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MISUSE OF PETROL
MAR. 1944 - JULY 1945

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Re: HSA. Major Breckton mentions this matter to me on the 26 February, on which day I read Scott Devani of the Ministry of Interior. and drew his attention to the general lack of enforcement of the law with regard to motor vehicle circulation, and in particular, to obvious abuses in connection with the use of diplomatic plates. He promised to issue an instruction on the matter to Buenos Aires. Mr. C. Ballance may

26 February, 1945.

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HQA. The Minister of Interior draws attention to the abuses that take place in connection with the use of "CD" plates. He does not touch the general question.

AM/ 50A submitted for signature if approved.

Mr. C. Ballance may

12 March, 1945.

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AM/ Re: 72A. AFHQ. are now prepared to authorize a deduction of \$1000 for allocation to the Station. Suggest M. of I. be informed.

— approved.

26 February, 1945.

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49A. The Minister of Interior draws attention to the abuses that take place in connection with the issue of "CO" plates. He does not touch the general question.

AM/ 50A submitted for signature if approved.
W.C. Ballance May

12 March, 1945.

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AM/ Re: 72A. AFHQ. are now prepared to authorize a deduction of \$4000 the POL allocation to the Station Government — suggest M.O.S. be informed.

73A is submitted for signature if approved.
W.C. Ballance May

8 May, 1945.

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Minute Sheet

To. R.C.M.G. Sec.

- (a) See 8a & 8b, and the documents referred to in them.
- (b) It is recommended that the draft letter to R.C.s & S.C.A.O.s

be forwarded.

- (c) May the proposal be duly printed, set out in para 6 of 8c please be put to H.D. A.A.I. if approved.

R. R. Crisp, J.P.
C.O. Adm. Sec.

14 May 44.

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D/C.S. All the matters raised in 11A to 11D (which are information copies) are adequately covered in the letters issued by the Executive Commissioners at 9A and 10A.

According to Industry and Commerce S/C (Major A.S. Greerton), A.F.H.O., Petroleum Section, are highly pleased with the action that has been taken in this matter.

22 May, 1944.

John Alys.

W.C. Gallance kept.

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V.P.C.A. Section.

34A - C.S. asks for information with regard to the control of civilian passenger transport in Rome.

Reply to C.S. (35A) and letter to R.C., Legio Umbria Region.

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22 May, 1944. W.C. Gallance Capt.

Gen. Adj.

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V.P. CA. Section.

37A - C.S. asks for information with regard to the control of civilian passenger transport in Rome.

Reply to C.S. (37A) and letter to R.C., Lazio Maritime Region, requesting the required information (37B) submitted for approval and signature. John W. L. [Signature] Deputy Public Safety Sec.

7 November, 1944.

Signed [Signature] Lt. Col. C. Lee. 7 Dec. 1944

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6A. Section.

Re: 36A. Suggests that the information submitted therein be passed to the C.O.S. via a letter (37A) - submitted by John W. L. [Signature] Colonel. Director Public Safety Sec.

10 December, 1944.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

AG/14402/7/1/PS

7 July 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.

TO : Ministry of Interior
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).

1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of letter AG/5146/14/Commerce/POL.26, dated 29 June, 1945, addressed by Commerce Sub-Commission, this Headquarters to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, with regard to POL allocations to the Italian Government.

2. It will be noted that attention is again drawn to the flagrant misuse of POL that takes place in Italy, particularly in the Rome Area.

3. The sequestration of 28 vehicles in Rome during the month of May has not noticeably improved the situation, which calls for vigorous and prompt action. It is manifestly contrary to the public interest to permit any particular section of the community to act in complete defiance of the laws.

4. It is stated for information that Petsec, AFHQ, will not agree to release extra quantities of petrol which is apparently urgently needed to fuel additional trucks being handed over to Italian Government control until they are satisfied that serious police action will be taken to curb the abuses referred to above.

5. I shall be glad to receive your comments with regard to these matters as early as possible.

- 1 Encl.
- Copy : (without enclosure)
 - Commerce Sub-Commission
 - Petsec, AFHQ, RAAC (Your Pet 30/A/10 of 25 June, 45 refers)
 - Chief Commissioner's Office
 - Economic Section.

Wd
JOHN W. CHAPMAN 6380
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tel : 478800

AC/14402/7/1/PS

5 July 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attn: Capt. Cowling).

1. Reference is made to previous correspondence relating to the misuse of POL in Italian Government Territory.

2. The Ministry of Interior reports that during the month of April and May, the following number of motor vehicles were sequestered on account of irregularities:-

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Salerno	2	-
Catania	9	8
Bari	-	2
Florence	-	5
Rome	-	28
Total	<u>11</u>	<u>43</u>

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

WOB/ae

for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

Copy : Petsec, AFHQ, RAAC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

JRC/ha

Ref. AC/5I46/I4/Commerce/POL. 5

Tel. Rome 478397

3 July 1945

SUBJECT: POL allocations to Italian Government .

TO : Public Safety S/C
(Attn. Maj. Ballance) .

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cc.

1. Reference telephone conversation Maj. Ballance - Capt. Cowlin attached is copy in English and Italian of a letter sent to Ministry Industry and Commerce (AC/5I46/I4 dated 29 June 45) requesting action in connection with abuse of POL.
2. It is agreed that you will send the Italian version to the Ministry of Interior in the hope that your direct intervention will cause them to take our protests a little more seriously than they have done hitherto.
3. Some definite proof of intention to institute serious police action is required before Pet. Sec. will agree to release extra quantities of Petrol urgently needed to Fuel additional trucks being handed over to Italian Government control.

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TO	INIT	DATE
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DEPUTY DIRECTOR		
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IN. & EXT. AFFS.	<i>W.P.E.</i>	<i>7/7</i>
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W.P. Evans
 W. P. EVANS
 Colonel
 Director
 Commerce Sub-Commission

Attach - as per para 1

Copy to: Pet. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC
 Transportation S/C Roads without attachment
 Economic Section " " 608
 Chief Commissioner Office " "

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCIAL SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. 10/5146/14/Commerc/Pol. 16

Tel. Room 473397

29 June 1945

SUBJECT: POL allocations to Italian Government

TO : Ministry Industry and Commerce
(Liquid Fuels Div.)

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 18 June 45 prot. 1578 (received in this office on the 27th only), to conferences at this HQ on 19th and 22nd June at which Dott. Cuscia was present and to subsequent personal conversations Dott. Cuscia/aj, Pagan/Capt. Cowlin.

2. After a careful review of the situation this Sub-Commission is of the opinion that the overall allocation of P.O.L. to the Italian Government is sufficient to take care of all essential needs under the present Category A programme and that the solution to the problem considered at the conferences above-mentioned is two-fold:-

(a) A more rigid control must be instituted with a view to eliminating all abusive and unnecessary uses of Petrol.

(b) The system of priorities needs to be carefully adjusted to make certain that the needs of most essential services receive first consideration and that they are co-ordinated to a greater degree than appears to be the case at present.

3. As regards para 2 (a) it must be pointed out that, although this Headquarters has repeatedly drawn to the attention of your Ministry-and indeed of the President of the Council himself ~~to~~ many flagrant and well-known **6080** see, very little decisive action appears to have been taken by Police authorities to put an end to them notwithstanding definite instructions sent out by the Ministry

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of the Interior. A few weeks ago it was intimated verbally that road blocks had been instituted in the Rome area resulting in the impounding of 14 vehicles the first day. Since then no reports of further action have been received whereas, even to the eye of the most unqualified observer, 3 wheeled and other unauthorized trucks continue to ply with passengers in Rome, streams of vehicles can be seen proceeding to race tracks seaside (particularly Fregene) and country on Sundays and in the evenings, private cars and passenger trucks stand outside all theatres in the evenings, and unnecessary inter-provincial private traffic is continually on the increase. Travel agencies advertisements fill the newspapers and everywhere there are abuses and waste of petrol such as would not be tolerated in any allied country under present circumstances.

4. It has been argued by the Italian Government that petrol being used for these unauthorized purposes does not come from allocations to the Italian Government but is stolen or otherwise fraudulently obtained from the Allies. Whether this be so or not, it is evident that the petrol so misappropriated has had to be imported into Italy. It is also well known that unless there is a receiver of stolen property there can be no inducement to steal it and it is regretted that so far there has been little evidence of any drive on the part of the Italian Government in dealing with even the most flagrant abuses.

5. All petrol imported into Italy must be transported in tankers which are becoming more and more limited by the greater need for transporting fuel to the Far Eastern theatre of war. It is estimated that at the present time the Italian theatre is being supplied with a more generous proportion of available world supplies than any other European theatre but this situation is not likely to continue as military activities become more and more curtailed and the need for local military supplies decreases. 6075

6. As regards para 2 (b) claims are continually advan-

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ed by ENAC, COGESA and Ministry of Agriculture in particular that their respective demands are cut down to a point where they cannot operate efficiently. As is well known ENAC is the official government agency responsible for all road load-hauling vehicles and COGESA for cargo-carrying coastal schooners. A large percentage of the loads transported, either by road or sea, must obviously be food and it follows that a great degree of coordination must be maintained between the producing agency - Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries - on the one hand and the transporting agencies on the other hand to ensure a reasonable balance between production and distribution.

7. The figures quoted by Dott. Cascianna at the meeting on 19 June showed that about 45% of the total Italian Government allotment of Petrol for the month of June was assigned to ENAC whereas subsequent analysis shows that nearly 85% went to "auto" (nearly one half being allotted to Rome Province alone). It is considered that these figures show a complete lack of balance and that a big saving could be made by cutting down the number of private cars and trucks licensed to circulate. Further economies might easily be realized by reducing the number of long distance bus services which appear to be operating in ever increasing numbers, for purposes which cannot be considered as category A.

8. It was also revealed at the meeting on 22nd June that of the total gasoline allocated for marine purposes approximately 70% went to fishing vessels i.e. the field of production, whereas only 30% was allocated to COGESA. It appears to us that some adjustment is necessary so that production and distribution are more closely related to each other.

9. It is suggested therefore that the problem outlined in your letter of 17th June above mentioned should be more closely studied in the light of the above comments with a view to establishing a better balance between allocations to the productive and distributive ser-

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vice and to making better use of available supplies generally.

10. At the same time this Sub-Commission considers it essential that the Italian Government keep them fully informed as to progress made towards eliminating black market abuses and cutting down unnecessary and unauthorized traffic and requests that a detailed report be submitted by the Ministry of the Interior in this connection.

W. F. WYATT
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Pet. Sec. AFMS, RAC
 (u) Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads)
 " " " " Ports & Warehouses
 Economic Section
 Chief Commissioner's office
 Agriculture Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Tel : 478800

AG/14402/7/1/PS

4 July 1945

SUBJECT : Guarding of Naples-Fertilia
pipe line.

TO : Petsec, AFHQ, RAAC.

1. Reference is made to your Pet/30/N/10, dated 29 May, 1945.
2. The Ministry of Interior reports that the required supervision of the Naples-Fertilia pipe line has been affected by the Questura of Naples during the night time only, as the Allied Command (Lt. Wiedman) considers that the service at their disposal during the day time is sufficient without the help of the Questura.

Wm. C. Ballance May

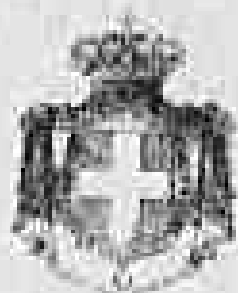
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for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

Copy : Petroleum Section
(your Pet/4/31 of 27 May, refers).

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 Roma 29 giugno 1945-
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 Ministero dell'Interno
 DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

 ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 Sottocommissione per la P.S.
ROMA

 Direzione Polizia Terza
 Prot. N. 10.14609 Allegati

 Risposta al f. del 7.5.1945
 Dir. Terza C/14402/7/1

 OGGETTO: Vigilanza sulla circolazione degli auto-
 veicoli.

In adempimento alle note disposizioni emanate da questo Ministero, per la vigilanza sulla circolazione degli autoveicoli, durante il mese di aprile u.s. sono state sequestrate, perché sorprese a circolare per fini diversi da quelli risultanti dal documento di autorizzazione e perché, provviste dell'autorizzazione stessa, le macchine di cui 9 a Catania e 2 a Salerno.

Durante il mese di maggio u.s., per lo stesso motivo, sono state sequestrate 43 macchine, di cui 2 a Bari, 8 a Catania 5 a Firenze e 28 a Roma.

pel MINISTRO

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Mar.



Roma 27 giugno 1945

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.
ROMA

Divisione Polizia Terza
Sub. No. 36662 Allegato
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Resp. al f. del 4 giugno 1945
Lu. Sc. A.C. 14402/7.1.

OGGETTO - Vigilanza all'oleodotto Napoli-Fertilia-

Il Tenente Wiedman, del Comando Alleato in Napoli, non ha ritenuto, per il momento, necessaria la collaborazione della Questura di Napoli per la sorveglianza all'oleodotto nel tratto Napoli-Fertilia, considerando sufficiente il servizio da lui disposto.

Pertanto un servizio di vigilanza viene effettuato dalla predetta Questura solo nelle ore notturne.

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Lt. Wiedman of the Allied Command at Naples has not considered necessary, at the moment, the collaboration ~~from~~ ^{pe} the part of the Naples Questura, for the surveillance of the oil-mill on the Via NAPLES-FERTILIA, considering sufficient the service disposed by him.

However a service of vigilance is effected by the mentioned Questura only in the night-time.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

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16 June 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.
(Attn: Major Ballance)

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Reference your AC/14402/7/1/PS of 8 June, 1945, regarding the issue of temporary Permit to the Contessa Maria Luisa Chiaro, S. Angelo Lodigiano, enquiries have been made and I enclose copy of a report of Public Safety Officer, Milan City.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.T. Francis

C.T. FRANCIS
Lt Colonel
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

Encl: as above

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CITY OF MILAN

File : MC/6

SUBJECT: Misuse of petrol

Date: 15th June 1945

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer

1. With reference to your letter of the 11th June and AC/14402/7/1/PS. Enquiries have been made at R.A.C.I. to ascertain the cause of the issuance of the temporary permit referred to in paragraph 3 of AC letter.

2. It has been ascertained that on the 6th June the Contessa Maria Luisa Chiare was referred to this office by Lt.Col.De Matteis of the Carabinieri for a motor car permit. As R.A.C.I. was then the only office to issue T permits, the note was initialled and referred to R.A.C.I. It was assumed by this office that R.A.C.I. would make the necessary enquiries into the cause of the journey and only issue the permit if the journey was one which was properly authorised under the existing regulations. Instead, apparently, it was construed as a request by this office. The direction of R.A.C.I. has been informed by me that under no circumstances does this office recommend any person to be granted a permit, and that all permits must be issued in accordance with the directions laid down.

3. With regard to the issuance of coupons for 120 liters of petrol, it has not been established from whom the woman obtained the coupons. They certainly were not issued by this office and I am informed that R.A.C.I. did not issue the coupons. On her return to Milan she will be sent for and thoroughly interrogated by me personally, and I will submit a further report in due course. I have spoken to Col.De Matteis and have told him to be more careful in future, and he in turn informed me that he believed the woman was in possession of

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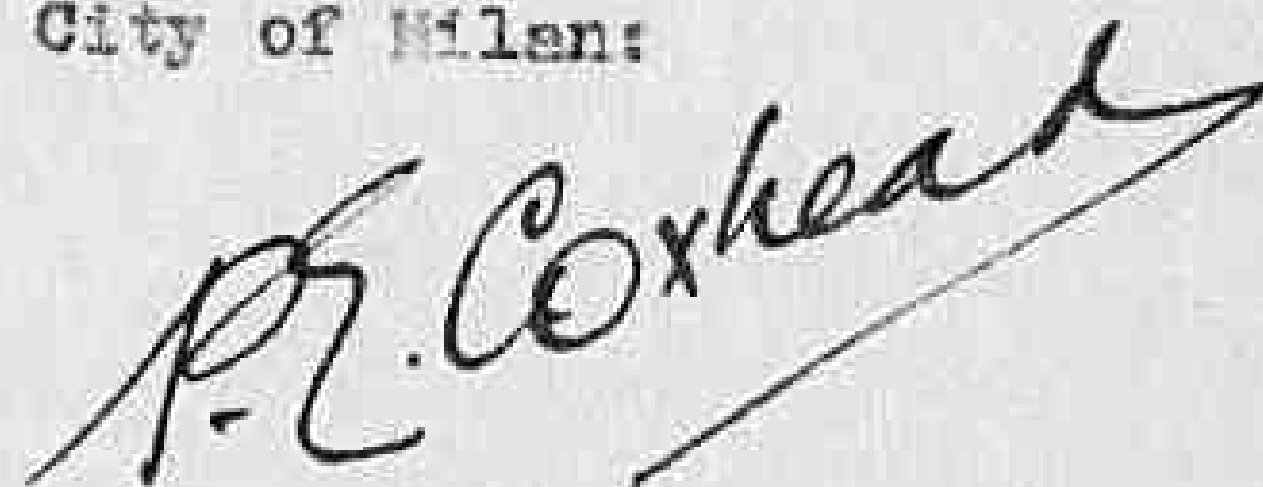
SUBJECT: Misuse of petrol (contd)

Date. 15th June 1945

TO :

petrol of her own and did not have coupons. This point, of course, will be cleared up after I have seen the woman. FR in due course.

For the Commissioner for the City of Milan:



P. B. COXHEAD, MAJOR
Public Safety Officer
Milan City

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TRANSLATION. 339

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

N; 10.12765/14600

Reply to AC/I4402 dat. 9/5/45.

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4th June 1945. 92A

SUBJECT : Clandestine trade of petrol.
TO : A.C. F.S. S/C.

We inform the Commission, that according to the instructions issued by this Ministry on the 22nd May, 1945, the Rapid Unit of the Rome Questura has stopped 13 cars, which were circulating without authorisation.

For the Minister
Ferrari

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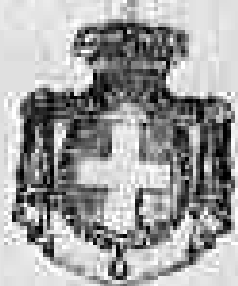
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Roma 4 Giugno 1945

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

L'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Divisione Polizia *3^a*

Prot. N. 12765 Allegati
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Reparto *1^o* del 9/5/45

Da *1^o* *1^o* N. 2.14402

OGGETTO Commercio clandestino di carburante

Si informa codesta On. Commissione che, in adempimento delle note ~~note~~ disposizioni emanate da questo Ministero, il 22 maggio u.s., il Reparto Celere della Questura di Roma ha proceduto al fermo di tredici macchine, sorprese a circolare sprovviste di autorizzazione.

PEL MINISTRO

Genoa

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478600

See

8 June, 1945

AG/14402/7/1/PS.

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region,
(Attn : R.P.S.O.).

1. The Contessa Maria Luisa Chiaro, S. Angelo Lodigiano, called at this Headquarters today and produced a temporary motor vehicle circulating permit No. 14000 which was issued to her by R.A.C.I., Milano in respect of motor vehicle MI 71310, Fiat 1500, for private purposes. The vehicle was authorized to circulate in Milano, Roma and return. The permit expires on 20 June. It was stated that coupons for 120 liters of petrol were issued with the permit.

2. The Contessa desired the validity of the permit extended to include Naples. This was refused in view of the fact that supplies of fuel had not been authorized for the journey.

3. The use of motor vehicle for private purposes is forbidden. Will you please report the circumstances leading up to the issue of a permit in this case.

W. C. Belland May

for JOHN B. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.I.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy to : Commerce S/C.
(Attn : Major A.S. Brereton).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Inter-Office Memorandum

Tel : 478800

AC/14402/7/1/PS.

4 June, 1945

SUBJECT : Waste of Petrol.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. The Ministry of Interior has reported that the police authorities in Rome have recently seized 15 motor vehicles which were in circulation without authority.

2. The Ministry has promised to keep this Sub-Commission apprised of the results of the measures taken in other provinces to eliminate from the roads motor vehicles without proper circulation permits.

Major Wm. C. Ballance G.D.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN

Colonel, J.A.G.D.

to Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Petsec.AFHQ,RAAC.

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TRANSLATION MC.
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

MA. Jay. 89A

Rome 28th May 1945

n:10.I2581/I4600

Reply to letter AC/I4402/7/I/PS.

Subject : Article of the "Globo", in regard to the irregular circulation of auto-vehicles.

To : Allied Commission Public Safety s/c.

The expression contained in the article "The mysteries of the circulation of auto-vehicles in Rome" of the paper 'il Globo', dated 25 April, must be seriously examined in order to ascertain the truthfulness of the accusations made.

For this purpose the Ministry of Transport, is looking the question, and in order to take the measures that he thinks necessary.

Further communication will be given as soon as possible.

For the Minister
- Ferrari -

Please initial reverse side

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Roma, 28 Maggio 1945

ON/LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER LA P.S.

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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Divisione Polizia *Sez. terza*
Prot. N. 10.12581. Allegati
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Risposta al f. del 16/5/1945
Qu. N. AC/14402/7/1/PS

Oggetto Relazione della stampa sulla circolazione
irregolare degli autoveicoli.

Le asserzioni contenute nello articolo intito-
lato "i misteri della circolazione degli autoveicoli
a Roma", apparso sul quotidiano "Il Globo" del 25
aprile u.s., hanno bisogno di un più attento esame
per poter accertare ~~la~~ fondatezza della accuse mosse.

A tal fine si è interessato il competente Ministero
dei Trasporti affinché, messi in chiaro gli aspetti
più salienti della questione, adotti, nella sua com-
petenza, quei provvedimenti che riterrà del caso, per
eliminare i lamentati inconvenienti.

Si fa riserva di ulteriore comunicazione appena
possibile.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel : 478800

AO/14402/7/1/PS.

4 June, 1945

SUBJECT : Theft of petrol from Pipe Line.

TO : Ministry of Interior.
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).1. Reference is made to your Polizia/3/10.34872/
13000, dated 16 April, 1945.2. Allied Force Headquarters has now advised this
Headquarters that the use of the Naples-Rome pipeline has
been discontinued with the exception of the portion running
from Naples to Fertilia.3. The losses of petrol from the Naples-Fertilia
portion have been excessive and it is requested that stringent
measures be adopted to prevent such losses in the future.
The Questore concerned should be advised to contact Lt. Lyle
Kinvig, SIAP Petroleum Terminal, telephone number 50593, Naples,
with a view to coordinating his efforts with those of the
Italian Military who also patrol the pipe line in question.4. Will you please inform this Headquarters of the
steps taken by you in this matter, and give the name and
station of the person nominated to contact Lt. Lyle Kinvig.*W. C. Ballance May*

for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Petroleum Section, AFHQ.
(Pet/A/31 of 27 May refers).
Petsec. AFHQ, RMIC.
(Pet 30/A/10 of 29 May refers).

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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/501 4

Tel. Rome 478629

W. P. Evans *pe* *W. P. Evans*

28 May 1945

SUBJECT: POL allocations & Control - Italian Government.

TO : Pet. Sec. AFHQ, Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Our AC/5087 of 7 May 45 and AC/5146/12 of 11 May 45 (copies to you) refer.

2. Attached are translations of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour (Liquid Fuels Office) 2612 of 22 May 45 and 2716/III of 24 May in reply.

3. We have been informed verbally by a representative of the Liquid Fuels Office that the Police authorities in Rome have formed mobile squads charged especially with the suppression of unauthorised motor vehicle circulation and waste of POL.

4. It is understood that they have already impounded 14 vehicles and it is hoped that this small beginning is an indication of a genuine attempt by the Italian Government to set its house in order.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Maj. A. S. BRERETON

for W. P. EVANS

Colonel

Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

TO	
DIRECTOR	<i>W. P. Evans</i> 5/12
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" UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION "

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND LABOUR
 Direz. Gen. Industria e Miniere
 Divisione Combustibili Liquidi

Rome, 22 May 1945

Prot. N. 2612

ALLIED COMMISSION
 COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
R O M E

Reply to 5087/POL. 25 of 7 May 45

SUBJECT: Circulation permits renewal.

1. Reference is made to your letter 5087/POL 25 dated 7 May 45.
2. As regards the control over vehicle circulation you know already that, by circular N. 45 of 27 April of which a copy was sent to you, this Ministry invited the Ministry of Interior to give instructions to the Police and Carabinieri to exercise greater vigilance over the movement of all motor-vehicles.
3. A further request has today been made by this Ministry to the Ministry of the Interior to insist that the Police force intervene energetically with a view to eliminating present abuses in the field of vehicle circulation so as to guarantee a greater degree of traffic discipline and a more useful and rational employment of available stocks of Petrol. Great confidence is felt in believing that a more efficient control over vehicle circulation will be exercised from now on.
4. Note is taken of your S/C's agreement to extend the validity of current circulation permits (already extended to May 31st) until June 30th and that of the new series which will come into effect on July 1st until 31st December.
5. As regards vehicles running on Methane Gas assurance is given that the system of control by means of circulation permits will remain in force and further, that active steps will be taken to encourage the turning over to Methane Gas of vehicles now running on Petrol.

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THE MINISTER

" UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION "

Rome, 24 May 1945

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND LABOUR
 Direz. Gener. Industria e Miniere
 Divisione Combustibili Liquidi

H.Q.A.C. COMMERCE SUB-
 COMMISSION

Prot. N. 2716/III

R O M A

SUBJECT: Allocations to Italian Government for Civilian uses .

1. Reference is made to your letter AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL. 9 dated 11 May 45.
2. Note has been taken of the reply made by your S/O to the request for an increase of the bulk allocation to cover the needs of Reg. Carabinieri.
3. At the same time we cannot agree with the view expressed in para 3 of your letter wherein it is stated that this Ministry is not making the best use of the supplies allocated to the Italian Government.
4. The categories of abusive consumers set out in your letter, in our opinion, do not encroach on the stocks allocated through this office, but obtain their supplies from illicit holders of petroleum products stolen from stores belonging to the Armed Forces of the Allies.
5. This Ministry is prepared to insist on the maintenance of control over the quantities it allocates, concerning which data is regularly supplied to your Commission who is thus easily able to see for themselves that the quantities distributed cannot possibly suffice to cover even all essential needs.
6. Therefore, any further reduction can only be to the serious detriment of the economic level of life of the nation, already very low, without eliminating the abuses complained of.

THE MINISTER

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Roma 26 Maggio

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ON. LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

Divisione Polizia Terza
Prot. N. 10.12594. Allegati
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ROMA

Risposta al f. del 1.5.1945

Dir. Prot. n. AC/14402/7/1

OGGETTO Commercio clandestino di carburante.-

si informa codesta On. Commissione che, in adempimento delle note disposizioni emanate da questo Ministero, in Roma, nella sola giornata del 13 corrente mese, si è proceduto al sequestro di 15 autovetture, sorprese a circolare sprovviste di autorizzazione.

Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni, circa i risultati dei servizi disposti nelle altre provincie.

PEL M I N I S T R O

It is reported to the Commission that according to the regulations issued by this Ministry in Rome, on the 13th instant, have been seized 15 auto-vehicles which were in circulation without the authorisation.

Further communications in regard to the result of the services in other provinces will be communicated.

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478131

PET 30/A/10

29 May 45

SUBJECT: Illegal Diversion of Petrol.

HQ. A.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

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Reference this Section's letter of even number dated 4 Apr. 45.

1. The use of the pipeline, Naples - Rome, is discontinued with the exception of the portion running from Naples to Fertilia.
2. As losses over the Naples - Fertilia line have been excessive, particularly in the vicinity of San Antimo and Casandrino, it is requested that all possible assistance from the Questura be concentrated on this Section.
3. The Questura representative should be advised to contact Lt. Lyle Kinvig, GIAP Petroleum Terminal, telephone number 50598, Naples, to coordinate their guards with the Italian military also patrolling along this line.
4. Will you kindly take the necessary steps to have these patrols appointed immediately and advise this Section on the action taken.

John J. Fagan

JOHN J. FAGAN
Major, R.E.

for Colonel
Petroleum Section.

Copy to: Petroleum Section, AFHQ.
(Your Pet/4/31 dated
27 May 45, refers.)

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1945

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Home 23-5-1945

N:1277

Subject : Irregular circulation of auto-vehilces.
 To : A/C Public Safety Subcommission
 : " Commerce subCommission.(Major Brereton)
 Petsec A.F.H.Q.,R.A.A.C.

With reference to the letter dated 16th May with which the Command has requested to be informed in regard to the considerations of R.A.C.I. in the question regarding the irregular circulation of auto-vehicles,denounced by the news-paper"LL Globo"on the 21 April 1945.

On this subject,the R.A.C.I. observes that the number of the cases is not so considerable as it appears from the article of the newspaper.

Definitely the fact is true and this Hq,has been informed on this regard.

The effected requisitionings of auto-vehicles has caused the possibility to proceed with abuses,in consideration also of the fact,that to the owners of auto-vehicles which were requisitioned as well as bought by nazi-fascists,was given the circulation permit;and in ocnsideration of the fact that, following the war events,it has been possible for unfais persons to appropriate irregularly of auto-vehicles abandoned on the roads,while damaged.

With reference to what has been reported to this HQ, the operation of substitution of the particulars of the debris(number of engine andnumber of chassis)is done by persons and organisations particularly able,in as much as more than once the auto-vehicles disguised in this way as passed the revision by the tecnical officials of the Civil Motorisation Inspectorate.

It must absolutely not be taken into conosideration the rumuor reporting that among the same employees belonging to the Compartmental Inspectorate for the Civil Motorisation the data regarding the auto-vehicles have not been remarked.

In regard to the transfer of the circulating licences 605
 ,it is remarked that there is no disposition of law,which forbids to persons formerly owners of auto-vehicles seized by nazi-fascists,

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to sell the licence not taking into consideration the requisition carried out by nazifascists, and make arrangements for the selling of the licence as document itself, but the auto-vehicle to which it referred

The instructions of laws which organise in Italy the requisition of auto-vehicles by the Army, does not oblige the owner of an requisitioned auto-vehicle to obtain the effacement from the public registers in as much as this matter is pertaining the Authority which proceeds with the requisition.

It has appeared to this HQ, that the commerce of the circulating permits has reached a great proportion, in fact, in cases of not requisitioned auto-vehicles, but robbed, the owners of the circulating permits sell the permits themselves giving at the mean time to the purchaser, the right to be entitle to be again the owner of the robbed auto-vehicle, in the case in which this will be found.

It appears evident that this one is just a device, in as much as usually unfair persons use the circulation permit obtained in this way, in order to put the particulars on other cars, generally coming from robbery.

Therefore in order to avoid that such irregularities will continue the R.A.C.I.-which has at its disposition elements of control through the public 'auto-vehicles' registers- has decided to institute a service with character of assistance in order to be able to find the robbed auto-vehicles.

All the automobilists, who have suffered robbery, can apply to this HQ, through the information taken at all the provincial offices of the public register for auto-vehicles, (in this way it is avoided the transfer from a province to an other one of the robbed car) and with the cooperation of the Police Judicial Authorities, in order to point out if the robbed auto-vehicle has been disguised, and to try to find it for the owner.

The only way to avoid in a definite manner the actual inconvenients, is the proceeding with assignation, as soon as possible of new circulating permits for all the auto-vehicles in circulation.

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For the question regarding the complaints of the article of the "Globo", in regard to the abuses which are occurring in the delivering of permits of circulation, and in the use of the auto-vehicles for travel in zone for which the permit has not been given; the R.A.C.I. has suggested a simplification and a revision of the actual system, in order to avoid the irregularity which are occurring now.

The R.A.C.I. which is, of course, the office more indicated for the delivering of such circulating permits and for the distribution of fuel-tickets, petrol cards) is hindered in the execution of his work by other Societies.

What is above mentioned regards the release of permits for auto-vehicles used for the transport of persons; for the question concerning the transport of goods, this HQ, informs that many newspaperes have deplored the actual systems.

The R.A.C.I. eventhough thinking that the organisation of the E.N.A.C. is inspired to inducement of national interest, from the practical point of view presents many and important wants, and the prganisation R.A.C.I. suggests the complete liberty to the persons belonging with the transport of goods, under the condition that the owners of auto-vehicles will carry in the interest of the collettivity a certain quantity of goods (economical goods) each month at the official price.

This HQ ^{is} at disposition of the Commission for other details occurring on this regard.

Extraordinary Commissary
P. Caracciolo

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COMMERCE S/C (Attn: Major A.S.
Prereton) (without Encl.) (Your AC/
5146/12 Commerce/ POL 29 refers).

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OGGETTO: DIBATTITI SULLA STAMPA IN ORDINE ALLA CIRCOLAZIONE TRRE-
GOLARE DI AUTOVEICOLI -

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7/11/45*

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Le requisizioni effettuate nel campo degli autoveicoli hanno indubbiamente offerto la possibilità di **60%** ed abusi, ove si pensi - da una parte - che generalmente ai proprietari di auto veicoli requisiti ed acquistati dai nazi-fascisti veniva lasciato il libretto di circolazione ed ove si pensi - d'altra parte - che

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*7/11/45
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gli eventi di guerra hanno inevitabilmente dato modo a persone meno che corrette di appropriarsi indebitamente di autoveicoli relitti sulle strade, perchè danneggiati più o meno in relazione alle azioni belliche.

Chi, specie in passato, attraverso riparazioni di non eccessiva importanza, avesse inteso di approfittarsi di tale eccezionale stato di cose, indubbiamente poteva, una volta reperito il relitto e rimesolo in efficienza, apporre su di esso i dati di individuazione riportati su una licenza di circolazione acquistata da persona privata, per effetto di requisizione, di automezzo di corrispondente tipo e caratteristiche.

Secondo quanto è stato riferito a questo Ente, le operazioni di sostituzione dei dati di individuazione sui relitti (numero di motore e numero di telaio) sono state eseguite da persone od organizzazioni particolarmente esperte, tantochè in più delle volte gli autoveicoli così camuffati hanno superato le visite di revisione e di collaudo da parte di funzionari tecnici dell'Ispektorato per la Motorizzazione Civile.

Questo Ente non ha mai prestato fede alla voce, in certo qual modo diffusasi negli ultimi tempi, secondo la quale nell'ambito degli stessi Ispektorati Compartimentali della Motorizzazione Civile funzionari ed impiegati poco scrupolosi si sarebbero prestati a non rilevare le alterazioni dei dati di individuazione di cui sopra; questo Ente, a tale proposito, deve ritenere da respingersi una insinuazione del genere.

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Risulta anche a questo Ente che, specie negli ultimi tempi, il commercio delle licenze di circolazione ha assunto una certa intensità non disgiunta da una parvenza di legittimità; infatti, specie nel

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caso di autoveicoli non requisiti, ma semplicemente rubati, i proprietari delle licenze di circolazione vendono le licenze medesime conferendo contemporaneamente all'acquirente il diritto di entrare nella libera proprietà dell'autoveicolo rubato, ove questo per avventura sia recuperato.

E' evidente che tale forma rappresenta un espediente in quanto, secondo quanto riferito a questo Ente, abitualmente, invece, persone di scarsa correttezza si servono della licenza di circolazione così acquistata per riportarne gli estremi su autoveicoli diversi da quelli originali, generalmente provenienti da furti.

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Unico sistema per ovviare in modo definitivo agli attuali inconvenienti, sarà quello di procedere, non appena possibile, alla assegnazione di nuove licenze di circolazione a tutti gli automezzi superstiti della guerra, in modo da evitare o per lo meno **evitare** molto più difficile gli abusi che ora si verificano con una certa facilità ed ai quali è ben difficile opporsi validamente.

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Per quanto riguarda le lagnanze contenute nel cenneto articolo del "Globo" in ordine agli abusi che si verificano nella concessione dei permessi di circolazione e nell'uso - diverso dalla destinazione per la quale il permesso è stato accordato - degli automezzi ammessi alla circolazione, il R.A.C.I. più di una volta ha udito lamenti del genere, delle quali si è anche, nei limiti del possibile, e tenuto conto della scarsa dimostrabilità del fondamento delle lamentele stesse, fatto eco, chiedendo che l'attuale sistema complesso, rigido, ma nello stesso tempo per la sua stessa rigidità non completo, fosse riveduto e semplificato, in guisa da offrire nello stesso tempo minore possibilità di evasione alle norme che disciplinano la materia.

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Questo Ente resta a disposizione di codesto Comando per ogni ulteriore chiarimento.

IL COMMISSARIO STRAORDINARIO
 (Filippo Varese)

F. Varese

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

22 May 1945

AC/14402/7/1/PS.

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attn : Major A.S. Brereton).

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1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a letter (translation) received from the Questore of Rome in which he gives instructions to dependant Police Forces as to the control that must be exercised in connection with the circulation of motor vehicles.

W.C. Ballance

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enc : 1.
Copy to : Petsec. A.F.H.Q.R.A.A.C.
Economic Section.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Questura di Roma

DATE : 14 May 1945

Notwithstanding the strict dispositions issued for the control of the motor-vehicles circulating without permit or misusing the permit, there are still many vehicles circulating without permit.

I therefore give instructions for the impounding of all the vehicles found without circulation permit or using the vehicle for a purpose different from that which is shown in the permit.

It is also forbidden to use the motor-vehicles during holidays with exception of special duties.

I recall the attention of all the Police Offices to a special control being acted and especially in the areas where are the camionettes stationing, with special regard of places where are taking place sport meetings.

The Command of Reparto Celere will act a strict control in town with motorcyclist squads.

I shall wait for the results of the duties performed regularly.

It is the question of saving fuel needed for the public utilities service.

Each infringement to a/m dispositions will affect the future petrol allotment which is exclusively connected with public services for the Country's reconstructions and not for the black market operations.

The Questore.

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Rome 18th May 1945

N:117 VT.

SUBJECT : Article of the newspaper "Il Globo" in regard to the circulation of auto-vehicles.

There is transmitted for information the letter AC/14402/7/I/PS, dated 16th instant of the Command to whom the present letter is addressed with here enclosed the a/m article.

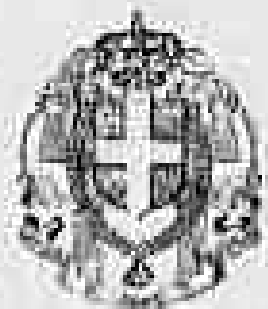
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

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APO 394

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Reposta al f. N°

OGGETTO **Articole del giornale "Il Globo" sulla
circolazione automezzi.**

Si trasmette per competenza il foglio
n° AO/14402/7/1/PS. del 16 corr. del Comando cui
la presente è diretta per conoscenza con allegato
l'articolo in oggetto.

L'INGEGNERE ADDETTO

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ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON OFFICE
R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIA S. VITALE

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To ; Public Safety Sub-Commission.AC/HQ
From : LT.Col.R.T.Millhouse,L.O.
Subject : Motor vehicles circulation permits.

Rome, 16th May 45

Attached is translation of general instructions issued by Questore to all dependant Police Forces for the control of Motor-vehicles circulation permits and the use of petrol.

Forwarded for your information.

R.T. Millhouse
R.T. Millhouse, Lt. Col.
A.C. Public Safety, L.O.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Questura di Roma.
DATE : 14 maggio 45

Notwithstanding the strict dispositions issued for the control of the motor-vehicles circulating without permit or misusing the permit, there are still many vehicles circulating without permit.

I therefore give instructions for the impounding of all the vehicles found without circulation permit or using the vehicle for a purpose different from that which is shown in the permit. It is also forbidden to use the motor-vehicles during holidays with exception of special duties.

I recall the attention of all the Police Offices to a special control being acted and especially in the areas where are the camionettes stationing, with special regard of places where are taking place sport meetings.

The Command of Reparto Celere will act a strict control in town with motorcyclist squads.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AD/14402/7/2/PS

Tel : 478800

18 May 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

To : Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attn: Major A.S. Brereton)

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of Ministry of Interior Circular No., 10.12486/14600, dated 11 May, 1945, (translation) in which all concerned are requested to exercise a more effective control over the circulation of motor vehicles. *79B*

2. Also transmitted herewith is a copy of the covering letter (translation) which accompanied the circular. *79A*

W. C. Ballance May

for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Incl. 2

Copy to:

Petsec., AFHQ, R&AD
(Your Pet 30/A/10 of 2 May, 1945 refers)

Economic Section. *72A*

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

pe 12th May 1945.

N. 10.12486/14600

Subject : Circulation of auto-vehicles.

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

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With ref. to the representations made by the Allied Commission with letter AC/14402/7/1/PS dated 7th.inst., concerning the illegal use of petroleum, this Ministry, with the enclosed circular, has made arrangements for the sending out to the Prefects of liberated Italy, new instructions with a view of a more severe control on motor-vehicle circulation.

Especially for Rome the Questore has been told to take the most severe measures, above all in regard to drivers of camionette.

Besides which, in confirming the prohibition to use autovehicles, especially on holidays, throughout the territory of liberated Italy, for other purposes than those appearing on the license, instructions have been issued for the immediate withdrawal of the permit, in case of transgression.

With such new measures, this Ministry is hoping, to put an end to the misuse of POL on the part of private persons.

For the Minister
Ferrari

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Translation.

U R G E N T

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

11th May 1945

N. 10.12486/14600

Subject : Motor-Vehicles Circulation.

To : Their Excellencies the High Commissioners for Sicily and Sardinia
To : the Prefects of liberated Italy
To : the Questore of Rome
To : Commanding General, CC.FF. - Rome and for information
To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

In spite of the instructions issued with circular n.10.12145/14600, dated 7th April 1945, it appears that the motor-vehicles continue to circulate without permit or for other purposes as those for which the circulation permit has been issued.

Particularly in Rome it appears that such inconvenience has not only not yet been eliminated, but not even reduced, especially on the part of Camionette, which in great number have been noticed in these days in picking up passengers to and from the Trotting Races.

All this, as it may be easily understood, sensibly weighs on the POL economy and therefore it is disposed that severe measures be adopted against the transgressors, i.e. the immediate withdrawal of the circulation permit, as soon as a different use from that shown on the permit is checked.

The Rome Questore is particularly called to take energetic measures in regard to Camionette drivers, if these have not been authorised to the special transport service of passengers in the city.

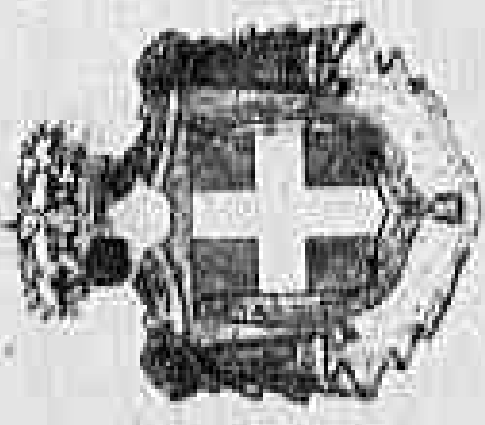
Furthermore, in all provinces the use of cars on holidays must be absolutely prohibited, except in cases services are concerned which cannot be put off and which have always to be in connection with the purposes for which the permit has been issued.

Finally, calling your attention to the last para of the a/m circular, dated 7th of April last, your Excellencies are requested to furnish, with utmost urgency, reports concerning the results reached up-to-the present time.

For the Minister 6039
Ferrari

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia - sezione terza

Roma 12 maggio 1945

N. 10.12486/14600

O G G E T T O: Circolazione autoveicoli.-

ON/Ls COMMISSIONE ALLIATA

Sottocommissione per la P. S.

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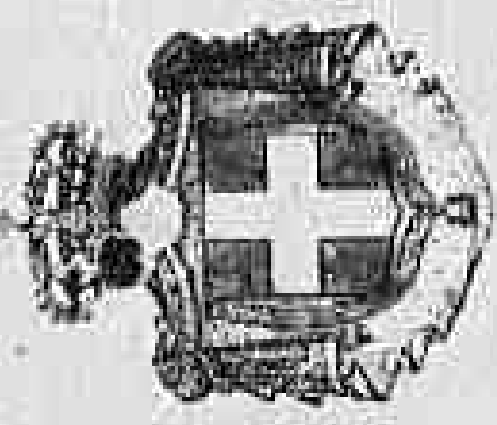
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Specialmente per Roma si è invitato il Questore ad attuare rigorose misure, specie nei confronti dei conducenti di camionette.

Inoltre, nel confermare il divieto di adoperare automobili, specie nei giorni festivi, in tutto il territorio dell'Italia liberata, per fini diversi da quelli risultanti nel documento di autorizzazione, si è disposto l'immediato ritiro del permesso, in caso di infrazione.

Questo Ministero confida, con tali nuove misure, di poter...

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia - sezione terza

Roma 12 maggio 1945

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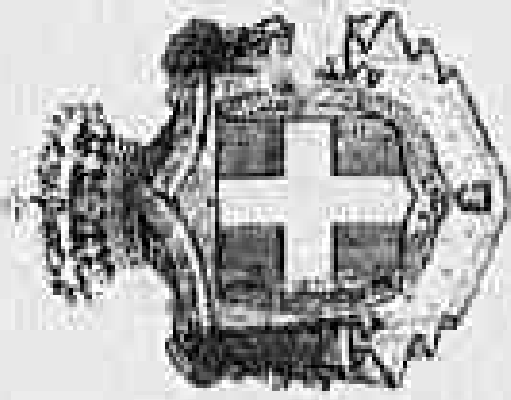
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per M I N I S T R O 6035

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 UFFICIO
 Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA
 Divisione Polizia - Sez. Terza

n. 10.12486/14500 Roma, 11 Maggio 1945

OGGETTO : Circolazione autoveicoli.

ALLE LL. EE. GLI ALTI COMMISSARI PER LA SICILIA E LA SARDEGNA
 ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI DELLA ITALIA LIBERATA
 AL SIGNOR QUESTORE DI ROMA
 AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC. RR. ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-Sottocommissione per la P. S. - ROMA

Nonostante le disposizioni impartite con la circolare n. 20.12145/14600, del 7 aprile u.s., risulta che gli autoveicoli continuano a circolare senza permesso o per motivi diversi da quelli per cui fu rilasciata l'autorizzazione a circolare.

Particolarmente a Roma consta che tale inconveniente non solo non è stato finora eliminato, ma neppure attenuato, specie da parte delle camionette, che in gran numero sono state notate di questi giorni a raccogliere passeggeri da e per il campo delle corse al trotto.

Tutto ciò, come ai leggieri si comprende, incide sensibilmente sulla economia del carburante e perciò si dispone che siano adottate misure di rigore a carico degli inadempienti, provvedendo, senz'altro, al ritiro della licenza di circolazione dell'autoveicolo appena riscontrato un uso differente da quello per cui l'autorizzazione fu concessa.

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In particolare, poi, in tutte le provincie dove assolutamente essere vietato l'uso delle macchine nei giorni festivi, e meno che non si

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OGGETTO : Circolazione autoveicoli.

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ALLE LL.EE. I PREFETTI DELL'ARMATA LIBERTA
AL SIGNOR QUESTORE DI ROMA
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Richiamando, infine, l'ultima parte della citata circolare 7 aprile u.s., si pregano le LL.EE. di far tenere, con tutta urgenza, le segnalazioni dei risultati fino ad oggi ottenuti.

PER IL MINISTRO
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

AC/14402/7/1/PS.

16 May 1945

SUBJECT : Waste of Petrol.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.
(Attn : Major A.S. Brereton).

1. Reference is made to your AC/5146/12 Commerce/
POL 3, dated 26 March, 1945, relating to the publication
of posters advertising motor cycle races, and to my
letter, even number, dated 28 March, 1945, copy to you,
addressed to the Ministry of Interior on this subject.

2. Transmitted herewith for information is
a copy of a letter (translation) received from the
Ministry of Interior in reply to my letter referred to
in paragraph 1.

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W.C. Ballance May

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enc : 1.
Copy to : Petsec, A.F.H.Q., R.A.A.C.

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Translation

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

No. 10.12144/14600

Reply to AG/14402/7/1/PS dated 28/3/45

Subject : Abuse of petrol

To : A.C. P.S. S/C

In continuation of letter n. 10.12145.14600 dated 7th April, 1945, it is communicated, that on the 25th March 1945, at the cycling ground Appio, a motor-cycle competition with 8 participants took place, organised by the General Secretary of C.O.N.I.

Each runner effected 10 rounds, of 400 metres each, reason for which the 8 motor-cycles covered an inclusive distance of 32 Km, consuming roughly 2 litres of petrol.

In spite of the strict instructions issued in this regard, no authorisation has been requested for this competition by the organisers, who have been now warned to organise no farther automobile or motor-cycle competitions.

Besides which it is pointed out, that with circular dated 1st April, 1945, the P.S. Offices and C.C.R.R. Company Commands of Rome and Province, have been told to accept no applications with a view to obtain authorisation to effect similar competitions, due to the actual deficiency of fuel.

For the Minister
Ferrari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478800

AC/14402/7/1/PS.

16 May 1945

SUBJECT : Press reports on irregular car circulations.

TO : 1. Ministry of Interior,
(Direziona Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).
Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile.
(Attn : Direttore Generale, Sig. Torquato De Cupis).
Reale Automobile Club d'Italia, Via Po 14.

1. Attached is a copy of an article which appeared in "Il Globo" of 21 April, 1945, which seems to bear out the reports which have been reaching us for some time past. The report seems to disclose a most unhealthy state of affairs.

2. May we please have your comments with regard to this article.

W. M. C. Belland

for JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enc : 1.

Copy to : Petrac, A.F.H.Q., K.A.A.C.
(without encl.).

Comarco S/O (Attn : Major A.S. Brereton)
(without Encl.). (Your AC/5146/12 Comarco/POL 29
refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ON
APC 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION JRG/AR.

Ref. AG/5145/12/Commerce/PCB. 29

Tel. Rome 478397

~~MAY 1945~~

5 May 1945

SUBJECT: Press reports on irregular car circulations.

TO : ~~Det. Sec. AFHQ, Rome Area Allied Command~~.

1. Attached is copy and translation of an article which appeared in "Il Globo" of 21 April 45 and which we think you will find of considerable interest.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Maj. A. S. BRERETON
for W. E. STANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Public Safety (Maj. Ballance) } with enclosures.
~~Security Section~~

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Extract from "Il Globo" April 21, 1945

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"MYSTERIES OF CAR-TRAFFIC IN ROME"

"A widespread organization favours the evasion of all control; everything can be bought and sold without excessive difficulty but at extortionate prices."

Fifty percent of the cars circulating in Rome or leaving the city for the purpose of bringing back goods or food are travelling abusively. The Black Market in Circulation Permits and Trip Tickets is so flourishing that car circulation in Rome, notwithstanding regulations introduced to limit it, would return to almost normal if there were no shortage of tyres.

Even in this direction the situation is improving. Some car owners, in fact, have obtained assignments of tyres from Allied sources; production, though still on a small scale, has been resumed; many firms are specialising in the reconditioning of discarded tyres; others, by special processes, succeed in changing the appearance of Allied tyres by altering the tread to resemble that commonly used for tyres of Italian manufacture. Owing to the ease with which petrol can be procured in the Black Market the number of inactive vehicles capable of circulating is steadily decreasing.

A cunning and widespread organization is assisting the evasion of all control over circulation. No document exists at present which cannot be either falsified or illegally obtained. Even individual car licenses which establish the identity of the car itself are falsified to such an extent that about 10% of these in Rome must be considered irregular (One only has to remember the number of cars stolen recently).

These vehicles, without a new car license, could only circulate under a constant threat of the driver's being apprehended for theft. This danger is eliminated if a car license belonging to another vehicle is substituted for the true one, the vehicle itself being suitably camouflaged at the same time. This explains the high price current for scrapped vehicles; the price includes not only payment for the scrapped material but also the relative

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car licences. The market in these documents is incremented by all those who have had their cars either destroyed or requisitioned but who still retain possession of the relative car license.

Some months ago the price for a license for a heavy truck was in the neighbourhood of one million lire and this high price was willingly paid since heavy military trucks, naturally without accompanying documents, were offered on the market for 180/190,000 lire. Today's price for such heavy trucks, suitably camouflaged and supplied with new licenses is between 6 and 8 million lire.

To camouflage such trucks is neither a difficult nor a costly operation. Frequently it is quite sufficient to repaint the body structure whilst if the registration number and serial numbers of motor, chassis, and plate are changed in addition the transformation becomes perfect. The motor number is altered either by replacing the cylinder block by that of the car scrapped or covering up the old number by electrical welding, filing down and repunching the new number. For the chassis this latter system is most generally used but in some cases the chassis itself may be changed over.

Having created a new identity for the car itself a circulation permit becomes necessary. For private cars these are relatively easy to get being purely a question of price. A certificate from the Chamber of Commerce declaring that the owner of the car belongs to one of the accepted professional categories (doctor, business executive, industrialist etc.) gives the right to a permit and to a small allocation of petrol.

Camouflage

The above is not the only possible procedure - 10% of cars circulating in the service of State Departments do not carry political officials but officials of Banking and Commercial firms, property owners and the newly rich, whilst for trucks Black market produce is carried rather than State merchandise. Permits for State owned vehicles are considered safer than normal permits but AC permits are still more coveted and though limited for the select few it is not impossible to obtain them.

In order to justify circulation outside Rome car owners need Trip tickets in addition to circulation permits. An organised market exists in this particular branch which affords ample possibilities for uncontrolled transportation.

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The right to a Trip ticket is conferred on vehicles working for account of ENAC, SEPPAL, the Holy See, Public Markets, Military or Allied authorities, Coops, etc.; in some cases owners of private vehicles engaged on work approved by the Chamber of Commerce may be issued with Permanent Trip Ticket booklets.

The "Split-up".

It is clear that enrolment with one of the organisations abovementioned suffices to obtain a Trip Ticket - this is not difficult - and neither is it difficult to obtain permits to bring goods or foodstuffs into Rome. It has even been stated that all that is necessary is the payment to a willing employee of a sum based on length of journey and load carried. For dried figs, for example, the tariff is 5 -7 lire and wine 1.50 - 2.20 per litre.

ESTRATTO da " IL GLOBO " del 21 Aprile 1945

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I SISTEMI DELLA CIRCOLAZIONE DEGLI AUTOMOBILI A ROMA .

UN'ARTICOLATA ORGANIZZAZIONE FAVORISCE L'EVASIONE DA OGNI CONTROLLO, TUTTO SI COPRA E TUTTO SI VENDE SENZA NECESSARIA DIFFICOLTÀ A PREZZI ESAGERATIVI .

Il 50 per cento degli automezzi che circolano a Roma e che dalla città si muovono per importare merci e generi alimentari, viaggia abusivamente. Il mercato nero dei permessi di circolazione e dei fogli di viaggio è così fiorente che, malgrado i provvedimenti di limitazione, la circolazione automobilistica tornerebbe a Roma ad uno stato quasi normale se non vi fosse penuria di pneumatici.

Tuttavia anche sotto questo riguardo, la situazione è in via di miglioramento. Alcuni possessori di automezzi infetti, hanno ottenuto l'assegnazione di gomme di provenienza alleata; la produzione, sia pure per quantitativi minimi, ha ripresa; molte ditte si sono specializzate nel rimettere a nuovo copertoni già scartati; altre, con speciali procedimenti, riescono a rendere riconoscibili i pneumatici alleati dando ai loro battenti una segnatura simile a quella delle gomme di fabbricazione italiana. Con le vaste possibilità che offre il mercato nero della benzina un numero sempre minore di mezzi idonei alla circolazione rimane inattivo.

Tutta una sottile ed articolata organizzazione favorisce le evasioni al controllo della circolazione. Non esiste oggi documento che non possa essere falsificato ed ottenuto senza diritto. Gli stessi libretti di circolazione, che stabiliscono l'identità dei vari automezzi, sono stati falsificati in misura così abbondante da doversi ritenere che circa il 10 per cento di essi, a Roma, sia irregolare. (Si pensi al numero delle macchine rubate in questi ultimi tempi.)

Questi mezzi, senza un nuovo libretto di circolazione, non potrebbero viaggiare che con il permanente pericolo, per il loro detentore, di un fermo per furto. Il pericolo è evitato se si sostituisce a quello vero un libretto di altra specie.

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China, e ne, contemporaneamente, si procede ad un camuffamento del mezzo. Ciò spiega l'alto prezzo degli automezzi da demolire: non si pagano i rottami soltanto, ma i libretti di circolazione delle vecchie macchine.

Il mercato di questi documenti è incrementato da tutti coloro che hanno avuto il loro mezzo distrutto o requisito e sono rimasti in possesso del relativo libretto di circolazione.

Qualche mese fa il prezzo di un libretto di circolazione per autotreno si aggirava sul milione di lire e si pagava volentieri una cifra così elevata, dato che sul mercato si offrivano autotreni militari, naturalmente sprovvisti di documenti per la somma di 150-190 mila lire.

Oggi quegli autotreni, che circolano con opportuni camuffamenti e nuovi libretti di circolazione, sono quotati sulla piazza tra i sei e gli otto milioni.

Il camuffamento non è operazione difficile e non richiede spesa eccessiva. Una semplice risarcitura è spesso sufficiente per modificare l'aspetto esteriore del mezzo cambiando il numero e matricola del motore, del telaio e della targa, il lavoro diventa perfetto. Il numero del motore si muta o accettando il monocilindrico con quello della macchina da demolire o procedendo ad una saldatura elettrica del vecchio numero che, opportunamente limata, consente la nuova punzonatura. Per il telaio si usa un genere quest'ultimo sistema ma non è esclusa la sostituzione del telaio stesso.

Adatta una nuova identità al mezzo, occorre il permesso di circolazione. Per gli autoveicoli è relativamente facile ottenerlo: è questione di somme. Un attestato della Camera di Commercio in cui si dichiara che il possessore della macchina appartiene ad una determinata categoria professionale (medico, commerciante, industriale etc.) dà diritto al permesso e ad una piccola assegnazione di benzina.

CA MUFFAMENTI

Ma questa non è l'unica via. Il 10 per cento degli automezzi che circolano per il "servizio di Stato" non trasportano personalità politiche, ma personalità delle banche, del commercio, possidenti, nuovi arricchiti, e, se autotreni, non cose per lo Stato, ma prodotti destinati alla borsa nera. Questi del

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"Servizio di Stato" sono tra i permessi più sicuri, se quelli dell'A.C. sono ancora più ambiti e, sebbene gli eletti siano pochi, non è impossibile ottenerli.

I proprietari di automezzi, oltre che del permesso di circolazione, han bisogno, per recarsi fuori Roma, del foglio di viaggio. In questo ramo un organizzato mercato dà ampie possibilità di vite ai trasporti incontrollati.

Al foglio di viaggio si ha diritto se si eseguono trasporti per conto dell'ENAC, della SIPRAI, del Vaticano, dei Mercati Generali, delle autorità militari o degli alleati, delle Cooperative, ecc. o se si è in possesso, in quanto esercenti di una determinata attività comprovata dalla Camera di Commercio, di un libretto permanente di viaggio.

LE "PARTECIPAZIONI"

E' chiaro che basta figurare alle dipendenze di uno dei suddetti enti per avere i fogli di via. Ciò non è difficile, come non è difficile ottenere permessi per importare a Roma generi alimentari e merci. Si è persino affermato che basti versare a compiacenti impiegati un tanto a chilometro per ogni chilo di merce. I fichi secchi, ad esempio, pagherebbero dalle 5 alle 7 lire, il vino 1,50 - 2,20 il litro.

Translation.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

6th May 1945.

N. 10.12144/14600

Reply to AC/14402/7/1/PS dated 28/3/45

Subject : Abuse of petrol

To : A.C. P.S. S/C.

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In continuation of letter n. 10.12145/14600 dated 7th April 1945, it is communicated, that on the 25th March 1945, at the cycling ground Appio, a motor-cycle competition with 8 participants took place, organised by the General Secretary of C.O.N.I.

Each runner effected 10 rounds, of 400 metres each, reason for which the 8 motor-cycles covered an inclusive distance of 32 km., consuming roughly 2 litres of petrol.

In spite of the strict instructions issued in this regard, no authorisation has been requested for this competition by the organisers, who have been now warned to organise no further automobile or motor-cycle competitions.

Besides which it is pointed out, that with circular dated 1st April 1945, the P.S. Offices and CC.RR. Company Commands of Rome and province, have been told to accept no applications with a view to obtain authorisation to effect similar competitions, due to the actual deficiency of fuel.

For the Minister
Ferrari

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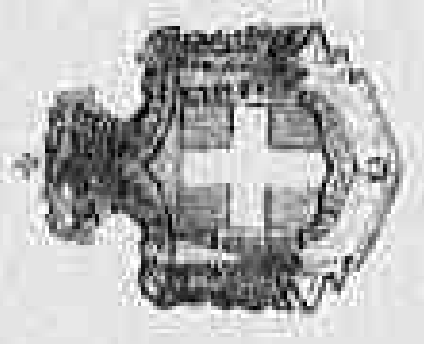
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Roma, 6 maggio 1945



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Divisione Polizia Sez. 3^a
Prot. N. 10.12144 Allegati 14600

Risposta al Foglio del 28.3.1945
Dir. Sez. N. AC/14402
7.I.P.S.

OGGETTO Abuso di benzina

A seguito del foglio n. 10.12145/14600 in data 7 aprile us., si comunica che il 25 marzo decorso presso il Motovelodromo Appio, promossa dal Segretario generale del C.O.N.I. si svolse una gara motociclistica con n. 6 partecipanti.

Cgni corridore effettuò 10 giri di pista, di 400 metri ciascuno, per cui tutte le otto macchine compirono un percorso complessivo di Km. 32 con un consumo di carburante di circa 2 litri.

Per data gara, nonostante le precise disposizioni in merito, non fu chiesto il necessario nulla osta dagli organizzatori, i quali sono stati affidati a non più indire gare automobilistiche o motociclistiche.

Inoltre si fa presente che, con circolare del 1° aprile u.s., gli Uffici di P.S. ed i Comandi compagnie CC.RR. di Roma e provincia, sono stati invitati a non accettare domande, tendenti ad ottenere autorizzazioni ad effettuare gare del genere, a causa del=

OGGETTO Abuso di benzina

7.I.P.S.

A seguito del foglio n. 10.12145/I4600 in data 7 aprile us., si comunica che il 25 marzo decorso presso il Motovelodromo Appio, promossa dal Segretario generale del C.O.N.I. si svolse una gara motociclistica con n. 8 partecipanti.-

Cgni corridore effettuò 10 giri di pista, di 400 metri ciascuno, per cui tutte le otto macchine compirono un percorso complessivo di Km. 32 con un consumo di carburante di circa 2 litri .

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Dir. Gen. N. AC/I4402
7.I.P.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

ASB/ee

Ref. AC/5087/Commerce/POL 25

Tel. Rome 478829

7 May 1945

SUBJECT : Control of Motor Vehicle Circulation.

TO : Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.
(Liquid Fuels Office).

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter 1800 of 7 April 45 and, after considering the points you put forward, have the following comments to make.

2. The Allies feel that at the present time control over Motor Vehicle Circulation in Italian Administered Territory and particularly in the larger cities is quite unsatisfactory and that motor vehicles are being used for private purposes and even for purely recreational purposes in a way which has not been allowed to Allied, Nationals since the commencement of the War.

3. Since there is no local production of Petroleum it is evident that all this illicit motoring is only possible by the misappropriation of supplies which have been brought into Italy by Allied shipping and represents therefore a direct diversion of the Allied War Effort which must continue until the enemies are defeated in every theatre of operations.

4. Repeated representations have been made to the Italian Police Authorities and even to the Head of the Italian Government but it is still only too clear that instructions which have been issued are being ignored and that no real effort is being made to enforce any of the regulations or to suppress even the most flagrant abuses which are notorious in Italian Administered Territory and particularly in Rome.

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5. In these circumstances the Allies feel that they can

not agree to any action which would in any way reduce what little control exists at the present time and that the proposals put forward by the Italian Government can be agreed to only if they are accompanied by genuine and effective cooperation from the Italian Police in eliminating the flagrant abuses now allowed to take place quite openly.

6. Subject to satisfactory assurances to that effect the Allies would be prepared to agree to the extension of the validity of current Circulation Permits until 30 June 45 and that of the next issue until 31 December 45 instead of the periods laid down in General Order N°20.

7. They cannot however agree to abolish Circulation Permits for vehicles operating on Methane Gas as that would facilitate the illegal operation of those vehicles on Petroleum. It is agreed that the maximum use of Methane Gas in substitution for imported Petroleum is essential. It is felt that a tightening up of existing control and a more rigid insistence on conversion to Methane Gas is required and the cooperation and assistance of the Italian Government to this end will be much appreciated.

8. I am to request therefore that you will be good enough to inform this Headquarters what action it is proposed to take to secure that effective police action which is an essential pre-requisite to the changes requested by the Committee for Liquid Fuels.

TO	BY	DATE
DIRECTOR		
ASST. DIR.		
CHIEF OF BUREAU		
ADJ. DIR.		
SEC. DIR.		
CHIEF OF STAFF		

[Signature]
 W. P. EVANS
 Colonel
 Director
 Commerce Subcommission

[Handwritten initials] ~~Sec. AFHQ, HABC~~
 Public Safety S/C (Maj. Ballance)
 Economic Section.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AG/14402/7/1/PS

Tel: 478800

7 May 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Ministry of Interior,
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).

1. With reference to your circular 10.12145 di prot. 14600, dated 7 April, 1945, and further to our letter, even number, dated 13 April 1945, with regard to the misuse of POL. 65A
2. Vehicles continue to circulate in Rome and elsewhere without permits or for purposes not covered on the permits. This is evidenced by the fact that on Sunday 24 April, in Rome, a large number of camionette, estimated at about fifth, were seen plying for hire to carry passengers to and from the local Trotting Races. It appeared that the regulations were disregarded with complete impunity. 66A
3. Allied Force Headquarters has estimated that POL released by them to the Italian Government is intended to cover the minimum needs of the Italian economy, and that such releases are not intended to provide POL for pleasure purposes.
4. In view of the flagrant misuse of POL that is taking place in Rome and elsewhere, Allied Force Headquarters are under the impression that the quantities of POL reaching the Italian economy are excessive, and have therefore given instructions that the Government allocation must be reduced. The amount of the reduction has yet to be decided.
5. The failure on the part of the police to enforce

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the law is largely responsible for the present situation which is greatly aggravated by the fact that much of the POL misused is obtained from "black market" sources. The demand for "black market" petrol would rapidly cease if the present regulations were rigidly enforced. The need for firm police action is most urgent.

6. This matter has now assumed serious proportions and I should be glad if you will give it further consideration and take such steps as will ensure complete observance of the law.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Detsec. AFHQ, RAAC.
(Your Det 30/4/10 of 2 May refers).
Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attn : Major A.S. Brereton)
Economic Section.

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478875

FEB 30/A/45

2 May 45

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

Hq. A.C., Commerce Sub-Commission,
APO 394. (2)

1. Reference letter, AC/14402/7/1/45 dated 12 Apr. 45, from Public Safety Sub-Commission to you, enclosing copy of a circular letter issued by the Italian Ministry of the Interior, requesting all Prefects in liberated Italy to exercise strict control over the circulation of motor vehicles.
2. On Sunday, 29 Apr. 45, a very large number of Camionette, estimated at about fifty, were plying for hire to carry passengers to and from the Trotting Races in Rome.
3. Petroleum is released by this Section in order to meet the minimum needs of the Italian economy. It is not intended to provide petroleum, a vital war material, for pleasure purposes.
4. This flagrant misuse of petroleum can only indicate that the quantities being released are either being blatantly misused in the Capital of Italy to the detriment of the haulage of essential foodstuffs, or that the quantities being handed over to the Italian Government are in excess of the minimum necessary. It can only be assumed that the quantities are excessive and it is, therefore, proposed to reduce the allocations made. It is requested that you will approach the appropriate department of the Italian Government and indicate the quantities by which you consider the allocations should be reduced.
5. It is further suggested that if the Italian Government wish to prevent this flagrant misuse, it would be a very simple matter to take police action at sports meetings of this kind.

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H. B. EYLES
Colonel
Petroleum Section

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Copies to: Hq. A.C., Public Safety S/C.
Hq. A.C., Economic Section.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394
Inter Office Memorandum

Tel : 478800

AC/14402/7/1/PS.

2 May 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of FOL.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.
(Atten : Major A.S. Brereton).

1. Further to our letter, even number, dated 12 April, 1945, and recent conversation, Major A.S. Brereton and Major W.C. Ballance.

2. Transmitted herewith as requested, are two copies of the letter (translation) received from the Italian Prime Minister in which he says he has ordered the police agencies to exercise the strictest supervision to suppress abuses.

for *W.C. Ballance* *mai*

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Enclosures : 2.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 384

Tel : 478134

19 April 1945

AG/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Theft of Petrol

To : Petsec, AFHQ, NAAS.

1. Reference is made to your letter Pet/10/A/10, dated 4 April, 1945, in which you ask for the cooperation of the Italian Government in the suppression of the theft of petrol from the pipe lines.

2. The matter was taken up with the Ministry of Interior following the receipt of your letter. The Ministry has since advised this Sub-Commission that the Questura of Rome and Naples have been instructed to introduce continuous daily and nightly patrols with a view to preventing theft of fuel and damage to the pipe lines. It is hoped that the steps taken will have the desired effect.

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Wm C. Ballance May

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JOHN W. CHAFFIN
Colonel, J.A.S.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

Petroleum Section, AFHQ
Commerce Sub-Commission
Economic Section

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

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Rome 16th April 1945
n:10.34872/I3000

Ref. AC/144027.I.P.S. dated 6-4-1945
Subject: Robbery of petrol.
To.....: A/C. Public Safety subCommission.

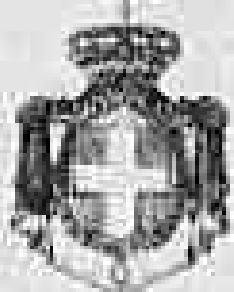
With cable of to-day's date, instructions have been given to the Questura of Rome and that of Naples so that on the intere network road will be put into efficiency, a continuous daily and nightly service, by means of patrols of agents with motorcycles, to repress crimes and to survey particularly the pipeline, in order to avoid the robbery of fuel and the damage of the pipelines.

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EXEC. OFFICER		
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ADM. OFFICER		
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For the Minister.

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Roma, 16 aprile 1945

Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALL'ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

ROMA

Direzione Polizia *Sez. 3^a*
Prot. N. 34872 *Allegato*
I3000

Proposta al f. del 6.4.1935
Dir. *Sez.* N. AC/I4402
7.I.P.S.

OGGETTO

Furti di benzina -

Con telegramma in data odierna si è data disposizione alle Questure di Roma e Napoli affinché sia immediatamente attuato sull'intera rete stradale di tali provincie un servizio continuativo, diurno e notturno, mediante pattuglie di agenti motociclisti, per la repressione dei reati e per una particolare sorveglianza agli oleodotti, per impedire la sottrazione di carburante ed il danneggiamento degli oleodotti stessi. -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL.19

Tel. Rome 478829

11 April 1945

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SUBJECT : Waste of Petrol - Press Excerpts

TO : Det. Sec. AFHQ, HAAS.

- 1. Attached is a translation of an extract from L'Espece of 4 April 1945.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Maj. A. S. BRETON

for P. EVANS

Colonel

Director

Commerce Subcommission

TO	USED	DATE
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EXEC. OFFICER		
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Mr. Colonel. A. S. BRETON		
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Copy to: Public Safety (Maj. Ballance) with encl.

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Translation

Extract from "L'EPOCA" of 4 April 1945

JUST FOR A CHANGE CAMIONETTA
DRIVERS DISAPPEAR FEARING NEGOTIATIONS

300,000 Liter Petrol have been added to the 50,000 already allotted by the Allies for the "camionette" Service. Consequently 200 more cars have been added to the 250 already allocated for this Service. The above is however still on paper; the service itself having not yet started, nor does it seem that it is intended to start it.

In fact the 550 Camionette drivers which are to be excluded from the benefit of circulating have threatened to destroy the tires of any authorized "Camionette" which dared to circulate in spite of their protest - with the result that today most drivers abstained from going to work with enormous discomfort of the public.

On the other hand it is not true to state that 250 camionette would not be sufficient for a proper service. On Easter-day, in spite of the exceptional numerous passengers, the service was perfectly carried out to everybody's satisfaction by only 9 camionette.

As for those who altruistically pointed out that the other drivers have also a right to their daily bread, it must be said that at least 300 of these drivers "doomed to starve" have agricultural circulation permits, as many of them work in the morning on food transport for the Mercati Generali and the rest try to help themselves with private transport in town.

Only a small number of camionette have carried on a regular uninterrupted service from 7.30 am. to 9 p.m.

An optimist might expect a disciplined service to start -only when autobuses and tramways again function normally- and then we shall not need any more camionette and the CITA will be dissolved.

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Estratto da "L'EPOCA" del 4 Aprile 1945

TANTO PER CAMBIARE

I CAMIONETTISTI SI DILEGUANO PER PAURA DI RAPPRESAGLIE.

Altri 30 mila litri di benzina al mese sono stati aggiunti ai 50 mila già assegnati dagli alleati per il servizio delle camionette. Di conseguenza altre 200 vetture vengono aggregate alle 250 già designate per il servizio. Tutto ciò però rimane stabilito sulla carta, poichè il servizio non ha avuto ancora inizio, nè pare voglia averlo.

Infatti i 550 camionettisti che rimarrebbero esclusi dal beneficio della circolazione hanno minacciato di distruggere le gomme di quelle vetture autorizzate che si azzardassero a circolare col risultato che questa mattina la maggior parte dei minacciati ha creduto opportuno astenersi dal lavoro con enorme discapito del pubblico.

D'altra parte è inesatto asserire che 250 camionette sarebbero insufficienti per un servizio discreto. Il giorno di Pasqua sulla linea Piazza Ungheria - S. Silvestro malgrado il pubblico eccezionale nove camionette hanno saputo e potuto disbrigare un servizio che ha soddisfatto e accontentato tutti.

Inoltre per quelli che hanno voluto altruisticamente far presente che anche gli altri camionettisti hanno diritto al pane c'è da precisare che di questi destinati a morte lenta per fame almeno 300 hanno permessi agricoli di circolazione, altrettanti lavorano la mattina per il trasporto delle derrate dei mercati generali, e il rimanente cerca di arrangiarsi con trasporti privati per la città.

Solo una minima parte di camionette ha compiuto fin d'ora un regolare servizio pubblico ininterrottamente dalle 7,30 del mattino alle 21,30 della sera.

Ottimisticamente parlando ci è stato detto che il nuovo disciplinamento potrà iniziare non appena il servizio autofilotrasmivario tornerà normale, quando cioè non avremo più bisogno di camionette e la C.I.F.A., chiuderà i battenti definitivamente. 6013

MINISTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 APC 394

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AG/MLC2/7/1/PS

Tel: 478860

12 April 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission,
(attn: Major A.S. Brereton).

1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of a circular letter in which the Minister of Interior requests all Prefects in liberated Italy to exercise a strict control over the circulation of motor vehicles.

2. The Minister has presumably taken this action as a result of the letter which the Chief Commissioner sent to the Prime Minister on 20 March, 1945.

3. The Minister has been asked to keep this Sub-Commission advised of the results of the extra measures which he has ordered to be taken.

Wm. C. Ballance May

JOHN S. CHAPMAN
 Colonel, J.A.C.F.
 Director Public Safety
 Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14402/7/1/PS

Tel: 478800

13 April 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.

TO : Ministry of Interior (Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza)

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your circular 10.12145 di prot. 14600, dated 7 April, 1945, in which Prefects are requested to exercise a strict control over the circulation of motor vehicles.

2. It would be appreciated if you will keep this Sub-Commission advised of the results of the extra measures which you have ordered to be taken in connection with this matter.

W. C. Ballance May

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
General Directorate of Public Security.
Police Division - Section 3.

No. 10.12145
14600.

Rome, 7th April, 1945.

SUBJECT : Clandestine sale of fuel.

TO : H.E. The High Commissioner For Sicily Palermo.
H.E. The High Commissioner For Sardinia Cagliari.
Their Excellencies the Prefects of Liberated Italy.
The Custore of Rome. And for information to:
A.S., S.S. 3/C. Rome.
Carabinieri Headquarters Command, Rome.

It is felt necessary to call Your Excellencies' attention to the meagre and often entirely lacking control of the use of petrol by motor vehicles in general.

A large number of motor vehicles are being used for unauthorised services, including the transport of passengers in the capital and in other cities, which are run on petrol purchased on the black-market.

A number of char-a-bancs and private cars may be seen outside sports-camps on every occasion of horse-races, football matches, etc.

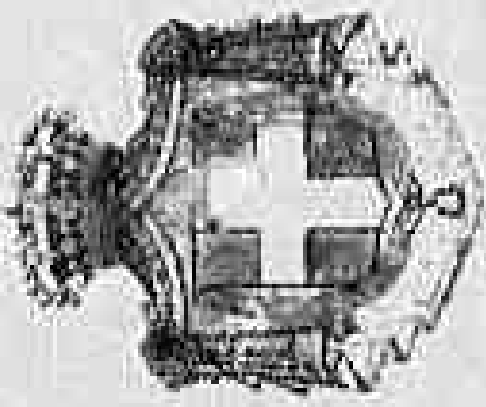
Recently, a motorcycling exhibition was even allowed to take place.

Most certainly petrol destined to uses of this kind, which have no sort of bearing on the war-effort, must be saved, its importation already using the limit of merchantile tonnage available.

To this end you are asked to institute the most severe control to ensure that cars in circulation are used solely for the purposes authorised. Besides the withdrawal of the circulation permits it is ordered that all cars found outside sports camps, theatres, clubs and the like should immediately be requisitioned for the use of the public Administration.

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia = Sezione Terza

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N. 10.12145 di prot.
14600

Roma, li 7 Aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Commercio clandestino carburante.

A S.B. L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SICILIA PALERMO
 A S.B. L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SARDEGNA CAGLIARI
 ALLE LL.EE. I PREFETTI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
 AL SIG. QUESTORE di R O M A
 e per conoscenza:
 ON/LE COMMISSIONE ALLEATA= Sottocommissione per la F.S. R O M A
 AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC.RR. R O M A

Si ritiene necessario richiamare l'attenzione delle EE.LL. sulla
 scarse e spesso assoluta mancanza di controllo circa l'uso della benzina
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ALLE LL.BB. I PRESENTI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
AL SIG. QUESTORE di

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e per conoscenza:

CN/LE COMMISSIONE ALBATA= Sottocommissione per la P.S.

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TRANSLATION. ea

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
General Directorate of Public Security.
Police Division - Section 3.

No. 10.12145
14600.

Rome, 7th April, 1945.

SUBJECT : Clandestine sale of fuel.

TO : H.E. The High Commissioner for Sicily Palermo.
H.E. The High Commissioner for Sardinia Cagliari.
Their Excellencies the Prefects of Liberated Italy.
The Questore of Rome. And for information to:
A.S., P.S. S/C. Rome.
Carabinieri Headquarters Command Rome.

It is felt necessary to call Your Excellencies' attention to the meagre and often entirely lacking control of the use of petrol by motor vehicles in general.

A large number of motor vehicles are being used for unauthorised services, including the transport of passengers in the capital and in other cities, which are run on petrol purchased on the black-market.

A number of char-a-bancs and private cars may be seen outside sports-camps on every occasion of horse-races, football matches, etc.

Recently, a motorcycling exhibition was even allowed to take place.

Most certainly petrol destined to uses of this kind, which have no sort of bearing on the war-effort, must be saved, its importation already using the limit of merchantile tonnage available.

To this end you are asked to institute the most severe control to ensure that cars in circulation are used solely for the purposes authorised. Besides the withdrawal of the circulation permits it is ordered that all cars found outside sports camps, theatres, clubs and the like should immediately be requisitioned for the use of the public Administration.

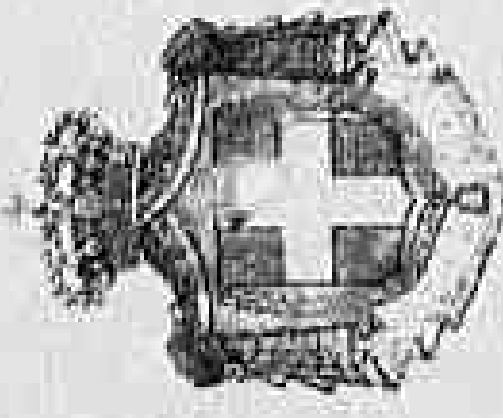
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This Ministry should be informed of the results obtained by monthly reports commencing from the 30th April next.

FOR THE MINISTER.

- Ferrari -

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia - Sezione Terza

N. 10.12145 di prot.
14500

Roma, li 7 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Commercio clandestino carburante.

A S.E. L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SICILIA PALERMO
 A S.E. L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER LA SARDEGNA CAGLIARI
 ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
 AL SIG. QUESTORE di R O M A
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A tale fine si preza disporre accuratá rigorosi controlli perchè tutte le macchine in circolazione siano adoperate unicamente per lo scopo cui sono autorizzate. Oltre al ritiro dei permessi di circolazione, si dispongá perchè tutte le auto trovate fuori i campi di gare, dei teatri, circoli o simili, siano, senz'altro, sottoposte a requisizione per i bisogni della pubblica Amministrazione.

Dei risultati ottenuti se ne informerá questo Ministero, con segnalazione mensile a decorrere dal 30 di aprile prossimo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

ASB/ec

Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL.17

Tel. Rome 478829

6 April 1945

SUBJECT: Press Excerpts - Waste of Petrol

TO : Pet. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC

1. Attached are excerpts from the Rome Press of 28/29 March 1945 for information please.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Maj. A. S. BRERETON

for W. P. EVANS

Colonel

Director

Commerce Subcommission

5 Encls. as above

Copy to: Public Safety
(Attn. Maj. Ballance)
: ~~Economic Section~~

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Extract from "RICOSTRUZIONE" of 28 March 1945

"ALWAYS THE SAME CAMIONETTE"

The CITA is actively trying to get a greater number of concessions for passengers transport, beside the 250 "camionette" already granted. The matter is under study at the Ministry of Transportation but everything depends on the possibility of a greater Petrol allocation.

At the present, the Allies have supplied 50.000 liters of Petrol per month which are distributed among the 250 "camionette". Meanwhile the CITA is proceeding to distribute special cards to the "camionette" which have already obtained their permit from the Ispettorato della Motorizzazione.

New fares and new routes are under study at the Ministry of Transportation. The CITA has asked for authority to change the three present rates of 8, 10, and 12 lire to two only of 10 and 15 lire.

Translation

Extract from "LA TRIBUNA DEL POPOLO" of 28 March 1945

STILL THE "CAMIONETTE".

The prickly camionette question which we believed had at last been solved by the concession of the Service to the C.I.T.A., is still to the fore.

The 700 and more "camionette" drivers which had been excluded from the Service are still agitating and this has brought forth such a babel of fares and Route Cards to madden all users of this dis-service!

In order to know how this complicated matter stands, we approached some members of the antagonistic parties: the "excluded" and the "authorized" ones, thus verifying the real cause of the agitation of the former. Up to yesterday we believed that the trouble was due to the fact of these excluded were afraid of being left unemployed and having to bear the burden of their expenses for starting. But C.I.T.A. assures us that the concession will be extended to all drivers provided with a regular license for passenger transport.

Now, we hear, that the matter is becoming complicated anyway, as many, in fact too many, of the 700 excluded are provided with a license for goods transport for commercial, industrial and agricultural concerns, the majority under private administration.

These drivers (being accustomed to invade squares and streets during their hours of rest from normal work improperly take passengers, thus realizing high profits transporting them) do not intend to give up such a profitable income and therefore do their best to keep the present confusion going on. Certainly their good fortune which was obtained by disloyal competition with the regular camionette drivers, can be continued only by maintaining a state of confusion. Meanwhile the authorized drivers who have their license for passenger transport are liable to be taxed about 450.000 lire a year.

Many of the drivers transporting goods for the supply of provisions to the Capital, get their Petrol directly from the Commune and, instead of doing the service they have been charged with, they boldly continue transporting people.

It was for this reason that the Allied Police performed the famous arrest of 40 camionette drivers, several months ago,

It seems to us only just and equitable to solve the problem by

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reserving passenger transport exclusively for the 600 property camionette drivers and to admit also those who have been excluded so far.

But in order to put into action an adequate Service as above, it is indispensable that the monthly allocation of fuel to the C.I.T.A. should be raised from 50.000 to 100.000 liters.

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Translation:

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Extract from "L'INDIPENDENTE" of 29 March 1945

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PETROL.AN EXCEPTIONAL CONCERT OFFERED BY "CAMIONETTA" DRIVERS.

This morning there has been a meeting of the Transport Commission at the Ministry of Industry under the presidency of Undersecretary Fiore. The object was to study the possibilities of granting a larger allotment of Petrol to "camionetta" drivers, increasing the monthly allocation from 80.000 to 100.000 litres.

The result of this meeting will be known tomorrow; but today, we only know that the drivers blew their claxons all through the time the mighty work went on with such enthusiasm that they would have made even stronger walls than Jerico's collapse !

Translation

A.O/ec

Extract from the "IL QUOTIDIANO" of 28 March 1945

Will the Camionette Service continue ?

Minister's of Industry, Commerce and Labor reply.

The prickly question of the urban "camionette" is in the process of being solved. Tomorrow the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour will decide upon whether, or not to, allot a larger quantity of Petrol to the "camionette" drivers, thus solving a problem which has dragged on for a long time.

If the decision is favorable, the CITA will be able to put at least 600 camionette in operation and it will take over the heavy task of control -as has already been decided. On the other hand Rome will have to resign itself to doing without this means of transport.

We hope that the Ministry will find a way to get the necessary Petrol and so provide the Capital with such an essential Service. We hope it will be successful because it would mean meeting the requirements of a population already over tried by the war and also would allow 350 more owners of camionette to continue an activity for which they have incurred great expenses and heavy sacrifices.

Perhaps, somebody will ask here:-Has it not been stated that the CITA would start operations with only 250 motor-vehicles ?- Yes it is true : the Cooperative had agreed to carry on the management of the Service although there were but few camionette, but it relied on the good will of the responsible authorities, and it was expected that the two principal difficulties preventing the practical application of the agreement would be eliminated, namely: the impossibility of meeting to some extent the requirements of the population and the views of 750 camionette drivers (excluded from the service).

To date, on the contrary, both difficulties still remain making the start of control problematical. This being the position we do not think it would be easy for anybody to start an inadequate Service which would only exasperate the citizens whilst on the other hand the 250 drivers selected would be left to struggle with the 750 excluded who certainly would not fail to show clearly their menacing intentions.

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Therefore it is in the interests of Public Order that the CITA has not yet started the service notwithstanding the organization being completed and the promise given to the Roman Press.

Tomorrow the difficulties will be entirely eliminated by an increased Petrol allocation or the question will become chronic endangering the whole service.

It remains to await the Minister's decision and to hope that common sense will prevail in the interests peace in the city which indeed does not need any new troubles nor deserves to have to undergo more hardships.

Translation:

Extract from " L'EPOCA " of 29 March 1945.

" CAMIONETTE "

The starting of a regular disciplined "camionette" service has been deferred to one day next week which has not yet been settled. The 250 "camionette" already in possession of the white and blue cards of the Ministry of Transportation, have been tested yesterday morning for the fourth time (we hope the last one) at the Compartmental Inspectorate for Civil Motorization at Piazza Verdi.

The Allied authorities will supply 200 l. of Petrol to each "camionetta" through already established distributors spread all over the town.

It is almost certain that as soon as the 250 "camionette" have given the first positive results, an equal number will be authorized to circulate for Public Service. The other 750 which are now in circulation on they own account will be incorporated in the normal service as soon as higher allotment of Petrol is obtained from the Allies - as even 500 "camionette" will not be sufficient for the requirements of the citizens -.

As regards the rates to be established for single fares nothing final is yet known, while according to Avv. Caruso's words new projects are to be expected in the best interests of all.

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior
n. 11307

RS 63A
6 APR. 1945

14402/3/1

Rome, 23 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

fully appreciating the value of your observations a propos of the use of fuel on the part of civilians, I ordered all police organs to exercise the strictest surveillance to repress abuses.

Truly yours,

B. I. Bonomi

Admiral Hilary N. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety sub-commission
APO 394

AO/14402/7/1/PA

Tel: 470800

7 April 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol.

TO : Petsec, AFHQ, RASC.

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1. Your letter PET/30/A/10, dated 4 April, 1945, refers.

2. The Ministry of Interior circular No. 442/2919 dated 24 March, 1945, was issued as a result of the representations made to the Ministry in our letter even number, dated 12 March, 1945, copy to you.

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3. The Chief Commissioners letter dated 20 March, 1945, was addressed to the Prime Minister. Presumably the Prime Minister will reply direct to the Chief Commissioner.

4. This Sub-Commission considers that no further action should be taken with regard to the matter in question until the Prime Ministers reply is known.

Wm C. Ballance May

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Copy to : Petroleum Section, AFHQ.
Commerce Sub-Commission (Attn: Major A.S. Breerton)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 47227 - 686

6 April, 1945

AO/1440/7/1/PC

SUBJECT : Theft of Petrol.

TO : Ministry of Interior
(Direzions Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).

1. Under date of 12 March and again on 20 March, 1945, the Allied Command communicated to you its concern at the abuse and waste of petrol in connection with the unauthorized circulation of motor vehicles. In consequence of these letters you issued your Circular Letter, No. 442/2919, calling upon Prefects and other officials to require increased police vigilance in that matter.
2. Your attention is now invited to the matter of theft and destruction of petrol from pipelines in liberated Italy. Pipelines are being broken with the consequence that thousands upon thousands of liters of petrol are being lost to the normal channels of allocation. Practically all of the tampering with pipelines is being done during the nighttime and from the fact that reports of breaks in the lines are not made until 0800 hours or later, it is quite obvious that the guard and patrol system is entirely inadequate and ineffective.
3. From the reports of last month's incidents it further appears that repeated tampering has been done in the same vicinities which indicates guard failure.

For example :

- Naples : Pipelines broken on March 12 and 14
- Cassino : " " " " March 12, 15 and 16
- Fertilia : " " " " twice on March 13 and four times on March 14.

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4. It is suggested that most prompt and vigorous action be taken to prevent these losses. Effective night patrols, subjected to frequent inspections, are essential. Prevention of tampering is highly important as each break in a pipeline causes the loss of hundreds of gallons of petrol although the amount actually stolen may be comparatively small.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy to : AFHQ Petsec, R-4C.
Commerce Sub-Commission
Economic Section.

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SUBJECT: Illegal Diversion of Petroleum Products.

AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478131

PET 30/A/10

4 Apr. 45

HQ. A.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

Confirming conversation, Colonel J. W. Chapman - Lt. Col. J. L. King, in reference to Petroleum Section, AFHQ, letter, Pet/4/31 dated 27 Mar. 45.

1. Pilferage of POL from pipelines and depots is increasing. Base Sections, the Armies and the Air Forces, have been canvassed and are making efforts to cut down this stealing by placing extra guards, more roving guards, pipeline patrols, and tightening up of depot discipline. It is desired that the Italian Government Authorities cooperate in this effort.

2. It is noted that on the Naples - Rome pipeline, all pilferage occurs between dusk and dawn and discoveries of the tampering are made "by Italian Guards", between 0800 and 0900 hours. This would appear to indicate lack of patrol effort during the night. It is suggested that the strength of the patrols be increased and that it be insisted that they actually patrol. Lack of petrol for police activities is not considered a valid excuse by this Section, as the actual allocation of petrol is done by the Italian Government, and some less necessary use can be eliminated.

3. Certain areas appear to be more frequently attacked. For example, partial breakdown of pipe losses during the period 3 March - 16 March 45, indicate that at the following places, thefts were consummated on the days indicated:

Naples	-	March 12 and 14
Cassino	-	" 12, 15 and 16
Fertilia	-	" 13 (2) and 14 (4)

It is suggested that the patrols at these points be strengthened and the area carefully watched.

4. May these requests and suggestions please be placed promptly before the proper Italian authorities and a report furnished this Section of the action they propose to take.

John L. King
 JOHN L. KING
 Lt. Col., GIC
 for Colonel
 Petroleum Section

Copy to: Petroleum Section, AFHQ.

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478131

PET 30/A/10

4 Apr. 45

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

HQ. A.C., Public Safety Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

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Reference AC/5146/12/Commerce dated 20 Mar. 45, signed by Rear Admiral E. W. Stone, and Circular letter from Minister of the Interior, No. 442/2919 dated 24 Mar. 45. — 57A

1. It is the feeling of this Section that the Circular letter, No. 442/2919 dated 24 Mar. 45, is not a satisfactory answer to Rear Admiral Stone's letter, and that strong representations should be made to the Ministry to tighten controls and report what has been done.

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John L. King
JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col., QMC
for Colonel
Petroleum Section

Copy to: Petroleum Section, AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
R/O 394

AG/14402/7/1/PS

Tel: 478800

29 March 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL.
TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a letter received from the Ministry of Interior together with a copy of a circular sent by the Ministry to all concerned with regard to the circulation of motor vehicles in an irregular manner and the wastage of POL involved.

W. C. Ballance May

for
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
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copy to:
Petsec AFHQ, TAAC
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Ministry of Interior.

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Rome 24-3-45
N: 442/2919

Subject/Abuse of petrol and vehicles circulation.
To..... Allied Commission Public Safety Subcommittee.
Ref;to...A.C.I4402/I PS. dated 12 instant.

With reference to your letter, it is reported, for information, a copy of the letter circular with which office instructions have been issued, according to the S/C's request, in regard to the irregular circulation of auto-vehicles and trucks, and consequent wast of petrol.

For the Minister.

Circular letter.

To...S.E. The Prefects of the provinces of liberated Italy.
Questore of Rome.
High Commissioners for Sicily and Sardegna.
Subject:Abuse of petrol and auto-vehicles circulation.

n:442/2919.

The Allied Command has informed us that in all the regions of liberated Italy occurs a wast of petrol in consequence of the irregular circulation of auto-vehicles and trucks.

This abuse, indicates insufficient vigilance by the Police, and therefore it is necessary to put an end to it.

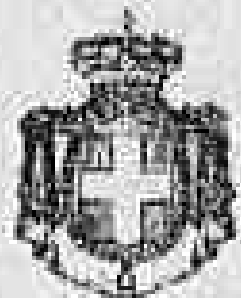
It is requested, therefore, to make careful arrangements so that in all the provinces, polices services will be organised, for the control and elimination of all the vehicles which are discovered to circulate irregularly.

Acknowledge, and information in regard to the results of the disposed services will be, kindly, appreciated.

For the Minister.

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Ministero dell'Interno
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Mod. 872
Roma, 24 Marzo 1945

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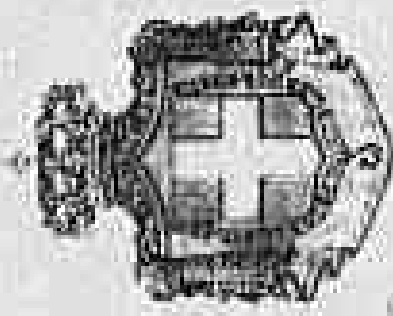
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OGGETTO Abuso di benzina e circolazione di veicoli.

Con riferimento alla nota sopradistinta, si trasmette, per opportuna conoscenza, copia della circolare con la quale sono state impartite disposizioni di servizio, nel senso richiesto da codesta On. Sottocommissione, in merito all'irregolare circolazione di autoveicoli e motoveicoli ed al conseguente spreco di benzina che si verifica.

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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Roma, 21 Marzo 1945/9

ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI DELLE PROVINCE
DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
AL SIGNOR C U E S T O R E di ROMA
e p. o. o. AGLI ALTI COMMISSARI PER
LA SICILIA E LA SARDEGNA

Divisione A. G. R. Sez. 2^a

Prot. N. 442/2919 Allegati

Proposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sez. N. 2

OGGETTO : Abuso di benzina e di circolazione
di auto e motociccoli.

Il Comando Alleato ha fatto presente che in tutte le regioni dell'Italia liberata si verifica uno spreco di benzina in seguito alla circolazione irregolare di autoveicoli e motociccoli. Tale abuso, che è un indice di scarsa vigilanza da parte delle forze di polizia, dev. essere fatto cessare.

Si prega, pertanto, di provvedere con ogni cura perchè siano organizzati in ogni provincia servizi di polizia per il controllo e l'eliminazione di tutti i veicoli sorpresi e circolare in modo irregolare.

Si gradirà ricevere assicurazione in merito e, appena possibile, notizie sui risultati dei servizi disposti.

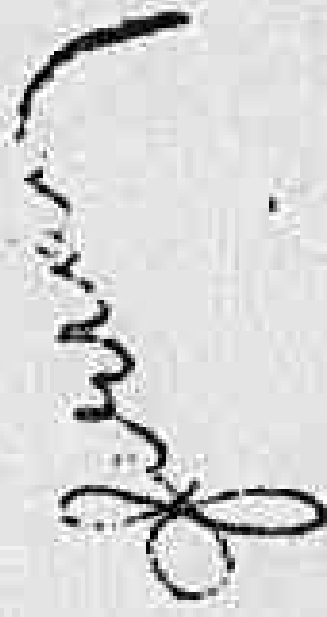
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

28 March, 1945.

AC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol.

To : Minister of Interior
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).

1. Further to our letter, even number, dated 12 March, 1945, relating to the misuse of POL.

2. It has come to notice that last week posters appeared in Rome advertising a Sports Meeting organised by the Associazione Sportiva Alba Aerotecnica, Via Etrusca 25, at the Motorodromo Appio on 25 March, 1945, commencing at 13.00 hrs.

3. Five or six events were advertised including the following :-

"17.00 - MOTORCYCLING - Semi Final with the participation of the best known champions of Italian motorcycleing".

4. As the race referred to is a semi-final, it may be inferred that other races had already taken place.

5. The advertising, and the holding of motor race meetings with complete impunity is indicative of the generally lax control exercised over motor vehicle circulation throughout liberated Italy, particularly in the City of Rome. The amount of POL. misused constitutes a serious wastage of the Allied war effort.

6. I would be glad if you would enquire into the particular case referred to in paragraph 2, and let me know the result in due course. As previously requested, I would also be glad to know what steps you propose to take to stop the all too evident waste of petrol that is now taking place.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy to : Petsec, AFHQ, RAAC
Economic Section
Commerce Sub-Commission
(Your AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL 3
of 26 March, 1945 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
RFC 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. A3/5145/12/Commerce/POI 3

Tel. Rome 470829

25 March 1945

SUBJECT: Waste of Petrol

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. During last week posters appeared in Rome advertising a Sports meeting as under.
2. Associazione Sportiva Alce Aerotecnica, Via Indania 55, advertising a race meeting to take place at Motovelodromo Appio on 25 March 1945 commencing 13.00 Hrs. Special tram service to meeting.
Amongst about 5 or 6 events was the following:
" 17.00 Hrs - MOTORCYCLED - Semi Finals with the participation of the best known champions of Italian Motorcycling".
3. The implication of "semi finals" appears to be that a number of meetings have already taken place at which the earlier heats have been run off. Your attention is also called to the special tram service. No doubt special caissonette services were also run.

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ADM. OFFICER	Ref. Sec. AFHQ, NAAC
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Attest
 W.P. EVANS
 Colonel
 Director
 Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

~~Not Troop~~
Capt Newfield
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Tel: 478329
15 March 1945

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Ref. AC/5116/12/Commerce/POL 34

SUBJECT: wants of Petrol

TO: Petroleum Section, AFHQ, BAAC

1. Attached is a copy of Lazio-Umbria Region's R/2881 of 7 March 45 and also an extract from the Rome Press of 13 March 45.

2. We note that discussions are apparently still proceeding after over three months and think it is quite time that some action follow the representations which have been repeatedly made by the Allies.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Maj. A. S. BREWTON

for W. P. Evans
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

16 MAR 1945

Enclosure: As of para 1 above.

Copy to: Lazio-Umbria Region (attn: A.C.) (without encl.)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO - 394

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R/2881

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Taste of Petrol.

TO: Commerce Sub-Commission
Allied Commission Headquarters
APO 394
(Attn: COL. W. F. Evans)

Reference your AC/5057/Commerce/POL 16.

1. ATAC, the organization which controls Camionette in Rome, sets the rates and establishes the routes for these vehicles. Permits and petrol are issued by the Motorizzazione Office, based on approval by ATAC. This procedure has the approval of the small owners.

2. In addition, the Questura, as of 1st January, issued an order that all such vehicles operating without a permit were subject to requisition. The fact that some camionette may be operating without permits may be due to the circumstances outlined by the Regional Public Safety Officer this morning. He has been informed that the Italian authorities that control the Camionette have, as late as last week, asked the Questura to go a little slowly in enforcement because of their difficulty in issuing permits and getting the administrative machinery in order.

3. At any rate, our views have repeatedly been made clear to the Italian authorities. It must be remembered, however, that enforcement is purely an Italian responsibility now.

/s/ Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Extract from "Il Risorgimento Libero" 13 March 1945 SLD

250 CAMIONETTE WILL BE WORKING STARTING MONDAY ON 28 URBAN ROUTES .

A special countermark will distinguish the authorized motor-vehicles - What will happen to the other 750 ?

Is the question of the camionette being finally solved ? It seems that the answer is yes. In fact starting from next Monday, 19 March, the CITA, which conducts the new urban service of the camionette, will put a 250 motorvehicles, chosen by the Ispettorato Compartimentale Motorizzazioni, starting therefore a regular and disciplined activity under the control of the Comune. The routes followed will be:

FOLLOWS A TABLE OF ROUTES

What are the advantages and disadvantages of the routes imposed on CITA. It is clear that it was wished to have the Camionette operate like a trolley bus service which was not so previously Cita has had to accept the accomplished fact, as it was not asked to decide on the routes to be followed. It is the Consulting Commission, which wished to adopt the false lines of Atag communications. To take an example, it seems that there are no routes going from Piazza S. Silvestro to Piazza Ungheria, although at the moment the traffic between the two localities is substantial; the same can be said between Piazzale Flaminio and Piazza Melozzo da Forlì. Cita has in the meantime made suggestions for other routes more in keeping with the needs of the passengers.

But the most important problem is the number of camionette authorized for the service. At present there are about a thousand functioning and one can see that, at least at certain hours of the day, that is too many. But 250 will undoubtedly be too few. How therefore can one believe that the remaining 750 truckers will resign themselves to shut up their cars in a garage ? We shall then see that the 250 truckers disciplined by Cita will work to fixed rates and routes whilst the other 750 disregarding all regulations will continue to work with their own tariffs and on routes which they choose to use. This would bring an increasing confusion. We ask in the mean-

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time the number of concessions may be reviewed and also the amount of carburant allocated daily. If it is not possible to obtain a greater quantity of benzina, it will be necessary to examine the number of concessions so as to increase it to at least 500, reducing accordingly the allocation to each one.

Will the Ispettorato Motorizzazione take up the question? And without too much bureaucracy, if that is not asking too much.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5146/I2/Commerce/POL. 15

Tel. Rome 478829

21 March 1945

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SUBJECT: Wasted Petrol.

TO : Pet. Sec. AFHQ, Rome Area Allied Command.

- 1. Attached are copies of AFHQ (G5) P-6 of 10 March 1945 and our AC/5146/I2/Commerce of 20 March in reply together with enclosure thereto.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Mej. A. S. BRERETON

for W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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3 Encls. (as para No 1)

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission with enclosures.

TO		
DIRECTOR	<i>W.P.E.</i>	<i>23/3</i>
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 51R

Ref. P-6

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Wasted Petrol

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. The attention of this Headquarters has been drawn to the continued failure by the Italian Government to exercise effective control over the use of petrol and of motor vehicles generally. It is reported that a particularly flagrant case occurred on the 25th of February when motorcycle races were held on the Rome - Ostia road and attended by a number of spectators who arrived in buses and private cars. It is difficult to believe that this could have taken place without the knowledge of the Italian authorities; and it is quite evident that if petrol can be spared for recreational purposes of this kind which have no bearing whatever on the war effort, it is possible to reduce substantially the quantities of petrol supplied by the Allies for essential purposes.

2. Will you please make a strong, urgent protest in the highest quarters against the lack of control thus evidenced, and report what measures the Italian Government proposes to undertake to ensure rigid control of use of motor transport in the future.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J.E. TUTTLEWORTH
Colonel, C.S.C.
Chief, Economics & Supply Division

Copy to: A/DAO, AFHQ
Pet Section, AFHQ

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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Tel. 478829
Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce

ASB/lp
20 March 1945

SUBJECT: Wasted Petrol

TO : G-5 Section (Economics & Supply) AFHQ

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1. Your P-6 of 10 March 45 refers.
2. We attach a copy of the Chief Commissioner's letter AC/5146/12/Commerce of March 1945 addressed to HE Honomi President of the Council of Ministers.
3. The matter has already been taken up with the departments of the Italian Government immediately concerned.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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Ref. 10/5146/12/Comoros

20 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I would like to draw your attention to the lack of effective control in Italian Government Territory over the use of petrol and of motor-vehicles generally.

It is reported that a particularly flagrant case occurred on the 25th of February when motorcycle races were held on the Bone - Ochia road and were attended by a number of spectators who arrived in buses and private cars. Numerous buses and private cars are also to be found outside the Villa Glori race track whenever there is a meeting there.

I am also informed that large numbers of vehicles are being used for unauthorized purposes including passenger transportation in Bone, using Black Market petrol which they are able to obtain and use with impunity.

It is difficult to believe that these abuses can be taking place without the knowledge of the Italian Authorities and it is quite evident that, if petrol can be spared for purposes of this kind which have no bearing whatever on the War Effort, it is possible to reduce substantially the quantities of petrol being supplied by the Allies for essential purposes.

I would be glad therefore if you would have this matter looked into and let me know what steps the Italian Government proposes to take to secure, in future, a more effective and rigid control over the use of motor vehicles of all categories and to ensure that petrol, imported by the Allies and involving considerable shipping, is not wasted.

Yours very truly

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency I. BONOMI
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
ROME.

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DAILY BULLETIN n. 68 this HQ. dated 9 Mar. 45

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File12. ROAD BLOCKS :

The following is extracted from MTOUSA Circular # 36, dated 5 March 1945, for the information, guidance, and compliance of all concerned.

- " 1. Road Blocks are being established throughout the theater by the Military Police for the purpose of checking the legality of movement of individuals, motor vehicles, supplies etc.
2. These Road Blocks will be clearly marked, both on the approaches and at the check point, and ALL VEHICLES WILL COME TO A HALT until released by the Military Police. Unless operationally impossible, a representative of Nationals will be present when the circumstances require checking of Nationals.
3. The standing operating procedure for establishment of road blocks has been announced by the Provost Marshal General, this headquarters, in FMG Circular No.1, 10 January 1945, which has been distributed to all Provost Marshals.
4. The foregoing will be brought to the attention of all personnel, officer and enlisted."

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION ASB/ha.

Ref. AC/5146/2/Commerce/POI. 33 Tel. Rome 478829
9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Waste of Petrol - Italian Government .

TO : Pet.Sec. AFHQ, Rome Area Allied Command .

- 1. AC/5146/2/Commerce of 7 February 1945 refers.
- 2. Attached is a translation of Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour 884/III of 2 March 1945 to Ministry of Communications.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Maj. A. S. BRERETON
for W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

I Encl. (as para No 2)

Copy to: Public Safety S/C (Maj. Ballance)
with enclosure

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Translation

FROM: Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour
(Liquid Fuels Office)

2 March 1945

Prot. N° 684/III

TO : MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
Ispett. Motorizzazione Civile
ROMA

Attn. ALLIED COMMISSION
Commerce S/C - ROME

SUBJECT: Circulation permits and control -

1. We refer to AG's letter POL21 of 7 February sent for attention to your Ministry.
2. The question of motorvehicle circulation control is of special interest in connection with the use of carburant and for this reason, also, this Ministry asks you to suppress with all means available the numerous infractions which are still too frequent.
3. We take this opportunity of again calling the attention of your Ispettorato to the necessity of disciplining in a more energetic way, the activity of the camionette in Rome, in accordance to promises made to the Allied Commission.
4. Since 5 February 1945 these camionette, should have carried a card indicating the official route and tariff chargeable. Furthermore the three wheeled vehicles should have been withdrawn from circulation.
5. The continued use of these three wheeled vehicles, whilst being contrary to the agreements which would have been made between your Ministry and Allied Commission, might damage the normal supplies of carburant issued to motorvehicles in Rome.
6. We ask that any instructions which you issued on the question of control of motorvehicle circulation by your Ministry be made known to us, as they will have to be agreed in anticipation with us.

/s/ THE MINISTER

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 39A

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see 57
Tel : 475800

12 March 1945

AG/14A02/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of P.O.L.

TO : Ministry of Interior
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).

1. With reference to recent conversation, Dott. Ferrari and Major W.C. Ballance, with regard to irregularities in connection with the circulation of motor vehicles.
2. It is confirmed that the Allied Command has expressed grave concern at the open abuse and waste of petrol that is taking place in all parts of liberated Italy.
3. The blatant manner in which motor vehicles are seen to circulate on the roads in open disregard of the law is not only a reflection on the efficiency of the police forces of the country, but it indicates that the quantity of petrol that reaches civilian consumers could be reduced without adversely affecting the minimum civilian economy.
4. It is requested that special steps be taken to deal with this matter with a view to eliminating all vehicles which circulate in an irregular manner.
5. It is also requested that this Headquarters be informed of the steps taken by you with regard to this matter.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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Copy : Petros AFHQ NAAC
Commerce Sub-Commission
(Your AG/5146/17/Commerce/POL 15 of 28 February 1945)
Economic Section
Transportation Sub-Commission
Commanding General G.S.R.
Commanding General G.S.F.

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Translation.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Feb. 1945.
N. 442/16013

- Subject : Plates for auto-vehicles of Diplomatic Corps members.
- To : Prefects of liberated Italy
- To : CC.RR. Gen. HQ.
- To : Questore of Rome
- To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission. and for information

It has been noticed that there still circulate numerous automobiles abusively carrying the former signs "C.D." or "Corpo Diplomatico".

It is requested that the investigations and controls already requested with circular n. 442/10979, dated 18 November, 1944, be strictly put into effect.

Reports are awaited in regard to the result of the effected controls and of the proved irregularities.

Special recommendation is addressed to the Questore of Rome.

For the Minister
Ferrari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5145/12/ Commerce/PCL 15

Tel. Rome 473329
28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petroleum Products

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. ^{12B} Your attention is drawn to the Commander in Chief's letter 1053/7/01 of 29 April 1944 and the Executive Commissioner's 191/26/3A of 10 May 1944.
2. ^{12C} On Sunday morning 25 February 1945 Motor Cycle Races were held on a stretch of the Rome-Ostia Road 10 Km from Rome. At mid-day about 50 vehicles, 300 spectators, three motorised Carabinieri and two foot Carabinieri besides various competitors Officials etc. had assembled on the main road.
3. On the afternoon of the same day, there were well over a hundred camionette and private cars parked on or near the approach road to the Villa Glori Race Track.
4. Both conditions were seen by members of this Sub-Commission.
5. May representations please be made to the appropriate Italian Ministry with a view to steps being taken to put an end to this open abuse and waste of petrol imported by the Allies for essential purposes.
6. It is quite evident that, if petrol can be spared for such purposes, the quantities being obtained from the Allies could be reduced without adversely affecting the necessities of a minimum civilian economy and it is becoming increasingly obvious that the Italian Government either cannot or will not take any effective action to control abuses which would not be tolerated either in America or England.

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FOR ACTION AND TOSCANA REGION ALCOM LAZIO UMBRIA REGION ALCOM
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N° 1194

6 FEBR 45

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PETROLEUM
 Distribution

Lazio-Umbria Region
 Marche Abruzzi

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
 CWO, USA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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ASB/hp

Ref. AC/5146/2/Commerce/POL 21

Tel. Rome 478829
7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Circulation
and Petroleum Rationing

TO : ~~Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Labour,~~
(~~Liquid Fuels Office~~)

1. We enclose herewith a copy of a signal sent out on 6 February 1945 to AC/AMG Regions in both AMG and Italian Government Territory.
2. We would particularly call your attention to the request for Police Action to enforce the present almost complete disregard of the Regulations and we suggest that it would be suitable if the Italian Government would cause announcements to be made in the local Press to the effect that such police action is being taken and warning the Public that the present unauthorised operation of vehicles (not under the control of ENAC and for whose operations ENAC will be held responsible) will not be permitted to continue.
3. This Headquarters would like to take this opportunity to emphasise to the Italian Government that any looseness in the control of Vehicle Circulation is bound to produce a corresponding demand for Black Market Petroleum Products which results in larger quantities of these products reaching the Italian Economy than was intended by the Allocations or can be spared by the Allies.
4. Grave concern is felt by this Headquarters at the present situation and the results of the Italian Government's attempts to reduce the Back Market in Petroleum Products will be watched with interest.

1 Encl. (as para 1 refers)

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce S/Commission

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Copy to: ~~Ministry of Communi-~~
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~~Pet. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC~~
(with encl.)

Public Safety S/C (Maj. Ballance) (with encl.)

R.C. Toscana Region (without encl.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASB/hp

Ref. AC/5146/2/Commerce/POI 21

Tel. Rome 475829
7 Febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Permessi di Circolazione e
Razionamento Prodotti Petroliiferi

AM : Ministero dell'Industria, del Commercio e del Lavoro
(Div. Combustibili Liquidi)

e p.c. : Al Ministero delle Comunicazioni,
Alla Petroleum Section, AFHQ, PAC
Public Safety S/C (Maj. Ballance)
Alle Regioni di: Toscana, Lazio e Umbria,
Marche e Abruzzi, Italia Meridionale,
Sicilia, Sardegna.

1. Vi alleghiamo copia del telegramma inviato il 6 Febbraio 1945 alle Regioni dell'AC/AMG e del territorio controllato dal Governo Italiano.

2. Possiamo particolarmente rilevare la richiesta che la polizia faccia rigorosamente rispettare i regolamenti i quali, attualmente, non sono affatto osservati, e consigliamo che vengano dal Governo Italiano portati a conoscenza del pubblico, tramite la stampa locale, ammonendo la popolazione che la polizia procederà contro quegli autoveicoli che circoleranno senza autorizzazione (cioè quelli che non siano controllati dall'ENAC, per i movimenti dei quali l'ENAC stesso sarà reso responsabile).

3. Approfittiamo dell'occasione per sottolineare che qualsiasi rilassatezza nel controllo della circolazione degli autoveicoli porterebbe certamente ad una maggior richiesta di prodotti petroliferi sul mercato nero, richiesta che risulterebbe maggiore, da parte dell'Economia Italiana, di quanto è stato previsto dagli Alleati e di quanto possono disporre.

4. Siamo molto preoccupati della situazione attuale ed i risultati dei tentativi del Governo Italiano per ridurre il Mercato Nero di Prodotti Petroliiferi saranno da noi seguiti col massimo interesse.



2 Allegati (teleg. citato al para 1
e testo ingl. della stessa lettera)

W.P. Evans
W.P. EVANS
Colonnello
Direttore
S/Comm. di Commercio

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 SICILIA REGION ALSO SARDINIA REGION

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Maj. Brereton

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NICHOLAS PLOMBINO
 CWO, USA
 Asst. Adjutant

to: Public Safety
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Copy to: Public Safety S/O (Maj. Ballance)
Economic Section
Transportation S/O
Post. Sec. S/O

NICHOLAS PIGNINO 5966
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

From/ MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND LABOUR
Liquid Fuels Office

To / ISPETTORATO MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE E
TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Date/ 2 February 1945
Ref/ 65I

Subject/ Circulation Permits.

We request that old circulation permits cease being valid on February 15th without further delay in all Italian Liberated Territory. The Ispettorato Motorizzazioni who are in the position to do so may issue the new permits before that date informing the Provinces when old circulation permits will cease validity.

What above mentioned is in agreement with same request made by AQ.

THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5007/Commerce/POL 33

Ref. 470029

Rome

27 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Motor Vehicle Control

TO : ~~Met. Sec. AFHQ,~~
Rome Area Allied Command.

cc.

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2. It was understood that Petroleum Section had drawn the attention of the appropriate Branch of AFHQ to the existing difficulties in enforcing any traffic discipline so long as civilian pattern vehicles are permitted to circulate under Military control without a uniform pattern Circulation Permit.

3. It is understood that you have been referred to AFHQ Admin. Memo No 55 of 13 December 1944 Para 6 which reads: "All requisitioned vehicles will be registered with a military registration number by Ordnance British War British vehicles and by the subordinate commands delegated responsibility of requisitioning for United States Army vehicles."

4. It is pointed out however that this does not require the registration number to be printed on the vehicle nor that the vehicle be painted in military colours so that it is impossible for traffic control police to see at a glance whether the vehicle is properly requisitioned and operated.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

W. J. STANS
Colonel Director
Com. Force
AG/5087/Com. Force

TO	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AC/5087/Commerce/POI 19

Tel: ROME 478329
17 Jan 1945

14102/1/1

cc.

SUBJECT: Misuse of POI

TO: Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Ref. AC/5087/Commerce of 10 Jan 45, refers.

2. Attached is a copy of Lazio Umbria Region MT/5162/13 of 13 Jan 45 which appears to indicate that the Transportation Division of that Region does not consider that this matter of motor vehicle circulation within Rome is their province.

3. As the matter is one evidently requiring police action, it is referred to you so that the necessary instructions may be given, please.

W. P. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Enclosure: As para 2 above.

Copy to: ~~Est. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC.~~

TO		
COL. CHAPMAN		
COL. YOUNG		
Lt. Col. W. T. V.		
MAJ. LUCKY		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
X MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

The necessary instructions will be given unless the present issue is complete

File with you Sir

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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WT/3162/13

13 January 1945

TO : HQ. AC. (Attn. Commerce Sub-Commission-)

SUBJECT: Misuse of PCL .

1. With reference to your AC/5087/Commerce/PCL 14 of 10 January 1945. It is regretted that there is no further action that this Division is authorized to take.

2. It is requested that details of the vehicles at the Race Meeting, at the Royal Opera House and at the Quattro Fontane Music Hall be given to Public Safety Division who will undoubtedly take the necessary action.

J. A. N. GILES
Lt. Colonel
Chief of Division

Copy to: Regional
Public Safety Officer

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TO	
ST. MANN	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HANBUCK	
MAJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASB/ha

5037/Commerce/POL 14

Tel. Rome 473029
10 January 1945

Misuse of POL

Lazio Umbria Region
 (Transportation Div.)

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1. Our AO/5037/Commerce of 7 December 1944 (copy to P.S. Lazio Umbria Region) refers.

2. Retsec are enquiring what action has been taken to suppress the Camionette and private cars which are taking passengers to and from race meetings and places of entertainment in flagrant disregard of the regulations.

3. It was understood that the police had found 75 of them at one race meeting but we have never been told what action has been taken against them.

4. We would also request that action may be taken to suppress the wastage of petrol which is going on openly in the employment of totally unlicensed or vehicles (mostly Camionette) licensed for other purposes in connection with theatres and places of public entertainment in Rome.

5. On a recent visit to the Opera the writer saw at least six passenger vehicles, some of quite large size, standing in the Opera Courtyard each bearing a printed label "Royal Opera House" and for which tickets were being openly sold in the lobby.

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8. It is requested that this Sub-Commission who are charged with preventing waste of POL may be advised the outcome of action under paras 3 and 4 above.

For the Chief Commissioner

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Copy to: Petard, B.H.Q., R.A.C.
Public Safety S/O
(Attn. Maj. Ballance)

R. P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce S/Commis

W. P. S. DREBETON

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASB/No.

Ref. AO/5087/Commerce/POL. 17

Tel. Rome 478839

18 December 1944

SUBJECT : POL Black Market .

TO : ~~Lazio Ubris Region (Black Market Control).~~

1. Your SM/32 of 7 December 1944 refers .
2. The sequestered POL should be turned over to C.I.P. who will give a receipt, collect and take it on charge.
3. It is requested you will make your own arrangements with C.I.P. accordingly.
4. Whilst the question of proceedings is a matter for Region IV, it is not felt that any action beyond sequestration is probably practicable .

the Chief Commissioner:

MAJ W. S. BRETTON

for
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

TO	INITIALS	FOR
COL. CH. P. M. N.		
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. W. G. N.		
MAJ. LUCKHART		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE		
CAPT. POWEL		
CHIEF CLERK		

Public Safety (Maj. Ballance)
~~Pub. Sec. ...~~
~~C.I.P., Via del Tritone Rome.~~

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16 DEC. 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EUROPEAN SECTION
APO 254

14 December, 1944

R/5884

SUBJECT: Control of Civilian Transport 16 DEC. 1944

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section

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1. Reference your A/3402/7/1715 dated 6 December, we enclose copy of letter from Transportation Division dated 5 Dec. This letter appears to answer the points which you raise.

2. Since the letter was written the necessary Decree has been approved and is now in the hands of the Prefect for promulgation.

3. Reference your para 4 (d) the control of the type of vehicle is the hands of Motorisation.

4. It must be appreciated that this is being done in Italian Government territory which increases the difficulties enormously.

For the Regional Commissioner:

W. B. Buchanan
A. D. BUCHANAN
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

Copy: 1st. Sec. AMAC
1st. Sec. AMAC

TO

1. Reference your letter of 17/11/53, the dates 5 December, we enclose copy of letter from Army Ordnance Division dated 3 Dec. This letter appears to answer the points which you raise.

2. Since the letter was written the necessary Decree has been approved and is now in the hands of the Prefect for promulgation.

3. Reference your para 4 (d) the control of the type of vehicle is the hands of Motorisation.

4. It must be appreciated that all roads leading into French Government territory which increases the difficulties enormously.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. D. Bonham-Carter
A. D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

Copy: Pet. Sec. AMAC
HQ AMAC
Chief of Staff's Office HQ. AMAC
Economic Section.

TO	17/11/53
CO. PAIN	17/11/53
CO. PAIN	
LT. COL. WILSON	
MAJ. LUCKMAN	
MAJ. WILSON	
MAJ. HENSHLY	
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

MT/2534/13

5 December, 1944

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
SUBJECT : Rome traffic control
REF. : AC/5087/Commerce/POL28

1. Traffic control in Rome has proceeded to the point where a proposed decree setting up a Traffic Committee with power to help control the conditions in Rome is now in the hands of the Prefect and publication is expected the early part of next week. This decree puts the small trucks that are carrying passengers about the streets under the control of A.T.A.C. As soon as the decree is passed, it is our intention to allow the owners about one week to comply and then institute a police drive to clean up the entire situation.

2. A change in the present decree requiring trucks to possess U.T.R. trip tickets while operating inside Rome as well as upon leaving and entering the city has been prepared and is now passed to the Prefect for publication. We have insisted that this decree be published at the same time as the other, so that the police roundup can encompass the entire truck situation at one time.

3. Under our auspice, the small truck owners have been incorporated into a union of sorts so that we can deal with their representative. We have told them that approximately one third of their trucks will be allowed to operate in Rome carrying passengers, one third will carry food products only and the remainder must be prepared to vacate the city to find work in the provinces. In the latter case we are prepared to help them get located.

4. As soon as the Commission has been formed and is ready to operate, we shall notify your Office, so that we can again have a conference preparatory to the above mentioned police drive.

M. HARRIS

Major C.E.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION

APO 394

COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASB/ha.

Ref. AC/5087/Commerce/POL. 7

Tel. Rome 478829

11 December 1944

SUBJECT : POL Control .

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission ✓

1. Attached is a copy of AFHQ Petsec's PEB 30/A/4 of 9 December 1944 and relevant correspondence .
2. May police action please be arranged immediately the camionette have been brought under ATAG control.
3. It is also noted that the Opera House and certain Music Halls are advertising camionette services home for their clients, the Teatro Quattro Fontane advertising, for example, on its posted bills "Use of camionette services to all parts of the city".
4. Above in addition to action required against private vehicles.

W. P. Evans

W. P. EVANS

Colonel

Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

3 Encls. (as para N. I)

TO	INIT	DATE
COL. CHAPMAN	<i>W.P.E.</i>	13/12
COL. YOUNG		
LT. COL. WILCOX		
MAJ. LUCKMAN		
MAJ. WILSON		
MAJ. HANBURY		
MAJ. BALLANCE	<i>W.P.E.</i>	13/12
... P. ...		13/12

This matter was discussed at 5950 meeting held at Lago Umbria Reg. 1st. on 31 December, 1944, at which Representatives of Commerce, Stc. Provost Marshall, Public Safety and Transportation Divs. Lago Umbria Reg. were present.

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Tel: - ROME 478875

SUBJECT: Press Extracts,

PET 30/A/4
9 Dec. 44

MR. A.C., Commerce Sub-Commission,
APO 394. (R)

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The extract from the "Union Jack" dated 6 December 1944, forwarded under cover of your AC/5087/Commerce/POL.25 dated 7 December 1944, had already been noticed. The matter is obviously for police action for which this office has been pressing for months. It is to be hoped that police action will be taken with so flagrant a case as this.

H. B. Eyles

H. B. EYLES
Colonel
Petroleum Section

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission,
APO 394.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASE/ha. *see 42A*

Ref. AG/5087/Commerce/PCI. 25

Tel. Rome 478829

7 December 1944

SUBJECT : Press Extracts.

TO : Pet Sec. AFHQ, Rome Allied Area Command.

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1. Attached is an extract from the UNION JACK dated 6 December 1944 under heading "Fighting Man's Platforms".
 2. The writer has personally seen the scores of vehicles which patronise these Races along their dozens of camicette licensed for goods transportation or agricultural purposes.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Public Safety Sub-Commission
Lazio-Umbria Region.

1 Encl. (as para N° 1-)

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It occurs to me that certain Italian civilians do not appreciate the dangers which Allied Merchant seamen brave in order to bring petrol to this theatre.

I refer to the civilians who have the time, the money AND THE PETROL to patronise the trotting races which take place twice each week at Villa Glori, Rome.

At the conclusion of any meeting you can see dozens of Italian civilian cars transporting their apparently prosperous owner back to their homes.

In Britain, to-day, it is an extremely serious offence to misuse the minute petrol ration in this manner.

I suggest that the Italian police should do the same at Villa Glori - unless co-belligerents are to have special recreational privileges.-

Peter Wilson .

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 478700

10 December, 1944.

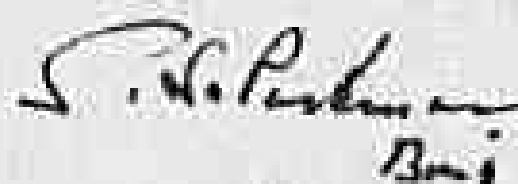
AG/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Control of Passenger Transport, Rome.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Further to my letter, even number, dated 5 December, AA.
2. We have now been informed by Lazio Umbria Region that two orders are about to be published by the Prefect which will :-
 - (a) set up a Traffic Committee and give AFM power to control trucks carrying passengers, and
 - (b) make it obligatory for truck users to carry a trip ticket issued by the Ufficio Trasporti di Roma.
3. The Orders make it possible to provide for the passenger and goods transport problems of Rome, and at the same time to create an effective check on the use made of these vehicles by their owners.
4. It is suggested that the police drive shall commence one week after the publication of the orders by the Prefect.

For the Chief Commissioner.



C.S. PARKINSON, Brig.
A/VP, CA Sec.
A/COGS, AC.

Copy : Petree, AFM, RAAC.
(Your Pet 30/4/10 of 30 October refers)

Economic Section (2)
(Attention : Mr. Villa and Major A.S. Brereton).

File AG/14411/PS

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
 APO 394
 MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

COL CHARMAN	
COL YOUNG	
LT COL WILSON	
MAJ WILSON	
MAJ HANCOCK	
MAJ BALLANCE	
CAPT POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

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* 5 December 1944

MT/2534/13

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
 SUBJECT : Rome traffic control
 REF. : AG/5087/Commerce/POL.28

1. Traffic control in Rome has proceeded to the point where a proposed decree setting up a Traffic Committee with power to help control the conditions in Rome is now in the hands of the Prefect and publication is expected the early part of next week. This decree puts the small trucks that are carrying passengers about the streets under the control of A.T.A.C. As soon as the decree is passed, it is our intention to allow the owners about one week to comply and then institute a police drive to clean up the entire situation.

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4. As soon as the Commission has been formed and is ready to operate, we shall notify your office, so that we can again have a conference preparatory to the above mentioned police drive.

Copies to: Maj. Ballance
 Col. Pollock
 Provost Marshall, British
 and American

M. HARRIS
 Major C.E.
 Chief of Division

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394


Tel : 478800

6 December, 1944.

AC/11402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Control of Passenger Transport, Rome.
TO : Chief of Staff.

1. Your letter 3619/7/PS, dated 30 November, refers.
2. Attached is a copy of a letter, addressed to Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region, requesting him to supply the information for which you asked. You will be informed as soon as a reply is received.
3. Public Safety Sub-Commission has appointed a special Liaison Officer to deal with matters relating to the circulation of motor vehicles and law enforcement, but owing to illness, the Liaison Officer only commenced these duties during the last few days.


G. A. LARSEN, Brig.
VP CA Sec
DCOM AC.

GSR/O.

1 Enclosure

Copy : Petros AFHQ RIAC (Your Pet. 30/A/10 of 30 October 5945).
C.O. R.A. .O.
Economic Section (Your AC/5087/Com/PEL of 1 December refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMAND
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 473900
6 December, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Control of Civilian Transport, Rome.

To : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Latvia Region.

1. At a meeting held at the Headquarters on 4 November, 1944, at which representatives were present of Finance, Provost Marshal's Office, R.A.C., Transportation and Public Safety Divisions, Lazio-Latvia Region, action was requested to remove or control the large number of 'comicolette' licensed for agricultural or industrial purposes which are being openly used for carrying passengers at high prices.

2. It was requested by the Representatives from Lazio-Latvia Region to suspend action for a few days as they had a plan for using these 'comicolette' through A.T.A.C. as an alternative to learner buses which cannot operate through lack of tyres.

3. As a considerable time has now elapsed without any further information, you are please be informed what action has been taken to regularise this matter.

4. In particular, information is requested on the following points :-

(a) What action has been taken to organise the 'comicolette' under A.T.A.C. as an alternative to the buses which cannot run for want of tyres;

(b) What action has been taken to control the 'comicolette' licensed for agricultural or industrial purposes from playing for hire for passenger transportation;

(c) What action has been taken to reduce the petrol ration of the vehicles referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above;

(d) What steps are being taken to ensure that vehicles licensed for passenger transport are of a type suitable for this purpose, and that they are not likely to be a source of danger to the public.

for using these gasollette through A.T.A.C. as an alternative to larger buses which cannot operate through lack of tyros.

3. As a considerable time has now elapsed without any further information, may we please be informed what action has been taken to regularise this matter.

4. In particular, information is requested on the following points:-

- (a) What action has been taken to organise the gasollette under A.T.A.C. as an alternative to the buses which cannot run for want of tyros;
- (b) What action has been taken to control the gasollette licensed for agricultural or industrial purposes from plying for hire for passenger transportation;
- (c) What action has been taken to reduce the petrol rations of the vehicles referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above;
- (d) What steps are being taken to ensure that vehicles licensed for passenger transport are of a type suitable for this purpose, and that they are not likely to be a source of danger to the passengers or other users of the roads.

By Command of COMMODORE SPANK,

SPANK

DA C.O. UPJUM SPIR.
VP CA West
DORR AC. 5947

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Copy :

- 1. F.I.C., F.S.C., R.A.A.C.
- (Your Ref 30/A/10 of 30 October ref.)
- 2. A.T.A.C.
- 3. C.O. (your 3618/7/1005 of 30 November refers).
- 4. Economic Section (your AC/5087/1005/1 of 1 December refers).
- File AC/12411/50.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

TO	
COL. CHILMAN	3 DEC 1944
OL. YOUNG	
W. COX	
J. K. ...	Tel : 735
J. ...	
J. HANBU ...	30 Nov 1944
M. BAL ...	nos 6/12
CAPT P. WEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

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cc.

Ref: 3619/7/30S.

SUBJECT : Control of Civilian Transport.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. With reference to your letter AC/14402/7/PS dated 2 November 44, it has been brought to my notice that there is an increasing number of vehicles in ROME plying for hire. I refer to the improvised kind of vehicle brought into use by the small operator carrying up to about 20 persons and the question arises from what source petrol is obtained.

2. I understand that these vehicles carry a variety of licences and at least one case has been reported of a vehicle used for passenger carrying purposes having an agricultural licence.

3. What measures to correct abuses were decided upon at your meeting on 4 Nov. 44?

M. S. [Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Copy to : Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

TO	
COL. CHAPMAN	
LT. YOUNG	
LT. COL. WIGGINS	ASB/ha.
Tel. Rome 478829	
1 December 1944	
CAPT. POWEL	
CHIEF CLERK	

Ref. AC/5087/Commerce/PCL. 28

SUBJECT : PCL for Rome Bus Services

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. At a meeting held in Maj. Ballance's Office on 14 November 1944 at which representatives of Petsec and Region IV Transportation Division were present we requested action to remove or control the large numbers of three wheelers licensed for agricultural or goods transportation purposes but being openly used for carrying passengers at high prices.
2. We were requested by Region IV to suspend action for a few days as they had a plan for controlling these three wheelers through ATAG as an alternative to larger busses which cannot operate for lack of tyres.
3. As considerable time has now elapsed without any further information may we please be informed what action has been taken to regularise this matter.

W.P. Evans
W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Lazio Umbria Region (Transportation Division)
PET. SEC. AFHQ, E.A.A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASB/hp

Ref. AC/5087/ Commerce/POL 6

Tel. Rome 470029
4 December 1944

SUBJECT : Motor Vehicle Control

TO : Jotsee, AFHQ, Rome Allied Area Command.

1. Our AC/5087/IC of 28 June 1944 refers.
2. Since above was written considerable progress has been made by AC/AMG in tightening up control of civilian vehicles including those entitled to special privilege like the Diplomatic Corps, the Vatican and the Knights of Malta.
3. It is still felt however that the large numbers of civilian type vehicles - requisitioned or otherwise - being operated by Military Organisations with an almost equal number of varying stickers or designations on their windcreens, makes any real police control over vehicle movement unnecessarily difficult if not virtually impossible.
4. If, on the other hand, all such vehicles were compelled to have a circulation permit with the same colour distinction as the current civilian pattern and overprinted with letters to indicate the operator - AC, FWB, etc. - all civilian vehicles would then carry a Circulation Permit (suitably overprinted and having the appearance of the Standard Pattern), except those operated by the Sovereign Powers : (Vatican, Knights of Malta) who are issued by AC with Extra-territorial Circulation Certificates authorising circulation in Italian Territory in lieu of the regular Circulation Permits.
5. It is also noticed that there is no standard method of marking Requisitioned Vehicles equivalent to the W/D Number on a W/D type vehicles. Some vehicles have the equivalent of a Unit Number (ACC

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5. It is also noticed that there is no standard method of marking Requisitioned Vehicles equivalent to the W/D Number on a W/D type vehicle. Some vehicles have the equivalent of a Unit Number (ACC 104 -RACG 2142 - MWT 4061 etc.) and there appears to be no serial number issued by Higher Authority on a Theatre

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Basis and therefore no certainty of avoiding duplication or changes in systems or numbers which create confusion and make such markings virtually useless for Police Control.

6. It is strongly recommended that all requisitioned vehicles be given the equivalent of a W/D Number on a Theatre Basis. Police control would then be very much simpler as they could be given a list of the standard circulation permit overprintings and the few Extra-territorial Circulation Certificates and any civilian type vehicles not in possession of one or the other would then be unauthorized. There would also always be a Theatre Number for final check.

7. The introduction of the system suggested above would involve a direct instruction from AFHQ since it affects military organizations. Thereafter AC will be glad to cooperate with the Military Police to drive unauthorized vehicles off the roads. At present all they have to do is to put some fancy sticker or paint-work on their car with a reasonable chance of non-interference, if not priority treatment, by the Police.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

Maj. A. S. G. GIBSON

for

W. I. EVANS
Colonel
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Commerce Sub-Commission

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Major S. ELLIOTT

for

W.P. EVANS
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Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

25 Nov 44.

AC/11096/2/PS

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Motor Vehicles with Standard Permits.

TO: General Pettorelli,
Italian Government Requisitioning Agency,
Ministry of Interior.

with reference to the recent requisition of Fiat 1100 Roma 75683.

1. It is pointed out that as Circulation permits are only issued to cars engaged on essential work, it follows that such cars should not be requisitioned for other purposes, unless a replacement for use on that essential work is available. The Allies follow this principle on their requisitioning and it is suggested that it is one which should be followed.

2. I shall be glad to hear from you that you accept this principle.

3. The car referred to above had, in fact, such a circulating permit. It should, therefore, either be released in its present use by another car (and then released) or another be requisitioned and allotted to the work on which the first was formerly engaged.

4. It is understood that you have had some difficulty with regard to requisitioning; if that is so, Maj Bellence of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will be glad to confer with you at any convenient time and give you any assistance he is able. I appeal for your convenience the suggestions which I understand he has recently made to you.

- a) Motor Vehicles Registration Centres. Checking up on all refused applications for circulating permits.
- b) Arrange for all privately owned vehicles in the hands of Italian Government Officials to be placed at the disposal of the Government;
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(ii) which are used for purposes other than those for which circulation permits were issued.

permits other than standard permits, no matter by whom issued, should not be recognised, and General Pettorilli was advised to consult with this Headquarters in connection with vehicles used by military units with irregular permits.

5. Maj Bellence also suggested that the road blocks should be organised in conjunction with the RC, Lazio-Umbria Region (Public Safety Division) and RAAC (Provost Marshal's Office).

Copy to: RAAC (L) for ATG, Post, Sec; Ord; G-4; 2nd; Econ. Sec. (2) for Food S/C; Commerce S/C; RC, Lazio-Umbria Region (3) for Exec. Offr; REPC; Tmptn.; G-4 (Your G.L./L/A of 29 Aug 44 refers.); (Ispettorato Generale delle Motorizzazioni Civile); Ministry of Industry and Commerce (Fuel Sec.); High Commissioner for Espionage; File AC/11402/7/1/PS.

G.A. WEJNER, Brig,
1st Cy Section,
DCOS AC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

DAILY BULLETIN)

2 November 1944

NUMBER 281)

5. IMPROPERLY MARKED US VEHICLES:

1. Shortly after 1 November 1944, the Provost Marshal, PBS, will commence an intensive campaign against improperly marked vehicles, making use of patrols and road blocks in the PBS Area. Vehicles not marked in accordance with regulations may be impounded, and the drivers thereof, as well as drivers not having proper trip tickets, may be detained. Cars bearing general officers' plates will not be exempted from examination. Military Policemen will be authorized, where their judgment indicates it necessary, to approach drivers with drawn weapons. Vehicles refusing to stop when properly signaled, may have to be fired upon.

2. All Officers of Allied Commission are warned that vehicles in their care are properly marked, and are ordered to instruct their drivers to stop when properly signaled by the Military Police.

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ALLIED COMMANDS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section

APC 304

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ACC/14002/7/1/16

1 November 1944

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petroleum.

TO : Commanding General, Base Allied Area Command.

1. In May of this year the Commander in Chief expressed his concern as to the number of civilian motor vehicles circulating on the roads which were being used for nefarious purposes.

2. This matter was the subject of a letter of instructions, CA/191/26/C, dated 11 May, 1944, addressed by this Headquarters to Regional Commissioners (copy attached). The letter of instructions has not been received.

3. A.F. HQ, Petroleum Section, have now drawn attention to evident misuse of petrol, and with regard to the City of Rome, they make the following comment:-

"Great numbers of three and four wheeled vehicles are doing a thriving passenger transporting business without any evidence of authority. Circulating permits are not being exhibited on windshields and many of these vehicles are plainly marked as being part of the town truck pool which this section was advised was formed to transport food etc., not passengers.

The demands for POL are becoming increasingly difficult to meet. The available supply must be used to the best advantage. To this section it appears that this waste is occurring due to several reasons.

- (a) No interference by the Police with unauthorized circulation.
- (b) Lack of control of truck fleets and issue of excessive amounts of POL to individual trucks for specific jobs.
- (c) Issuance of circulating permits without accompanying POL."

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The grounds for FOI are becoming increasingly difficult to meet. The available supply must be used to the best advantage. To this section it appears that this waste is occurring due to several reasons.

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 - (c) Issuance of circulating permits without accompanying FOI.
4. This Headquarters has promised Petroleum Section that immediate corrective action will be taken with regard to this matter.
5. A meeting has been arranged for to take place at this Headquarters (fifth floor, room 2E) at 1000 hours on Saturday 4 November 1944, with a view to obtaining maximum military and civil police action.

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6. Will you please indicate your willingness to instruct a representative from your Provosts Marshall's Office to attend the meeting.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:



V.P. U. JOHN BRIG.
V.P., C.A. Section.
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Copy to:

ASAC (ret Section) HJG
(Your letter 3/14/10, dated 30 October refers).
Commissaire Sub-Commission
(Attn: Major A.S. Swarston).

HCB/jwf

Col. WYOMER
V.P., C.I. Section,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

Copy to:

ASIG (Det Section)MIS
(Your let 2/1/16, dated 20 October refers).
Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attn: Major L.S. Brewster).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONS
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

1 November, 1944.

AGC/14402/7/3/75

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petroleum.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lazio Umbria
Region.

1. In May of this year the Commander in Chief expressed his concern at the number of civilian motor vehicles circulating on the roads which were being used for nefarious purposes.

2. This matter was the subject of a letter of instructions, CA/191/25/44, dated 18 May, 1944, addressed by this Headquarters to Regional Commissioners (copy attached). The letter of instructions has not been rescinded.

3. A.F.S.I., Petroleum Section, have now drawn attention to evident misuses of petrol, and with regard to the City of Rome, they make the following comments :-

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The demands for PGL are becoming increasingly difficult to meet. The available supply must be used to the best advantage. To this section it appears that this waste is occurring due to several reasons.

- (a) No interference by the Police with unauthorized circulation.
- (b) Lack of control of truck fleets and issue of excessive amounts of PGL to individual trucks for specific jobs.
- (c) Issuance of circulating permits without accompanying PGL.


4. This Headquarters has promised Petroleum Section that immediate corrective action will be taken with regard to this matter.

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5. A meeting has been arranged for to take place at this Headquarters (fifth floor, room 28) at 1000 hours on Saturday 4 November, 1944, with a view to obtaining maximum military and civil police action.

6. It is requested that a representative from your Public Safety and Motor Transportation Divisions be instructed to attend the meeting.

By Command of Comadore Stone.


J. R. Chipman
C.P. UPJOHN
Brigadier
V.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

WCB/c.

Copy : A.P.H. (Petroleum Section) R.A.A.C.
(Your Ref. 30/A/10, dated 30 Oct. refers).

Com merce Sub-Commission.
(Attention Major A.S. Brereton).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APC 314

10/14402/7/ps

2 November 1944

SUBJECT : MISUSE OF FOL.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. The misuse of petrol in the City of Rome is now all too evident; and the carrying of passengers to a race track is symptomatic of a general slackness.
2. A.F.H.Q. (Petroleum Section) have officially drawn our attention to the abuses in question, and the matter has been discussed with them at some length.
3. Energetic action is now required on the lines of your instruction 191/26/CA, dated 16 May, 1944, (copy attached).
4. With a view to the implementation of this instruction a meeting has been called for 1000 hours on Saturday 4 November 1944, at this Headquarters. Representatives from Lazio-Unitis Regional Headquarters and the Provost Marshals Office, R.A.A.C. have been requested to attend.

5. The question of providing improved authorised passenger services in the City is being taken up by Transportation Sub-Commission.

R. R. Rubin
G.H. LEJOHN ERIG.
V.P., C.A. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

COPY TO:

- A.F.H.Q. (Pet Sec.) R.A.A.C.
- Commerce Sub-Commission
- (Attn: Major A.S. Beaton).

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 G.H. UPTON Brig.
 U.S. Army, G.A. Section
 Deputy Chief of Staff.

Copy to:
 A.P.H.Q. (Pet Sec.) R.A.A.C.
 Commerce Sub-Commission
 (Attn: Major A.S. Braxton).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

B/F 13/ 14402/7
Ext. 735
26A
and 14411

Ref 996/19/COS

1 November 1944

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol

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TO : Civil Affairs Section

The attached letter PET 30/A/10 from AFHQ Petroleum Section dated 30 October 44 is sent to you for action, together with file No. 191/CA Vol. I and II. The subject of this letter appears to be one for Public Safety Sub-Commission working in conjunction with Industry Sub-Commission.

E. Sharden
Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff.

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478131

PET 30/A/10

30 Oct. 44

BT DOT Recd

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol

R.C. and M.G. Section, HQ AC

1. It is very evident that POL is being misused in the Rome Area. Great numbers of three and four wheeled vehicles are doing a thriving passenger transporting business without any evidence of authority. Circulating permits are not being exhibited on windshield and many of these vehicles are plainly marked as being part of the Rome truck pool which this section was advised was formed to transport food etc., not passengers.

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- 1. No interference by the Police with unauthorized circulation.
- 2. Lack of control of truck fleets and issue of excessive amounts of POL to individual trucks for specific jobs.
- 3. Issuance of circulating permits without accompanying POL.

3. Reference is made to ACC letter of 18 May 44, signed by Brigadier Lush Reference/191/26/CA. May this section please be advised as to whether the instructions sent out by Brigadier Lush have been rescinded.

Copy to: HQ AC Industry Sub-Commission

John L. King Lt Col.
~~H. B. EYLES~~
Colonel QMC
Petroleum Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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14402/7/2/10

Tele: 378

30 Sept. 1944

ACC/Tn/R//

SUBJECT: Misuse of Transport.

TO : HQ. Region 4 (Att.:Maj.Harris).

1. The attached letter from Commerce Sub-Commission, reference ACC/5087/Commerce dated 27/Sept. '44, together with report from Lt. Benizzi and all relevant documents, is passed to you.

2. This matter seems a very serious one, and it is requested that you make a thorough investigation, reporting the result to this H.Q.

3. Please return all correspondence and documents with your report.

Chatter, Galt

for D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.,
Director, Ptn. S/C.

Copy to:-
Public Safety Sub-Commission, H.Q. ACC
Economic Section, HQ, ACC.

13 Encls (as para 1 refs).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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Ref. ACC/5087/Commerce

25 September 1944

SUBJECT : Misuse of Transport.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Attached is a copy of Region VII, 206/ES/221 of 19 September 1944.

2. As the abuses mentioned appear to cover both misuse of circulation permits and misuse of POL, it is suggested that a report should be called for by you, if necessary, accompanied by a definite order from Economic Section.

3. It appears to be just another case of misuse of Rome Region Transport which has formed the subject of previous discussions and correspondence.

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For action information

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W.P. EVANS
Colonel Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to : ~~Public Safety Sub-Commission~~
~~Economic Section~~

12 Encls. (CV para 1.ref.)

- Prisons
- Fire & C.D.
- Regn & Licensing
- Adm Officer

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PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

HEADQUARTERS
ALCOHOL CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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14 Sept. 1944

ACC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Unauthorized issue of Petrol from Military Sources

TO : R.P.S.O. Southern Region

Please expedite reply to our ACC/14402/7/1/PS dated 11 Aug.1944
addressed to Region III.

A.E. YOUNG Col.
Acting Director
Public Safety Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 APO 394

Tel : 478800

 16 September, 1944.

ACC/11402/4/1/PS

SUBJECT : Stocks of Rubber Solvent.

TO : P.C., Region IV
 (attention : R.P.S.O.)

1. Attached report from Commerce Sub-Commission is forwarded for investigation and any necessary action.
2. Major W.C. Ballance, who was Chief of Motor Transportation Division, Region IV, for a time has no knowledge of this matter.

WCA
for A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
 Acting Director
 Public Safety
 Sub-Commission.

1 Enclosure.

Copy :
 Commerce Sub-Commission
 (Your ACC/5116/Commerce dated
 12 September 1944 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 COMMERCE SUB COMMISSION
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12 September 1944

Ref: ACC/5146/Commerce

Subject: Captured Stocks

To: Public Safety Sub Commission

1. Soon after arrival in Rome the Società Pirelli of Rome reported stocks of 6000 litres of special rubber solvent. This report was relayed to Petroleum Section and passed to C.I.P. to collect this material which was stated not to be adequately guarded, and was urgently required by the Allies; owing to its special nature.
2. On arrival some time later C.I.P. found that there were only 3000 litres of this product, the remaining 3000 litres being reported as having been used by the Pirelli Co. between the 1 July 44 and 5 Aug 44, for refueling automotive vehicles.
3. It is not known whether any definite action was taken by the Regional authorities to block these supplies of solvent, but if so Pirelli appear to have disregarded the instructions. Even if the supplies were not blocked they have committed an offence in ~~supplying~~ supplying supplies of petroleum not allocated for the purpose of fueling motor vehicles in defiance of the existing regulations regarding motor vehicles circulation and petroleum rations.
4. As it appears to ^{be} a police matter it is turned over to you for investigation, and the necessary action, please.

W.P. Evans
 W.P. EVANS
 Colonel-Director
 Commerce Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APB 394

Tel. 478800

11 August 1944.

ACC/14402/7/ 1/PS.

SUBJECT : Unauthorised issue of petrol
from Military sources.

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TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III
(Attention, Regional Public Safety Officer).

1. Attached correspondence relating to Salvatore Folsol,
88, Aniello Falerno, who accepted full responsibility for
obtaining five gallons of petrol from a petrol point at
Riviera di Chiaia without proper authority is forwarded
for investigation and report.

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for

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

Enclosure.
Correspondence as above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel. 478800

11 August, 1944

ACC 14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Issues of Petrol.

TO : Headquarters, AMG 5th Army.

to Reg 3 code 19A

- 1. Reference your letter and enclosures 54/3, dated 4 August 1944.
- 2. The correspondence in question has been transmitted to Regional Commissioner, Region III, for investigation and report.

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

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128 Petrol Depot RASC
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16 July, 1944

SUBJECT : Petrol Issues.

APM 57 Area.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

On 15 July at 1315 at a petrol point at Riviera di Chiaia, D'Allesandro Giovanni, the driver of a Lancia car AV3307, obtained 5 gallons of petrol without authority.

Salvatore Folsol, 88, Aniello Falerne accepted full responsibility for D'Allesandro's action and produced a pass issued by a U.S. Colonel of HQ 5th Army. He stated he had experienced no difficulty in obtaining petrol previously from military sources.

Sgt. L. DAVIS, Lt.
for Capt. RASC
Commanding.

HQ. AAI. (AAI/5137/A (PS)) to CG Fifth Army. 30 June.
Forwarded for investigation

HQ. AMG 5th Army. 54/3 dated 4 August
to HQ. ACC. Transportation S/C.

Italian civilians not employed by AMG 5th Army

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

File 16A

15 June 1944

ACG/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

To : Commanding General, GG FF

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter Servizi - N.7165, dated 4 June, 1944.
2. The action taken by you in this matter is much appreciated.

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W.C. Ballance Major

for PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Memo: Re: attached

1. RC's have been instructed to submit a report of on the working of the period and fuel rationing scheme on 30 June (Executive Memo. No. 51).
2. RC & MG Section are today issuing a reminder in the form of a questionnaire which was compiled in consultation with this Sub-Commission.
3. RC's will be required to state what steps have been taken to ensure that the directions given are being observed.
4. RC & MG Section will forward a copy of the questionnaire to this Sub-Commission

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Major

17 June.

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W.C. Buchanan
Major

14 June.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

The Allied Control Commission has remarked that civilian motor-vehicles authorized to circulate, are carrying such an intense traffic that cannot be maintained with the present limited allotments of petrol. This Commission, therefore, is thinking these vehicles are supplied with fuel stolen either from Allied military deposits, or from distributors, or from military drivers, with the evident connivance of Allied and Italian personnel.

In view of the above, this Commission ordered regional and provincial officers of the Public Safety, to keep in contact with the Italian military Commands, to adopt strict measures to detect the civilian and military violators, and in particular to establish, in accord, some block points on the roads.

These points would be entrusted to the British and American Police, in conjunction with Italian Police.

The object of these control points will be to assure that civilian vehicles have:

- 1° - The circulation permit.
- 2° - Are using the vehicle for the authorized purpose. (a special attention will have to be paid on holidays)
- 3° - Be in possession of a proper receipt issued by R.A.C.I., attesting the tax has already been paid.
- 4° - That road circulation laws are not violated.
- 5° - Do not carry civilian passengers, especially women, without authori- 5922

For military vehicles that:

- 1° - Be authorized to use the vehicle (certificate of issue and use from military Command)
- 2° - Do not carry any other petrols that which is on the tank, without a special authorization from their respective commands.

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As to the above stated I ordered that:

- 1.- The subordinate detachments comply fully with all requests of collaboration with Allied Authorities, in regard to the establishment of control points.
- 2.- The patrols placed in surveillance along the roads, will proceed in stopping all civilian vehicles, paying particularly attention to requirements of letter a) above, and examine the drivers licence, the petrol card, the circulation permit and, eventually, the possession of a certificate of payment of a standard circulation tax as will be established by Ministerial decree according to provisions of letter a, b, c, and d, of art. 3 and a, b, and c of art. 4 of U.D.L. 10/3/1943 No. 94 and verify that each vehicle has its specific circulation permit.
- 3. That on certificates of issue and use for each trip of vehicles belonging to U. Finance Guard it be always indicated the quantity of petrol to be carried in addition to that quantity in the tank.
- 4. That particulars of all observation and results be registered in monthly service report.

COMMANDING GENERAL
Crete Moricca

For Attention:

Lt. Col. Antonino Peluso
Chief of the Service Office.

COMMANDING GENERAL
Oreste Morice

For Attention:

Lt. Col. Antonio Peluso
Chief of the Service Office.

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ARMY OF RHODES
ROYAL FINANCE GUARD COMMAND
OF LIBERATED ITALY

Div : Servizi - h. 7165

SALERNO 4/5/44

TO : HQ.6 G.S.P. Legions of Dari - Castellari - Messina - Bandoli - Salerno
TO : Col. Paolo Anniello (for the cycles of Catanzaro and Reggio Calabria in Cosenze)
and for attention:
to : Allied Control Commission - Public Safety Sub-Commission - Salerno

SUBJECT : Misuse of petrol

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- 20- The patrols placed in surveillance along the roads, will proceed in stopping all civilian vehicles, paying particularly attention to requirements of letter a) above, and examine the drivers license, the petrol card, the circulation permit and, eventually, the possession of a certificate of payment of a standard circulating tax as will be set forth by Ministerial Decree according to provisions of letter a, b, c, and d, of art. 3 and a, b, and c of art. 4 of L.D.L. 10/3/1943 No. 94 and verify that each vehicle has its specific identification permit.
- 3- That on certificates of issue and use for each trip of vehicles belonging to T. Finance Guard it is always indicated the quantity of petrol to be carried in addition to that quantity in the tank.
- 4- That possession of all identification and permits is registered in monthly service report.

For Attention:

Lt. Col. Antonino Peluso
Chief of the Service Office.

COMMANDING GENERAL
Traffic Service

COMPARING GENERAL
Create Service

4. in usual service report.

For Attention:

Lt. Col. Antonino Peluso
Chief of the Service Office.

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AL COMANDO DELLE LEGIONI R. G. DI FINANZA
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AL COL. DIACONO AUSIELLO (Per i Circoli di R. Calabria e Catanzaro in COSENZA)

e, per conoscenza:

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
SALERNO

OGGETTO: -

Abuso di benzina.

La Commissione Alleata di Controllo ha notato che gli automezzi civili, autorizzati, esercitano un traffico così intenso da un poter essere mantenuto con le attuali limitate esecuzioni di benzina. Ritengo, perciò, la detta Commissione, che tali automezzi siano alimentati da carburante sottratto o ai depositi militari alleati, o ai distributori, o dagli artisti militari, con la complicità, s'intende, del personale alleato e italiano.

Fremesso quanto sopra ha disposto che Uffici regionali e provinciali della PUBLIC SAFETY si pongano in contatto con i Comandi militari italiani, per concrete misure per la scoperta dei trasgressori civili e militari e, in particolare, per procedere, d'intesa, all'istituzione sulle strade di posti di controllo.

Tali posti sarebbero affidati alla polizia militare anglo-americana e alla polizia italiana, che opererebbero insieme.

Lo scopo di tali controlli è di assicurarsi, per gli automezzi civili che :

- 1°- siano in possesso del permesso di circolazione;
- 2°- usino l'automezzo per lo scopo autorizzato (speciale atterrazione dovrà essere posta nei giorni festivi);
- 3°- siano in possesso di regolare ricevuta del R.A.C.I., attestante l'avvenuto pagamento della tassa;
- 4°- non violino le norme sulla circolazione stradale;
- 5°- non abbiano a bordo passeggeri civili, specialmente donne, non autorizzati;

perciò, la detta Commissione, che tutti automobili, o distributori, o durante sottratto o ai depositi militari alleati, o ai distributori, o gli autisti militari, con la complicità, s'intende, del personale alleato e italiano.

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- 50- non abbiano a bordo passeggeri civili, specialmente donne, non autori- zati;

per gli automezzi militari che :

- 10- siano autorizzati all'uso dell'autoveicolo (foglio di marcia o di uscita);
- 20- non abbiano, a bordo, all'interno della benzina del serbatoio, nessun altro quantitativo, senza un'apposita autorizzazione del Comando da cui dipendono.-

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Per quanto precede, dispongo che :
10- i reparti dipendenti aderiscano senz'altro a tutte le richieste di collaborazione fatte dalle Autorità Alleate, per quanto riguarda la istituzione dei posti di blocco;

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32- la pattuglia comandante in servizio di perlustrazione lungo le strade, procedano al fermo degli automezzi civili e militari particolarmente su quanto è stato detto alla lettera e), prendendo in esame la patente di abilitazione alla guida, la carta carburanti, la licenza, di circolazione e l'eventuale decreto Ministeriale di concessione dell'abbuono della tassa unica di circolazione di cui alle lettere a)b)c), e d) art.3, ed a), b) e c), art.4, del R.D.L. IC/3/1943, n.54; e osservino se su ogni autoveicolo sia applicato lo speciale permesso di circolazione;

39)-sui fogli di uscita redatti per ogni viaggio degli automezzi appartenenti alla R. Guardia di Finanza, sia sempre indicata la quantità di benzina eventualmente trasportata, a bordo, in aggiunta e quella esistente nel serbatoio;

40)-di ogni risultato di servizio conseguito, sia fatta esplicita menzione nella relazione mensile di servizio.-

IL GENERALE UMAN DANTE
(Oreste Moricca)

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IL TEN. COLONNELLO
CAPO DELL'UFFICIO SERVIZIO
(Antonino Peluso)



IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Orste Moricca)

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CAPO DELL'UFFICIO SERVIZIO
(Antonino Peluso)


Antonino Peluso

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nella relazione mensile di servizio.-

P. Safety 5448

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
D.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/191/33/Ga

25 May 1944

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

TO : Adv. AFHQ (Petrol Section)
Admin. Sect. (for Public Safety Sub-Com)
Economic Sect. (for Maj. Breerton)

A copy of a letter from HQ. AAI ref.
1053/1/1 dated 22 May 44 is forwarded for your
information.

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[Signature]
NORMAN M. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner



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Subject:- Mis-use of Petrol.

HQ AAI
C.M.F.

1053/1/21. *13A*

22 May 44.

Hq,
ACC.

Reference your *12C* 191/25/CA dated 18 May, 44 on the above subject.

The C.A.O. has seen your letter and action is being taken to see what steps can be taken to issue petrol allotted for civilian use in a distinct form to that in use by the Allied Armies in this theatre.

You will be informed in due course if the proposed step is practicable.

The question of disciplinary action is also under consideration.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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20 May 1944

Ref. ACC/5087/IG

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL

TO : ~~AFHQ, ESO~~

1. Your MGS P-6 of 5 May 1944 refers.
2. Attached is a copy of CAO AAI 1053/7/Q1 of 29 April 44 which was addressed to this HQ in the first place GOC Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Districts and CG PEO, Pet. Sec., and DCAO.
3. Your paragraph 2 represents the views of Pet. Sec. who were consulted before the letter was written.
4. Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission this HQ, have a petroleum liaison officer who is continuously in very close touch with Pet. Sec. and has had several conferences with them on this particular question.
5. Pet. Sec. are in turn in close touch with the Army Commanders who are arranging for additional guards on dumps and for the removal of spare petrol cans from all but long distance motor transport. Arrangements are also under consideration for tightening up control at Army Petrol Points.
6. A reply has been sent to CAO's letter by this HQ and a copy is enclosed ref 191/25/CA of 18 May.
7. It is agreed that misuse of petrol has, to date, been widespread, but the newly instituted POL rationing scheme and Control of Vehicle Circulation, which is uniform throughout liberated Italy (rear of Army boundaries), will not of itself stamp it out.
8. Attached R.G. & M.G. instruction 191/26/CA of 18 May has been sent to Regional Commissioners, SCAO's Armies and a similar letter has been sent to the Italian Minister of the Interior and to the Commanding Generals of Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.
9. It is hoped that this will produce the police action which can alone stamp out misuse of POL.
10. You will be kept informed of further developments.

For Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

3 Incls.: Copy of 1053/7/Q1 dtd 29 Apr — 12B
191/25/CA dtd 18 May — 12C
191/26/CA dtd 18 May — 12D

Copy to: Pet. Sec., Adv., AFHQ, GMP, APO 400
— Pub. Safety S/C —

D. S. ADAMS
Colonel, CE
Executive Officer
Economic Section

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SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol

HEADQUARTERS
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.
1053/7/Q1.
29 April 1944

H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

The Commander-in-Chief is perturbed at reports that are reaching him of the number of civil cars which are on the road, and of the extent to which civilians can apparently obtain petrol. These reports indicate that there is a great amount of petrol being wasted on pleasure motoring particularly in Sicily.

In view of the smallness of the ~~current~~ official allotment for civil purposes, it is evident that large quantities of petrol are being obtained on the black market. This presumably represents petrol stolen from military dumps or obtained from military sources in other ways. It is impossible to provide enough guards to prevent all theft. Measures are required to identify and punish severely those who traffic in stolen petrol and those who use it.

The Commander-in-Chief would be grateful if you would study this matter, in consultation with the Staff at this H.Q. responsible for the allocation of petrol for Italian civilian use and with the District Commanders concerned. He will be glad to have a report from you as to the steps which you propose to take to check the present abuse.

sgd.

B.H. ROBERTSON
Major General
Chief Administrative Officer.

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- copies to: GOC, No.1 District
- GOC, No.2 District
- GOC, No.3 District
- C.G., Peninsular Base Section
- Petroleum Section
- D.C.A.O.

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

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Ref/ 191/25/CA.

18 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

1. I refer to your 1053/7/Q1 of 29 April 1944.

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2. Careful consideration has been given to this subject by this Commission in consultation with Lt.Col.King of the Petroleum Section Advanced AFHQ. A copy of my letter dated 18 May addressed to all Regional Commissioners and SCACs Armies is enclosed for your information. A similar letter has been sent to the Italian Minister of the Interior as well as to the Commanding Generals of Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.

3. There can be no doubt that a very extensive black market in petrol exists and that the misuse of transport is mainly due to this cause rather than to an abuse of the rationing system. Much can be done by the application of strict police measures as set out in the enclosed letter to Regional Commissioners and severe punishment of those convicted being widely publicised should have its effect.

4. Perhaps the greatest single step towards a solution of the problem would be the dyeing of military petrol to distinguish it from civilian supplies, and since the same problem is certain to arise in all theatres of operations, I suggest this step should be given serious consideration at a very high level.

5. But there are two aspects of this matter. Petrol reaches the black market in many ways; it generally however comes from military stocks and there is no doubt that more often than not it is obtained with the connivance of Allied and Italian Military personnel who are concerned with many operations in the black market. The provision of guards on dumps and the enforcement

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of the law among civilians can only be regard. as half-measures unless they are accompanied by similar drastic disciplinary measures to check this side of the traffic in stolen petrol.

/S/ M.S. Lush.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: No.1 District.
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No.3 "
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Adv. AFHQ (Pet Sec)
Admin Section for PS Sub-Commission.
Econ. Section. "
Army Sub-Commission.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & N.G. Section
APO 394

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Ref 191/26/CA.

18 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol.

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

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- (iii) A current "bolletts" (tax receipt) issued by the Reale Automobile Club d'Italia is displayed. **5909**
- (iv) Orders relating to the movement of civilians are not infringed;
- (v) The passengers carried, especially women, are authorized;
- (vi) Military petrol containers are confiscated if found in the possession of civilians.

(b) Military Vehicles.

- (i) The use of the vehicles is properly authorized;

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(ii) Petrol is carried in any receptacle, other than the petrol tank, without proper authority.

8. Operating in the black market for petrol must be treated as a serious offence and sentences awarded as a result of judicial proceedings should be widely publicised. The provisions of General Order No. 20 whereby the vehicle concerned can be confiscated and the circulating permit cancelled should be made to apply in the more glaring cases.

/s/ M.S. Lush
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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
 APO 394

Ref. ACC/5087/ID

SUBJECT: Misuse of PGL

TO : Executive Commissioner, Civil Affairs Branch

FROM : Economic Section

1. The CAO has drawn attention in his letter 1053/7/3 of 29 April 44 to the existing misuse of petrol and has directed that the matter be studied in conjunction with the Staff responsible for the distribution of Petroleum Supplies (Pet. Sec.) and with District Commanders.
2. Copies of this directive have been sent to Commanders British Districts, and PBS and HCS-AMHQ have asked for a report.
3. Petroleum Section (Adv.) AMHQ are very anxious to follow up the newly instituted vehicle circulation and petrol rationing scheme with police action, and discussions have taken place between Col. King of Petroleum Section, Col. Young of Public Safety, and Major Breerton of this Sub-Commission.
4. Attached are copies of "Notes on the issue of PGL to civilians" prepared by Pet. Sec., ACC/5146/IC of 9 May 1944 from Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission to Public Safety Sub-Commission recommending that urgent police action be instituted and of PBT 19/14/4 of 14 May 1944 reporting the results of a discussion between Col. King of Pet. Sec. and Col. Young of Public Safety Sub-Commission.
5. The views of this Sub-Commission are given in some detail in the letter referred to above and this matter has since been discussed with Col. Ryles, head of Pet. Sec. who is in agreement as to the vital necessity of IMMEDIATE Police action, with which we entirely agree.
6. It is not considered that paras. 21 and 22 of Executive Memo 51 will alone result in such immediate action which can only be effective if carried out in conjunction with the military (British and American) and Italian Police.
7. It is requested that necessary action may be instituted to secure co-operation of the Italian Government and the military and to restrict Sunday motoring and carrying civilian women.
8. To avoid the loss of time which will inevitably result in securing uniform action it is strongly recommended that a start be made in Naples (and possibly other large cities), and that summary punishment and confiscation of vehicles should be awarded on conviction, and wide publicity given to the

sentences.

9. Petroleum Section are discussing with the military measures to reduce the possibility of the theft of petrol from Military Dumps, in transit or from vehicles and have arranged for spare cans to be removed from all vehicles not engaged on long journeys.

10. May instructions please be given that similar action be taken with vehicles, both military and civilian, operated by ACC/MSG.

W. P. Evans

W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry &
Commerce Sub-Commission

3 Incls:

- 1) "Notes on the issue of POL to civilians" — 11 B
- 2) ACC/5116/ED of 9 May to Public Safety S/C — 11 B
- 3) PER 19/14/1 of 14 May. — 11 C

Copy to:

~~Int. Sec. Adv. AMIC, CSM, IFO 400~~
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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Ref. AOC/5146/IC

9 May 1944

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Reference GAO's 1053/7/Q1 of 29 Apr. 44 and conversation (Col. King - Maj. Brereton - Capt. Balance) of 3 May 1944.

2. This Sub-Commission is of the opinion that whilst the new petrol rationing scheme will prevent some abuses and make it easier to detect others, it will not, of itself, greatly reduce the misuse of POL.

3. Nothing but police action will, for example, prevent the recipient of a Circulation Permit and Petrol Ration Card from obtaining additional supplies in the Black Market or using the vehicle, even on Ration Card Petrol, for improper purposes.

4. It is felt that the introduction of the new Rationing Scheme should be accompanied by IMMEDIATE police action to drive off the roads all but legitimate users engaged on legitimate business. Action NOW will be many times more effective than a month hence.

5. Effective action can only be taken in conjunction with the military authorities and snap road blocks should consist of say two each American, British and Italian Police at sites constantly varying and decided at a moment's notice, and should apply to ALL vehicles.

6. Some inconvenience and delay would inevitably be occasioned to the military but it is understood that a drive has already been instituted against traffic offences and that Est. Sec. have

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already been in touch with the military who have agreed to remove spare petrol containers from all but long-distance vehicles.

7. It is believed that the main source of illicit black market petrol is the lack of control and measurements at Army Petrol Points, with the result that, by and large, far greater quantities of POL are issued than are signed for.

8. It is suggested that the military should issue an order that tanks on motor vehicles should, in every case, be FILLED TO CAPACITY and the driver sign accordingly on his work ticket and vehicle log book.

9. It would then be a relatively simple matter to check in SUSPECTED CASES whether MEASURED Petrol required to REFILL his tank was commensurate with the recorded use of the vehicle since it was last FILLED.

10. It is suggested that Petroleum Section consider the practicability of instituting the method in 8 and 9 above.

11. A further cause for misuse of petrol is believed to be the carrying of women passengers, and Sunday motoring which tends to result in joy-riding and diversion of vehicles from their authorised route. It is understood that the Italians had a law before the occupation that only women provided with a special pass were permitted to ride in motor vehicles.

12. It is suggested that if not repealed, this law be enforced or that the Italian Government and AMG issue decrees and Orders prohibiting the carrying of women or Sunday motoring without a special permit.

13. Simultaneously the military traffic squads should enforce the existing rules on the subject which are being flagrantly violated.

14. In conclusion the importance of IMMEDIATE police action, even if only in selected areas, is stressed so that the Italians will realize that the new petrol rationing scheme is going to be enforced and misuse of petrol stamped out. Offenders should INVARIABLY have their cars confiscated and wide press publicity

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should be given to all successful prosecutions.

15. We would like to see a draft of the proposed reply to the CAO's letter so that an agreed reply may be made.

/S/ W.P. Evans
W.P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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Economic Section.

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Petroleum Section
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A.P.O. 400

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PET 19/14/1
14 May 1944

SUBJECT : Misuse of PCL
TO : HQ ACC, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission, APO 394

1. Reference ACC/5146/IC dated 9 May 1944 addressed to Public Safety Sub-Commission, copy to this Section.
2. In accordance with arrangements made in conversation referred to in paragraph 1, the above-mentioned letter, Lt. Col. King met with Col. Young and Capt. Ballance in Salerno 10 May 1944. Col. Young stated his work is administrative and he has no authority to order road check etc, or enforce regulations in the Provinces. Action is possible by order of Brigadier Lush through the Provincial CAO's and police officers only.
3. Col. Young referred to Executive Memorandum No. 51 dated 24 April 1944, paragraph 21 which recommends corrective measures.
4. In view of the above it is suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of Brigadier Lush.
5. Suggestions in paragraphs 8 and 9 of your ACC/5146/IC dated 9 May 1944 are being considered by this Section.

/S/ H.B. Eyles
H.B. EYLES
Colonel
Petroleum Section

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Notes on the Issue of POB to Civilians. 117

1. Insure that every application for a license is fully checked. Permits should be issued to doctors, public officials, and for very few others. These others should be restricted to cases where the use of the car is essential to the furtherance of the war effort. The number of cars licensed at present appears in many provinces to be excessive. Bus service, where properly scheduled, should make possible the withdrawal of certain existing car licenses.
2. The licenses for cars whose owners do not apply for petrol coupons should be cancelled and the circulating permit withdrawn. Where on further examination it is decided to re-issue the circulating permit, this should only be done on a declaration of the source of black-market supply of petrol.
3. Civil type cars with "ANG/ACC" or other symbols painted on them should be carefully checked and the ownership and driver's identity proved. Military members of ANG/ACC should be warned to expect these checks and to cooperate.
4. Civilians cars, other than those belonging to doctors, not to be permitted on the roads on Sundays without a special pass issued for each particular occasion. All ANG/ACC owned vehicles to carry a trip ticket for all journeys when driven by Italians.
5. In order to check the restrictions suggested above, road blocks under strong police control should be introduced periodically and all civilian type cars checked with the following penalties:
 - a. Cars found circulating without a permit to be confiscated, the driver prosecuted.
 - b. Cars "Joy riding" or with unauthorized women in them to have their permits withdrawn. The names of persons successfully prosecuted to be published in the press together with the penalties inflicted.

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

18 May 1944

Ref/191/26/CA.

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

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

SA + 8A refer.

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Executive Commissioner



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

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Ref/191/25/GA.

18 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

10/24/44

1. I refer to your 1053/7/01 of 29 April 1944.
2. Careful consideration has been given to this subject by this Commission in consultation with Lt.Col.King of the Petroleum Section Advanced AFHQ. A copy of my letter dated 13 May addressed to all Regional Commissioners and SOAGs Armies is enclosed for your information. A similar letter has been sent to the Italian Minister of the Interior as well as to the Commanding Generals of Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.
3. There can be no doubt that a very extensive black market in petrol exists and that the misuse of transport is mainly due to this cause rather than to an abuse of the rationing system. Much can be done by the application of strict police measures as set out in the enclosed letter to Regional Commissioners and severe punishment of those convicted being widely publicised should have its effect.
4. Perhaps the greatest single step towards a solution of the problem would be the dyeing of military petrol to distinguish it from civilian supplies, and since the same problem is certain to arise in all theatres of operations, I suggest this step should be given serious consideration at a very high level.
5. But there are two aspects of this matter. Petrol reaches the black market in many ways; it generally however comes from military stocks and there is no doubt that more often than not it is obtained with the connivance of Allied and Italian Military personnel who are concerned with many operations in the black market. The provision of guards on dumps and the enforcement of the law among civilians can only be regarded as half measures unless they are accompanied by similar drastic disciplinary measures to check this side of the traffic in stolen petrol.

M. S. MUSA
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

12, May 1944

AOC/14402/7/1/25

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol.

TO : Vice President Administrative Section.

1. Reference CAO's ^{enc.} 1053/7/81 of 29 April 44, this matter has been considered by this Sub-Commission and discussions have taken place with Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission and Lt. Col. King, Petroleum Section AFHQ.

2. Attached is a report of Capt. Pallance on this subject, notes of a meeting held 10 May 44 and a report from the Director, Trade and Industry Sub-Commission.

3. There can be no doubt that a very extensive black market in petrol exists and that the misuse of transport is due mainly to this cause rather than to an abuse of the rationing system. Petrol can be bought from unauthorised sources at a price which is sometimes less than the official one - this fact alone gives a good indication of the extent of the illegal supplies.

4. Petrol reaches the "black market" in many ways but always it emanates from Army stocks and is usually obtained with the connivance of Allied personnel.

5. Much can I think be done by the application of strict police measures such as those suggested but principally by attention to the source of leakage by the Military authorities concerned and by road checks of Allied and Italian police.

6. The drying of military petrol to distinguish it from civilian supplies is I am sure the best practical remedy but the difficulties of achieving this are at present considerable. Since the same problem is certain to arise in all theatres of operation, this step ought to be considered on the highest level. I understand that to

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7. A draft directive for submission to the Executive Commissioner is attached.
8. This Sub-Commission will impress upon the Italian police agencies the necessity for strict action and full cooperation with Allied personnel.

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

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

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12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Misuse of petrol.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
SCAO's 5th & 8th Armies.

1. The Commander in Chief has expressed his concern at reports that are reaching him of the number of civilian cars which are on the road, and of the extent to which civilians obtain petrol.
2. As the official allotment of petrol for civilian use is very small, it is evident that the main source of supply is from Army stocks. This petrol is either stolen from dumps, or it finds its way into the "Black Market" with the connivance of Allied and Italian Military personnel. The price of petrol in the Black Market is often little different from the official one.
3. This matter has been brought to the notice of G.O.C.'s, Districts 1, 2 and 3, and CG P.P.S.
4. RPSO's and PPSO's will maintain the closest contact with local commanders, and will take the strongest action possible to detect both military and civil offenders.
5. In particular, road checks will be established, as directed in Executive Memorandum No. 51, which will operate daily at varying times and places in each province.
6. The check points should be operated by British/American Military Police (by agreement with provost marshals) and Italian police agencies in order that the check may cover both military and civilian vehicles.
7. The object of such checks will be to ensure that:-
 - (a) Civilian Vehicles
 - (i) a current circulating permit has been issued;
 - (ii) The vehicle is used for the purpose shown on the permit; (special attention to be given to this point on Sundays);
 - (iii) a current bolletta (tax receipt) issued by the Reale Automobile Club d'Italia is displayed;
 - (iv) orders relating to the movement of civilians are not infringed;
 - (v) the passengers carried, especially women, are authorised.

(b) Military Vehicles

The use of the vehicle is properly authorized.

(c) Military petrol containers are confiscated if found in the hands of civilians.

(d) No petrol is carried in any receptacle, other than the petrol tank, without proper authority.

8. Sentences awarded as a result of judicial proceedings should be publicised as much as possible.

By command of Lt. Gen. Mason MacFarlane.

M. I. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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AFHQ (Adv. Ech.) Petroleum Section.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Public Safety Sub-Commission

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 12 May 1944.

ACC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT: Misuse of petrol.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Interior.
 Commanding General CCRP
 Commanding General GCPF.

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4. Regional and provincial public Safety Officers have been instructed to maintain the closest contact with local Military Commanders, and to take the strongest action possible to detect both civil and military offenders.
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- (b) this sub-Commission be informed of any additional action taken by you.

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

Copy to:

Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.
Ministry of Industry and Commerce.
Ministry of Communications.

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 9 May 1944

Ref. ACC/5146/IC

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission

1. Reference CAO's 1053/7/Q1 of 29 Apr. 44 and conversation (Col. King - Maj. Brereton - Capt. Balance) of 8 May 1944.
2. This Sub-Commission is of the opinion that whilst the new petrol rationing scheme will prevent some abuses and make it easier to detect others, it will not, of itself, greatly reduce the misuse of POL.
3. Nothing but police action will, for example, prevent the recipient of a Circulation Permit and Petrol Ration Card from obtaining additional supplies in the Black Market or using the vehicle, even on Ration Card Petrol, for improper purposes.
4. It is felt that the introduction of the new Rationing Scheme should be accompanied by IMMEDIATE police action to drive off the roads all but legitimate users engaged on legitimate business. Action NOW will be many times more effective than a month hence.
5. Effective action can only be taken in conjunction with the military authorities and snap road blocks should consist of say two each American, British and Italian Police at sites constantly varying and decided at a moment's notice, and should apply to ALL vehicles.
6. Some inconvenience and delay would inevitably be occasioned to the military but it is understood that a drive has already been instituted against traffic offences and that Pet. Sec. have already been in touch with the military who have agreed to remove spare petrol containers from all but long-distance vehicles.
7. It is believed that the main source of illicit black market petrol is the lack of control and measurement at Army Petrol Points, with the result that, by and large, far greater quantities of POL are issued than are signed for.
8. It is suggested that the military should issue an order that tanks on motor vehicles should, in every case, be FILLED TO CAPACITY and the driver sign accordingly on his work ticket and vehicle log book.
9. It would then be a relatively simple matter to check in SUSPECTED CASES whether MEASURED Petrol required to REFILL his tank was commensurate with the recorded use of the vehicle since it was last FILLED.

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10. It is suggested that Petroleum Section consider the practicability of instituting the method in 8 and 9 above.
11. A further cause for misuse of petrol is believed to be the carrying of women passengers, and Sunday motoring which tends to result in joy-riding and diversion of vehicles from their authorised route. It is understood that the Italians had a law before the occupation that only women provided with a special pass were permitted to ride in motor vehicles.
12. It is suggested that if not repealed, this law be enforced or that the Italian Government and AMG issue decrees and Orders prohibiting the carrying of women or Sunday motoring without a special permit.
13. Simultaneously the military traffic squads should enforce the existing rules on the subject which are being flagrantly violated.
14. In conclusion the importance of IMMEDIATE police action, even if only in selected areas, is stressed so that the Italians will realise that the new petrol rationing scheme is going to be enforced and misuse of petrol stamped out. Offenders should INVARIABLY have their cars confiscated and wide press publicity should be given to all successful prosecutions.
15. We would like to see a draft of the proposed reply to the CAO's letter so that an agreed reply may be made.

Copy to:-
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Economic Section

W. P. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Public Safety Sub-Commission

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10 May 1944.

ACC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

TO : C.P.S.

Reference letter 1053/7/Q1 from AAI dated 29 April 1944.

1. Questions relating to the misuse of petroleum products by civilians have recently been the subject of long discussions with the Italian Government. The following measures have already been taken in occupied and unoccupied territory as a first step toward suppressing these abuses:-

- (a) General Order No. 20 and a Royal Decree Law have been published restricting the circulation of motor vehicles to those in respect of which circulation permits have been issued;
- (b) Permits are only issued in the case of vehicles which serve an essential public need. The issue of an authorisation for petroleum supplies is dependent upon the issue of a permit.
- (c) Application forms, circulating permits and authorisations for petroleum products, and the procedure for dealing with them, have been standardised in both territories.

These measures became effective in both occupied and unoccupied territory on 8 May and Regional Commissioners have already been instructed to establish a system of road checks, vide Executive Memorandum No. 51.

2. Complaints relating to the misuse of petrol generally arise from the fact that abundant supplies of petrol are available in the Black Market at a price little different from the official one.
3. The main if not the total source of this supply is from military stocks, and the indications are that it finds its way into the market by the connivance of Allied and Italian drivers of military vehicles. Emptying the tanks en route is a known method. Direct larceny from dumps probably only accounts for a small portion of the amount involved.
4. These matters were discussed with Lt. Col. King, AFHQ, Petroleum Section, and Major Prereton, Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, on 8 May 1944.
5. On behalf of this Sub-Commission, it was suggested that the remedial measures necessary in this connection lie mainly in the hands of the military and appear to be as follows:-

- (a) Petrol consumption of all military vehicles to be carefully checked; cases of excessive consumption to be investigated.
- (b) The carrying of spare tins of petrol to be forbidden.

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- (c) Special effort be made to detect both military and civilian offenders;
- (d) consideration to be given to dyeing military petrol a colour different from that supplied for civilian use;
- (e) greater attention to be paid to the security of petrol dumps.

6. Lt. Col. King expressed the view that:-

- (a) it would be difficult to keep an effective check on petrol consumption, having regard to operating difficulties.
- (b) Petroleum Section has asked G.O.C's to prohibit the carrying of spare tins. P.B.S. has already issued orders to this effect.
- (c) The question of dyeing petrol is being investigated but the practical difficulties are considerable, though some progress in this connection has been made in North Africa.
- (d) The military would be glad to co-operate with any enforcement measures suggested by ACC.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

Action as follows is suggested:-

- (a) All Army orders repeat the warning that petrol is a vital weapon of war and that severe disciplinary action will be taken if misused or misappropriated.
- (b) The security of petrol dumps to be overhauled.
- (c) Consideration be given to the question of establishing a system of checking the consumption of fuel of all Army vehicles by means of log books or charts. This is specially important, and should be possible, in the case of static units.
- (d) Definite instructions to be issued forbidding the carriage of spare tins of fuel on military vehicles, except where especially authorised.
- (e) Special efforts to be made for the detection and prosecution of offenders and for publicity to be given to the sentences awarded as a result of judicial proceedings.
- (f) G.O.C's should be instructed to co-operate with Provincial Commissioners in the establishment of check points which will operate for short periods daily at varying times and places.

The personnel manning the points to consist of British/American Military Police and Italian police agencies.

The object of such checks to ensure that:-

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- (i) a current circulating permit has been issued in respect of the vehicle;
- (ii) the vehicle is being used for the purpose shown on the permit;
- (iii) a bolletta (tax receipt) issued by the Reale Automobile Club d'Italia has been issued and is displayed on the vehicle.
- (g) A letter should be circulated to Regional Commissioners drawing attention to the necessity for strong action in this matter and asking their full support.

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W. C. BALLANCE, Capt.,
Licensing & Registration.

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

Ref/191/11/CA

5 May 1944

Subject: Missuse of Petrol.

To : Public Safety Sub-Commission
(Through Admin. Section)

Confirming conversation over telephone
between Col. Young and Capt. Talbot today, a
copy of some notes on this subject prepared
by Adv. AFHQ Petrol Section is enclosed.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Notes on the Issue of FOL to Civilians. 2B

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2. The licenses for cars whose owners do not apply for petrol coupons should be cancelled and the circulating permit withdrawn. Where on further examination it is decided to re-issue the circulating permit, this should only be done on a declaration of the source of black-market supply of petrol.
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4. Civilian cars, other than those belonging to doctors, not to be permitted on the roads on Sundays without a special pass issued for each particular occasion. All AMG/ACC owned vehicles to carry a trip ticket for all journeys when driven by Italians.
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SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol

HEADQUARTERS
Allied Armies in Italy,
C.M.F.
1053/7/Q1.
29 April 1944

H.Q. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

The Commander-in-Chief is perturbed at reports that are reaching him of the number of civil cars which are on the road, and of the extent to which civilians can apparently obtain petrol. These reports indicate that there is a great amount of petrol being wasted on pleasure motoring particularly in Sicily.

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The Commander-in-Chief would be grateful if you would study this matter, in consultation with the Staff at this H.Q. responsible for the allocation of petrol for Italian civilian use and with the District Commanders concerned. He will be glad to have a report from you as to the steps which you propose to take to check the present abuse.

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- C.G., Pen insular Base Section
- Petroleum Section
- D.C.A.O.

sgd. B.H. ROBERTSON
Major General
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EXTRACT FROM P.B.S. DAILY BULLETIN No.126 DATED 5 MAY 44

3. CONSERVATION OF GASOLINE CANS AND GASOLINE. a. Reference: Section 11.
Circular 9, Headquarters NATOUA cs.

b. 5 gallon gasoline cans will not be mounted or transported as motor vehicle
equipment by P.B.S. Units except under the following conditions:-

1. The scheduled trip is of sufficient length to require more gasoline
than carried in tank of vehicle.
2. No Allied Forces refuelling points are in operation along the route
to be covered.

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by Command of General WILSON

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O.M. MADSEN
1st Lt., AGD
Assistant Adjutant General

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Advanced AFHQ
Petroleum Section
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FET 19/14/1
2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Issue of POL to Civilians.

TO : C.A.O., HQ. AAI

Reference 1053/7/Q1 dated 29 April.

1. Copy of a letter sent by this Section to HQ ACC is attached for information.
2. It is suggested that a letter should be sent to Commanders of Districts and Base Sections embodying the points on the attached Appendix "A".

sgd...
H.B. EYLES
Colonel
Petroleum Section

APPENDIX "A"

Notes on Issue of POL

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5. Military Police to withdraw all Army returnable petrol cans from civilian vehicles and from military vehicles not in organized convoys or carrying a signed authority from a competent authority.

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PET 19/114/1
2 May 1944

SUBJECT: Issue of POL to Civilians

TO : HQ ACC, APO 394, U.S. Army

Arising from letter 1053/7/91 dated 29 April, the attached notes are submitted for consideration. These notes summarize the various points which have been raised in discussions extending over the past few months.

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H. B. EYLES
Colonel
Petroleum Section

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Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
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29 Apr. 44.

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H.Q., Allied Control Commission.

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s/ M. A. Robertson

Major-General,
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