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LSC/205

INSPECTION + INVESTIGATIONS

JAN. - MAY 1945

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SUBJECT: Northern Italy Tour, 31 October to 1 November.

Locality:

A. Persons Seen:

Prefect

Sindaco

Regional Labour Officer (It.)

C.L.N.

Unione Industriale (employers)

Camera del Lavoro (workers)

Allied Officials:

Senior AMG Officer

Directorate of Labor (ALL,
DALL, CLU)

P.D.S.

Public Safety Officer

B. Characteristics of Locality:

C. Unemployment:

D. Under-employment:

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C.L.

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Camera del Lavoro (workers)

Allied Officials:

Senior AMG Officer

Directorate of Labor (ADL,
DADL, CLU)

P.B.S.

Public Safety Officer

B. Characteristics of Locality:

C. Unemployment:

D. Under-employment:

E. Reduci (ex-soldiers, returned workers):

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F. Relief Schemes:

Official

Unofficial

Public feeding facilities

G. War Damage (housing, public services, approaches, factories):

H. Reconstruction measures:

I. Local Resources (Food prices, clothing, availability and prices, misc.)

J. General Impressions and Recommendations:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 343

30 May 1945.

Ref: 806/EC.

SUBJECT: Tour Notes by Executive Commissioner.

TO : Economic Section.

The following tour notes have been received from the Executive Commissioner and are passed to you for information and appropriate action:

1. Lignite from TRIESTE. At FERRARA is a synthetic rubber factory which is in working order and has all the raw materials necessary for production except coal. It is designed to use lignite fuel, large supplies of which are understood to be at TRIESTE and which is normally carried by barges and taken up by river and canal to FERRARA. There is also at FERRARA a sugar beet factory designed to use lignite. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible for the transport of lignite from TRIESTE to get these two important factories working. The use of tugs will be required for the barges.
2. Hemp. There is said to be in the Region 15,000 tons of hemp, a large amount of which has already been located but there is no transport to move it to warehouses, to NAPLES and to MILAN. Bids have been made to Transportation Sub-Commission but so far with no result.
3. Cattle Manure. To save their cattle, farmers for miles around BOLOGNA drove their cattle into the city where thousands have been retained for the last six months. There are very large quantities of cattle manure which is now a menace to health on account of flies. It is estimated that there is no less than 10,000 cubic yards awaiting removal. Transport is the problem but none is available for the purpose. If transport could be made available mechanical loading equipment would also accelerate removal.

Edward Allen
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: C.A. Section (reference para 3 above)

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Lucia W.
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: C.A. Section (reference para 3 above)

31 May - E/S Distr:

1 - Prod Div
1 - Supply Div
CMM

ECONOMIC SECTION

Date 31 May
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Internal		External	
From	To	From	To
Vice President		✓ ECONOMIC SECTION	
Brig Gen McKinley		Production Division	✓
Brig Anderson		Supply Division	
Col Bensmore		AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION	
Col Dalton		COMMERCE " "	
Lt Col Thompson		FINANCE " "	
Lt Col Murtash		FOOD " "	
Maj Doe		INDUSTRY " "	
Maj Tooby		LABOR " "	
Capt Atkins		P. & U " "	
Capt Williams		TRANSPORTATION "	
✓ Capt Highland		CHIEF COMMISSIONER	
Lt Morgan		EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER	
Lt Durber		CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
Lt Arensberg		ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
Mr Stauffer			
Mr Cerrito (Price Sec)			
Chief Clerk			
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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
A.C.
Routing Slip

	Initials	Date
Mr. W.H. BRAINE	WHB	4/6/45
Mr. SACHS	JS	
Mr. DI FEDE	J.D.	5/6/6
Mr. AIREY	RA	7/6/6
Mr. SCOTT	ES	6/6
Mr. PROCTOR	ES	8/6
Miss STEVENSON	ES	
Chief Clerk		

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 489081

REF. : LSC/205 - LSC/1002

15 February 1945

SUBJECT : Inspection of firms doing work for Allied Forces.

TO : H.E. The Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 February, 1945 wherein Your Excellency refers to the refusal of Allied Officers to allow inspectors of the "Ispettorato" to make proper inspections at the firm of Bernardo and Lorenzo Banfi in Locri (Prov. Reggio Calabria) and at the S.A.F.I.O. establishment in Taranto.

2. We have discussed this matter with the competent officers of Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission. While it results that those officers have no information concerning the refusal to allow inspections instructions will be issued to their regional officers advising them to admit your inspectors to the firms of the type you have mentioned in your letter.

3. Any previous difficulty may have been due to some misunderstanding which we hope has now been corrected.

W.H. Braine

W.H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 489081

REF : LSC/205/1002

15 Febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Ispezione di Ditte lavoranti per le Forze Alleate.

A : S. E. Il Ministro dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro.

1. Accusiamo la ricevuta della Vostra dell'8 Febbraio 1945 nella quale V.E. allude al rifiuto da parte di Ufficiali Alleati di permettere agli Ispettori dell'"Ispettorato" di eseguire dovute ispezioni presso la Ditta Bernardo e Lorenzo Banfi a Locri (prov. di Reggio Calabria) e presso la Ditta S.A.P.I.C. a Taranto.

2. Abbiamo discusso di questa faccenda con gli Ufficiali competenti delle Sottocommissioni dell'Industria e del Commercio della Commissione Alleata. Mentre risulta che questi Ufficiali non hanno nessuna informazione circa il rifiuto di permettere ispezioni, saranno emanate istruzioni agli Ufficiali Regionali, avvertendoli di ammettere i Vostri Ispettori nelle Ditte del tipo accennato nella Vostra lettera.

3. Qualsiasi difficoltà avuta precedentemente era forse dovuta a qualche malinteso che, si spera, sia ora stato chiarito.

W. H. BRAINE
Direttore,
Sottocommissione del Lavoro

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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REF. : LSC/205

Tel. 489081
15 February 1945

SUBJECT: Inspection of firms doing
work for Allied Forces.

TO : W.H. BRAINE, Director Labour Sub-Commission

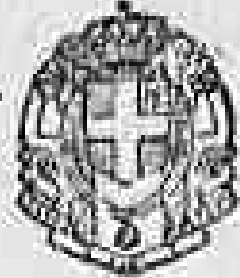
1. I have discussed the contents of Minister Gronchi's letter dated 8 February, 1945 with Major Kelner and Major Robertson of Commerce Sub-Commission and with Major Mydans and Dr. O' Patowsky of Industry Sub-Commission.

2. No instructions have been issued by these Sub-Commissions to their officers in Locri and Taranto advising them not to allow inspections by the Ispettorato. Furthermore they have no information that such inspections have been refused.

3. Commerce Sub-Commission has no objection to inspections of the firm of Bernardo and Lorenzo Banfi in Locri (Silk Factory) and Industry Sub-Commission has no objection to inspections of the S.A.P.I.O. firm in Taranto (Oil Refinery). Their respective officers in Locri and Taranto will be notified to allow such inspections.

JOSEPH DI FEDE
Labour Relations Adviser

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MINISTERO INDUSTRIA COMMERCIO E LAVORO
Ispezione Generale Industria e Lavoro

ROMA

8 FEB 1945

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QUARTIERE GENERALE
 COMANDO ALLEATO - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
 LAVORO -

ROMA

Rif. N. Lab. 444
 21-9-1944

Allegati N. 3-01

OGGETTO : - Ispezioni alle ditte che lavorano per le forze
 armate alleate.

In relazione alla richiesta di cui al foglio
 sopracitato si fa presente che i dipendenti circoli
 dell'Ispezione dell'Industria e del lavoro, interes-
 sati in merito, hanno comunicato che, mentre non hanno
 incontrato di solito, particolari difficoltà nella
 esecuzione delle ispezioni a stabilimenti e ditte
 lavoranti a favore delle Forze militari alleate, o
 sotto il loro controllo, per le ditte invece requisi-
 te dall'Autorità Militari Alleate, in linea di massi-
 ma, non è stato richiesto alcun intervento dell'Ispe-
 torato da parte degli interessati, intervento che
 d'altra parte dagli stessi Circoli non è stato rite-
 nuto necessario effettuare di iniziativa per ovvie
 ragioni, quale, per esempio, quella che le Forze arma-
 te alleate ne hanno assunto la piena gestione tecni-
 ca - amministrativa, amministrando direttamente il

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dipendente personale che è stato licenziato e
e liquidato dalle ditte della ditta e
dell'avvenuta requisizione.

In particolare si fa presente che il Circolo dell'Ispettorato di Reggio Calabria ha comunicato di aver potuto ispezionare la ditta Bernardo e Lorenzo Banfi esercente una filanda in Locri (prov. Reggio Calabria) in quanto per ordine dell'Ufficio controllo seta dell'A.C. di quella provincia è stato vietato l'ingresso nello stabilimento a qualunque persona non munita di particolare autorizzazione dell'anzidetta A.C.

Parimenti il Circolo di Bari ha fatto presente di non aver potuto ispezionare per analoga ragione lo stabilimento S.A.F.I.O. di Taranto per la produzione dell'ossigeno. Quest'ultimo stabilimento non è requisito, ma lavora a contratto.

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Translation Latorraca

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE
AND LABOUR

Rome, 8 Febr 45

SUBJECT : Inspection of firms doing work for
Allied Armed Forces.

TO : Labour Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference is made to your letter dated 21 September 1945 subject as above.

I inform you that the attached organisations of the Ispettorato dell'Industria e del Lavoro have communicated that they have not found any particular difficulty in conducting inspections in firms doing work for the Allied Armed Forces.

No request has ever been made for the inspection of firms requisitioned by the Allied Armed Forces. On the other hand the inspectors of the above mentioned Ispettorato have believed it not necessary to inspect the aforementioned firms since they are under the direct control of the Allied Forces.

A / It is to be borne in mind that the Ispettorato of Reggio Calabria has communicated of having been unable to conduct the inspection of the Bernardo & Lorenzo Banfi firm in Locri since the Allied Silk Control Office of Reggio Calabria prohibited the admittance to the firm unless duly authorized by the A.C.

B / Likewise the Ispettorato of Bari has stated of having been unable to conduct the inspection of the S.A.P.I.O. establishment in Taranto for the same reason. This establishment, which produce oxygen, is not requisitioned but works on contract for the Allies.

THE MINISTER
Gronchi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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9 February 1945

SUBJECT : SURVEY REPORT - Florence Livorno Areas

TO : Mr. BRAINE, Director Labour Sub-Commission

The following is a report of labour conditions observed in the Florence, Pistoia, Lucca, Pisa and Livorno Areas, from 28 February to 5th March. Interviews were had with the several Labour Officers and the "man in the street".

1. CLOTHES : These were available to most civilians at rather high (Black Market) prices. Refugees and homeless persons are being cared for by the several relief (Devasted Area, Red Cross, etc.) organizations. Labourers are out of luck, as there is no provision for equipping them with clothes and shoes. The exception to that, are the workers at docks and on ships at Livorno.

Even if clothes were available, the labourers could not buy them as the prices are exorbitant.

2. WOMEN, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS : None have been observed in the area, as working on heavy construction, road building, etc..

3. TRANSPORTATION : The Labour Officers lament their hardships on getting about their respective areas. At Florence, where the 5th Army Labour Office Hdqtrs is established and serving several offices throughout the Army area they have but one jeep. The handicap there is terrific and close supervision of the Labour Offices is maintained only by hard work and personal efforts of the Officers.

At the Port of Livorno, which also serves Pisa, there is a definite need for transportation.

With the withdrawal of the Headquarters vehicle, used by Lt. Col. Babcock, the Labour personnel foot

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it or hitch infrequent rides.

4. CAMERA DEL LAVORO : Though politically coached they are working hand in hand with the several Labour Offices. The highest of complements are being paid these organizations for assistance being given to the Labour Officers.
5. MILITARY LABOUR : Italian Soldiers in uniform and Italian Prisoners of war in uniform are being used on Road construction and maintenance. Several groups were working on the main roads from Florence to Livorno. These Italian Soldiers receive approximately 80 L. per day, lodgings and food and are doing an excellent job.
6. STRIKES - THREATS : No threats or strikes were reported in the Florence area. There was a flare up in Livorno but that was quickly settled by the adroit handling of the Labor Office (Sgt. Sorisi).
7. FORWARD MOVEMENTS : The Labour Offices in the Army area are fully prepared to move forward. During these operations the rear (Communal) offices have been provided with good Italian Civilian personnel and fully taught to continue the work without military supervision. Provision has also been made that should the need for these Communal Labour Offices cease, they would in most cases be taken over by the Provincial Offices.
8. DADL LABOUR OFFICES : These have been established in the forward areas on definite highways and are performing excellently. They staff Italian Civilians under British Military Supervision, who will, upon moving forward, continue operations or be taken over by the Provincial Offices.
9. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND OUTLOOK : Little building construction is going on at present, due to (1) lack of building materials and (2) the fact that experienced skilled labour are being used by the Armed Forces.

Of the few civilian construction projects; they are proceeding at a snail's pace, with the work being done by the individual owner himself. Public construction bridges on main highways and roads are being given upper priority and progress noted.

ALFRED L. DORF
Captain, GNC
Field Control Section

FILE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB COMMISSION

REF : LSC/205

30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Soviet Labor Delegation to Italy.

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section
Attention Major N.P. Seagrave
Executive Officer

Reference your request of 27 January 1945,
herewith attached two copies of "Memorandum on the
Soviet Labor Delegation to Italy".

JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel, OMC
Deputy Director,
Labor Sub-Commission

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Labor
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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27 January 1945

SUBJECT: Soviet Labor Delegation to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
Attn: Labor Subcommittee
APO 394.

1. Authorities at this Headquarters request two extra copies of paper entitled: "Memo on Soviet Labor Delegation", dated 18 November 1944, file 091.446.

2. Request that copies, if available be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Norman P. Seagrave
NORMAN P. SEAGRAVE
Major, G.S.C.
Executive Officer.

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28 JAN 1945

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HQ HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

LSC/205

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TEL : Ext. 204

28 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRAINE

Subject: Labor Officer for Sardegna

1. Although present policy indicates withdrawal of all American military personnel from the Regions in Italian Government territory, it is my firm opinion that all Regions should have a military representative for labor as long as there remains a military Regional Commissioner for the Allies in any of these areas. If such placements are not available or possible, then by all means a competent civilian should be placed in each of these sections.

2. I believe it important that a preliminary survey be made at once in Sardegna, particularly because of the conditions in the mining areas, and I suggest that Mr. Sachs be ordered forward for a week or ten days for that purpose. Upon his return it would then be a good plan for the two of us to arrange for a similar trip.

JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel, QMC
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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