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SOCIALISATION OF INDUSTRY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APG 384
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

25 June 1945

REF : LAC/413/411/216

SUBJECT: Italian Government Decrees - Salaries, Wages and Pensions of Public Employees.

TO : Legal Sub-Commission

1. It has been decided to implement, or otherwise place into full operation, in the North, the following Decrees: RLL No. 15-B of 6 December, 1943; RLL No. 238 of 18 November, 1944; RLL No. 33 of 13 March, 1945, and RLL No. 41 of 20 January, 1945. This action has been approved by Acting Vice-President, Economic Section. The first two Decrees mentioned provide for salary increases to public employees, while the latter two provide for increases in pensions.

2. In preparing the necessary legal documents to effectuate this action, it is suggested that some provision should be made that any salaries, wages, allowances, indemnities and pensions which have hitherto been paid pursuant to General Order No. 41, but which were predicated upon authority granted since 8 September, 1943 by the Fascist-Republican Government, be abrogated. Such provision would leave no doubt either as to the elimination of ^{post} September 1943 increases or as to the fact that the Decrees under consideration will go into effect upon the basis as it existed in September, 1943.

3. There should be a further provision which would continue until further notice the indemnity per Offesa Bellica (bombardamento), RLL No. 1438 of December, 1943, in all places where it was being paid on 3 April, 1945. This indemnity would expire by operation of the limitations of the Decree establishing it, and it is our intention to continue it in full force and effect until decision has been taken to implement Decree No. 118 of 16 March, 1945, which makes effective provision therefor.

4. The increases provided for by implementation of these Decrees will start from 1 June 1945.

5. It would be appreciated if this were treated as urgent. This memorandum has the concurrence of Finance Sub-Commission.

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DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director

cc: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Finance Sub-Commission

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TEL : Ext. 204

15 June 1945

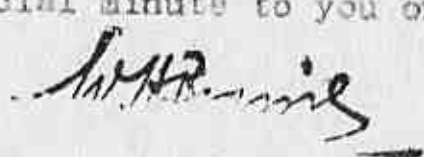
REF : LEC 12/6

SUBJECT: Socialization of Industry

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. At the Staff Meeting, 15 June, I suggest that socialization of industry should be discussed.

2. I have sent a separate official minute to you on the subject.


W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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APO 394

LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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15 June 1945

TEL : Ext. 304

RAF : LSC/216

SUBJECT: Socialization of Industry

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. The question of socialization of industry has been under consideration in the Allied Commission since the beginning of 1945. It has been raised in its general aspect by Colonel Densmore's memorandum of 11 April, 1945, EG/3.80, which collected opinions from various Sub-Commissions; and it was raised with particular regard to the duties of receivers and controllers of businesses of public importance. The matter is of great importance from the political, legal, industrial and social aspects, and I submit that policy and responsibility should be clearly established. Labor Sub-Commission has taken an interest in the question because of the obvious effect upon industrial relations as between employer and worker or as between capital and labor, but the whole problem is of much wider interest.

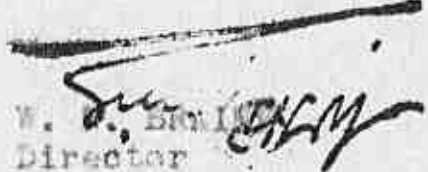
2. There is absence of exact information on developments as to appointment of Works Management Committees in Northern Italy. Acting Vice President may remember that whereas in Rome it was stated that a considerable number of industrial establishments were already affected, Col. Poletti stated in Milan on 5 June that comparatively few concerns were affected.

Memorandum LSC/413 of 1 June, 1945, to all Regional Commissioners requested material facts, including the number of plants in which Works Management Committees have been established, the number of plants in which commissioners have been appointed other than by AMG, and the number in which commissioners have been appointed by AMG. The reports requested have not yet begun to arrive.

3. There was discussion with Chief Commissioner on a number of points on 4 June, 1945 when Admiral Stone requested that the Italian Government should be asked to put their views on this subject in writing. A memorandum for the then Prime Minister Bonomi went no further than to say that the Italian Government will immediately study the complex questions involved and that it would be desirable that any provisions which Allied Commission proposed to take for temporary regulation of factories should not be subject to prejudice any more stable and definite solution which the Italian Government might propose in the near future. There were later discussions with Political Advisers and also with Chief Legal Adviser, but these were inconclusive and I am not aware that any clear policy or directive has been evolved.

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4. Where receivers or commissioners are appointed by AMG to replace absent or inefficient managers, the position of Works Management Councils might be resolved; but where the managers are not replaced, the position of Works Management Councils still remains obscure. My own recommendation is that a public announcement, agreed between AMG and the Italian Government, should be made and that the so-called Decree of the CLN on the subject should be disposed of. (It will be remembered that Col. Poletti's order of 1 June abolishing CLN Decrees and Orders refers only to such Orders as were superseded by Decrees or Orders of the AMG).


W. S. Brown
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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APG 194
ECONOMIC SECTION

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REF : LSC/413

1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Industrial Establishments in Northern Italy

TO : Regional Commissioners
Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, Venezia, Emilia,
SCAG 4th Corps, SCAG 5th Army, SCAG 8th Army.

1. It is of the utmost importance that material facts concerning the management and control of industry in the North be reported at the earliest possible moment. Please arrange to submit concise but adequate reports concerning the points mentioned in the following paragraphs. This information is urgently needed as a basis for the development of policy on important industrial and labour problems.

2. Details concerning the following subjects should be furnished:

- (a) The number and size of plants in which Works Management Committees (Consiglio di Gestione Aziendale) have been established together with any material comment upon their function and operation.
- (b) The number and size of plants in which Commissioners have been appointed by AMG.
- (c) The number and size of plants in which Commissioners have been appointed other than by AMG.
- (d) Information concerning plants where 25% or more of workers are not actually at work but are being paid.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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A. G. ANTONINI
Vice President
Economic Section

COPIES TO:

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Labour Sub-Commission

IL LAVORO

29 Maggio 1945

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**Commissioni Consultive
di azienda**

nelle gestioni commissariali

Da tempo le maestranze, i sindacati e la Camera del Lavoro agitano il problema delle gestioni commissariali per chiederne l'abolizione o per lo meno correggerne i difetti con l'istituzione di una commissione consultiva di azienda.

Qualche Commissario aveva gi  accettato in via di fatto di far funzionare la Commissione Consultiva, ma non erano molte in verit  le imprese che godevano del beneficio della nuova istituzione democratica.

Ma ora   apparso sulla « Gazzetta Ufficiale » il D. L. L. 21 aprile 1945 n. 229 che autorizza tutti i Commissari a farsi assistere da una Commissione Consultiva di Azienda composta da rappresentanti del personale dipendente, designati rispettivamente dai tecnici, dagli impiegati e dagli operai.

La Commissione Consultiva si riunisce su invito del Commissario suoi componenti per pronunciarsi sui problemi tecnici ed amministrativi concernenti la gestione delle imprese.

Non   molto, ne conveniamo, ma   gi  un primo passo verso il riconoscimento giuridico del diritto dei lavoratori di partecipare alla gestione delle aziende, diritto che in un avvenire pi  o meno prossimo dovr  essere sempre pi  esteso.

Il citato decreto d  facolt  ai commissari di istituire le Commissioni, ma noi siamo sicuri che tutti i Commissari, senza distinzioni, si avvarranno della facolt  per dar prova del loro spirito democratico e per esprimere la loro fiducia nella classe lavoratrice.

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IL C.L.N.A.I. PER LA PARTECIPAZIONE OPERAIA
AI CONSIGLI DI GESTIONE AZIENDALE

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Il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale per l'Alta Italia, in data 17 aprile, ha emanato il seguente decreto:

Il C.L.N.A.I., considerati gli obiettivi anti-nazionali del decreto fascista del 12.11.1944 n. 375, sulla pretesa "socializzazione" delle imprese con la quale il sedicente Governo fascista ha tentato di aggirare le masse lavoratrici dell'Italia occupata al servizio ed alla collaborazione con l'invasore tedesco,

considerata l'alta sensibilità politica e nazionale delle maestranze dell'Italia occupata che, astenendosi in massa da ogni partecipazione alle elezioni dei rappresentanti nei consigli di gestione, hanno manifestato la loro chiara comprensione del carattere antinazionale e demagogico della pretesa "socializzazione" fascista,

considerata la situazione di fatto creata dal decreto legislativo del 12.11.1944 e dai successivi decreti di socializzazione di singole aziende,

al fine di assicurare, all'atto della liberazione dei territori ancora occupati dal nemico, la continuità e il potenziamento dell'attività produttiva, nello spirito di una effettiva solidarietà nazionale,

D E C R E T O

ART. 1. Il decreto legislativo del 12.11.1944, n. 375 e quello del 12.10.1944, n. 861, promulgati dal cosiddetto Governo fascista repubblicano, sono abrogati.

ART. 2. Fino a nuovo e generale regolamento delle materie con atti legislativi del Governo nazionale, l'amministrazione delle aziende contemplate nei decreti sopra citati resta affidata a consigli di gestione nazionale, coi poteri previsti dai decreti tedeschi per i consigli di gestione delle aziende "socializzate".

ART. 3. I sedicenti rappresentanti delle maestranze nei consigli di gestione fascisti si dichiarano decaduti da ogni loro mandato nell'amministrazione dell'azienda. Tale mandato sarà considerato ad ogni effetto nullo salvo per

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ART. 4. La rappresentanza delle maestranze nei Consigli di gestione prevista dai decreti sopra citati viene affidata, nei Consigli di gestione nazionale, coi diritti e coi doveri e le prerogative ad essa inerenti, a rappre-

sentanti appositamente e liberamente eletti dalle maestranze, secondo norme che saranno ulteriormente fissate. La designazione elettiva di tali rappresentanti dovrà aver luogo non oltre tre mesi dopo la data della liberazione. Sino al momento in cui la nuova rappresentanza liberamente eletta dalle maestranze potrà entrare in funzione, la rappresentanza delle maestranze stesse nei Consigli di gestione nazionale resta affidata, con tutti i diritti, i doveri e le prerogative ad esse inerenti, ai Comitati di Liberazione aziendali, costituiti nella fase della lotta clandestina.

ART. 5. I diritti, i doveri e le prerogative previste dagli abrogati decreti per il cosiddetto "Depo dell'Azienda" vengono attribuiti al responsabile tecnico della produzione. Là dove l'azienda sia sottoposta, in base a decreto di epurazione, a gestione commissariale, le funzioni del capo dell'azienda, ferme restando le prerogative del Consiglio di Gestione nazionale, sono attribuite al commissario.

ART. 6. Le disposizioni dei decreti sopra citati per quanto concerne la fissazione del limite massimo dei profitti da distribuirsi al capitale e la partecipazione agli utili restano inattuati, sempre che esse non entrino in contrasto con le disposizioni del presente decreto.

ART. 7. Gli utili attribuiti ai lavoratori in ogni singola azienda verranno versati ad uno speciale fondo unico di Solidarietà nazionale, da impiegarsi in opere di assistenza e di previdenza sociale nell'interesse delle masse lavoratrici, con particolare riguardo alle necessità immediate che nascono dalle situazioni (senze popolari, assistenza infantile, orfani di guerra, ecc.).

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Mr Sachs

This should be
put in the file
SOCIALISATION OF
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to show how it has
progressed in NORTHERN
ITALY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

WBB/rmw

TEL : Ext. 204

28 April 1945

REF : LSC/2/6

SUBJECT: Socialization of Industry and Workers Participation
in Management.

TO : Brig. D. L. Anderson
Deputy Vice President
Economic Section

1. I understand that Economic Section was formulating a policy on the treatment of socialized establishments to be found in the North. It would be useful if a statement of policy could be circulated and consideration given to a statement of policy being made to the Confederation of Industry and the General Confederation of Italian Labor.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

LSC/518

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11 April 1945

SUBJECT: Fascist Republican Propaganda

TO : Directors, Commerce Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission
Industry Sub-Commission
Labor Sub-Commission

1. The Chief Commissioner is considering what action if any, could be taken at this time to combat the Fascist Republican propaganda on the radio and in the press, with respect to socialization of private industry and as to what attitude the commission shall eventually take toward socialization. He proposes to ask the Acting Vice President to meet with him to discuss this matter within the next few days.

2. It is requested therefore that you forward to this section by 1800 hours 12 April 1945, a very short memorandum giving your views upon this subject.

J. Bruce Thompson AT 6/7A
L. D. BENTON
Colonel, F.A.
Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Labor Sub-Commission

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TEL : Ext. 304

12 April 1945

REF : (LSC/518) 216

SUBJECT: Fascist Republican Propaganda - Socialization of Private Industry.

TO : Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

1. Reference is made to Colonel Densmore's minute of 11 April, 1945, PC/3.20.

2. It is suggested that Allied Commission should adopt the attitude that the Allied Military Government should take care to avoid prejudging controversial issues affecting the rights of ownership of property, plant and material on which arbitrary decisions and action by the Nazi-Fascist regime has been taken without a clear mandate from the Italian people on fundamental issues which, in a democratic world, are decided by the citizens exercising a free vote and not by dictation from above.

3. So far as industry is concerned, both labor and management recognize that they are partners with respective responsibilities in their various fields. The nationalization of public services, public utilities and key industries is a political issue on which various political parties have expressed their views. These and other controversial issues are being stated in the political programs of these parties, who will submit them to the voting populace and will, no doubt, measure the degree of support on the various issues when later proposing, in a properly constituted national assembly, necessary legislative measures to these ends. The policy of Allied Military Government is to maintain as nearly as possible, a normal status quo so that in due course the Italian voters may have a clear field on which to decide their own fate in their own way.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
Labor Sub-Commission

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TEL : Ext. 204 22 March 1945
REF : LSC/216
SUBJECT: Duties of Receivers and Controllers of Businesses
of Public Importance.
TO : Lt. Col. W. J. Maskrey
Industry Sub-Commission

1. Copy of agreed draft which has been submitted to
Acting Vice President, Economic Section, is attached for
your information.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Labor Sub-Commission

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TEL : Ext. 204

22 March 1945

REF : LSC/216

SUBJECT: Duties of Receivers and Controllers of Businesses
of Public Importance.

TO : Mr. A. G. Antolini
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. As requested by you, attached are copies of:

- (a) Minute to Regional Commissioners on
duties of Receivers;
- (b) Detailed Instructions to Receivers on
the execution of their functions of
management.

2. These memoranda have been agreed between Industry,
Commerce and Labor Sub-Commissions.

3. Economic Section may wish to obtain the concurrence
of Civil Affairs Section and Legal Sub-Commission.

4. It is recommended that A.F.L.R.S., be also requested
to concur in the subject matter of these instructions.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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