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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION

Tel. 461

Ref. AG/5032/Commerce

WPS/rc

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Fascist Republican Propaganda

TO : Economic Section

1. Ref. your ES/320 dated 11th April 1945, regarding:

(a) what action could be taken, if any, to combat the Fascist Republican propaganda on the radio and in the press, with respect to socialization of private industry and,

(b) what attitude the Commission shall eventually take towards socialization.

2. With reference to (a) it is difficult for this Sub-commission to suggest any counter measures as it is not fully conversant with the propaganda emanating from the Fascist radio and press, but it would perhaps be as well to ignore it until such time as there is definite information on hand regarding the extent of this socialization. Even then the reaction of the workers will have to be considered so as not to create any hostile feeling on their part at least until such time as the Allied Armed forces have the territory under their control.

3. With reference to (b), it is suggested that the Allied Commission's attitude will have to be guided by circumstances.

From information on hand it would appear that, although the Legislative Decree became effective on February 13th 1944, little or nothing has been done in socialising private industry, and in fact the quotation of industrial shares in the North is said to be twice as high to-day as the quotation of those same shares on the Rome Stock Exchange.

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Under such circumstances the solution would appear simple inasmuch as all Fascist laws are cancelled by L.D. N° 249 of October 5th 1944 of the Italian Government.

If on the other hand, it is found that private industry has been socialized, the action to be taken will have to be one of expediency until such time as a common policy can be determined in agreement with the Italian Government.

4. The text of the Decree has only just come to hand and is being translated for circulation but it is impossible to digest and comment on same in the short time made available to this Subcommittee for comment.

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to: Industry S/C
Finance S/C
Labor S/C

BRADYANTH ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 894

Labor Sub-Commission

RHB/rw

TEL : Ext. 804

12 April 1945

REF : LEO/MIS - 216

SUBJECT: Fascist Republican Propaganda - Socialization of Private Industry.

TO : Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

1. Reference is made to Colonel Bensmore's minute of 11 April, 1945, 25/5.20.

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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To :

Allied Sub-Commission of Labor
Rome

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for

Benefits to be granted to the employees of the Allied

We beg to enclose you an extract of "Decreto Legge Luogotenenziale" n.13 of January 25th, 1945, published in the "Gazzetta Ufficiale" n.17 dated February 8th, granting the workmen a "1944 Special Xmas Allowance".

We have applied to P.W.B. in order to ascertain who would have paid said amount to our personnel which has been temporarily taken on by P.W.B., for the period worked with them, and we have been told that "the Italian Government" should have to pay it.

In case this answer is confirmed we would appreciate the information as to which department will have to be contacted and under what regulation so that we may be able to state the matter properly to the right Authority.

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Distribution :

Yours very truly.

Mr. King - Via del Moretto 13 - Roma
 P.W.B. - Via Veneto - Roma

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DECRETO LEGISLATIVO LUOGOTENENZIALE 25 gennaio 1945, n.13.

PROVVIDENZE economiche di carattere straordinario ai lavoratori.

Art. 1.

I datori di lavoro devono corrispondere ai propri dipendenti, aventi qualifica impiegatizia ai sensi del R. decreto-legge 13 novembre 1924, n.1825, convertito nella legge 18 marzo 1926, n.562, oltre la 13^a mensilità, nella misura dovuta in base a norme, convenzioni ed usi, una gratifica straordinaria per l'anno 1944, pari all'ammontare mensile delle indennità di carovita e di presenza, e, quando sia prevista o in fatto corrisposta, anche della indennità di mensa.

Art. 2.

Per i lavoratori dell'industria,

Ai lavoratori predetti deve inoltre essere corrisposta, per l'anno 1944, una gratifica straordinaria pari all'ammontare mensile delle indennità di carovita e di presenza, e, quando sia prevista o in fatto corrisposta, anche della indennità di mensa.

Art. 3.

Agli effetti della determinazione dell'ammontare della gratifica straordinaria, prevista dagli articoli precedenti, la indennità carovita è calcolata, per i lavoratori aventi qualifica impiegatizia, in trenta giornate e per gli altri lavoratori in venticinque giornate; le indennità di presenza e di mensa sono calcolate, per tutti i lavoratori, in venticinque giornate.

Art. 4.

Art. 5.

Art. 6.

La gratifica straordinaria è corrisposta in ragione di tanti dodicesimi quanti sono i mesi di anzianità di servizio del lavoratore nell'anno 1944, con un minimo di quattro dodicesimi.

Le frazioni di mese sono computate proporzionalmente.

Art. 7.

Art. 8.

La gratifica straordinaria e la integrazione di gratifica natalizia non sono soggette a trattenuta o a contributi di carattere sociale ed assicurativo

e non sono computate, ad alcun effetto, come facenti parte del salario o dello stipendio.

Art. 9.

Le disposizioni che precedono si applicano ai lavoratori ai quali è dovuta la indennità di carovita prevista dal decreto legislativo Luogotenenziale 2 novembre 1944, n.303, e che alla data del 22 dicembre 1944 erano in servizio da almeno una settimana o che alla stessa data erano assenti per ferie, per malattia, per infortunio, per gravidanza o puerperio.

Art.10.

Art.11.

La gratifica straordinaria, la integrazione di gratifica natalizia e la retribuzione di cui al precedente articolo debbono essere corrisposte entro venti giorni della data di entrata in vigore del presente decreto.

Art.12.

Art.13.

Art.14.

Dato a Roma, addì 25 gennaio 1945

UMBERTO DI SAVOIA

Bonomi - Gronchi - Tupini
- De Courten - Soleri

Visto, il Guardasigilli : Tupini

Registrato alla Corte dei conti, addì 7 febbraio 1945

Atti del Governo, registro n.2, foglio n.59.- Patia.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC/518

Subject: Threatened strike of R.A.I. Employees at Naples

Date: 19 Feb. 45

To: Staff Officer to E.C.

From: Mr. W. H. Braine - Director

Documents Filed: LSC/208

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

JMF/18

Ref. LSC/518

18 February 1945

SUBJECT: R.A.I. Dispute

TO : S. H. Braine, Director Labour Sub-Commission

1. The strike of R.A.I. employees which had been threatened for 17 February 1945 did not materialize. A member of the Internal Commission, Signor Barra, is coming to Rome to confer with Dr. Rusca on Monday, 19th February.
2. Dr. Reicoli is the chief of personnel in the Rome office of R.A.I. Dr. Rusca informed me that he had just returned to the office yesterday morning (17/2/45) after a period of illness and was not aware of the situation in Naples and Rome.
3. An increase in wages has been demanded by the employees of the Rome office but no threat of strike has been voiced.
4. The technicians in the Naples and Rome branch have been receiving a special indemnity of 1300 to 1400 liras per month.
5. The employees in the Rome office receive a mid-shift meal at a cost of four lire to the employer and two lire to the employees. Dr. Rusca explains that they have been unable to obtain the necessary food at such reasonable prices in the Naples region.
6. I am to meet Dr. Rusca at his office on 19th February at 1100 hours to discuss the situation in more detail.

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JOSEPH DI PIERO
Labour Relations Adviser

