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PRISON REPORTS, LIGURIA LIAISON
JAN., FEB. 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 489081-365

AO/14202/15/PS

1 February 1946

SUBJECT : Genoa Judicial Prison.

TO : Ministry of Grace and Justice.

1. The attached copy report received from Chief Liaison Officer, Liguria is forwarded for your information and such action as you may consider necessary.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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Copy to:- CLO Liguria (Attn PSLO)
(Your AO/16 dated 22 Jan. refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
LIGURIA LIAISON GROUP
CMF - APO 394

CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE: AC/16.

SUBJECT: Report on Carceri Sindiziarie Marassi - G210A.
Director:- Dott. Indgi RIGGIO.

TO: Public Safety Sub Commission,
E.C. Allied Commission.

1. Today I visited the above mentioned prison, where I found, according to their figures, there are 684 prisoners of whom 24 are female. The Prison Director informed me that the accommodation in this prison was solely for 450 people, and while the female block has lots of space vacant, the male section is grossly overcrowded.

2. I found it impossible to obtain correct figures for the numbers of

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(ii) Sentenced.

(b) Non-Political Prisoners

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In addition to these prisoners, there are 137 political prisoners now situated in the old Poor House, which has been converted into a temporary prison, and according to Colonel Hefford's opinion, is definitely unsafe for prisoners.

3. There are no facilities for bathing for either the male or female prisoners. The very limited bathing accommodation for male prisoners is now being repaired, but no efforts are being made regarding baths for female prisoners. In this latter there is a very small stove which could very easily be repaired, but as far as I have made in this direction.

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4. There is no disinfectant in the Prison to deal with blankets or clothing. Lice and Scabies are rampant, and I am therefore approaching the Commanding Officer, C.C.S. asking for a donation of B.D.T. in order that prisoners may be treated.

5. The kitchens are reasonably efficient and I tasted the food which was quite edible.

6. The main requirements are:-

Disinfection Plant.
Soap.
Alcohol for skin diseases.

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Sulphur Drugs.

An assignment of fuel for bathing facilities as and when repaired.

Blankets and bedding are in very short supply.

7. Any action which can be taken to alleviate the unsanitary conditions of this Prison will be of great assistance to the Italian Administration.

8. In my personal opinion, the Prison Director is completely devoid of any initiative. It must be taken into consideration however, that he has only occupied this post for about a fortnight during which time there has been a certain amount of trouble in the Prison connected with the recent executions.

W. Turner-Coles

W. TURNER-COLES.
Lt-Col.
Chief Liaison Officer.

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