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MISUSE OF PETROL
JULY-NOV. 1945

(Translation M.C.)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S.Gen.Direction
Frontier and Transport

Rome 21. I. 1945

N° 300/50498/I4600

Repl. to sheet IO inst.AC/I4402/7/I/P.S.

SUBJECT: Veto on motorcycling competitions.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S.

R O M E

This Ministry gives the assurance that the prohibition
of Italian Motorcycling RACES will be respected.

In the future, we shall not fail to signal cases in
which results that fuel has been assigned by Allied Authority.

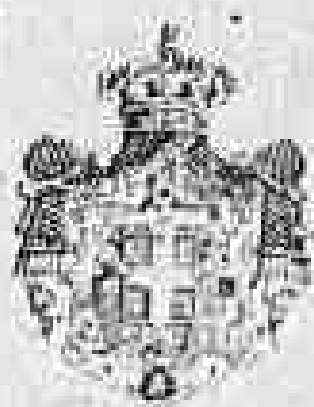
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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S.

Divisione Polizia Frontiera e Trasporti

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N°300/50498/14600

Roma, li 21.11.1945

Risp. al foglio del 10 corr.
R°AC/14402/7/1/PS.

OGGETTO: Divieto gare motociclistiche.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione per la P.S.-

ROMA

Si assicura che questo Ministero manterrà fermo l'attuale divieto di organizzazione di corse motociclistiche italiane.

Per l'avvenire, non si mancheranno di segnalare i casi in cui risulti che il carburante sia stato assegnato da Autorità Alleate.

PER IL MINISTRO

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Tel: 478397

JRG/lg

6 November 1945

Ref. AC/5087/PCL/Commerce

SUBJECT: Forged Petrol Coupons

TO : H.Q. Liguria Region AMG
" Piemonte " "
" Lombardia " "
" Venetia " "

1. Information has been received from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to the effect that forged petrol coupons are known to be circulating in certain areas and particularly in Milan province.

2. Specimens have been examined by this S/C and, though careful scrutiny side by side with authentic coupons reveals the false, the forged version is good enough to pass a normal scrutiny.

3. The Ministry have pointed out that standing instructions call for an impressed stamp to be applied to all valid coupons by the issuing agency but apparently this practice is not current in the North where ordinary rubber stamps appear to be used for validating coupons. These can easily be copied and make the forger's work much easier.

4. It is requested, therefore, that instructions as follows be issued forthwith to all issuing offices and C.I.P. depots :

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- a) An impressed stamp must be applied to all valid coupons in every booklet issued and coupons which are not so stamped will not be honoured

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by C.I.F.

- b) As from the date when the instructions are issued C.I.P. must instruct all booklet holders to present their coupons to the issuing agency for application of the stamp to any unexpended coupons.
- c) When such booklets are presented to the issuing agency the numbers will be checked before the coupons are validated.

5. The biggest difference between the authentic and forged coupons is in the serial number and the object of requesting that the above instructions be implemented forthwith is to give the issuing agencies an opportunity to check this, confirm all authentic coupons and take steps against any holders of forged coupons who may present them for validating.

6. These measures are only to be regarded as temporary and further steps are being studied by the Ministry for general adoption throughout Italy with a view to defeating this particular type of fraud.

7. It is suggested finally that this situation be brought to the attention of the local police authorities for careful investigation.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONY

Major H. A. GENT

H. A. GALT,

Major

Director

Commerce Subcommission

Copy to: Petsee, R.A.A.C.
: C.I.P., Rome
: Economic Section
: Public Safety 2/

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

10 November 1945

AC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Motor Cycle Races.

TO : Ministry of Interior
(Director of P.S.)

1. Reference your 300/50498/14600 of 20 October 45.
2. The prohibition should apply to all Italian Motor Cycle races.
3. It would be appreciated if further particulars could be given of the Allied Authorities supplying petrol, as mentioned in your above quoted letter, when the matter would be taken up with them.

John W. Chapman
f JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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SUBJECT:

Pol for motor-cycle races.

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From																	
1.	6 Nov. 45.		Public Safety SFC. Re attached correspondence returned (Police Dist.). to you for action it is suggested that an appropriate reply be sent to Min. of Interior requesting clarification as to which Allied Authorities have issued permits for this purpose and in what quantities. This SFC feels that such supplies are highly irregular and not in keeping with present P.O.L. policy. Commerce SFC. (Pol.) <i>J. Bowlin Capt.</i>																		
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23 OCT. 1945

TRANSLATION D.S.

Rome, 20 October 1945.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Directorate of P.S.

To ALLIED COMMISSION

Frontier Police and
Transportation Division

PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.

No 300/50498/14600

6 - NOV 1945

R O M E

SUBJECT : Moto-cycle races.

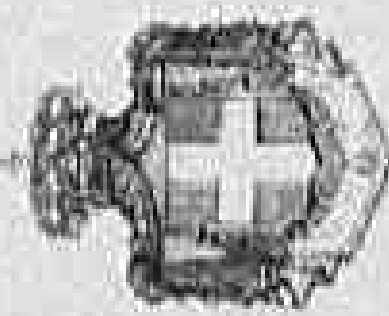
Following note No 10.14509.14600 dated 25 September ult., by which copy of telegraphic despatch referring to the a/m prohibition was forwarded.

Referring to such disposition the "Reale Federazione Motociclistica Italiana" - Roma Via S. Eufemia, 9 - asks if the prohibition in question is also applicable to those moto-cycle races for the effecting of which the local Allied Authorities have specifically assigned the required petrol.

Before answering the a/m question this Ministry begs your Commission to communicate its point of view.

For the Ministry
/s/ illegible

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Roma 20 ottobre 1945

Ministro dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per la
Pubblica Sicurezza

Divisione per la Polizia
di Frontiera e dei Trasporti

Prot. 1500/50498/14500 Regali

ROMA

Proposta al Foglio del

Dir. Sec. N. 2

OGGETTO Divieto gare motociclistiche.

Si fa seguito alla lettera n° IO.14509.14500 del 25 settembre c.a., con la quale si trasmetteva a codesta Sottocommissione copia del dispaccio telegrafico riguardante il divieto di gare motociclistiche.

In relazione a tale disposizione, la Reale Federazione Motociclistica Italiana, con sede in Roma, via S. Eufemia, 9, ha chiesto di conoscere se il divieto si applichi anche a quelle gare motociclistiche che per il cui svolgimento locali autorità alleate abbiano specificamente assegnato il carburante necessario.

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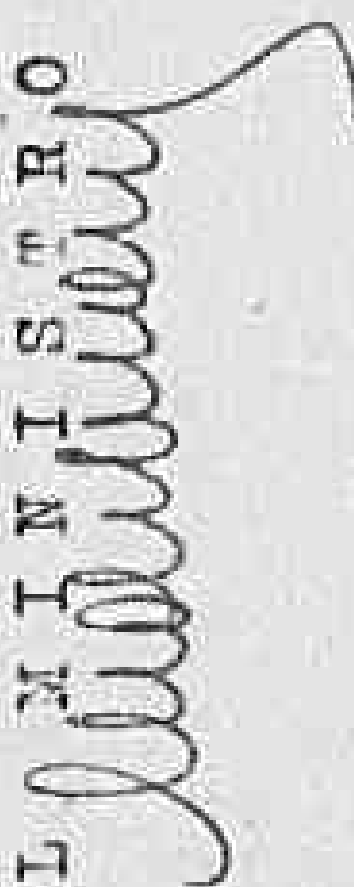
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TRANSLATION D.S.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Directorate of P.S.

Rome, 25 September 1945

Police Division - 3rd Section

TO ALLIED COMMISSION

PUBLIC SAFETY B.C.

No 10.14509.14600

R O M E

SUBJECT : Moto-cycle Races - Prohibition.

Reference to letter No AC/14402/7/1/PS dated 13 inst.

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Such prohibition is confirmed by the attached Circular and is now extended to all Provinces of Italy.

For the Minister
/s/ illegible

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Police Division - 3^a Sect.

TO ALL THE PREFECTS IN ITALY
High Commissioner SICILY
High Commissioner SARDINIA
Questore - ROME -

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For the Minister
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10 OCT 1945

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Directorate of Public Security

Police Division - 3 Sect.

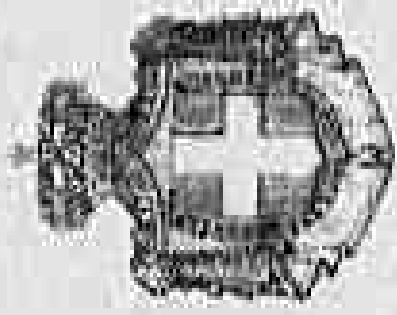
Rome, 27 September 1945.

No 10.14513.14600

TO ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.SUBJECT : Waste of petrol -
Motor vehicles control.H O M E

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Reference to letter AC/14402/7/1/PS dated 7 inst and
to note No 555 dated 16 July ult.The forged circulation permits altogether amount to 80.
A good many of them were sequestered and others recovered in
blank.It is believed that the few that are left have been
destroyed by their owners as, however attentively invigilated,
no more were found in circulation.Nevertheless the surveyance and investigation work is
going on. The transgressors were denounced to the Judiciary
Authority.With the connection it is communicated that through
the mostly insufficient elements come from the various provinces
it appears that during last August 76 motor-cars were requisitioned
as they were found circulating without the required permit;
17 circulation permits have been withdrawn as the concerned
vehicles were found circulating away from the authorized area;
6 licenses were taken back on account of other transgressions
to circulation rule.For the Minister
/s/ Ferrari



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Roma 7 settembre 1945-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Divisione Polizia *Se. Terza*

Prot. N. 10.14513 *Allegati*

14600

Risposta al Foglio del 7 corrente

Dir. Sec. AG/14462/7/1/P.S.

OGGETTO Abuso di benzina - Controllo sui veicoli -

I permessi di circolazione falsificati, di cui alla precedente nota del 16 luglio u.s. n. 555, ammontano complessivamente ad ottanta.

Buona parte di essi sono stati sequestrati ed altri recuperati in bianco.

Si presume che i pochi rimasti siano stati distrutti dai possessori, dato che, per quanto si sia attentamente vigilato, non ne sono stati trovati altri in circolazione.

Ciò nondimeno continua l'opera di vigilanza ed investigazione.

A carico dei trasgressori è stata sporta denuncia all'Autorità Giudiziaria.

Con l'occasione si comunica che, dai dati largamente incompleti, pervenuti dalle varie provincie, risulta che nello scorso mese di agosto sono state sottoposte a requisizione 76 automobili, perché sorprese a circolare senza il relativo permesso, sono stati invece ritirati 17 permessi di circolazione, perché le auto relative sono state trovate fuori della zona per cui erano state autorizzate, e sono state sequestrate 6 licenze per altre infrazioni alla disciplina sulla circolazione.

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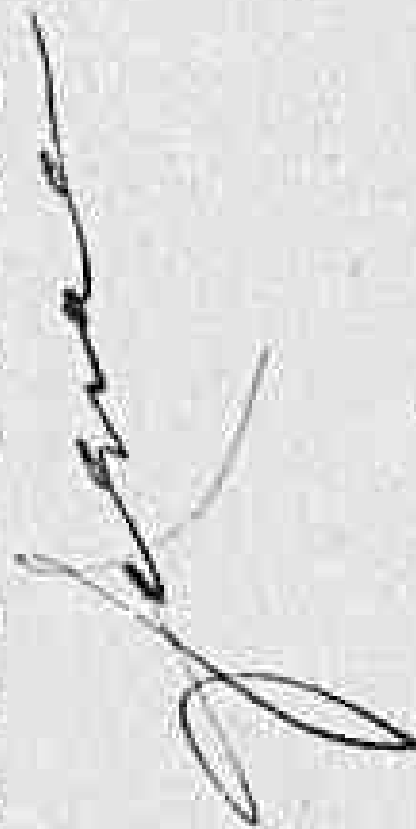
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per M I N I S T R O

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TRANSLATION E.S.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Directorate of P.S.

Police Division - 3rd Section

No 10.14509.14500

Rome, 25 September 1945

TO ALLIED COMMISSION

PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.

R O M E

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Police Division - 3rd Sect.

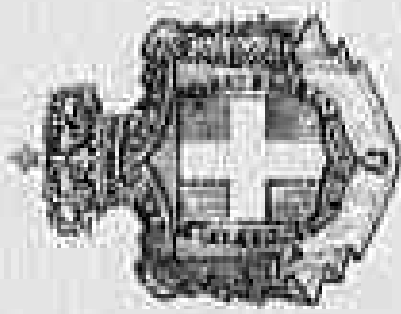
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For the Minister
/s/ Ferrari

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S.

Mod. 872

Roma, 25 Settembre 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P. S.

R O M A

Divisione Polizia Terza

Prot. N. 10.14509. Allegato uno
14600

Risposta al Foglio del I3 corrente
Dir. n. AC/14602/7/I/2.4.

OGGETTO Corse motociclistiche = Divieto. =

Per opportuna conoscenza, si invia copia della circolare telegrafica con la quale sono stati incaricati i Prefetti di vigilare affinché, nel modo più assoluto, siano vietate le gare motociclistiche e tutte quelle altre che comportino il consumo del carburante.

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PEL MINISTRO

Adalberto

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Divisione Polizia - Sezione Terza

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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

Dispaccio Telegrafico

P R E F E T T I

REGNO

ALTO COMISSARIO SICILIA "PALERMO"

ALTO COMISSARIO SARDEGNA "CAGLIARI"

QUESTORE

ROMA

10.14500/14600 - Risultando che gare motociclisti-
che vengano autorizzate talune provincie richiamasi
personale attenzione Vostre SS. su assoluto divie-
to dette gare et similari comportanti consumo car-
burante punto Pregasi assicurare punto

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Ferrari

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14402/7/1 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14402/7/1/TS

20 Sept.45

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol

TO : Commerce Sub Commission

1. Reference your AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL.22 dated 7 September 1945.
2. It is agreed that without definite police action reducing the number of circulation permits would not decrease the demand for POL. However, we have tried going to the Ministry of Interior several times also without any appreciable result as you have mentioned. The reason is deeper than mere police inaction. The police have learned through experience that they cannot expect to have the support of the members of the government in this matters. The plan I suggested works in Naples because the police there have the complete support of the AMG officers and when a car is impounded it stays impounded.
3. This plan must be placed before the Council of Ministers and have their complete approval including non-interference with the police in the performance of their duties and their active support in holding vehicles impounded for cause.
4. Therefore, the best method of approach is through your Sub Commission to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce which can present the problem to the Council of Ministers as a matter of urgency affecting the economy of the country. If results are to be obtained, the Council of Ministers must agree

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and implement the entire plan including instructions
to and support of the police.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

JWC/pl

25 SEP. 1945

TRANSLATION M.C.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

13 SEPTEMBER 1945

ROME

DIV. POLICE REG. III

Ref: 10.14110.14600

Ans. to RG. AG/14153/7/IPS
of 16-8-1945

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION S. C. FOR P.S. ROME

SUBJECT: Irregular issue of 'S' circulation permit.

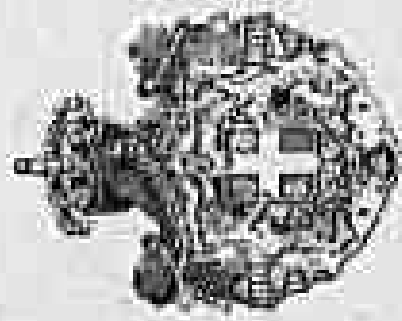
An 'S' permit No. 707, dated 13 June ult. had been issued for circulation of Fiat 1500, plate-numbered 54008-car owned by Lt. Col. Amedeo Paridisi (air-force) - in connection with Associazione Nazionale Famiglie Caduti Aviazione e Mutilati, del Volo, in consideration of the fact that Paridisi is deprived of both legs. He should have used car only in what regards a/w Association.

Referring to other complaint, received by the Air Ministry for use of car other than that strictly in connection with Office duties, measures have been taken when the 'S' permit, due on the 30th of last June, was not renewed.

For the Minister

/s/ illegible

S/no



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia *Sp. III*

Prot. N. 20.14140. Allegati
I4600

OGGETTO Rilascio irregolare di un permesso di circolazione "S"
per motoveicolo.=

Roma, 1 Settembre 1945

AL COMANDO DELLA COMMISSIONE
ALLEATI
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del 16.8.1945
Dir. Sp. n. 20/14402/7/I PS

Il permesso tipo "S" n. 707, alla data del 13 giugno u.s., era in consegna all'autovettura Fiat I500, targa Roma 56008, di proprietà del Tenente Colonnello Pilota Amedeo Paradisi e per conto dell'Associazione Nazionale Famiglie Caduti Aviazione e Mutilati del Volo, in considerazione che il Paradisi predetto è mutilato agli arti inferiori e che avrebbe dovuto impiegare l'automezzo per la necessità di servizio inerente alla sua attività a favore dell'Associazione su menzionata.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APC 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14402/7/1/PS

13 Sept. 1945

SUBJECT : Motor-cycle Races
TO : Ministry of Interior
Direzione Generale Pubblica Sicurezza

1. This HQ has been informed that motor-cycle racing has been allowed in parts of the Country in the hands of the Italian Government, Piacenza being quoted as one place.

2. The use of petrol for purely sporting purposes cannot be justified in view of the existing conditions, nor can it be considered legal.

JOHN W. CRAFTAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

CEF/pl

Copy : RPSO, Lombardia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

P. SAFETY 8/10

8 Sep 45

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1. All attempts to institute motor-cycle races in this Region have been resisted and some races already advertised have been stopped in view of the regulations governing the use of petrol. It is the opinion of these Headquarters that the use of petrol for purely sporting purposes cannot be justified in view of the existing conditions nor can it be considered legal.
2. It has been drawn to notice, however, that motor-cycle racing is being allowed in parts of the country in the hands of the Italian Government - Piacenza being quoted as one place.
3. In the circumstances may the matter be considered with a view to the issue of an instruction effecting consistency throughout, please.

For the Regional Commissioner,

N.W.F. FOWLER,
Major,
REPO, LOMBARDIA REGION.

Copy to Executive Commissioner, HQ, AC
Commerce Sub-Commission
POL Officer, Lombardia Region
D/RC, Lombardia Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission a
APO 394

Tel. 478134

AC/14402/7/1/PS

10 Sept. 45

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
(Attention 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 months of May, June and July the following number of motor vehicles were sequestered on account of irregularities:-

	May	June	July	August
Naples	18	17	-	-
Bari	-	2	5	-
Campobasso		1	-	-
Catania		6	-	-
Florence		7	-	-
Salerno		1	3	-
Foggia		-	1	-
Frosinone		-	2	-
Rieti		-	3	-
Rome		-	13	1
Total	18	34	27	1

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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Copy to : Petsec, AFHQ, RAAC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Tel. 478397

JRC/cr

Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL.22

7 September 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL

TO : Public Safety Subcommittee

1. The attached correspondence has been returned to this Subcommittee by Economic Section covered by Routing and Work Sheet 27 Aug.45.

2. It will be noted that agreement is expressed to the suggestion annotated by Col. Chapman on Petsec's letter and, in this connection, it is desired to draw particular attention to para's 4 and 5 of this Subcommittee's Inter Office Memo of 20 Aug.45.

3. Though circulars have been sent by Ministry of Interior to Prefects and Police Authorities, it cannot be said that any energetic action has been reported by way of instituting Road Patrols and Street Blocks, and it is felt by this Subcommittee that these measures constitute a necessary preliminary to AC collaboration with Italian authorities on the lines suggested by Col. Chapman.

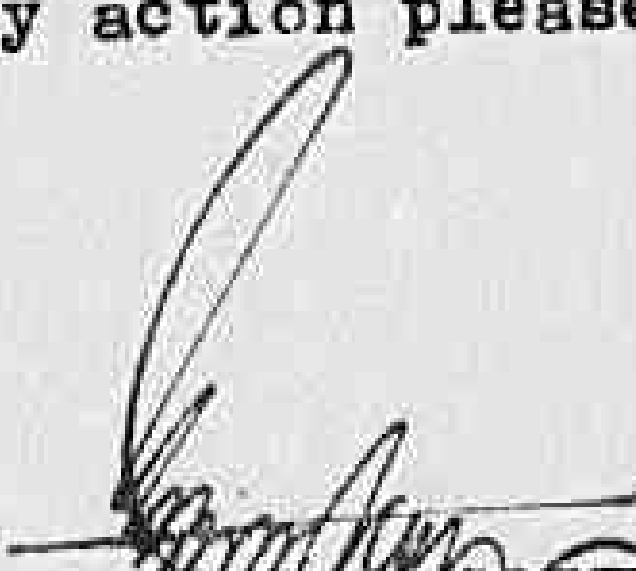
4. It is suggested, therefore, that the best method of approach to the Italian Government on this problem is to Ministry of Interior through your Subcommittee since, if definite police action is not taken, the only effect of cutting down the number of Circulation Permits will be to increase the demand for Black Market POL.

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5. If it is still felt that the special Screening Board should be set up, may action please be taken along the above lines.


W. E. SCOTTEN
Major, M.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Attach.- Original letter Pet 30/A/10 dated 8 August 45
to Economic Section
Copy Inter Office memo AC/5146/12 of 20 August
45 to Economic Section
Routing and Work Sheet Economic Section 27 Aug. 45.

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AFHQ, PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 473375

PET 30/A/10

8 August 45

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol.

HQ. A.C., Economic Section,
APO 394.

*Correction by Petres following
telephone conversation Capt. Berlin
16/Aug/45.*

Reference HQ. A.C., Economic Section letter, AC/5146/12/Commerce dated 4 August 45, addressed to G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. This Section is ~~hardly~~ ^{heartily} in accord with the comments made in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the above-mentioned letter. However, it is desired to stress the point that the number of circulation permits in existence is the greatest single cause of the existence of the Black Market. It has been mentioned many times to officers of this Section that it is the practice of AC/AMG to permit free circulation, as is stated, "to get the cars on the road and find out how many are available", but they are never taken off the road after the needs of Officers are satisfied and are permitted to run.
2. In one of the Provinces of the North, the statement was made to an Officer of this Section that so little petrol was available that it was only possible to allocate ten liters per vehicle per month. The average allocation in Rome area is twenty-five liters per vehicle per month and it is difficult for this Section to understand how a car with such a ration can make a round trip from Rome to Naples, Rome to Florence, etc., and it is felt that stringent efforts should be made to remove these cars from circulation.
3. If it is possible when Allied Provost Marshals sit on the Board to remove 1,600 out of 4,000 vehicles from circulation as was done in Naples Province (reference AC/5037/Commerce/FOL 21 dated 19 July 45, subject: Circulation of Motor Vehicles - Naples), it is reasonable to believe that similar reductions in circulations could be effected at such points as Rome, Florence, Bologna, etc. As a matter of interest, during the German occupation, there were 112 motor vehicles circulating in all of Bologna Province. Today, there are over 1,500 in the city of Bologna alone.
4. It has been stated by Italian and Allied Commission officials a number of times that it was impossible to operate roving road blocks because they did not have the vehicles. This has a certain amount of merit, however, it is believed that a roving block inside of a city, such as Rome, could turn up very good business.

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5. In regards to the confusion mentioned in paragr. 7 of the above-mentioned letter, attention is called to the fact that in a few days, all of the 6,000 Allied trucks turned over to the Italian Government will be circulating, more or less still with Allied colors and many with Allied markings. It is felt that something drastic should be done to keep these vehicles out of W.D. petrol points. This Section has already notified all concerned, "no trip or work ticket, no petrol", but it is feared that there still will be leaks.

John L. King
JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col., GMC
Petroleum Section

Copy to: Petroleum Section, AFHQ. (2)

I recommend that arrangements be made with Italian Govt to permit review of all circulation permits by board of Public Safety officers in Rome to determine necessity and with power to cancel. I can furnish such a Board —
John W. Chapman
11 Aug 1945
Colonel - D.P.S.



USEE-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Ref. 473397

JHC/rLx

Ref. AC/5446/12/Commerce/POL.3

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol

TO : Economic Section
(Att'n. Supplies Div.)

1. The following comments are offered on the subject matter of letter REF 30/A/10 returned to you attached together with your file copies of preceding correspondence.
2. A telephone conversation with Petsec revealed the fact that the 4th word of para 1 "heavily" should have read "heartily", and it was intended to corroborate in full what is stated in paras 2 and 3 of AC/5446/12 dated 5 Aug. '45 to AFHQ G-5 Section rather than to offer a criticism thereof.
3. This Subcommittee agrees with Petsec that there appears to be a tendency in AMG areas to grant circulation permits too freely and released a circular calling attention to this - AC/5037/Governor of 6 Aug. '45 copy attached (Copy was sent direct to Public Safety Subcommittee).
4. Action in accordance with Col. Gingsen's suggestion would be welcomed but it is pointed out that implementation would be rendered difficult by the fact that permits now issued are valid until 31 December and will not come up for renewal until then. In Naples the screening by the special Board was carried out when the present series of permits was issued and all permits automatically come up for re-consideration. In Rome and other centres it would be necessary to arrange with the Italian Gov't to call in all permits specially and this would probably give rise to considerable hostility and obstruction.
5. This Subcommittee feels it would be worth taking the above risk provided that energetic Police action against offenders were guaranteed. At the moment, as has been pointed out repeatedly, there appears to be no sign of movement in this direction and, so far as this Subcommittee is aware, even the Chief Commissioner's letter to the new Prime Minister has been ignored. There is no doubt that road blocks inside city limits alone, as suggested in Petsec para 4 would reveal countless irregularities.
6. The question of military trucks being transferred to Italian Gov't referred to in Petsec para 6 has been discussed by this Subcommittee with Transportation Subcommittee. It is understood that instructions have been given to remove all military markings except WD number and that this will only be removed later when Ministry of Transport are in a position to allot new

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7. Please state what action, if any, this Subcommittee should take in the light of the above contents.

H. A. GENT
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Attach - ~~copy~~ NO/5037/Commerce dated 6 Aug. '45
with original correspondence refer para 1.

Copy to: Public Safety S/C.
(Att'n. Col. Chapman) without attachments.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

AC/14402/7/1/PS

7 Sept. 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol

TO : Ministry of Interior
Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and consideration of the suggestion made therein is a copy of a letter (AC/5146/12/Com/POB 15 dated 22nd August 1945) addressed to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce by Commerce Sub Commission, this Headquarters.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

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Letter referred to

Copy to : Rtsec RAAC
Economic Section
(without enclosure)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
AFG 394

AC/14402/7/1/TS

7 Sept. 45

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol - Control of vehicles
TO : Ministry of Interior
Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

1. Reference your letter N°555 dated 16th July 1945.

2. It would be appreciated if additional information could be supplied as soon as possible on the total number of false permits sold and what progress has been made on action taken against the users thereof.

JOHN V. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director

Copy : Petsec RAAC
Economic Section AC
Transportation S/C (Roads)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 478397

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Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL 13

22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL

TO : ☒ Public Safety Subcommittee
(attn. Maj. Ballance)

1. The report attached to your AC/14402/7/1/PS
of 16 August '45 has been read with great interest.

2. This Subcommittee would be interested to
know as soon as possible exactly how many false permits
were sold and what progress is made towards apprehending
all users thereof.

H. A. GENT
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Copy to: Petsec, RAAC
Economic Section

Maj. Ballance

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Tel. 478397

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Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL 11

22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL

TO : ✓ Public Safety Subcommittee

1. Reference your AC/14402/7/1/PS dated 16 August '45, attached are duplicate copies of a letter addressed to Ministry of Industry and Commerce AC/5146/12, same date.

2. It is suggested that you transmit one copy of this to Ministry of Interior, asking them to follow up the suggestion made with Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

W. E. Scotten
W. E. SCOTTEN
Major, M.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Subcommittee

2 attach. - as per para. 1 above

Copy to: Petsec, RAAC
Economic Section

TO	INIT
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EXEC. OFFICER	
ASST. DIR.	
IN. & REG.	
RECORDS	
ADM. OFFICER	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Tel. 478397

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Ref. AG/5146/12/Commerce/POL 10

22 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL

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

1. It has been brought to the attention of this Subcommission that a Rome taxi No 77413, Public Service License No. 481, was observed travelling Northwards on Route 2 within 4 Km of Radiofani on 10 Aug. '45 at 1000 hrs. The passengers carried were two male civilians and a boy.

2. May this Subcommission be informed whether licenses granted to public taxis authorize such long trips and whether petrol was issued through official channels in this particular case.

3. If the replies to the above queries are in the negative, it is felt that this matter should be referred to the Ministry of Interior for necessary action.

W. E. SCOTTEN
Major, M.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Subcommission

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to: Petsee, RAAC		
Public Safety S/C (Maj. Ballance)		
Economic Section		
1000 hrs. 10/8		

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R.A.A.C. QUESTURA BLDG. VIA S. VITALE

PSL/T.1.

To : Director Public Safety 3/C AC- HQ .

From : Lt.Col.R.T.Millhouse, L.G.

Subject : Mis-use of POL.

Rome, 21st Aug. 45.

Your reference AC/14402/1/1/PS dated 16th Aug. 45.

Arrangements have already been made with P.M.
R.A.A.C. and Military Police are now acting in cooperation
with Questura on drive instituted for dealing with
irregularities in connection with the circulation of motor-
vehicles.

Results will be reported in due course.

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

TO	INITIALS	DATE
DIRECTOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	21/8
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	21/8
EXEC. OFFICER	<i>[Signature]</i>	
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DEPT. OF THE ARMY

Tel. 178397

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Ref. AG/5446/12/Commerce/Pol.3

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of Petrol

TO : Economic Section
(Att'n. Supplies Div.)

1. The following comments are offered on the subject matter of letter PHT 30/A/10 returned to you attached together with your file copies of preceding correspondence.
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7. Please state what action, if any, this Subcommittee should take in the light of the above comments.

H. A. GRIFF
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Attach - copy 10/3037/Commerce dated 6 Aug. '45
with original correspondence refer para 1.

Copy to: Public Safety S/C.
(Att'n: Col. Chapman) without attachments.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

10.14600

20 August 45

SUBJECT : Vehicles circulation vigilance.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A.C.

Referring to letter No. 14600 dated 29 June, we communicate that following instructions issued by this Ministry for the control of vehicle circulation, we sequestered during the month of May 18 motor cars in Naples, because circulating for purposes other than those stated in document of authorisation.

During the month of June, 34 cars were sequestered, of which 2 in Bari, one in Campobasso, 6 in Catania, 7 in Florence, 17 in Naples and one in Salerno together with a circulation permit.

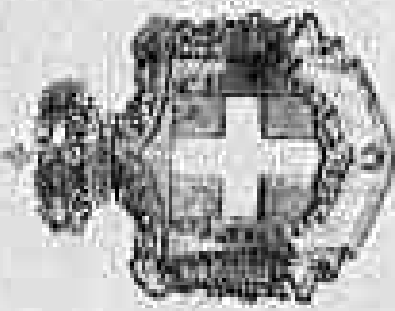
And during the month of July, 27 cars were sequestered 5 in Bari, one in Foggia, 2 in Frosinone, 3 at Rieti, 13 in Rome and 3 at Salerno.

For the Minister

/s/ Ferrari

Translation M.C.

Mar.



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia *Sez. Terza*
Prot. N. 10.14600 *Allegati*

OGGETTO

Vigilanza sulla circolazione degli autoveicoli.

Proposta al Regio del 7 Maggio us.
Dir. Ser. A.C. 14602/7/1 P.S.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIBATA
Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

mai, 20 Agosto 1945-

A seguito della lettera n.14600 del 29 giugno u.s. si comunica che, in adempimento delle note disposizioni emanate da questo Ministero per la vigilanza sulla circolazione degli automezzi, durante il mese di maggio sono state sequestrate, perché sorprese a circolare per fini diversi da quelli risultanti dal documento di autorizzazione o perché sprovvisti dell'autorizzazione stessa, 18 macchine a Napoli.

Durante il mese di giugno sono state sequestrate 34 macchine di cui 2 a Bari, una a Campobasso, 6 a Catania, 7 a Firenze, 17 a Napoli, una ed un permesso di circolazione a Salerno.

Durante il mese di luglio sono state sequestrate 27 macchine di cui 5 a Bari, una a Foggia, 2 a Frosinone, 3 a Rieti, 13 a Roma e 3 a Salerno.

per MINISTRO

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(Translation M.C.)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Direction P.S.

Division Police - Section III

Rome 20 Aug 1945

N°IO/I37I3/I4600

Reply a n.A 2 I4402/7/I of 9.5.1945

SUBJECT: Clandestine sale of fuel.

We beg to inform you that, in accordance to noted dispositions issued by this Ministry, on the 5th inst. the Reparto "CELERE" of the Rome Questura sequestered on the Rome-Ostia main road an I500 car, numbered 58142 Milan-authorized for mail transport between ROME-MILAN- while conveying to Ostia a party of young people.

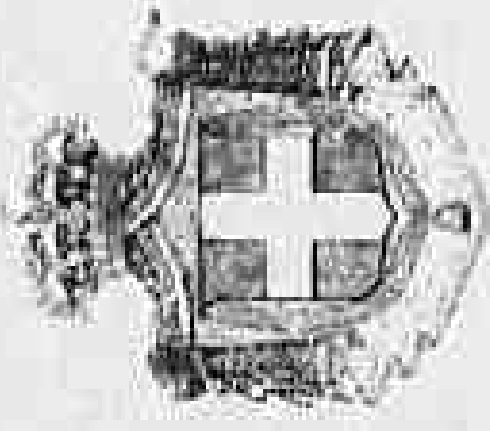
We have, also withdrawn 6 circulation permits, 6 circulation licenses besides, 18 fines for breaches of various kinds.

For the Minister

FERRARI

S/no

Mod. 839



Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

Divisione Polizia - Sezione III^a

N° IO. I3713/I4600

Roma 20 Agosto 1945

Risp. a n.A.2.I4402/7/I del 9.5.1945

O G G E T T O: Commercio clandestino di carburante.=

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

Si informa cotesta On/le Commissione che, in adempimento delle note disposizioni emanate da questo Ministero, il 5 corrente mese, il Reparto "Celere" della Questura di Roma, dell'autostrada Roma-Ostia, ha sequestrato l'auto I500 tarrata 58I42 Milano, autorizzata al servizio trasporto posta Roma=Milano, mentre trasportava ad Ostia una comitiva di giovani.

Sono stati inoltre ritirati 6 permessi di circolazione, 6 licenze di circolazione e sono state elevate 13 contravvenzioni per infrazioni varie.

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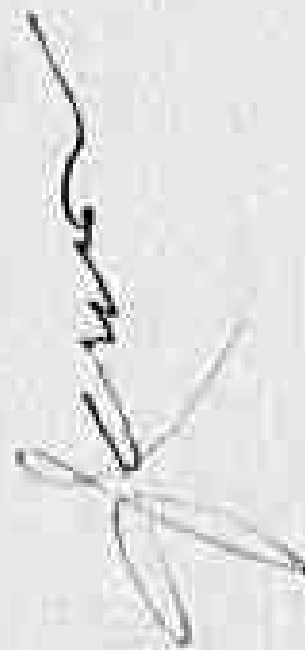
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478300

16 August 45

AC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Commerce Sub Com.
(Att: Capt. Cowling)

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a report (translation) received from the Ministry of Interior with regard with the pointing and issue of false motor vehicle circulating permits.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

WCB/pl

Copy : AFHQ Petsec, RAAC
Economic Section.

1. Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APD 394

Tel : 478800

AC/34402/7/1/PS

16 August 45

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Commerce S/C
(Att: Capt. Cowling)

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a letter translation received from the Ministry of Interior with regard to motor vehicle irregularities on the Rome-Ostia road.

2. A request has been made to RAAC for the assistance of the military police for this work.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

WCB/pl

CCopy : Rmcc AFHQ RAAC
Economic Section

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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. 30/3146/12/Commerce/POL. 11

Tel. Rome 478397

16 August 1945

SUBJECT: POL conditions Forlì Province.

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

1. Attached is a copy and translation of a report dated 1 August 45 made by the Provincial Commissioner A.S.G. Forlì Province on POL conditions prior to handing over the territory to Italian Government administration.
2. The question raised in para 4 has already been discussed with C.I.P. Head office; it is understood that they have this matter in hand and do not anticipate any difficulty over effecting a local settlement.
3. It is felt, however, that the remainder of the report raises issues which will tend to render the normal functioning of U.F.I.C. extremely difficult and that your Ministry will wish to investigate the situation from this point of view. In particular the activities of Auto-transporti Forlì in continuously issuing trip tickets without petrol appear to be highly irregular and can only lead to increasing the demand for Black Market petrol.
4. This Sub-Commission would like to be kept advised regarding whatever steps are taken to correct these mat-

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attach - copy and translation
Report dated 1 Aug. 45 by Prov.
Commissioner Forlì Prov.

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Major H. A. GENT

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Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

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Traduzione:

INTERFERENZE POLITICHE NELLA PROVINCIA DI FORLÌ

1. Ci sono tre organizzazioni nella provincia, che operano in stretto collegamento tra loro; la Camera del Lavoro, il C.L.N. ed il Partito Comunista. Sebbene il primo si adoperi per evitare di essere identificato con gli altri due, è la Camera del Lavoro che sembra essere l'autorità controllante e coordinatrice.

2. Già nel giugno scorso, il Dr. Cerruti, direttore degli Autotrasporti di Forlì, era informato della Camera del Lavoro che doveva dimettersi; egli fece visite al Commissario Provinciale ed offrì le sue dimissioni. Queste non erano state accettate e tre dirigenti della Camera del Lavoro erano ammoniti dallo stesso Commissario Provinciale. Il Dr. Cerruti riceveva una nuova visita di rappresentanti della Camera del Lavoro e veniva invitato a non fare ulteriori visite all'A.M.G. Com'è evidente, la sua posizione divenne del tutto impossibile ed egli smise di lavorare all'Ufficio Autotrasporti.

3. Il 24 luglio, il Direttore della ditta Monti (che ha il locale impianto di refrigerazione) si presentò al mio ufficio chiedendo se poteva avere del carburante, in quanto l'Ufficio Autotrasporti non poteva assegnargliene in quanto egli aveva fatto la prima richiesta soltanto il 15 giugno. Si scoprì poi che l'Ufficio Autotrasporti aveva rilasciato alla ditta undici biglietti di viaggio ma non aveva mai consegnato né la benzina, né i buoni benzina di solito allegati ai biglietti (vedi allegati 1 e 2). Un sopralluogo da parte di due agenti della Questura diede luogo solo alla consegna di un rapporto, che potrebbe essere stato scritto dallo stesso facente funzione di Direttore, sig. Ridolfi. Nessuna spiegazione era data su come era stato disposto della benzina. Sebbene questo sia il solo caso che abbia costituito oggetto di investigazione in questa Provincia, è ormai voce comune che si affidi all'interessamento degli autisti, in molti casi, la ricerca della benzina. Il 23 luglio l'Ufficio Autotrasporti avanzò una richiesta da esso approvata (vedi allegato 3) per il trasporto del cadavere di un partigiano da Alessandria, circa 300 km. da Forlì.

4. Il Direttore del C.I.P. sig. Francesconi, era recentemente chiamato negli Uffici della Camera del Lavoro come risultato di una lettera ad esso scritta dall'Ufficio Autotrasporti, in cui ci si lamentava dell'assegnazione di benzina per luglio. Nessuna menzione era fatta in questo caso, delle dimissioni del Direttore,

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ma il sig. Giovanelli era arrivato all'Ufficio del CIP di Forlì il 20 luglio apparentemente fiducioso che egli sarebbe diventato il Direttore; Il Sig. Francesconi ricevette una lettera del CIP di Bologna, a cui era acclusa una lista del personale per Forlì, nella quale il nome del Giovanelli era posto sopra quello del Francesconi.

Alla riunione tenutasi il 25 luglio i Direttori della Camera di Commercio, della SEFRAL e del RACI e l'Ispettore dell'Agricoltura affermavano in via definitiva che essi non avevano nessun motivo di lamentarsi della gestione del CIP da parte del sig. Francesconi. Il Vice Direttore del CIP di Bologna confermava ieri questo punto di vista, ma affermava che egli era giunto con un ordine definitivo per la sostituzione del Direttore. Egli era però invitato a desistere da ogni azione, finchè non fosse giunta dalla Petroleum Section di Roma una risposta a la nostra lettera.

5. C'era ora motivo di supporre che una analoga azione è prevista per quanto riguarda il Conservatore del RACI. Se anche questa azione ha successo, la Camera del Lavoro controllerà virtualmente tutta la benzina disponibile per trasporti nella provincia di Forlì.

6. Il Commissario Provinciale ha oggi dato ordine di dimettere il sig. Ridolfi e di rimettere al suo posto il Dott. Cerruti, ma non c'è nessun mezzo effettivo per impedire una ulteriore interferenza, dopo che il Governo Militare Alleato avrà lasciato la Provincia.

7. Il 30 Luglio il Maggiore dei CC.RR. era convocato alla Camera del Lavoro per dar spiegazioni circa l'arresto operato dal suo tenente di 3 partigiani (questi arresti erano ordinati dal P.P.S.O.).

8. Il Prefetto è stato informato che la Camera del Lavoro attende di avere l'autorizzazione per disporre di un'automobile non appena l'AMG lascerà la provincia. I rappresentanti della Camera del Lavoro facevano presente, che se non avessero ricevuto il permesso, essi avrebbero usato la macchina del Prefetto o quella usata ora dai Carabinieri.

Major E. A.
for Provincial Commissione
FORLÌ PROVINCE

I Agosto 1945

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REPORT ON POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

FORLÌ PROVINCE

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1. There are three organisations in this Province which are very closely allied - the Camera di Lavoro, the C.L.N. and the Communist Party. Although the former is careful to avoid identifying itself with the activities of the others, it is the Camera di Lavoro which seems to be the controlling and co-ordinating "authority".
2. Early in June Dott. Cerruti, the Director of Autotrasporti, Forlì, was informed by the Camera di Lavoro that he was to resign; he visited the Provincial Commissioner and offered his resignation. This was not accepted, but three leaders of the Camera di Lavoro were premanded by the Provincial Commissioner. Dott. Cerruti was again visited by representatives of the Camera di Lavoro and warned not to make any further visits to AMG. In due course, his position became quite impossible and he ceased to work at the Autotrasporti office.
3. On 24th July the Director of Ditta Monti (the local refrigeration plant) came to this office asking if he might have some petrol as Autotrasporti had been unable to issue any since he first applied for transport on 15th June. It was then discovered that Autotrasporti had issued eleven trip-tickets to this firm but had never issued either petrol or the petrol coupons usually attached to these trip-tickets (see enclosures 1 and 2). A visit by two members of the Questura produced only an explanation which might have been written by sig. Ridolfi himself (the acting Director). No explanation was offered as to how the petrol was disposed of. Although this is the only case investigated by AMG in this Province, it is apparently common knowledge that many drivers are left to their own devices to obtain petrol. On 23rd July Autotrasporti submitted an application, approved by them, (see enclosure 3) for transport to collect the body of a dead Partisan from Alessandria - some 300 Km. from Forlì.
4. The Director of C.I.P., sig. Francesconi, was recently summoned to the offices of the Camera di Lavoro as a result of a letter written to them by Autotrasporti complaining of the petrol allocation for July. No mention was made in this case of the Director's resignation, but a sig. Giovanelli had arrived at the Forlì office of OIP on 20th. July, apparently confident that he was to become the Director. Sig. Francesconi received a letter

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from CIP Bologna which included a list of the Forlì staff and placed sig. Giovanelli's name above that of sig. Francesconi. At a conference held on 25th July the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, SEPRAL and RACI and the Inspector of Agriculture stated quite definitely that they had no cause for complaint regarding sig. Francesconi's management of CIP. The Vice-Director of C.I.P. Bologna yesterday confirmed this view but stated that he had come with a definite order for the change of Directors to take place. He was asked to refrain from taking any action until a reply had been received to our letter to Petrol Section at Rome.

5. There is now reason to suppose that some similar action is contemplated in the case of the conservatore of R.A.C.I. If this is also successful, the Camera di Lavoro will virtually control all petrol available for transport in Forlì Province.

6. The Provincial Commissioner has to-day given orders for the dismissal of Sig. Ridolfi (Autotrasporti) and the reinstatement of Dott. Cerruti, but there is no effective way of preventing further interference after AMG have left.

7. On 30th July the Major of the Carabinieri was summoned to the offices of the Camera di Lavoro to explain why his Lieutenant had arrested three Partisans (these arrests were ordered by the P.P.S.O.).

8. The Prefect has been informed that the Camera di Lavoro expect to be given a permit for a car immediately AMG leaves the Province. They stated that, if they do not receive a permit, they will use either the Prefect's car or the one now used by the Carabinieri.

Major, R.A.

for Provincial Commissione

FORLÌ PROVINCE

1st August 1945

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15 AUG. 1945HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL. 2

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL.

TO : Economic Section .
(Supplies Div.)

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FROM	Tel. Room 478197
DATE	13 August 1945
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1. On 6 July 45 this Sub-Commission had occasion to write to Ministry of Industry & Commerce asking for explanations regarding specified cases of long - distance busses encountered on the road by A.C. officers and reference was made to this in para 15 (e) of the report attached to the letter sent to the Prime Minister under the Chief Commissioner's signature AC/5146/12 of 19 July 45.
2. A reply has just been received from Ministry of Transport Prot. 4948 dated 2 August 45 and a translation is attached hereto since it is felt that points raised involve a question of policy which can only be settled at high level.
3. In effect this reply, signed by Minister Ugo La Malfa personally, condones the use of Black Market petrol for unofficial public services and suggests that A.C. should allow an increased Petrol ration as a condition for taking steps to suppress such services as are not authorised, admittedly the major proportion of those in operation.
4. This Sub-Commission feels that if the Italian Government attach such high priority to free long distance travel they should be forced to find the necessary supplies of petrol out of their own resources and that no conditions can be discussed until evidence of action against Black Marketeers is forthcoming. The attitude displayed in the Ministry of Transport's

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letter appears to be on a par with that displayed by the Chief of Rome Municipal Police in the letter quoted in para 12 of the report attached to the letter to the Prime Minister.

Major W. A. GENT

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Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

Attach - Translation of letter
from Min. of Transport
as per para 2.

Copy to: Pat. Sec. AFHQ RANC	with attach
Public Safety S/C (Maj. Ballance)	" "
Transportation S/C (Roads)	" "

Translation of letter from Min. of Transport to
Commerce S/C Prot. 4948 dated 2 August 45.

SUBJECT: Long distance coaches .

The Min. of Industry & Commerce has passed on the comments made by your S/C concerning the numerous coaches carrying passengers from Rome to N. Italy.

In this connection it is pointed out that only a minimum proportion of such coaches is authorised to circulate by this Ministry as public conveyances. The corresponding petrol supply must be made available by the Chamber of Commerce. It is added that, in view of the nature of the service, no control is exercised over the reasons for each individual passenger's journey.

The majority of aforesaid coach services are organised by private enterprise with petrol supplies presumably acquired on the Black Market.

This Ministry considers desirable, in the nation's general interest as well as to ensure the application of lower travel rates, a return to complete legality in this field but is of the opinion that efficient action to suppress abuses is not possible unless regular services, in which would be included those authorised up to the present time, are instituted contemporaneously.

In fact it must be borne in mind that the reasons for travel which have given rise to the organisation of these private undertakings are not suppressible owing to the lack of rail transport.

It can even be anticipated that the present need will increase in proportion to the intensified revival of economic and administrative relations between Rome and Northern Regions and that it will not cease with the reactivation of rail transport since for some time to come this will be very limited and insufficient to take care of all traffic, some part of which will continue by road services.

This Ministry will not be in a position to take action as indicated above unless it receives an adequate allow-

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ance of Petrol.

The quantities allocated to road coach services have been reduced rather than increased as requested by this Ministry to such a point that, not only is it impossible to institute new services but it is even impossible to ensure the regular functioning of those already in operation.

In conclusion this Ministry believes it essential to increase the petrol allocation for public passenger services since only in this way can the situation be rationalised, so guaranteeing the regular functioning of the existing road network and the institution of new lines indispensable to take care of growing needs which are becoming evident.

It would be opportune, moreover, if the total allocation set aside for road coach services were controlled directly by this Ministry or alternatively that the quantities set aside for this purpose be reserved for road services out of the bulk civilian allocation.

If your S/C is in agreement with the above views concrete proposals, will follow as to the quantities of petrol needed for the purpose indicated.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

16 August 45

AC/14402/7/1/79

SUBJECT : Improper issue of "S" motor vehicle circulating permit.

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

1. On the 13 June 1945, a sedan motor car registration number 36008 (index letters not reported), in respect of which "S" type permit N° 707 had been issued by the Ministry of Aeronautics, was seen in use carrying five Italian civilians who were in no way connected with the Ministry in question.

2. It appears that the permit had been issued for private reasons, and that no petrol rations were furnished. It is presumed that the petrol used in the vehicle was obtained from black market sources.

3. It is felt that this matter should be brought to the attention of all Ministries, and that the following assurances should be obtained:-

- (a) that the car in question is no longer circulating
- (b) that no further "S" permits will be issued to other than State vehicles operating on official State business and for which an official ration of P.O.L. is provided.

4. Please advise this Sub-Commission as to action taken.

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY POST OFFICE
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

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AC/14102/7/1/PS

Tel : 475800

SUBJECT : Misuse of JOL

16 August 45

TO : AC Liaison Officer, RAAC
(Lt. Col. Millhouse)

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1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of a letter (translation) received from a Vincenzo SUARINI who states that he has a knowledge of the sources of supply of black market petrol.

2. Will you please arrange for this statement to be investigated by the SIO or Questura.

3. Please advise us to action taken.

Major Wm C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.F.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel/ 478800

16 August 45

AC/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Ministry of Interior
Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza

1. It has been reported to this Headquarters that a Nicholas Hofman, is using in an irregular manner a sedan motor car, NA 28432. Permit N. 155231 was issued in respect of this vehicle.
2. It has not been possible to locate Hofman at his last known addresses at Via Pacillipo 23, Naples and Salita del Casale 88, Naples.
3. Will you please arrange for appropriate action to be taken with regard to this matter.
4. Hofman is also in possession of an authorization to use military tyre which is the subject of an enquiry as to whether it was obtained in a proper manner.
5. Please advise as to action taken.

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, A.J.G.D.
Director

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Copy : Petsec., AFHQ. RAAC
Economic Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478800

16 August 45

AG. 14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of FOL

TO : AC Liaison Officer, RAAC
(Lt. Col. Millhouse)

1. The R. Questura di Roma has instituted special patrols for dealing with irregularities in connection with the circulation of motor vehicles.
2. A request has been received from the Ministry of Interior for assistance from the military police in connection with this work as many vehicles in use which should be checked up appear to be of military type. Some of these vehicles are driven by civilians.
3. Will you please arrange with RAAC for the military police to assist on this work as may be possible.
4. Please inform the Questura & this Headquarters of the result of your efforts.

Major Wm. C. Ballance

JOHN W. CHAFFIN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478800

16 August 45

AG/14402/7/1/TS

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Commerce S/C
(Att. Capt. Cowling)

1. The Ministry of Interior has informed this Sub-Commission that the Ministry has initiated strong action to eliminate abuses.
2. Prefects and the Commanding Generals CC.RR. and CC.FF have been requested to intensify the control over vehicle circulation, copy attached, and notices impending for the public have been sent to press and the Italian Broadcasting Corporation.
3. The Ministry has again requested this Sub-Commission to interest itself in procuring from the Italian Government a more liberal allowance of motor fuel to enable the Ministry to maintain on the streets a better patrol service charged with the task of eliminating the abuses of which so much complaint has been made.
4. Can anything be done concerning the matter referred to in preceding paragraph, please.

Major Wm C. Ballance

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JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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Copy : AFHQ Petsec RAC
Economic Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

16 August 45

AG/14402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Commerce Sub Com.
(Att: Capt. Cowling)

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a report (translation) received from the Ministry of Interior with regard with the pointing and issue of false motor vehicle circulating permits.

Major Wm. C. Gallance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

WCB/pl

Copy : AFHQ Petsec, RAAC
Economic Section.

1. Enclosure

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TRANSLATION J.B.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICES
Requisition Vehicles-Office

TO : Chief of Police

The a/m office, having noted the great number of vehicles used for public services, suspected that among many concessions, some were not regular. After laborious & long inquiries, on July 12th 1945 they found a car type Fiat 1100 licensed 77418 Roma passing through Via Zanardelli, provided with a circulating permit issued by Ministry of Interior, valid up to 31 December 1945. Mrs. Pancianeschi Renata was inside the car; interrogated she could explain the use of the car.

Having stopped the car & the lady, after accurate control the car was found circulating with a false permit being sold to the owner of the car by a certain Andreis Antonio di Alfredo, bachelor, living at Via Gallia n.95 a medicine student. The latter immediately said that a man named Di Giacomo Giuseppe had given the permit to him, he did not know his dwelling, but ~~he~~ knew his going often to Colonna Gallery, where he had made his acquaintance, Agents lying in wait & inquiries made immediately did not give any results, so as it was thought that Di Giacomo was the supposed name of a suspect person, well-known by Andreis.

In fact, after scrupulous searching in the house of the latter, printed forms for false permits, identical to the one of the car licensed 77418 Roma, were found besides, a counterfeited stamp of Ministry of Transport & other materials concerned with motorism were also found.

The supposed Di Giacomo was later identified as being Nati Marcello di Romeo, living Via Palestro n.34 away from the Capital some days ago.

Therefore all the activity of those responsible for the counterfeit of the false permits was revealed, the false permits bearing the sign "S" with headings belonging to various Ministries, so as to evade control from the Police.

In the meantime all the persons concerned with this business were identified as follows:

ANDREIS Antonio di Alfredo - living Via Gallia 95 - medicine student
NATI Marcello di Romeo - living at Via Palestro 34 - student
DE SANTIS Mario di Raffaello - living Via Manlio Torquato 56 - electric workman
BONSIGNORI Emilio di Domenico - living via Tuscolana 36 - typograph with workshop via E. Filiberto 62

VALERI Romano di F.igi - living Via Gallia 95 - aged 16 - typograph
CARLINI Alfredo fu Giovanni - living Via dell. Convertite 5-zincograph
ALESSANDRINI Giacomo fu Germano-living Vicolo Amatriciani 5-typograph
MOCCI Cesare fu Enrico - living Via Manlio Torquato 56 - driver

The three 1st ones were making & selling the permits, Bonsignori has printed the forms valid for the inst. 6 months & two counterfeited licences for motor-bicycles. Alessandrini has printed & zincographed on June 30 1945. Carlini has manufactured the stamp clichè headed at Ministry of transport & the clichè of green permits valid up to this day. Valeri was intermediary between the typograph & the zincograph. Mocci acted as intermediary for the selling of some permits. All of them have confessed their crimes, except Nati, not yet arrested as being away from Rome.

The identification of other secondary persons concerned with this business is in course, as well as the persons having bought the false permits. The complex operation has been achieved with the collaboration of Dt. Rallo Adjoint Commissary P.S. & of all the office Squad with intelligence, zeal, & spirit of sacrifice.

The Office Head
Requisition of Vehicles

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFD 394

Tel : 478800

16 August 45

AC/34402/7/1/PS

SUBJECT : Misuse of POL

TO : Commerce S/C
(Att: Capt. Cowling)

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1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a letter (translation) received from the Ministry of Interior with regard to motor vehicle irregularities on the Rome-Gotha road.

2. A request has been made to RAAC for the assistance of the military police for this work.

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Major Wm. C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

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Reconnaissance Section

1 Enclosure

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TRANSLATION J.B.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

N. 10.13398

Rome, July 18 1945

SUBJECT : Abuse in using Petrol.

Reference letter 11th inst. same number, information is forwarded that action has been taken as follows, as was detailed by this Ministry, especially according to the Ministry circular of same month and day.

On 15th said month, from 00.7 hours to 12.30 hours and from 4.00 hours to 8.00 hours, some elements of "Reparto Celere" P.S. (Speed Detachment) and motor-cyclist Detachment of R? Questura have started a service of control on motor-vehicles on Road Roma-Ostia.

The infractions have been as follows:

- 1) - Fiat 11.000 license Roma 77758 owner Soc. Automobile Publici without circulating permit;
 - 2) - Fiat 500 license 78/28, property Risotti Guido fu Marco dwelling Via del Pigneto N.1 for lack of circulating permit and registration book.
 - 3) - Motor bicycle Guzzi 250 license Roma 3226 - id as a/m
 - 4) - Motor bicycle with trailer Harlel dawinson 750 license Roma 15273 id. as a/m.
 - 5) - Lancia Aprilia license M.1.60148 property Mariotti Mario circulating permit n.102043 I.G. named to Ministry of Transport ENAC. The car, carrying ladies and children had an authorisation for a journey to Ostia, released by ENAC n.7214 Mov. d/d 14th inst. Sanitary reasons were the aim of the journey.
 - 6) - Many other irregularities by motorcyclist agents for which ascertainments are in course, and consequent provision will be taken. Many lorries were stopped at the road block as lacking pf permit for the Roma-Ostia line. The drivers have all declared that U.S.E.A.P.U. had given them authority to change the route for which they have the license (Roma-Anzio-Roma-Tivoli and inner part of the city) the services on holiday being deemed not have many customers on normal lines- whereas on Roma-Ostia line the normal Services would have been insufficient for public requests of transport. 8145
- Owing to these declarations, the officers heading the services have not made any proceedings against the transgressors, sending only the vehicles back into the city.

Meanwhile, you A?C. may be sure that the a/m services will be carried on with ever increasing intensity by the P.S. agents, in order to cut down the abuses regarding fuel. It would be advisable that the A.M.P. should be attached to the a/m service for control over the Allied M. vehicles some of which driven by persons wearing civilian clothes.

For the Minister

TranslationA NEW GREAT SCANDAL ON PERMITS TO CIRCULATE.

Fourteen young men specialized in the falsifying of documents of the "S" type have been arrested - Several cars have been seized.

The great number of vehicles in circulation, especially on behalf of Public offices, have raised the attention of the authorities, rousing the suspicion on how they got their permission to circulate.

After long and patient investigations carried out by the requisition of cars office of the Presidenza del Consiglio, it was discovered that there was a vast organization of persons who provided to the falsifying and selling of these circulation permits with the sign "S", available exclusively for service of the State. The responsible persons had specialized themselves in this kind of permits in the hope that there would be less vigilance on the part of the authorities. Notwithstanding this they all fell into the net laid out for them and finished up confessing completely to the crime committed undisturbed for several months.

Printing presses, stamps, seals and forms not yet given out were seized, as well as circulation books and other documents all falsified.

The principal responsible persons are : Andreis Antonio, student, Rati Marcello, student, De Santis Mario, electrician, Alessandrini Giacomo, printer, Consignori Emilio, printer, Valeri Romano aged 16, printer and another eight persons all involved in this dubious enterprise.

Several cars have also been seized who held the above mentioned permits and which were found circulating.

The whole service was carried out by the police, headed by the Commissario of P.S. Dott. GRELLA, helped by the Deputy Commissario Dott. RALLO and the M.C.C.'s Lerone and Bardenali.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/ 5146/12/Commerce/POI: 25

Tel. Rome 478397

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of P.O.I.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
(Attn Maj. Ballance).

1. Attached is copy of Pet 30/1/10 dated 28 July 45 together with copy of the detailed report attached thereto.
2. May arrangements please be made to have a watch kept for the vehicle in question since, on the evidence gathered, it appears to be circulating quite irregularly.
3. Please advise this Sub-Commission as to action taken.

H. A. GENT

Major

Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

Attach as per para 1

Copy to: Pet. Sec. JPHQ, RAAC - without attachment
 Economic Section)
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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel.: ROME 478576

PET 30/A/10

28 July 45

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL.

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

1. Inclosed herewith is the complete report on an investigation of the misuse of W.D. POL made at the request of this office.
2. Your attention is called specifically to para 1. of the findings, which would lead one to believe that this person had illegally secured the tire permit, which was an official A.C. permit, bearing A.C.'s official stamp.
3. It is also interesting to note that this vehicle, which it can be assumed is unnecessary, is circulating.
4. This section feels that orders should go out to have this vehicle taken off the road.
5. May copies of any letters you write on this matter be forwarded to this section.

JOHN J. FAGAN
Major, E.E.
for JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col., QMC
Petroleum Section

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Copy to: Petroleum Section, AFHQ, APO 512

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803rd MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
Police Investigation Section
APO 782 - U S Army

16 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation .

TO : (See Distribution).

INFORMATION:

1. On 8 July 1945 this Office received a request originating with Major PETERSON of the Petroleum Section, AFHQ (RAAC) to check into the activities of Nicholas Hofmann, owner of a vehicle with 5 US Army tires and with an ACC permit, circulation permit N. 155231, registration NA 28432, who had been seen by him trying to "chisel" gasoline from military personnel outside a petrol point.

FINDINGS:

1. A check at the Senior Transportation Office, A.F.C. revealed that Nicholas Hofmann was issued tire permit N. 5341 on 13 June 1945. There is nothing in the records on file at this Office to indicate the nature of Hofmann's business or the reason he was granted this tire permit.

2. A check at Via Poellipo 23, Naples, Hofmann's supposed address revealed that he no longer lived at that address and had not been living there for over four months. In an effort to trace his whereabouts, the office of Transient Registry was visited and it was there disclosed that Hofmann had been living at Salite del Casale 68, Naples. A check at this latter address revealed that Hofmann had sold all his furnishings and personal effects and had removed to an unknown address or to parts unknown on or about 25 June 1945.

DISCUSSION:

1. Hofmann's name would appear to indicate Teutonic extraction or nationality and owing to removal of travel restrictions he was evidently on his way home when he ran out of gasoline, and lacking proper authorization endeavored to obtain it in the manner noted.

CONCLUSION:

1. That Nicholas Hofmann can not be located in the Naples area

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thru any agency of facilities available to this Office, and that he is probably no longer resident here nor physically in this area.

s/ John J. Shanahan
t/ JOHN J. SHANAHAN

Police Investigator.

RECOMMENDATION:

I. That a copy of this Report of Investigation be forwarded to Major PETERSON, Petroleum Section, AFHQ, (RAMC) for his information.

s/ Van P. Winder
t/ VAN P. WINDER
Its Lt. W.D.
Investigation Officer

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AFM PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ARMED COMMAND

Tel: - ROME 478876

PET 30/A/IC

6 July 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of PGI - Issues to
Italian Civilians ex W.D.
Petrol Points.

O.G., P.B.S., APO 782 U.S. Army
(Attn. PGI Officer)

1. This Section is in possession of documents showing that ten gallons of gasoline were issued by Depot 8N50, Fertilis, to an Italian Civilian into an Italian civil vehicle on 22 June 45.
2. The issue was made under name 2677 Regiment, A.C., and signed for by Nicholas Hofmann. The vehicle concerned bore the registration number, Naples 28432, and carried circulating permit I55231.
3. It appears that this is not the first issue that has been made to this individual who goes around to different Petrol Points chiseling PGI, using the letter attached thereto.
4. It is not understood how such issues are made if the rule that all vehicles must carry a W.D. work/trip ticket is enforced. It is also safe to assume that if one Italian civilian can chisel gas, others are doing the same.
5. Please investigate and advise.

JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col. , GAC
Petroleum Section

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AF-1 PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478876

PET 30/A/10

6 July 45

SUBJECT: Misuse of PCI - Issues to
Italian Civilians ex W.D.
Petrol Points.

D.S.T., AFHQ.

1. Major Peterson of this Section, while in Naples on 4 July 45, witnessed an Italian Civilian, driving a strictly Italian civilian car, chisel a tank full of gasoline from the 7 BFFC Petrol Point, located in Naples, and sign for it under the name of the 2677 Regiment, A.C.
2. The British soldier who authorized the issue was a Pvt. Welton, 293058, of 7 BFFC.
3. Major Peterson demanded to know why he was issuing gasoline without a work/trip ticket and could obtain no satisfactory reply, except that the Italian had a letter on him, copy of which is attached. It can plainly be seen that this letter is no authority.
4. The vehicle concerned bore the registration number, Naples 28432, circulating permit I65231. It was being operated by the owner, one Nicholas Hofmann, who advised that he always got his gas from "the fellows at Petrol Points", and produced evidence where he was also chiseling it from P.B.S.
5. It is very apparent that if one Italian is chiseling gasoline in this manner and getting away with it, that others are. If the rules that a work/trip ticket must be produced and that no issues will be made except to W.D. or properly requisitioned vehicles were followed, such issues would not be made.

Please investigate and advise.

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JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col., QMC
Petroleum Section

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ARMED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478876

SUBJECT: Italian Civilian Vehicles PET 30/A/10
Circulating on U.S. W.D. Tires.
6 July 45

Provost Marshall, Pan Base South.

1. Major Petersen of this Section caught an Italian civilian chiseling W.D. gasoline ex a petrol point, on 4 July 45, and using the attached letter as his means of procuring the gasoline.
2. Copies of letters to both, British and U.S. Units operating the petrol points, are enclosed.
3. This Italian, Nicholas Hofmann, claimed to be very friendly with several A.C. officers, and even produced a tire permit signed by A.C., covering five W.D. tires mounted on the vehicle, which was a sedan, bearing registration number Naples 28432, and circulating permit 155231.
4. This man appears to have no right to the tires concerned as the vehicle is not a requisitioned vehicle, and it is believed that he has chiseled the tire permit to cover the use of the tires. If this is the case, the tires should be seized and the Officer issuing permit arrested.
5. As a matter of curiosity, a copy of your investigation would be appreciated.

JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col., GMC
Petroleum Section

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
2677 REGIMENT APO 512

C E R T I F I C A T E

18 May 45

1. NICHOLAS HOFMANN was in the employ of the ARMED FORCES of the United States in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations from the 1st day of February 1944, to the 1st day of September 44.
2. It is desired to make known to all concerned that the duties required have been satisfactorily performed and were of value to the advancement of the Allied cause.
3. On behalf of the Armed Forces of the United States I express appreciation for his contribution to the consummation of Allied Victory.

s/C G. Parry Jr.,
t/C. G. PARRY JR.,
Lt. Comdr., USNR
MTO Security Officer.

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TRANSLATION S.D.

28 July 1945

See 126A

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TO : ALLIED COMMISSION - ROME -

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All the Papers of the Capital pointed out, during these last days, the remonstrances the Allies made to the Italian Authorities on account of a great waste of petrol.

Lately the P.S. Authorities have discovered criminal organisations specialized in forging circulation permits and travel authorisations as well as in sequestering and requisitioning motor-vehicles.

There are many irregularities, abuses and transgressions taking place that it would be necessary to form a special Police Corps appointed to repress them. On the other hand the applications of strong measures could cause ferments and disorders among the large mass of drivers concerned.

Still the inconveniences which are complained of, could equally be eliminated through a control service effected directly on the spots where petrol is gathered and distributed in order to prevent the same petrol from being unlawfully taken and sold at the Black Market.

Re the a/m I deem it necessary to point out to the Allied Authorities the possibility not only of eliminating any abuses in the motor-vehicle services, but also to economise a great deal of petrol considering which, the expenses required for the formation and the up-keep of a Control Office would appear to be insignificant.

My activity has consented me to know the supply source of the Black Market and of all other speculations in the motor-vehicle ground; so that I could be able to suggest to the Allied Authorities any measures that would allow them to control petrol movement thoroughly in Italy and prevent 80 % of its present dissipation.

Yours Faithfully
Vincenzo SCARINCI
150, Urbana Street, flat 2

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

-ROMA-

28-X-45

Ho seguito con interesse in questi ultimi tempi la campagna

di stampa svolta sui giornali della Capitale circa le rimostreanze fatte dalle Autorità Alleate alle competenti Autorità Italiane per l'eccessivo consumo di carburante.

Anche di questi giorni è la scoperta da parte delle autorità di P. S. di organizzazioni delittuose specializzate nella falsificazione di permessi di circolazione e di fogli di viaggio, come pure di sequestri e requisizioni di macchine adibite ad usi non conformi alle loro normali occupazioni.

Tali e tante sono le irregolarità, gli abusi e le trasgressioni che occorrerebbe un ben numeroso ed organizzato Corpo di Polizia per poterle reprimere, ma ciò porterebbe ad una agitazione di questa gran massa di autotrasportatori che in momenti politici così delicati conviene eliminare.

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Voglio qui appunto richiamare l'attenzione delle Autorità Alleate che oltre ad eliminare irregolarità ed abusi nel funzionamento dei servizi automobilistici, possono risparmiare quantità rilevanti di carburante che, le spese per l'istituzione ed il mantenimento di un ufficio di controllo, sono davvero insignifican-

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ti al confronto.

La mia attività mi ha portato a conoscere le fonti di rifornimento del Mercato nero e di tutte le altre speculazioni nel campo automobilistico si da averne acquistato una buona competenza e sarei in grado di prospettarne alle Autorità Alleate i rimedi necessari ed efficaci, da metterle in grado di controllare tutto il movimento di carburante in Italia ed impedire dell'80% l'attuale dispersione di esso.

Con Timor

Vincenzo Scarinci

Via M. Bona 150 int. 2

Genova

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

JRC/na

Ref. AC/5146/12/Commerce/POL. 26

Tel. Rome 478397

4 August 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of P.O.L.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
(Attn. Maj. Ballance).

1. Attached is copy of Pet 30/A/10 dated 31 July 45 together with copy of attachments thereto.

2. It is felt that this matter should be brought to the attention of the Ministry of Interior and the following assurances obtained

- (a) that the car in question is no longer circulating
- (b) that no further "S" permits will be issued to other than State vehicles operating on official State business and for which an official ration of P.O.L. is provided.

3. Please advise this Sub-Commission as to action taken.

H. A. GENT
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Major
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Attach as per para 1

Copy to: Pet. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC. - without attachment

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AFHQ 1. PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478876

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL.

PET 30/A/10

31 July 45

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

1. Inclosed herewith copies of PET 30/A/10 dated 19 June 45 and the reply of the Air Forces Sub-Commission thereto.
2. It is interesting to note that the Italian Air Ministry is passing out vehicle permits to those not entitled to same and it is safe to assume that the recipient in this case purchased his POL on the black market.
3. It is requested that the Ministero delle Comunicazioni, Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile e Trasporti in concessione be informed that "S" permits are being given out to unauthorized persons, thereby allowing them to circulate on black market POL.

JOHN J. PAGAN
Major, R.E.
for JOHN L. KIGF
Lt. Col., QMC
Petroleum SectionCopy to: Pet. Sec., AFHQ
(PET 30/A/10 of 19 June 1945
previously forwarded you).
HQ. A.C. Air Force Sub-Commission .

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APHQ PETROLEUM SECTION

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

Tel:- ROME 478876

SUBJECT: Misuse of PCL.

PET 30/A/10

19 June 45

HQ. A.C., Air Force Sub-Commission
APO 394.

1. On 13 June 45, a sedan carrying 5 Italian civilian was stopped by an officer of this section for not having a circulating permit on the windshield.
2. The chauffeur produced a permit from his pocket, numbered S707, granted to the Ministry of Aeronautica. The vehicle registration number was 56008.
3. None of the passengers were connected with the Ministry of Aeronautics or Italian Air Force and as far as could be ascertained the car was at the disposal of the occupants to take them to Florence.
4. Please take this matter up with the Ministry and advise this section for the details.

s/ H.B. Eyles

t/ H.B. EYLES

Colonel

Petroleum Section

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.
To : A.F.H.Q. PETROLEUM SECTION, R.A.A.C.
Date : 28th July 1945.
Ref. : AFSG/354/5/Crg.

MISUSE OF P.O.L.

Replying to your letter PET/3/A/10 of the 16th July, the following facts have been given by the Italian Air Ministry:-

2. "i) Lt. Col. Paradisi, who is an incapacitated soldier, needed to go to the Rizzoli Institute, Bologna, for some prothesis operation, and asked this Cabinet to grant him an authorization to circulate with his own car during three or four months.

ii) This Cabinet, given the special reasons which caused the request, granted the Officer's demand.

iii) No P.O.L. allotment was made.

iv) At present the authority granted for the said period has expired and this Cabinet has not taken steps to renew it."

s/ F.L. Bradshaw, S/Idr,

for t/ Air Vice-Marshal
Air Officer Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Public Safety s/c

JRC/ee

Ref. AD/5146/12/Commerce

4 August 1945

SUBJECT : Misuse of Petrol

TO : A.F.H.C. G-5 Section.

1. This H.Q. has had occasion to call to the attention of the Italian Government many instances of flagrant misuse of petrol over a period of months and, with a view to enforcing more energetic action, a letter was sent to the new Prime Minister recently under signature of the Chief Commissioner together with a full report on the situation. A copy of both letter and report are attached for your information. (Attachment A)
2. It is well known that supplies of petrol are abundant on the Black Market and it is believed that the main sources of leakage are as follows:-
 - (a) Deliberate interference with pipe lines.
 - (b) Stealing from Rail and Road Tank cars in transit.
 - (c) Illegal acquisition from W.D. Petrol points and dumps.
 - (d) Sale by drivers of W.D. vehicles of quantities drawn from tanks and spare cans.
3. Whilst the Italian Government admit that there has been considerable laxity of control over the circulation of traffic in general they have frequently pointed out in reply that an important contributory factor to the evasion of existing regulations is the ease with which petrol supplies can be acquired illegally.
4. In response to the Chief Commissioner's letter a Press announcement has been made to the effect that intensive measures are to be taken to suppress abuses by

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energetic Police action - a copy of a translation of this announcement is also attached for your information. (Attachment B).

5. Much may be achieved if the promised drive is indeed enforced, but, at the same time, it is felt that maximum results can only be expected by the introduction of a more stringent control on the part of Allied authorities aimed at drying up the sources of supply at present open to Black Marketeers.

6. It is suggested, therefore, that in view of the Italian Government response to this latest appeal, the possibility of tightening up control generally at all Allied bulk supply and distribution points should be carefully investigated and that any additional measures which may contribute towards the elimination of leakage be implemented and enforced.

7. It is understood that part of the Italian Government programme is to organise more efficient Road Patrols and in this connection it is pointed out that difficulties are likely to be encountered owing to the number of vehicles, both military and civilian type in circulation, bearing number plates or other identification marks believed not to conform with existing military regulations. Examples of these are as follows:-

RAAC	Polish Relations
AFHQ	Italian Liaison officer
MTUSA	POLAD
P.W.B.	B.E. (British Embassy)
A.C.I.	U.S. Navy

8. It is suggested that arrangements might be made for C.M.F. personnel to be attached to such Road Patrols as are organised with a view to checking up on the authenticity of such vehicles and further, that this H.Q.

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should be informed as to what markings are required by current regulations on legitimate military vehicles of civilian type so that this information may be passed on to the Italian Police.

For the Chief Commissioner :

(sgd) L. D. DENSMORE

B. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

Attachments : A & B as per paras 1 and 4

Copy to : ~~Chief Commissioner office (with attachment B)~~
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~~: Commerce S/C (POL) (without attachments)~~

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

PRESS COMMUNICATION

The Allies make notice that the strict discipline prescribed in rationing fuel is systematically trespassed by users of vehicles, besides the working hours for which it has been assigned.

Notice is made also that on holidays a great number of vehicles were used for sea-side or country resorts. This fact means that fuel is either stolen by the employees or bought at the black market.

The economic and moral prejudice owing to this fact is obvious.

That is why the Ministry of Interior has taken disposition for strict control on vehicles and will retire any license from those using vehicles out of the bounds of their authority.

People circulating on holidays are, evidently in a/m case except in cases of obvious necessity.

The licenses will also be retired from vehicles not placing their circulating permits in front of the car.

Vehicles without circulating permits will be requisitioned.

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TRANSLATION J.B.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

No. 10.13398

Rome, July 18 1945

SUBJECT : Abuse in using Petrol.

Reference letter 11th inst. same number, information is forwarded that action has been taken as follows, as was detailed by this Ministry, especially according to the Ministry circular of same month and day.

On 15th said month, from 00;7 hours to 12,30 hours and from 4.00 hours to 8.00 hours, some elements of "Reparto Celere" P.S. (Speedy Detachment) and motor-cyclists Detachment of R. Questura have started a service of control on motor-vehicles on Road Roma-Ostia.

The infractions have been as follows:

- 1) - Fiat 11.000 license Roma 77758 owner Soc. Automobile Pubblici without circulating permit.
- 2) - Fiat 500 license 78/28, property Risotti Guido fu Marco dwelling Via del Pigneto No. 1 for lack of circulating permit and registration book.
- 3) - Motor-bicycle with trailer Harlel dawinson 750 license Roma 15273 id. as a/m.
- 4) - Motor bicycle Guzzi 250 license Roma 3226 - id as a/m
- 5) - Lancia Aprilia license M. 1.60148 property Mariotti Mario circulating permit n. 102043 I.G. named to Ministry of Transport ENAC. The car, carrying ladies and children had an authorisation for a journey to Ostia, released by ENAC n. 7214 Mov. d/d 14th inst. Sanitary reasons were the aim of the journey.
- 6) - Many other irregularities by motorcyclist agents for which ascertainment are in course, and consequent provision will be taken. Many lorries were stopped at the road block as lacking of permit for the Roma-Ostia line.

The drivers have all declared that U.S.E.A.P.U. had given them authority to change the route for which they have the license (Roma-Anzio-Roma-Tivoli) and inner part of the city) the services on holiday being deemed not have many customers on normal lines - whereas on Roma-Ostia line the normal Services would have been insufficient for the public requests of transport?

Owing to these declarations, the officers heading the services have not made any proceedings against the transgressors, sending only the vehicles back into the city. Meanwhile, your A.C. may be sure that the a/m services will be carried on with ever increasing intensity by the P.S. agents, in order to cut down the abuses regarding

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fuel. It would be advisable that the A.M.P. should be attached to the a/m service for control over the Allied M. vehicles some of which driven by persons wearing civilian clothes.

For the Minister

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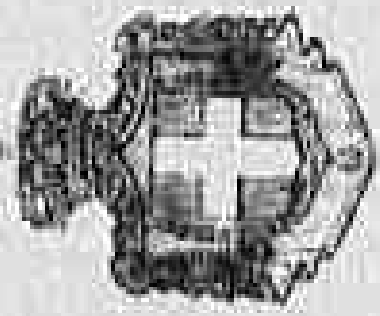
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For the Minister

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

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Roma 18 Luglio 1945

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

R O M A

Divisione Polizia *Sec. 3^a*
Prot. N. 10.13338
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Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sec. N. 2

OGGETTO Benzina= Uso abusivo=

A seguito della lettera dell'11 corrente, di pari numero, si comunica che, in esecuzione delle direttive impartite da questo Ministero, specie con la circolare ministeriale stesso mese e giorno, il 15 del detto mese dalle 7 alle 12,30 e dalle 16 alle 20, elementi del Reparto Celere Guardie di P.S. e Reparto Motociclisti della R. Questura di Roma, hanno effettuato un servizio di controllo sugli automezzi transitanti sulla via Roma= Ostia.

Sono state rilevate le seguenti infrazioni:

- 1)= Fiat 1100 targa Roma 77758, di proprietà della Soc. Automobili Pubbliche, perchè sprovvista di permesso di circolazione;
- 2)= Fiat 500 targa Roma 78128, di proprietà di Risotti Guido fu Marco, abitante in Piazza del Pigneto 1, perchè sprovvista di libretto di circolazione e relativo permesso;

3)= motocarrozzetta Harleldawinson 750 targa Roma 15273, perchè sprovvista

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- 1)= Fiat 1100 targa Roma 77758, di proprietà della Soc. Automobili Pubbliche, perchè sprovvista di permesso di circolazione;
- 2)= Fiat 500 targa Roma 78128, di proprietà di Risotti Guido fu Marco, abitante in Piazza del Pigneto 1, perchè sprovvista di libretto di circolazione e relativo permesso;
- 3)= motocarrozzetta Harleldawinson 750 targa Roma 15273, perchè sprovvista di libretto di circolazione e relativo permesso;
- 4)= moto Guzzi 250, targa Roma 3226, perchè sprovvista di libretto di circolazione e relativo permesso;
- 5)= Lancia Aprilia targa MI 60148 di proprietà del sig. Mariotti Mario, con permesso di circolazione n. 102043 I.G. intestato al Ministero Trasporti =ENAC=. Detta vettura, che portava delle signore e bambini, aveva una autorizzazione per il viaggio ad Ostia, rilasciata dall'ENAC col n. 7914 Mov. in data 14 corrente adducendo motivi sanitari;

6)= molte altre irregolarità constatate dagli agenti motociclisti, per le quali sono in corso gli accertamenti del caso e conseguenti provvedimenti.

Numerose camionette sono state fermate al posto di blocco perchè sprovviste del permesso per il servizio specifico di linea Roma= Ostia.

I conducenti hanno concordemente affermato che l'U.S.E.A.P.U. aveva loro autorizzato a deviare ~~dal~~ percorso per il quale sono muniti di licenza (Roma=Anzio, Roma=Tivoli, e percorsi interni della città), in considerazione che nella giornata festiva il servizio sulle normali linee non avrebbe avuto concorso di pubblico, mentre sulla Roma Ostia i servizi normali sarebbero stati insufficienti a fronteggiare le richieste di trasporto da parte del pubblico.

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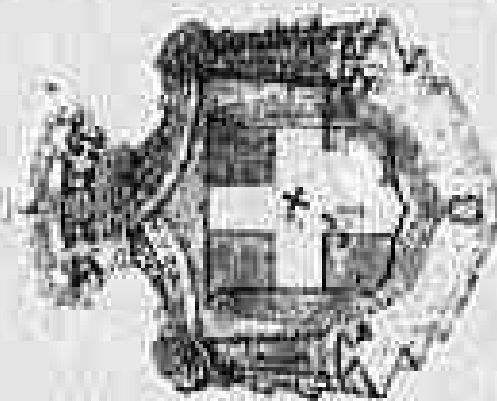
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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA
Divisione Polizia - Sezione Terza

n. 10.13338/14600

Roma

11 luglio 1945

OGGETTO : Abuso di benzina.

AI PREFETTI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
GLI ALTI COMMISSARI PER LA SICILIA E LA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC. RR. - ROMA
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA R. GUARDIA DI FINANZA

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ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI ROMA

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Cosicchè è da ritenere o che siavi distrazione di carburante dall'impiego consentito o che il carburante abusivamente usato sia di illecita provenienza.

Nell'un caso o nell'altro è evidente il pregiudizio economico ed anche morale che deriva, dai fatti ripetutamente lamentati a lli interessi nazionali.

D', pertanto, fermo intendimento di questo Ministero, e i dirigenti gli Uffici provinciali di P.S. ne dovranno personalmente rispondere, di stroncare, con la massima rapidità e decisiva, il dilagare degli abusi nel settore dei carburanti.

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A tale scopo si prega impartire rigorose disposizioni perchè gli organi di polizia intensifichino la vigilanza e, senz'altro, ritirino la licenza di circolazione a tutti coloro che siano colti nell'impiego di autoveicoli fuori dei limiti della rispettiva autorizzazione.

Questa ipotesi è concretata, senz'altro, da chi circoli in giorno festivo, senza evidente imprescindibile necessità.

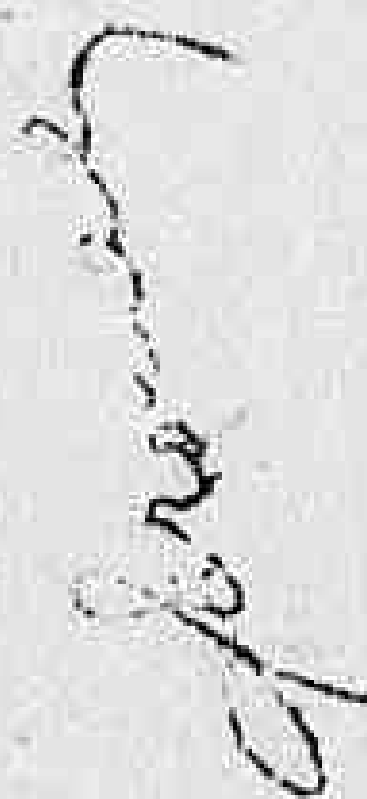
Sarà, altresì, ritirata la licenza relativa a veicoli che non portino in evidenza esposto il permesso di circolazione.

Le vetture sorprese a circolare senza licenza, saranno senz'altro requisite.

Il servizio dovrà espletarsi mediante posti fissi e con pattuglie volanti e dei risultati dovrà farsi cenno nelle prescritte relazioni mensili.

Si rimane inteso in attesa di un esplicito cenno di assicurazione.

PEL MINISTRO



TRANSLATION J.B.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

NO. 555

Rome, July 16th 1945

SUBJECT : Control over vehicles

TO : A.C. Sub-Commission P.S. Rome

See 122A

According to the agreement passed between your Sub-Commission & I, the Italian Police is getting strong action to cut down the illicit circulation of vehicles.

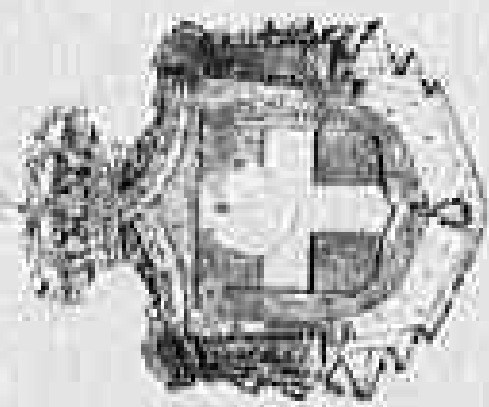
Besides the service instituted by the Questura - Rome- the "Ufficio requisizione Automezzi of Presidenza del Consiglio (Requisition of vehicles of Prime Minister 's Offices) to which a P.S. Officer is attached, has achieved these last days an important operation- the discovery of a gang dedicated to counterfeit & exchange of false circulating permits.

Seven individuals have been arrested & confiscation of various materials used for criminal purposes was made. Attached hereby a report of the head of said requisition office

The Chief of Police

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Ministero dell'Interno
 Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza
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n. 555/

Roma, li 16 Luglio 1945

On.le COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 Sottocommissione per la P.S.

R O M A

OGGETTO: Controllo autoveicoli.--

Gli organi di polizia, conformemente agli accordi presi dallo scrivente con codesta On.le Sottocommissione, vanno compiendo una energica azione per stroncare la circolazione illecita degli autoveicoli.

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Alligo ~~del~~ ^{del} rapporto redatto dal dirigente il suddetto ufficio di requisizione.

IL CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICES
Requisition Vehicles - Office

TO : Chief of Police

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July 16 1945

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The a/m office, having noted the great number of vehicles used for public services, suspected that among many concessions, some were not regular. After laborious & long inquiries, on July 12th 1945 they found a car type Fiat 1100 licensed 77418 Roma passing through Via Zanardelli, provided with a circulating permit issued by Ministry of Interior, valid up to 31 December 1945. Mrs Pancianeschi Renata was inside the car; interrogated she could not explain the use of the car.

Having stopped the car & the lady, after accurate control the car was found circulating with a false permit being sold to the owner of the car by a certain Andreis Antonio di Alfredo, bachelor, living at Via Gallia n.95 a medicine student. The latter immediately said that a man named Di Giacomo Giuseppe had given the permit to him, he did not know his dwelling, but knew his going often to Colonna Gallery, where he had made his acquaintance, Agents lying in wait & inquiries made immediately did not give any results, so as it was thought that Di Giacomo was the supposed name of a suspect person, well-known by Andreis.

In fact, after scrupulous searching in the house of the latter, printed forms for false permits, identical to the one of the car licensed 77418 Roma, were found, besides, a counterfeited stamp of Ministry of Transport & other materials concerned with motorism were also found.

The supposed Di Giacomo was later identified as being Nati Marcello di Romeo, living Via Palestro n.34 away from the Capital some days ago.

Therefore all the activity of those responsible for the counterfeit of the false permits was revealed, the false permits bearing the sign "S" with headings belonging to various Ministries, so as to evade control from the Police.

In the meantime all the persons concerned with this business were identified as follows:

ANDREIS Antonio di Alfredo - living via Gallia 95 - medicine student
NATI Marcello di Romeo - living at Via Palestro 34 - electric workman
DE SANTIS Mario di Raffaello - living Via Manlio Torquato 56 - electric workman

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BONSIGNORI Emilio di Domenico - living Via Tuscolana 36 - typograph
with workshop Via E. Filiberto 62
VALERI Romano di Luigi - living Via Gallia 95 - aged 16 - typograph
CARLINI Alfredo fu Giovanni - living Via delle Convertite 5 -
zincograph
ALLESSANDRINI Giacomo fu Germano - living Vicolo Amatriciani 5 -
typograph
MOCCI Cesare fu Enrico - living via Manlio Torquato 56 - driver

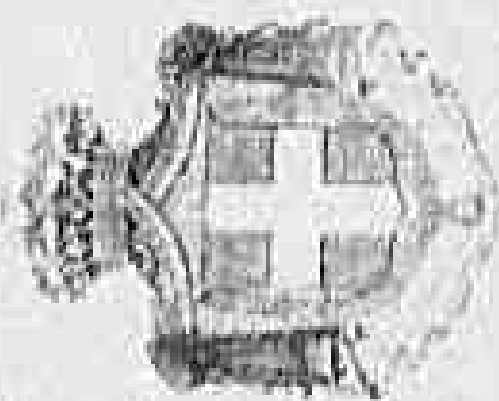
The three first ones were making & selling the permits, Bonsignori has printed the forms valid for the inst. 6 months & two counterfeited licenses for motor-bicycles. Alessandrini has printed & zincographed on June 30 1945. Carlini has manufactured the stamp clichè headed at Ministry of transport & the clichè pf green permits valid up to this day. Valeri was intermediary between the typograph & the zincograph. Mocchi acted as intermediary for the selling of some permits. All of them have confessed their crimes, except Nati, not yet arrested as being away from Rome.

The identification of other secondary persons concerned with this business is in course, as well as the persons having bought the false permits.

The complex operation has been achieved with the collaboration of Dr. Rallo Adjoint Commissary P.S. & of all the office Squad with intelligence, zeal, & spirit of sacrifice.

The Office Head
Requisition of vehicles

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

UFFICIO REQUISIZIONE AUTOMEZZI

ILL.MO SIG. CAPO DELLA POLIZIA

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Questi attribuiva subito il rilascio del permesso a tale Di Giacomo Giuseppe, di cui peraltro sconosceva l'abitazione e che, a suo dire, sarebbe un frequentatore assiduo della Galleria Colonna, dove appunto egli l'aveva conosciuto.

Gli appostamenti effettuati per due giorni di seguito e le indagi-

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ni subito esperite davano però esito negativo, rafforzando la convinzione che il Di Giacomo fosse il nome di copertura di altra persona losca, ben nota all'Andreis.

Infatti una scrupolosa perquisizione effettuata nell'abitazione di questi, portava al rinvenimento di stampati di permessi falsi, identici a quello dell'auto targata 774I8-Roma, oltre ad un timbro contraffatto del Ministero dei Trasporti ed altro materiale attinente all'attività automobilistica.

Il presunto Di Giacomo veniva successivamente identificato per tale Nati Marcello di Romeo, abitante in Via Palestro n. 34, da qualche giorno lontano dalla Capitale.

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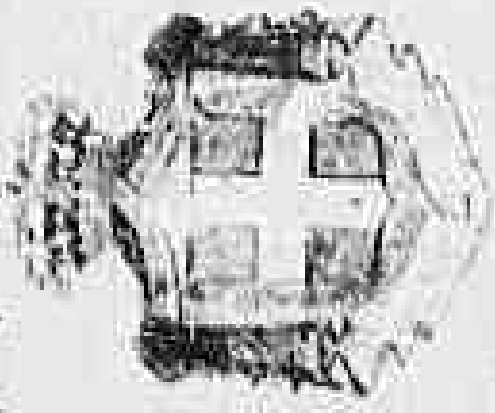
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- Mocchi Cesare fu Enrico - abitante in Via Manlio Torquato 56, autista.

I primi tre provvedevano alla compilazione e smercio dei permessi.

Il Bonsignori ha effettuato la stampa dei moduli valevoli per il corrente semestre nonchè due libretti di circolazione per motocicli.

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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cletta, contraffatti.

L'Alessandrini ha invece provveduto alla stampa e zincografia dei permessi scaduti il 30 giugno u.s.

Il Carlini ha fabbricato il timbro cliché intestato al Ministero dei Trasporti ed il cliché dei permessi verdi, tuttora validi.

Il Valeri si è prestato ad effettuare le commissioni presso il tipografo e lo zincografo.

Il Mocci ha agito da intermediario per la vendita di alcuni permessi.

Tutti sono rei confessi ad eccezione del Nati che non è stato ancora arrestato perchè fuori Roma.

E' in corso l'identificazione di altre figure secondarie che hanno partecipato all'attività suddetta e degli acquirenti dei permessi falsi.

La complessa operazione è stata compiuta con la collaborazione del dott. Rallo, Commissario Agg. di P.S. e di tutta la squadra dell'Ufficio, con intelligenza, zelo e spirito di sacrificio.

Roma, 16 luglio 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 476800

AC/14192/PS

27 July 1945

SUBJECT : Press Communication -
Misuse of POL.

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

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a communication (translation) issued to the press by the Ministry of Interior with regard to the use of vehicles for improper purposes, and the display of circulating permits on the front of vehicles.

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

WCB/ee

1 Enclosure

Copy : ~~Detsec, AFHQ, WAGO,~~
~~Economic Section,~~
~~Chief Commissioner's Office,~~
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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

PRESS COMMUNICATION

The Allies take notice that the strict discipline proscribed in rationing fuel is systematically trespassed by users of vehicles, besides the working hours for which it has been assigned.

Notice is made also that on holidays a great number of vehicles were used for sea-side or country resorts. This fact means that fuel is either stolen by the employees or bought at the black market.

The economic and moral prejudice owing to this fact is obvious.

That is why the Ministry of Interior has taken disposition for strict control on vehicles and will retire any license from those using vehicles out of the bounds of their authority.

People circulating on holidays are, evidently in a/m case except in cases of obvious necessity.

The licenses will also be retired from vehicles not placing their circulating permits in front of the car.

Vehicles without circulating permits will be requisitioned.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AO/5146/12/Commerce/POL. 25

Tel. Rome 478397

20 July 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of POL - ENAC.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission .
(Roads Div.)

1. Attached is copy and translation of an extract from "IL GLOBO" of 20 July 45 which speaks for itself.

Major H. A. GENT

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Director

Commerce Sub-Commission

Attach - as above

Copy to: Pol. Sec. AMHQ, RAC
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Public Safety S/C.

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Translation

EXTRACT FROM " IL GLOBO " 20 July 1945

Dishonest ENAC Employees - Naples

For some time the director of ENAC has had suspicions that permits for travel to the North including relative petrol allocations were being granted under his falsified signature.

Informed as to this situation the local Questura carried out investigations and discovered that a dishonest ENAC employee, one Renato Viola, was supplying false permits in collaboration with his colleague Umberto Rao. The moving spirit behind this lucrative business was the enterprising Mario Morelli in partnership with a certain Achille Mastrocinque. The four culprits have been arrested.

It has been ascertained that many false permits have been distributed particularly for the haulage of considerable quantities of Marsala and Vermouth to Milan and Turin.

ESTRATTO DA " IL GLOBO " del 20/7/45

Falsi impiegati dell'ENAC a Napoli

Napoli, 19

Da qualche tempo il direttore dell'ENAC aveva dei sospetti che si rilasciassero permessi per carburante e trasporti per il nord con la sua firma apocrifa.

Informata la Questura venivano iniziate delle indagini e si accertava che un infedele impiegato dell'ENAC, tale Renato Viola, rilasciava falsi permessi in combutta con il suo collega Umberto Rao. Proccacciatore di tali lucrosi affari era il faccendiere Mario Morelli associato a tale Achille Mastrocchino. I quattro sono stati arrestati.

Risulta che molti sono stati i permessi falsi rilasciati, soprattutto per il trasporto di ingenti quantità di marsala e vermouth a Milano e a Torino.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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EXT :- 566

20 JULY 1945

REF :- AC/12/142/TN5SUBJECT :- Abuse of P.O.L.

TO :- E.N.A.C.
General Directorate
Piazza della Croce Rosse-ROMA

1. With reference to attached copy of memo AC/5146/12/Commerce /POL 22 Dated 14 July 1945 .
2. You will note that no action was taken by your control in the instance specified in para 2 (c) and that on highway 1 halfway between Rome and Fregene your control point is apparently not manned on Sundays .
3. Will you please forward your comments on the points raised in this letter with particular and early reference to the points in para 2 above and inform this Sub-Commis/ what action you are taking .

For the DIRECTOR

J.S.BILLINGHURST
Capt. R.A.S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMONS SUBCOMMISSION

JIS/so

Ref. AG/5146/12/Commerce/POL 22

Tel. Rome 478397

14 July 1945

SUBJECT : Abuse of POL (ENAC)

TO : Ministry Industry and Commerce
(Liquid Fuels Division)

14402/7/1

1. Referring to previous correspondence and conversations regarding misuse of POL in Italian Government Territory the following additional cases recently noted are drawn to your attention.

2. (a) Whilst returning from Caserta on 10 July '45 Lt. Col. King of Petroleum Section AFHQ noted an ENAC truck loaded with 8 casks of wine and passengers proceeding rapidly from Avellino to Rome. The truck was not stopped to obtain further details.

(b) On the same date a Naples taxi Number NA 31412 loaded with about 9 Italian civilians was observed proceeding through Formia to Rome.

(c) On Sunday 8 July another officer of Petroleum Section observed a column of 9 trucks fully loaded with Italian girls arrive at the Fosse Ardeatine Caves at 1950 hrs. The trucks were all labelled (printed posters)

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And were obliged to pass an ENAC control point situated within a few yards from the point where the trucks pulled up. No action was taken at the ENAC control point.

(d) It has been pointed out to this Subcommission by various AG officers that on Highway I there is an official ENAC control point about halfway between Rome and Fregene. No personnel has ever been observed in

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service on Sunday and as a result no trucks ever pull up at this point for control on that day of the week. It is felt that the presence of a police patrol at this point with ENAC personnel also on duty would put an immediate stop to the Sunday joy-riding to Eugene concerning which complaint has already been raised.

3. It is requested that every effort be made to trace the individual vehicles concerned in incidents (a) (b) and (c) and that severe action be taken against all. It is also requested that the suggestion made in para 2 (d) be implemented.

Major H. A. GENT

H. A. GENT

Major

Director

Commerce Subcommission

Copy to : ~~Per. Sec. Admin. Div.~~
: ~~Transportation S/O (2 copies)~~
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TRANSLATION J.B.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
N.13308 /14600

P.S third Section

SUBJECT : Abuse of fuel

TO : Prefects of liberated Italy
High Commissioners for Sicily and Sardinia
General Command CC.RR Rome
General Command Guards of Finance Rome
R. Questura Roma

TO	INIT	DATE
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Notwithstanding the strict dispositions of this Ministry with circular letter dated April 7 1945 n.10.12145/14600, up to this day numerous abuses have been noticed as regards consume of fuel so as suspicion is made that the action taken by P.S. agents regarding the elimination of it has been very scarce.

Some Questures, after instituting road blocks, should have made reports on the results obtained acc. to a/m circ. letters but after a short time they stopped altogether to report anything desearving attention.

And yet, there is an enormous circulation of motor-cycles, motor-bycicles with trailers and other non-authorized vehicles, even in public services-a great deal of vehicles go to the beaches and the country in the evenings and Sundays- private cars and lorries for passengers stay out of the theatres every night as well as interprovincial, unnecessary traffic is developing.

Economic advertisements in all papers are full of travel agency publicity in continuous unjustified increating ~~thous~~ letting people think that fuel is stolen or bought at the black market. In whichever case, economic and moral prejudices are obvious by damaging our national interests.

Therefore it is this Ministry intention, and heads of Prov. P.S. Offices will be personally responsible, for cutting down, in a strong and rapid manner, the ever increasing abuses as regards fuel.

To this aim, you are begged to give strict dispositions for intensifying control by P.S. agents & take back circulating permits from everyone using vehicles further off the limits of their authority.

People circulating on holidays are, without doubt in a/m case, except ~~for~~ cases of obvious necessity.

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The licenses will also be retired from vehicles not placing their circulating permits in front of the cars.

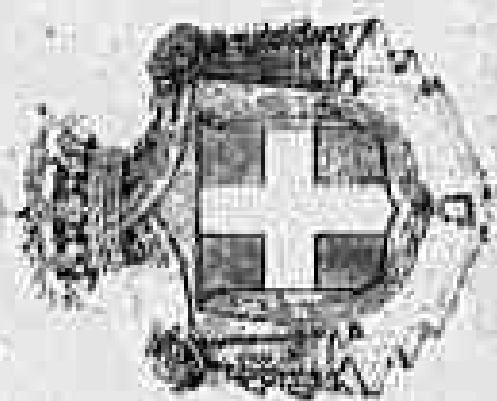
Vehicles without permits will be requisitioned. The service shall be effected at stations and patrols on vehicles, results of which shall be mentioned in the prescribed monthly reports.

Please acknowledge

For the Minister
Ferrari

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Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA
Divisione Polizia - Sezione Terza

n. 10.13338/14600 -

Roma, 11 luglio 1945 -

OGGETTO: Abuso di benzina.

AI PREFETTI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA
AGLI ALTI COMMISSARI PER LA SICILIA E LA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELL'ARMA DEI CC. RR.
R O M A
AL COMANDO GENERALE DELLA REGIA GUARDIA DI FINANZA

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ALLA REGIA QUESTURA DI R O M A

Nonostante tassative e rigorose disposizioni impartite da questo Ministero con le circolari in data 7 aprile 1945, n. 10.12145/14600 e 11 maggio 1945, n. 10.12486/14600, ancora oggi vengono generalmente segnalati numerosi e flagranti abusi nel consumo della benzina, tanto da fare nascere il sospetto che ben scarsa sia stata l'azione degli Organi di Polizia per eliminarli.

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Cosiché è da ritenere o che siavi distrazione di carburante dall'impiego consentito o che il carburante abusivamente usato sia di illecita provenienza.

Nell'un caso o nell'altro è evidente il pregiudizio economico ed anche morale che deriva, dai fatti ripetutamente lamentati, agli interessi nazio-

nali.

E', pertanto, fermo intendimento di questo Ministero, e i dirigenti gli Uffici Provinciali di P.S. ne dovranno personalmente rispondere, di stroncare, in maniera rapida e decisiva, il dilagare degli abusi nel settore dei carburanti.

A tale scopo si prega impartire rigorose disposizioni perché gli organi di polizia intensifichino la vigilanza e, senz'altro, ritirino la licenza di circolazione a tutti coloro che siano colti nell'impiego di autoveicoli fuori dei limiti della rispettiva autorizzazione.

Questa ipotesi è concretata, senz'altro, da chi circoli in giorno festivo, senza evidente imprescindibile necessità.

Sarà, altresì, ritirata la licenza relativa a veicoli che non portino in evidenza esposto il pertosso di circolazione.

Le vetture sorprese a circolare senza licenza, saranno senz'altro requisiti.

Il servizio dovrà espletarsi mediante posti fissi e con pattuglie volanti e dei risultati dovrà farsi cenno nelle prescritte relazioni mensili.

Si rimane intanto in attesa di un esplicito cenno di assicurazione.

pel MINISTRO

Ferrari

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

JAC/ee

Ref. AG/5146/12/Commerce/POL 18

Tel. Rome 48397

18 July 1945

SUBJECT : Newspaper cutting - Waste of petrol

TO : ~~Det. Sec. AFHQ, RAC~~

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1. Attached is Extract and translation of an article which appeared in "Il Reporter" for 16 July '45.

2. This rather seems to indicate that a small start is being made towards elimination of abuse of petrol.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Major H. A. GENT

H. A. GENT
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Director
Commerce Subcommission

Attach- as per para 1.

Copy to : ~~Economic Section~~
: Public Safety S/C

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Extract from " IL REPORTER " of 16 July 1945

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A Beautiful Day at the Sea !

TEN THOUSAND PERSONS STRANDED AT OSTIA

While they were enjoying a bathe, happy and carefree, the police were sequestering all the trucks at Porta San Paolo.

How lovely to have a day at the seaside ! In this heat who would not succumb to the temptation of a glorious day on the beach ? All the more so since the seaside is as near at hand as Ostia. So, if it is hot in Rome let us go to the seaside.

This was the decision yesterday of tens of thousands of persons. One can reach Ostia either by truck from Porta San Paolo or by train which only goes as far as Acilia. From thence it is necessary to proceed either on foot or by the usual truck.

Yesterday at departure time all went well under favourable conditions. The sea was calm, Ostia was crowded, and everything was going according to plan.

Then come the moment when they thought it was time to return to Rome. So, by degrees, the groups of Sunday bathers began to crowd to the point whence normally the trucks leave. After long waiting, never the shadow of a truck appeared on the horizon.

The crowd continued to swell, some people started a protest, soon the protest became general and men and women, old and young carried on an angry demonstration against the truckers.

The poor folk were ignorant as to what had happened at Porta San Paolo until someone brought the news from Rome. At 11 o'clock Italian Police cooperating with Military Police has blocked at Porta San Paolo near the Pyramid all the numerous trucks engaged on the shuttle service Rome-Ostia. This step was taken on account of the continued waste of petrol.

And so 10,000 persons remained stranded at Ostia without any hope of getting back home.

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Ten thousand bathers still smelling of salt water, covered in golden sand, longing for a bit shade and quiet at home after a surfeit of sun and sea, remained at Ostia because of Petrol...

Only after laborious negotiations were the Police able to start the trucks running again. So in the late afternoon the vehicles took the road once more but only in very reduced numbers.

Estratto da " IL REPORTER " del 16 luglio 1945

Che bella cosa una giornata al mare !

DIECIMILA PERSONE BLOCCATE AD OSTIA

Mentre facevano il bagno, si riposavano e si pensavano, la polizia sequestrava tutte le camionette a Porta San Paolo

Che bella cosa una giornata al mare ! Con questo caldo chi non finisce col cedere alla tentazione di andare a passare una gioiosa giornata in riva al mare ? Tanto più che il mare sta ad Ostia, anzi è Ostia che sta sul mare.

Dunque se a Roma fa caldo, andiamo al mare.

Così decine di migliaia di persone hanno deciso di fare anche ieri. Ad Ostia ci si arriva o partendo con la camionette da Porta San Paolo o partendo col treno che vi porta, però, fino ad Anzio. Di qui bisogna affidarsi alle gambe o alle solite camionette.

Dunque: la partenza era avvenuta anche ieri sotto i migliori auspici. Il mare era tranquillo, Ostia era piena di folla, tutto si svolgeva nel migliore dei modi.

Ici ad un certo momento la gente ha pensato che era tempo di ritornare a Roma. Così, piano, piano, i gruppi di bagnanti domenicali si sono affollati là ove, di solito, partono le camionette. Aspetta, aspetta; però non l'ombra d'un automezzo compariva all'orizzonte.

La folla s'è andata ingrossando, qualcuno ha cominciato a protestare, ben presto, la protesta diveniva generale e donne, uomini, vecchi e bambini si davano ad una dimostrazione di folla contro i camionettisti.

Non sapevano, i poverini, cosa era avvenuto a Porta San Paolo. Ma non l'ha portata qualcuno da Roma: alle 11 la Polizia italiana in collaborazione con la Military Police aveva bloccato a Porta San Paolo, presso la Piramide, tutte le numerose camionette in servizio di collegamento Roma-Ostia.

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Il provvedimento era stato motivato dal continuo dispendio di carburante.

Con ciò circa 10 mila persone sono rimaste bloccate ad Ostia, senza possibilità di ritorno.

Diecimila bagnanti ancora oltranzanti di salso marino, pieni di sabbia dorata tra la pelle e la camicia, desiderosi d'un pò d'ombra e della serenità casalinga dopo tanto sole e tanto mare, sono rimasti ad Ostia per via del carburante...

Solo dopo laboriose trattative la Polizia era in grado di far ripartire le camionette. Così nel tardo pomeriggio gli automezzi riprendevano a funzionare, ma in numero alquanto ridotto.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

N.10.1338-14.600

Answer to AG/14402/7/1/PS
dated 7/7/45

SUBJECT : Abuse in using Petrol

TO : A.C. Sub-Commission PS

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Having acknowledged the content of a/m note, about abuses in using petrol and the circulation of vehicles, noted by your Commission, this Ministry feels very sorry for what is reported. About the matter, we make notice of the very serious and huge difficulties we meet with as regards an efficient and adequate control, liable to cut down the a/m abuses, the well-known conditions of police forces as regards number and lack of vehicles being responsible for this state of things.

On the other hand, we think it fit to make notice that, as resulting from serious inquiries, a good deal of vehicles undoubtedly about half of those circulating in the city with such intensity, are without permits issued by their own local authorities, pouring from all parts of Italy, the owners being in need of coming to the Capital for their own private affairs. However, this Ministry is ready to take strong action so as to cut down the said abuses forwarding the attached circular letter to all Prefectures, General Commands CC.RR and Guards of Finance, giving categorical instructions to intensify control over vehicles.

Besides, other instructions as shown by other attached copy, are forwarded to the Press and General Direction of R.A.I. (Italian Broadcasting Corporation) so as largest publicity, by Press and Radio be made of the dispositions prohibiting abuses of fuel and of the severe sanctions to transgressors.

At the same time, your Commission is begged to examine the possibility of a special allotment of fuel and oil to this Gen. Div. P.S. so as patrol services on vehicles be sent on the main streets of the city to control the traffic and cut down abuses of whichever form they may be.

Trusting this request be granted, we shall make periodical reports on results regarding the matter.

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For the Minister.

Per 11 luglio 1945-

Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA PUBBLICA SICUREZZA

ALLA COMMISSIONE AULICATA
Sotto commissione per la P.S.
R O M A

Direzione Polizia *Terza*
Prot. N. 10.13338 *Allegato* -2-
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Risposta al Foglio del 7.7.1945
Dir. *Sc. A C.14482/7/1/P.S.*

OGGETTO Abuso di benzina.

Questo Ministero, presa cognizione del contenuto della nota sopraindicata, concernente gli abusi riscontrati da cotesta Commissione nel consumo della benzina e nella circolazione degli autoveicoli, non può non esprimere il suo vivo rincrescimento per quanto è stato rilevato al riguardo.

In proposito questo Ministero non ritiene superfluo far considerare a cotesta Commissione le gravi ed enormi difficoltà che si frappongono ad una efficiente e adeguata vigilanza che sia in grado di stroncare in pieno i lamentati abusi, in relazione soprattutto alle note condizioni deficitarie delle forze di polizia e dei mezzi di cui esse sono in atto dotati.

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Comunque, questo Ministero, fermamente deciso ad adottare ogni possibile provvedimento per reprimere gli abusi di cui trattasi, con la circolare che si unisce in copia ha diramato alle dipendenti Prefetture, nonché ai Comandi generali dei RR.CC. e della Guardia di Finanza, opportune categoriche istruzioni per l'intensificazione dei servizi di vigilanza all'uopo occorrenti.

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Si è inoltre diramato un comunicato, di cui pure si unisce copia, all'ufficio stampa e alla Direzione Generale della R.A.I. (Radio Audizioni Italia), per la massima pubblicità a mezzo della stampa e della Radio delle disposizioni che vietano detti abusi di carburante e delle severe sanzioni combinate per i trasgressori.

Con l'occasione, si prega cotesta Commissione di voler esaminare la possibilità di fare espressamente a questa Direzione Generale di Pubblica Sicurezza una speciale assegnazione di carburante e lubrificante perché possa essere disposto un servizio di pattuglie volanti sulle arterie principali al fine di controllare la circolazione e intervenire contro gli abusi, in qualunque forma si dovessero presentare.

Si confida nell'accoglimento della proposta anzicennata e si fa riserva di comunicare periodicamente i risultati ottenuti dal servizio predisposto.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

JRC/ee

Ref. AC/5146/Commerce/POL 23

Tel. Rome 478397

14 Rome 1945

July

SUBJECT : Misuse of R.T.C.'s

TO : HQ Piemonte Region AMG
(Attn. Regional Commerce Officer
and R.P.S.O.)

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1. Reference is made to letter dated 4 July '45 (PBT MI/4/2) addressed to you by Major Landon.
2. It is requested that this Subcommittee be kept fully informed as to the result of the enquiry and in particular that answers be given to the following points:-
3. Did these Tank wagons leave with AMG authority?
4. If so what arrangements for POL for the round trip were made?
5. If not (a) what was the origin of POL supply for the initial stage of the trip?
(b) Why were the R.T.C.'s not stopped and turned back by one of the mobile police squads who were supplied with special POL allocation in Rome for the purpose of proceeding North to various centres of activity?
6. It is pointed out this Subcommittee has been pressing the Italian Government for some time past to

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take decisive action to eliminate abuse of POL and desires to bring this additional case to their attention in the event the vehicles were travelling illegally.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

Major H. A. GENT

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Commerce Subcommittee

Copy to : Det. sec. AFHQ, NAAC

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(Roads Div.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

JRC/ec

Ref. AC/5067/Commerce/POL 21

Tel. Rome 478397

19 July 1945

SUBJECT : Circulation of Motor Vehicles - Naples.

TO : Ministry Industry and Commerce
(Liquid Fuels Division)

1. A report has just been received by this Sub-Commission stating that of a total of 4000 Circulation Permits issued by Italian authorities in passed periods 1540 have not been renewed as from 1st July 1945 following classification as non-essential.
2. This very satisfactory result has been achieved through careful screening carried out by a committee set up for the purpose by AMG authorities on which the C.C.F.R. and Gestapo were represented.
3. It is suggested that this result could usefully be brought to the notice of other issuing offices in Italian Government territory as an example of what can be achieved by careful screening.
4. This Subcommission would be interested to receive similar reports from other areas as they become available.

Major H. A. GENT
Major DIRECTOR
Director
Commerce Subcommission

Copy to : 1st Sec. AFHQ, EAC
: Economic Section
: Public Safety S/O
(Maj. Ballance)

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Col. Chapman

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19 July 1945

Ref. AD/5146/12/Commerce

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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On 23 March 1945 I found it necessary to write to Prime Minister Bonomi drawing his attention to the lack of effective control in Italian Government territory over the use of petrol and motor vehicles generally.

It is reported to me that the abuses to which reference was made have not been checked in spite of repeated instructions issued by the Ministry of the Interior to all Prefects insisting that severe police action must be taken. The situation to date is set out in the attached statement, to which I would like to draw your personal attention.

It is perfectly true, as claimed by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, that a great proportion of the petrol used for irregular purposes originates from the black market and is illegally acquired from Allied stocks. This aspect of the matter is being presented to competent Allied authorities. It is equally true, however, that where there are no receivers there is no incentive to theft; the circulation of considerable numbers of unauthorized and unnecessary vehicles undoubtedly provides such an incentive in the case of petrol.

Owing to the continuance of the war in the Far East, the number of tankers which can be spared for bringing supplies to this Theater is strictly limited, and it will probably be necessary to cut down the number still further in the immediate future.

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This means it is essential that every drop of petrol which is brought in must be put to good and effective use. I should be glad, therefore, to have your personal assurance that no further time will be lost over instituting those measures of rigid control which alone can prevent serious wastage.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

REPORT OF POL IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY

1. action to eliminate the misuse of POL first started as far back as April 1944 following a complaint made by the Commander in Chief, Allied forces in Italy regarding the rapid extension of civilian motorizing.
2. At the same time a system of Civilian Motor Licensing based on Circulation Permits issued to approved vehicles had been operating only for a short time and instructions were sent to all Regional Commissioners to institute road blocks in collaboration with Italian Police with a view to cutting out unauthorized circulation of vehicles. The measure it was desired to institute was made known to Italian Government through Public Safety Sub-commission and their cooperation requested.
3. Following the handing over to Italian administration of additional areas during summer months it became evident that the controls instituted were being freely evaded with the result that a steady black market in petrol had developed.
4. The situation was again drawn to the attention of the Italian Government at the beginning of November 1944, particular emphasis being laid on the excessive number of small trucks employed on unauthorized passenger traffic in some areas. An assurance was received from the Ministry of Communications dated 6 November 1944 that steps were being taken to institute regular controlled passenger services following which decisive measures would be taken to eliminate private trucks.
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8. The only reaction appears to have been on paper. In his acknowledgement, dated 29 March, of the Chief Commissioner's letter Mr. Prime Minister Bonomi stated that orders had been given to the police to "exercise the strictest surveillance to repress abuses" and circulars were indeed sent out to all Prefects by the Ministry of the Interior, dated 24 March and 7 April.

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9. In spite of the above sentences there has been no evidence to date of any serious attempt to institute road blocks on any scale although it was confirmed by the Ministry of the Interior towards the middle of April that day and night pipe line patrols were being organized immediately by the prefecture of Rome and Naples.

10. At the end of May, Commerce Sub-commission was approached by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for a supplementary allocation of petrol to Naples Police for the purpose of organizing said patrols but by this time losses had reached such a point (estimated by police as 2/10,000 barrels per month) that the pipe line had been taken out as the only possible remedy against further loss and was no longer operative.

11. Evidence of complete absence of effective control has continued to accumulate. The following is a statement sent by Ministry of Interior showing numbers of vehicles impounded during the months of April and May:

	April	May
Salerno	2	-
Catania	9	6
Barf	-	2
Florence	-	5
Rome	-	23
	11	43

These figures in respect of such an extended area speak for themselves.

12. As regards control over unauthorized passenger trucks in Rome, a copy of a letter written from Rome Prefecture to Ministry of Interior, dated 31 May, was passed to Commerce Sub-commission by Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The last paragraph of this letter reads as follows:-

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13. During the month of April, a series of road checks on the activities of trucks running under official control of M.I.C. were carried out by 6393 from Transportation Sub-commission. Twenty-nine cases of serious conduct were noted during a period of three days and brought to the attention of the Ministry of Communications (responsible for M.I.C.) by Transportation Sub-commission with a request that severe action be taken against the offenders. It is understood that prosecutions have been instituted in some cases but that judgment has not been given owing to long legal delays. Transportation Sub-commission are still pressing for a final report on all cases.

14. During the month of May, approval was given to an Italian Government proposal to prolong the validity of circulation permits from 6 to 6 months in order to allow local authorities ample time in which to carry out thorough searching operations. It has always been contended by the Italian Government in this connection that the original 4-month period of validity did not allow

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time for satisfactory screening and that this explained to a great extent the excessive circulation of private vehicles. A circular to all issuing offices was sent out by Ministry of Industry and Commerce, dated 1 June 1945 (Circular No. 53) and this contained specific instructions that the number of permits issued must be reduced. This wording was inserted as worded by Commerce Sub-commission and, when approving the change, it was made clear to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce that its consequences are dependent on results achieved in the field of allocation of buses. (C/5087 of 7 May 1945). *H4K*

15. Since the beginning of May further letters written to the Italian Government dealing with abuses include the following:

- a) 7 May 45 - Public Safety Sub-commission to Ministry of Interior citing further cases of trucks transporting passengers to testing areas.
- b) 11 May 45 - C/5146/12 to Ministry Industry and Commerce suggesting that it may be necessary to consider reducing the bulk allocation if action is not taken. An extract from "Il Dolo", dated 21 April 45, giving a full account of the Black Market procedure was attached to this letter.
- c) 21 June 1945 - Commerce Sub-commission to Ministry of Industry and Commerce citing a case of a truck stopped on Highway 2 between Florence and Rome. The driver claimed to be returning from Florence to Rome from an official haul on behalf of ENIC but could produce no documents to substantiate his statement neither could he explain why his truck was fitted with well-built seats and loaded to capacity with well-dressed Italian civilians.
- d) 23 June 45 - Commerce Sub-commission to Ministry of Industry and Commerce replying to a request for an increased allocation for June. This letter reviewed the whole situation to date and drew attention to further abuses in the form of trucks and private cars running to the sea-shore in the evenings and on Sundays and also to the great increase in inter-provincial private traffic. Ref. services was also made to the necessity for revising the priorities system with a view to making possible the allocation of greater supplies to distributive services than heretofore. Copies of this

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- e) 6 July 45 - Commerce Sub-commission to Ministry of Industry and Commerce asking for information regarding authority for institution of long distance bus services Rome-Florence and Rome-Rimini and source of oil supplies. It was pointed out that 5 large buses were seen on 20th officer entering Florence in company with fully loaded with civilian passengers.
16. During this same period, a further circular was sent by the Ministry of Interior, dated 11 July, to all Prefects again insisting that severe police control be instituted and a similar circular, dated 14 July, to all long police forces by the same Quotidiano. The effect of the latter is

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seen in the past. set out in para 1c. In both circumstances specific orders are given that cars will not circulate on Sunday and public buildings for pleasure purposes. It is sufficient to go to any bench or any pleasure resort on any Sunday to see how this order is enforced.

17. During the whole of the period covered by the above report, the representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce - Liquid Fuels Division - have been kept well informed by Commerce Sub-commission regarding all developments and have displayed willingness to cooperate whenever it has been necessary to call on them to make special arrangements for fuel supplies to special services in which AC have been interested. It is felt, however, that their efforts to allocate, to the best advantage, the bulk supplies made available to the Italian Government are being seriously impeded by the complete absence of effective police control over circulation. Even if improved screening is achieved as a result of the action set out under para 14, full results in the form of reduced and better regulated traffic can only be expected following the removal from circulation by police action of those vehicles now known to be circulating illegally and unnecessarily.

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APO 364
ECONOMIC SECTION

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10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Misuse of P.O.L. by Italians

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. A letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister on the misuse of P.O.L. and the inadequacies of measures to correct the condition is being prepared for your consideration. The letter should be before you within the next few days. For your present information the following is supplied as an interim reply.

2. The interested sub-commissions and PETSOC, aware of misuse and mis-allocation, have taken and are continuing action designed to cause correction of the conditions.

3. Representations to the Italian Government of recent date include:

(a) Letter 7 July, Public Safety S/C to Minister of Interior cites flagrant abuses, expresses dissatisfaction with corrective measures, and requests vigorous and prompt action as well as the comments of the Minister. Attention was called to the unfavorable reaction of PETSOC and to the refusal of that body to grant additional allocations of P.O.L. to the Italian Government until conditions are corrected.

(b) Letter 22 June from Commerce S/C to Minister of Industry and Commerce asserting that the overall allocation of P.O.L. to the Italian Government is sufficient. However, to insure adequacy the Government would be required to:

- (1) exercise more rigid control.
- (2) review the system of allocations.

The letter points out there is no action on (1) above and calls attention to such improper pleasure driving as trips to the beaches, race tracks, theatres, etc. With respect to priorities the letter suggests unreasonable allocations by the Italian Government to certain agencies. A report has been requested from the Minister giving full details of the measures taken by him.

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- (c) Director of Transportation Sub-Commission requested the Minister of Transport to exert all possible pressure to increase the small allocations of P.O.L. to commercial transport.
- (d) Director of Transportation Sub-Commission requested the Minister of Commerce and Industry and Industry Sub-Commission to correct abuses in allocation of P.O.L. to commercial transport. This request was forwarded by that Minister to the Minister of Interior on 30 June.

4. There are certain difficulties facing the Italian Government in this problem, such as alleged insufficiency of fuel for police vehicles, and the contention of the Italians that lack of Allied control over its own distribution points, accounts for much black market P.O.L. The Italian Government has issued written instructions to Police authorities calling for energetic action (copies Public Safety S/C), and material results achieved are practically speaking, unnoticeable. The Ministry of the Interior has advised Public Safety S/C that during the months of April and May, fifty-four cars and trucks only were impounded on account of irregularities. It appears from this that the Italian Government is taking practically no steps to ensure respect for the orders issued and that the Police authorities are not displaying any energy in carrying out these orders. To illustrate this point the following is a translation of an extract from a letter written by the "Prefetto di Roma" to the Ministry of the Interior dated 31/5/45.

"The Chief of the Rome Municipal Police informs me that, with the object of avoiding public disturbances, he has thought it opportune to suspend as from 31st May the measures in force for checking and controlling the said bus services". (N.B. - Bus services referred to are the Rome "camionetti").

(Signed)

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cc: Executive Commissioner
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