating (a) Numbers (b) class of laborer (c) whether available for further employment nearby or at a distance (d) date available and how long. It is hoped that these can be balanced against shortages as they occur.

9. A new simplified wheat and barley grading table has been drawn up, and will be distributed through Consorzio channels as soon as possible. Information copies will go to Regions and Provinces. Similar tables are being compiled for other crops.

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10. Instructions on business procedure and duties of Communal Committees have been issued in two Ministerial directives, translations of which appear at Appendices B and C.

11. Technical and Operating Directives for the Consorzi Agrari are being issued by temporary National Consorzi headquarters. These are approved by the Agriculture Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture and relevant portions will be released in English from time to time, in order to facilitate control.

12. A workable system of priority credits (Bulletin No. 1, para. 7) is still under consideration. It hasbeen proposed that since most commodities of interest to the farmer are in short supply, the premiums should be in the form of services furnished by the Italian Government. Practical suggestions along this line will be heartily welcomed.

C. CONTROL:

13. Steps are being taken to have a communication issued forbidding the dismisal of Consorzio officials, except after investigation through Consorzi channels, and with the approval of this Sub-Commission and the Ministry. These individuals are employees of a semi-private firm rather than of the government, and the above will not preclude taking immediate civil or criminal action against them in appropriate cases.

14. The Public Safety Sub-Commission considers impracticable the suggestion put forth in Buletin No. 1 para 19 for changing over CC RR NCO's. It is hoped that in some quarters however, this end may be accomplished by the normal rotation of CC RR personnel.

15. Digging of potatoes before 15 June hasbeen forbidden by a Ministerial Directive. This instruction should be supported as vigorously as possible in order to make the most of an already heavy crop.

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19. It should be noted that Communal Committees have been directed by the Ministry to adjudicate cases in small Communes, of doctors, lawyers, and other professional and business men who actively supervise the operations of their own farms in the immediate neighborhood, as managerial or administrative personnel, provided they in the considered opinion of the Committee their professional duties do not prejudice the efficient supervision of their farms.

20. Output report forms for power and hand threshing outfits are being prepared for [illegible]on through Ispettorato channels, with information copies to all concerned.

21. Prices of cereals other than wheat and legumes, are being worked out, and those of all grains subject to price control. They will be published shortly.

D. LEGAL:

22. A Ministerial Decree has been drafted and will be issued within the next few days, blocking at the farm for sale only through licensed channels, at controlled prices, certain cereals and legumes, viz., maize, oats, rye, rice, horse beans, and dried lentils, chick peas, chickling vetches, peas, and beans.

23. Another Ministerial Decree is being drafted controlling the activities of power and hand threshers through the Ispettorato channels. A comprehensive Ministerial directive has been issued on this subject, and a translation is Appended at "D".

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24. A third Ministerial Decree is in the process of preparation, freezing farm rental, and share tenant agreements of all types and extending contracts until the end of the state of war in Italy. This measure is preparatory to an review of the whole question of rentals and contracts in the light of increased cost of living.

E PROPOGANDA:

25. A good talking point in favor of the visible, tangible Granai del Popolo is the retention in the Commune under Communal control, of all locally produced wheat and barley up to the limit of annual requirements. Care must be taken not to put too narrow an interpretation on "in the Commune" or good nearby storage space may be neglected.

26. The official wage scale for harvest labor was set at 65 lire on an eight hour day basis, plus 12 lire an hour overtime in order to prevent undue competition with essential military labor. Some apprehension appears to exist in certain quarters with regard to the use of the eight hour day basis. It is suggested that the normal 12 hour agricultural day should be the basis of presentation of the wage scale in order to relieve the anxiety of the workers.

27. Representations have been made to the Ministry by landowners who are unable to claim grain retentions under the new Decrees, protesting against this apparent discrimination. This class of people must be made ot realize their role in the leadership of the rehabilitated Italy, and to set an example of self denial which will help to tide their country over a real crisis without prejudice to a single life by starvation or malnutrition.

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APPENDIX "A"

I GRANAI DEL POPOLO

(The Matera Plan)

The Matera Plan has been built, step by step, for the sole purpose of securing the maximum collection of grain from this year's harvest.

In the doing of the necessary preliminary spade work to accomplish this purpose and by thoroughly arousing and enthusing Italian officials, the Matera Plan began to operate

To describe the plan, then, is largely to recite the following actions taken well in advance of the harvesting of the crop.

TRANSPORTATION

1. Central Transportation Committee organized for the province.
2. All vehicles put under its control with prescribed work tickets, etc. for each lead.
3. Fifteen new 3 ton Army trucks initially secured and arrangements made for SITA to operate and service them.
4. Ten additional 3 ton Army trucks loaned to meet pressing needs of grain drive.
5. SITA officials and mechanics instructed on required maintenance, inspection and operation of these trucks.
6. For use of grain drive officials, ten civilian cars requisitioned and reconditioned.
7. Chauffeurs secured for these vehicles with provision for servicing, maintenance and pooling.

WAREHOUSING

CENSORED

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9. Suitable office facilities obtained for staff of Consorzio Agrario for proper functioning (military requisitioning had created this problem.)
10. Analysis of warehouse capacity in province.
11. Surplus warehouse stocks to other provinces to clear warehouses for new grain crop.
12. Initiation of repairs necessary in warehouses, particularly large capacity warehouse at Metaponto.
13. Arrangements for each commune to store and be responsible for its yearly needs in grain.

COMMUNICATIONS

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ROADS AND BRIDGES

15. Completion of repairs prior to start of harvesting.

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RAILROADS

16. Request for cars so that some grain can be moved directly from thresher to R.R. cars to destination outside province.

GRAIN PRODUCERS

17. Selection of four distribution points in province for storage of fuel and lubricants for agriculturists.
18. Transportation of fuel and lubricants to distribution points in advance of harvesting.
19. Securement of binder twine for harvesting.
20. Requisition for belting.
21. Requisition for repair parts of agricultural machinery.
22. Removal of bombing targets for harvesting areas.
23. Removal of unexploded bombs from fields.
24. Special meeting 17 May with larger growers to discuss program and insure cooperation.

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WORKERS

25. Examination of workers wage question.
26. Arrangements with labor to insure arrival of 12,000 harvest workers indispensable for province.
27. Constant effort to obtain cooperation of all unions and their leaders.
28. Drawing supplies of grain from communes and preparing in advance supply of pasta for harvest workers.
29. Procurement of wine for harvest workers.
30. Procurement of increased rations for harvest workers.
31. Requisition for shoes for agricultural workers.
32. Instructions to Mayors to give priority and make full use of refugee labor.
33. Provisions by Provincial Health Officer to cover stagnant waters with oil for malarial control.
34. Procurement of Atabrine and quinine for agricultural workers in malarial zones.
35. Provisions for health conditions and transportation of agricultural workers.

ENFORCEMENT (Legal)

36. Preparation by Procuratore del Re in consultation with senior jurists of amendments to insure swift legal action against violators on the spot within 5 days.
37. Minister of Justice and Grace asked to make changes in law No 245 dated April 22, 1943 to provide:
    a. A summary method for trying cases called "Per Direttissima" in cases of failure to deliver to granaries.
    b. Jurisdiction to use the "Per Direttissima" by the Pretore (lower courts) in addition to higher courts.

ENFORCEMENT (Police)

38. Practical plans from Carabinieri for control.
39. Practical plans from Finance Guards for control.
40. Practical plans from Questura for control.
41. Practical plans from Railroad Guards for control.
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51. Organization of UPSEA office.
    a. Office facilities
    b. Personnel (meticulously selected).
    c. Instructions.
    d. Materials. (Denuncias etc.).
52. Selection of UPSEA specialists [illegible]
53. Prefectural announcement to all Mayors of organization of UPSEA.
54. Organization of Provincial Committee.
    a. First meeting, 15 May.
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57. Meeting in Matera on May 18 of all Mayors, warehousemen, technicos and UPSEA representatives to discuss campaign and to receive:
    a. Denunzia Aziendale (50,000).
    b. Special violation notices (asking public to report violations to ACC).
    c. Instructions of ratios for workers.

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List of speakers:
1st Lt. Frank J. Verdirame, Ass't P.C. - Coordinating chairman.
Tamburro Dott. Guido Prefect, - General Exhortation and welcome.
La Bella Sig. Matteo, - Detailed examination of grain campaign.
Gasbarri Sig. Alfredo, - Instructions to statistical members of Communes.
Gallitelli Sig. Domenico, Instructions to warehousemen for Consorzio.
Salomone Sig. Luigi, - Major's viewpoint in checking black market.
Major J. S. Lansill, P.C., - Call to arms.
58. Division of Province into 5 zones. Meetings arranged to which Communal Committees, officials and farmers will be invited for instruction and enthusiasm:

a. Meeting at Montalbano of following Communal Committees, farmers and public: Nova Siri, Tursi, Colobraro, Carco, Bernalda, Pisticci, Rotondella, Valsinni, S. Giorgio, May 25.

b. Meeting at Grassano of following Communal Committees, farmers, public: Garaguso, Oliveto, Calciano, Tricarico, Grottole, Irsina, Salandra. - May 27.

c. Meeting at Ferrandina of following Communal Committees, farmers, public: Miglionico, Pomarico. - May 31.

d. Meeting at Genzano of following Communal Committees, farmers, public: Banzi, Palazzo - June 7.

e. Meeting at Stigliano of following Communal Committees, farmers public: S. Mauro Forte, Accettura, Gorgolglione, Aliano, Cirigliano.

59. Financing of UPSEA rather than wait for Ministerial delay (200,000 lire loan from Bank of Naples).
60. Preparation by Provincial Inspector of simplified computation table for use by UPSEA and Communal Committees.
61. Distribution of printed directives from Minister of Agriculture, to Committees and UPSEA staff.
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PLAN OF CONTROL (Preliminary Draft)

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a. Grain cut green and removed - slight chance, easily detected.
b. Cut after cured and threshed elsewhere - easily detected by police patrols.

2. AT THRESHING TIME (Greatest danger of loss here).

a. Machines fixed to permit grain to pass off into straw. Later gleaned from straw. Check straw for wheat.
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3. AFTER THRESHING AND BEFORE TURNING INTO GRAINERY

a. Hidden on farm. This possible only if leakage at threshing machine. Hidden in walls, wells, barrels, haystacks, buried.
b. Payment of rent, kept for family use, seed, etc. People keep grain on farm and in town, declaration of where grain stored, all other grain found confiscate without payment. Room for error in the estimation of how much grain is in a storeroom.

4. WHEN TURNED INTO CONSORZIO

a. Dishonest records kept. Wrong weight, poor quality, full price not paid, etc. Consorzio warehousemen have been cleaned out and reorganized.

5. AFTER PUT IN GRAINERY

a. Theft by outsider. Use good warehouse or provide guard.
b. Illegal distribution. Detected from records kept.

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6. DURING EXPORTATION

a. Theft from train. Use of military guard on all freight trains.
b. Theft from truck. Make driver personally responsible. Use guard.

7. AFTER HARVEST AND COLLECTION IS COMPLETE

a. Use of both ration cards and grinding permit. Check Municipal records and spot check mills for people with grinding permits.
b. Extra ration cards in families. Check Municipal records against number in family.
c. Dishonest millers. Return only 60 kg of flour for 100 kg which was brought for grinding. Police Check.
d. Dishonest bakers. Poor quality of bread, use hulls and all in baking bread. Check samples of bread.

8. TRANSPORTED FROM PROVINCE IF LEAKAGE AT THRESHING POINTS

a. Truck, boat, carts, mule pack, persons, WD transport, SITA drivers. Use of road blocks and police at railway stations. 24 hour duty on work.

9. DETECTION (have list of all threshing machines in province.)

a. Use of flying squads of Finance Guards to check machines during harvest.
b. Use of CC.RR. on road blocks, patrol, checking machines, searching farm houses and other places of hiding. Checking houses in town for unauthorized stores of grain.
c. Use of Questura agents as flying squads to check threshing machines and also as a check on the other police agencies.

10. COURT ACTION

a. All violators given speedy trial, severe penalties, sent to unknown prisons. Hit corrupt police hard. Use air of mystery about fate of prisoners. Confiscate grain, machinery and transport of violators.

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4. We may follow this later with others incorporating the three initials such as;

Gara di Produzione (Competition for the Production).
Godimento della Produzione (Satisfaction of the Production).
Grandezza del Popolo (Greatness of a Country).

5. The Provveditore agli Studi will cooperate in getting school children interested in devising other combinations.

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A P P E N D I X B

WORKING PROCEDURE FOR COMMUNAL COMMITTEES

1. The membership for Communal Committees for Agriculture is as follows:

I. The Mayor - President
II. A representative of the Clergy - Effective Member
III. A local farmer representing large farms - Effective Member
IV. A local farmer representing small farms - " "
V-VI. Two representatives of the Agricultural Laborers." "
VII. An officer of the UPSEA " Member with functions of Secretary.
VIII. Local Carabinieri Commander - Associate member without vote.

2. The Committee will normally meet weekly at a time and day posted in plain view on the Communal notice board. It will also meet as required at the call of the President. During the harvest period it will meet each evening.

Five voting members form a quorum, but of these two at least must be representatives of categories IV to VI inclusive.

Decisions of the Committee shall be made by majority vote, the vote of the President prevailing in case of a tie.

The local Commander of CC RR will attend all meetings, as an associate member, without the privelege of voting.

The UPSEA official will perform the duties of secretary of the Committee. He will keep the members of the Committee informed of any instructions from Central and Provincial government offices, which might in any way interest the Committee or affect its activities. He has an effective vote except when the Committee arbitrating between producers and UPSEA, on matters of crops census and regulation of harvesting and collecting grain.

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The Commander of the local Carabinieri and the representative of the clergy, may in case they are unable to attend at a sitting, be deputized by reliable persons of their respective calling, to be designated by the President as occasion requires.

The Committee members representing agriculturists and farm laborers cannot be deputized.

The Mayor may recommend to the Provincial Committee the replacement of any of the members of this Committee in cases of their continued absence from working sessions. Replacement will be recommended for any case in which a member is absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse.

In each case of replacement two alternative nominations must be submitted to the Provincial Committee, through the C.C. RR and the Prefect.

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The Chief of the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture may send an official representative to the meetings of the Committee at any time he considers it desirable. The superior authorities of officials of church and state who are members of the Committee, and members of the Provincial Committee may attend as observers and advisors at the meetings of the Communal Committee.

The Secretary of the Committee will keep the minutes of each meeting. These will record all discussions and will be read and approved at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee may, in consideration of the importance of certain discussions forward the minutes of one or more relevant meetings to the Provincial Committee for examination and consideration.

The Provincial Committee is charged with the control of the Communal Committees of the Province, and vested with the authority to take all necessary steps to ensure the efficient operation of the latter.

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APPENDIX "C"

TASKS OF COMMUNAL COMITTEES FOR AGRICULTURE

1. HOW TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS TO RETAIN WHEAT AND BARLEY, AS PER NOTES ON BACK TO THE DENUNCIA FORM. On the back of form IC the person making the declaration shall note (above the information referring to the composition of the family), the place where he intends to store his legal retentions.

2. On receiving the "Denunzia Aziendale" by the farmers the UPSEA official, who in every Commune belongs to the Communal Committee for Agriculture, shall require people concerned to write on the back of the form the list of people entitled to retention shares.

3. Very full name must be followed by the qualification, and married women or widows are to be recorded under their husband's name followed by maiden name in parenthesis.

4. Article 3 of L.D. of May 2, 1944, which describes categories of people entitled to retention rates, lays down among other things under (a) that non-manual operators who personally and continuously attend to management of their farms to the exclusion of any other activity, are entitled to such retentions. This provision must be interpreted as excluding from the right to retentions, owners well known to be absent from the management of their farms, but not those living in the neighborhood of the farms and who are still able to perform some other job without prejudice to the management of the farm itself, to which they devote part time each day.

5. At every meeting of the Communal Committee the representative of the UPSEA will bring the lists he has received and the names will be discussed by the committee in order to examine whether from their local knowledge the names belong to people included in the prescribed categories.

6. In this way at every meeting there will be compiled an alphabetical list of people whom the Committee considers entitled to retentions of wheat and barley, and beside each name there will be mentioned the qualification of the person and the quantity of cereal allotted.. A copy of this list will be posted on the Communal notice board so that all the citizens may criticize and advise the Committee of any mistake.

7. After finishing the examination of all "DeDenunzia Aziendali, of farmers and of the lists thereof, the representative of UPSEA shall compile from the partial lists a general alphabetical list of people entitled to retention shares as approved by the Committee, and a copy of this list shall be posted on the Communal notice board. Another copy, signed by the Mayor on every page, shall be used for releasing milling cards Bollette di Macinazione, which, this year shall bear on their first page the list of people to whom the card refers. When releasing milling cards, there shall be a controlling entry on the official copy signed by the Mayor at every page, certifying that all the names involved on the milling cards appear on the approved list and nothing on the official [illegible] to which the name is included.

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8. Thus it will be easy to check each name shown on the official list for the number of the milling card on which it appears. The official compiling the card must sign it is liable for controlling the names, in order to prevent the name of one person appearing on more than one milling card. 284
Ratifying the census figures of cereals to be delivered to the Granai del Popolo as they have been agreed between the local representative of UPSEA and the producer.

9. Every form IC, referring to the census of wheat and barley produced on the season 1944, must be submitted for the approval of the Communal Committee. On the back of form IC, the person making the declaration shall note (above the information referring to the composition of the family) the place where he intends to store his legal retention.

10. The Communal Committee, which is in a position to have accurate information of the individual operators and local agricultural affairs, must then determine whether the figures are correct. If it does not think so, it shall require the representative of the UPSEA to revise the figures, and eventually shall arbitrate them finally. Arbitrating cases where people concerned do not agree with quantities of cereals to be delivered to Granai del Popolo, as figured by the representative of the UPSEA.

11. This is an extremely delicate function confided by the Italian people to the honesty and justice of the members of the Communal Committee.

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12. On the grounds of its own personal technical experience of figures of local production and of its knowledge of matters of fact, the committee shall be able, admitting to the discussion the people concerned, to give an arbitrated and final judgement which as the expression of a popular judgement, the person concerned will be bound to obey.

Controlling the Threshing:

13. This is the subject of a separate directive.

Controlling the whole system of delivering cereals to Granai del Popolo and denouncing to the Prefect any irregularity.

14. The Committee, at every weekly meeting, shall estimate the average hectare yield of the harvest in accordance with the development of the crop and shall record the situation in the minutes.

15. The Communal Committee, after completing the operations necessary for the delivery of the fixed quotas, shall ascertain the average production per hectare of the communal area. Then they will make a list of the producers of cereals subject to compulsory delivery, assigning to each of them a point for every quintal of wheat or barley produced. The amount of these points will be added to another point per every quintal produced per hectare above the communal average and diminished by another point for every one produced under the average. The total will be divided by the number of hectares planted in wheat or barley and the result recorded on the milling card and Denuncia form.

16. The total of the production points will be noted by the Communal office releasing the milling card, in the space provided on the card below of the instructions.

17. These production points shall be used as a basis for the future allowance of fertilizers and other agricultural supplies according to provisions to be notified later.

Directing farmers to declare area they intend to seed with cereals and legumes for grain in the next grain season.

18. The Communal Committee shall obtain from the Provincial Committee, the date referring to the quantity of supplies allowed to the Commune and shall compile an allotment list for the farmers of the Commune and send this list to the appropriate Consorzio Agrari. This will ensure a national allotment distribution controlled by the farmers themselves.

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APPENDIX "D"

(Translation)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

SALERNO 17 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Provisions for the Regulation of the Carrying on and the Encouragement of Threshing and Shelling by Machine and Other Means and Systems, of Cereals and Legumes - Crop 1944.

By a Decree in course of publication there shall be abrogated R.L.D. 23 April 1942 No. 433.

Therefore, there are abolished the Provincial and Interprovincial Obligatory Consorzi of threshers and machine shellers on account of third persons, as well as the relative national Federation.

Hence there is abolished also the contribution mentioned in art. 4 of the R.L.D 23 April 1942 No. 433.

On the basis of the provisions contained in the forthcoming decree which will regulate the conduct of threshing and shelling for the current harvest, the following interim instructions are issued.

1. Any person wishing to carry on threshing and shelling of cereals and legumes by power-operated machines must provide himself with license, to be issued by the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

The license is type A, for threshing and shelling only on the lands conducted by the licensee or lincensees and type B threshing and shelling on account of third parties Or his or their account and of third parties.

The associations and societies however constituted among the farmers for the purpose of supervising the threshing and shelling on lands conducted by them or by their members must provide themselves with licenses type A. If they wish to carry on such operations on account of third parties also they must provide themselves with the licenses type B.

No license shall be issued other than in exceptional cases for the operation of threshing and shelling machines not supplied with proper fire extinguishers or not having the necessary technical supervision and efficiency.

2. Licenses are issued, beginning from the 1st May of every year and within a month from the presentation of the application therefore on authority of the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture, on recommendation of the Provincial Committee of Agriculture and the Chief of the Inspectorate of Industry and Labor (ex "Ispettorato Corporativo").

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Licenses issued last year may be extended for the current season, provided that they be furnished with a new visa from the Agrarian Inspectorate and that the state tax mentioned in the following para. 5 has been paid for both the past and current years.

3. The license, is valid only for the machine or machines, for the kind or the kinds of product, for the current year, and within the limits of the province for which it has been issued, or re-issued.

The Operators of machines who wish to use them in other provinces must submit the licenses for authorization visas of the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture competent for territories concerned.

4. The Committee mentioned in para. 2 shall also rule upon:

a. The maximum number of machines required within the limits of the provincial territory, for threshing on account of third parties according to the exigencies of production.

b. The technical supervision and efficiency of the machines destined for threshing and shelling of cereals and legumes.

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c. On the possibility of pre-arranging a distribution plan for the use of threshing machines within the provinces.

b. Expenses relative to certifying technical efficiency will be defrayed by payment to the Public Treasury of a stamp tax of 200 lire for each type of threshing and shelling machine whatever the size of the cylinder.

On presenting the application the applicant must prove to have already made the above mentioned payment.

c. On recommendation of the Provincial Committee of Agriculture, the Agrarian Inspector of Agriculture may revoke licenses at any time if the technical efficiency of machines, or the personnel in charge are questioned, or they lack fire-extinguishers or if the licensee does not observe in threshing operations the provisions of the above mentioned decree or does not observe the threshing rates fixed by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labor, or by the correspondence provincial authorities.

d. Detection of non-conformity to the rates is entrusted to the Labor Inspectorate competent for the territory.

e. Herewith are average rates of threshing by power operated machines fuel supplied at the expense of the thresher; agreed as basic prices by the competent Ministries and which will serve for fixing, by the Provincial Committees of Agriculture, the rates in each province for the coming grain crop:

(a) Threshing in lots up to 50 qtls. of grain; 50 lire for each qtl. threshed.

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(c) In lots over 100 qtls. of grain; 35 lire for each qtl. threshed.

b. Above rates apply to grain threshing by machines operated by petrol motors.

c. In cases where the thresher also carries out cutting and mechanical pressing of straw, the charge will be 12 lire for each qtl. of pressed or cut straw, exclusive of the price of baling wire in the case of pressing.

d. The thresher must furnish at his own expense during the threshing operations at least three qualified workers for the operating of the threshing machine and for the feeding the sheaves.

e. All other workers will be paid by the producer;

f. The Provincial Committees will note that the above mentioned average threshing rates refer to normal threshing machines, with 120 cm cylinders, powered by naptha or kerosene or gasoline.

g. In cases of threshing machines are powered by other means (coal, straw exhausted olive husks, etc.) or in case products other than wheat to be threshed, the rates will be scaled by the Provincial Committee, in conjunction with the Chiefs of the Industry and Labor Inspectorates according to the prices of the fuels used, the type which operated.

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7. a. The licensee of each operating threshing machine must hold a quadruplicate receipt book supplied, on payment, by the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture, for recording the data and certificate indicated hereafter. As soon as each weighing operation is completed the data of the single weighings will be carried by pen or copying pencil, onto the original of the above mentioned receipt book, and 3 carbon copies maintained.

b. This receipt book shall similar to that supplied last season by the General Statistic Institute for the obligatory statement of cereals and legumes in order to utilize all remaining receipt books on hand. The Provincial Inspectorates will provide reprints as required.

c. The licensee will forward the following records and statements, countersigned by him on the three carbon copies receipt book;

(1) duplicate receipt name of his land and the acreage of seeded ground from which the product came.

(2) triplicate receipt, within a week from the end of the threshing operation to the Town-Hall of the production commune, which after extracting the data which may interest the Food office - will forward it to the Central Statistical Office for the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor;

(3) quadruplicate receipt to the communal office in whose territory the product has been grown.

d. UTSEA will send the quadruplicate to the appropriate Provincial Inspectorate. In this receipt will appear the amount threshed, the identity of the operators of the land from which the grain came and the Commune in which the land is located.

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c. The quadruplicates will be sent daily to UPSEA as above mentioned for lots which can be threshed in one day and immediately on completion of the threshing of lots which need more than one working day.

Within a week from the day of the last threshing the receipt books, even if utilized only in part, must be sent back to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture which issued them.

3. a. All those who carry on the threshing and shelling by means and systems other than mechanical power are obliged to state previously to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture through Communal office of the UPSEA, the day on which such operations will start, and to ask for the appropriate authorization in order that the Communal office may grant them a permit to transport grains from the threshing floors, at least 5 days before use for a permit for each threshing machine and for each threshing floor. Original applications will be sent to the Communal office of the UPSEA which will forward a copy to the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

b. The application will be made on plain paper, and will contain the following information:

(1) The date of beginning threshing or shelling of the grain.
(2) daily average amount of grain which can be threshed;
(3) number of estimated working days of hand threshing machines and threshing floors.
(4) whether the threshing machines or floors are utilized on account of his own farm or for third parties or for both.

(In the latter cases, the application must contain the working itineary of the hand threshing machine, and the names of the producers who will utilize the hand threshing machine or the threshing floor.)

(5) The exact locations of the private hand threshing machines and of the communal and private threshing floors to be used.

d. Communal floors employing treading, beating or flailing methods are those floors to which are brought the cereals of more than one producer.

e. Private floors are those to which are brought the cereals of a single producer.

f. When threshing is over either the licensed owner or operator of the threshing machine, or the licensed owner or operator of the threshing floor, will certify on the proper form to the Communal office of UPSEA the amount of the threshed product.

9. For control of the threshing operations and for checking of the certified amounts of grain and the acreage seeded the Provincial Inspector of Agriculture, may avail himself of the services of UPSEA and request the assistance of the agents of the judiciary police (Branch of the Civil Police).

10. Infractions of the above provisions and those which will in future be issued by the Ministry are punishable by the terms of R.D.L. 22 April 1943 No. 245 and by revocation of the threshing or shelling license on recommendation of the Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture.

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We beg all the addressees to notify as widely as possible these provisions, informing all their subordinate offices. 2736

We will be glad to receive your kind answer.

THE MINISTER

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Signed:

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

17 May 1944.

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SUBJECT: People's Granary.

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission.

With reference to para 19, Bulletin No. 1 dated 12 May 1944, it is considered that transfers as suggested are not practicable.

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Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

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12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Peoples' Granary - Bulletin No. I.

TO : All RC's for PC's, Agricultural Officers and Others.

1. The overall purpose of this bulletin is to provide a medium for exchange of pertinent information and suggestions concerning various phases of our all out efforts to maximize the collection of wheat, barley, and other vital war crops, harvested this summer and fall. Additional issues will be prepared and released as often as subject matter justifies. Information and suggestions are hereby solicited from all participants in the program. The task of editing material received will be expedited if outlined under either of the following five sections into which the remainder of this bulletin is divided. Viz. A. General B. Methods C. Control Measures D. Propoganda E. Legal.

A. GENERAL:

2. Attainment of our mission is largely dependent upon success experienced in establishment of efficient functioning Italian Agricultural Organization, coordination of all warehouse and transportation facilities with demands at various points, continuous liaison with Italian officials to develop ways and means to overcome local obstacles particularly with reference to enforcement phases of programs, and frequent exchange of information through this bulletin or other media.

3. Wheat and Barley decree and Ministerial Organization Directive, copies of which have been distributed to you, provide the organization frame work within which you will function. Procedures must be adjusted within that framework to meet peculiar local situations. Prefects should be encouraged to issue such additional directives as are necessary.

B. METHODS:

4. Ministerial decree and directive makes the Consorzio responsible for an important part of the program. Tentative dead line dates should be established for completion of delivery of grain to the warehouses within limitations of transport, warehouse, and threshing facilities. Until new warehouse receipt forms are printed and made available, last years supply should be used.

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5. Warehouse capacity should be analyzed in terms of available transportation facilities and estimated rate of threshing. Estimates for the harvest must be correlated with truck, railroad, and other transport means at key points in each province.

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6. A survey of sack resources is now underway but help is needed throughout occupied Italy to locate hidden supplies of sacks and number of sacks held by farmers. Manufacture of new sacks is underway at top speed. Plan now to get along with fewer sacks than your estimated minimum requirements. Careful estimates should be made on a spot check basis of wheat and barley yields before, during, and after harvest. Results should be checked against reports received from farmers by Communal Committees. Discrepancies should be checked by the Allied Agricultural Officer available for expert judgement.

7. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Sub-Commission are giving consideration to a workable or practicable procedure for giving priority credits to farmers for the purchase of Agriculture supplies which may become available in the future. The idea is to provide some form of a bonus for early and complete delivery of grain. Details will be revealed in a later bulletin.

8. Every person authorized to receive a retention will be issued a milling card by offices of U.P.S.E.A. These cards must be countersigned by the Communal Committee, to eliminate fraudulent entries. Cards will serve as movement authorization for legal retentions. Again lack of heavy paper and printing facilities may delay release of cards for an additional few weeks. Space has been provided on cards for recording priority credits earned by farmers for purchase of supplies.

9. Suggestions regarding ways and means to control thresher and miller activities are hereby solicited. One excellent suggestion, if it can be made workable with limited transport facilities, would be to haul grain to warehouses direct from threshing machines. Consideration should be given to have local Prefects prepare and issue special directives covering hand and machine methods for threshing and milling.

10. A directive including questions and answers regarding those entitled to retentions is being prepared by the Minister of Agriculture for release to Communal Committees.

11. Appeals by farmers on rulings by assessment officials should be arbitrated by the voluntary communal committees and taken to Provincial or Compartment or higher authority only when necessary. Records of unsatisfactory settlements should be kept.

C. CONTROL MEASURES.

12. Establish check points along main traffic routes between farms and warehouses.

13. Make arrangements to obtain cooperation of military authorities to make periodical "spot checks", simultaneously throughout a given group of Communes or the entire province. Violations must be convicted justly and without delay.

14. Organize routes for threshing machines whenever practicable and arrange for necessary machine repair facilities at central points in each Province. Request prefect to issue local directive placing ceilings on charges for repairs of threshing and other harvest machines, trucks, etc.

15. Make Communal officials responsible for investigating suspicious cases on representations presented by one or more members of voluntary Communal committees.

16. Develop and put in force every procedure possible to punish violators within a very limited time. Imprisonments rather than fines should be stressed.

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17. Make one Allied officer responsible for a specific group of communes in every major grain production area.

18. Mobilize local Carabinieri and Guardia di Finenze, Forestale and other Italian police and regulatory organizations for work in cooperation with such assistance as can be obtained from any military unit located within the immediate vicinity of major production areas.

19. Consider plans to exchange senior Carabinieri MEO's between Provinces to eliminate or reduce possible collusion or other forms of graft experienced in past years. #

20. Establish rates at which grain should reach warehouses in respective Communes. If the flow of grain falls behind estimated rate in view of threshing progress special investigation should be instigated and enforcement or control measures should be strengthened when and where necessary.

21. Ministerial directive will instruct Sindaco to prepare and post list of those entitled to retentions.

D. LEGAL

22. Status of all relevant laws is being reviewed. Preliminary review indicates that penalties extend from ordinary fines to the death penalty. Existing legislation appears to be full of loop holes. Efforts are being made to have one legal officer work on this subject continuously.

23. Consideration is being given to providing an automatic basic minimum jail penalty on conviction, and the possibility of automatic confiscation of all or part of produce and possibly all or part of farm property of convicted persons.

24. Suggest local directives placing equal responsibility on owners and tenants for adherence to existing laws.

25. Dependents of convicted persons should be placed on producers' food cards when convictions involve imprisonment of offenders. Special heavy penalties should be established for officials found guilty of collusion or other violation.

E. PROPAGANDA

26. Coordinated ACC and PWB program is underway. Program involves press, movies of a few Communal Committees in operation, radio, mobile sound trucks, posters, hand bills, etc.

27. Phase one during May - build up by press and radio announcements. Phase two during June and July - high pressure exploitation via all propaganda media. Details of these programs will be circulated when outlines have been completed.

28. A few of the high lights to be stressed are: .2730

a. Rehabilitation of Italy and stability of lire.

b. Retentions only to those manually employed on farms or otherwise engaged in full time farm operations, this representing genuine step toward democratization.

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c. Use term peoples' granaries, collection, delivery, contribute, etc. in all conversations and correspondence; never use the word "AMGOT". Prejudices, educational level, local interest, etc. must be considered in planning special local propaganda program.

d. Simplicity and self-evident conclusions will be goals.

29. Most effective results will be obtained by impressing Italian officials and voluntary Communal Committees with their responsibilities. Allied officers must be assured that Italian officials and members of voluntary Communal Committees are thoroughly familiar with all aspects of the program. Allied officers should become acquainted with local Italian officials and Committee members by attending meetings as observers whenever possible.

30. Exploit every idea which gives promise of conviction that full cooperation will result in eliminating or reducing black market activities and in retarding inflationary tendencies. Unless these two cancers are cured or checked every Italian citizen should be made to understand that the rehabilitation of Italy as a nation and each individual thereof will suffer accordingly.

31. Information and suggestions for use in future bulletins should be sent to this Sub-Commission.

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