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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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Ext. 416

REF : LSC/521

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Sulphur mines strike in Caltanissetta

TO : Brig. Gen. R. D. McKinley
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. Reference is made to my report dated 7th July summarizing the history of the sulphur mine strike in Sicily.

2. The Ministry of Labour informs us that a telephone message has been received this morning from the Regional Labour Officer at Palermo, stating that agreement in the dispute has been reached. It is understood that the employers have agreed to make payment of wage increase retro-active from 16th February. The Ministry of Labour states that the workers have accepted this offer and have resumed their employment.

3. As soon as we receive confirmation of settlement of the dispute a further report will be furnished to you.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TAL : 416

7 July 1945

REF : LSC/521

SUBJECT: SULPHUR MINES STRIKE IN CALTANISSETTA.

TO : Brig. Gen. E. D. McKinley
Acting Vice-President
Economic Section.

1. This will summarize the history and present status of the sulphur mine strike in CALTANISSETTA, SICILY. Reference signal from Liaison Officer Palermo to Alcom of 3 July.

2. In April 1945 Gronchi visited Sicily and promised action to improve working conditions in the sulphur mines. Subsequently a temporary special indemnity of 90 lire per day was paid to each worker, and an arbitration board was set up to consider more permanent improvements. This board consists of Chairman (Judge Unzo), two experts appointed by the Italian government, three representatives of employers and three representatives of workers.

3. On 16th June 1945 the Arbitration Board recommended a wage increase (to include "caropane") of 90 lire per day to workers over 18 years of age, 60 lire for workers between 16 and 18, and 45 lire for workers under 16. The Board advised that this wage increase would necessitate raising the price of sulphur from 5700 lire to 9000 lire per quintal. The wage increase was to be dated one month prior to the effective date of the price increase. Objection to these recommendations was made by:

- a. The miners who demanded retroactive payment of wage increase to 16th February 1945;
- b. Gronchi who held that the sulphur industry could only stand an increase of 2000 lire per quintal (i.e., a price of 7700 lire).

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This was the position when the miners came out on strike on 20th June and furnacemen and pumpers joined in the strike on 28th June. The Italian Government sent technical investigators to Caltanissetta and they returned on 5th July.

4. According to the Italian Ministry of Labour the position as of today is:

- a. The government inspectors have recommended an increase in the price of sulphur to 8570 lire per quintal and this will cover the wage increase as proposed by the Arbitration board.
- b. A compromise has been suggested for retroactive payment - 1st April has been put to the workers but their decision is not yet known.
- c. The whole question is being considered personally by Gronchi and Garbateschi and they realize that they must reconcile the wage-price aspect. Both Ministers are, however, away this weekend.

5. In our opinion the issues involved in the strike are entirely for settlement by the Italian government. We have made it quite clear to the Ministry of Labour that early and satisfactory results are vital and are to their own advantage. The wage increase that is demanded does not appear exorbitant, and the existence of the Arbitration Board provides adequate negotiating machinery. If the industry itself is not economically sound enough to stand the new, properly negotiated wage increases, that does not in itself make the proposed rates unreasonable. It seems that Gronchi has little alternative but to agree to the increased price per ton of sulphur and it may then follow that State subsidization is necessary to enable sulphur to be marketed at competitive prices.

It is understood that, in any case, and even without the price increases suggested in para 4a above the Italian sulphur industry would find it difficult to compete with American price levels (even including freightage to Europe).

We are in close contact with the Italian Ministry of Labour and will continue to remind them of the need for an early, firm decision.

DAVID G. SAGERS
Deputy Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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SULPHUR MINERS STRIKE

1 - This dispute arisen some months ago; in April 1945 Mr. Gronchi, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labor went to Sicily and promised to take some action in order to improve sulphur mines' working conditions.

2 - Sometime after a collective contract was agreed upon, establishing:

- a - a temporary special indemnity of 30 lire per day per worker;
- b - the institution of a special arbitration Board, composed of 9 members, i.e. 3 representatives of workers, 3 representatives of employers, 2 experts appointed by the Ministry and a Chairman (Judge Uzso has been appointed).

3 - On 16 June 1945 this Board took the following decisions:

- a - a special emergency indemnity had to be paid to the workers, in the amount of 90 lire per day for workers above 18, 60 lire per day for workers between 16 and 18, and 45 lire per day for workers less than 16. This indemnity included also the special indemnity for high cost of bread ("caropane");
- b - an increase of the price of sulphur from 5700 to 9000 lire per quintal, i.e. an increase of 3300 lire;
- c - the effective date of the wage increase had to be 1 month prior to the effective date of the price increase.

4 - Soon after this decision the miners went on strike. Minister Gronchi stated that only an increase of 2.000 lire in sulphur price was possible, and sent an inspector to Sicily for the purpose of carrying out a technical investigation on the sulphur cost of production.

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7 July 1945

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5 - So far as the effective date for the payment of the new indemnity is concerned, an agreement seems to have been reached: the effective date would be neither 16 February as requested by the workers, nor 1 June as requested by the employers, but 1 April.

6 - The under-secretary for labour Cassiani has submitted the whole question to the Minister Barbavreschi, but no action has been taken so far.

This information has been given to me by Doctor Purpure, the functionary of the Ministry of Labour who is dealing with the question under consideration. He promised to let me know any further development of the situation.

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Labour

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: JULY 030940Z

Message Centre No:

Date Time Rec'd:

Precedence:

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ROUTINE

FROM: MORTON ALCON PALERNO

TO : ACTION ALCON ROME FOR AGLAS

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Sulphur mine strike continues, workers unwilling to accept 90 lire increase unless dated back to February. All GALTANISETTA mines are now left unattended and pumps are not operating. Non operation of pumps can continue for only about 10 days without injury to machinery and timber shoring.

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Action - Labour SC
 Info - Chief Commissioner
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3 July

From Morton - Palermo.

3 July

Suff: Gulf of M. S. S. S.

Gen Section informs me that this cable was actually intended to be sent to the HQ for info rather than action as this mine is in Italian boat territory. It was passed on to Italian Ministry of Labor for action. Mr. Braine feels that this is an Italian matter & does not concern us unless it affects Allied military war effort at this stage it does not yet affect us.

Asst. M. S. S.

(ASD 6/2/45)

No, but the point is that Salpêtrine is one of the few Italian sources of wealth with which they can finance Allied supplies and since it is the policy to rehabilitate Italy it is most important that her wealth should be conserved. I think this is what is behind CC's note
Encl 6/7

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC / 521Subject: Wage increase of 90¢ to sulfur workers in
EALTA N.Date: June 30 - 45To: LABOR S/CFrom: MORTON ALCON PALERMODocuments Filed: IN CABLES

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APO 394

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29 June 1945.

Vice President,
Civil Affairs Section.

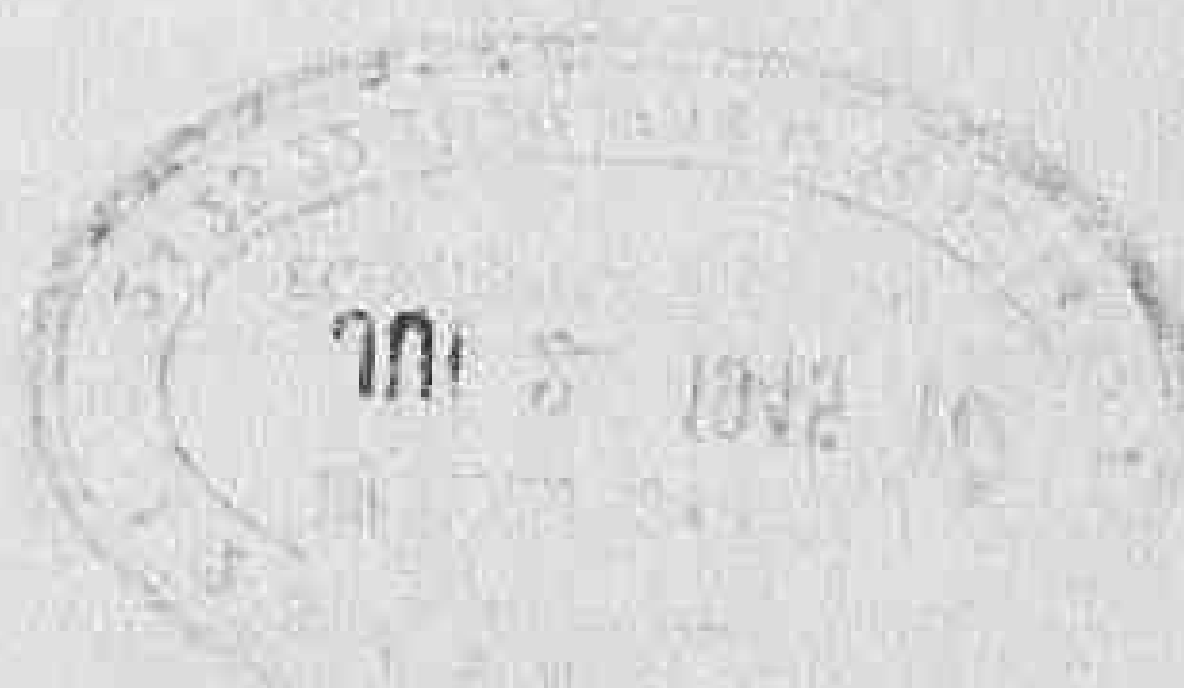
1. Reference Industry Sub-Commission letter Mines-926.1 of 23 June at Folio 23.
2. Please take action through Public Safety Sub-Commission on the Chief Commissioner's minute above.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (Please restrain your Sub-Commissions from sending correspondence direct to the Chief Commissioner).

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for Ex. Com.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 489081

Ext: 559

JHP/cc.

Ref: Mines-926.1

23 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Sicily Sulphur Workers Strike.

TO : Labour Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

1. Reference is made to Signal 27 from Liaison Officer Palermo to ACLAB Rome, dated 21 June.

2. Question of price of sulphur is undoubtedly a matter for Inter-ministerial Price Committee to handle with approval of our Economic Section. Inasmuch as the sulphur distribution program is almost exclusively one of internal Italian distribution, it would appear that our only interest is in the affect on Italian economy.

3. Increases in wages of 45 to 90 lire per day represent increases in cost of production of sulphur equivalent to from 1200 to 2250 lire per ton, roughly.

4. It is hoped that all precautions possible will be taken by Italian Public Safety authorities to see that the mines are protected from physical damage including flooding which would result from enforced shutting down of mine dewatering pumps. Serious damage to mines would mean continued unemployment and loss of sulphur important to Italian Economy.

JOHN H. POLLARD, Lt. Comdr.

For W. J. MAREY,
Lt. Colonel,

c/c - Economic Section (1) ← Acting Director,
Chief Commissioner (1) ← Industry Sub-Commission--
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MORTON ALCOM PALERMO
ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

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APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: Lsc / 521
Subject: Human men strike
Date: 28 June 1945
To: ALCON - ACLAB
From: HORTON - PALERMO
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC / 521
Subject: Sulphur Strike at Calanissette
Date: 28 June 1945
To: ALCOM - ACLAB
From: HORTON ALCOM PALERMO
Documents Filed: IN CABLES

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

25 June 1945

REF : LSC/581

SUBJECT: Sicily Sulphur Workers Strike

TO : Lt. Comdr. John H. Pollard
Industry Sub-Commission

1. This is in reply to your Mines-326.1 of 23 June.
2. Following is the text of a signal sent by Labor Sub-Commission yesterday (24 June) to Liaison Officer, Palermo, in response to signal R/6147 sent 21 June:

"SUBJECT IS SULPHUR STRIKE. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY COMMERCE AND LABOR HAS ALREADY COMMUNICATED TO PARTIES STATEMENT THAT SULPHUR PRICE WILL BE RE-ADJUSTED IN THE LIGHT OF WAGE INCREASES WHICH MAY BE NEGOTIATED. IT IS PROBABLE THAT NEW PRICE WILL BE DETERMINED WITHIN FIVE DAYS. YOUR PROMPT REPORTS APPRECIATED."

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

LSC/521

Tel: 489081
Ext: 559

JHP/cc.

Ref: Mines-926.1

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J. H. Pollard
JOHN H. POLLARD, Lt. Comdr.

For W. J. MCKREY,
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.-

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c/c - Economic Section (1)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 234
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 416

25 June 1945

REF : LSC/1002+521

SUBJECT: Mine Strike in CALTANISSETTA Province.

TO : The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor

1. This is to notify you of the following cable received from our Liaison Officer in Palermo:

"Subject is mine strike in CALTANISSETTA Province. Sulphur workers had requested wage increase of from 100 to 170 lire (R) lire per day above present daily wage scale which ranges from 80 to 151 lire. On 16 June a workers and employers committee agreed to an increase ranging from 40 to 90 depending on age of the worker provided that sulphur be increased from present price of 5700 lire to 9000 per ton but workers have not waited. They went on strike yesterday. Believe strike has involved all Sicilian sulphur mines. (Date of Origin: June 21)."

DAVID C. SACKS
Deputy Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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COMMUNICATED TO PARTIES STATEMENT THAT SUBJECTS SUBJECT WILL BE

REMOVED IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE DISCLOSED TO

PARA FOUR TO IT IS PROBABLE THAT NEW FORMS WILL BE DISCLOSED

WITHIN FEW DAYS TO

PARA FIVE TO YOUR PRESENT REPORTS REPRESENTED TO

LARGE RECEPTION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Labour

Originator's Reference: 32

Message Centre No: E/6427

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 231757E

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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MORTONALCOM PALERMO

TO : ALCOM ROME FOR ACLAB

JUN 23 1945

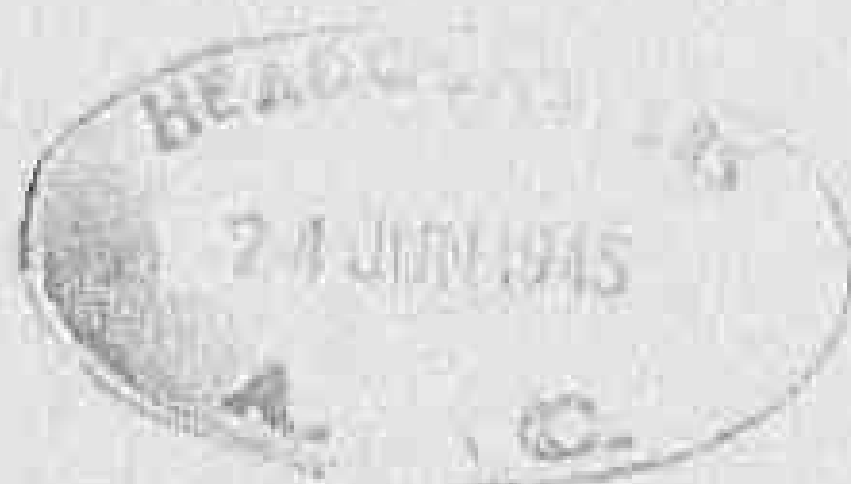
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Sulphur mines will be damaged if pumpers leave posts. Will remain until Mondays meeting but operators fear will abandon pumps unless wages are then increased. Operators contend wage increase impossible without price increase. Perhaps ACLAB may wish to act to facilitate immediate price increase.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*Labour*Originator's Reference: 29
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 23 1429BMessage Centre No: E/5429
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 23 1900
Precedence: PRIORITYFROM: MORTON ALCON PALERMO
TO : HQ ALCON ROME FOR ACLAB

E/5429 01045

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Strike situation generally unchanged. Estimate 5000 sulphur workers on strike. Understand conciliation meeting scheduled for Monday at CALTANISSETTA Prefettura will result in offer of temporary 50 lire increase in anticipation of some permanent increase.

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ACTION - LABOUR SC
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File:

LSC/521

Subject:

Sulphur Strike

Date:

24 June 1945

To:

ALCOM LIAISON OFFICER PALERMO

From:

HQ. P.S.C.

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See No:

Workmen compensation to sulphur miners

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The "Official Gazette" no. 52 of 30 April 1945 has published the Decree no. 153 of 1 March 1945, ~~the decree~~ approving the table of average daily compensations for the purpose of payments of indemnities due in cases of accidents to workers of the Sicilian sulphur mines, or to their successors, and establishing the ~~the~~ rate of contributions which must be paid to the "National Institute for ~~the~~ Workmen compensation" (Istituto Nazionale per l'Assicurazione Infortuni).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
MINING DIVISION

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Tel: 559

DBK/cc.

Ref: Mines-926.14

3 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Ente Polfi Siciliani, Drought of Decree.

TO : Director, Industry Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.

1. The attached brief of Legislative Decree regarding E.Z.S. and E.Z.I. is submitted for your information.

2. The E.Z.S. Decree has been thoroughly discussed by Captain Radcliffe and Lt. Pollard who are both familiar with the purpose and operations of this arrangement.

3. The comments as brought out by Captain Radcliffe in his covering letter may be considered the general opinion of the Mining Division regarding this decree.

Incl - as per para. 1.

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DONALD S. RINGERT,
Captain C.E.,
Chief,
Mining Division.

c/c → Labor Sub-Commission (1) ←
Lt. Pollard, Sicily Reg. (1)
Major Reave, Hq. A.C. (1)
Float (1)
Files, Mining Division (1)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
MINING DIVISION

Tel: 589

AFR/cc.

Ref: Mines-926.14

31 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Ente Zolfi Siciliani - Draught of Decree.

TO : Chief, Mining Division, Ind. S/C, Hq. A.C.

1. I have studied the draught of the proposed decree which was transmitted to this Sub-Commission on 27 January 1945 and draw your notice to the several articles.

2. The following features are welcomed:

- a. The liquidation of Ente Zolfi Italiani.
- b. The formation of a National Sulphur Committee whose functions are defined in the decree.

3. The following points are open to criticism:

- a. The inclusion of two workers representatives as against four for the operators on the Committee of E.I.S. is quite unnecessary as that body is primarily concerned with marketing.
- b. The appointment of labour representatives on the National Sulphur Committee in numbers equal to those of the operators seems unnecessary.

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- g. Five Sindaci assisted by two supplementary Sindaci seems an excessive number. Although changes are desirable they seem to be too frequent. I would have thought three Sindaci sufficient and at least one to change every two periods (years) with none to serve over six years.

4. If on account of the welfare responsibilities of the two bodies a labour representation is desired it might well be on a Sub-Committee of each body specially set up to deal with welfare and labour problems.

A. F. Radcliffe
A. F. RADCLIFFE,
Captain, R.E.
Mining Division.

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SUMMARY OF ESSENTIAL
FEATURES IN DRAUGHT OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE REGARDING
E.Z.S. & E.Z.I.

Art. 1 - E.Z.I. is dissolved. The Liquidator will be nominated by Ministerial Decree.

Art. 2 - EZS is to have the following functions:

- a. The sale of raw sulphur.
- b. Arrangements of Technical Nature.
- c. Improvement of labour conditions.

It has also the responsibility for processing sulphur and sulphur rock and selling products.

Art. 3 - Administration is by a Committee of a President and 8 members appointed as under:

4 members from operators (at least one from small producers)

2 members from workers

District Inspector of Mines

Representative of Treasury.

Appointments are for four years and are made by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour with approval of Treasury.

Art. 4 - A director general to be appointed by decrees of Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

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Art. 5 - Five Sindaci plus two supplementary Sindaci to be appointed by Ministerial decree as under:

2 to represent Industrialists.

1 " Corte dei Conti.

1 " Treasury.

1 " Ministry of Industry & C.

2 Supplementary, for one each Ministry

Sindaci to be in office for two operating

periods, at least two fifths of the number to be replaced after each two periods. None to remain in office more than six working periods (years).

Art. 6 - E.Z.S. is bound by the signature of the President, one member and the Director.

Art. 7 - The operational year is 1 Aug to 31 July.

The Committee must meet at least three months before the end of the operational year to decide on the subsequent year's programme as regards sections b and c of Article 2. Proposals are to be submitted to the Ministry.

Art. 8 - E.Z.S. is to receive 66% of the assets of E.Z.I. It is also responsible for 66% of the former state contributions of that body.

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Art. 9 - Under the Ministry of Industry is instituted a sulphur committee to deal with general problems and to represent the sulphur industry in foreign dealings.

The same committee looks after the welfare of workers in continental Italy.

Art. 10 - The Sulphur Committee is to be nominated by Ministerial Decree and consists of:

- 2 representatives of continental industrialists.
- 2 representatives of E.S.S.
- 4. Representatives of the workers of continental and Sicilian mines.
- 1 representative of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.
- 1 representative of the Treasury.

In the same decree the President of the Committee is nominated.

Art. 11 - To carry on the business of the Committee 34% of the assets of ESI after liquidation are allocated to it.

Art. 12 - The first financial period of ESI will end on 30 June.

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Art. 13 - Immediately on publication of this decree the EZI will pay to EZS the sum of 5,000,000 lire.

EZS assumes the duties and responsibilities towards Sicilian mines, formerly vested in EZI.

Art. 14 - Within six months the EZS must submit its "Statutes".

In all circumstances the Ministry will retain the right to make rules and regulations.

Art. 15 - Regulations ^{will} ~~are to~~ be published by Royal Decree.

Art. 16 - Procedure for winding up EZI will be laid down by Royal Decree.

Art. 17 - The decree comes into force the day after publication.

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