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Feb - Apr. 1945

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SUBJECT:- De-requisitioning of Glass-Works
Vetreria Artistica Italiana, Via
Marchese Giuseppe Palmieri 85 - NAPLES

3 District
BASEBALL 12
182/9 Q

HQ AC Industry Sub-Commission

8 Apr 45

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AFIRS Rome Area Allied Command
Economic Section AC
Political Section AC
Labour Sub-Commission AC
Public Health Sub-Commission AC
Food Sub-Commission AC
RC Southern Region (Attn. E & S Div) AC
Ministry for Industry, Commerce & Labour
Q 56 Area

Re your letter AC/5615/21/END dated 8 Mar 45.

1. The possibility of derequisitioning the Glass Works, Vetreria Artistica Italiana, has been the subject of close enquiry. The present position is given in the attached copy of 56 Area letter Q 502/114/2 dated 31 Mar 45.

2. The opinion expressed in that letter, that the premises cannot be de-requisitioned owing to their importance to WD is confirmed by this HQ.

It is also evident from an examination of the plant, conducted by this HQ, that no partial release to the owners would enable the plant to be operated.

3. It is therefore considered, that the recommendation at para 5 of 56 Area letter should be adopted and the matter reviewed 3 months after the cessation of hostilities.

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J. G. Christie

(J. G. CHRISTIE) Maj
for Maj Gen
Comd

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SUBJECT:-- De-requisition of Glass-works,
Vetreria Artistica Italiana.

Q 502/114/2

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1. Reference your letter 182 Q dated 14 Mar 45 enclosing copy of AG letter AG/5645/21/IEB dated 8 Mar 45.
2. This factory is at present being used by 675 AW Coy IE as a Central Joinery Workshop, and is extremely valuable, as it is the only workshop of its type available to 18 GIE, performing 80% of all the IE joinery required in 56 Area.
In the event of alternative accommodation having to be found it would be necessary to provide covered floor space of approx. 2800 sq. yds. of this, 1700 sq. yds. would have to be suitable for joinery workshops.
3. To find such accommodation in Naples at the present time is quite impossible.
4. In addition to the accommodation required above, electric power from an uninterrupted source would have to be available, and the cost of transferring the machinery etc would have to be considered.
The interruption of work involved by such a move would considerably hamper the smooth running of the IE service in this area: such an interruption should be avoided as far as possible since this workshop is in need of expansion rather than closing down.
5. Since the raw materials available are only sufficient for 6 months working as a Glass Factory, it is strongly recommended that de-requisitioning be delayed until at least 3 months after the cessation of hostilities, and only then be considered if suitable alternative accommodation is available and if the factory is still required to operate in its normal role.
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In the Field.
11 Mar 45.

W. D. C.
Brigadier,
Comd 56 Area.

Copy to:- 18 CRE - your 18 CRE 259 dated 23 Mar 45 refers.
Town Major Naples - your TM/TEL/960 dated 24 Mar 45 refers.

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 478828

REF. : LSC/203 - LSC/506

17 Febr 1945

SUBJECT: Glass Works of Naples

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

1. We are referring to you copies of letters received by us from the C.G.I.L. (National Confederation of Labour) which refer to the "Vetreria Artistica Italiana" in Naples which has been requisitioned by the Allied Forces.

2. The Glass Workers Union of Naples contends that the above mentioned establishment could operate for at least a year with the prime materials on hand.

3. Will you please look into this and advise us whether anything can be done along the lines suggested in the enclosed letters?

W.H. Braine

W.H. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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Translation Baldazzi

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ITALIAN GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR

Secretariat

Prot. No 3748

Copy

Rome, 13 February 1945

TO: the LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION

Rome

We take pleasure to enclose copy of a letter of the
"Federazione del Vetro Bianco".

We associate our earnest solicitations to the requests
of the Federation, to the end that this specialized industry
should be set again in a thoroughly efficient condition, and
so to be enabled to give employment to a considerable number
of workers.

Awaiting a word of reply, we remain with kind regards

Sincerely Yours,

THE SECRETARIAT
Grandi, Lizzadri, Di Vittorio

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FEDERAZIONE DEL VETRO BIANCO
Chamber of Labour
Naples

28 January 1945

TO: ON. LIZZARDI
Confederal Congress
Naples

With reference to the clear-out exposé submitted to-day by Honourable Di Vittorio to the Congress of Naples, concerning the industrial reconstruction, especially with respect to the question of the plants actually occupied by the Allies, we take the liberty to call your attention to the following:

Before the war there existed all throughout Italy more than 50 glass-making plants, employing above 20,000 male and female workers; now, while in all liberated Italy the glass-making industry has been wiped out, only in the city of Naples, almost all plants have remained intact. But, these plants are obliged to operate at reduced working hours, and they are employing only one third of their normal working force. Most of these workers are skilled and for this reason they cannot fit themselves into another kind of work. So a great number of them are unemployed and cannot earn a livelihood.

The only means of alleviating the distress of our comrades, would be to induce the Allies to withdraw from the only plant, equipped for the making of white glass, in which over 500 workers could find a steady employment during a year, owing to a supply of raw materials available since 1941. This plant would be able to supply the market with a produce very useful to the population and even to the Allies. The plant in question, called "Vetreria Artistica Italiana (VAI)" was requisitioned on 27.11.43 and is now occupied by an English Corps 675 Artisan Works (???) Co.R.E. The address of the plant is "Via Colonnello Lahalle"

by the sporting ground "Arenaccia".

The plant in question is supplied with sufficient raw materials to work during more than a year; in it specialized in making glass for table and chemist's shops, which no other plant would be able to produce at the present moment.

The 2,000 and more glass-making workers of Naples are expecting from the authoritative interest of the Confederation, a good solution of this question, and they are offering therefore their best thanks in advance.

ALFREDO AMOREO
Secretary

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