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MEETINGS
APR., MAY 1944

REPORT ON REGION I CONFERENCE.
PALERMO, 24 May 44.

To:
VP Adm Section.

For special attention or action.

I duly attended the conference at Palermo and attach an agenda of the meeting which commenced at 0845 and did not finish until about 1830 hours.

Generally: The principal impression left upon me by the proceeding is the importance of the presence at these conferences of staff officers from HQ. Here provincial officers discuss their difficulties; no better opportunity could possibly be conceived of feeling the pulse of the whole Region, of ascertaining local conditions and opinions and of giving guidance as to policy or advice on difficulties. In my opinion it is essential that the three sections, RC & MG, Admin and Econ should invariably be represented and that in addition the principal policy - forming and administrative sub-comns should frequently attend by the Director or his Deputy and that the Directors of other Sub-Comns or their Deputies should attend at least once in every three months. There was so much that a Director could usefully have heard or said that I put the attendance of these conferences at a high priority in importance. I recommend that the combined Duties of a Director and his Deputy should be so arranged as to ensure freedom for attendance at these Conferences in the case of the more important Sub-Comns preferably every month and of other Sub-Comns once in every three months.

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Wheat harvest is the principal anxiety. Neglect by the Italian Govt to follow proper channel of communication causes a little friction. Country appears to be settling down; the wider base of central government seems to have satisfied local opinion. Representation on the Giunta Comunale should be similarly widenes. The expedient of appointing local commissars should be terminated if possible by appointing sindaci and local councils. One Province alone has 32 commissars. Some trouble has been caused by the fact that AMG paid sindaci whereas they are no longer paid. The question as to whether they can be re-imbursed for out of pocket expenses would be looked into. Would welcome attendance of heads of principal Sub-Comns at conferences.

Provincial Commissioner's Reports:

AGRIGENTO :

Food - Black Bread 45/100 L.p.kilo. Bean and grain crops good. Political-Communist is strongest party. Loggia intriguing against Musotto, query with Aldisio. Supplies good- rail thefts e.g. holes cut in roofs of grain wagon; brace and bit hole through floor so grain pours out.

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Labour - no change. Sulphur mines are difficult: at one mine only a 100 out of 1.300 at work. Refugees - about 2,000 - refuse to spend their cash allowance on ground that everything should be found for them. Apparently do not consider the cash allowance as a part of the method of providing for their needs; the allowance is just their's. Crime - on downgrade- Red Cross clothing has been stolen. Petrol - notice of reduction of petrol allowance was not received until after civil ration had been issued. This left insufficient to keep essential services going. Had therefore exceeded his allowance.

CALTANISETTA & ENNA:

Int Interior - no Prefect. Vice Prefect not very satisfactory and will
Pe be removed when defascistisation is undertaken and is therefore not working. The local defascistising commissions should themselves be screened; they are not yet working. Food - Dislike of imported emergency foodstuffs - crushed beans are accepted but not liked. Dried soup is disliked, and condensed and powdered milks are regardd with suspicion. Crop prospects excellent. Political - Principal political parties are Christian Democrats and Communists. Black Market - Bread 50 L. p.k. Refugees - about 1.300 are completely ungrateful for anything that is done for them.

CATANIA :

PH Defascitisation Committee formed but not working. Food - scale is defective - there has been no increase of height or weight of children. Wages for unskilled labour paid by Army only 50 lire per day. These rates should have been increased by 70%, civil rate is 80/90 lire per day. Grain stocks are finished and now question of hand to mouth supplies from Messina.
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Int Age 65 given as reason for unsuitability of Palombo for promotion was an excuse, his background is unsatisfactory, is alleged fascist- further investigation is being made. He is a Christian Democrat.

Law Aldisio is installing his friends. Military Courts are frequently asked for by the Army for stealing army stores, it has been made clear that this is not allowable. Crop yield estimated excellent. Nervous about high cost of living. Mines have had to close owing to the shortage of materials - long lists of supplies urgently required to keep mines working have been supplied to HQ but nothing Happens. Where work is necessary to be done it takes as much as 3 months to get the request for funds through the mill before work can start. The work meanwhile waits. Refugees badly need summer clothing; 75 tons in Palermo is not allowed to be touched as it is said to be earmarked for Rome. Communes are not linked by telephone, further extensions are urgently needed.

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

Health: Approve of Italian Regional MOH scheme, he would stand to the Provincial MOH in a position somewhat analogous to the English Minister of Health stands to the county M H. Cars were required for malarial control. Could petrol be spared for street watering. Some arrangements must be made to control retail price of medicines, were the Guardia Finanzia suitable for this. The new welfare scheme was welcomed.

Safety: Sabotage - wire cutting had increased, probably more theft than vice but special mixed patrols of military and civil police had been organised to deal with it. Police patrols were being used to search for grain, in one case 40 tons had been found. Certain senior officials and Allied officers were involved. Provincial committees for defascistising were not working. Receipt of Scheda Personale not completed. Scheme FOR RELEASE OF Prisoners of War was outlined to meeting.

Education: Minister of Education was not clearing through the AC. Sindaci and CCRR are responsible for enforcing school attendance. 15% children absent for want of food or clothing.

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Agriculture: Collection of potato crop is starting - no control of sales. Army requirements will be covered by requisition. Principal problem is caused by price of wheat having been fixed at 1,000. Checking of Ration Cards, procedure should be to check the register of citizens, deduct deaths and moves out, add births and moves in, which should show the population. Allowance has then to be made for those entitled to producer's milling cards and the remainder should be those entitled to ration cards. HQ thinks that 50% only of the population requires ration cards. Experience shows that the population varies according to the principal industry to from 60% to 70%. With regard to HQ proposals for control of wheat and wheat prices. It will be extremely difficult to form the proposed local committees of two farmers and two farm workers. No farmer will neglect his farm at the height of the most important and busiest period of the farm year any more than farm workers can afford to lose the work which is by far the most highly paid of the year. The price offered is totally inadequate - in addition to special harvest pay, harvesters receive 1 Kilo bread and 1 litre of wine per day. Fixed salary employees receive two

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quintals per labourer plus extra for members of the family. The only way grain will be brought in will be by amassing the whole. Price must be 1.700 - 2.000 per quintal, 1.000 will not get the grain in. Inhabitants will buy sufficient grain to last them the year. The peoples view is that this inadequate price proves that fascist rule still prevails and that they are still being exploited. For these among other reasons, it is most advisable to apply a degree of May 43 which was drawn up by a Fascist Government. Labour costs 30 lire per hour or 300 lire per day. Threshing costs 200 lire per quintal. It will be impossible to get grain in at 1,000 lire. Rich peasants will evade the law and supply the black market at a remunerative price and not amass at a loss. Total requisitions is essential - milling permits should be abolished. The peasants have not the same objections to a total requisition as they have to amassing. Farmers should not be left with grain for any purpose. They should buy back their needs and have ration cards. It is impossible to enforce the present system rigourously when the farmer is allowed to retain grain on all sorts of grounds and this grain is merely estimated, there is room for all sorts of fraud and collusion. A large number of relatively small frauds aggregate to an immense loss. The penalty for fraud should be imprisonment and not fine. Gleaners should be allowed to work, what is left to them is impossible to collect, they even pick up individual grains but the total amounts to 15,000 quintals, this cannot be taken into account but it is so much more food. If gleaning is forbidden, this food will just be lost. There is general dismay, disillusion and disapproval at the price which has been fixed. The cost to producers of growing the crop is not covered; the estimated total cost of production is 1.600 lire. This is the absolutely unanimous view of all Provincial Commissioners. Ration must be increased. If increased it may completely kill the black market. The crop will be large enough to allow of a ration big enough to make resort to the black market unnecessary. If the price is not increased the Region is faced with the prospect of facing insurrection or starvation. Stocks in hand are not sufficient to give the extra ration for harvesters which is laid down in the instruction received from PCMG. In order to provied this ration an extra 5.000 tons of wheat would be required.

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Censorship: One officer only would be on ACC strength, he will be in charge of the whole censorship group, which consists of one Italian civilian for each province who will supervise work of The Prefect's censorship-departments.

Transport: Instructions as to the provision of cars for ACC officials and for Italian officials received from G-4 and Supply Sub-Comm were conflicting. One instructed them to dereguisition cars and procure the re-requisitioning by the Italian Government, the other required that cars for Italian officials should be borne on ACC strength if petrol was to be obtained. Cars de-requisitioned first should be those whose tyres, batteries etc could not be obtained from military sources.

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

Army Sub-commission, Major General Langley Browning

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

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

Combat Div in the line	14,100
10 I.S. Divs, distributed over Italy, Sicily and Sardinia	101,200
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g. transition from an enemy to a co-belligerent status is unprecedented.
h. graft, corruption, and nepotism was rampant for many years with the Fascist regime.
i. the Italian conception of producing efficiency and raising morale is very far below and very different to Allied standards.

6. We are tackling all this in three ways:

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

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

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

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

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Naval Sub-commission, Commodore I. M. Palmer

1. Work of this Sub-commission has been carried on at Taranto during the past six weeks.

2. The Italian fleet has been carrying out patrolling, convoy, and troop-carrying duties. Submarines are employed on training duties.

3. 7000 men are employed at the Taranto dockyards. The Franco Tosi shipbuilding works employs about 3000 men. The lack of boots and clothing has caused a reduction of working parties by about 25%.

4. Since the 8th of September, 1943, the following Allied ships have been refitted with major repairs: 1 cruiser, 28 destroyers, and 110 minor craft. Refits to Italian ships have included 12 cruisers, 14 destroyers, 28 torpedo boats, 24 submarines, and others. The best record is the number of ships docked which total 449, consisting of 110 Allied warships, 72 Allied merchant ships, 228 Italian warships, 15 Italian merchant ships, and 24 Italian submarines.

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3. The Bomber Transport Wing during April flew a total of 150 sorties on supply-dropping missions in Yugoslavia and Albania. A net total of 145 tons of supplies were dropped. Bad weather conditions in the Balkans have hampered supply dropping this month. A severe blow was received on May 14 when 5 Cant 1007 aircraft were lost and two others severely damaged in a surprise attack by enemy aircraft. In spite of this the morale of the Cant crews is unshaken. Due to the difficulty in keeping the long-range fighters serviceable, it has been decided, for the present, to drop supplies at night. It is hoped to average six aircraft per night throughout the month, subject to weather conditions.

4. The Seaplane Wing continues to carry out very valuable work as part of the Mediterranean Area Coastal Air Forces. U-Boat hunts, convoy escort duties and air/sea rescue are their main duties. In addition there have been many sorties for courier services, anti-aircraft cooperation and parachute dropping exercises.

5. Future operations will be limited by our ability to maintain our rather elderly aircraft in serviceable condition. The Prime Minister has said that the Italian Air Force will be reinforced with British aircraft. It was thought that Allied aircraft was meant.

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6. The maintenance and equipment aspect of the I.A.F. shows ~~a slight improvement~~, but there is still the "go slow" element in the Italian Air Ministry whose inefficiency and red-tape hamper the operational side. Requisitioning of Air Force property still goes on. Usually it is the British Army which does this.

7. The labor dispute at the Alfa-Romeo works has been settled. The Sanita Works at Benevento has staged a remarkable recovery, and will eventually be the main I.A.F. fighter repair base.

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Legal Sub-commission, Colonel G. R. Upjohn

1. Since the last meeting, 24 spy cases have been reviewed at Hq, ACC:

a. 12 spies were sentenced to death and conviction confirmed.
b. 6 were sentenced to death and conviction commuted.
c. 2 were sentenced to imprisonment.
d. 1 was sentenced to imprisonment, but sentence was quashed.
e. 3 were found not guilty.

2. Other cases in Naples have shown a decrease due to increased activity of Naples Courts, and arrangements have now been completed for transfer of all curfew, speeding, and prostitution cases to Italian Courts.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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MONTHLY CONFERENCE 30 MAY 1944

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

Remarks by the Chief Commissioner:

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

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

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

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

Region I, Colonel A. N. Hancock.

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3. The High Commissioner is making good progress under difficult conditions. He lacks full support from Government circles. During May he visited all nine provinces and was enthusiastically welcomed.

4. The new Badoglio Government was received with favor and political activity is more orderly. Separatist activity continues, but only in a minor degree.

5. There has been labor agitation for more and cheaper food or more pay. It has required much persuasion to keep electricity workers working. Railway labor is also affected and to lesser extent sulphur miners.

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6. Public health is better than a year ago, but there is evidence that tuberculosis and rickets are increasing owing to undernourishment. Further observations are being made along this line.

7. The police forces, particularly the Carabinieri, are gaining in prestige. The discovery and arrest of a band of forgers was accomplished. Forty million counterfeit lire were seized. In Agrigento Province a gang of kidnapers was rounded up and arrests were made.

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

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

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

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

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

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Region II, Colonel J. T. Zellars.

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2. Local government - Political:

a. This problem shows some evidence of improvement. A new Prefect of proven quality has recently been posted to Bari. Italian labor organizations in Potenza Province can now function efficiently with only remote ACC control. The organization of the Granai del Popolo in Matera Province has been very thorough.

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

a. Small industrial and agricultural plants continue gradually to renew operations.

b. The production and distribution of charcoal increased slightly during the month.

c. Vegetables in fair quantity and variety are now within reach of almost everyone.

d. The chief interference with civilian supply and price control of agricultural products continues to be from Allied troops.

e. Transport of civilian supplies was very greatly aided during the month by the establishment of civilian haulage transport pools.

4. Agriculture, forestry and fisheries:

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

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b. Forestry - No change in this situation, which remains satisfactory.

c. Fisheries - Some improvement in the collection and distribution, particularly in Bari Province.

d. Live stock - No serious shortage of farm animals except perhaps in Brindisi Province.

5. Labor:

a. Italian labor organizations have progressed.

b. The dock-side labor unrest at Taranto was appeased, at least temporarily by additional rations.

c. Plans are completed to utilize imported agricultural labor for the grain harvest, which has commenced.

6. Public works and utilities:

a. Much improvement in road and bridge repair, and in the organization of the Italians in this Region.

b. Plans now being made for reduction in consumption of electric power, when, and if, it becomes necessary.

7. Public safety and functions of Allied and Italian courts:

a. The number of felonies and misdemeanors has decreased slightly during the month. No serious crimes reported.

b. Italian courts remain too slow and too cumbersome to clean up old cases and to keep abreast.

c. A circuit court of ACC officials, acting under Italian law, is now in session hearing cases of serious offences against Allied interests; a new departure in the history of ACC.

d. The overcrowded prison situation remains unchanged except the cancerous spot of Bari, which has worsened.

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c. Situation regarding Italian hospitals has continued to improve.

d. Programs for cleaning up towns and cities are progressing, with Matera Province in the lead.

e. Medical supplies are adequate for June.

9. Education:

Tendency to improve.

10. Refugees:

a. General situation greatly improved.

b. Organization by Italians has progressed. All provinces now have reception centers.

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

11. Communications:

a. Roads - Much progress.

b. Rail - Little, if any, progress.

c. Telecommunications - Some, small progress.

d. Posts - Some, small improvement.

12. Property control:

Remains in good order.

13. Finance matters have improved in some respects.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: Asked for his opinion on the price of wheat in Region II, Colonel Zellers said that he would like to see it at 1100 lire. The Chief Commissioner commented that Lucifero, the new Prefect at Bari was good, but that a good man was still needed in Brindisi.

Region III, Colonel C. Poletti.

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3. Programs for the collection of revenue, public works, and production of tobacco have been initiated.

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8. Success has been achieved in telling the people that the program is working.

9. Students have threatened to strike over the question of whether or not there will be an examination.

10. Whole-hearted cooperation has been given by every officer, and the cooperation received from PBS, the base sections, and No. 3 District has been greatly appreciated.

11. Regarding the program of the "Granai del Popolo":

a. The amount of seed which farmers are entitled to retain for early sowing (1.80%) is satisfactory, but that for late wheat sowing (1.25%) is a little low. It was 1.80% last year and it is recommended that the farmers be allowed to retain 1.50% for late wheat.

b. Price. Public officials, church people and other informed people believe that the price of 1000 lire for wheat is too low. It is thought that farmers will not turn in grain at that price. Some indirect incentive might prove more fruitful than increasing the price. For instance, farmers who turn in their grain could be given the right to purchase certain things which they need; such as fertilizer, footwear (which sell for 3000 lire per pair in some places), clothing (Red Cross clothing could be given to farmers who cooperate).

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

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

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

14. Progress has been made in black market control. Tightening up in one way often aggravates the situation in another. Bakers have been found giving wet bread or short weight. It is felt that the margin of profit for retailers should be increased. The narrow margin at present is an incentive to cheat on the part of bakers.

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Referring to the price of wheat, General MacFarlane stated that there was a great deal to be said for giving farmers other incentives. Asked what he personally thought the price of wheat should be, Colonel Poletti replied that his figure was 1400 lire, the cost of labor being very high in Region III.

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

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

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

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

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

Region IV, Brigadier J.K. Dunlop.

1. The main function of Region IV since the last conference has been preparation for its task in the wake of the advancing Armies.

2. Provincial teams in men and equipment are moved forward when needed to come under the command of the SCAO's of the Armies.

3. Advanced Headquarters was opened on Route 6 near Sparanise. This move has proved valuable; cooperation with Armies has been close and cordial. The policy of having an Advanced Hq well forward close behind AMG's of 5th and 8th Armies will be continued.

4. The Littoria, Roma Province, and Viterbo teams are now under the command of AMG 5th Army Field. Rome Sub-Region team is under command of AMG 5th Army. We have been asked to take an immediate interest in agriculture, malaria control, and engineering works in the Pontine Marshes area.

5. In collaboration with SCAO 8th Army a proposal has been submitted for dealing with the area lying between the Rapido and Melfa Rivers and Highway No. 6. This devastated area will need a special organization to deal with it.

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11. CAOs have often gone into communities 5 or 6 hours after advancing troops, taking food, medical aid and bulletins.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: Thanks are due to Brigadier Dunlop and Group Captain Benson for coming from operations to the Conference to tell their story. Region IV is a good example of planning ahead. It is essential that there should be close cooperation with Regions behind when the Armies move forward. There is an immense amount of work on the shoulders of one officer in an AMG spearhead. The closer the Regions can follow up to relieve the individual officers at the front, the smoother the work will go. We should continue to thin out behind in order to keep abreast of the job in front of us. The principle started in Sicily of combining provinces under one Provincial Commissioner must be applied elsewhere as we go forward.

Region V, Colonel F.L. Whitley.

1. Conditions have improved considerably. There has been an awakening of the people from their general apathy and they now realize that we are working for their good.

2. In general our efforts are to gather a big harvest.

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

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

5. One quarter million sacks will be needed fo care for grain in Foggia. 25,000 sacks a day will be required to handle 2,500 to 4,000 tons daily.

6. As an aid for grain collecting, two to four ships of about 5,000 tons could be used to great advantage. It is expected that 350,000 tons of wheat and barley will be harvested in Foggia alone.

7. Communal agricultural committees have been formed. Provincial committees should have been set up first.

8. 1,000 Italian soldiers to work on farms arrived on May 26. Additional groups arrive every two or three days. They need clothing and footwear. Footwear should be provided for farmers working on the harvest.

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Regarding the occupation of warehouses by troops, orders have gone out on the subject. The importance of vacating these warehouses is appreciated.

The ships mentioned by Colonel Whitley are to be used for coastal, not export purposes.

Region VI, Brigadier M. Carr.

1. The general situation in Sardinia is satisfactory and steadily improving. There is a decrease in crime, food is more plentiful, regular transfers of the Italian Army are taking place, the prospects for harvest are very good, the internal transport situation is better, and morale has generally improved. No sulphur for future needs has yet arrived from Sicily, defascistization is making little headway, and there are still large numbers of prisoners awaiting trial.

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

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3. Certain commodities are still awaiting shipment to the mainland. Approval for extension of night fishing areas has been sought. The ban on schooner sailings prevents further progress in the plans for inter-island trade. The question of use of spare space in Allied ships is being taken up.

4. Food. With an increase in local supplies, the food situation is generally satisfactory. There has been a good season in tunny fishing, and market prices of fish have improved. The price for grain has been received with satisfaction. The High Commissioner feels that neither price nor propaganda will get the farmers to bring in grain to be used in other communes, and he wishes to set up military commissions to enforce the amassing of grain.

5. Transport. The scheme for registration of all civilian vehicles, coming into force on June 1st, should help the civil transport situation. A number of vehicles will be driven off the roads, and we hope to use them for official purposes.

6. Public Safety. A considerable decrease in crime has been reported, 60% are robbery and theft cases. A further attempt to escape from the Island was frustrated. The number of demonstrations has diminished. One disturbance took place in the Nuoro area on May 3 regarding ownership of land. Civil courts are functioning again in the proper locations. The administration of justice is severely handicapped by lack of transport, but the courts are trying to clear up the cases quickly.

7. There has been some improvement in prison accommodation. Italian Army authorities are being pressed strongly to remove the remainder of military prisoners from civil jails. It seems impossible to get Italian authorities to take interest in the matter of giving provisional liberty to the civilians, or to deal with them quickly.

8. Public Health. The situation is satisfactory. There has been a reduction in V.D. rate. A consignment of 23 tons of American Red Cross clothing was received and the scheme for distribution is being worked out. Shoes are badly needed.

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2. Staff. All officers, except one, ordered to Region HQ have now joined.

3. Peoples' Granary Program. The program commenced slowly but is now making steady progress. All preliminaries are in hand.

4. Labor. There have been labor disturbances, potentially but not actually serious, at Crotone and at the Silo Power Station. Neither situation has been satisfactorily settled, but both are quiescent. It is expected that the Italian Army will furnish labor for harvesting as needed. There will be an increase over former years in wages for harvest workers.

5. Legal. The Regional Legal Officer has established advisory liaison with all Italian courts and court officials. Cases are being tried at a faster rate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A large shipment of charcoal has been held up due to lack of rail transportation.

The generous ration authorized for harvest workers will put a severe strain on ration stocks in Cosenza and Catanzaro Provinces. The rise in prices has been gradual, except in the case of meat.

12. Public Safety. Crimes of violence have not increased. Measures to control prostitution continue. Allied soldiers are a problem and throw a load upon our provincial public safety officers. There are no military police except in Reggio; there is need for more. There has been an improvement in the morale of the public due to the recent successes of the Allies.

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Eighth Army AMG, Group Captain C. E. Benson.

1. I wish to thank Regions IV and V for their cooperation in the push forward. The Pescara team is operating under AMG 5 Corps and the various teams will be taking over the first part of the administration today or tomorrow in Aquila Province.

2. Today everybody is looking toward the Front. Here is a brief picture of the arrangements which have been made in the various sectors and what is happening in the battle areas:

a. Adriatic Coast: (5 Corps) The most important problem here is one of [illegible] stock pile in Chieti Province of 2000 tons of flour.

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1. I wish to thank Regions IV and V for their cooperation in the push forward. The Pescara team is operating under AMG 5 Corps and the various teams will be taking over the first part of the administration today or tomorrow in Aquila Province.

2. Today everybody is looking toward the Front. Here is a brief picture of the arrangements which have been made in the various sectors and what is happening in the battle areas:

a. Adriatic Coast: (5 Corps) The most important problem here is one of supply. We are building up a stock pile in Chieti Province of 2000 tons of flour. This will be sufficient to feed all Pescara and Teramo for one month. It is not wise to bring more supplies forward as yet. No advance has been made on this front except for the capture of one small town.

b. Central Sector: There is indication that the Germans are pulling out; two small towns have been captured. One of them was completely ruined, the other 50% ruined, and there were practically no inhabitants. To meet the supply question on this front we are building up a stock pile of 300 tons in Castel di Sangro which will be fed from Isernia later on.

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

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retired to the hills behind Roccaseca. We hear there are 20,000 refugees who came from Cassino, Pontecorvo, and Piedimonte. They are beginning to come down in huge numbers. It is practically impossible to stop them, and we are going to face a great refugee problem. In Sora, not yet captured, there are said to be another 20,000. The supply question is all right, thanks to Region IV, which is bringing food in from Gaeta.

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

The banks have all been destroyed. The bank managers have gone, as have the C. Agrarios and the Sindacos, taking all the cash with them. There is no administration left and we must start afresh. No Carabinieri have been found, and only one PAI. We have brought in our own mobile police to stop civilians from coming back.

We have two serious problems. Medical personnel is short. Sick and wounded civilians have to be evacuated to backward areas, and we possess no ambulances whatsoever for this. For this reason more medical personnel is essential in the forward areas.

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Refugees. The second group of 11,000 refugees has been located. The situation is improving with the more rapid advance and less destruction.

Public Health. The shortage of trained medical personnel is keenly felt in the Fifth Army. In spite of the large number of civilian battle casualties, the health situation is good, except for the refugees from the Pontine Marshes. Sufficient medical supplies are available.

Public Safety. No serious crimes have been reported, except for the misconduct of the troops.

Rome. The Rome Administration is ready to go into the City, and the transport problem is being solved; we appreciate the trucks which have been turned over to us.

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

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

1. Since the date of the last Conference the activities of the Branch have widened.

2. There are eight forward camps in the Eighth Army Area, both mobile and

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

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

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

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: The refugee problem is a big one, and the principal aim is to reduce their number as far as possible. We must either get them back to their families or move them to King's Italy where they will not congest the Army Areas.

Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, Colonel C.B. Findlay.

1. Our biggest influx is from Yugoslavia. We have been getting about 8,000 a month. They are a pleasure to deal with: they never grumble and are very cheerful and willing. We do not keep these Yugoslavs. 27,000 have already been sent to Egypt. We have had this ceiling raised to 40,000 and some will possibly go to North Africa. Last Friday we shipped 600 Jews to Palestine. We had more trouble with them than with the Yugoslavs due to the red tape tied around them by several governments, but the Inter-Allied Governmental Committee on Refugees was very helpful to us. The Jews had a considerable amount of money which they wanted to take with them but this could not be allowed. A receipt was given them which will be redeemable at a rate of exchange to be decided later on.

2. We have a Record Office where we keep particulars of all non-Italians in Italy which will be a help after the war. We have arranged for Red Cross messages to be sent to non-liberated countries.

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5. Regarding the future as we go northward, we shall come upon many internment camps. We have arranged to have these taken over. We will need more Allied personnel to look after them. I believe we could make use of wounded officers sent back from the front to Reinforcement Centers, when they are not being employed.

Executive Commissioner, Brigadier Lush.

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

Brigadier Lush also emphasized the assistance which was always forthcoming from AAI. As an example he quoted the prompt arrangements made for the transport of 31,000 Italian soldiers from Sardinia to work in the Foggia harvest.

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

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

Region I	-	83 officers.	These will be reduced. Less than 20 of them are Provincial Commissioners, the rest being specialists and financial experts.
Region II	-	70 "	
Region III	-	149 "	
Region IV	-	127 "	
Region V	-	146 "	
Region VI	-	39 "	
Region VII	-	39 "	
5th Army	-	56 "	
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In connection with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, as well as the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees, representatives of the War Refugee Board, Joint Distribution Committee, American Friends Society and the Friends Ambulance Unit had arrived in the territory and were working under the aegis of the Inter-Governmental Committee of Refugees. It was essential to co-ordinate the efforts of all these welfare and relief organizations to avoid confusion and duplication with other organizations such as the Red Cross.

In reply to the Chief Commissioner, Colonel Hancock said that the staff in Region I (Sicily) had been reduced from an initial number of about 250 officers, first of all to 160 and now to 83.

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The Conference adjourned at 1245 and re-opened at 1430.

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II -- REPORTS BY INDEPENDENT SUB-COMMISSIONS.

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

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

1. This Sub-Commission has recently taken over Civil Censorship as a third branch.

2. In Italian Government Territory communications for civilian use have been restored. About 70% of the total number of telegraph offices in Italian Government territory are in service.

3. The civil telephone service is now authorized for calls within provincial boundaries. About 12% of the communes now have telephone service, including all the larger towns. Direct telephone service is available for official use from Salerno to all provincial capitals on the Mainland and to Palermo, Messina, and Catania in Sicily.

4. The following new services have been started;

a. Registered, insured and express letters.
b. Newspaper post.
c. Air mail Italy, Sicily, Sardinia, Tripoli.
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e. International Red Cross Service.

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9. The Communications Sub-Commission has also gone into the question of releasing accommodations held by the Armies. Many post offices are occupied by troops or offices of the military.

Public Relations Branch, Major L. Fielden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The unfortunate results of an interview given by the Crown Prince to the TIMES threatened at one time to produce friction and injure harmony, but both sides agreed quickly and sensibly to let the matter drop.

Since the last meeting, a great deal of work has been done in preparing for the coming harvest, and equal efforts have been made in getting ready to follow up the Armies so that ACC can take over and carry on when new regions are reached.

One of our headaches is the threat of inflation, which has been gradually growing. The Anti-Inflation Committee is now reaching the end of its work, and will produce shortly its recommendations to end this menace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. There have been indications of increasing confidence and assertiveness among the Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.

2. Replacement centers for Carabinieri personnel have been set up at Bari and Naples. Feeding of Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza is now satisfactorily settled by provision of either Allied or Italian Military rations. Clothing is the most pressing need.

3. The decree of 6 December was rescinded by the Council of Ministers and no militia will now be permitted to transfer to the Carabinieri.

4. Minister of Interior is making re-disposition of Questori to give the greatest effect, and also making provision for appointments which will be necessary as a result of the Allied advance.

5. Italian Army supplies are not available for Agents of Public Safety. Arrangements are being made for Heavy Workers' ration. First supply of footwear has already been received. Clothing is still needed. Great assistance has been received from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission in this matter.

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3. Venereal disease control is still not satisfactory. In Naples, 2000 hospital beds for prostitutes care for about 3500 a month. The problem among troops is one for unit control which military authorities should take up.

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

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

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

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

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Education Sub-commission, Lt. Col. T. V. Smith.

1. Little has been carried out with respect to derequisitioning, but more is being done about finding outside rooms, and doubling or trebling shifts of classes. In Avellino Province, there has been experimentation with tents as school houses.

2. Our collaboration with the new Minister of Education has been satisfactory. The Ministry is approaching its problems seriously and energetically. It is moving to lift the Fascist ban against foreign professors, to complete the work of defascistization in the schools, and to strengthen the school system from bottom to top.

3. There have been student strikes against lengthening of the school term in Sicily. The Minister is determined to improve educational standards. He complains that our own publicity overplays student demonstration, and stimulates into articulate exhibitionism a perfectly natural but otherwise unexpressed student uneasiness.

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Property Control Sub-commission, Lt. Col. C. R. Harris.

1. The Italian Government has passed a decree abrogating the application of the War Law of 1938 to the property of Governments and Nationals of the United Nations and France. Arrangements have been made for a formal distribution of the same to the owners, and in their absence, to the Property Control Sub-commission. This decree will be published in a few days, and it will be applied to Military Government Territory.

2. Financial arrangements have also been agreed, under which the Italian Government will advance such monies as are required for the maintenance of United Nations and French properties.

3. Real properties will continue to be managed by the banks appointed for

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

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

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

1. Administrative

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

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

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

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V — REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION.

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

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

a. Products needed by the Allied forces. A considerable contribution has been made in the production of industrial gases. Various hemp products include canvas, rope, twine, and sacks. There has been some cement production, and engineering materials have been allocated to the Services.

b. Products needed to meet essential civilian requirements.

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requirements. It is being produced in Sicily.

(2) Textiles and shoes. Requisitions for Regions I to VI were submitted to, and passed by G-5, AFHQ, but it is not known if they will be supplied.

(3) Fabrics. Arrangements have been made to repair Army uniforms, but there will be only about 100,000 available by the end of the year. Cotton cloth manufacture can be stepped up. Requisitions for raw cotton have been submitted. There are some stocks on hand, and some is being imported.

(4) Footwear. The lack of shoes is more critical than that of clothing. A great number went into the black market. The draft of proposed legislation to control the situation was submitted to the Italian Government; in the meantime, all leather has been blocked. A request for 500,000 shoes as immediate essential requirement has been made to AFHQ. As a temporary expedient, we have organized a factory to repair shoes. We cannot get more leather which is badly needed.

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3. Unfortunately, we find that whenever workers ask for an increase, even ACC officers, under pressure, urge, "Give them something." The result is that the Labor Sub-Commission has the appearance of being the only body to say "No."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. We must not go to Rome with a mental or actual precommittment of wages higher than the Army scale. The ration, it is believed, will be the same; only after a period of trial will examination of the wage situation be considered.

Comments by the Chief Commissioner: The work of the Labor Sub-Commission is one of the most difficult and thankless jobs to carry out.

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

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

2. Fisheries.

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

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b. Arrangements have been made for a schooner service between Palermo and Naples for importing surplus tuna to Naples. The first ship should arrive on June 5th.

c. 175 fishermen from the Island of Procida have been transferred to the Calabrian coast to increase the catch of fish for consumption in Naples. A minimum of 500 qtls. should reach the Naples market each week following May 27.

d. The Allied Flag Officer for Western Italy has authorized fishing with lights 1½ hours before sunrise and from dusk to 1½ hours after sunset in the Gulfs of Naples and Salerno. Night fishing has also been authorized off the coast 15 miles south of Salerno to Reggio. This will result in a considerable increase in production.

3. Forestry.

a. A coordinated fuel wood and charcoal production and distribution plan has been prepared to eliminate the present competition.

b. Following a conference with the Ministry and with key Italian Forestry officials reorganization of the Royal Forestry Corps and the development of a coordinated timber harvest and sawmill program will take place to meet civilian and military needs, especially for constructional timber.

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

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

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

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harvest and details will be circulated to the Regional Commissioners.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. As part of the reconstitution of the Italian Cabinet on 21 April, Lt. Colonel Guido Jung resigned as Minister of Finance and was replaced by Ing. Quinto Quintieri (non-party), president of the Bank of Calabria, and Dott. Antonio Pesenti, Communist Party, a former professor of Economics, jailed by the Fascist Government in 1934, has been appointed Under-Secretary. These officials have shown themselves to be very cooperative.

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

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

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

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

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

7. A new form of counterfeiting appeared last month in Region I. The gang was arrested and plates, press, and notes seized.

8. The competent Italian Ministries have agreed in principle to the employment of the Magazzina Generali as the agency to handle and account for civilian supplies in Region III.

Transportation Sub-Commission, Lt. Colonel L. E.Vining.

1. Railways. Military control on the mainland and in Sardinia is still maintained. Since 1 April the responsibility for the operation of Bari Division was taken over by the Italian State Railways. Technical personnel however still continue operation in the Ports. The volume of civil freight traffic again shows an increase.

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3. Schooners. Movements by schooner have increased but it must still be regarded as an unreliable means, although the tightening of control should improve matters. A new scheme formulated by MEDBO for the operation of schooners is now awaiting final approval.

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

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

Shipping Sub-Commission, Mr. Ian Campbell.

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

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

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

During the past month two Italian tankers and one passenger vessel have been placed under Allied control, having been released from Portuguese ports. There are eight more to come from Spain. They should be released soon, as the crews have reached Gibraltar to man them.

Schooner traffic between Sardinia and Naples will begin soon.

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Vice President, Economic Section - Colonel D. S. Adams (for Hon. Mr. Henry Grady)

1. With the occupation of additional areas the Regions must be adequately staffed with the necessary technical officers; this because of the ceiling established for total officer personnel. It is necessary that we call forward from longer established Regions, officers to staff the new Regions. This will require numerous changes of assignment. A complete and correct file of all our sub-commissions' personnel and their respective assignments is maintained by Headquarters Economic Section. Changes of assignment must be worked out with the Sub-Commission concerned, the Establishment Branch, and cleared with the Regional Commissioner. Every effort is being made to cooperate with the interested parties in order that these changes will create the least disturbance and in order to make the best use of our limited number of officers.

2. A development since our last meeting has been the establishment of a Coal Division, which has been placed in Transportation Sub-Commission; this for the reason that the importation and distribution of coal was handled by a subsidiary of the Italian State Railways, which are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Communications, with whom the Transportation Sub-Commission deals on various matters. This division is now engaged in working out a plan with the Italian Government for the development of a civilian organization that will be competent to take over and handle the importation and distribution of coal. This Coal Division will become the agency that eventually will screen all of our coal requirements and deal as an ACC agency, direct with AFHQ on these matters. This should ensure much greater consideration being given to coal requirements for essential industries.

3. Trucks are limited in number and too much importance cannot be placed on the matter of maintenance. Trucks have to be allocated to the various Regions on the basis of their real needs only. In forward areas a splendid job is being done in getting truck loads of food into towns, many times within a few hours after their capture. However, it is still necessary that we maintain the fine record made in clearing our supplies promptly from Naples port, as well as other ports, and transport must be continued in other rear areas for the distribution of supplies and the handling of the coming harvest. This means that equipment presently assigned must be utilized to its fullest capacity and in double shifts. More trucks are coming but recent cables do not yet give us definite arrival dates.

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

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

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

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

In my opinion the daily ration must be increased.

2. We have now had four of these conferences. Even the severest critic could not help but see that material progress is being made by this Commission, but much as we have accomplished, we are only just under way. We have many problems ahead, but our experience will make our performance there even better.

On behalf of the Chief Commissioner I want to thank all of you for sitting through this Conference and for your contributions.

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The Conference adjourned at 1620 hours.

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MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SUB-COMMISSIONS, 17 MAY 1944

NO 21

1 The meeting opened at 1100 hours.

Legal PS 2 The VP reported matters discussed at the CC's meeting

a The CC had asked the Executive Commissioner to prepare a brief for him for the meeting of the Allied Advisory Council meeting on the subject of Sardinia. Legal and PS. would probably receive requests to supply information for the Brief.

b Italian Government has been asked to pass labor legislation.

c An Inflation Committee was being set up.

d If Sub-Coms withdraw too many officers from released territory insufficient may be left to take full weight of administration off the army. Italian Government should not be encouraged to think that we will pull out quickly.

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d An officer to deal with internal matters of the church has not yet been appointed.

f Operational pool for prefects is now being formed.

4 Reports from Sub-Coms and visitors.

PH a i Lecce prison badly overcrowded.

ii Metabrin should be taken by all ranks ACC even if they do not reside in malarial area as preparation in case they have to move through or to a malarial area.

iii 116 cases small pox Naples. 73,000 persons vaccinated to date.

Legal b i Overcrowding of prisons and delay in bringing prisoners to trial. Legal had suggested that a special commission should consider untried cases where accused has been in prison as long as the sentence he is likely to receive.

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This proposal was not acceptable to Italian Government, who suggested (a) general amnesty or (b) release on parole and gradual trial. Italian Government would expect to clear these cases in two years time. Legal did not consider either proposal satisfactory.

ii Officers for Region IV - These officers had been cleared with Regions at 1st May, orders still not issued. If a staff officer of Regional HQ . clears a man it is not necessary to ask RC perso - ally as well. The staff officer speaking for the RC binds him. If he speaks without authority that is for the RC to take up i' does not dustify delay.

PS c i Attempt is being made to reach a better degree of collabration between the Military and Italian Police. prospects of achieving this are improving.

ii Replacement centers to form pools of groups of CCRR for sending to forward areas are being organised.

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PS iii Region VI report was of interest has PS any views on the prison question as then stated.

iv There was a possibility an ACC "Special" Diplomatic courier being put on between Naples & Salerno if speed and punctuality could be assured.

PRO g Would welcome matter for their weekly bulletin press day Friday.

GEN h Dress. It should be made clear to the Italian Government that shorts is British Uniform and that no disrespect would be intruded by an officer wearing shorts at an interview with an Italian Minister.

5 The Meeting closed at 1215 hours.

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MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMISSIONS, 9 MAY 1944

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2 The VP reported matters discussed at the CC's meeting.

Legal a SARDINIA: Legal to keep watch on progress of defascistisation, strengthening the judiciary and the abolition of OVRA.

All b FASCISM: The removal of fascists to proceed more rapidly. Fascists not to be retained on ground of indispensability.

Admin PWB c FOOD : A mere index of cost of living is insufficient, it must be coupled with a study of family incomes. Can Econ Sec or PWB make a study of some typical family incomes, budgets and the sufficiency of the diet.

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Lt. Col T. V. Smith
Education Sub-Com.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Monthly Conference - 30 May 1944

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Morning Session - 0930

1. Opening remarks by Chief Commissioner.

2. Reports by Regional Control and Military Government Section:

Region I	- Colonel A.N. Hancock
Region II	- Colonel J.T. Zellars
Region III	- Colonel C. Poletti
Region IV	- Brigadier P.K. Dunlop
Region V	- Colonel F.L. Whitley
Region VI	- Brigadier M. Carr
Region VII	- Colonel R.G. Kirkwood
Eighth Army AMG	- Gp-Capt. C.E. Benson
Fifth Army AMG	- Brig. Gen. E.E. Hume
Refugee Branch (Italians)	- Lt.Col. F.M. Brister
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission	- Colonel C.B. Findlay
Executive Commissioner	- Brigadier M.S. Lush

Recess 1100 to 1115

3. Reports by Independent Sub-Commissions:

1115 to 1245

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Afternoon Session - 1430

4. Address by Chief Commissioner.

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1445 to 1615

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Monuments & Fine Arts Sub-Commission	- Major E.T. de Wald
Vice President	- Air Commo. The Rt Hon The Viscount Stansgate

6. Reports by Economic Section:

1630 to 1800

Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission	- Colonel W. Evans
Labour Sub-Commission	- Colonel J.R. Bain
Agriculture Sub-Commission	- Lt. Col. W.A. Hartman
Food Sub-Commission	- Colonel W.J. Legg
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission	- Lt. Col. E.A. Jenny
Finance Sub-Commission	- Colonel E.H. Foley
Transportation Sub-Commission	- Lt. Col. L.E. Vining
Shipping Sub-Commission	- Mr. Ian Campbell
Vice President	- Colonel D.S. Adams (for Hon. Mr. Henry Grady)

7. Closing remarks by Deputy Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Education Subcommission

ABBREVIATED MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 1944

1. MEETING WITH REGIONAL OFFICERS.

On April 15 and 16 all Regional Education Officers and other members of the Subcommission met with the Director. There were reports on the work and problems in the regions, and general policies of the Subcommission were elaborated and discussed.

2. COURSES OF STUDY.

a. The new "program" for the Istituto Magistrale, or secondary school for prospective elementary school teachers, [was] completed, approved by the Minister of Education, and printed for distribution in both unoccupied and occupied Italy.

b. A Commission of Italian technical school officials was appointed by this Subcommission and approved by the Minister to prepare a revised program for all Istituti Tecnici [Industrial, Commercial, Agricultural and Nautical High Schools]. Program for the first two years of the five year course was completed and sent to the printer. Balance is in preparation.

3. TEXT BOOKS.

The publishing and distributing of the revised elementary school text books continues. Seven of the ten books (Naples printing) [were distributed by military truck throughout peninsular Italy and by boat to Sardinia.] Six, (printed separately in Palermo,) were distributed by private means in Sicily and Calabria. The remaining three books of the Naples printing are about to come off the press, two of the four remaining to be printed in Sicily are likewise almost ready. The new books have met widespread approval and are to be reprinted by Allied for the North African Command.

4. [illegible], A.C.C.

A number of decrees issued under A.M.G. for smooth and somewhat decentralized functioning of the schools were confirmed by the Minister of Education to remain valid in unoccupied Italy. New decrees were issued or prepared for issue by the Minister, on recommendation of this Subcommission, to provide for emergency employment of teachers of English; to transfer the employment of physical education teachers from G.I. (ex-G.I.L.) to the provveditore agli studi; to establish reorganized "Councils of Discipline" and "Scholastic Councils" etc. In general, progress was made toward making policies, regulations and procedures as nearly the same as possible in occupied and unoccupied Italy.

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5. YOUTH ORGANIZATION.

This Commission continued to work effectively. Its coordinating committee prepared, for submission to the Minister, a new statute for the "Intramto Scolastico": (a communal commission for aid to needy students) and statutes for the setting up of school councils, including parents and teachers, and, in the higher schools, students, for the development of youth activities.

The Subcommittee for kindergarten children made all necessary preparations for opening kindergartens in Naples May 1, and providing them with school lunches. The Subcommittee for boy scouts and girl scouts made progress but was temporarily blocked by the setting up of a competing organization by the Church. The Subcommittee for high school students produced some very active student organizations which have already (a) given concerts; (b) had hikes; (c) organized athletic contests; (d) started a forum for informing themselves on political and social problems; (e) issued a school newspaper. The Subcommittee on university students has provided a similar forum for its students.

6. ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION.

Work in this field was formerly done by "Dopolavoro". The Public Health and Welfare Subcommission, which earlier took some interest in it and had made a study and some recommendations in Sicily, asked the Education Subcommission to take jurisdiction. A study of the "Dopolavoro" organization was immediately undertaken and work has been started toward assembling a Commission on Adult Education and Recreation, composed of Italians of ability with interest in this field. Interviewing of proposed members of this commission has been begun.

7. SURVEY OF ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Captain PITT has made an excellent start on this. Using Avellino province as a proving ground, he has made a careful survey of that province and with it as a background has prepared forms for data from each province. He has taken steps toward employing competent civilian help to get data on Italian educational laws and procedures and on the essentials of the recent history of Italian education. He has also taken preliminary steps toward getting the judgment of teachers and school officials as to changes that need to be made.

8. DENAZIFICATION OF SCHOOLS.

This, the first job undertaken by the Subcommission, is still uncompleted. A plan was recently evolved, to which the Minister gave enthusiastic approval, and which would, by decree authorize provveditori agli studi, with concurrence of Education Officers, to suspend immediately undesirable officials, letting action on final dismissal or appeal be taken by the proposed national commission. As yet no action has been taken on this proposal.

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9. COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

We have set up a Consiglio Superiore dell'Educazione. This was an important body in normal times. The membership has been carefully selected and the first meeting took place 26 April.

10. GRANT TO UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES.

On behalf of the rector of the University of Naples we approached the Minister of Education with a request that the Italian Government lay aside a sum for repairing and rebuilding University property. The Minister was sympathetic to the request and has assured us of the collaboration of the Finance Minister, to at least 23,000,000 lire.

11. ACADEMIES, INSTITUTES, AND CULTURAL SOCIETIES.

We have set up an administrative council for the Institute Navale, have somewhat modified the curriculum and have made recommendations as to the program. For the R. Conservatorio di Musica we have named a president and director, have examined the competence of the personnel, and have undertaken the work of denazification. Similarly in the case of the Accademia Belle Arti we have replaced the Commissario Prefettizio by a President and have seen to it that the normal course of instruction was resumed. The Royal Society of Naples has been further reorganized with new members added. A request for funds to carry it on has been presented to the Minister of Education with a favorable reply from him.

T. V. SMITH
Lt. Col., AUS
Director of Education

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2 May 1944

MINUTES OF WEEKLY MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMISSION, MAY 2, 1944.

NO. 19.

Action:

1. The Vice President opened the meeting at 1100 hours.

2. The Vice President gave a summary of matters discussed at the CC meeting on 1 May.

3. The following matters were discussed or decided:

   a. Specialist officers in the field should not supply outside parties with information except through heads of Sub-Comms or through their HQ.

   b. Reports of matters discussed with Italian Government are required.

Legal: c. Expropriation. Progress of the preparation of decree. Legal to keep matter moving.

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Kil Sub-Comms 9. Prisoners of War. As new statement as to policy has been received and whole question will have to be reviewed. All Sub-Comms to submit names of PWs whose release already requested.

Safety 10. Prison Accommodations. Col. Young to coordinate action.

11. Unblocking of rents. Adm asked to obtain views of Italian govt inopportune to do so before Econ Sec had decided its policy. Adm to act in views of Health Safety and property and convey them to Econ Sec.

12. The meeting closed at 1200 hours.

1-Major Perkins
1-Lt Col Cripps

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MINUTES OF SECRET MEETING OF AMBASSADORS
[illegible], MARCH 14, 1946

No. 18

1. Meeting called to order at 1200 hours by Col. Wilson, Col. Albright presiding.

2. Col. Wilson reported for the Vice President on the latest developments in the Chief Executive's meeting in England.

3. The Secretary of the Interior Subcommittee reported on a conference with the Italian Ambassador of the Interior relative to the date of elections.

4. Col. Albright reported on Italian and Jugoslav territorial matters.

5. Meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.

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MINUTES OF SECOND DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE, MARCH 10, 1944

NO. 11

1. Meeting called to order at 1000 hours.

2. The discussion of this date of reference to be postponed by the Director of the Security Subcommittee on the Italian situation of this Executive and the Finance Subcommittee.

3. The representative of the Political Section reported that no reply had as yet been received from the Embassy with the Chief Commissioner to General Badoglio relative to evacuees.

4. The Vice President will inquire into the position of the Red and Pork Militia in the Surveillance.

5. The discussion and the Memoranda, Fine Arts and Archives Subcommittee will submit memo on the question of insured evacuees to the Vice President.

6. The question of the responsibility for investigating procedure of American officers will be inquired into by the Chief Staff Officer of the Administration Section.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMISSIONS, FEBRUARY 22, 1944

NO. 9

1. Meeting called to order at 1000 hours. Deputy Chief Commissioner was present.

2. Vice President reported on Chief Commissioner's meeting at Naples.

3. Deputy Chief Commissioner reported on probable assignments of full time translator to staff of Administrative Section.

4. The question of assignment of specialist personnel from the staffs of sub-commissions without knowledge of the subcommissions head will be further investigated by the Deputy Chief Commissioner.

5. A meeting relative to the revision of the filing system was called for Tuesday 29 February at 1400 hours.

6. The Vice President will discuss with the Executive Commissioner the question of the control of Italian appointments by Regional Commissioners in A.M.G. areas.

7. A conference was called for Thursday 2 March for the purpose of establishing a coordinated policy for the screening of Italian public officials to be separated in liberated and/or occupied Italy. Representatives from the Interior, Legal, Public Safety, Education are requested to be present. Representatives of Political Section and of the Labor Sub-Commission are to be notified.

8. It is recommended that the Legal Subcommission furnish English summaries of all Italian decrees to subcommissions with a full translation of the text if desired.

9. The Deputy Chief Commissioner discussed the question of office hours and requested that each officer present at the meeting submit a suit with preferential hours.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1055 hours.

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MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMISSIONS.
FEBRUARY 25, 1944

NO. 8

1. Meeting convened at 1000 hours. Deputy Chief Commissioner was present.

2. Vice President reported on Chief Commissioner's meeting in Naples.

3. It is recommended that qualified translators be found among civilian population for full time duty. Deputy Chief Commissioner will investigate possibility of transfer of qualified officer to Administrative Section to direct translator's pool.

4. It is recommended that Col. Cripps secure a digest with table heads of all Italian decrees for circulation to Chief Commissioner and heads of Sub-commissions.

5. It is recommended that proposed school for Italian officials should not be held.

6. It is recommended that sub-commissions be consulted before there is any withdrawal of specialist personnel for other services in T.O. also that Property Control and Interior Sub-Commissions be regarded as special cases in this instance.

7. The Vice President will discuss with the Head of the Public Safety Sub-Commission the problem of his liasion with Italian officials.

8. It is recommended by the Deputy Chief Commissioner that Col. Albright be asked to come to Palermo to discuss personnel problems with the sub-commissions.

9. It is noted that the office of the Headquarters Commandant is acting as a sub-depot to Naples for the procurement of civilian personnel.

10. Brigadier Parkinson reports that the disinfecting of Italian refugees both at the bridge-head and at Naples has been in progress.

11. It is noted that all press releases will be issued thru the office of Public Relations Officer at Naples.

12. It is reported that several officers and enlisted men are still at Tunu-Cassa and it is recommended that steps be taken to procure their services.

13. Meeting adjourned at 1045 hours.

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1-Vice President
1-Col. Kirk
1-Capt Stones
1-Brig. Parkinson
1-Col. Upjohn
~~1-Col. T.V. Smith~~ Lt Co. T.V. Smith
1-Lt Col Spicer
1-Lt Col Harris
1-Commander Lawler
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MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMISSIONS, FEBRUARY 22, 1944

NO. 7.

1. Meeting called at 1000 hours by Vice President.

2. Vice President reported on the Chief Commissioner's meeting at Naples.

3. Vice President reported on Chief Commissioner's efforts relative to American promotions. Vice President will present questions of British promotions to Brigadier Lush.

4. It was agreed that there is an urgent need for a qualified translator to make authorized translations of Italian decrees.

5. Brigadier Parkinson reported on the refugee problem and also announced the appointment of Dr. Vizzoso as medical officer to the Italian Government.

6. Col. Upjohn reported on activity of "purifying committee" created by Italian Government.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1040.

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1-Col. Gwyre
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Education Sub Commission

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MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMISSIONS, FEBRUARY 18, 1944

NO. 6

1. Meeting called to order at 1000 hours by Vice President.

2. Report on Vice President of meeting at Naples.

3. Health Commission report to be referred to Vice President Brady.

4. Question of handling press excesses referred to Legal Sub-Commission for advice.

5. Meeting adjourned at 1025 hours.

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1-Brig. Parkinson
1-Col. Upjohn
1-Col. Sayre
1-Lt Col. Spicer
1-Lt Col. Harris
1-Commander Lawler
3-Lt Col. Cripps

MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUB-COMMISSIONS, FEBRUARY 15, 1944

NO. 5

1. Deputy Chief Commissioner was present.

2. Meeting convened at 1000 hours with Vice President in chair.

3. A list of Italian Ministers, their names and addresses will be circulated.

4. The Question of the church liaison will be referred to Mr. Cecchi.

5. The personnel question for Interior Sub-Commission to be pursued.

6. The question of utilizing the services of Major Bergin as a translation officer was discussed and Lt Col. T.V. Smith requested that Major Bergin's services be used only temporarily.

7. It was agreed that the memorandum prepared by Col. Upjohn on the preview of the Italian decree was to be distributed.

8. Lt Col. Cripps is to circulate the sitreps for February 8-14 from Region II.

9. Colonel Kirk will submit outline methods for the procurement of the translation and promulgation of necessary official orders.

10. Brigadier Parkinson reported on the food and typhus situation, emphasizing the difficulties of changing the diet of the Italian people. He also stated, preparations were being made to initiate malaria control program.

11. The meeting adjourned at 1055 hours.

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MINUTES OF MEETING DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SUB-COMMISSIONS, FEBRUARY 11, 1944

NO. 4

1. Meeting called to order at 1005 hours by Vice President.

2. Appointment of liaison official with Vatican - Capt. Bollard. Vice President to discuss with Mr. Caccia.

3. Reports of censors to be distributed to Col. Kirk and other interested sub-commissions.

4. Staff of Interior Sub-Commission to be increased when practicable.

5. Proposals as to inquiries reference Prisoner of War will be circulated for approval.

6. Handouts to newspapers should be passed through Executive Commissioner for issue by Public Relations officer.

7. Discussion of translation and promulgation of Italian orders on three points -(a) Who translates, (b) Who takes responsibility for proof, (c) Who issues.

8. Italian Minister of Justice Casertí appointed by Italian Government to replace De Santis.

9. Question of administrative policy on enlisted men's and officers' dances. Vice President recommended matter be brought to attention of Executive Commissioner by Colonel Cripps.

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13. Meeting adjourned 1130 hours.

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NOTES OF MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS ACC, NAPLES ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY 1944.

Chairman : Brigadier Lush.

Present : Regional Commissioners, Representatives of Vice Presidents and Executive Officers.

PART 1.

ORGANIZATION.

The Chairman opened the meeting by giving an outline of the organizations of his section, the details of which will be included in administrative instructions to be issued. In outline, the section will be divided into four (4) branches :

(a) Regional Branch (Executive) Col. Spofford.

(b) Establishment Branch (G-1, G-4, Tn.), Cols. Rathbone and Albright.

(c) Security Branch (Screening and Intell.) Col. Young.

(d) Displaced Persons and Refugees Branch, Col. Kirkwood.

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A directive will be issued on the rendition of reports. No alteration on the procedure will be made until this is received. Sitreps and monthly reports to be rendered as hitherto, meanwhile.

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The Executive Commissioner declared the policy that specialist officers must be used on their specialist jobs. When transfers are made, relieving officers should be at their posts some days before their appointments in order to take over satisfactorily.

REGIONAL BOUNDARIES.

The new division between Region IV and V were discussed. In the course of the discussion the chairman laid down that Region III would be called upon in the future to form a planning staff to study Region X (Piedmonte).

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WORK AND POSTINGS.

It is the Executive officer's intention to find work for every officer. Holding centers and pools will be reduced to a minimum.

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COORDINATION.

Regional commissioners were instructed that when deciding on policies of matters within their regions or taking actionthat is likely to affect the country as a whole, they should ask for guidance or decisions from headquarters.

ACC. OFFICERS IN THE FIELD.

It was pointed out that on the turn over to the Italian Government, officers in the field who have hitherto had executive functions will become entirely advisory. Regional commissioners are to give careful and detailed instructions to their officers. The Italian Government should be regarded as an administrative machine. They should not expect too much in the early stages.

MILITARY LIAISON.

Col. Spofford stressed the importance of military liaison and enjoined regional commissioners to have officers attached to the headquerters of military formation in their areas.

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Political Meetings : Col. Spoffora outlined the difficulties and dangers arising from the veto of meetings. Freedom of political expression should not be hampered. Officers in regions should not therefore withhold their permission for meetings to be held without a very good reason indeed. Request for permission to veto a meeting should be made to headquarters. Where this is not possible and vetos have to be made, the action should be at once reported to headquarters. Any disorder arising from political meetings will likewise be advised to headquarter giving full particulars of the circumstances and the action taken by the Italian Government authorities.

Ration System : The Chairman pointed out that the rationing system has been disrupted by the passage of fighting [illegible] In Naples he understood that there was a duplication of ration cards to the extent of 20%. All Regional Commissioners were required to investigate the situation in their regions and make early reports.

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Visits : Sub-Commission's heads or their representatives wishing to visit regions are required to notify their intention to the Regional Commissioner concerned and where possible to visit him personally.

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PRESENT

Lt.General Sir Noel F.N.Mason MacFarlane (Chairman)	Chief Commissioner.
Major General S.S.Solodovonik	Soviet Rep. with A.C.C.
Brig.General Erskine E. Hume	S.C.A.O. 5th Army.
Brigadier M.S. Lush	R.C. & M.G.S., Exec.Comm.
Brigadier Parkinson	Director P.H.Sub-Commission.
Brigadier Gueterbock	Chief of Staff.
Brigadier Carr	R.C.A.O. Region IV.
Brigadier Dunlop	R.C.A.O. Region VI.
Mr. Henry Grady	Economic Section.
Mr. Ian Campbell	MEDEO.
Mr. Caccia	Political Section.
Mr. Reber	" "
Col. Whittley	R.C.A.O. Region V.
Col. Young	Security and Intelligence.
Col. Evans	Director, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.
Col. Adams	Chief Staff Officer, Econ.Sec.
Col. Spofford	D.C.C.A.O.
Col. Fiske	Deputy Exec. Commissioner.
Col. Bain	Director Labor Sub-Commission.
Col. Upjohn	Director Legal Sub-Commission.
Col. Grafftey-Smith	Director Finance Sub-Comm.
Col. Kirk	Director P.S. Sub-Comm.
Col. Fitch	Director Int.Transportation Sub-Commission.
Commodore Palmer	Chief, Naval Section.
Col. Adams	C.S.O. Econ. Section.
Col. Belser	Region 5.
Col. Henderson	Director,Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Comm.
Lt.Col.MacCaffery	R.C.A.O. Region II.
Lt.Col.Poletti	R.C.A.O. Region I.
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230. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1430 hrs.

231. The Chairman stated that he wished the Director of each Sub-Commission to give a brief statement of the principal activities of that Sub-Commission during the past two weeks, so that all present both from H.Q. and the field would have a general idea what each Sub-Commission was doing and the chief problems which confronted it.

232. Interior Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Spicer)

(a) The chief activities of this Sub-Commission during the past two weeks was the translation of the text of various Italian laws and decrees relating to local government, and the checking of reports from the Italian Government relating to conditions in King's Italy.

(b) The Sub-Commission has also dealt with a number of applications for the appointment and removal of public officials. The Italians often desired the appointment of officials in unoccupied territory which A.M.G. had removed. In a few cases the Italians had tried to put forward men who were of poor calibre.

(c) Little had been done as yet on the ecclesiastical side and no difficulties had been encountered.

233. Public Safety Sub-Commission. (Col. Kirk)

(a) The activities of this Sub-Commission to-date had been advisory rather than operational.

(b) In connection with the police little direct contact was made at H.Q. because dealings with the Italian Police were largely handled by the Regions. The coordination of civilian internees had been worked out between the various Headquarters. It is believed that in the future this will largely be handled by the Army. Considerable effort has been made to procure arms, equipment and pay for the Carabinieri.

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234. Public Health Sub-Commission. (Brig. Parkinson)

(a) The typhus epidemic in Naples has been stayed for the moment. Cases have fallen from 35 to 40 down to 17 to 25 a day. However, there are still a substantial number of cases and the epidemic is far from over. Experiments were being made of the new disinfestation equipment. A Typhus Board has been set up on which representatives of the Army and Navy and A.C.C. sit. This Board will not exist permanently as the Army and Navy are anxious for A.C.C. to take over the problem as soon as possible.

(b) A survey had been made of the hospital situation. One of the chief problems is securing an adequate ration of food for hospital and institutional purposes, as the inmates were not able to supplement the regular ration with additional food from outside sources.

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(c) Contacts have been made with the various vetinerary spurces and laboratories are being set up for the provision of sgruns.

(d) The Venereal Disease problem in Naples and in the 5th Army area is still tremendous. The authorities are trying to combat the evil by putting un-licensed houses out of bounds to troops, and by instituting hospital treatment for the cases found, but the figures are still high.

(e) Red Cross clothing has recently arrived and is being distributed.

(f) A Program has been undertaken for the control of malaria during the coming season which promises to be a sizable problem, as the irrigation ditches have been destroyed. Every effort must be made to restore adequate malarial controls.

The Chairman emphasised the necessity of each R.C.A.O. recognizing, treating and reporting every case of typhus in his area. A.C.C. will have to take over the typhus problem even in Naples as soon as possible, and the situation must be watched closely to prevent any spread.

235. Legal Sub-Commission. (Col. Upjohn)

(a) The Minister of Justice was not very strong but could act on a low level as he had in Foggia when he set up a Court of Appeal there because the usual Court of Appeal operating from Bari was unable to function in Foggia.

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(e) All R.C.A.Os. should notify the Legal Sub-Commission at once if any Legal personnel were placed in office so that the Legal Sub-Commission could be kept informed of the work being done by their personnel.

The Chairman emphasized the importance of the last two items mentioned by Col. Upjohn and also indicated that the decrees of the Italian Government should not be published in occupied territory unless separately promulgated or approved in some form.

236. Education Sub-Commission. (Major Washburn)

(a) The vetting of all personnel for previous Fascist activities continues. The higher officials are vetted by H.Q., and the lower officials by the Regions.

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(b) Some textbooks have been completed and are being printed in Palermo for use in Sicily and Calabria. Those intended for the balance of Italy would be printed in Naples as soon as paper became available.

(c) A Local Committee was being set up to handle youth problems, using Naples as a test ground.

(d) A survey was being made of the Italian School system, including the allocation of the various schools and statistics relating to their condition and capacity.

(e) Detailed instructions were given to all Directors of Education in the provinces indicating how they were to proceed in educating the youth.

The Chairman asked to what extent Italian youth had become saturated with Fascist doctrine. Major Washburn replied that he thought that they were not as badly affected as the German youth were by Nazism, and many of them in the south were thoroughly sick of the Fascist teachings.

237. Property Control Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Harris)

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(a) Re-habilitation of industry, which was limited by shortage of coal and power.

(b) The allocation of raw materials and collection of information thereon for the Local Resources Boards.

(c) The export of surplus commodities.

Mr. Grady said that Col. Koenig of the Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission had indicated that Sardinian coal was much better than the local people thought. If certain equipment is received as expected these mines will be able to produce a million tons annualy by June. The chief limiting factor was transportation.

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240. Electric Power Mission. (Major Barry)

The program for supplying power to Rome from the south in the event that the installations in Rome itself were destroyed by the retreating forces was explained. Power needed for operating the Vatican, which would probably not be cut off by the Germans, would not assist the population very much.

241. Labor Sub-Commission. (Col. Bain)

(a) The re-organisation of the employee exchanges in Sicily was being undertaken, as the present system of registration was found to be useless. In Catania reports of a black market in skilled labor had been received. An order mobilizing all labor was being prepared to prevent it.

(b) The Provincial Labor Offices were about to be placed under the Ministry of Labor rather than under the Prefects, because appointments had been influenced by politics.

(c) Orders had been issued recently permitting labor unions to organise freely. King's Italy had agreed to abolish the sindacal system of labor organisation. An officer has been assigned to keep in touch with newly formed labor organisations. He has talked to the leading members of the recent Bari Conference and believes that the political parties will not disturb the unions until they are formed, after which they will no doubt have some political connection. The people organising unions were for the most part groping in the dark and have received considerable advice from the Sub-Commission.

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(d) A survey of forests and the creation of a system for their control is in progress.

(e) Efforts are being made to remove as many restrictions as possible from the fishing areas, and to find proper equipment for the fishing fleets.

The Chairman asked if any collective farming had existed in Italy. Major Dickie thought there had been some but that it was not very widespread. Owing to the fact that his staff in the Regions was limited, there had been little opportunity to go into this question thoroughly.

In response to a question by the Chairman, Major Dickie stated that it would probably be necessary to release on leave certain soldiers during the coming harvest. Already the calling up of young men had produced complaints in Foggia.

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243. Food Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Lenz)

(a) It was explained that although this Sub-Commission was only two weeks old, efforts were already being made to secure an equitable distribution of the available sources of food. Close collaboration is being maintained with the Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, because the handling of bulk wheat from warehouse to consumer was chiefly a question of road transport.

(b) A conference is being held this weekend of all the Supply Officers. The chief problems are those relating to milling, the provision of sacks, and the allocation between maintenance and build-up. At the conference it would be ascertained how the Regions wanted the jobs done, and this H.Q. if possible would try to do it that way.

(c) One of the chief present problems is the existence of different ration scales in different areas. For instance in the 8th Army area 150 grams is allotted to light workers, and as much as 500 grams daily to heavy workers. Such rations could not be supplied. In other Regions a pasta ration had been set up even though it was not included in the basic standard ration. The standard ration scale should be adhered to until there was enough available to increase it for all. Heavy workers were entitled to more food that light workers, but that they should secure this additional quantity by the issuance of a supplementary ration over the standard ration, and not by fixing different scales.

(d) Additional warehouse space was necessary in order to provide for the bulk supplies which were being imported. An example of this was the expected receipt of 9,000 tons of sugar at Bari and Reggio to last for a considerable period of time. Owing to the exigencies of the shipping situation, this quantity was being received at once instead of over the period during which it was needed.

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The Chairman then requested Brig. Lush to call in all R.C.A.Qs. for a meeting with the Food Sub-Commission in order to work out the policy on the subject.

24. Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Jenny)

(a) A.F.H.Q. has started a program for the maintenance of military highways in Regions II, III, and IV under the supervision of this Sub-Commission. There are 3,000 kilometres of highways now included in the program. Under this program the Army fixed priorities, the Italian Engineering authorities made a survey of the materials needed and of the local availability of these materials. The Army furnished those materials that were not locally available. The Sub-Commission supervised the execution of the work, and made certain that the money was properly spent and that the priorities were maintained. Most of these jobs were handled from H.Q. rather than from the Regions so that one group could deal with the unorganized Italian engineering authorities. It is impossible to provide food for workers on highways covering 3,000 kilometres.

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(b) The rationing of electricity is becoming increasingly important because of the shortage of power, and all users are being urged to cut down wherever that is possible.

(c) The Ministry of Public Works of the Italian Government covers the entire engineering field, including the re-habilitation of all industry. Therefore, it is not only this Sub-Commission but also the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission will have to deal with that Ministry.

245. Finance Sub-Commission. (Lt.Col.Miller)

(a) One of the most serious existing problems is the failure of the present tax structure to provide the necessary revenue. Officers have been detailed to the field to stimulate the activity of the tax collecting agencies.

(b) The sale of Postal Savings Bonds is about to commence.

(c) Payments to refugees of the United Nations except those from the U.S. or U.K., have been made at the low relief scale paid to Italians. An increase in these payments is being arranged. Remittances to Sicily from the U.K. and U.S. are being authorised through the Combined Chiefs of Staff whereby restricted amounts may be sent from those places to relatives and friends in Sicily.

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The Chairman emphasised the necessity of forming this organization within the next two months so that at the end of this period he could tell General Alexander that he was ready to accept the lorries.

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247. Shipping Sub-Commission (MEDSO). (Mr.Ian Campbell)

He said there was two classes of shipping, ocean going ships which had been taken over for military and naval uses, and coastal shipping. Efforts were being made to determine which schooners, if any, were available for coastal shipping, which goods had to be carried in them, and who was to operate them. MEDSO decides which ships ought to be used for essential coastal sea movements.

248. Political.

The Chairman then stated that the recent conference in Bari had indicated that these groups desired the King to abdicate, but beyond this they had no fixed program as to their future operation, or as to the form of Government which they desired to set up in Italy. There were a large number of political currents which were too complex for any brief description. The fact that the Government has not the full support of the people hampers A.C.C. because the Government is not confident enough of its position to press strongly for important action that should be taken. However, it is the job of A.C.C. to treat the existing Italian Government as an Administrative machine rather than as having any particular political complexion, and to work with it to produce as efficient a governmental organization as possible.

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Brig. Lush emphasised that these groups, both because of the public interest manifested in their operations and because of the suffering which they could avoid, should be given every sort of cooperation in the regions.

250. Telecommunications and Postal Sub-Commission. (Col.Henderson)

(a) It had been very slow work securing the release of circuits by the Army for civilian use, and securing the necessary stores for the rehabilitation of such circuits.

(b) The Italian Government has been handicapped because, for military reasons, it has not been allowed to use the wireless. It is hoped that soon communications to Sicily and Sardinia can be sent by the Italian Government over Allied Military Circuits.

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(c) Civilian Postal Service has been started in Regions I and II, but not in Naples or abroad. The availability of the necessary censors is the limiting factor. It is hoped that foreign mails might start on a restricted basis by February 15.

(d) The maintenance of standard rates for such civilian telecommunication and postal services as did exist is most important.

251. The Chairman stated that the Navy Section was operating at Taranto, with a representative in this area, that the Air Section was operating at Bari, and that the Military Section was in Lecce where it would have to stay for the present because the Italian War Ministry was remaining there. As soon as the Commando Supremo moved to Salerno, Brig. Duchesne would accompany it. As soon as Rome fell the H.Q. of these three services on the Italian side would be set up there and the A.C.C. representatives would also be there, although the Naval and Air operations would possibly continue to be directed from the south.

252. The meeting adjourned at 1655 hours.

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

The Chief Commissioner commented that the Commission was a sort of "Cinderella" in its present position; some people had written considerable criticism of us. He stated that constructive criticism would be very gladly welcomed. A fitting end to the Cinderella story would be in the glass factory at Venice.

In closing the Chief Commissioner pointed out that the conferences gave the Commission a chance to get tabloid expression of problems and the ways ACC was trying to deal with them.

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

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

8. The Ministries have been duplicating public officials; that is, making appointments when AMG nominees were already in office, which is contrary to the terms of transfer.

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

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

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

12. The first group of refugees numbering 1,054 reached Syracuse during the Easter period.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colonel McCaffrey, when asked what could be done to help this gloomy picture, replied that the broadening of the base of the government as soon as possible and the cleaning out of Fascists now in office would serve this end.

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

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

1. ACC/AMG have been doing a very fine job with progress made in all fields. There have been no disturbances of any kind; even in politics there is no state of discontent. The policy of the Chief Commissioner to allow the Giunta party meetings has proven very valuable. The people now have the sense of being able to express themselves.

2. Cleaning up garbage has been facilitated by 60 trucks now working in Naples alone, which places the city in much better shape. Constant pressure is placed on the Italians to improve the situation. 5,000 drums have been obtained for distribution throughout the city for collecting refuse and garbage.

3. Satisfactory progress has been made in public works with improvements on roads, streets, side walks and sewers.

4. The most urgent problem is that of the "black market." A reorganization of distribution of AMG food has taken place and we are now using our own transport to take food from docks to district warehouses. The police have been strengthened; individually they now have a greater appreciation of their jobs. Some of the head racketeers have been pulled in and it is hoped to bring about prosecution and sentences speedily. "Out of bounds" signs which have been dealt out in cooperation with PBS have given good results. A price list which is restricted to essential goods is to be made up for the Italians. In the communes citizen squads have been started with efforts to make the people feel that honesty can be achieved.

5. A fishing agency has been established and 5 Italian commissioners appointed. Markets have been opened and prices for fish will be fixed. Fishermen are at present opposed to this action, because it will mean a lower price for fish.

6. An attempt has been made to improve transportation.

7. The "battle" is still being fought against other regions. It is felt necessary at times to issue permits to persons so they may enter other regions to bring food into Naples. Attention of other Regional Commissioners was invited to the fact that there is quite a concentration of the population in Naples.

8. It is needful for the Italian Government to give some direction on agriculture and also on welfare. Will there be an amassing system? Millions of lire are being spent on welfare. It is desired that a program be given.

9. Colonel Poletti believes the Fascists are being cleaned out, but states they they require careful watching to keep them from coming back.

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5. A fishing agency has been established and 5 Italian commissioners appointed. Markets have been opened and prices for fish will be fixed. Fishermen are at present opposed to this action, because it will mean a lower price for fish.

6. An attempt has been made to improve transportation.

7. The "battle" is still being fought against other regions. It is felt necessary at times to issue permits to persons so they may enter other regions to bring food into Naples. Attention of other Regional Commissioners was invited to the fact that there is quite a concentration of the population in Naples.

8. It is needful for the Italian Government to give some direction on agriculture and also on welfare. Will there be an amassing system? Millions of lire are being spent on welfare. It is desired that a program be given.

9. Colonel Poletti believes the Fascists are being cleaned out, but states they they require careful watching to keep them from coming back.

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner explained that pressure has been put on the Italian Government to get directives on agriculture, but no such directives have been obtained. If no such directives are forthcoming in the very near future, severe pressure will be brought to bear. The Agriculture Sub-Commission also needs this cooperation.

General MacFarlane expressed his appreciation for the splendid work done by ACC together with PPS, No. 3 District and Base Sub-Area in connection with the Vesuvius emergency operations. The job was rapidly and efficiently done.

D. Regional Commissioner, Region V (Foggia & Campobasso), Colonel F. L. Whitley.

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

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

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

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

3. Regarding the food situation new ration cards are being instituted. Supply of olive oil is inadequate. Meat prices are sky high. People in the agricultural areas are to be reduced to a proper quota. 90% of the communes have 80% of the people engaged in agriculture, or 72% are thus engaged.

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

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

6. Potatoes are being planted; some are spoiling due to lack of transport. Grain planting has been completed to about 90%. It is planned to amass 40% in Foggia Province and 15 to 20% in Campobasso and other provinces. 20,000 sacks are needed as well as the necessary twine in order properly to amass the grain. Care will need to be exercised by stencilling to see that the bags do not get into the black market.

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

5. Wheat is in good condition with but slight damage from cold. A need exists for sulphur and fertiliser.

6. Crime has increased, especially robberies and thefts, full reports of which have been rendered.

7. Preliminary arrangements have been made for taking 10,000 refugees if there is an emergency.

8. Health situation is satisfactory, however there is an increase in prostitution and venereal disease. All available medical supplies have been distributed to the provinces and there have been complaints about shortages. It is hoped that this situation has been dealt with.

9. Throughout the month of March transportation with the mainland was sus-

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

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General MacFarlane remarked that the Shipping Sub-Commission could let the Conference know about the six schooners at Cagliari.

F. Eighth Army AMG, Gp Captain C. E. Benson.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. A military court is sitting at Santa Maria to try cases of espionage and sabotage. So far 24 persons have been tried and 22 found guilty.

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

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

H. Refugee Branch (Italians), Lt Col L. R. Mills.

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

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

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

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

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

2. Higher headquarters estimated that the Yugoslav refugee problem would cease. There were 4,500 per month in February and March. During the first week of April 2,000 were received. They are not kept in camps. We have moved 16,249 Yugoslavs to Middle East, and of these approximately 5,000 were moved during March.

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

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

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

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

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

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2. The problems in the forward areas at the moment are simpler than those in liberated Italy. Direct government is easier than advisory control. There is an inevitable slowing down when the Italian Government takes over. AMG with Allied officers in charge and with their resources can do much more than Italian officials who are acting under orders of a Government which itself is in no easy position and who find themselves in difficult circumstances. It is a difficult task for Regional Commissioners in liberated Italy, not only to prevent themselves entering too much into the executive form of government but also to persuade Italian officials not to lean on them too much. Italian officials must be encouraged to take initiative. The situation is easier in the Islands where there are High Commissioners than in the Mainland where Prefects are answerable directly to the Govern-

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ment.

3. Experiences gained in liberated Italy would be invaluable to A.G in forward areas. It would be a help in the future in handing over Regions to the Italian Government.

4. It is very necessary to maintain close and constant contact between Headquarters and Regional Commissioners. This is brought to the attention of heads of Sub-Commissions in all aspects of their work. Headquarters also ought to know what is happening in the Regions, particularly so in the case of the Administrative Section which deals with the local government problems.

5. The Chief Commissioner had decided that Region II would be divided into two parts. Calabria would form a new Region VII. Apulia and Lucania would comprise the new Region II.

6. 309 officers had been sent to other theatres. It is hoped that there will be no further calls for officers.

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

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

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

B. Army Sub-Commission, Brigadier C. C. Duchesne.

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

2. Ration ceiling was reviewed at conference between Chief Commissioner and Hq AAI on March 31; and recommendations for future strengths include Security Police and Fire Bde in addition to Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza. If approved, this will raise the ration ceiling to 537,000, compared with current authority for 500,000 and actual present strength 430,000.

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

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4. On the Mainland Allied Armies now have 73,000 of the Italian Army under their command including 9,000 combat troops; the programme is to build this up to 194,000 including a combat division of 14,000.

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

5. With reference to Sardinia, shipping ceased but is now starting again. Practically no Italian Army troops have been brought across to the Mainland during the past month, but Italian warships are now re-commencing to tranship ten thousand per month. Of the garrison in Sardinia 26,000 are working for the Allies. 5,000 Italian Yugoslav soldiers are in the process of transfer to Corsica for airfield labor under the Allied garrison there.

6. In Sicily the HQ 12 Italian Corps commenced formation in Palermo in mid March. It is carrying out a census of the inclusive 1912 to 1924 age classes who are legally liable for service and will then ask for permission to call them up within the ration ceiling.

C. Air Sub-Commission, Air Commodore W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet.

1. There has been a continuance of operational work in the war effort. The Fighter Wing has been employed in offensive sweeps with good results along the Dalmatian Coast under the operational control of the Desert Air Force. Long range fighters have been used to give escort to I.A.F. supply dropping aircraft over Yugoslavia. The Bomber Transport Wing has been employed in dropping supplies to Partizans and Italian troops in Yugoslavia and evacuating wounded. The Coastal Wing has carried out convoy escort duties, anti-submarine patrols and air-sea rescue flights. The number of sorties carried out by each of these to date has been 1,520 for the Fighter Wing, 1,380 for the Bomber-Transport Wing and 741 for the Coastal Wing.

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5. Further in regard to maintenance, we must have full access to all salvaged Italian Air Force material. There is a need for stronger orders to prevent further requisitioning of Air Force equipment.

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

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

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

1. Internal telegraph service has been restored in and between all ten provinces of the Mainland and all provinces in Sicily. There is service in Sardinia too, but no outlet from Sardinia, except for official traffic.

2. Telephone calls are limited to urban calls except for officials.

3. Work being handled at present includes the following:

a. Extension of internal telegraph service to include Naples, Avellino, Benevento, up to rear Army boundary.

b. Resumption of civil calls within provincial boundaries up to the same line.

c. The question of resumption of external cable service has been raised.

d. Repair of the main Salerno - Reggio cable is proceeding; when complete, this will give official telephone service with Catanzaro, Reggio, etc. and with Messina, Catania, and Palermo.

4. The internal and foreign mail service has been extended to include Naples and Avellino provinces up to the rear Army boundary. The extension into Benevento Province is in hand. Other special services have been worked out for the Vatican, I.R.C.C., Italian Prisoners of War, and to Italians in occupied territory.

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

a. Italian War Factories operated directly by or under direct supervision of Allied Forces.

b. Italian War Factories operated directly by or under direct supervision of the Italian War Ministry.

c. Italian War Factories (Ausiliarie) operating in the production of War materials under supervision of Italian War Ministry.

5. On the Mainland the factories are nearly all used for the maintenance and repair of our own materials and equipment. The use of these factories is unsatisfactory.

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F. Public Relations Branch, Major L. Fielden.

1. The Public Relations Branch was officially established on April 1st. During January and February Major Fielden was the only PRO with ACC though there were five PROs attached to Regions III, IV and Fifth Army A.G. Regional PROs have now been abolished and the officers assigned to this branch at Headquarters ACC.

2. During March representatives of 40 newspapers or newspaper syndicates consulted this Public Relations Branch and were supplied with the information and services they required. Interviews were arranged with members of ACC as requested. Twenty-six press releases on various aspects of the Commission's work were handed out. A Press Conference was convened on March 10. Arrangements were worked out for supplying regular news to the papers controlled by the PWB. The Allied Publications Board on which the PRO sat as a representative of A.G. was reorganized and Local Boards were set up to deal with applications to publish.

3. Owing partly to the reorganization of ACC and partly to the lull on the battle fronts a growing interest was shown by correspondents and this interest should soon be reflected in the Allied press.

4. A weekly resume to Regional Commissioners of ACC activities has been started in an attempt to bridge some of the present gaps in relationships. It is hoped to produce a regular ACC journal about the work of ACC, the need for it being found in the fact that there is a great deal of expert detail which is liable to get by-passed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

General MacFarlane expressed his regret at the departure of Colonel McCaffrey, Brigadier Duchesne and Air Commodore Foster. A welcome was given to Air Commodore Bowen-Buscarlet, new Director of the Air Sub-Commission. There have been other changes in the high positions in AFHQ. Brigadiers Dunlop and Carr have changed positions. Colonel Kirkwood would take over the new Region VII. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission would be taken over by Colonel Finlay.

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

General MacFarlane reminded the Commissioners again of the way in which ACC works. As we go forward we begin activities in territory with the AMGs of the Armies. This is followed up by Regional Military Government and when the time is ripe, and the Advisory Council approves, the territory is handed over to the Italians and ACC assumes advisory functions. It is essential to train the Italians, as we do not have the manpower to run the show. The time to clean up Fascism is during the AMG period. Things must be sorted out, Fascists must be sacked and the right Italians must be picked and trained while we are exercising military government. It is much more difficult to do this after becoming "advisory" and losing the executive rule. Once an Italian has been appointed by AMG, he cannot be removed without our consent. Unless the Italians can produce a man whom we feel is fit, they cannot replace our man. Therefore it is most important to train them during the AMG stage. If the right man cannot be found, then Headquarters should be advised at once. Marshal Badoglio has always cooperated when asked to provide a man.

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

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The Chief Commissioner stated that he did not think that Headquarters and the Regions are yet working as smoothly as they might. This is due very largely to lack of precise conception on the part of some people as to what is required, also lack of practical experience. On technical questions the Sub-Commissions will deal direct with Regions and Provinces in the field. When it comes down to operational directives, these must go through Regional Commissioners. They must know what is going on in order to coordinate the work. Two things must be avoided, namely, (1) working too much in water-tight compartments and (2) delay in office procedure. The "pending" trays should be abolished.

In closing the Chief Commissioner remarked that probably all realize, from this Conference and the last one, the complexity and number of tasks which the organization must face. He expressed his appreciation for the good efforts and work done to solve these complex problems.

IV. REPORTS BY ECONOMIC SECTION.

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

1. A stage of advancement from survey to actual rehabilitation has now been reached which necessitates co-ordination with Services for mutual integration of salvage program, cannibalisation and restoration.

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

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5. The various problems at present are:

a. Lack of transportation, especially the tire situation, is bad. The instructions issued by C.C.S. and MAB for requisitioning tires have proven impossible to observe in practice.

b. There has been no quota of Regional Personnel determined for Industry and Commerce functions. At Headquarters there is an acute shortage of translators, the services of the interpreters and translators pool being inadequate.

B. Labour Sub-Commission, Colonel J. H. Bain.

1. A final draft of a Royal Decree, which is in essence a Magna Carta for Italian labor, has been completed, and is now being submitted for acceptance. This is the combination of long months of experience and study with the Italian Government, Italian Labor, and the results of AMG/CC administration. This document, when issued, may well stand as a lasting monument of Allied occupation, and should be broadcast to other nations in the Axis sphere as conclusive evidence of our aims and purposes. This will be followed by a further decree giving trade unions a charter setting forth their rights, privileges and restrictions.

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

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

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

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

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

6. Seed potato imports totaled about 37,000 tons, a large proportion of which arrived after latest safe planting date 15 March; about 2500 tons of late arrival had to be diverted to Army ration; sterility due to long time on boat plus other reasons necessitated diverting an additional 4500 tons for food use. With these exceptions loss of seed has been extremely small in light of obstacles that were overcome to get seed in ground.

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

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extend night fishing operations at several points along coasts of Italy and Sardinia; a fish marketing plan has gone into effect in Naples area which will minimize black market operations and result in more equitable distribution; etc. Close working relations have been established with Fisheries Section of Italian Ministry of Agriculture on the above and all other activities of the Division.

8. Fuel wood harvest operations in Fifth Army area about 10 miles from Cassino continue to provide for all needs of hospitals and other army purposes in forward areas. About 100 civilians are employed on this job. Steps have been taken to re-activate the Italian Royal Forestry Corps to assume responsibility for necessary forestry operations. Most of the personnel do not have forestry training. It seems to have been a typical Fascist organization

D. Food Sub-Commission, Lt Col W. J. Lees.

1. The Food Sub-Commission isone of the younger subcommissions, whose principal job is to ensure that the people receive their daily bread. This has been achieved. The ration scale and miscellaneous food issues for April are higher and more varied than for any previous month. May issues are expected to be on a similer scale. Regarding distribution, May and June will be difficult months. Of ten cereal ships, nine will be grain ships and one only will be flour. Previously these ships have been mixed cargo. The program now, however, is different; of this fact the Regional Commissioners should be informed. With only two ports accepting bulk grain, we are faced with the problem of a tonnage of 65,000 tons. Also 300,000 quintal-size sacks will be needed to handle the grain. This complicates distribution and puts a strain on the men. Further in regard to the sack problem, the Food Sub-Commission has opened up recovering depots to resack flour and grain, which involves much work.

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During first two days eight baker shops were taken under control. Forty-one false cards were found; 11 were found belonging to deceased persons; 12 owned by people who had left the district and the number of borrowed cards was 34. A copy of this scheme is being circulated to Regional Commissioners for use in their own Regions.

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

1. During March steps have been taken to establish the Banca d'Italia as the central bank for the Italian Government in the liberated area. For King's Italy the branch at Salerno has been made acting head office, and the branches in Regions III, V and VI are managed from Naples. An officer of the Finance Sub-Commission has been appointed liaison officer to the Bank and has his office in the Salerno branch. This integration has enabled us to finance the Italian Government's deficit out of the existing currency reserves of the Banca d'Italia, since April 1, no advances of AM lire currency are being made to the Italian Government or parastatal organizations and arrangements are now being made to finance provinces and communes out of bank funds. In fact the currency reserves of the central bank now stand at such a level that we are withdrawing 1.9 billion lire from the Banca d'Italia. This withdrawal is in the form of a partial repayment of the advances made to the Italian Government or its sub-divisions by AMG/AMC. Such advances total about 5 billion lire and the re-

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payment is approximately 2/3 of this amount.

2. Colonel Foley, while in Washington, arranged for the printing and preparation of new Italian Government currency. It is estimated that this currency will not be available for approximately six months from final approval of the design. When available, we can take steps in economic warfare and inflationary control.

3. Black market dealing in non-legal tender money has been developing. It is hoped to take effective action to stamp out this currency coming in and put a stop to violations of law involved in transactions in which it is implicated.

4. More drastic penalties are recommended when sentencing convicted forgers, as a number of cases involving forgery of Allied currency are constantly coming to light. The volume of cases is not dangerous but should be checked.

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

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

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3. Colonel Jenny mentioned the incident occurring in Foggia where a paste factory had to be shut down when their electricity supply was cut off. He explained that this rationing of electricity was an emergency measure brought about by a railroad's need for electricity. The decree for this rationing was not ready although the Minister had been pushed for it. Thus rationing was actually undertaken by us before the Decree became effective, and the demand was kept within the amount allotted by the Local Resources Board. When the Decree was published in the Gazette, we found that it did not conform to the final draft which we had approved and which was stronger and more precise than the published form. After discussing this matter with the Legal Sub-Commission we requested the passage of a new Decree in the form approved by us and cancelling the one in effect now.

4. Studies are in progress in cooperation with the Ministries of Public Works and Merchant Marine, for raising sunken ships in various harbors so as to clear harbors and make use of the ships; and five million lire have been appropriated for this. Studies are also in progress for the rehabilitation of shipyards capable of building small wooden vessels from 200 to 500 tons.

5. Officers of this Sub-Commission have visited Sicily and Sardinia and have studied P.W. & U. conditions in these two Regions. Some changes are being contemplated in Sicily.

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

7. At the last meeting a statement was made that the situation so far as electrical current for Rome was concerned was favorable. Work for restoration has been assigned to PBS. Financing the project and providing labor and food for workers was assigned to AOC.

8. Army and many AOC regional and provincial units have requisitioned automobiles and trucks belonging to the Italian engineer forces. This practice must cease. We are planning to issue special permits to them, with the cooperation of the armed forces, "freezing" their equipment so they can function.

9. A very large number of varied problems have been handled including repairs to buildings and building a "cloverf" for the Volturno Building. Also the recent eruption of Vesuvius added to our tasks.

10. The Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has a basic task to perform. It is composed of specialists in various fields but does not have enough men to handle the tasks that have been given to it to perform. A few more men are needed at Headquarters. Regions II, III, V must have personnel. Region VIII needs electrical experts to go into Rome; about four more are needed immediately.

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

1. The military authorities still retain control of railways on the Mainland and in Sardinia. In Sicily the complete supervision of the whole of the railways became the responsibility of AOC as from 16 March, and it is a little early to assess the results. The volume of civil freight movement generally has increased as compared with the previous month.

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

3. 350 trucks have been made available since the last meeting, of which 150 are awaiting allocation. Will be handed over to the Italian Government in the near future. The 1001 G.T. Coy. (120 trucks) will be handed over to Region II fit for work in a few days.

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

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

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

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

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

1. The registration of the schooners is proceeding in a more orderly and rapid manner than was anticipated. They are very limited in number. Upwards of 200 schooners are now registered, and a considerable number of these are employed under the direction of the Mediterranean Shipping Board Schooner Committee in work for the services of the Allied Nations.

2. It will now become increasingly difficult for this Schooner Committee to function unless the economic requirements of the area are presented once a month in practical form in order that the allocation of shipping may be made for its fulfilment.

3. The following is an illustration to show the necessity for producing the programme which is so earnestly desired. Since almost the total requirements of flour for the month of May are arriving from Australia in one large ship, in order to save our ocean going tonnage it is desirable that this ship should discharge at one port. Mr. Nicol together with his colleagues have enquired as to what contribution the Schooner Committee can make towards the distribution of this flour to its ultimate destination. A problem such as this can be quickly solved provided all parties perform their requisite parts.

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

a. Inside the Mediterranean--passenger type 10838 G.R.T., cargo vessels 78,252 D.W.T. and tankers 46995 D.W.T.

b. Outside the Mediterranean--passenger type 24170 G.R.T., and cargo vessels 10363 D.W.T.

I. Acting Vice President of Economic Section, Colonel D. S. Adams (reporting in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Henry Grady).

1. The reports of the Sub-Commissions have given an overall picture of the activities. Although we feel at times that progress is slow, it is apparent from the reports already made that very substantial progress has been made in a comparatively short time.

2. This is impressive when we look back and realize that the General's first conference was held only a little over two months ago. That was the first time the Regions and Headquarters gathered together as one organization under one command with jurisdiction over all civil affairs activities in this Theatre. On the economic side it has made possible rapid progress in making effective its program in connection with wage levels, prices, food rationing and distribution, accounting, requisitions for imports for essential requirements, and in the control of local resources.

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

Comments by Chief Commissioner: The Chief Commissioner commented that the Italian Government is not giving the cooperation it should. This may be due in certain cases to political insecurity of certain Ministers. It will presumably show improvement with the coming of a broader-based and more secure government. We must realize however the manner in which the Italian Government came into being. Marshal Badoglio with but one clerk initiated this government. They did not bring experienced personnel from Rome. Thus we are dealing with an administrative machine which has been built up with difficulty. We must get everything possible out of them as readily and efficiently as possible. It is no surprise that they are not functioning as one would expect a government to function. That does not mean we should not try by all means and methods to get the goods from them.

A recess was called at 1630 and the conference adjourned at 1645.

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V. REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION.

A. Interior Sub-Commission, Colonel H. G. E. Spicer.

1. There has been the misconception that Interior Sub-Commission is bracketed with Public Health, whereas it deals with the Minister of the Interior outside the sphere of Public Health, Public Welfare and Public Safety. There is almost daily contact with Minister Reale or his staff. Multiferious matters concerning Prefects, Sindaci and other extraneous matters come up.

2. A course in local government was held between 16-22 March. Officers attended from HQ, ACC and Regions I, II, III, AND V. The interest shown was gratifying and the Interior staff learned much from the students. A second course is in progress.

3. Colonel Spicer with his staff officer has visited Benevento, Avellino, Campobasso, Oberto, San Vittore, and AMG N.Z. Corps Main HQ Liaison Officer. In each place the senior officer was interviewed and with his permission, whenever possible, the Prefects. It was a surprise to find that the Giunta Comunale is actually functioning in Region III and 5th Army areas, even north of the Volturno.

4. Captain R.R. Temple of the Sub-Commission has been on tour in Sardinia since 1st April.

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5. There have been growing accounts of misconduct of Allied troops.

6. Replacement pools for Carabinieri have been established at Naples & Bari.

7. A tour of inspection is being conducted from a disciplinary point of view in the Guardia di Finanza.

8. Fire control and civil defence are still static.

9. Licensing is going forward with a uniform system.

10. A scheme for de-fascistization in AMG areas has been proposed and will be considered at the meeting tomorrow.

C. Public Health Sub-Commission, Brigadier G.S. Parkinson.

1. The Typhus Board was dispersed. A Hygiene Advisory Board has been set up. The first meeting has been held with discussions of venereal disease, malaria control and sanitation of towns and vi[illegible]

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2. The Italian Government has been asked to set up a VD Department and to take more vigorous action in dealing with pimps and clandestine prostitution. More

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

3. Malaria control is headed by Colonel Russell of the Rockefeller Foundation. A malaria survey of Sardinia has been made, as well as of other known malaria areas. Meetings have been held to ensure uniformity of action and cooperation. We are trying to get the Italians to cooperate as much as possible.

4. The increased rations in hospitals have been much appreciated.

5. A veterinary survey of Sicily has been made which shows that the Italian veterinary service is getting back to peace conditions and that biologicals are being produced in quantity. Directives have been sent out on the immunization of live stock.

6. Medical supplies are coming in regularly and distribution is better. Additional storehouses have been set up in convenient places. More clothing was received and distributed. There is a shortage only of certain items rather than insufficient consignments of supplies.

7. There has been a certain amount of pilfering of Red Cross clothing. Investigations are being made. Drugs have also been stolen in hospitals.

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

Comments by Chief Commissioner: General information inquired regarding forage for Army mules in Sardinia. It was not definitely known, but reported that forage had to be shipped from the Mainland.

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3. There are 26 legal officers on loan in Naples. 4000 cases were tried last month. It has been discussed with the Italian Government whereby they will take over more of the legal work in Naples, as these officers cannot be left in this city.

4. The policy of putting across what we desire through decrees has proven satisfactory. The Italian Government is to reproduce in a week to ten days some decrees which we want in occupied territories.

5. The Italian Government has done useful work in getting a pool of judges as they come through the lines. A substantial number must be kept for Rome but we can help Brigadier Carr somewhat.

6. Fascist legislation has been reviewed. Many excellent laws were passed under Mussolini's regime. The bad fascists laws are being weeded out.

7. A further directive from AFHQ is being awaited as to the requisitioning of papal property. This is a very difficult question. Previous directives were very conflicting. As soon as instructions are forthcoming they will be embodied in a directive to the field.

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D. Educat on Sub-Commission, Lt Col P. V. Smith.

1. The High school youth organization has shown splendid work and has been very active. A concert to raise funds to further their organization was held in Salerno.

2. An investigation has begun in universities to see what kind of standards are operating underneath the routine.

3. A survey of schools was instituted in Regions III and IV trying to get a picture of what was here when we came and what is now will be here under AMG. We are trying to be constructive in the Italian system.

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

1. In Region I the process of taking custody of all Allied property is nearly complete. Also this is true in Region IV.

2. We have reached an agreement with the Italian Government as to the steps necessary to legalize the activities of the Property Control Sub-Commission under Italian Law.

3. A satisfactory agreement on the financial side of properties has been reached whereby the Italian Government will advance necessary funds where the income is insufficient. They also agreed to advance funds in cases where war damage has been caused to properties.

G. Monuments and Fine Arts Sub-Commission, Major E. T. de Wald.

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d. The preparation of MFA publication on Art in Italy.

4. Inspection trips to the most important areas were made by the Director and Deputy Director.

5. In regard to the future we are ready for action as the Armies move forward.

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

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H. Vice President of Administrative Section, The Rt Hon The Viscount Stansgate.

1. Lord Stansgate stated his belief that all profit greatly by the Conferences. He expressed his desire to be more fully informed about the activities of the Economic Section since they are the backbone of the whole program.

2. Comment was made on the close contact which could be had with the Italian Ministries due to their advantageous location. We do know what is happening, even though we may know not what the man in the street thinks.

3. Lord Stansgate remarked that he would like to regard the Regional Commissioners as our "eyes and ears." It is necessary to hear from them more than just in the monthly reports. We need their impressions. The Headquarters is trying to build up the morale of the Italian people. The Regional Commissioners should fully inform the Sub-Commissions of the state of affairs as they note them. Lively daily contact is needed.

4. Reference was made to the fact that some directors object to the actions of Ministers in removing prefects. This is another item which should be brought to Headquarters attention.

5. Regarding visits to the field, 43 individuals have been in the field 165 days. We should be very glad to have men from the Regions in to visit Headquarters.

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Difficulties in replying to correspondence speedily were appreciated, but every effort would be made to speed up. Interim replies should be sent when delay was inevitable. Headquarters would do the same.

Item No.1 - Regional Control Matters.

(a) Security Control - Movement of Civilians.

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

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

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

(b) Monthly Reports.

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

All concerned — Agreed that monthly reports be abridged to a summary of events, covering all divisions. Full divisional reports to be sent to Sub-Commissions.

R.C. & M.G.Sec. — A directive would be issued showing the form the report is to take, and the number of copies required.

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(e) Liaison Officers.

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Item No.2 - Establishment Matters.

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

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

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

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(b) Promotion of Officers.

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

(c) Reports on Officers.

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

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

All concerned. Agreed reports on officers would be submitted half-yearly and on transfer.

(d) Promotion EM/ORs.

Enlisted men were 45 over-strength. Only promotion to rank of Pfc possible.

Clerks were below strength and general duty men overstrength. Promotion was only possible therefore in the former category. General duty men were invited for training at Headquarters as Clerks and if satisfactory for transfer to the R.A.S.C.

It was stated that drivers had no chances of promotion and a higher proportion of N.C.Os. was recommended. This was to be represented in the appropriate quarter.

(e) Use of Italian Military Personnel.

Dilution to the maximum with Italian personnel was essential to make EM/ORs available for other duties. Security must be the only limitation.

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be given, and if necessary an officer sent out.

All concerned. Agreed reports on officers would be submitted half-yearly and on transfer.

(d) Promotion EM/ORs.

Enlisted men were 45 over-strength. Only promotion to rank of Pte possible.

Clerks were below strength and general duty men overstrength. Promotion was only possible therefore in the former category. General duty men were invited for training at Headquarters as Clerks and if satisfactory for transfer to the R.A.S.C.

It was stated that drivers had no chances of promotion and a higher proportion of N.C.Os. was recommended. This was to be represented in the appropriate quarter.

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Estab. Branch. Regions I, III, IV, V and VII requested platoons.

(f) Maintenance M.T.

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

(g) Registration of Requisitioned Vehicles.

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

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

(h) Essential Civilian Vehicles.

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

(i) Friends Ambulance Unit - Status of Personnel.

All concerned

All assistance was requested for the Friends Ambulance personnel and it was suggested that they be treated on the officer level, at Regional Commissioners' discretion.

Item No.3 - Harvesting, Amassing and Distribution of Wheat Crop 1944.

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(2) A local committee consisting of :

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

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

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

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

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(f) It was stated that PWB was anxious to help and its help should be enlisted.

(g) Lt.Col.Mayne stated that from his experience in the Middle East, amassing was similar to tax collection. An organisation was essential. Authority should be conferred on the officials with the warning that dismissal would be the penalty for failure in their tasks.

(h) Brig. Parkinson (Director, Public Health Sub-Commission) appealed for a correction of the impression reaching London or Washington that we were satisfied with conditions of the Italian people.

(i) Col. Adams said that the amassing of the wheat, either in bulk or sacks, is a Regional responsibility. This principle also applies to the problem of warehousing where many warehouses have been destroyed.

R.Cs. SCAOs Armies. (j) Col. Legg (Director, Food Sub-Commission) stated that sacks were going into Regions at the rate of 80,000 per month and issues of sacked food should be on a sack for sack basis. Estimates of sack and sack repair material requirements should be made now, particularly in Region V.

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(ii) The recommendation of all regional commissioners was that only wheat, barley and olive oil should be compulsorily amassed.

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Item No.4 - Refugees, Disposal and Feeding.

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

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

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(c) It was suggested that communal feeding be instituted, giving one hot meal per day.

(d) This was an important problem and he emphasised the point that the Italian Government must take a bigger interest in refugees.

(e) Col. Poletti (Region III) desired an officer under his command who would deal with the refugee problem and keep him informed. He explained his difficulties in placing refugees and stated he was placing a few in Avellino and South Naples, none in Benevento and filling up Salerno.

(f) Region II had received from No.2 District a list of designated communes for the reception of refugees.

Agric.& Labour Sub-Coms.

(g) Col. Fiske gave his experiences and said that in his opinion refugees were not fitting into the life of the country; proper distribution or re-distribution was necessary, and that Allied Control Commission should get the needs brought home to the Italian Government. It might be advantageous for Agriculture and Labour Sub-Commissions to study the problem.

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He suggested close co-operation and co-ordination of military and civil efforts.

(c) Funds to meet labour costs were available for dealing with the problem.

(d) Oil (Diesel No.2) in drums on indent could also be obtained. Transport was a difficulty and escorts would be required to prevent theft of the oil. A method of rendering the oil unfit for other use would be sought.

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

(f) Control Service.

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

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

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

The treatment was :

(i) Atebrin, which was in plentiful supply.
(ii) Prophylactics to be applied to civil workers on civil projects.

P.H. Sub-Com. There was not enough atebrin for suppressive use by civilians and the Eighth Army should be informed that Allied Control Commission will not be able to supply.

Item No.5 - De-fascistization in Regions.

(a) Col. Upjohn explained that a uniform procedure was essential and that efforts so far have been unsatisfactory. He suggested that the initial step be taken by a questionnaire and it would depend on the answers whether a Fascist was dismissed.

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Legal Sub-Com.

It was agreed that the Order prepared by Region III be the basis of the new Order and that the order should not be made to apply to elements of the Italian Army, e.g. Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza.

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

Item No.7 - Road Haulage.

Col. Adams said that negotiations for sale of 1000 Allied vehicles to the Italian Government and their eventual disposal to the transport organisations were proceeding. In the meantime, 450 vehicles were working in the Regions. SITA (an Italian Company) would operate in Region II; an agency group in Region III and Region V had their own organisation. The 80 vehicles provided by PBS on the West side were

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

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

Item No.3 - Public Relations.

(a) Major Fielden pointed out that as film units could only be used after dark propaganda would benefit if the curfew be changed. He stated that Allied Armies in Italy and No.3 District had no objection to 2130 hours being fixed as the time for commencement of curfew in Region III.

R.C. & M.C.Sec. Agreed that this be arranged.

(b) Weekly Bulletin.

Regions were unanimous that it should be continued. All Regions were asked to co-operate and contribute news.

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There were two decrees: one covering stores of newsprint and the other regulations for licenses. Three priorities for newsprint issues had been established:

First: Allied Papers (e.g. Union Jack, Stars and Stripes, etc.)

Second: Licensed Papers.

Third: Other Papers.

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

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

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

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

(b) It was suggested that an Italian Director General be appointed to deal with shipping. His appointment would be non-political. Alternatively, a Committee should be set up. Bids for tonnage in excess of 50 tons must be submitted to Economic Section who would allocate.

Shipping Sub-Com. (c) The need for a directive on shipping was urgent and Mr. Nichol said he would consider this.

Item No.10 - Social Welfare.

To be continued in Sicily as at present.

Legal Sub-Com. R.C.& M.G.Sec. Agreed that scheme be adopted and published as a General Order, copy to go to Armies.

Item No.12 - Restoration of Post Office Services.

Major Head explained that the Italian Government had issued 55 circulars and a memorandum covering these was being prepared for use of forward areas to ensure continuity. For security reasons the truly Postal side of the services had to be delayed: banking and financial services could be opened earlier.

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(a) Ancient Archives) to be preserved as Monuments and
(b) Modern Archives) Fine Arts.
(c) Archives of Allied Control Commission.

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

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

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Estab. Branch. Agreed to refer matter to Archives Advisory Committee.

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

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

Other Business. Sunday, April 16, 1944.

1. Executive Commissioner announced to the Conference that he and Col. Adams (Economic Section) had reported to the Chief Commissioner the views of the Conference on the amassing and price programmes arrived at the previous day. The Chief Commissioner had decided to take the matter up at once with the Italian Government and to press for a definite decision as quickly as possible.

Sec'y. General.

2. Information Division.

Major Hirkel explained the functions of the division as including:

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All concerned. Summing up, Executive Commissioner said that every effort had to be made to avoid the Chief Commissioner and his staff at Headquarters being non-sighted. P/O reports and telephone calls on matters of immediate importance would help to achieve this.

3. Internal Transportation - Report on visits to Regions.

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

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

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Three points should receive immediate attention :

(i) The proper employment of cars as to type, which would involve re-distribution, e.g. cars suited to town and level running might be unsuitable for country and long distance work over indifferent roads.

(ii) Servicing difficulties owing to lack of tools and garage facilities but more could be done.

All concerned. (iii) Pooling to achieve economy in use. There should be a minimum of individual allocations.

4. Leave for Officers.

Question raised by Regional Commissioner Region II.

It was pointed out that during operationally static periods the Armies were allowing "Local leave". Could this be applied to A.C.C. Officers ?

The Executive Commissioner stated that provided not more than 20% of officers were on leave at any one time, and that no officers on leave from other Regions attempted to enter Army areas "Local leave" could be granted by Regional Commissioners.

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Regional Commissioner Region I admitted that he did not know if the detachment had arrived or not.

C.A.Br. P.S. Sub-Com. Agreed to examine the requirements again with a view to conserving Carabinieri strength for proper duties.

(ii) Arrest of Allied Military Personnel by Carabinieri.

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

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R.C. & M.G.Sec. Agreed to reply accordingly.

(iii) Tentage.

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

Estab. Branch.

7. 2675 Regiment.

Following a general discussion on powers and responsibilities of the Regimental organisation, including :

(a) Completion of Records.
(b) Possibility of obtaining qualified specialists known to be in Replacement Depots, either directly or on exchange.
(c) Reports on officers.

Agreed that Establishments would issue a memorandum covering these and other points for the information of Regional Commissioners and Company Commanders.

Estab. Branch.

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Establ. Branch.

Establishments are issuing a clarifying memorandum.

(b) Whether additional payments to priests and clergy could be made from the FONDO CULTO to compensate for the increase in the cost of living. This was a section of the community that had no such compensation.

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

Int. Sub-Com.

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

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

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R.C.& M.G.Sec. Agreed that the matter be taken up with Monsignor Carroll, the Vatican representative.

10. Colonel Farren (Executive Officer) asked :

R.Cs. & SCAOs Armies. (a) That Regional Commissioners should furnish quickly, in the case of British Officers, A.F.H194G for those officers who had been ordered to another theatre.

(b) For instructions regarding the disposal of the surplus mess funds of the Military Government School and Holding Centre, Tizi Ouzou.

He explained that the 14½% of the surplus allocated to any new School and Holding Centre remained to be distributed as no new School was to be set up.

Colonel Kirkwood, Regional Commissioner designate of Region VII asked if his new mess could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Farren and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

Estab. Branch.

(c) Colonel Farren had looked into the question of rations for Italian Military personnel and found that the regulations provided that the rations should be supplied by Italian Government (Military Supplies). As this would not be convenient especially in the case of small isolated groups, he would attempt to get the procedure altered. Regulations would be circulated.

Estab. Branch.

11. Displaced Persons - Assistance.

Executive Commissioner said that application had been received from the Missions attached to Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission for funds from which payments might be made to their nationals residing normally in the country and not displaced.

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asked if his new mess could be considered for an allocation. Region II and Region VII agreed that the matter be left to the discretion of Colonel Farren and all agreed that Region VII should be considered as requested.

Estab. Branch.

(c) Colonel Farren had looked into the question of rations for Italian Military personnel and found that the regulations provided that the rations should be supplied by Italian Government (Military Supplies). As this would not be convenient especially in the case of small isolated groups, he would attempt to get the procedure altered. Regulations would be circulated.

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12. Deputy Executive Commissioner (Colonel Fiske) said :

(a) He wished to thank all Regional Commissioners and SCAO's (Armies) for the help and co-operation he had received on his visits to the respective territories.

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(b) The next course on Local Government (Italian) to be held by the Interior Sub-Commission at Salerno would not assemble before 1st May. Actual date would be notified.

All Officers.

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

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

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13. Executive Commissioner announced :

(a) The forthcoming issue of a booklet of memoranda for the guidance of officers of the Commission and commended it for study.

(b) Date of next conference - about 1st June.

Brig. Carr requested that it should not be at a weekend and this was agreed.

The Conference closed at 12.15 hours.

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