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Feb. - Sept 1945

Chief Clerk.

Wicks gives no address -
there is not much we
could do if he dies.

No further action.
- file in LSC.

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Paccarella for comment

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LSC/SOIC. A. Sec.

The writer, Giulio Alvisi, says that all over Italy farmers are living in fear of the communists. They cannot afford to pay 350 Lire a day to their farmhands and are leaving the land. Couldn't the Allies intervene to prevent the many acts of violence that are taking place.

Agrie

The question of Agrie wages is for you
action by you

TO: Labor S/C
Is there anything here for AC action,
and if so - please indicate what?
17/9/45 agrie S/C (3064)

Commissione Statale

Roma

31 AGO 1945

I partiti di coalizione, illuminismo,
Mugge, Tanadria, Schist ecc.

hanno già dimostrato ingenuità e

si trova l'istituto ad opera di una

minoranza di comunisti o di democristiani

e per colpa della delusione dei suoi

quantità. Per altri fatti si approssimano:

ad esempio, in alcuni casi, l'agguato

inquinabile, l'abbiamo ed altri,

in provincia di Foggia si vive sotto

l'incendio e la guerra della siadaga

e della repressione dei comunisti

i quali dimostrano come l'illuminismo

la propaganda della la ragione

per la scuola di essere disoccupati.

una grande novità sono, si

presentano ogni giorno a noi comunisti

parla di SO e GO ogni giorno e parlano

di una nuova linea di lavoro.

a per colpa della delatrya dei suoi
parenti. Ora altri fatti si aggiungono:
ad esempio, S. Elia, S. Giovanni, S. Pietro,
S. Michele, S. Matteo ed altri, sono
in provincia di Reggio e in altre volte
l'indotto e la guerra della isola
e della regione sono dei comunisti.
I grandi dominatori con l'illuminata
e la perseguita Santa dei regni.
Con la stessa di una disoccupazione,
anche quando sono le sono, si
presentano agli agenzie di un numero
di 10 e 12 ogni giorno e prendono
di una pagata di lire 300 per giorno,
anche se l'agricoltore adempie per loro
la loro. Sono questi per 1000
l'agricoltore a lasciare la loro e

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potrebbero impressionarsi e se l'origine
 loro non vuole o non può pagare, et-
 minacciano mandarli. In questi
 ultimi giorni sono andati in terra
 andati ad eccitare i gli agricoltori della
 loro occupazione, dicono loro, per conto
 della camera del lavoro, tutto ciò
 esclusivamente ed esclusivamente.

Per questi partiti agricoltori proprietari
terzi di terra risparmi uno stato di
condizione passiva. ultimamente gala ultimamente
variani hanno alla condizione, per
 persona, il proprietario.

Per agricoltori stanno la condizione
la condizione grande condizione
incollando proprietari condizione
proprietari che la condizione
condizione, non proprietari condizione
proprietari hanno la condizione
che la condizione non proprietari

per i numerosi partiti messiani italiani
a fundare. Il governo non ha la
forza di organizzazione quasi alcuna, questo
debitto, o non lo ha, o non l'ha, o non l'ha
il suo governo di sinistra. Tenete conto
e socialisti formano questo
molti ed appaiono gli spacciati e altri
illegale per mantenere eleggere
la legge di fronte al partito repubblicano
Molti la pensano così, ma possono
per tollerare questo stato di cose.
Un grande maggioranza del popolo
italiano non ha paura dei suoi
socialisti del governo. solo i socialisti
dei comunisti di Italia repubblicana
i quali si uniscono a spingere verso l'alto
la pratica del socialismo del governo
che, per loro, si possono e non vogliono
la forza dell'ordine, per loro, si possono
del disordine e non per unire il paese
funzionare. Siamo sotto la dittatura
della sinistra.

tutto il governo vuole non per-
 più tollerare questo stato di cose.
 Per questo maggioranza del popolo
 italiano non per parte che si
 partiti del governo. che si è
 del comitato di liberazione
 i quali si erano e si sono
 le proteste che si sono e si sono
 che prima di presentarsi a
 la forte dell'azione, per la
 del disordine o non per
 presentarsi. Si è
 del comitato di liberazione
 la distruzione e la
nessi del proletariato.
Per non vergogna per

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disturbare e pueris impulsivum
de structura ista et de
intervenire subito et corrigere
modis per experimentum. Tunc
quasi ad huc disordinem
per praesentiam diuinae
pacis et tranquillitatis per pacem
puerorum et cordis magis per
inveniam sicut coram deo
practica.

de pace et tranquillitate sicut
coram deo, sicut per
intervenire ad pacem et de
int. 1919 per per conlatione
de viis de communismo.

Præparat

quid sit et de

31 AGO 1943 20-8-1943

per intervenire in per
quid sit et de
præparat sicut.

per un'organizzazione, per un partito
 per un'idea ed essere migliore per
 ricostruire sulle rovine della
 patria.

La nostra è un'idea che si è
 creata, molto facilmente
 intorno al fascismo che nacque
 nel 1919 proprio per combattere
 le violenze del comunismo.

Dr. Giuseppe

Giulio Stasini

31 AGO 1943 20-8-1943

Per l'organizzazione si fa ogni
 giorno più grave e pericolosa,
 per questo è necessario.

Translation Lateraca

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TO : Allied Commission - Rome -

The series of incidents that have occurred in Gualonia, Minervino, Murge, Andria, Schio etc. have proved the chaotic situation of Italy which is due to a minority of communists as well as to the weakness of the six political parties. Presently similar incidents are occurring at Apricena, St. Nicandro, Poggio Imperiale, S. Marco and elsewhere in the province of Foggia where we are living with the fright of being attacked by the Communists who, with the excuse of being unemployed, illegally, control the entire region.

Every day 80-90 farm labourers present themselves to the farmers pretending to be paid 350 lire a day each even if the farmer cannot employ them.

This is done in order to compel the farmers to abandon their properties. Recently the aforementioned agitators have chased the farmers from their lands occupying them in name of the Labour Chamber. All this is done abusively and arbitrarily, consequently several land owners have left their towns.

Robberies of cattle and wagons are spreading more and more every day. The Government has not the power of suppressing these abuses either because it does not want to or because it is a leftist Government. The Communists and Socialists are responsible for these agitations as they do their best to push workers into illegal action.

All honest people cannot stand for this anymore. The majority of the Italians does not sympathise with the six political parties of the Government and is just tired of the Committees of Liberation, as well as of the Government, which instead of restoring order, seems to adhere to these manifestations of disorder. We are under the dictatorship of the Committees of Liberation, as well as under the dictatorship of the Communists.

But we don't want dictatorship anymore and this is why we implore the Allied Authorities to intervene immediately.

If order and discipline are not promptly restored most likely Fascism will gain power again like in 1919 when it arose just to fight the violence of Communism.

Signed Giulio Aloisi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

RMB/REV

TEL : Est. 418

30 June 1945

REF : LSC/501

SUBJECT: Potential Absorption of Surplus Labor in Agriculture.

TO : Mr. J. M. Merritt, Director
Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Further to my comments in LSC/501 of 27 June, I would point out that surplus labor can be absorbed in rural activities in two ways:

- (a) By definite preparation of special schemes for organized employment of labor which can be unskilled, that is to say, need not have had previous experience in agriculture. Such schemes are reforestation, lands drainage, ditching, repair of irrigation canals, clearance of derelict and neglected land, etc. These schemes could be worked out in the detail that they require, viz., grouping into gangs, arrangement of supervision, provision of plants and equipment which can be of the simplest, arrangement of labor camps, living, feeding and cooking facilities, and method of payment;
- (b) The determined development of a "back to the land" movement. Stated in a stock form it means the removal from urban and factory life elements of agriculture and rural origin who were attracted to the cities by high wages, etc. These people, if returned to their places of origin, should fit into agriculture and rural life not so much to meet an immediate demand for an estimated amount of labor, but to "raise the general level in the bucket".

Although stated bluntly above, it would not, of course, be operated in the form of forced deportation of individuals, but if it is accepted that this is an end that can be achieved, plans should be worked out for reception at the agriculture end and for full cooperation with all concerned at the dispatching of labor end in the cities. There would need to be:

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- (a) Some incentive to return to the land;
- (b) Some deterrent to prevent them from remaining in the cities, such as the loss of unemployment pay, or other facilities.

2. I give these points in the hope that they may help to clarify the approach to this aspect of the unemployment problem.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Brig. Gen. E. L. McKinley
Brig. Gen. D. L. Anderson

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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23 June 1945

TEL : Ext. 204

REF : LSC/501

SUBJECT: Wages in Agriculture - Mezzadria System.

TO : Director
Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Regional Labor Officers have reported that there is considerable confusion in the North of Italy regarding the implementation of Decree 157 of 3 April, 1945, and that a lead as to what variation (if any) may be made in last year's contracts, would be opportune.

2. It is understood that Minister Gullo is speaking in Milan on Monday, 2~~X~~ July and perhaps he could be invited to make reference to the Mezzadria System and to clarify the position for this year.

F. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

27 June 1945

REF : LSC/501 (Your Ref: AGR/510)

SUBJECT: Current Italian Wheat Crop Estimate

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. The report by Agriculture Sub-Commission on the current Italian wheat crop, which was forwarded under cover of your minute of 25 June, is naturally of interest to this Sub-Commission.

2. It is suggested, however, that the reduction in the wheat crop for 1945 does not necessarily support the conclusion arrived at in para 2 of your minute, namely that agriculture can no longer be expected to absorb labor surpluses. It seems reasonable to expect that cultivation of this year's crops other than wheat, and also normal preparations for next year's agricultural production should provide opportunities for employment.

3. As a long term view, by directing surplus labor to agriculture during 1945, it should be possible to develop productive capacity by such work as land clearance and irrigation so that an increased level of agricultural production in subsequent years is assured.

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Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Brig. D. L. Anderson
Deputy Vice-Pres., E/S

Mr. J. V. Merritt
Director, Agriculture S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 34
ECONOMIC SECTION

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25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Current Italian Wheat Crop Estimate

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of a report on the current Italian wheat crop, together with information contained in a signal which was forwarded to AFHQ, G-5 Section, for onward transmission to London and Washington in reply to their inquiry in that regard.

2. The report indicates that the production of wheat is expected to be approximately 2 million tons less than last year, due to widespread drought conditions which have, in turn, accentuated the fertilizer deficiency. While the exact extent of the reduction will be more accurately defined at threshing time, it is evident that the maintenance of an adequate diet will be considerably more difficult than during the past season.

3. The damage to the wheat crop is such as to introduce economic problems of considerable importance. The loss of 2 million tons of grain reduces the food supply, and at the same time reduces the financial resources of the nation by approximately 220 million dollars. Thus, the income of the 47% of the people in Italy dependent upon agriculture is reduced to a point where agriculture can no longer be expected to absorb labor surpluses, and even the problem of disposal of refugees may become difficult. Furthermore, the matter is of increased importance from the standpoint of public safety and public health, for food shortages may be expected in rural areas where subsistence farms have not produced enough for the needs of their owners. Illegal disposition of grain and actual food shortages may be expected to occur over a much greater area.

4. The estimate of the available wheat supply cannot be finalized until the crop has been threshed, for actual threshing records are necessary to establish the exact extent of the reduction. The attention of the Ministry of Agriculture, and of the Agricultural Officers in the field, is currently being directed to the great importance of accuracy in this regard. However, since broader economic and administrative problems can be anticipated, it is recommended that the matter be brought to the attention of Civil Affairs Section and the Regional Commissioners for such action as may be appropriate.

5. Likewise, it is recommended that the matter be presented to the Prime Minister as a problem warranting the special attention of the Council of Ministers, who must necessarily give more than ordinary support to the special programs that the Ministries of Agriculture and Food will be developing. Also, the interested Ministries should be in a position to take action appropriate to the problems which

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Enclosures:

1. Italian Wheat Crop Estimate
2. Information in signal to AFHQ

Distribution:

Executive Commissioner
Food, Commerce, Industry,
Transportation, Finance,
Labor, Public Health,
Public Safety and Agriculture Sub-Commissions
Regional Commissioners -
Venetia, Emilia, Liguria,
Lombardia and Piemonte Regions

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

1945 ITALIAN WHEAT CROP ESTIMATE
15 June 1945

This report is based upon data supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture field organization, acting in AMG territory under the supervision of the AMG Regional Agricultural Officers, and supplemented by observations made by Allied survey parties in Central and Southern Italy and Sicily during the first ten days of June 1945. The crop was estimated at 4,427,000 metric tons, as compared with 6,390,661 metric tons last season, and a ten-year average of 7,103,000 metric tons. The acreage planted to wheat was estimated at 10,783,799 acres, compared with 11,769,770 planted last year, and a ten-year average of 12,572,300 acres.

The wheat crop was at that time in various stages of maturity and harvest. In a very few areas threshers and combines were operating. It was observed that the grain threshed was often a little smaller in size than under normal crop conditions. Over half of the crop was yet to be cut, and in the mountainous regions the majority of the wheat was still immature. The variety Prosemetto, which is very important in Marche, Abruzzi and Molise, and of less importance in Puglia and Lucania, was still green and in the stage of filling. In general, the crop was said to be about 15 days late in maturity this year. Factors contributing to this lateness are (1) lack of spring rains which retarded growth, (2) late seeding of the crop in some areas, and (3) lack of phosphate fertilizer which always hastens maturity.

Drought

One factor estimated to be responsible for at least 70% of the 1945 wheat crop reduction has been the lack of moisture. The lack of moisture was most apparent in areas where the soil is rocky and shallow, including southern mountainous areas and rather large areas of the flat plains in Southern Puglia, but was also evident in fields where wheat is grown among trees. Therefore, the greatest reduction, from drought damage, is in the areas of marginal type wheat production land. Drought conditions were so serious in some of the hardest hit areas that farmers chose to pasture their wheat, and in other fields it is doubtful if the producers will get their seed back. The mainland provinces most seriously affected by the drought were Lecce, Brindisi, Bari, Taranto and Cosenza.

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The small marginal farms, generally speaking, suffered more from drought than did the large wheat surplus-producing farms. On irrigated or valley land, which is rich and absorbs and holds moisture, and land which was summer-fallowed last season, a normal production was expected. Estimates of from 20 to 30 quintals per hectare were very common on these good lands. The notable exception is the Foggia area, where the large farms are very badly damaged.

Comparative Rainfall Data - March, April, May 1945

Locality	Average	1945 Season	Reduction in Rainfall
	m/in	m/in	m/m %
Agrigento	101.9	52.0	49.9 49
Arezzo	256.6	152.8	103.8 40
Ascoli Piceno	227.2	57.7	169.5 75
Bari	137.7	50.1	87.6 64
Camerino	224.9	51.1	173.8 77
Campobasso	242.7	70.6	172.1 71
Chieti	241.8	69.4	172.4 71
Firenze	224.7	73.5	146.4 65
Roma	216.3	46.9	169.4 78
Taranto	114.3	17.4	96.9 85
Emilia Region	217.5	112.8	104.7 48

Fertilizer Deficiency

Shortage of fertilizer is estimated to have caused up to 18% of the total crop reduction. The shortage of fertilizer during the past several years materially reduced seeding in some areas because of the accumulated infertile. Other lands which had adequate moisture would have made larger yields had fertilizer been present to hasten maturity and increase yield. Phosphate fertilizer tends to hasten maturity and produce plumper kernels. Anything which would have hastened the maturity of this year's crop would have minimized drought damage. The shortage of phosphate fertilizer was a greater factor in reduced yields than nitrate, for nitrate, tending to increase plant growth and stimulate stooling, was of little value under this year's drought conditions. However, the lack of nitrate was a contributing factor in the reduction in acreage planted.

Other Adverse Factors

Late seeding, frosts, flooding and hot winds are further causes in the reduction of this year's wheat crop. In some areas of Piemonte and Abruzzi, frost damage was reported in the early part of May. The crop, late planted because of deficiencies in draft power, equipment, bad weather, etc., failed to stool as heavily as an early seeded crop, and is maturing later in the season, and irregularly. The prevalence of hot winds, severe in the extreme southeastern portion but extending up through the southern provinces, has also increased premature ripening of grain. In addition, certain areas in Emilia and Lazio were planted late or remained unplanted due to flooding of damaged

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Crop Reporting System - Validity of Data

In the initial consideration of these data, three factors have indicated the necessity for further action in order to accurately define the present crop reduction. The final yield per acre, the weather through July, and the accuracy of the reporting organizations are phases which warrant further consideration in view of the gravity of the situation. The drought has affected such a large area that the estimated yield per acre has been revised downward everywhere. It is customary in Italy to finalize such estimates during the threshing operations when quantitative figures are available, and these data are essential to a realistic yield estimate this season because

of the importance of small differences when applied to the large areas involved.

As has been indicated, the grain crop is maturing irregularly and late. Particularly in mountainous areas and in northern areas, there is a sufficient portion of the crop as yet not "filled" to materially affect the total crop, if the month of June proves to be exceptionally favorable or unfavorable.

The third factor - that of the crop reporting organization - is relevant mainly because the shortage of transportation and communication now at the disposal of the Italian officials prevents their making the usual detailed observations necessary to accurately establish the yield per acre during the critical weeks before harvest. In addition, the organization is handicapped by the loss of a certain proportion of its key members, relocation of others, etc., all of which makes the crop estimates less firm. Finally, the probability of a certain amount of pessimism in crop reporting, even by trained technicians, cannot be disregarded. The importance attributed to the production of wheat in Italy, and the seriousness of a shortage, are factors with which these crop estimators are all too familiar.

Resultant Action

In view of the reliance necessarily to be placed on the threshing and yield per acre, such data will be obtained in the fullest possible detail, throughout the threshing period. All practicable verification of the data will be accomplished, by comparison with historical records and supplemental field investigation.

Appendices

Detailed tabular information is attached, as follows:

- I - Estimated Yield, by Compartments
- II - Estimated Acreage, by Compartments
- III - Estimated Yield, by Provinces
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APPENDIX I

ESTIMATED WHEAT YIELD BY COMPARTMENTS
- AS OF 30 MAY 1945 -

<u>Compartments</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>Production</u> <u>(metric tons)</u>	<u>1945</u> <u>Estimated</u> <u>Yield</u> <u>(metric tons)</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Reduction</u> <u>in 1945</u>
Piemonte	588,749	421,700	18
Liguria	26,205	21,100	20
Lombardia	692,104	492,420	29
Venezia Tridentina	18,523	10,640	46
Veneto	758,212	500,030	34
Venezia Giulia	58,753	36,670	5
Emilia	1,144,249	576,150	50
Toscana	432,369	376,500	14
Marche	396,942	343,260	13
Umbria	236,036	195,000	17
Lazio	193,517	190,166	2
Abruzzi & Molise	291,310	202,000	31
Campania	221,053	175,000	21
Puglie	366,444	212,071	42
Lucania	200,849	122,000	39
Calabria	124,931	99,327	21
Sicilia	526,102	378,880	28
Sardegna	134,333	95,000	37
Italy	6,390,661	4,427,314	31

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APPENDIX II

ESTIMATED WHEAT ACREAGE BY COMPARTMENTS
- AS OF 30 MAY 1945 -

<u>Compartments</u>	<u>Area in Hectares</u> <u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Reduction</u> <u>in 1945</u>
Piemonte	331,644	307,503	7
Liguria	30,017	28,100	6

Umbria	236,030	17
Lazio	193,517	2
Abruzzi & Molise	291,310	31
Campania	221,053	21
Puglie	366,444	42
Lucania	200,849	39
Calabria	124,931	21
Sicilia	526,102	28
Sardegna	134,333	37
Italy	6,390,661	31

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ESTIMATED WHEAT ACREAGE BY COMPARTMENTS
- AS OF 30 MAY 1945 -

Compartments	Area in Hectares	Percent Reduction in 1945
	1944	1945
Piemonte	331,644	307,503
Liguria	30,017	28,100
Lombardia	294,003	261,900
Venezia Tridentina	15,164	6,200
Veneto	334,131	259,850
Venezia Giulia	30,924	28,250
Emilia	507,254	405,100
Toscana	389,663	344,680
Marche	293,504	270,720
Umbria	182,080	161,360
Lazio	217,504	237,090
Abruzzi & Molise	327,400	331,000
Campania	237,300	260,250
Puglie	389,678	384,110
Lucania	205,440	194,000
Calabria	150,184	162,650
Sicilia	654,757	534,480
Sardegna	182,843	191,542
Italy	4,765,490	4,363,985
		8%

*Increase

APPENDIX III

ESTIMATED WHEAT YIELD BY PROVINCES
- AS OF 30 MAY 1945 -

Compartment	Province	1944 Production (metric tons)	1945 Production Forecast (metric tons)	Percent Reduction in 1945
Piemonte	Alessandria	163,389	140,000	14
	Aosta	22,500	13,200	41
	Asti	60,000	50,000	17
	Cuneo	170,200	104,350	39
	Novara	26,000	15,000	42
	Torino	102,200	72,150	29
	Vercelli	44,400	27,000	39
Liguria	Genova	9,800	9,000	8
	Imperia	2,651	1,600	40
	La Spezia	5,604	4,500	20
	Savona	8,150	6,000	26
	Bergamo	52,259	40,000	23
	Brescia	121,879	100,000	18
	Como	18,552	11,500	38
Lombardia	Cremona	112,897	60,000	47
	Mantova	149,645	103,000	31
	Milano	193,449	79,220	26
	Pavia	120,230	90,000	25
	Gondrio	722	700	3
	Varese	9,172	8,000	16
	Bolzano	5,971	4,400	27
Venezia Trid.	Trento	12,532	5,640	55
Veneto	Belluno	2,163	1,510	29
	Udine	73,403	46,400	37
	Tadovl	157,620	103,400	34
	Rovigo	120,000	62,500	31
	Treviso	67,910	60,000	12
	Venezia	89,930	55,000	39
	Verona	149,606	95,200	36
Venezia Giulia	Vicenza	97,550	56,000	43
	Fiume	1,021	970	5
	Corizia	8,194	7,200	12
	Pola	28,625	24,600	8
	Trieste	6,823	3,000	43
	Bologna	239,700	93,000	36
	Ferrara	183,789	89,100	32
Emilia	Forli	136,000	69,300	47

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Lombardia	Ia Spezia	5,604	4,500	20
	Savona	8,150	6,000	26
	Bergamo	52,259	40,000	23
	Brescia	121,879	100,000	18
	Como	18,552	11,500	38
	Cremona	112,997	60,000	47
	Mantova	149,645	103,000	31
	Milano	106,443	79,220	26
	Pavia	120,230	90,000	25
	Sondrio	722	700	9
Venezia Trid.	Varese	9,472	8,000	16
	Bolzano	5,991	4,400	27
	Trento	12,532	5,640	55
Veneto	Belluno	2,163	1,510	29
	Udine	73,403	46,400	37
	Padova	157,620	103,400	34
	Rovigo	120,000	82,500	31
	Treviso	67,940	60,000	12
	Venezia	89,930	55,000	39
	Verona	149,606	95,200	36
	Vicenza	97,550	56,000	43
Venezia Giulia	Fiume	1,021	970	5
	Corizia	8,194	7,200	12
	Polz	22,625	24,600	8*
Emilia	Trieste	6,823	3,900	43
	Bologna	239,700	93,000	39
	Ferrara	103,703	89,100	32
	Forli	130,000	69,300	47
	Modena	125,246	72,000	43
	Parma	122,758	63,000	49
	Piacenza	126,992	81,000	36
	Ravenna	130,000	47,250	64
	Reggio Emilia	85,770	49,500	42
Total Northern Italy		3,266,775	2,052,110	97

*Increase

APPENDIX III (Contd.)

Compartment	Province	1944 Production (metric tons)	1945 Production Forecast (metric tons)	Percent Reduction in 1945
Toscana	Apuania	6,200	4,500	29
	Arezzo	73,001	59,000	19
	Firenze	80,312	80,000	0
	Grosseto	68,244	60,000	12
	Livorno	21,692	20,000	8
	Lucca	16,025	11,000	31
	Pisa	53,515	46,000	14
	Pistoia	15,600	10,000	36
	Sienna	97,580	80,000	18
	Ancona	110,358	98,600	13
Marche	Ascoli Piceno	90,523	70,788	22
	Macerata	112,061	95,880	14
Umbria	Pesaro Urbino	84,000	79,992	5
	Perugia	137,376	126,000	15
	Terni	48,660	35,000	18
	Frosinone	21,038	24,066	14*
Lazio	Littoria	10,530	21,000	99*
	Pieti	27,300	26,100	4
Abruzzi	Roma	74,424	65,000	13
	Viterbo	60,225	54,000	10
	Campobasso	110,319	74,000	33
	Chieti	48,000	40,000	17
Campania	Aquila	43,000	23,000	47
	Pescara	29,191	20,000	33
	Teramo	60,000	45,000	25
	Avellino	67,375	40,000	41
Apulia	Benevento	62,583	40,000	36
	Napoli	43,300	60,000	39*
	Salerno	47,790	35,000	27
	Bari	52,481	25,000	52
Lucania	Brindisi	18,715	10,000	47
	Foggia	250,490	155,071	38
	Taranto	32,186	16,000	50
	Lece	12,572	6,000	52
Calabria	Matera	100,800	52,400	49
	Potenza	100,041	69,600	30
Sicily	Catanzaro	57,626	51,200	11
	Cosenza	59,954	37,350	38
	Reggio Calabria	7,351	10,777	47*
	Agigento	72,000	66,235	8

Umbria	Fesaro Urbino	84,000	92,000	14
	Perugia	187,376	79,992	5
Lazio	Terni	48,660	126,000	15
	Frosinone	21,038	35,000	18
	Littoria	10,530	24,066	14*
	Rieti	27,300	21,000	99*
Abruzzi	Roma	74,424	26,100	4
	Viterbo	60,225	65,000	13
	Campobasso	110,319	54,000	10
	Chieti	48,000	74,000	33
	Aquila	43,000	40,000	17
	Pescara	29,191	23,000	47
	Teramo	60,000	20,000	33
Campania	Avellino	67,375	45,000	25
	Benevento	62,588	40,000	41
	Napoli	43,300	40,000	36
	Salerno	47,790	60,000	39*
Apulia	Bari	52,481	35,000	27
	Brindisi	18,715	25,000	52
	Foggia	250,490	10,000	47
	Taranto	32,106	155,071	38
	Lecce	12,572	16,000	50
Lucania	Matera	100,808	6,000	52
	Potenza	100,041	52,400	43
Calabria	Catanzaro	57,626	69,600	30
	Cosenza	59,954	51,200	11
Sicily	Reggio Calabria	7,351	37,350	38
	Agrigento	72,600	10,777	47*
	Caltanissetta	70,799	66,235	8
	Catania	73,813	57,760	18
	Enna	59,142	47,150	40
	Messina	30,843	39,000	40
	Palermo	96,169	14,925	52
	Regusa	21,126	70,490	27
	Siracusa	46,855	13,520	36
	Trapani	50,370	33,800	28
	Cagliari	71,233	36,000	29
	Nuoro	21,191	50,000	30
	Sassari	41,969	12,000	43
			23,000	45
Total Southern Italy & Islands		3,123,086	2,375,204	24

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APPENDIX IV

ESTIMATED WHEAT ACREAGE
- AS OF 30 MAY 1945 -

<u>Compartment</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>Area in Hectares</u>		<u>Percent Reduction in 1945</u>
		<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	
Piemonte	Alessandria	86,820	78,000	10
	Aosta	11,273	10,088	11
	Asti	40,790	41,000	0
	Cuneo	98,700	91,715	7
	Novara	12,960	10,500	19
Liguria	Torino	57,900	57,200	1
	Vercelli	23,201	19,000	18
	Genova	13,000	12,500	4
	Imperia	3,317	2,300	31
	La Spezia	5,500	5,300	4
Lombardia	Savona	8,200	8,000	2
	Bergamo	24,117	23,000	5
	Brescia	48,225	44,000	9
	Como	7,963	7,500	6
	Crestona	38,029	30,400	20
	Mantova	58,240	52,000	11
	Milano	48,839	46,600	5
	Pavia	62,165	52,000	16
	Sondrio	399	400	0
	Varese	6,026	6,000	0
Venezia Trid.	Bolzano	4,344	3,500	19
	Trento	8,820	4,700	47
Veneto	Belluno	1,206	850	30
	Udine	37,000	29,000	22
Venezia Giulia	Padova	62,097	47,000	24
	Rovigo	40,420	33,000	18
	Treviso	42,403	35,000	18
	Venezia	37,000	24,000	35
	Verona	68,005	56,000	18
	Vicenza	46,000	35,000	24
	Fiume	680	650	4
	Corizia	5,300	4,500	15
	Pola	21,420	20,500	4
	Trieste	3,524	2,600	26
Dalia	Bologna	82,600	60,000	27
	Ferrara	60,760	45,000	26
	Parli	90,500	70,000	23

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Lombardia	Savona	8,200	8,000	2
	Bergamo	24,117	23,000	5
	Brescia	48,225	44,000	9
	Como	7,963	7,500	6
	Cremona	38,029	30,400	20
	Mantova	58,240	52,000	11
	Milano	48,839	46,600	5
	Pavia	62,165	52,000	16
	Sondrio	399	400	0
Venezia Trid.	Varese	6,026	6,000	0
	Bolzano	4,344	3,500	19
Veneto	Trento	8,820	4,700	47
	Belluno	1,206	850	30
	Udine	37,000	29,000	22
	Padova	62,097	47,000	24
	Rovigo	40,420	33,000	18
	Treviso	42,403	35,000	18
	Venezia	37,000	24,000	35
	Verona	68,005	56,000	18
	Vicenza	46,000	35,000	24
Venezia Giulia	Fiume	680	650	4
	Corizia	5,300	4,500	15
	Pola	21,420	20,500	4
Emilia	Trieste	3,524	2,600	26
	Bologna	82,600	60,000	27
	Ferrara	60,760	45,000	26
	Forli	90,500	70,000	23
	Modena	51,592	48,000	7
	Parma	62,875	54,000	14
	Piacenza	55,400	53,100	4
	Ravenna	58,327	35,000	40
	Reggio Emilia	45,200	40,000	12
Total Northern Italy		1,541,137	1,298,903	16

APPENDIX IV (Contd.)

Compartment	Province	Area in Hectares		Percent Reduction in 1945
		1944	1945	
Toscana	Arezzina	64,115	5,480	10
	Arezzo	58,000	58,000	15
	Firenze	75,989	65,000	8
	Grosseto	69,651	64,000	4
	Livorno	20,300	19,500	20
	Lucca	19,026	9,600	13
	Pisa	47,210	41,000	24
	Pistoia	12,272	9,300	10
	Siena	81,100	73,000	5
	Ancona	71,689	68,000	1
Marche	Ascoli Piceno	55,815	55,520	0
	Macerata	75,000	75,200	21
	Pesaro Urbino	91,000	72,000	1
	Ferugia	141,030	140,360	0
Umbria	Terni	41,000	41,000	15*
	Frosinone	34,780	40,110	30*
	Littoria	21,600	28,030	1*
	Rieti	39,000	39,250	36*
Lazio	Roma	59,624	73,000	12*
	Viterbo	63,500	76,700	1*
	Campobasso	123,100	125,000	2*
	Chieti	68,800	70,000	4
Abruzzi	Aquila	52,000	50,000	10*
	Pescara	30,000	33,000	1
	Teramo	53,500	53,000	4*
	Avellino	70,300	73,300	1*
Campania	Benevento	80,700	81,950	61*
	Napoli	31,000	50,000	1
	Salerno	55,300	55,000	0
	Bari	65,903	65,980	18
Apulia	Brindisi	34,700	28,600	1*
	Foggia	218,200	221,530	5
	Taranto	44,650	42,300	2
	Lecco	26,224	25,700	14
Lucania	Matera	91,040	78,000	1*
	Potenza	114,400	116,000	5*
	Catanzaro	61,153	64,000	0
	Cosenza	75,000	74,700	71*
Calabria	Reggio Calabria	14,031	23,950	15
	Agigento	120,000	101,900	6
	Caltanissetta	75,000	70,200	0
	Catania	73,000	73,000	1*
Sicily	Enna	59,312	60,000	3
	Messina	44,010	42,640	20
	Palermo	106,175	100,700	

Umbria	Perugia	141,500	0
	Terni	41,000	15*
Lazio	Frosinone	40,110	30*
	Littoria	28,030	1*
	Giusti	39,250	36*
	Roma	73,000	12*
	Viterbo	76,700	1*
Abruzzi	Campobasso	125,000	2*
	Chieti	70,000	4
	Aquila	50,000	10*
	Pescara	33,000	1
	Teramo	53,000	4*
Campania	Avellino	73,300	1*
	Benevento	81,950	61*
	Napoli	50,000	1
	Salerno	55,000	0
Apulia	Bari	65,980	18
	Brindisi	28,600	1*
	Foggia	221,530	5
	Taranto	42,300	2
	Ugento	25,700	14
	Canosa	78,000	1*
Lucania	Matera	116,000	5*
Calabria	Potenze	64,000	0
	Catanzaro	74,700	71*
	Cosenza	23,250	15
Sicily	Reggio Calabria	101,900	6
	Agrigento	70,200	0
	Alghero	73,000	1*
	Catania	60,000	3
	Enna	42,640	20
	Messina	100,700	20
	Palermo	24,040	16
	Ragusa	52,000	8
	Siracusa	60,000	12*
Sardinia	Trapani	95,537	1
	Cagliari	40,110	3*
	Nuoro	56,895	
	Sassari		
Total Central, Southern and Insular Italy		3,204,053	5

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APPENDIX VESTIMATED NET WHEAT AVAILABLE AFTER RETENTIONS

<u>Compartments</u>	<u>1945 Production Forecast (met/tons)</u>	<u>Legal Retentions (as of 1942-43) (met/tons)</u>	<u>Net After Legal Retentions (met/tons)</u>	<u>Net Production North & South (met/tons)</u>	<u>Average Actual Retention 1942-43 (met/tons)</u>	<u>Estimated Actual Retention 1945 (met/tons)</u>
Piemonte	422,000	230,000	192,000		254,000	254,000
Liguria	21,000	16,000	5,000		25,000	21,000
Lombardia	492,000	172,000	320,000		213,000	213,000
Venez. Trid.	10,000	10,000	-		20,000	10,000
Veneto	500,000	202,000	298,000		251,000	251,000
Venez. Giulia	37,000	27,000	10,000		27,000	27,000
Emilia	570,000	378,000	192,000		256,000	256,000
Total North	<u>2,052,000</u>	<u>1,035,000</u>	<u>1,017,000</u>	<u>1,017,000</u>	<u>1,246,000</u>	<u>1,232,000</u>
Toscana	371,000	241,000	130,000		284,000	284,000
Marche	345,000	177,000	168,000		201,000	201,000
Umbria	195,000	103,000	92,000		112,000	112,000
Lazio	190,000	155,000	35,000		183,000	183,000
Abruzzi	202,000	202,000	-		252,000	202,000
Campania	175,000	183,000	-8,000		247,000	175,000
Puglie	212,000	164,000	48,000		253,000	212,000
Lucania	122,000	95,000	27,000		127,000	122,000
Calabria	99,000	95,000	4,000		173,000	99,000
Sicily	379,000	316,000	63,000		502,000	379,000
Sardegna	85,000	99,000	-14,000		115,000	85,000
Total South	<u>2,375,000</u>	<u>1,830,000</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>2,419,000</u>	<u>2,052,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>4,427,000</u>	<u>2,865,000</u>	<u>1,562,000</u>	<u>1,562,000</u>	<u>3,695,000</u>	<u>3,284,000</u>

APPENDIX V

ESTIMATED NET WHEAT AVAILABLE AFTER RETENTIONS

	Net After Legal Retentions (met/tons)	Net Production North & South (met/tons)	Average Actual Retention 1941-43 (met/tons)	Estimated Actual Retention 1945 (met/tons)	Net Above Estimated Actual Reten- tion 1945 (met/tons)
000	192,000		254,000	254,000	168,000
000	5,000		25,000	21,000	-
000	320,000		213,000	213,000	279,000
000	-		20,000	10,000	-
000	298,000		251,000	251,000	249,000
000	10,000		27,000	27,000	10,000
000	192,000		456,000	456,000	114,000
000	<u>1,017,000</u>	<u>1,017,000</u>	<u>1,246,000</u>	<u>1,232,000</u>	<u>820,000</u>
000	130,000		284,000	284,000	86,000
000	168,000		201,000	201,000	144,000
000	92,000		112,000	112,000	83,000
000	35,000		183,000	183,000	7,000
000	-		252,000	202,000	-
000	-3,000		247,000	175,000	-
000	48,000		253,000	212,000	-
000	27,000		127,000	122,000	-
000	4,000		173,000	99,000	-
000	63,000		502,000	379,000	-
000	-14,000		115,000	85,000	-
000	<u>545,000</u>	<u>545,000</u>	<u>2,449,000</u>	<u>2,054,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>
000	<u>1,562,000</u>	<u>1,562,000</u>	<u>3,695,000</u>	<u>3,286,000</u>	<u>1,140,000</u>

Italian Wheat Situation

a. Estimated Wheat Acreage	10,783,799 acres
b. Estimated Wheat Yield	2,052,000 north 2,375,000 south (including Islands)
c. Estimated Amassable Target	4,427,000 metric tons
d. All Estimates Concluded in by Ministry of Agriculture	1,500,000 "
e. Estimated Legal Retentions (same as in 1942-43)	2,865,000 "
f. Actual Retentions in 1942-43	3,695,000 "
g. Expected Actual Retentions in 1945	3,286,000 "
h. Net Available after Legal Retentions	1,017,000 north 545,000 south (including Islands)
	1,562,000 "

Acreage reduction since last season 8% due largely to retirement from production of mountainous marginal and inter-planted grove areas and accumulated fertilizer shortage, but also reduced by flooding in Po Valley areas and general shortage of farming equipment.

Estimated yield sharply reduced due to reduced yield per acre because of widespread drought conditions prevailing which are reported worst since 1922, largely without relief since March, aggravated by fertilizer deficiencies which delayed maturing.

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REMARKS:

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It appears from the V.P. copy to Anderson & Merritt saying that the shortage of wheat crop this year does not necessarily support the statement at which point - since paper of next year work & the crops this year the present of production is very high.

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W.E. BRAINE
Director
Labour sub Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 478828

REF. : LSC/501-810

15 June 1945

SUBJECT: Modification of Mezzadria Contract.

TO : Regional Labour Officer.
Toscana Region.

1. Reference your minute of 11th June 1945, regarding the modifications of Mezzadria contracts, the question has been discussed with the Agriculture Sub-Commission as it is felt that there is little in the contracts appertaining to Labour matters.

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W.H. BRAINE
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Tel. 478828

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W.H. BRAINE
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7 June 1945

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DAVID G. SACHS
Deputy Director
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Regional Labor Office Toscana AMG APO 394, 11 June '45.

TO: Labor Sub/c., HQ AC, APO 394 U.S. Army.

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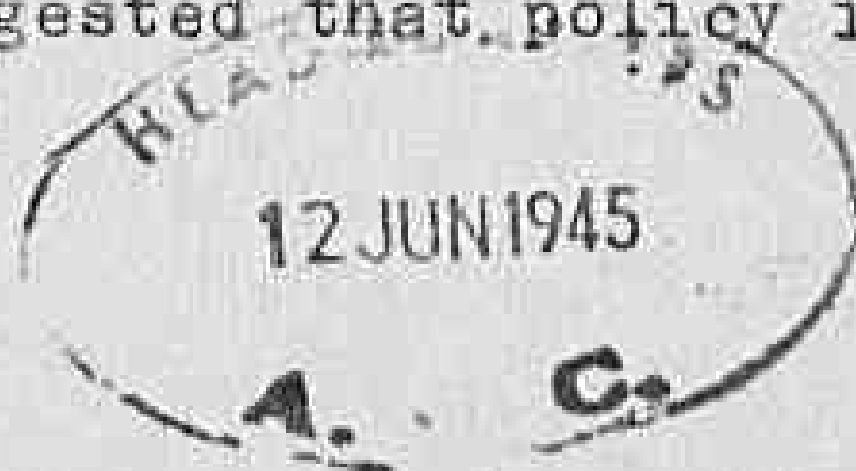


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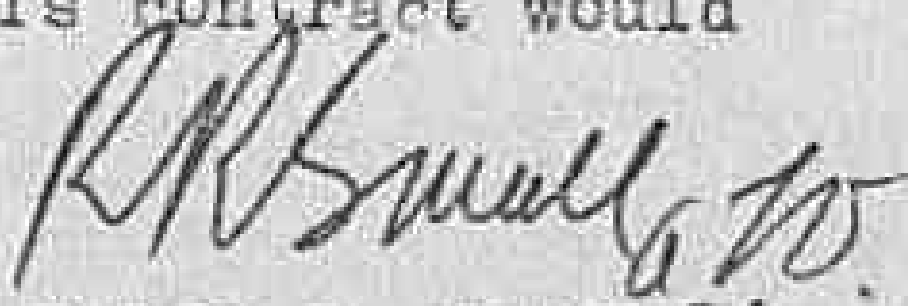
Date: 1 June '45

SUBJECT: Modification of Contract of Mezzadria.

TO : Labor Sub-Commission, HQ AG.

1. We attach herewith copy and translation of contract on modifications to existing mezzadria contracts entered into by farm workers and agricultural owners.

2. This office believes this to be a policy question matter and is passed on to Labor Sub/c for perusal and suggestions. In ordinary circumstances this contract would not be approved as it is now written.



RALPH R. SMALL
Major, C.A.C.
Regional Labor Officer.

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On 3 April '45 there were convened at the Provincial Assoc. of Agricultural Owners in Florence the Dr. Lorenzo Niccolini, President of the aforesaid organization, Dr. Tito Pestellini, Cav. Eugenio Biffoli, Dr. Francesco Giordani and Arsede Ciampolini and the representatives of the Provincial Federation of Agricultural Workers of the Camera del Lavoro of Florence: Zino Antonio, Sani Gino, Cappelli Guido and Pagnani Paolo;

They are convened for the purpose of establishing an accord for the temporary adjustment of certain provisions in the Patto Colonico (agricultural contract) and the accord will be valid for the agricultural year 1944/45.

After full and detailed discussion the following was arrived at:

1. Small Equipment: (spade, sickle, fork, pick, rope etc) compensation for these items, as per article 18 of the Mezzadria contract, is fixed as follows:
 - a) Level and Rolling Land: for land utilized in diverse cultivation with a surface of 4 hectares, £150 per hectare; from 4 to 8 hectares £120 per hectare; over 8 hectares £100 per hectare to a maximum of £1200.
 - b) Mountainous Land: for land of any amount of surface £80 per hectare to a maximum of £1000.
 - c) Level Land: for land on the periphery of inhabited centers, irrigated and devoted to cultivation of vegetables £190 per hectare.
2. Harvesting of Grain by Hand: (article 31 of the Mezzadria contract) for this operation there is a compensation of £40 to the 'colonist' for every quintal of grain due the owner.
3. Fuel for Harvesting: For this operation half of the expense necessary for the fuel (article 31) will be debited to the colonist in a current a/c in the amount of £22 for every quintal of grain due him.
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5. Rent of Heavy Equipment:

Seed planters - £70 per hectare seeded for grain.

Heavy plows - £50 for every hectare plowed.

Harvesters - £120 for every hectare harvested; this payment will be made only when the use of this machine is deemed necessary in relation to the size and spread of the land.

The amount of the above rental fees will be debited the colonist in a current a/c.

It is also established that the owner collecting the above fees will not be allowed to charge the colonist for any expenses of repair to the same equipment. Where the colonist himself is the owner of similar equipment he may secure the same rental fees from whoever uses his equipment.

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For the harnessing the rates fixed are retroactive to 16 August '44 while for those rates fixed in antecedenace there govern the rates in the existing contract of Mezzadria.

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Il giorno 3 aprile 1945 in Firenze presso l'Associazione Provinciale degli Agricoltori si sono riuniti i sigg. dott. ing. Lorenzo Niccolini, Presidente della predetta Associazione, assistito dal dott. Tito Pestellini, Cav. Eugenio Diffoli, Dott. Francesco Giordani e per' agr. Arsede Ciampolini; ed i rappresentanti della Federazione Provinciale Lavoratori della Terra della Camera Confederale di Firenze, sigg. Zini Antonio, Sani Gino e Cappelli Guido e Pagnini Paolo; allo scopo di stipulare un accordo per il temporaneo adattamento alle contingenze attuali di alcune clausole accessorie del Patto Coloni-co: accordo da valere per l'annata colonica 1944/45 -

Dopo ampia e dettagliata discussione, si conviene quanto appresso :

I°) PICCOLI ARRETI (vanghe, falci, arnesi da pota, forconi, pale, marre, corbelli, canestri, cesti, funi, ecc.)

I compensi per questo titolo, giusta le art. 18 del Contratto di Mezzadria, vengono fidejati come segue :

a) poteri di pianura e collina: per poderia coltura promiscua con superficie di ettari 4 L. 150 per ettaro; da ettari 4 agli 8 L. 120 ad ettaro; oltre gli 8 ettari, L. 100 ad ettaro, fino ad un massimo di L. 1.200 -

b) Poteri di montagna: per poderi di qualsiasi superficie L. 80 ad ettaro fino ad un massimo di lire L. 600.-

c) poteri di pianura: per poderi limitrofi ai centri abitati, irrigui ed a coltura ortiva, L. 150 ad ettaro.-

La superficie da prendersi è riferimento per il computo dei compensi di cui sopra, è quella effettivamente coltivata.-

II°) TRABBIATURA DEL GRANO EFFETTUATA A MANO - (art. 31 del Contratto di Mezzadria) - Per questa operazione, viene concordato un compenso al colono di L. 40 per ogni qt. di grano di parte padronale.-

III°) COMBUSTIBILE PER TRABBIATURA - Per questa operazione la metà della spesa occorrente per il combustibile (art. 31 del Patto di Mezzadria) verrà addebitato al colono in conto corrente in ragione di L. 22 per ogni quintale di grano di sua parte.-

IV°) ANTICIPAZIONE - Resta inmutato quanto stabilito dall'art. 44 del Contratto di Mezzadria, anche nel caso in cui all'oliva non sia stato fatto il trattamento antierittogamico, ciò per bilanciare il maggior lavoro che il colono ha incontrato per la raccolta delle olive esatte a terra.-

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V°) - NOLEGGIO GROSSI ARNESI -

Seminatrici : L.70 ad ettaro seminato a grano ;

Contri Grossi, pesanti : L.50 ad ettaro lavorato ;

Falciatrici ; L.120 per ogni ettaro di terreno ove venga eseguita la falciatura ; tale compenso sarà solo corrisposto quando

l'uso di questa macchina sia ritenuto necessario in rapporto alla notevole estensione della coltura fruttiva.-

L'importo dei suddetti noleggi sarà addebitato al colono in conto corrente .-

Viene inoltre stabilito che il proprietario, percependo le cifre predette, non potrà addebitare al colono le spese di riparazione occorse per gli arnesi medesimi. Ove poi il colono stesso sia proprietario degli arnesi in parola, egli potrà esigere dal conduttore del fondo le somme a questo titolo stabilite.-

VI°) - LUCE E STALLA - I compensi per questo titolo, qualora il proprietario non fornisca al colono materie illuminanti (petrolio, olio,

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ecc.), restano così fissati a L. 225 per stalle fino a 4 capi ; L. 325 per stalle oltre i 4 capi..

Quando la illuminazione viene effettuata con impianto elettrico, il proprietario abbonerà per l'annata un importo pari a 10 KW. per stalla fino a 4 capi e a 15 KW. per stalla oltre i 4 capi.

Per le stalle poi ove si effettua l'industria del latte, i compensi di cui sopra saranno maggiorati del 10% ..

VIII) - OPERE PER ATTACCATURE PATTE DAL COLONO PER CONTO DELLA AZIENDA -

Per le opere a braccia che i coloni prestano per conto dell'azienda, la paga da corrispondersi è eguale a quella degli operai semiffissi, maggiorata del solo carovita..

Per le attaccature bovini, dovranno essere corrisposte L. 250 per 8 ore di lavoro, quando questo si compie presso i coloni di pendenti dalla stessa azienda.. Quando invece l'attaccatura viene effettuata per conto diretto dell'azienda, dovranno corrispondere L. 300 poiché per consuetudine, in questo caso, non viene al colono fornito il vitto..

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Letto approvato e sottoscritto..

PER LA ASSOCIAZIONE AGRICOLTORI

Amato

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LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 204

12 June, 1945.

REF: LSC/501

SUBJECT: Institut International d'Agriculture.

TO: Agriculture Sub-Commission.

1. The Ministry of Labour and National Service in London has received a request from the Secretary General of the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome for publications.

2. I should be grateful if you could let me have some information regarding this body, its functions, usefulness and so on.

W.H. BRAIDEN.

Director,
Labour Sub-Commission.

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29 MAY 1945

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
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ECONOMIC SECTION

Date: 1/5/45

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Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC/501
Subject: Labor Recruitment for the Harvest
Date: 16 MAY 45
To: C-5 AFHQ
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
ECONOMIC SECTION
SUPPLY DIVISION

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LSC/501

Ref. ES/10.03

May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Labor for Harvesting

TO : Office of the Chief Commissioner

1. Reference is made to Signal 7691, 16 May, to G-5, AFHQ, requesting Italian army labor for Foggia and Matera.

2. Conversations with Major Byles in G-5 have indicated that the outlook is not good for obtaining the Italian army personnel. Subsequently, a conversation was held with General Hamblin, who, by implication, suggested that AC send a follow-up signal.

3. Therefore, it is recommended that a follow-up signal be sent to AFHQ substantially as follows:

"Reference 7691 16 May 45 requesting Italian army soldiers for harvest ten thousand for Foggia and twelve thousand for Matera, it is urged that action be taken and advice furnished on the proposal because the harvest season commences early in June."

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Deputy Vice President

cc Labor Sub-Commission
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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	Initials	Date
Mr. W.H. BRAINE	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Mr. SACHS	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Mr. DI FEDE	<i>J. A.</i>	29/5
Mr. AIREY		
Mr. SCOTT		
Mr. PROCTOR		
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMING FILE
APO 834
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

DUS/rsv

4 May 1945

TEL : Ext. 416
REF : LSC/501
SUBJECT: Harvest 1945
TO : G-4, AFHQ
Attention: Major Carson

1. Attached are copies of letters dealing with the above subject, as requested by you.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director

Attachments (3)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

JDF/18

Ext. 204

REF : LSC/501

30 April 1945

SUBJECT: Harvest 1945 - Foggia Area

TO : Brigadier D. L. Anderson
Deputy Vice-President Economic Section

1. I have discussed with Minister Gronchi the problem of securing agricultural workers to meet the requirements for the 1945 harvest in the Foggia Region.
2. Minister Gronchi informed me that letters have been sent from his Ministry to all the provincial labour Offices in the Foggia region for estimates as to the number of workers which will be needed for the harvest and the number of workers available for such work.
3. When complete returns have been received by the Minister steps will then be taken, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, to insure a sufficient supply of labour.
4. In addition to the general interest we have in ensuring that the harvest is successful, we are mindful that there are in the region of Foggia several Allied Forces projects employing thousands of civilian workers. Col. Crosby, in charge of civilian labour in that area, is seriously concerned that they may lose hundreds of workers who may be attracted to the high wages which will be paid for harvest work. These wages range up to 500 lire per day as compared to an average of 150 lire per day paid by the Allied Forces. Hence it becomes all the more important that steps be taken to insure an adequate supply of agricultural workers in that region.
5. In discussions held thus far, both with the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Agriculture, we have been advised that the needs can be met only through the use of Italian troops. This is not unusual for the harvest season. Troops were used last year and they have been used every year before that. Troops are also used in Britain during the harvest season.
6. Both Ministries have stated that a request for the use of troops will be made to the Italian War Department. Preliminary conversations with M.H.I.A., however, have disclosed that they are unwilling to authorize the use of Italian

troops for the harvest.

7. Because of the seriousness of the problem and the need for prompt action (we are advised that in Foggia the harvest season begins about June 10) I am asking you to consider the necessity of using Italian troops and to take the necessary steps to reach some agreement on this.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ECONOMIC SECTION

7.08/TS

28 April 1945

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Adm. Off. 20/4 LSC/501

SUBJECT: Assignment of Italian Troops to Assist in Coming Wheat Harvest.

TO : Supply Division for Agriculture S/C.

1. As a result of a conference held this morning between Lt. Colonel Crosby, Labor Officer, Adriatic Base Command, with the Executive Commissioner, it was decided:

a. Agriculture S/C would again request the Minister of Agriculture to make a formal request in writing on the Minister of War for the assignment of 20,000 Italian troops to assist in the coming wheat harvest. It was thought advisable for the Minister of Agriculture to include in the request that a certain number, to be determined by the Minister of Agriculture, of Italian troops be made available to assist Italian civilian officials with the emassing of wheat in Italian Government territory.

b. It is anticipated that the Minister of War would approve the request and transmit it on to MMIA for implementation approval. However, past experience of the Minister of Agriculture has been to the effect that his requests on this matter have not been transmitted by the Minister of War to MMIA. Therefore, it is desired that the Minister of Agriculture through the Agriculture S/C provide the Executive Commissioner's office with a copy of the formal request which the Minister of Agriculture places upon the Minister of War.

c. Labor Officer of the Adriatic Base Command will submit a formal letter through channels to Headquarters, Allied Commission, requesting that the Italian troops be made available for harvesting the wheat crop.

d. When the Executive Commissioner has received the copy of the Minister of Agriculture's request on the Minister of War and the letter from the Adriatic Base Command, he (the Executive Commissioner) will formally take the matter up with AFHQ. In the meantime the Executive Commissioner is holding an informal conference with MMIA on the matter.

(S) L. D. DENSMORE

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA, CSO
Economic Section

cc: Executive Commissioner
Production Div. for Labor S/C

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APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSIONCOPY

JDF/cf

REF : LSC/501

April 21, 1945 ✓

SUBJECT: Harvest 1945 - Foggia Area

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. At the request of Lt. Colonel Crosby (A) of Foggia, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Agriculture on April 9, 1945, to discuss ways of meeting labour necessities for the coming harvest.
2. The meeting was presided by H.E. Segni, undersecretary of Agriculture. Dr. Giannini, head of the division of farm labour, Dr. Longobardo, head of the employment service of the Ministry of Labour and several other division heads of the Ministry of Agriculture were present.
3. Allied Commission's chief concern is to obtain sufficient labour for the harvest in order to prevent, if possible, or at least limit any possible migration of workers away from Allied Force projects in that region. Such a migration of workers is probable because of the much higher wages which will be offered to them for the harvest. The only way to minimize this tendency would be to provide that region with a sufficient number of workers.
4. Minister Segni undertook to communicate with all the provincial agrarian inspectors in the region of Foggia to get from them a statement as to the number of workers required for the harvest.
5. Dr. Longobardo agreed to communicate with the regional and provincial labour offices to determine the availability of labour in their territory, to suggest ways of transporting workers from one region to another and to co-operate with the local agrarian inspectors in planning for the harvest.
6. All those present agreed that workers will have to be supplied from outside the region of Foggia. Because of this the Allied Forces will be asked for aid in providing the necessary transportation facilities, bedding equipment and supplementary rations.
7. Provincial agrarian inspectors have been asked to make an immediate and accurate canvass of the available agricultural machinery, spare parts, twine, etc. They have also been asked to submit estimate of gasoline, tires and other materials needed for the harvest.
8. It was the consensus of opinion that Italian troops will have to be used because local recruitment could not provide the necessary number of workers for the short period of the harvest. The shortness of the season and the immediacy of the need for workers would prevent large scale migration of workers from far away districts.

9. It was stated that last year 15,000 Italian troops were used for the harvest. It was estimated that this year some 20,000 workers would be needed.
10. The information sought by the Ministries of Labour and Agriculture has not yet been received (as of 20.4.45).
11. The Minister of Agriculture has not made any formal request for the use of Italian troops. He is awaiting the estimates of the need of workers from the agrarian inspectors before submitting a request to the Ministry of War.
12. M.M.I.A. states that there are no available Italian troops in the Foggia area and they do not believe that troops can be used for the coming harvest. This was explained to us by Lt. Colonel Ingledew of M.M.I.A. this morning (21.4.45).
13. Col. Ingledew further explained that no request has been submitted to them for the use of Italian troops but that would probably have to refuse such a request when it is made.
14. Dr. Longobardo has been advised of the probability that troops cannot be used and we have asked him to consider plans for the use of unemployed workers from other regions.

For Director Labour Sub-Commission

JOSEPH DI FELICE
Labour Relations Adviser

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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REF. : LSC/501

April 21, 1945

SUBJECT: Agricultural Labour for Foggia

TO : W.H. Braine,
Director, ~~Labour Sub-Commission.~~

1. At the request of Lt. Colonel Crosby (A) of Foggia, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Agriculture on April 9, 1945 at 10 A.M.
2. The meeting was presided by H.E. Segni, under-secretary of Agriculture. Dr. Giannini, head of the division on farm labour, Dr. Longobardo, head of the employment service of the Ministry of Labour, Major Sinclair of Food Sub-Commission, A.C., and several other division heads of the Ministry of Agriculture were present. Mr. Di Fede represented Labour Sub-Commission and Agriculture Sub-Commission.
3. The meeting was requested to discuss the recruitment of necessary farm labour for the coming harvest to insure an adequate supply of workers in the region of Foggia in order to prevent, if possible, or at least limit any possible migration of workers away from Allied Force projects in that region.
4. It was decided that H.E. Segni will communicate with all the provincial inspectors (ispettori agrari) of the territory in question, and get from them a statement of the ~~numbers~~ of workers needed in their provinces.
5. The Minister of Agriculture will then consult with the Ministry of War for the allocation of sufficient military forces to that region to help in the harvest,

as was done last year. It was estimated that some 20,000 soldiers may be needed this year.

6. Dr. Longobardo will communicate ^{with} the regional and provincial labour offices in that territory and urge the officials in charge of the employment offices to cooperate with the local agrarian inspectors in the recruitment of the necessary workers.

7. All those present at the meeting were of the opinion that Italian soldiers will have to be used because local recruitment could not provide the necessary number of workers for the short period of the harvest. The shortness of the season and the immediacy of the need for workers would prevent the proper migration of workers from one district to another.

8. Since workers will have to be supplied from outside of the region, several needs will arise which can be met only with the help of the Allied Forces. These needs will include transportation facilities and supplementary rations. The Ministry of Agriculture will communicate with the competent authorities in Allied Commission.

9. The provincial agrarian inspectors will be asked to make an immediate and accurate canvass of the available agricultural machinery, spare parts, twine, etc. They will be asked to supply an estimate of gasoline, tires, and other materials needed for the harvest.

10. It was stated that about 17,000 quintals of twine are available which will be distributed by the Ministry itself, in order to avoid black market speculation.

11. Dr. Giannini and Dr. Longobardo will be responsible for the recruitment program and they agreed to consult with each other frequently.

12. On April 15 there will be a conference of all provincial agrarian inspectors at the Ministry, and the urgency and importance of this recruitment will be fully discussed.

Joseph Di Fele
JOSEPH DI FEDE
Labour Relations Adviser

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 478828

REF. : LSC/809 - LSC/408

16 March 1945

SUBJECT : Proposed Wage Increase to employees Provincial Agric. Board
of Naples.TO : Capt. Denis L. Botham
Labour Officer Southern Region - NAPLES

With reference to the letter of 3rd Feb. 1945 from the Ufficio Regionale del Lavoro Naples regarding the wage agreement negotiated in respect of the workers of the Provincial Agricultural Board of Naples, it is desired to confirm telephonic conversation of this afternoon, wherein it was indicated that the Sub-Commission formally approved the agreement.

^{however}
It is hereby suggested that the agreement should not have retroactive effect prior to 1st May 1945, i.e., the operative date of similar agreements approved in the Naples area.

Since telephoning you this afternoon it has been ascertained that the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour have now formally approved the agreement under reference.

The papers which you submitted to the Office are returned herewith.

F. PROCTOR

W. H. BRAINE

Director

Labour Sub-Commission

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Mr SACHS.

1. The Consorzio Agrario is a cooperative organization.
2. It started as one pure & simple, then under fascism it was controlled by the Union of Agriculture & still is. There is an attempt at present to bring it to revert to its old purely cooperative status.
3. Except for the Commissioner & the Vice C. who direct it and his staff are regarded as private employees & have no particular security of tenure.
4. The above comes from Capt. BORGANSON of Agriculture Sub C. who is the author of the organization.

23 Feb 45

[Signature]

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To Mr Sachs.

- 1 The customary method of calculating salary increases has been favored in the agreement
- 2 As you are aware the normal method raises all whose salaries are above average of their category to the Allied Force Scale - gives a proportionate increase to those below average.
- 3 In this agreement an equal salary is proposed for all persons comprising a category on the grounds that their present salaries differ very little from one another.
- 4 Since, particularly in the lower paid categories where one would presumably find the most individuals, there is quite a reasonable difference between the proposed and actual - the Allied Force Rate the method would not seem to have been adopted in order to bring everyone up to the Allied Force Rate - presumably the explanation given is a genuine one.

5. From page 3 of the agreement it appears that the Agreement comes into effect on 1 Oct 43 (piv THREE)

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the NRP/EL area have been.

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23 Feb 45

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OGGETTO:

Napoli,

3 FEB 1945

Via Roma, 148

Telef. 11956 - 51373

To: Hon. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE and LABOR,

R O M E

and for information

To: Capt. DENIS L. BOTHERAM,

Labor Division - Southern Region,

N A P L E S.

We hand you for your approval the agreement on the equalization of the dependers belonging to the Provincial Agricultural Board of Naples.

(Consorzio Agrario Provinciale di Napoli).

Herewith enclosed the bundle of all the documents concerning the matter is subjoined: the text of the agreement, the explanatory tables of the reached equalization and those indicating the sums presently paid, an accompanying note of the workmen's committee and a report added to the agreement in which some variations are pointed out concerning the figures drawn up in the foresaid agreement. It is to be remarked that in the present salaries and in those equalised the indemnity for the dear cost of living, which has been granted of late, is not considered.

The criterion followed with this equalization slightly differs from that followed with the other numerous equalisations by our Regional Office inasmuch as, instead of fixing an increasing percentage on each category salary of the same category, a unique, single amount of pay has been determined in comparison with the pay allowed by the Allies to their own dependers for works analogous to the works fulfilled by the employees of the above mentioned Agricultural Board.

This method has been followed as there was not a noticeable variation in the pays of the dependers belonging to each examined category.

In the table (enclosure D.) the pays are shown as before and as after the equalization and the comparison is made with the pays granted by

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The cross-words in parenthesis refer to the subjoined notes in which the specialties are pointed out which have been examined as regards the workmen and employee, for the comparison.

Being clear what above, the Regional Labor Office thinks necessary to point out the following remarks:

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1) - The original agreement entered into at the Provincial Labor Office of Naples shows a few formal irregularities as in the explanation of the present wages done in the text of the agreement appear the average net monthly wages, not comprehensive of the presence indemnity, quote of the 13th monthly wage and family allowances. By that the figures appear greatly lower than the effective ones.

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Later, on demand by the part of the Regional Office, an explicative table has been presented (enclosure C.) in which the effective figures collected were exposed and that is the ones in the last column of the said enclosure.

It is clear, therefore, that such figures must substitute the ones in the column 2 of the original agreement.

2) - In the equalization table (enclosure D) does not appear the pay of an usher younger than 18 years of age. This, according to the warning attached to the agreement, corresponds to that of an usher older than 18 years of age - deducted of 20 per cent. As to say that the equalized pay of L.2578.80 will be deducted for the last one of 20%.

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Therefore we are waiting for your approval to the purpose of informing the parties concerned.

Respectfully

The GENERAL SECRETARY
(Lawyer Leopoldo Rubinssoi)

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16 FEB. 1943

Tel. 439081,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/111.14

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Agricultural Labor - Foggia

TO : Ministry of Agriculture

1. We attach herewith a copy of letter from the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, indicating a possible labor problem near Foggia during the wheat harvest season.
2. This is called to your attention in order that you may consider the problem with other interested Ministries before the harvest season.
3. This matter is being called to the attention of the Labor Sub-Commission, who will contact the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor relative to any phases of it in which they might be interested.
4. This Sub-Commission will be glad to advise with you in any way you see fit.

DELANO G. ALLENBROUGH
Director

Inclosure:
Copy of ltr R/1605.
17 Feb 45

Distribution:
Economic Section
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Regional Commissioner

R/1605

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Agriculture - Foggia

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Economic Section)

1. A point of considerable interest in the economic life of Southern Italy has just been brought to my notice by Colonel Birn, Commanding Officer, AAFSC, Foggia, and by Lt. Col. Bright, Zone Commissioner, Foggia. You will recollect that last summer some 16,000 Italian soldiers were brought into the Foggia area to help harvest the large Foggia grain crop. The reception, transport and organization of these soldiers involved a great deal of work on the part of Colonel Temperley, then Provincial Commissioner, Foggia.

2. It appears likely that the labor requirements in the Foggia area this summer may be equally important, but it also appears probable, that any action that has to be taken, will have to be taken by the Italian Government.

3. I therefore bring this matter to your notice, in order that you may, if you think fit, warn the Italian Government of this problem in ample time. Colonel Birn is specially concerned in this matter because at the present time he employs some 18,000 Italian personnel and he feels that there is great danger of many of this personnel being attracted to the farms by offer of high wages and good food, unless arrangements could be made for the importation of an adequate supply of labor.

signed: J.K. DUNLOP
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL. : Ext. 104

RRE/saw

REF : LSC/898

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Agricultural Labor, Foggia

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. In your memorandum of 25 February, AGE/111.14, you suggest that Labor Sub-Commission should initiate action with regard to the provision of Labor, including Italian military, to assist in the harvesting of the grain crop in Foggia.

2. I am doubtful whether under the new directive Allied Commission can initiate action on a matter which is essentially one of Italian interest in Italian administered territory. I should be glad if you would raise this at the weekly staff conference on Friday, 9 March, 1945.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Economic Section

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Tel. 262

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

LSC/809

AGR/111.14

25 February 1945

SUBJECT: Agricultural Labor, Foggia

TO : Labor Sub-Commission

1. Attached is letter R/1605 of 17 February 1945, from Brigadier Dunlop, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, relative to the possible labor situation in Foggia Province during the grain crop season.
2. We assume that this labor problem should be correlated with other labor problems of the area. We shall be glad to work with you, the Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Industry, Labor and Commerce for the solution of the problem.
3. Reports from our agricultural officers were to the effect that the use of Italian soldiers in the grain harvest was none too successful last year. It is our opinion that a more satisfactory method might be evolved by the Italian Government.
4. An additional reason for calling this matter to your attention is that it does effect the labor situation in the Army area around Foggia.

Distribution:
Economic Section

Leland G. Albaugh
LELAND G. ALBAUGH
Director

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Regional Commissioner

R/1605

17 February 1945

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Brigadier
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 237

27 February 1945

Ref. AG/5515/25/IND

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Montecatini Superphosphate
Plant - Pontecagnano

TO : General Officer Commanding, 1 District.

1. Your 182 of 14th February 1945 has been received by this Headquarters, together with the substance of the report from 94 Sub-Area, with reference to our request for the derequisitioning of the above named premises.

2. In reply to paragraph 1 of your letter:

- a) the plant is fully equipped and not at all damaged.
- b) Personnel and labour are available locally and ready to commence work as soon as the premises are evacuated.
- c) Raw materials (pyrites and rock phosphate) could be despatched to the plant within a few days of notice of de-requisitioning.
- d) It is estimated that, from date of de-requisitioning full production could be reached within a few weeks.

3. It would be quite impracticable to move the plant, which would necessitate building an entirely new factory, which, under the most favourable conditions would require 6 to 9 months, and could only be executed, at present, at prohibitive cost.

4. Furthermore, the need for fertiliser is urgent as it must be made available for the spring sowings if the vast tonnages of foods required are to be produced.

5. Should the Montecatini plants at Pontecagnano, Brindisi,

Barletta and Taranto (Base Supply Depot for the Italian Army) remain in military occupancy it will be impossible to achieve the 1945 programme of food production in Southern Region. This eventuality will place a strain on Allied supply and sea transport resources both for the supply of the Armed Forces and for basic civil necessities.

6. Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that disease and unrest is not a static but a progressive condition, and unless the deficiencies in basic foods for the civil population, which have resulted in physical deterioration during 1944, are corrected by the availability of supplies from the 1945 harvest, the consequences may be grave in the extreme.

7. This Headquarters, therefore, considers the immediate re-activation of all the available fertiliser works to be of the highest priority, both from the viewpoint of partially supplying the Armed Forces from local resources (thus relieving the strain on Allied Transportation Facilities), and towards the fulfilment of the directives of the Combined Chiefs of Staff in the utilisation of all available resources for the prevention of disease and unrest.

8. With regard to labour requirements for carrying out the construction of new storage and handling facilities for the occupying units of the above works, every possible effort will be given towards the supply of civil and Italian military labour, as the question is one of national importance to liberated Italy.

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