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Statistical - Economic Service

Naples, January 26, 1946

MONTHLY REPORT
about the labor situation in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Regional Labor Office of Campania (Month of December 1945)

I) - GENERAL ECONOMICAL SITUATION -
a) - Industrial Situation -

In Naples the equilibrium between the possibilities of work and the supply of labor is unchanged as in private industry for the reasons many times repeated in these reports, and first among all, the persistency of requisitions, no sign of revival is noticed. Naturally this leads to a growing dissatisfaction among the masses of unemployed especially the veterans who often riot also against this labor office.

To eliminate in part the lack of work Civilian Authorities try any kind of means to start public works for which is necessary a contribution from the State.

We have already hinted in our previous report to the planned construction of the Circumflegrea Railroad. In the prefecture the problems about the supply of coal for industry and those about the derequisition of some plants have been discussed with Minister Gronghi.

The Prefect has discussed with the ministers of Industry and Commerce the supply of a greater quantity of coal for the Neapolitan Gas Company.

Unsuccessful attempts have also been made by this Prefecture to obtain the allotment for the Cotoniere Meridionali of a load of cotton arriving at Civitavecchia.

Also the future destination of the Mostra d'Oltremare (Fair Ground) which has purposes of public interest has been the subject discussed by a special Committee that met at the Commune. All these problems, if solved favorably would certainly assure a request of labor.

Nevertheless no improvement is noticed in the production of electric power.

AT AVELLINO - The wanting of electric power has compelled the Mineral Company S.A.I.M. of Altavilla Irpina to discharge a large number of people who were hired at the beginning of the month to meet the need of a greater production. Also the Di Marzo Company-Mineral Industry- always on account of the wanting of electric power has been unable to reach a regular production; of this month is inferior to that of December 1945.

The cement plant of Ariano Irpino goes on working with a slow rhythm inferior to the capacity of production of the plants, on account of the deficiency-(already reported in previous reports)- of coal, paper bags, additional parts for cement mills, steel cables for cable ways, etc.

The industry of Solofra skins is always in a bad condition on account of the competition of the North which it is compelled to meet.

AT SALERNO - The industrial activity is normal compared with that of the last month. It has to be noticed the inauguration of new automatic equipments

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in clothing department at the Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali.The said dm department has 96 looms which can produce in eight hours 1400 meters of sheets and can employ in two shifts 140 laborers.

In the textile industry the production,it is noticed,is normal also for the hemp plants.Smaller wool and cotton plants have a lesser activity.

The flour mill industry and that of pasta (macaroni) on account of the deficiency of wheat have a limited activity.

The tomato jam industry due the season is completely stopped.

AT BENEVENTO - The industrial situation is unchanged and not bright,all difficulties reported in previous reports are still existing.

AT CAMPOBASSO - Here also the industrial life is not getting better and to the difficulties stated during the previous months must be added another one due to the season; the fall of snow blocking the few roads makes more and more difficult the communications with nearby places.

B) - FARMING SITUATION -

The weather conditions have been rainy with an unsettled temperature.

The growing condition of wheat seems normal and the surface is slightly increased compared to that of last year with those of Naples and Salerno.

Agricoltural products have been good, particularly cabbages and cauliflowers for which there has been a reduction of price.

The growing of grass and hay is good.

It is confirmed that the production of olives has not been good on account of the olearia fly.

The production of fruits has been good in all provinces.

The sanitary conditions of cattle is not so bad, but chikens have suffered a great loss on account of sickness (moria).

C) - COMMERCIAL SITUATION -

Commerce is still affected by present difficulties and the uncertain provisions made ~~by~~ about the financial situation.

On the market is noticed a greater supply of goods compared with the past, but the buying and selling are slow because of the uncertainty of investments.

The directors of the large stores UPIM, Rinascente, Standa, Rembino-poli intended to purchase for this winter large quantities of goods from Northern Italy to keep a level on prices.

With the exception of a branch of UPIM, whose possibilities of space (room) are very limited, all the other stores are at present requisitioned by the Allied Authorities. A step of the Superior Ministry towards the Central Allied Authorities to accelerate the derequisition of the said premises would be very useful.

In Campobasso province it is reported that workers are dissatisfied with the fact that commodity products allotted by the Ministry of Industry have not been withdrawn by the offices in charge for the distribution.

As to communication it is reported that the line Cagliari-Naples-Palermo which was operated every fortnight by motor launches 10 days, while in the Gulf of Naples, the line Naples--Procida-Porto d'Ischia-Casamicciola has been operating again.

From Naples to Fuorigrotta-Soccavo-Pianura a Bus service for passegers has been established.

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PERCENTAGE CHANGES OF FOOD STUFF PRICES OCCURRED IN DECEMBER COMPARED WITH THOSE OF NOVEMBER 1945 AND JANUARY 1944

Food stuffs	Average prices dec.1945	Average prices Nov.1945	Changes Compared Nov.1945	Average prices Jan.1944	Changes compared Jan.1945
Bread	131.78	126.94	3.81	120.00	9.81
Pasta	254.81	247.92	2.78	243.00	4.86
rice	186.88	206.60	-9.56	255.25	-26.79
Beans	205.48	192.32	6.34	170.80	20.30
Meat	495.06	471.09	5.09	224.95	120.07
Cheese	836.25	775.24	7.86	372.00	124.80
Oil	543.08	541.87	0.22	188.25	188.49
Potatoes	43.06	42.49	1.34	38.35	12.28
Fish	174.62	145.50	20.01	163.00	7.13
Eggs	34.59	33.54	3.13	21.40	61.63
Milk	62.51	67.08	-6.82	20.00	212.55
Sugar	837.42	810.86	3.27	231.16	262.26
Lard	666.79	691.53	-3.72	295.70	125.15
Vegetables	38.48	4940.	22.11	38.20	0.73
Fruits	45.23	35.83	26.23	20.00	126.15

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T OF LIVING AND WAGES

The cost of living

CITY OF NAPLES - This office in December has continued to record the prices of food stuffs, both on black market and free market, in the various places of the city. With the average of prices recorded weekly and considering as usual the foods distributed with ration cards in the month, the weekly average cost for feeding the family (type of 5 people husband, wife and 3 children from 6 to 10 ~~which~~ has given, in the four weeks of the above mentioned month the following results:

1st week	:3920.41	
2nd "	:3933.70	average 3969.51
3rd "	:3986.40	
4th "	:4018.50	

The average weekly expenses for the month of December compared with that of November, 7.28% less than November. The decrease of the expense is due to better rations distributed with ration cards and to the fact that, ~~whilE~~ in November only the ration of a fortnight was distributed. In December a monthly ration has been given (ration belonging to the month of November.) This besides avoiding the increase of the average price of pasta, which has been during the month 2.78%, has limited the request, from consumers, of rice whose price, ~~during the month up to the average decrease of 9.55%~~, due also to the beinging into the market of new quantities, has decreased to 9.55%.

The extra distributions of milk powder and evaporated milk in occasion of Christmas must also be accounted for in the reduction of expense. The quantities of these items have substituted the quantity of milk considered in the balance; the salmon and herring rations which have covered in part the quantity of fish and the distribution of vegetables. It must also be noticed the distribution, during the month , of a greater quantity of rationed sugar ( ) and the non-distribution of oil.

The price of food stuffs, except that of rice for the above said reasons have a tendency to increase, the price of cheese has increased 7.86%; beans increased 6.64%; meat increased 5.09%. Also the price of bread has increased 3.81% compared with November. The price of fruit has increased 26.23% on account of the Winter season, while the price of vegetables has decreased 22.11%.

In the following form #3 are recorded the average weekly expenses of January 1944 and index numbers referred to June 1940 figured equal to 100.

Form # 3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSE FOR ALIMENTATION AND INDEX NUMBER (June 1940 made equal to 100) from January 1944 to December 1945.

	Weekly Average Expense	Index No.
June 1940	124.97	100
January 1944	3458.18	2767.20
February	-	-
March	3579.40	2864.20
April	3371.66	2697.97
May	3483.73	2787.65
June	3453.28	2763.23

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	Weekly Average Expense	Index No.
July	2336.78	1869.87
August	2768.11	2215.02
September	3481.18	2785.61
October	3243.35	2595.30
November	3140.01	2512.61
December	2818.88	2225.64
January 1945	3800.-	3040.72
February	4072.34	3258.65
March	3814.04	3051.36
April	4539.99	3632.26
May	4361.61	3430.12
June	3172.49	2538.60
July	2851.21	2281.51
August	3242.01	2594.23
September	3236.51	2589.81
October	4059.94	3246.73
November	4281.24	3425.81
December	3969.51	3176.37

CITY OF AVELLINO, BENEVENTO AND SALERNO-

Weekly expenses for alimentation in the mentioned towns figured on the same criteria followed for Naples in December are the following:

	Avellino		Benevento		Salerno	
1st Week	3315.10		3286.56		3577.55	
2nd "	3331.10	Average	3375.66	Average	3586.35	Average
3rd "	3326.10	3330.25	3397.41	3371.45	3664.30	3624.87
4th "	3348.70		3426.18		3671.30	

The above average shows:

At Avellino The average expense has remained unchanged compared with that of November, showing only an increase of 0.86%.
This is due to the fact that in December a full ration of pasta has been distributed, while in November only the ration for a fortnight was given.
The prices of pasta, cheese and potatoes have increased respectively 11.11%; 21.16%; 20.71%, while the prices of bread, beans, meat, oil, milk and sugar have remained unchanged. The average price of fruit has increased 45.38%.

At Benevento The average expense for December shows an increase, always compared with that of the previous month, of 9.55%.
A general increase in prices is noticed for all food stuffs except for meat and sugar whose prices have remained unchanged.
The prices of bread and pasta have increased respectively 9.30% and 12.90%; the price of cheese has increased 13.27%; the price of eggs increased 14.16%;

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price of potatoes increased 8.75%. The average price of fruit has increased 28.72%.

At Salerno On the contrary, the averages expense is 1.54% less as compared with that of November. This is due to the decrease in prices of food stuffs of greater consuption ad bread and pasta which are 13.09% and 6.67%. The prices of meat, sugar and oil have remained unchanged, those of beans, potatoes, and the avarage price of vegetables have increased respectively 8.10%, 8.69% and 22.61%. We bring to your knowledge about the increase of prices of rationed oil in the three above mentioned provinces: Avellino 226 lire; Benevento 224 lire; Salerno 245 lire.
On the following form comparisons are made of the average expenses of December in the three provinces with those of Naples in the same month .

Form # 4

Average weekly expense for alimentation in the month of December 1945 at Avellino-Benevento and Salerno with index numbers compared with the expense of Naples.

	Expense	Index No.
Naples	3969.51	100
Avellino	3330.25	83.89
Benevento	3371.45	84.93
Salerno	3624.87	91.32

Therefore the expenses compared with those of Naples are less at Avellino by 16.11%; at Benevento 15.07% and at Salerno 8.68%.
The average of expenses of the said four provinces are figured and made equal to 100. We have the following index numbers.

Naples	Avellino	Benevento	Salerno
111.07	93.18	94.33	101.42

On ~~pamphlet~~ 5 are recorded the average weekly expenses and their index numbers of Avellino, Benevento and Salerno, making 100 the expenses met by these provinces in June 1940.
Here after are reported the food stuffs and their quantities distributed with ration cards in December 1945 in the provinces of Campania.

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List of food stuffs and their quantities distributed with ration cards in the cities of Naples, Avellino, Benevento and Salerno in December 1945.

	Naples	Avellino	Benevento	Salerno	Campobasso
Bread	200	200	200	200	200
Pasta	2000	1900	2000	2000	1000
Rise	-	100	100	100	
Oil		dl. 3	dl.3	dl. 2	dl.2
Lard		100	200		
Sugar	200	200	200	200	200

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	Napôles	Avellino	Benevento	Salerno	Campobasso
Vegetables	250		250		
Salt	500				
Herrings	100		150		
Hog's Lard	150				
Powder Milk	100				
Evaporated Milk	1				
Salmon	150				
Soft cheese				100	

(1) Daily ration.-

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WAGES

Here are reported the averages of wages per day for workers and of monthly salaries for clerks obtained from the checking made in December in the principal industrial branches of the province of Naples.

In the said month the checking of wages and salaries has been extended to the industrial centers of Castellammare di Stabia and Frattamaggiore taking the wages of the most important industrial firms; tomato plants, flour mills and textile of the said communes.

Such a fact has led to some decreases of the average wages of tomato industry and flour mills, while in the textile industry is recorded a little increase due to the inclusion of the figuring of the average of some particularly important hemp firms.

In the mechanical branch following the bringing up to date of wages according to the last agreement made between the concerned parties, the average wages, always compared to the previous month, have been increased.

In other industrial branches no changes are reported.

The average wage situation is the following:

WAGES FIXED BY CONTRACT AND AVERAGE WAGES GIVEN DAILY FROM INDUSTRIAL FIRMS OF THE PROVINCE OF NAPLES.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION	Wages fixed by contracts minimum	Wages fixed by contracts maximum	Effective Wages minimum	Effective Wages max.
A) Alimentation				
1) Tomato workers				
Skilled workers	281.43	293.80	294.66	311.22
Qualified "	263.03	276.28	261.80	303.88
Common Labor	228.92	255.72	264	270
" "			247.05	252.70
Juveniles 16-18 years	128.31		127.25	136.50
Juveniles under 16	97.76		97.45	104
Women	128.31	173.52	141.00	175.55
	Contract Pays minimum	**Contract Pays maximum**	**Effective Wages minimum**	**Effective Wages maximum**
2) Flour Mills				
Skilled	191.72	195.62	188.27	203.08
Qualified	185.64	187.96	184.04	190.95
Common	172.95	183.68	171.91	181.02
" laborers	184.17		173.80	183.70
Juveniles 16-18 years	111.24		105.95	
" under 16 "	99.95		98.90	109.50
Women			104.05	124.28
3) Baking				
Skilled	192.33	194.02		
Qualified	185.49	187.55	187.15	189.69
Common	173.12	182.84	171.63	188.80
" laborers	184.17		173.80	
Juveniles under 16 years	100.14		96.90	101.26
Women			117.80	124.28
B) Chemistry				

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Pharmaceutics, wax plant, soap-wort				
Skilled	177.79	188.96	219.91	281.44
Qualified	174.07	177.29	214.51	219.96
Common	167.32	171.43	182.88	195
" laborers	170.28	171.40	203	
Juveniles 16-18 years	104.37	108.36	178	
" under 16 "	97.96	100.73	140.25	
Women	113.44	118.85	124.29	158.55
2) **Oil-Mills**				
Skilled	169.42		298.60	302.60
Qualified	166.16		286.68	290.64
Common laborers	163.26		274.50	278.63
Juveniles under 16 years	96.45		189.15	
Women	95.45	99.34	212.20	
C) **Aedile**				
Skilled	304.61	321.63	295.65	327.34
Qualified	260.85	274.12	271.32	308.50
Common laborers	213		219.36	235.76
Juveniles 16-18 years	144.51		143.90	150
" under 16 "	135.54		130	144.25
Women			191.10	
D) **Textile Workers**				
Skilled			348.08	371.39
Qualified			299.13	325.84
Common			269.80	277.80
" laborers			272.79	282.94
Juveniles 16-18 years			177.86	
" under 16 "			153.17	154.95
Women			146.04	201.56
E) **Ironplants**				
1) **Metallurgy**, Skilled	303.14		357.17	429.65
Qualified	279.70		313.26	368.61
Common	260.98		265.16	340.86
" laborers	237.53		258.19	262
Juveniles 16-18 years	180.43		159.75	259.82
" under 16 "	133.87		159.70	259.82
Women	148.26	167.06	182.44	209.08
2) **Mechanics**				
Skilled	303.14		364.66	385.13
Qualified	279.70		326.44	375.30
Common	260.98		296.85	331.63
" labor	237.53		279.90	345.97
Juveniles 16-18 years	180.43		259.20	276.53
" under 16 "	133.87		186.02	204.91
Women	148.26	167.06	210.25	245.76

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	Contract salaries min.	Contract salaries max.	Salaries paid min.	Salaries paid max.
F) Wood				
Skilled	173.18	180.08	426	
Qualified	167.33	172.29	228.33	259.20
Common	150.03	167.33	196.48	215.46
Juveniles 16-18			85	100

CONTRACT SALARIES AND SALARIES GIVEN TO EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRIAL FIRMS IN THE PROVINCE OF NAPLES.

INDUSTRIAL SECTION	Contract salaries min.	Contract salaries max.	Salaries paid min.	Salaries paid max.
A) Alimentation				
1) Tomato workers				
1st category	9495.85		9107.50	9495.85
2nd "	5662.73	7811.35	8241.25	8695.90
3rd " a)	6561.13		6542.45	6657.65
3rd " b)	4854.17	6377.95	5750.00	6497.45
2) Flour-Mills				
1st category	5985.18		6732.27	12584.75
2nd "	5319.10		6305.50	6511.05
3rd " a)	4716.82		5265.05	5927.90
3rd " b)	4468.68		5150.25	5787.75
3) Baking				
I category	5985.18		6722.27	12584.75
2nd "	5319.10		6183.00	6909.85
3rd " a)	4716.82		5549.47	5830.55
3rd " b)	4468.68		5365.75	5767.75
b) Chemistry				
1) Pharmaceutics, wax plant, soap-wort				
1st category	5985.18		8465.90	8495.53
2nd " "	5319.10		6226.26	7064.62
3rd " " a)	4716.82		5293.37	6082.26
3rd " " b)	4468.68		5443.80	6375.00
2) Oil plants				
1) Category	5985.18		11600.00	12230.00
2nd "	5319.10		9461.85	10276.85
3rd " a)	4716.82		8573.90	9473.40
3rd " b)	4468.68		7882.35	8485.35
c) Constructions				
2nd Category	5319.10		11515.00	13265.00
3rd " a)	4716.82		7298.85	8330.66
d) Textile plants				
1st Category			13787.90	14690.30
2nd " "			11350.50	11839.40
3rd " " a)			9258.50	10181.85
3rd " " b)			8577.55	9896.70

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	Contract salaries min.	Contract salaries max.	Salaries paid min.	Salaries paid max.
E) Iron plants				
1) Metallurgy				
1st Category	12211.05	14022.54	17504.33	
2nd " "	9965.05	11372.15	14425.34	
3rd " " a)	7908. 73	8414.80	11430.92	
3rd " " b)	7279.85	8392.75	9303. 17	
2) Mechanics				
1st Category	12211.05	15605.50	16050.00	
2nd " "	9975.05	13990.15	14382.15	
3rd " " a)	7908.73	11676.15	14676.60	
3rd " " b)	7379.85	9389.95	9385.30	

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ES AND SALA ES FOR EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC ERVICES IN THE CITY OF NAPLES

THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN COMPARISSON WITH THE PERVIOUS MONTH.

DAILY MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WAGES PAID TO AGRICOLTURE WORKERS.

Provinces	Skilled		Steady workers		Common labores	
	minimum	maximum	minimum	maximum	Minimum	maximum
Naples	302.00	364.22	212.97	254.00	256.42	320.19
Avellino	200.00	240.00	160.00	200.00	160.00	170.00
Benevento			150.00	200.00	250.00	300.00
Campobasso	320.00		220.00		200.00	
Salerno	200.00	500.00	144.00		130.00	400.00

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WEEKLY AVERAGE EXPENSES AND INDEX NUMBERS (JUNE 1940-made-100) INTHE PROVINCES OF : AVELLINO, BENEVENTO, SALERNO

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	Avellino		Benevento		Salerno	
June 1940	112.71	100.-	114.65	100.00	114.25	100.--
April 1944	3089.92	2741.47	2466.22	2151.08	2067.53	1809.65
May	2724.00	2416.82	2524.90	2202.26	2420.10	2118.25
June	2532.00	2246.47	2571.77	2243.14	2409.52	2108.98
July	1775,35	1575.14	1549.82	1351.78	2179.08	1907.29
August	2006.28	1780.03	1562.19	1362.57	1644.30	1439.21
September	2031.50	1802.41	1877195	1637.98	2348.96	2055.98
October	2130.68	1890.40	2206.59	1924.63	2298.91	2012.17
November	2702.80	2398.01	2773.43	2419.04	2305.40	2017.85
December	2439.09	2164.04	2573.00	2244.59	2730.82	2390.21
January 1945	2739.09	2430.31	2943.95	2567.77	2765.11	2420.20
February	2828.69	2509.70	3026.87	2640.09	3164.00	2769.36
March	3303.82	2931.25	3166.59	2761.96	3742.77	3275.94
April	3342.90	2965.93	3102.46	2706.02	4040.14	3536.22
May	3038.12	2695.51	3199.03	2710.25	3182.72	2785.75
June	2686.11	2383.20	2743.49	2392.92	2938.85	2572.29
July	2446.29	2170.42	2433.62	2122.65	3026.70	2649.19
August	2501.61	2219.51	2459.75	2145.44	3104.23	2717.05
September	2688.30	2385.14	2780.68	2443.08	3273.11	2864.86
October	3243.47	2877.71	3018,59	2632.87	3494.22	3058.40
November	3301.56	2929.25	3077.50	2684.25	3681.67	3222.46
December	3330.25	2954.70	3371.45	2940.64	3624.87	3172.75

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WEEKLY AVERAGE EXPENSES SND INDEX NUMBERS (JUNE 1940-made-100) INTHE PROVINCES OF : AVELLINO, BENEVENTO, SALERNO

Form 4 1694

	Avellino		Benevento		Salerno	
June 1940	112.71	100.-	114.65	100.00	114.25	100.--
April 1944	3089.92	2741.47	2466.22	2151.08	2067.53	1809.65
May	2724.00	2416.82	2524.90	2202.26	2420.10	2118.25
June	2532.00	2246.47	2571.77	2243.14	2409.52	2108.98
July	1775,35	1575.14	1549.82	1351.78	2179.08	1907.29
August	2006.28	1780.03	1562.19	1362.57	1644.30	1439.21
September	2031.50	1802.41	1877195	1637.98	2348.96	2055.98
October	2130.68	1890.40	2206.59	1924.63	2298.91	2012.17
November	2702.80	2398.01	2773.43	2419.04	2305.40	2017.85
December	2439.09	2164.04	2573.00	2244.59	2730.82	2390.21
January 1945	2739.09	2430.31	2943.95	2567.77	2765.11	2420.20
February	2828.69	2509.70	3026.87	2640.09	3164.00	2769.36
March	3303.82	2931.25	3166.59	2761.96	3742.77	3275.94
April	3342.90	2965.93	3102.46	2706.02	4040.14	3536.22
May	3038.12	2695.51	3199.03	2710.25	3182.72	2785.75
June	2686.11	2383.20	2743.49	2392.92	2938.85	2572.29
July	2446.29	2170.42	2433.62	2122.65	3026.70	2649.19
August	2501.61	2219.51	2459.75	2145.44	3104.23	2717.05
September	2688.30	2385.14	2780.68	2443.08	3273.11	2864.86
October	3243.47	2877.71	3018,59	2632.87	3494.22	3058.40
November	3301.56	2929.25	3077.50	2684.25	3681.67	3222.46
December	3330.25	2954.70	3371.45	2940.64	3624.87	3172.75

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III) - EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
A) - Problems about organization and general character

Nothing important to report for the considered month.
As it was already reported last month in the province of Benevento the under sections of Morcone, Vitulano and Montesarchio are about to be reconstructed. In this last commune difficulties are met about finding the office and the purchase of furniture. This office follows with attention the activities of the agents after the recent giving of prises.
The province of Salerno except in all the rest of the region unemployment has increased for the reasons several times specified.
As it has been other times said the persistency of requisitions is a big hindrance to the revival of many enterprises and therefore to major possibilities of labor employment.
Also in commercial branches, some big firms as Rinascente, Upim, Standa, Bambinopoli, Etc. are still requisitioned.
It is stated that if such places could be given back to normal activity many hundreds of laborers could be employed

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The regional office keeps on controlling internal migration, the movement of embarkations and arrivals of workers to and from Sicily and Sardinia.
Better ways of assistance are being studied in favor of migrated laborers.
From Benevento is reported that the Sardinian coal Company has requested another group of workers from that provincial office.

B) Labor Movement.

As it has already been reported in previous reports, the data about labor movements, here recorded, are those resulting from the registration and sending to work of laborers made through the control of each labor office of the region.
Starting this month the statistical form about unemployment of the provincial office of Naples includes in each category of productive activities, also the movements of laborers in the province.
In the provinces of Campania the situation is the following.

In Naples- The number of unemployed in Naples and province has increased compared with the previous month, of 7918 people.
The reason which have caused such increase are always the same as already reported previously. The principal reasons are: the continous and increasing coming back of veterans and discharges of employees working for the Allies.
Common laborers and clerks are more affected by this situation. The percentage of people sent to work shows a little improvement of 6.10% compared with that of the previous month which was 5.10%

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In each category of production the percentages of people sent to work (compared with registered unemployed) have been high in the agricultural branch (50.19%) and less in industrial branches (4.98%).
Considering the situation of each branch of production we notice (in Naples and province) a higher percentage of people sent to work, industrys 31.83%; agricolturee 44.28%.

At Salerno The number of people registered as unemployed is less than that of the previsious month by 152 people. There has been a reduction of unemployment in the branch of agricolture on account of a greater demand of labor due to the farming of deriquisitioned land.
More people have been sent to work in December compared with November.
The percentages are: December 15.75%; November 10.21%.
Figuring the percentages of people sent to work in referegce to the general total of people sent to work we have a higher percentage in industrial branches (respectively 34.40% and 3916%).

At Avellino In December the number of unemployed has increased by 94 people in reference to previous month. This increase is chiefly due to the coming back of veterans.
In december the tátal number of people sent to work has been small, that is 3.40% . In November was 7.95%.
The highest percentages of people sent to work have been recorded in the branches of industry (5.28%) and commerce (4.69%).
Considering each category of production, the percentages of people sent to work, figured on the total of people sent to work, are higher in the branches "Various" (46.78%) and industry (33.31%) and less in other branches.

At Benevento At Benevento in December unemployment has increased of 149 people compared with November.
The highest number of unemployed has been recorded in the branches of agriculture and industry.
The number of people sent to work has decreased compared with the previous month. Indeed the percentage of people sent to work has been 13.89% in December and 25.78% in November.

At Campobasso A report will be made as soon as the Superior Ministry makes clear the data about labor folldwed by the office of Campobasso.

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VETERANS STATISTIC

Hereafter is reported a general mirrte about unemployment of Veterans at the end of the month of December 1945 and comparisson of totals with those recorded at the end of previous month.

Provincial labor offices	Registered			Sent to work	Cancelled.	Available at the end of the month	Differences compared with previous month
	Previous	New	Total				
Naples	11961	3321	15282	862	23	14397	2436
Salerno	1529	216	1745	52	-	1693	164
Avellino	1309	707	2016	80	7	1929	620
Benevento	734	242	976	5	-	971	237
Campobasso	2249	300	2549	113	-	2436	259

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) LABOR CONTROVERSIES

General Observations

The Regional Office has given rules about the solution of controversies which are still numerous in provincial offices, especially for effectiveness of the law Nov. 2, 1944 # 303 about the cost of living indemnity and the increase of 70% set by this Allied Govt. Regional Order.

It has been established that the representatives of classes who belong to the Committee appointed to set disputes cannot be judges because they have already taken part in the discussions and have expressed their opinions about the problems.

A procedure has been set to be followed by arbitrators to collect their salaries from the parties jointly obliged, previous to the ascertaining of what is due to them; their salaries are set by them and if they are not accepted by the parties the matter will be settled by the President of the tribunal by an order for which no expense is due.

It is up to the Regional Office to solve the controversy between the doormen union and the owners union in order to state the reduction of the cost of living on account of the benefit that doormen have for lodging etc, and all this with reference to art. # 3 of the said decree # 303.

Being this an important problem which applies to a great number of workers, this office has thought to take care of it and, as no agreement has been reached the parties have requested an arbitrate which will shortly give its opinion.

A) Collective Controversies.

The following prospect shows the collective controversies dealt with by the Regional Office.

Previous	Started during the month	Total	Settled Affirmative	Settled Negative	Left out	are under
4	3	7	2	1	—	4

The following is a minute of the controversies dealt with.

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1)- CIRIO COMPANY - Totori property

The controversy spoken of in the previous reports, has been settled by the following statement issued by the Office on request of the parties:
That the monthly allotment of wheat to workers of Totori property, although it cannot be considered an important part wages, is certainly a complimentary part of wages. Quantities of wheat are given by the Company, by individual contract according to the law, which provides that the producer must give the cereals to the Government keeping the quantities set by law for sowing and the need of his employees; that Cirio, having collected from July to October 1944 the new price of wheat and corn, respectively at 500 lire and 325 lire, just when it could have asked a higher price, that is 900 lire and 650 lire per quintal according to the above said decree has willing by said to offer better conditions to

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employees, and this both in consideration of the hard general conditions of life of all workers and of those particular ones of its own employees working in a field undergoing drainage; that owing to the well organized administration of the company the hypotisis of a mistake claimed by the Direction is not to be considered, a mistake which was repeated for 4 months; that it is clear that the Cirio employees suffering the higher prices of cereals just when they were entitled to get the indemnity for the cost of living set by the Decree 2/11/944, # 303 got a reduction of such indemnity because of higher prices of cereals.
It is not the case to refer to Art.5 of Decree 2/11/1944 because this says that the indemnity of cost of living can cover the previous increases of wages, but only if granted after 15/7/944, and if given as an advance or with reference to future increases granted by law.
For these reasons the opinion is that Cirio should give its employees of Toteri property the cereals at the prices of 500 lire and 325 lire for the wheat and corn till the rexamination of the provincial contract for laborers.

2) MAZZINI COOPERATIVE(COMPANY)-Torre Annunziata

The preparation of the form about the determination of conventional average wages to be affective for the Mazzini Cooperative of Torre Annunziata with the purpose of following the rules about family indemnities is underway.

3) SMALL FISHING

The work for bringing up to date the conventional average wages for workers of small fishing with the purpose of contribution for family indemnities is underway.

4) C.I.P.

The controversy spoken of in the previous report has been set in the negative because the parties-after the answer of the Prefecture of Naples, which has confirmed the provision dates March 23, 1943 about the reduction of working hours in public and private offices of the city, on account of air raids-have not reached an agreement.

5) CONTINENTAL COMPANY BRUNY

Is underway

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6) EMPLOYEES OF THE CIDONIO COMPANY-DEPOTS OF CANCELLO ARNONE AND BAGNOLI

The following controversies are underway: payment for normal and overtime work; payment of family indemnities; delivery of insurance booklets; delivery to personnel with the note of 6% payment of retribution.

7) O.C.R.E.N.

By judgment of this office the controversy having for subject the following problems have been settled:
a) whether the O.C.R.E.N. activity is to be considered a public service to the purpose of making effective collective economical work agreements recently agreed on; b) subordinately whether the same activity be auxiliary of public services.

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ther the same activity be iron Mechanical or electrical to the purpose making effective collective work contracts.

This office has judged:

That the O.C.R.E.N. activity is not a public service and so the collective work agreements recently signed for companies carrying on public services cannot be applied to the said Company and its employees.

That the O.C.R.E.N. activity is in part auxiliary of public services, but from this no juridical rule can be set.

That the O.C.R.E.N. activity is similar to the mechanical one and so the work relations between the said company and its employees must be ruled by the national collective contract dated July 30, 1936 for steel industry.

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Individual controversies have been taken from the Regional office # 4, one had been kept there since last month. Of the five controversies, one has been settled in the negative and the other four have been sent to the competent provincial office.

B) INDIVIDUAL CONTROVERSIES

The following form shows individual controversies discussed during the month of December 1945 by the Provincial Labor offices of Campania and Campobasso.

Provincial Offices	Number of quarrels			Dealt in the Month				Under-way by the end of month
	Previous	Collected in the month	Total	In the after-native	In the nega-tive	Left out	To-tal	
Naples	599	316	915	126	148	170	444	471
Avellino	308	65	373	39	24	25	88	285
Benevento	238	49	277	31	16	42	69	198
Salerno	176	121	297	45	13	41	90	198
Campobasso	98	47	145	28	14	5	47	96

The controversy activity has been, compared with the previous month, less intense. The number of controversies collected in December has increased at Salerno while in other provinces a little decrease has been noticed.

The amounts recovered have marked an increase in Naples, Benevento and Campobasso and a decrease at Avellino and Salerno.

In Naples	L. 596353	in December		L.591650	in November	
In Avellino	126563	"	"	" 148246	"	"
In Benevento	58326	"	"	" 422461	"	"
In Salerno	150741	"	"	" 452800	"	"
In Campobasso	46775	"	"	" 36832	"	"

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the above data we can understand that in all provinces, except Campobasso, we had in comparison with the previous month a decrease of controversy percentages settled in the affermative.
In all provinces, except Campobasso, it has been noticed an increase of the number of controversies unsolved and transferred to other offices.
Considering the situation of each province according to economical branches it is remarked:

In Naples- The highest number of controversies has been collected in the branches of industry an Commune where th highest percentages of settled controversies are respectively 15/56% and 16.18% .

At Avellino- There has been a higher number of controversies in the agricultural and industrial branches recorded during the month, whill in the commercial and industrial branches there has been recorded a higher percentage of settled controversies respectively 16% and 11%.

At Benevento- Also in the province of Benevento in the agricultural and industrial branches the number of controversies recorded in the month has been higher. The highest settled controversies have been recorded in the same branches: Industry 12.43% and agriculture 10.16%.

At Salerno- The number of controversies during December is exceptionally higher in the branches of Commerce and agriculture and the percentage of controversies solved favorably show an increase in almost all branches.

At Campobasso- During the month spoken of the number of controversies collected has been rather high in the agricultural and industrial branches and there has been a higher number of settled controversies (respectively 1538% and 24%).

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V) COLLECTIVE LABOR CONTRACT.

The following agreements about wages have been reached.

A) Agreement between the Grafic Section of the Industrial Section of Caserta province and the Grafic Union of the province of Caserta. On Oct. 29, 1945 in the office of the Industrial Union of the province of Caserta, with reference to the requests presented by the printers Union, considered the present particular economic need, the following temporary agreement has been reached:

1st) Keeping unchanged the indemnities of presence, cost of living and contingency set by the present law, the minimum wages for graphic workers at the service of the graphic industries of the province of Caserta, set by the present collective contract of work, are increased of 129% to be effective 22/10/1945.

2nd) For the firms located in the province of Caserta the new minimum wages so obtained are understood to be reduced of 10%.

3rd) Workers who are enjoying an economical treatment of better favor with reference to the above said agreements, will keep unchanged their present retributions.

4th) Eventual future rules of general character however set in favor of industry employees, cover the present increase up to the competion of the amount given to workers.

B) Agreement between the industrial theater Section of the province of Caserta and the provincial Theater workers Section associated to the Labor Union of Caserta.

On December 5, 1945 at the office of Industrial Union of the province of Caserta with reference to the requests presented by the above said Union the following agreement has been reached. Keeping unchanged the indemnity of presence of 10 lire per day, the indemnities of cost of living and contingency whose measures are respectively set by the Decree 2/11/1944, #303 and by the agreement dated 1/3/1945; the minimum wages for workers at the service of Theater industry of the province of Caserta are set in the following measure, for places of the 3rd category:

- Operator	L.	10	per	hour
- Operator Assistant	"	6.65	"	"
- Machinist	"	4.25	"	"
- Machinist Assistant	"	2.60	"	"
- Usher	"	2.35	"	"
- Electrician	"	6.75	"	"

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The above said minimum refer to theater workers located in the communes of Caserta, Maddaloni, S. Maria C.V., Aversa and Marcianise.

For the other towns of the province they are reduced of 20%. For all other clauses not mentioned in this agreement the parties refer to the collective national labor contract for employees at the service of movies and vaudevilles published on the G.Uff. #34 of Feb. 10, 1934.

For ushers the indemnity of contingency modifying the previous agreement 1/8/1945, is set at 65 lire per day, in consideration of their extra earnings (tips), and this to avoid sperequations in comparison with other categories.

The indemnities of presence, cost of living and contingency are effective on the dates set by the above said dispositions, while the minimum wages are

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..fective 3/12/1945.

For the city of Caserta, it is moreover agreed that the agreement 4/6/1945, made for the places of the same city, is covered by the preceding agreement 3/12/1945, also for what refers to the indemnities of presence, cost of living and contingency.

C) At Benevento, on Dece,ber 1 between the Confederal Labor Union and the Merchants Union the provincial agreement about the measure of the indemnity of contingency for employees at the service of Commercial firms.

In such agreement have also been set several measures of indemnities for special kind of workers at the service of bars or other public firms and for barbers.

VI) PROFESSIONAL UNIONS

A brief minute about the activity in the province of Naples is hereafter reported.

Constitution of a National Union

In the National Labor Office of Naples has taken place the first National meeting of labor office employees with the attendance of 31 Provincial Unions, in which the National Labor Office Employees Union has been created.

An order about the juridical settlement of labor offices and organisation of the personnel at their service has been voted (approved).

Strikes

As the payment of wages and indemnities has not been made and on account of the bad situation in which hospital workers are, the Committee of the said personnel has decided to go on strike in order to get the payment of 3000 lire for all personnel, as already established by Ministerial Agreements; the payment of increases granted by the Counsel of Ministers; granting of a thirteenth month salary.

High school students are continuing their strike on account of the law that provides written exams in the coming June. They fear that the going back to normality is interpreted by teachers to be more strict.

Election Shop Committees

At the S.E.T. in Naples the election for a new shop committee has taken place. The operations have been carried on with discipline.

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VII) SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social assistance is carried on with increasing activity in all provincial offices and at the regional one. The latter records a great number of cases about pension revisions.

The provincial offices (particularly that of Benevento) inform us about the slowness with which the insurance institutes take care of the cases.

This office has already warned the institutes of the region about the necessity of working with greater swiftness. It must be considered that especially for old cases great difficulties are met for their reconstructions with satisfactory proofs of the facts happened in exceptional conditions due to the war and its unavoidable consequences.

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From Campobasso it is requested to aggravate fines against employers who have not followed the law about social assistance.

This office thinks that the matter can be easied by a more continuos and strict control.

Intense has been the work of the offices of Naples and Campobasso to recover the remittances of workers once employed in Germany.

In all provinces has continued on the part of competent offices the work for forming the agricultural worker lists being entitled to insurance benefits.

In the following forms are reported the statistical figures about the cases dealt with during the month in the Regional and provincial Offices.

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ASSISTANCE STATISTIC - December 1945
Regional Labor Office of Naples

Kind of assistance	66Number of cases			Solved during the month			Underway by the end of the month.
	Underway up to the previous month	Started during the month	Total	In the affirmative	in the negative	Total	
Social ins.	19	60	79	44	—	44	35
Accid.indus.	87	162	249	145	—	145	104
" a ric.	29	63	92	52	—	52	40
Ass.sickness	16	58	72	57	2	59	15
Fin.Offices	100	123	231	122	—	122	109
ECA, etc.							
	259	466	725	420	2	422	303
		Provincial Labor Office of Naples					
Soc.Ins.	700	264	964	297	7	304	660
Accid.Ind.	44	28	72	19	1	20	52
" Agric.	1	—	1	1	-	—	—
Sick.Ass.	55	49	104	34	2	36	68
Fin.Off.	262	111	373	132	-	132	241
ECA, etc.							
	1062	452	1514	483	10	493	1021
		Provincial Labor Office of Avellino					
Soc.Ins	573	134	707	48	23	71	636
Accid.Ind	19	2	21	4	-	4	17
" Agric	31	4	35	5	1	6	29
Sick.Assic.	16	5	21	5	3	8	13
Fin.Off.	6	-	6	1	1	2	4
ECA, etc.							
	645	145	790	63	28	91	699
		Provincial Labor Office of Benevento					
Soc.Ins.	182	40	222	39	9	48	174
Acc.Indust.	34	1	35	2	1	3	32
" Agric.	28	-	28	3	-	3	25
Sick.Ass.	9	-	9	-	1	1	8
Fin.Offices	45	2	47	7	-	7	40
ECA, ect.							
	298	43	341	51	11	62	279

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Provincial Labor Office of Salerno

Kind Of Assistance	Number of cases: Underway Till previous month.	Started during the month	Total	Solved during the month: In the affermative	In the Negative	Total	Underway by the end of month
Social Insurance	910	6	916	26	21	47	869
Acc.Ind.& Agri.	34	-	34	—	—	—	34
Sickness Assistance	155	-	155	—	—	—	155
Finance Office	63	-	63	—	—	—	63
Etc.	533	3	536	—	—	—	536
	1695	9	1704	26	21	47	1657

Provincial Labor Office of Campobasso

Social Insurance	556	145	701	114	5	119	582
Acc.Ind.	20	33	53	3	-	3	50
Acc. Agri.	31	1	32	3	-	3	29
Sickness Assistance	84	2	86	5	-	5	81
Finance Office	537	227	764	102	1	103	661
Etc.							
	1228	408	1636	227	6	233	1403

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Nothing to report with regard to Military Security. In connection with security of personnel, on the 10th January 1946 a Polish Officer was shot and wounded and is now doing well in hospital, and a British soldier was also shot, not seriously, on the same date. In the first case the culprits are known and are being searched for and in the second the culprits are under arrest awaiting trial. The situation of Public Safety is good in every Province, with the exception of BARI, the Prefect states that the situation is worse than before. The Police Forces are generally insufficiently mobile. More transports are needed. On the 15 January 46 two 30.Mk tanks were sent to ANDRIA and MINERVINO areas. They will remain there. The Special Investigating Section of the Royal Guard of Finance in BARI has discovered a big contraband of MD Diesel Oil. Constant watch is being kept to avoid MD petrol being sold in the Black Market.

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Persons wishing to get out of ITALY, if they can pay the necessary money, are provided with facilities to do so, undoubtedly assisted by persons with power and in the necessary position to afford such facilities. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get a passage on a recognised ship due to a close vigilance being maintained at the ports. I, as yet, have not had time to go into this matter but I hope by the next report I will be able to obtain some useful information on this subject.

(d) Law and Order

The Carabinieri are feeling more sure of themselves and have greatly improved in their organisation and efficiency. Murders have been few and far between, and robberies have decreased. There are approximately 500 Carabinieri in BARI, 15 in

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BARI and only 5 in MATERA. Endeavour are being made to get the Carabinieri up to strength, there being all told 700 in BARI Province. The Carabinieri get timely notice of intended meetings or proposed demonstrations and are present at or on patrol to meet with any situation which might arise. The four Officers Commanding the Units of the Carabinieri in BARI have been to see me and they will keep me in touch with events.

(c) Elections

There is a distinct attitude of indifference displayed by the average man in the street, with regard to the elections, and the two political parties who appear to make the only endeavours to stimulate interest in the elections are the Democrats and Socialists. This may be due to the fact that generally speaking the impression is that there's "lots of time to get going" before the elections, and that the necessary propaganda will be "put across" by other political parties to sufficient time to have their desired effect, and that they will gain the upper hand over the Communists. The people as a whole are in favour of the compulsory vote.

(d) Economic

There is no change in the economical situation which is still critical due to a shortage of raw materials and transport. There is a tendency for prices of commodities other than food to come down. Markets have been adequately supplied with dried fruits and vegetables.

(e) Feeding of the people

The discontinuance of the pasta ration has not had a very noticeable repercussion other than protests. Those who can afford it, obtain their pasta readily from the black market and those who are unable to do so are living on what they have hidden. Farmers have hidden their flour and farms are selling the flour to the people living in areas around the farms. When this latter source of supply becomes exhausted as is likely, undoubtedly there will be demonstrations and clamouring for the pasta. Help is being extended to the poorer classes by the PONTIFICIA ASSISTENZA which has set up in each town and village. The funds of this distributing agency are supplied by the Italian Government.

(h) Displaced Persons

The following number of Displaced Persons were directly repatriated from No.1 Transit Camp during the month of January:-

YUGOSLAVIA	24
GREECE	95
PALESTINE	1
total	120

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During the month no infectious diseases were reported. After the Medical Officer has visited the Camp personally, it was possible to promote D.P. labour with less trouble than beforehand.

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There is no change in the economical situation which is still critical due to a shortage of raw materials and transport. There is a tendency to prices of commodities other than food to come down. Markets have been adequately supplied with food, fruits and vegetables.

(h) Feeding of the people

The discontinuance of the pasta ration has not led to any [illegible] or persecution other than protests. Those who can afford it, obtain their pasta needs from the black market and those who are unable to do so are living on what they have hidden. Farmers have hidden their flour and farms are selling the flour to the people living in areas around the farms. When this hidden source of supply becomes exhausted as is likely, undoubtedly there will be demonstrations and clamouring for the pasta. Help is being extended to the poorer classes by the LIVI COMMITTEE [illegible] Association set up in each town and village. The funds of this distributing agency are supplied by the Italian Government.

(h) Displaced Persons

The following number of Displaced Persons were directly repatriated from No.1 Transit Camp during the month of January.-

YUGOSLAVIA	24
GREECE	95
ALBANIA	1
total	120

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During the month 4 infectious diseases were reported. After the Austrian engineer had visited the camp personally, it was possible to provide S.A. Units with less trouble than beforehand.

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The prospects are satisfactorily if it rains during the month of [illegible], and a lack of rain during MAY will cause a failure of the crops. There is a general lack of foodstuffs with the exception of fresh vegetables and fruits. There is a sufficient fish to be had, but at a price. The fishing fleets are [illegible] along the coast, and the catches brought in are eagerly bought up. There is a serious shortage of fodder and fertilizer.

(j) General Health

General health is good, the epidemic of small-pox (22 cases reported in

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All Bari[illegible] has been checked and all cases have been isolated.

(b) Labour Conditions

The labour position in BARI itself is satisfactory, but in the surrounding district there is a grave amount of unemployment and this is on the increase. It is hoped in the near future to employ some 4,000 workers in the Foggia Aqueduct. The Public Works Dept. do their utmost to find as much employment as they can, and the unemployed are assisted by a subsidy from the Italian Government, and also, money granted by the Government to the distributing agency, the Ente Comunale Assistenza, is given to these unemployed with families who are mostly in need of help.

As is common knowledge, the high cost of living in the zone of great deterioration, and this high cost is, as is well known, due to the fact that foodstuffs and material which should be available to the people through direct agency, find their way to the people through the black market. Until some check can be put on the wholesale diversion of stuff to the Black Market, the high cost of living will remain. Imported stuff is blatently and openly sold by black marketeers.

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POLITICAL MACHINERY AND POPULAR OPINION

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT - PROVINCIAL

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(8) The Patrimonial Tax has been very unfavourable received.

MUNICIPAL LIFE

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(11) The S/S "[illegible]" is nearing completion of discharge of 6,000 tons of grain. Including the above, there is sufficient grain in hand to supply the requirements of [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] until January [illegible].

(12) Attention is called to the urgent situation in regard to the [illegible] supply, with a view of being able to build up supplies on hand. Stocks have reached a very low level, before replacements arrive. This is particularly applicable to [illegible]

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(16) The tunny fishery at GALLIPOLI has had to be closed owing to lack of fishing gear.

(17) Electric Power and light has been reduced in MILAN owing to breakdowns being necessary at Sub Stations and cable lines.

AGRICULTURE

(18) The Olive harvest is at present being gathered in, but generally the crop is poor.

(19) Sufficient quantities of fresh fish have been distributed to the population during the past month, but the price is still high.

LABOUR

(20) Grave discontent is being shown by all Civil Servants, owing to present high cost of living. Also owing to insufficiency of Xmas bonus. In BARI between 22nd - 28th December all civil servants of the Municipio, Provincial Administration, Civil Hospital and ECA went out on strike for the above stated reasons. Also the workers of Salt Monopoly in MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA (FOGGIA Province) struck for the same reasons. An increase of 30% on their wages was granted.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

(26) The state of Public Safety still gives ground for concern. The CCRR and Public Safety Agents are insufficiently mobile for their task. More transport is urgently required.

(27) The crime wave in BARI City has reached such proportion that Commander 54 area has instructed the Prefect to enforce adult curfew from 2400 hrs to 0600 hrs and for juvenile from 1930 hrs to 0600 hrs.

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(29) All Prefects report that prostitution has increased.

PUBLIC HEALTH

(30) The general state of health among the population is satisfactory. One further case of plague has been reported from [illegible] (not fatal).

(31) During December 30 (thirty) cases of small pox, none fatal, were reported in [illegible] City.

(32) All necessary precautionary measures have been taken, including vaccination, this being compulsory.

EDUCATION

(33) The situation has been improved by the denazification of school buildings in every Province, the exception being [illegible] City.

RETURNS

(34) The number of displaced persons moving North by rail from this Zone during the month was 603.

(35) During the month the two security compounds of No.1 Transit Camp were closed down. In the case of barrack "Z" some of the inmates were repatriated and the rest transferred to P.W. Camps. In the case of barrack "5" the inmates [illegible] to 1 SEP Reinforcement and Holding Centre KIRCHI.

(36) During the month only one case of infectious disease was [illegible] from No.1 Transit Camp, namely AVIRA DIFTERICA.

(37) The following number of Displaced persons were [illegible] repatriated from No. 1 Transit Camp during the month :-

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[illegible]	55

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ALBANIA	55
PALESTINE	2
Total	376

[illegible]

DOCKS

(38) Docks clearance by road transport proceeded satisfactorily during December.

(39) Negotiations are pending between the Allied Commission [illegible] Office, SAE, and 1019 Port Maintenance Coy for permission for the CMM [illegible] use a large-weighing machine at BARI Docks. The use of this weighing machine would accelerate train discharge.

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(40) No. 1 Truck Pool, FOGGIA, operated by the Italian Government, shows no sign of improvement. A high percentage of vehicles are not road worthy, due to bad maintenance.

(41) There is considerable traffic of salt from MANFREDONIA to FOGGIA and other parts of Italy.

(42) In some of the remote communes of FOGGIA Province temporary water tanks have been built to replace those blown by the Germans, and in many cases the winter rains have swept these away.

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dumps of explosives and ammunition are serious.

No special manifestations have occurred from subversive movements.

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LIAISON OFFICE
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8 January 1946

TO : Hq. Allied Commission.

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Cost of living and prices have not gone up as much as had been expected. The first peace Christmas brought some cheerfulness and on the whole morale is good.

(b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Election preparations well in hand in Avellino, Benevento, Salerno. Naples somewhat backward.

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(c) ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND SUPPLY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FOOD.

The grain position is not satisfactory, the worst Province being Cosenza with grain to produce the ration until only the 3rd of January. The remainder of the Provinces have sufficient until mid-January. No case has yet been reported of the failure of the bread ration in spite of exaggerated reports. In Castellammare owing to an incorrect return from the Commune, flour ran out one morning. A supply had to be sent out from Naples which enabled the bread ration to be issued in the evening instead of the morning of the day it was due. Prices of rationed bread remain 16 to 18 Lire a kilo; pasta 18 to 25 Lire a Kilo.

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With the help of the previous finance officer in Naples, Lt. Col. Battensby, the Naples budget for the next three months has been put forward for approval.

Fines and Bails - On 31st December the position was:

Balance on hand in Bank	Lire	655,532
Bails to be returned	"	458,170

Funds pending decision amounting to about 2 million lire including gold and British, American and French currency.

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96 public meetings were held, no incidents.

Two police drives were carried out against Aversa area and Nocera area. Both had a good effect on morale and the latter

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yielded a fair haul of weapons including a sub-machine gun and 7 rifles.

The shortage of Carabinieri and other police to deal with the very well armed bands of robbers now investing the country is a serious handicap.

8 vehicles have been obtained to help with the formation of mobile squads, the Carabinieri mobile units having been taken over to Bari.

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(i) and (ii) - Road and Rail Division were consolidated under one officer preparatory to final closing down.
(iii) - Telecommunications - Nil.
(iv) - Post. Parcels from USA came in large numbers and caused

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some confusion. Shipments of parcels were held at first for payment of duty but this was finally waived.

(v) - Port - Civil supplies shipped in were at a low level, but grain shipments increased.

(vi) - Warehouses - Congestion and slow distribution is still a feature. Stocks of flour and grain are very low.

(o) PROPERTY CONTROL.

Nothing to report.

(p) MONUMENTS AND FINE ARTS.

Nothing to report.

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C.M.F.

Subject: Civilian Labour. Ref: CLB/5/314

Labour Directorate,
A.F.H.Q. 4 August, 1945.

Civilian Labour Appreciation
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b. It is expected that by the end of August approximately 2,000 artisans and 1,000 unskilled labourers will have been released from employment by Br. Units. As many as possible will be offered an opportunity to volunteer for civilian employment with the BM in the Far East.

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c. Recruiting by the Collocamento for the RN was declared premature as the scheme was still in course of elaboration by the RN, the Allied Commission and the Italian Government. The Allied Commission states a directive is being prepared and will be issued to all concerned, after which recruiting will re-commence.

4. Rates of Pay.

a. The general level of wages has remained stable in Rome and no necessity for a revision of rates of pay is expected. The local Labour and Wages Sub-Committee recommended at its meeting on the 30 Jul an increase in the C.L.B. for workers in AQUILA, where approximately 300 are employed under U.S. control, ranging from 30 to 50 lire per day to bring allied Forces wages closer to legal Provincial wages. This is the first application to AQUILA of the power to increase wages locally under Admin. Instruction No. 25.

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7. Relations with Italian Labour Organisations, etc.

a. It has been confirmed with Trades Unions that employees with complaints must in the first instance report to their employing officer through the workshop foreman, interpreter, etc. Only then, if need be, will this Branch entertain representations from the Union through the Chamber of Labour. During July, Unions referred three questions to this Branch with a request for suitable attention. Both the Chamber of Labour (Camera del Lavoro) and the Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro are cooperative.

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Appendix "A"

DRAFT LABOUR BULLETIN.

1. All Civilian workers required for the Allied Forces are now obtained through the "Collocamento" (the Labour Exchange of the Italian Provincial Labour Offices,. Action to be taken by Units is as follows.

2. U.S. Units in Rome requiring civilian workers apply as heretofore to the US Civilian Labour Office, which arranges supply. This office is now situated on the ground floor, 26 Viale Africa, telephone 588436.

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7. In order that the Collocamento may function efficiently it is necessary that its records of employed and unemployed workers be complete, exact and up to date. In future, all workers supplied by the Collocamento will be in possession of a "Libretto di Lavoro" or equivalent document in course of preparation. Therefore Units receiving new workers henceforth (or Units who in an emergency find their own workers) are requested to ensure that the workers are in possession of a Collocamento document before they are engaged. Units are also requested to instruct all present workers that they should obtain such a document, if they are not already in possession of one, and as far as possible to ensure that workers observe this instruction.

8. Units are requested further to assist by instructing workers who are dismissed to report back to the Collocamento to register themselves as unemployed and available for work elsewhere. Attention of British Units is drawn also to para. 11(f) of "Regulations for the Employment of Civilian Labour (Italy, Sicily and Sardinia)."

9. It is hoped in this way to complete the records of the Collocamento by registration of all workers of the Allied Forces and to facilitate the

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7. In order that the Collocamento may function efficiently it is necessary that its records of employed and unemployed workers be complete, exact and up to date. In future, all workers supplied by the Collocamento will be in possession of a "Libretto di Lavoro" or equivalent document in course of preparation. Therefore Units receiving new workers henceforth (or Units who in an emergency find their own workers) are requested to ensure that the workers are in possession of a Collocamento document before they are engaged. Units are also requested to instruct all present workers that they should obtain such a document, if they are not already in possession of one, and as far as possible to ensure that workers observe this instruction.

8. Units are requested further to assist by instructing workers who are dismissed to report back to the Collocamento to register themselves as unemployed and available for work elsewhere. Attention of British Units is drawn also to para. 11(f) of "Regulations for the Employment of Civilian Labour (Italy, Sicily and Sardinia)."

9. It is hoped in this way to complete the records of the Collocamento by registration of all workers of the Allied Forces and to facilitate the recruiting of satisfactory workers.

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MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 1945

EXCERPT

8. UNEMPLOYMENT.

(a) In the FOGGIA area there are some 10,000 unemployed and an increase is expected after the harvest. The Prefect is endeavouring to obtain the necessary funds from his Government to put in hand a programme of public works.

(b) In the BRINDISI area there are already some 4,000 unemployed labourers and the number is likely to increase by another 5,000 labourers and 2,000 technicians when they are dismissed from employment with the Allies. The problem will become more acute with the eventual return of some 8,000 Italian P.O.W. to the Province.

9. STRIKES.

On 7th June at the PACCHIARDO Tobacco Factory at LECCE some 150 female workers went on strike for two days as a protest against the non-payment of a cost of living bonus. Non strikers were threatened and the Police had to intervene to prevent violence.

S. W. MILLER, Colonel
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6 July 1945

S A C R E T

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 1945 by Colonel J.A. C. Fennycuick, Commissioner Naples Commune and Liaison Officer South-west Italy.

TO : Hq Allied Commission.

PART II

(e) LABOUR.

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There were no incidents on any of these occasions.

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Unemployment is growing. The numbers out of work in Naples are now believed to have risen from 70,000 to over 100,000. To relieve this situation, early de-requisition of commercial premises is very necessary. The subject is dealt with under (c) (ii) Industry.

(l) PROPERTY CONTROL.

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The Market in both Government Bonds and Obligations showed a rise in quotation and an increased turn over due, probably, to rumours of currency devaluation.

Hospital finance is being examined and is in a serious position. An advance of Lire 5,000,000 was made to prevent three Hospitals dealing with Maternity

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and venereal cases from closing down.

The Banco di Napoli has agreed to finance the Azienda Annonaria (Victualling Dept) of Naples Commune which is setting up the cheap food shops (Spacci di Paragone) the object of which is to break part of the Black Market.

(ii) Fines and Bails.

		in	out
Fines	Lire	1,459,150	--
Bails	"	50,000	311,500
Miscellaneous		--	8,950
		1,509,150	320,450
May figures		1,196,850	776,200

Paid on A.M.G., Naples Commune, Finance Officer's account	lire	1,000,000
Total disbursements	"	1,320,450
Balance on hand	"	4,302,493

(Balance on hand May Lire 4,113,793)

/s/ J. A. C. Pennycuick
Colonel
Commissioner Naples and
Liaison Officer South West Italy

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NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - April 1945.

TO : Chief of Staff, Head-quarters Allied Commission.

EXTRACT

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(1) Food. There is no Supply or Agriculture Officer on the A.M.G., H.Q. Staff in Naples, but an Italian Food Controller, Dott. BIRNETT, was appointed in March to deal with South Italy. He has his headquarters in Naples and coordinates the activities of the various directors of SEPRAL and assists with transportation difficulties. He made a very good impression and appears capable and energetic, and is showing initiative in tackling the serious food problem.

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The situation at Salerno which had become difficult because of lack of transportation has been eased by the docking of a 2,600 ton grain ship in the port.

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The price of pasta varies from 19 to 20 lire a kilo which is favourable as Naples is a centre for the making of pasta.

Arrangements have been completed by the Food Controller for meat to come to Naples; sheep and goats, at a price which has been agreed and standardized for South Italy. The buying price is 110 to 120 lire a kilo. The animals will come to butcheries in Naples by train.

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Steps are also in hand for getting more fish and salt into Naples so as to cut black market prices, and allow a 300 gram salt ration per head per month.

As regards wine, with the help of the Food Controller A.C. (Colonel Legge) arrangements for the arrival of about 6,000 tons of wine by ship takes a month from South Italy are in sight of completion and will be a very welcome adjutant to the food and morale of the city.

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(ii) Industry. The salvage and repair of garments has continued in Naples and a rough calculation gives a profit of 19 million lire to A.G. funds on this activity for the first quarter of 1945. Over 50,000 repaired garments have been distributed during the month of April.

Raw hemp pooled in April amounted to 225 tons, only about a quarter of the amount pooled in each of the preceding months.

Prices of hemp are up 85% to 140% on those of last year. Production of raw hemp is below that of last year by 15% to 25% in all types of pooled hemp except heavy canvas where an increase of 5% is reported.

The new acreage under hemp is reported as being 50% more than last year, i.e., about 30,000 acres with an expected production of about 18,000 tons.

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(d) Agriculture, Forestry and Fish Rice.

(i) Agriculture. All districts expressed disappointment over the olive oil pressing and the opinion was given generally that the price fixed for olive oil had been too low.

Prospects for the coming wheat harvest are doubtful and as no new price has been announced, it is presumed that last year's price for grain will hold good for this season.

Potato crop prospects are satisfactory but sufficiency of seed appears to be planted.

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If the Allies put wages up, a spiral rise might be started, and at present therefore, except for minor adjustments in certain mechanical trades, wages are not being altered.

In Naples, unemployment is reported unofficially at about 70,000. This is rather more than double the pre-war figure and could not tally with the suggestion that there is much alternative to employment by the Allies.

In Provinces other than Naples, Prefects all agree that Allied rates of wages are higher than the corresponding rates in ordinary civil employment.

(ii) Strikes. Including a strike at the RMP workshops which began in March and was settled on the 1st of April, there were 6 strikes during the month, all during the first half of April.

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(3) San Carlo Opera House. Employees struck for an increase of pay. Settled 2nd of April.
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(i) Public Works and Utilities.

Clearance of bomb damage and rebuilding is making slow progress.

The city's drainage system which depends on a series of pumps to pump sewage from a low level system to a high level sewer discharging near Posuoli was found to be faulty, 5 out of 6 pumps being out of order. This has been taken in hand.

As regards electricity, trolly cars have been increased and suburban tramways have started to operate.

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A small increase in gas distribution has been made possible during the month. Public Works report that while passenger transportation is getting better, the transportation of materials is becoming more difficult in Naples.

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Summary of Works Projects

(E) Napoli, Avellino, Benevento, Caserta

Schemes of Military Priority

Type	Initiated		In Hand		Completed	
	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Number	Cost
Roads	5	10,996,300	47	57,032,750	4	5,890,000
Bridges	7	15,046,000	16	32,481,682	1	3,700,000

Schemes handled independently by Italians

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Roads	20	12,152,062	54	31,949,169	4	5,276,800
Bridges	11	12,248,300	29	70,699,936	5	2,085,000
Public Bldg	71	36,904,246	185	233,962,653	24	16,275,265
Housing	31	70,687,092	74	21,711,993	11	5,086,071
Sewer, Water & Util.	2	800,000	19	20,586,939	4	4,847,789
Debris Rem.	29	12,212,162	66	45,947,202	47	16,825,796
Miscell.	7	15,282,222	89	151,801,013	19	6,487,815

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(x) Communications.

(i) Rail Transport. The shortage of empty box cars became more acute during the second half of April by which time it had fallen below 100.

A.C. and civilian tonnage moved during the first half of April 16,375 tons which represents between 80% and 68% of the total authorization. In addition 1,548 tons were moved from Naples Port during the same period.

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(ii) Road Transport. All civilian supply vehicles in the Commune are distributed as follows:

Naples	92
Avellino	20
Benevento	20
Salerno	14
Total,	146

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A check of these vehicles showed that on the date of the check 55 were out of action either in workshop or under minor repair. This figure included the normal 10% out of action because of daily maintenance.

The new standardized tyre permit is now being issued but it is necessary to have the tyre numbers shown on this permit. A large quantity of part-worn salvaged tyres awaiting release have had the tyre numbers removed by order of AMMG and the distribution of these badly needed tyres is in some danger of being held up in consequence.

On the first of April UNRAC took over complete control of the administration of the truck pool. All transportation requests are now forwarded directly to UNRAC who allot the necessary trucks on the regular UNRAC trip ticket as approved by the Italian Ministry.

(iii) Shipping. 21 large ships were berthed at Naples during the month. ICC have been taking an increased share of responsibility for looking after civilian supplies in the port, but have not yet taken complete control.

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On the first of April NMAC took over complete control of the administration of the truck pool. All transportation requests are now forwarded directly to NMAC who allot the necessary trucks on the regular NMAC trip ticket as approved by the Italian Ministry.

(iii) Shipping. 81 large ships were berthed at Naples during the month. ICE have been taking an increased share of responsibility for looking after civilian supplies in the port, but have not yet taken complete control.

The Federazione Consorzio Agrario have had a number of representatives in the port by arrangement with the port authorities, but no authority yet exists to allow the Federazione to act as in the case of ICE.

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(iv) Warehouses. The Naples warehouses are in a very congested state because goods are coming in at a greater rate than they are being dispatched. The position was made worse by the simultaneous arrival of 3 large ships, one carrying U.N.R.R.A. cargo. Extensive backpiling had to be resorted to with consequent confusion in deliveries. U.N.R.R.A. stores are accommodated in A.C. warehouses. A separate report has been submitted on this situation.

(l) Property Control.

The Property Control Section has under control 132 properties belonging to 106 Allied owners, 26 commercial concerns belonging to 58 Allied owners, and 93 bank balances, checks and movables belonging to 53 owners.

The Property Control office was closed down at the end of April and the Officer in-Charge, Capt. G. D. Swale, has been transferred. The Senior Finance Officer of Naples Commune has taken over responsibility for the Property Control Section.

(m) Finance.

(i) General. Deposit in Naples decreased by about 2,000 million lire during the month. This was partly due to the Credito Italiano having transferred 1,000 million lire to Rome and partly to the withdrawal of funds for reconversion into the new State bonds. Banking operations showed increased activity during the month.

On the 16th of April H.E. Soleri addressed a meeting in the San Carlo Theatre on behalf of the new 5% bonds issued at 97. There was a very good response and by the end of the month subscriptions in Naples had reached over 1,600 million lire.

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(ii) Government Finances. Activities in contact with Italian officials was slight and it was apparent that they are acting on their own.

The Prefettura reported that the financial situation of certain of the Communes was disastrous and requests are being received for advances to meet expenses in the case of hospitals, asylums, etc. where government subsidies are insufficient to cover expenses.

The Intendente di Finanza, Comm. Felice Liscardo, was released from prison on the 20th of April 1945 for

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(m) Finance.

(i) General. Deposit in Naples decreased by about 2,000 million lire during the month. This was partly due to the Credito Italiano having transferred 1,000 million lire to Rome and partly to the withdrawal of funds for reconversion into the new State bonds. Banking operations showed increased activity during the month.

On the 15th of April H.E. Soleri addressed a meeting in the San Carlo Theatre on behalf of the new 5% bonds issued at 97. There was a very good response and by the end of the month subscriptions in Naples had reached over 1,500 million lire.

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(ii) Government Finances. Activities in contact with Italian officials was slight and it was apparent that they are acting on their own.

The Prefetture reported that the financial situation of certain of the Communes was disastrous and requests are being received for advances to meet expenses in the case of hospitals, asylums, etc. where government subsidies are insufficient to cover expenses.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

LS/ March 28 1945

Subject : Monthly Report - March

TO : Labour Sub Commission

A. Staff Changes

Souther Region will finally close w:e:f: 2359 hrs 31st March. From that time there will be no Labour Officer in Southern Region. Capt. Alessandrini, late of Bari and Capt. Botham, Regional Labour Officer will proceed to Rome for instructions.

B. Labour Relations Laws and Regulations

The new policy of the Govt. permitting agreements between Unione Industriali and Camera dél Lavoro as to wages to have effect without further Ministerial approval has caused some confusion. No official communication of this decision has ever been received by this Division and for some time advice has been given to Allied units that such agreements were not enforceable without Ministerial approval. Evidence of the Govt. policy has now been produced by the Italian Regional Office and the advice of this Division has been altered to conform.

A strike of Public Utilities in Naples on 1st 2nd and 3rd March was settled on the last date and the demands for higher wages were submitted to negotiation through the Regional Office. They resulted in an agreement for a daily increase of 95 lire. This conforms with pratically every civilian trade and industry.

C. Wages hours and Labour Conditions

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Agreements between the various Unione Industriali and the Camera del Lavoro have been reached in pratically every trade. In Naples these agreements increase wages by approx 90-95 lire per day (which in most cases includes the "caro-pane" allowance, but excludes the "carovita"). In Bari and Taranto similar agreements raise wages by 100 lire a day.

These agreements have already had a large and damaging effect on the supply of Labour to Allied Forces. The recent

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increase of 15 lire a day in the bonus is hailed as, and is in fact, ridiculous in comparison to civilian increases.

It becomes increasingly certain that the defence of the Allied Force Wage Scale on a lire basis is impossible. No sooner are Allied workers given a financial preference that private employers increase their wages and securing the preference to private industry. Thus a race has developed which can only end in disastrous inflation. As previously reported, black market and free market prices continue to lead and not to follow the upward tendency in wages.

In the view of this Division the only possible method of maintaining an adequate supply of skilled and honest labour for the Allied Forces is by part payment in food. It seems certain that adequate stocks are not available from A.C. sources and if this is to be carried out the Armed Forces must be given authority to feed labour from Army and not A.C. stocks. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that any rations which may be provided must be food and not present dekytrated soups and vegetables:

The wage agreement in the baking trade raising the wage from 50 lire to 150 lire per quintal of flour baked has necessitated negotiations with 56 Area for a new contract.

These are proceeding but will not be finished before the close of this Division. It is hoped to leave matters so that they can be concluded direct between 56 Areas and the bakeries concerned but the workers are very restive and trouble will result from any dalay.

D. Social Insurance

This has proceeded satisfactorily and no outstanding problems have cropped up during the month.

E. Statistics

None received

F. General

Monthly reports from Lucania will be submitted direct to the Ministry. It is hoped that the Campania report will come through this Office.

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British Army Labour Officers on the staff of A.F.H.Q. and 3 District have shown considerable interest in a plan for a coordination of Allied employing agencies in Naples. They have produced their plan and this has been criticised and discussed with them. The point has been made that whatever plan in adopted

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must be workable without A.C. help or intervention and further discussions will take place in the light of this.

C. Wages Hours and Labour Conditions

The proposed increase is the price of bread already mentioned in Para B is likely to cause considerable unrest unless the parallel wage increases really cover the increased cost. This seems unlikely until the black market can be controlled or wiped out, as all general, increases in wages are immediately reflected in prices of necessaries whether strictly "black" market or "free" market.

Three wage increase agreements were submitted to Labour Sub Commission during the month and decisions are awaited.

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E. Statistics

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F. General

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Subject: Reports -
Ispettorato Industria e Lavoro - Potenza

Labour

Southern Region A.C.

Herewith report for month of December of the Ispettorato dell'Industria e Lavoro on Province Potenza.

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R E L A Z I O N E

del mese di dicembre 1944 dell'Ispettorato
Industria e Lavoro di Potenza

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a) Introduzione-

Benché - come già segnalato con le precedenti relazioni - l'iniziativa privata abbia fatto sorgere nella Lucania un'infinità di piccole industrie, specialmente nel settore dell'industria laniera e dell'industria del cuoio, purtuttavia la situazione economica della Regione permane critica a causa della deficienza di materie prime indispensabili per le industrie e sopratutto a causa della deficienza dei mezzi di trasporto - specialmente di quelli ferroviari - che intralciano lo scambio e la distribuzione dei prodotti agricoli e di quelli estrattivi.

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although private initiative in Lucania has created many small industries (esp. wool and leather) economical situation remains difficult (lack of raw-materials and transport-rail).

L'economia della Regione risente fortemente della sospensione dei rapporti commerciali con le regioni industriali dell'Italia settentrionale, dalle quali la Lucania importava i prodotti dell'industria

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dell'abbigliamento e sopratutto i medicinali e i prodotti chimici.

Organizations and trade unions active in order to reconcile the workers.

Per quanto riguarda la vita sindacale delle forze produttive della Regione, può ripetersi, che gli Enti e le Associazioni preposti continuano a svolgere la loro attività intesa a riunire in sindacati liberi la massa lavoratrice e a dotare di una certa attività funzionale i sindacati stessi.

Employees of Town and Province of Potenza united in syndicate.

Durante il mese in esame si sono riuniti in sindacati i dipendenti del Comune e della Provincia di Potenza.

Sono state, inoltre, istituite sezioni comunali di Camera di Lavoro nei Comuni di Vietri e di Pignola.

No controversies

Durante il mese di dicembre non sono state instaurate vertenze di lavoro degne di segnalazione.

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Agreement being published in favour of salary officials terists.

E' in corso di pubblicazione un accordo salariale a favore dei salariati fissi agricoli della Provincia di Potenza, stipulato fra la Camera del Lavoro e l'Associazione degli Agricoltori.

Devesi ancora segnalare il vivo malcontento esistente fra le masse lavoratrici - in ispecial modo fra i dipendenti statali - che, malgrado l'av=

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In spite of concession of family allowance workers and state employees cannot face the always rising prices.

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vengta concessione dell'indennità di carovita, non riescono a fronteggiare, con le loro retribuzioni, i prezzi, in sempre continuo aumento, che vengono praticati sul mercato.

Conditions of above personnel extremely miserable.

Le condizioni di vita del predetto personale - é necessario ripeterlo - sono veramente precarie e vanno, di giorno in giorno, peggiorando; esauriti da tempo i loro risparmi, costretti a vendere oggetti ed indumenti familiari, per procurarsi gli alimenti indispensabili per il sostentamento, i dipendenti statali - che non hanno altra fonte di guadagno all'infuori dello stipendio - vivono in condizioni igieniche e di salute gravi.

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Measure: Augmentation of salaries failed because prices are rising. Part of salary should be paid in victuals, hygiene and other articles.

Poiché si é constatato che gli aumenti salariali non hanno migliorato le condizioni economiche dei lavoratori, ma hanno solo fornito una spinta ad un ulteriore aumento dei prezzi, é necessario che siano presi dei provvedimenti atti ad alleviare - in maniera concreta - le condizioni di vita delle classi lavoratrici a reddito fisso, studiando la possibilità di corrispondere parte della loro retribuzione in prodotti alimentari, a prezzo di calmiere, e in articoli igienici e di abbigliamento d'uso più comune.

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Occorre affrontare, particolarmente, il problema della situazione economica dei dipendenti statali - i quali risentono, in misura più grave, della presente crisi economica in cui si dibatte la Nazionale e disporre a favore di essi delle provvidenze, siano anche a carattere provvisorio, ma tali da fornire loro i mezzi necessari di vita.

Priority should be given to statal emp. pleases.

Fra i provvedimenti urgenti da adottare a favore del personale statale che gli permetterebbero di affrontare la stagione invernale che si presenta rigida e carica di disagi data la mancanza di materiale da riscaldamento ed il loro alto costo, sono da segnalare:

suggestions

1) la concessione di un mutuo aggirantesi sulle L. 10.000 - da concedersi da Istituti bancari o direttamente dallo Stato e da rimborsarsi, in quote mensili, con un accordo ed opportuno piano di ammortamento;

loan of 10.000. to be reimbursed monthly.

2) la concessione di parte dello stipendio in prodotti alimentari, come già praticato a favore di alcune categorie di impiegati statali (Corpi Armati);

salary partially in foodstuff.

3) la istituzione di mense presso tutti gli Uffici statali;

institution of messes in all statal offices.

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distribution of shoes and clothes to needy people.

4) la concessione di indumenti e scarpe da distribuirsi, a prezzo di calmiere, per il tramite dell'Amministrazione dello Stato.

b) Occupazione operaia-

agriculture serious occupation (bad weather)

Nel settore agricolo, malgrado i lavori di raccolta delle olive, la mano d'opera ha trovato scarsa possibilità di occupazione, a causa del continuo maltempo che ha ostacolato il normale svolgersi dei lavori agricoli in corso.

discoccupation in civile industry

Nel settore dell'industria la disoccupazione permane grave, specie fra gli addetti all'industria edilizia ed all'industria estrattiva, data la mancanza di alcune materie prime e sopratutto a causa della deficienza di mezzi di trasporto, che impediscono lo scambio e l'approvvigionamento dei prodotti, dando origine a continue sospensione dei lavori.

1602

Commerce: artisan nature - therefore situation good.

Nel settore del commercio, data la natura artigiana e familiare della quasi generalità delle aziende di commercio, esistenti in Lucania, la situazione lavorativa permane buona e la mano d'opera disponibile risulta sufficiente al fabbisogno delle aziende.

c) Attività industriale-

1) Edilizia - In dipendenza delle peggiorate condi-

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zioni atmosferiche e della scarsezza di materiali da costruzione, l'attività di questa industria é diminuita rispetto a quella del mese precedente.

wood - as bad weather activity diminished

2) Boschiva - A causa delle forti piogge e delle nevicate verificatesi nell'ultima decade del mese l'industria boschiva ha subito una lieve diminuzione di attività.

timber, fuel wood, charcoal - production limited (transport lack)

La produzione del legname d'opera, della legna da ardere e del carbone vegetale é attualmente ancora limitata per la deficienza di mezzi di trasporto. Qualora venisse agevolato il trasporto di tali prodotti tanto necessari ed utili in questa regione e alle provincie limitrofe, le aziende boschive, che numerose risultano sparse nella regione lucana, sarebbero in condizioni di produrre notevoli quantitativi di prodotti.

1601

Mills and pasta production lack transport activity

3) Molitoria e pastificazione- La difficoltà dei mezzi di trasporto incidono tuttora sulla attività di queste industrie le cui produzioni sono state pressoché eguali a quelle del mese precedente.

4) Grafiche - Queste industrie esplicano sempre attività ridotta a causa della difficoltà di approvvigionamento di carta e di inchiostri.

5) Laterizi - Persistendo le condizioni meteorologiche sfavorevole le ditte S.A.L.A. (Società Anonima

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due to bad weather. / .
all firms suspended activity and limited on quarries: extraction argil (clay)

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La ditta Rag. Arcangelo Annunziata di Matera, con una media di 70 operai alle dipendenze, ha svolto attività di poco inferiore a quella del mese precedente.

Textile - normal (6) Tessile - Le industrie tessili esplicano regolarmente la loro attività.

La ditta Gallo Michele & Figli di Bella produce attualmente circa Kg. 25 di filati al giorno e m. 30 di tessuti.

production would be augmented if worn out machinery would be repaired.

La produzione potrebbe essere aumentata se la ditta potesse riparare il macchinario logoro e approvvigionarsi di montature, fune di cotone e cordine.

tanning - fairly well.

7) Conciarie - Le industrie conciarie hanno svolto discreta attività.

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d) Attività mineraria-

lignite mines inactive because extracted animal cannot be burned and due to rail-interruption: Castelluccio-Lauria

La miniera di lignite di Castelluccio Inferiore (L.I.M.S.A.) è tuttora inattiva non avendo avu- . / .

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to la possibilità di esitare il minerale estratto a causa dell'interruzione del ponte ferroviario sul tratto Castelluccio → Lauria.

If lignite sale would be taken up, the mine could produce 400 tons/day.

Qualora fosse ripresa la vendita della lignite, la miniera sarebbe in condizioni di produrre tonnettale 400 di lignite al giorno.

e) Attività agricola-

Bad weather hampered olive collection and agricultural work.

Materie prime alimentari - L'andamento climatico del mese di dicembre é stato caratterizzato da frequenti piogge e notevoli abbassamenti di temperatura con abbondanti nevicate verso la fine del mese, tanto da ostacolare i lavori agricoli e specialmente la raccolta delle olive.

Region Chiaromonte: alluvion destroyed farlands, vineyards and rural buildings

Una violenta alluvione abbattutasi sulla zona montuosa di Chiaromonte ha provocato danni gravissimi, ai terreni limitrofi alle rive dei fiumi, torrenti e fossi con asportazione di orti, vigneti, fabbricati rurali.

Hurricane caused fall, removal and uncovering of olives

Si lamentano perdite di prodotto di olive, avendo l'uragano provocato la caduta, l'asportazione e l'interramento di frutti.

Le semine, in alcuni terreni di montagna e di collina, già favorevolmente iniziatesi nel mese precedente, per le suddette condizioni climatiche, non

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sono state completamente ultimate.

However snow was favourable to the crop.

Le abbondanti nevicate della fine del mese favoriscono però enormemente le condizioni fisi= co-chimiche del terreno agrario, dando ad esso la sofficità necessaria e l'alimento essenziale della soluzione circolante del terreno, che con= tiene i principi nutritivi assorbibili dalle pian te.

1) Cereali - La semina del grano, avena ed orzo é stata ultimata in collina e non ancora completata in montagna.

wheat oat barley

Cereals: all ready germination.

Delle cereali seminate si é già avuto la ger= minazione e per il frumento si é iniziato l'acce= stimento, fase questa assai importante per la pro= duzione futura del grano.

1588

lack of manure mineral

La già lamentata deficienza dei concimi mine= rali, specie dei perfosfati e nitrati, farà sentire notevolmente la sua influenza sulla suddetta fase, in cui l'azoto ed il fosforo sono elementi indipen= sabili per la moltiplicazione dei culmi.

Lower of wheat food, but minor cereals have been con= ferred less than half the quantity of the last year.

Le operazioni di ammasso sono del tutto ulti= mate nei Comuni della Lucania, con buon risultato per il grano, mentre per i cereali minori il confe= rimento é stato inferiore alla media degli anni precedenti.

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2) Leguminose- E' stata ultimata la semina della fava sia in montagna che in collina. seed only between

Per tale coltura si é manifestato all'atto della semina il bisogno della concimazione fosfatica, che rende la pianta più resistente agli attacchi parassitari ed influisce notevolmente sulla produzione futura, la quale, solo in provincia di Potenza annualmente si aggira mediamente sui 100 mila quintali, estendendosi la coltivazione su una superficie di circa 12 mila ettari.

L'importanza che assume la coltura della fava nelle nostre zone a clima sub-arido, é rilevante perché essa rappresenta l'unica coltura di rinnovo miglioratrice, che deve sempre più acquistare terreno, a discapito del maggese nudo non ancora totalmente scomparso.

Per questa considerazione tale coltura deve ulteriormente incrementarsi.

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3) Viticoltura e vinificazione- E' del tutto ultimata la vinificazione delle uve prodotte, con soddisfacenti risultati.

good production good

Già sono iniziati i lavori preparatori del terreno per la prossima annata vinicola.

Preparative works for next crops being in course.

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collection Good results

4) Olivo - Continua la raccolta delle olive sia in collina che in montagna con risultati veramente soddisfacenti a causa del buon andamento climatico dei mesi scorsi.

La coltura olivicola in Lucania é rappresentata quasi in ogni centro agricolo; in particolare nella provincia di Potenza é diffusa nella zona del Vulture e nelle Valli del Sinni e dell'Agri, mentre nella provincia di Matera é notevolmente diffusa nelle zone dei Comuni di Ferrandina e Pisticci.

Il sistema più adottato nella conduzione degli oliveti é quello diretto, mentre pochi sono gli oliveti ceduti in fitto o condotti a mezzadria.

Le cure colturali agli oliveti in Lucania sono scarse, per quanto si riferisce alle lavorazioni del terreno, alla potatura, alla concimazione, che quasi generalmente non si pratica.

method to collect by hand is nearly unknown. One knocks the fruit down which damages the crop fruit.

Anche la raccolta delle olive lascia non poco a desiderare, perché il metodo della raccolta a mano é quasi sconosciuto, mentre abbonda ancora, specie nella zona montana il metodo dell'abbacchiatura, che danneggia piante e frutti.

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Il trasporto delle olive, quasi sempre imbrattate di terra, avviene generalmente in sacchi tra=

By this method the olives get covered with earth.

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so that the olives (alica de illbreaded by knocking down) arrive at the Frantoio in a state which renders extraction difficult.

sportati a dorso di mulo oppure sui carri.

Le olive già maltrattate durante l'abbacchiatura, subiscono quindi nuovi maltrattamenti e giungono al frantoio o al luogo di conservazione in condizioni tali da rendere difficoltoso l'estrazione di un olio commestibile.

conservation: The storaium (layer) where olives are kept are so high which is an unrational technique.

La stessa conservazione delle olive nei frantoi, che hanno generalmente una potenzialità lavorativa giornaliera limitata, lascia molto a desiderare, perché avviene sul pavimento in strati più o meno alti in proporzione al quantitativo di prodotto che attende per giorni e giorni il suo turno per essere lavorato. Necessita pertanto una più razionale tecnica di coltivazione dell'olivo e conservazione del prodotto.

lack of forrage

Foraggi - La disponibilità foraggera, specie nel mese di dicembre, é stata notevolmente scarsa per la difficoltà del pascolo da parte del bestiame.

In Lucania urge oggi il bisogno impellente di incrementare le colture foraggere, pel fatto che il problema dei foraggi permane tuttora in uno stato di depressione che si risolve in una misura del tutto inadeguata al fabbisogno che accusa il bestiame, fabbisogno considerato in rapporto alla

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massa totale della produzione alimentare e nei riguardi del suo valore nutritivo.

Specie oggi, la produzione foraggera deve essere considerata come uno dei più vitali capisaldi della struttura tecnica e dell'ordinamento economico delle aziende rurali.

Essa costituisce pertanto la più salda base per lo sviluppo progressivo e pel rendimento del bestiame, fattore questo cui é legata intimamente la produzione agraria, in particolare modo quella del grano, e può divenire inoltre, con i prodotti che assicura, fonte viva di ricchezza e di benessere per la Lucania.

6- Prodotti ortofrutticoli - La produzione ortofrutticola della Lucania non ha certamente beneficiato delle condizioni climatiche del mese di dicembre.

Continua la raccolta del melo e del pero con discreta produzione, sebbene questi fruttiferi siano stati soggetti ad attacchi di cimpe (Euproctis Chrisorrhoea)-

Il pesco vegeta sempre discretamente, attaccato leggermente dalla Monilia Cinerea-

Gli altri fruttiferi in genere si presentano ovunque in buono stato di vegetazione, pur lamen-

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Sometimes insect attacks on fruit-trees.

tandosi lievi attacchi d'insetti.

La produzione della frutta durante tutto il mese é stata abbondante e non é mai scarseggiata sui mercati. Fruit during December abundant

Crop of lemons and abundant oranges and mandarines.

7) Agrumi - Nel mese di dicembre non si é notata molta deficienza di limoni sul mercato, mentre sono abbondanti gli aranci ed i mandarini.

8) Piante oleaginose - Si é effettuata la raccolta delle limitate colture di cotone esistenti in Lucania.- La resa media é stata di 3 - 4 Qli per Ha-

Deficiency due to lack of pastures and food

9- Carne, pesce e latte- La crescente deficienza di mangimi e di pascoli, ha peggiorato la produzione della carne e del latte, specie nella provincia di Potenza, che si presenta sempre più bassa.

Cattle - health condition good.

Lo stato sanitario del bestiame é di molto migliorato e l'infezione aftosa, carbonchiosa e colerica é quasi del tutto scomparsa.

fish - industry reduced.

L'industria della pesca ha mantenuto il suo ritmo ridottissimo ed il pesce é affluito ai mercati proveniente dalla Puglia e dalla Campagna.

10- Materie prime e prodotti agricoli per l'industria -

broom plant abundant but no production as broom-plant industry in Potenza is inactive.

Ginestra- La produzione delle vermene é abbondante ma non viene utilizzata a causa dell'inattività dei due ginestrifici esistenti in provincia di Potenza.

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Fibre industry should be taken up again in order to produce sacks, towels etc.

Nelle attuali contingenze é da augurarsi una ripresa delle lavorazioni della fibra di ginestra dai suddetti stabilimenti allo scopo di produrre sacchi, tovaglie, asciugamani ed indumenti necessari alle popolazioni rurali della Lucania.

Cellulosa - Nel settore della produzione cellulosica é necessario promuovere in Lucania la diffusione , lungo gli argini dei fiumi e dei numerosi affluenti, tutti a carattere torrentizio, del Pioppo del Canadà o di quello comune, che si trovano diffusi in alcune plaghe con risultati soddisfacenti.

Straw should be utilized for cellulose extraction. up to now this sub-product got lost. Calabria has two million quintals Straw.

Paglia - E' opportuno accennare al problema dell'utilizzazione della paglia per l'estrazione della cellulosa, problema che potrà essere avviato verso una soluzione positiva, onde questo sottoprodotto, che ora, in proporzione considerevole va perduto, (la disponibilità di paglia soltanto nella provincia di Potenza raggiunge i due milioni di quintali), potrà costituire un materiale adatto ad alimentare l'industria della cellulosa.

11) Atteggiamento degli agricoltori di fronte ai provvedimenti del Governo e di Organi locali-

In una delle precedenti relazioni si accennò all'atteggiamento degli agricoltori della Lucania

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di fronte al provvedimento legislativo del blocco delle affittanze agrarie, tralasciando però di discutere la necessità della revisione dei contratti di affitto di beni agrari nell'interesse delle produzioni agricole, essendo detti contratti legati intimamente al progressivo sviluppo dell'ordinamento produttivo di fondi rustici.

Il fittavolo, specie oggi che per legge é stato prorogato il contratto di affitto in seguito al blocco, é dominato dal dubbio di non ottenere, al termine del blocco, la rinnovazione del contratto di affitto, dubbio che gl'impedisce d'investire i capitali occorrenti ed applicare con metodico indirizzo, i dettami della nuova tecnica agraria che, solo col tempo, assicurerebbero risultati più stabili e più decisivi; egli invece é indotto a perseguire procedimenti di immediato realizzo con grave danno della produzione e del lavoro.

Per queste ed altre considerazioni, di ordine sociale e politico, é necessario che s'imponga una revisione disciplinata al contratto di affittanza agraria, problema molto sentito in Lucania, ove prevale in quasi tutte le zone, e sicuramente in quelle ove si riscontra la media e grande coltura, il sistema di conduzione basato sull'affitto.

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necessary revision of agrarian rent-contracts as the farmer never knows whether his contract will be renewed and therefore, does not invest.

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E' urgente perciò la necessità della revisione del contratto di affitto, in modo che l'affittuario possa provvedere con serena tranquillità ad una perfetta organizzazione aziendale, che è la risultante del più armonico equilibrio di tutti i fattori della produzione, fra loro coordinati; organizzazione che oggi manca, in conseguenza degli aspetti che caratterizzano il rapporto di affittanza.

Le norme che debbono disciplinare un buon contratto di affitto si identificano con i seguenti punti fondamentali:

Suggested contract - conditions:

a) necessità di assicurare al contratto una lunga durata; Ensure long duration

b) determinazione di un equo canone di affitto in relazione alle esigenze attuali e pertanto progressivo col variare del potere di acquisto della lira, canone che dovrà essere l'espressione della capacità produttiva e del valore contingente del fondo;

Determination of equal land rent in relation to the value of the lira and productivity of the ground.

c) fissazione di norme tecniche che regolino il migliore andamento del processo colturale, analogamente alle condizioni ambientali ed al più utile e pratico investimento dei mezzi tecnici;

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Fix technical norms.

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Recognition of ameliorations

d) riconoscimento delle migliorie apportate al fondo e, nel caso di scioglimento del contratto, rimborso, al fittavolo del valore di esse, calcolato sulla base di un equo prezzo di stima.

Si confida che si realizzi una regolamentazione del patto di affittanza ispirato a tali concetti, in modo da affrontare e risolvere un importante ed urgente problema, al quale è legata l'economia agricola regionale.

f) Fonti di energia -

Lavori del produzione in sospendered due to transport difficulties.

E' tuttora sospesa la produzione dell'olio greggio, da parte del Comitato Italiano Petroli di Tramutola, per difficoltà di trasporto del combustibile estratto.

La produzione del gas metano continua sempre a ritmo ridotto. Gas metano prod. reduced.

Repairs on Electric work which had been severely damaged by Germans are finished. Costs: 1.000.000. -

I lavori di riparazione della Centrale Elettrica di Muro Lucano, sensibilmente danneggiata dai tedeschi in ritirata, sono pressochè ultimati. La Società Lucana per imprese idroelettriche ha sostenuto una spesa di circa L. 2.000.000 -

La ditta ing. Vicedonti & C. esercente industria elettrica nel Comune di Lauria, avrebbe

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gno di fili di rame, isolatori etc. per la riattivazione di alcune linee e di due officine, come già accennato nella relazione del mese precedente.

g) Servizi-

Transport situation remains difficult.

Nessun miglioramento si é notato nel mese, in tema di trasporti in Lucania. Pertanto la situazione permane sempre critica per l'insufficienza dei mezzi di trasporto a disposizione del pubblico.

h) Erogazione acqua -

L'erogazione dell'acqua durante tutto il mese é stata regolare.

i) Corsi d'istruzione professionale-

Non risulta che ne siano stati tenuti-

l) Prezzi e consumi-

distribution of rationed victuals with delay and incomplete.

La distribuzione dei generi alimentari razionati é stata effettuata in ritardo ed in modo incompleto; solo nell'ultima decade del mese sono stati distribuiti al pubblico i seguenti generi: farina gr. 1240 a persona (al posto della pasta non distribuita) gr. 300 di olio, gr. 400 di legumi e gr.200 di zucchero.

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No soap distr.

Anche nel mese di dicembre non é stata distribuita la razione del sapone.

Malcontent about black market

Vivo é pertanto il malcontento fra la popolazione che é costretta a procurarsi sul mercato nero i generi non distribuiti o distribuiti in misura assolutamente inadeguata ai bisogni di vita.

Black-market becomes a legal market. But those with fixed salaries are in bad condition

Il mercato nero, di conseguenza, imperversa e si é sostituito completamente al mercato legale. I prezzi sul predetto mercato continuano a subire nuovi aumenti, e i lavoratori a reddito fisso, vedono sempre più peggiorare la loro situazione economica.

I prezzi dei generi alimentari sul predetto mercato, risultano aumentati di 20 - 30 volte i prezzi di calmiere; la farina si vende a L. 50 al Kg., il prezzo dell'olio, nonostante la nuova produzione, oscilla sulle L. 250 al litro, i grassi si vendono a prezzi altissimi (L. 500 - 600 al Kg.) e sono spariti del tutto dal mercato.

A mitigare, se non ad eliminare l'imperversare del mercato nero, non basta sequestrare ai detentori, partite di merce acquistata clandestinamente, specie quando tale sequestro colpisce capi di famiglia che cercano procurarsi, altrove, gli alimen-

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necessari per il sostentamento e che non vengono loro distribuiti con il sistema del razionamento.

Sarebbe invece necessario che gli Alleati venissero incontro ai bisogni delle nostre popolazioni, in maniera veramente concreta, mediante l'invio di generi alimentari in misura sufficiente e di articoli di abbigliamento di prima necessità e di calzature, da distribuirsi direttamente dallo Stato ai cittadini, mediante un opportuno piano di distribuzione.

In altri termini, la merce dovrebbe essere distribuita ai consumatori direttamente dallo Stato, a mezzo di propri organi seriamente controllati o a mezzo di Cooperative bene organizzate.

the goods should be distributed to consumers directly from State and seriously controlled by good-organized cooperatives

m) Importazioni ed esportazioni -

Non si é avuto commercio con l'estero.

n) Mercato finanziario -

Nonostante l'abbondante quantità di moneta cartacea in circolazione, le Banche ricevono limitati depositi.

Notwithstanding abundant paper money, the Banks receive limited deposits.

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A T T I V I T A' D E L C I R C O L O

Nel mese di dicembre sono stati mantenuti frequenti contatti con il Prefetto di Potenza e di Matera e con gli enti economici, previdenziali ed assistenziali.

Il personale ispettivo ed i componenti il nucleo CC.RR. ha eseguito nel mese di dicembre n. 25 ispezioni ordinarie, di cui n.24 ad aziende industriali e n.1 ad aziende commerciali; n.202 ispezioni straordinarie, di cui n.174 ad aziende industriali n.17 ad aziende commerciali e n.11 ad aziende agricole; n.43 visite ad autorità diverse.

Un Ispettore ha partecipato ad una commissione presso la Camera di Commercio, Industria e Agricoltura di Potenza, per la distribuzione dei prodotti industriali.

Sono stati eseguiti 11 accertamenti tecnico-economici e n. 44 sopraluoghi diversi.

I verbali di contravvenzione redatti nel mese ammontano a 17; di cui 5 per assicurazioni sociali, 6 per assegni familiari, 3 per collocamento, 2 per contratti di lavoro e 1 per leggi diverse.

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Le visite e i chiarimenti forniti in ufficio sono stati 60.

Sono pervenute n. 96 denuncie.

Sono state protocollate n. 318 lettere in partenza e n. 259 in arrivo.

Il numero delle pratiche evase ed archiviate é stato di 172, con il recupero di L. 213.671,25 così distinte:

1-	Premio infortuni	L. 3.735,00
2-	Contr. ass.sociali	" 11.117,00
3-	" assegni familiari	" 6.034,90
4-	Assegni familiari	" 32.712,05
5-	Contr. mutualistici	" 17.699,40
6-	Differenze salariali	"142.372,90
	Totale	L. 213.671,25

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ATTIVITA' CIRCOLO DI POTENZA

Mese di Dicembre 1944

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Collegi e Organi Tecnici	Commissioni	Accertamenti diversi	Caldaie e vapore: Rilascio patenti	Caldaie e vapore: Rinnovo patenti	Caldaie e vapore: Mollocuio col pubblico
-	1	16	-	-	60

R i c u p e r i

Assic. Sociali	£.	11.1
A.F. (contributi)	"	6.0
A.F. (indennità)	"	32.7
Contr. Lavoro	"	142.3
Mutua Malattia	"	17.6
Contr. Diversi	"	3.7
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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394 U.S. ARMY

LS/362/74 7 February 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report January 1945

TO : Labour Sub Commission

A. Staff Changes

No Allied Staff Changes. Provincial Director and General Secretary of Reggio Province have resigned. The Director is remaining in charge until the appointment of his successor.

The reduction of Staff in the Labour Offices has been carried out only on a small scale. In the Lucania, Calabria Region, where the Staffs were always small, a reduction of ten persons was made throughout all six offices . The largest Provincial Office in this area has now only 12 employees including the Director. In Campania, however, staffs are still far too large. The Regional Office was reduced by only five or six to a total of approx 145. The Naples Provincial Office has still over 230 employees a reduction of less than 70. Avellino, Benvento and Salerno are proportionately high. Full nominal rolls were handed to Maj Scicluna. Nominal rolls of Lucania - Calabria are included in the Regional Director's report for that area.

B. Labour Relations Laws & Regulations

There is still no sign of the Govt establishing anything in place of the dissolved syndicates in Apulia: The Camera del Lavoro is trying to step in and perform the functions of the Labour Offices but purely from a political point of view and they are not, as yet, organised. Both organised Labour and the employers want non political Labour Offices and distrust the political influence in the Camera del Lavoro.

If the Govt. would move to the establishment of non political Labour Offices quickly, the confusion at present existing in Apulia would be quickly relieved. At present the Labour Officer Bari Zone has no Official to whom he can turn for help in labour matters in Apulia which makes full control of the situation impossible as he cannot be in several places

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at once.

The threat of a general strike at Bari among Statal and Parastatal employees was averted by the acceptance of the Govt of certain of their demands. Some categories however still complain that they have not received any pay since October. Investigation one proceeding.

Various small strikes took place throughout the Region but all were quickly settled..

In Naples certain baking firms contracting with 56 Area have refused to pay carovita before 1st Jan. as the contract price of bread was only increased on that date. A meeting has been called and further trouble is not anticipated.

The Congress of C.G.I.L. took place in Naples on 28th Jan. to 2nd February and has been fully reported by Officers from HQ. Last minute requests for help were met by P.B.S. and 56 Area and all blankets and cots were safely returned.

A plan for the coordination of all Allied employing agencies working through the Collocamenti has been discussed and is in preparation. A.D.L. (A.F.H.Q.) and Inspector of Labour A.F.H.Q. have commented very favourably on it and the plan will be submitted to H.Q. in a separate document.

C. Wages Hours and Labour Conditions.

Clothing and food are, as always, the main demands of the workers. In some cases increases of wages were asked but in every case it amounted in the end to a demand for more food. In Bari considerable discontent reported by AC Police Officers over the bread ration.

The Regional and Provincial Labour Offices in Campania have successfully commenced their arbitration functions three or four arbitrations were held in January with satisfactory results and the various Commissione Interne are learning that arbitrations and not strikes are the best methods of settling disputes.

A tendency has been noticed in Naples for negotiations to be carried on between the Camera del Lavoro and the Unione Industriale direct in matters affecting only one firm. Nothing has been done yet to check this as it is felt that when employers and employees realise that they are not directly negotiating the trouble will solve itself.

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D. Social Insurance

On the whole satisfactory. The new scheme for the Port of Naples involving the reactivation of the Ufficio Portuale del Lavoro for social insurance purposes only has begun to function and is proceeding fairly smoothly. The Commander 8th Port however has recently withdrawn all permits from the Infortuni Inspectors and several instances of accidental death or injury cannot be investigated. The matter is being taken up with him.

E. Statistics

These are included in the Italian monthly reports and are totally unreliable. It is hoped however that if the centralised scheme of Allied employment can be affected statistics will become of some value.

The cost of living continues to increase and black market prices do not follow, but lead the upward trend in wages

F. General and recommendations

1. Para 2 under this heading in the monthly report for Dec. is repeated with urgency. All efforts both here and in Bari have failed to find a car.

2. Immediate action of the part of the Govt. to set up some official Labour Control Offices in Apulia is essential to prevent confusion becoming chaos.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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DENIS L. BOTHAM, Capt. RA
Regional Labour Officer.

The attachments are c/o Capt Foplis' Division

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APO 394
Economic Section

3.00/ES 17 January 1945

SUBJECT: Southern Region December Report.

TO : Labor Sub-Commission.

1. The following information is passed to you for any action you deem fit:

"5. Labor. Drastic reductions were effected in the staffs of Italian Regional and Provincial Labor Offices in Campania. The Fascist Sindacati in Puglie were at last dissolved. Social Insurance for Allied Force employees was introduced effective 1 December 1944 and was expected to be in full effect during January. Whether, for Social Insurance purposes, Allied Commission truck pools were Allied or Italian, was a question still to be decided by Headquarters Allied Commission. Clothing and shoes were still the main demands of labor, although the Italians love of feast days showed itself in marked absenteeism over the Christmas holiday and even more absenteeism was expected at Epiphany. Six strikes, all small, took place in the Region and were settled. Most of these were because of nonpayment of the carovita allowance. A general strike of State employees was threatened for 7 January. Low salaries of State employees have been the subject of urgent reports for months. One of the Zones in its situation report for the final week of the month had an interesting comment on this situation, for it said, 'AC assistance to poor including State officials during Xmas considerable'."

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
LABOR DIVISION
APO 394 U.S.ARMY

LS/310/74 3 January 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for Dec. 1944

TO : Labour Sub-Commission

A. 1. Staff Changes

No Allied Staff changes. The Provincial Director of Labour for Naples Province was suspended by the Ministry. This resulted in the Regional Director, upon whom the Regional Officer had reported adversely, being placed in direct charge of both Regional and Provincial Offices.

A drastic reduction in the Staffs of both Regional and Provincial Labour Offices ordered by the Ministry is now under way. All employees were given notice to leave on 31st Dec. and only a proportion will be reengaged. In the Naples Offices this has caused some little trouble which appears now to have quietened down. The Regional Director for Campania has been actively engaged in this pruning work but he seems to be more interested in the humanitarian or political situation of individuals than in their fitness for the job. One reduction has already been proposed but it is believed that further pruning will be necessary to comply with the decreased budgets allowed by the Ministry. In Lucania & Calabria where small staffs have always been the rule the situation seems to be well in hand.

B. Labour Relations Laws & Regulations

The long awaited decree dissolving the Fascist Syndicates in Apulia has at last been published, but it arrived too late in the month to permit any report on the establishment of Labour Offices Progress will be reported in the next monthly report.

The confusion arising from Admin.Memo No.48 as originally issued has been cleared without any serious trouble. A meeting was held by the Regional Labour Officer at which PBS (South) DADL (British) 8th Port Regional & Provincial Labour Offices & Camera del Lavoro were represented. A joint notice signed by the Camera del Lavoro and Regional Director was prepared and (after some difficulty with Director of Labour A.F.H.Q.) was inserted in the local press. It was felt that the risk of disturbances had been obviated and in fact no disturbances followed.

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A general demand by Public Utility workers in Naples for a larger Xmas "gratifica" and for a 14th month or 54th weeks pay resulted in the Ministry authorising an advance to each worker. In consequence the Aqueduct Company promptly asked permission to increase water rates to meet the extra cost. This has been referred to the appropriate Ministry.

Social Insurance for Allied Workers was introduced from 1st Dec/. Instructions and cards reached this office on 24th Dec. and the Insurance is not yet in operation in A.C. Southern Region.

The important question as to whether Truck Pools throughout the Region operated by Italians under direct A/C/ supervision are Italian or Allied firms for the purposes of Social Insurance will be the subject of a special report when more data are known.

C. Wages Hours & Labour Conditions

The cry is continued throughout the Region for clothing shoes and shelter for the workers and the cry for more food is again to be heard. There were no serious strikes in the Region during December but several small ones two of which might have been serious.

(a) On 30th Nov. the S.E.T. (telephone company) workers in Naples went on strike demanding (a) an advance on the Xmas gratifica & 13th month of 1000 lire (b) that this 1000 lire should not be taken into account as an advance but treated as a gift. They alleged other Public Utilities had done the same by means of a secret understanding with their employees. After the workers had returned to work an advance was granted on the clear understanding that it was an advance and would be deducted out of future earnings.

(b) The Sud-Est Railway workshops strike at Bari, already reported on, was settled temporarily pending final decision by the Ministry which MUST be swift if further trouble is to be avoided.

(c) On 27th Nov. 250 building workers at Barletta went on strike over a dispute as to carovita. No military installation is involved and no disorder has occurred. Latest information is that the strike is not yet settled.

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(d) Strike at 677 A.C.Naples warehouse on 15th December over non payment of Armed Forces bonus - approximately 170 workers were involved led by some 50 or 60 disaffected men. The whole lot were dismissed and were paid on 18th Dec. at the full rate with bonus. All but the 50 or 60 disaffected men were later reengaged and the situation is now quiet. The sole reason for this strike was that instructions for payment of the Allied Forces Bonus had not been sent down by the Warehouses Division of Transportation Sub-Commission. They in fact arrived on 16th Dec.

(e) Street cleaners at Canosa and Terlizzi also struck over non payment of carovita.

(f) On 28th Dec. process sewers of Naples Courts went on strike in protest against "laughable" increase in wages. This is still proceeding.

The last strike above mentioned is likely to be the forerunner of a general strike of State employees throughout the Region. A separate report has already been submitted both by telephone and by hand. The fantastic inadequacy of the salaries of state employees cannot be too highly stressed.

Allied Employers reported from 20% to 50% absenteeism over the Xmas holidays and a greater percentage is expected on Epiphany. There is reported to be a movement on foot to obtain "Epiphany gratifiche" for all Italian workers whether employed by the Allies or not.

In Taranto there is a possibility of trouble over nonpayment of the carovita by small naval contractors. The reason given is that the Ministry of Marine has not authorised the payment of the necessary funds and is trying to get out of paying. The Prefect is dealing with it.

D. Social Insurance

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Largely satisfactory. A scheme to compel contractors in the Port to pay their contributions was mooted at a meeting on 27th Dec. and was promised to be operating within 10 days. The Istituto Previdenza has objected to the scheme as suggested on the ground that it is illegal and provided no protection for the workers. It is now suggested that the contributions

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should be paid through the Ente Autonomo del Porto di Napoli, as they were before 1943 and this suggestion is being fully examined.

E. Statistics.

Very scarce as usual and totally unreliable. Efforts are being made to coordinate with DADL (British) Royal Navy and 8th Port all of whom employ large numbers through their own Labour Offices, but the effect on statistics will be slow.

F. General and Recommendations

(1) Such reports from Zones and Provinces as have been received are attached hereto. With the advent of snow in the mountains much delay in communications is to be expected.

(2) The Regional Director for Campania, Calabria and Apulia is again without a car. After six months hard work I obtained one from Bari Zone pool in August. This has now been recalled by order of the Zone Commissioner. There is no doubt that the Prefect could requisition a car but the difficulty is tyres. Without a car Avv. Bruni is useless and all help that the Sub-Commission can give is essential.

For the Regional Commissioner.

Denis L. Botham Capt. RA

DENIS L.BOTHAM,
Capt. R.A.,
Regional Labour Officer.

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UFFICIO REGIONALE DEL LAVORO
Zona II^a

Prot.n. 1013 Matera, 23 Dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Relazione mensile.-

ALL'UFFICIALE ALLEATO DEL LAVORO
PER LA II^ ZONA
B A R I

A) Il Ministero dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro, al fine di procedere ad una riorganizzazione degli Uffici del Lavoro, in attesa della emanazione della legge, ha disposto una limitazione delle spese, riducendo i fondi mensili di ogni singolo Ufficio.-

Questo provvedimento, oltre a contenere le spese entro giusti limiti, tende ad eliminare tutto il personale superfluo.-

Anche la organizzazione periferica degli Uffici Comunali di Collocamento, dovrà subire in conseguenza una riorganizzazione. Il criterio stabilito in merito dal Ministero - già suggerito del resto da questo Ufficio - prevede la sostituzione dei collocatori comunali, ad eccezione dei centri maggiori, con i segretari comunali.-

Con la prossima relazione mi riservo di comunicare tutte le variazioni del personale che saranno apportate per ogni singolo ufficio.-

Nulla di nuovo da segnalare circa gli Ispettorati del Lavoro, ad eccezione del fatto che sforniti come sono di automezzi, non possono espletare con la massima compiutezza la loro attività, sopratutto in considerazione della vastità della zona e delle difficoltà delle comunicazioni.-

La quistione dei locali dell'Ufficio Provinciale di Cosenza, probabilmente sarà risolta a seguito dell'intervento diretto del Ministro dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro.-

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B) Nel corrente mese di dicembre non si sono verificati disturbi o irrequietezze degne di particolare rilievo.-

Solo in Provincia di Catanzaro e precisamente nel Comune di Crotone si è verificata un'agitazione tra i lavoranti dei forni, in quanto i datori di lavoro subordinavano la erogazione dei miglioramenti economici disposti con il Decreto Luogotenenziale n.303 del 2 novembre 1944, alla revisione del dato di panificazione. La vertenza è stata subito composta mediante l'intervento dell'Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro.-

In Potenza si è verificata una certa agitazione tra i dipendenti della fabbrica di laterizi S.A.L.A. circa una erronea interpretazione delle norme del succitato Decreto Legge Luogotenenziale ai fini della erogazione dei miglioramenti economici. La vertenza è in esame presso il competente Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro.-

C-D) Nulla di nuovo da segnalare circa la organizzazione dei Commercianti.-

E) Permane immutata la situazione esposta con la relazione del decorso mese di novembre.-

F) L'attività politica delle organizzazioni dei commercianti, come di tutte le organizzazioni sindacali dei datori di lavoro, tende a creare ed a mantenere condizioni di tranquillità, ordine, pace e lavoro.-

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G) Con l'inoltrarsi della stagione invernale la situazione economica della 2^ Zona diventa per ragioni intuitive sempre più delicata.-

I°) I prezzi del mercato nero sono sempre in continuo aumento in tutti i settori, sopratutto per i generi alimentari di prima

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necessità e per quelli di abbigliamento.-

La situazione della classe impiegatizia e di tutte le categorie a reddito fisso è disagiata, in quanto malgrado l'aumento apportato agli stipendi, alle paghe ed ai salari, i prezzi sono sempre altissimi e con ulteriore tendenza ad aumentare.-

Il prezzo del pane al mercato nero si aggira intorno a L. 65.= il Kg, la farina si paga circa L. 90.= il Kg., l'olio di oliva sulle 300.= lire al litro, le uova L. 30.= ciascuna, i grassi suini oltre L. 400.= al Kg. ecc.-

2°) I generi razionati che vengono regolarmente distribuiti sono insufficienti a coprire il fabbisogno minimo individuale.-

Si lamenta soprattutto la deficienza di zucchero, grassi suini, sapone, carni fresche o conservate ecc.-

Come ho fatto rilevare nella precedente relazione, di questa situazione penosa ne risentono sopratutto i bambini, i quali, a causa della denutrizione crescono malaticci, nonchè i vecchi ed i malati, che si trovano nella impossibilità di potersi procurare il fabbisogno minimo dei più indispensabili alimenti.-

3°) I prezzi ufficiali dei generi razionati sono in genere equi, ad eccezione di alcuni, sopratutto per i prodotti carnei, i quali sono elevati rispetto alle possibilità di acquisto.-

I prezzi dei generi non contingentati sono elevati e variabili rispetto alle disponibilità di mercato, mentre i prezzi del mercato nero sono esosi.-

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4°) In Provincia di Matera si è proceduto, con l'intervento dell'Ufficio Provinciale del Lavoro, alla conclusione di un accordo tra le varie organizzazioni interessate, circa la determinazione delle tariffe per i braccianti dell'agricoltura del metapontino e del Comune di Irsina.-

I salari, dopo la concessione dell'indennità di carovita e

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l'aumento degli assegni familiari, risultano alquanto elevati, ma tuttavia insufficienti a fronteggiare l'attuale costo della vita.-

5-6) Lo sviluppo della mano d'opera è normale e lo stato della disoccupazione nelle provincie lucane e calabresi, almeno per il momento non desta serie preoccupazioni. La maggior percentuale di disoccupati si nota nel settore dell'edilizia, sebbene, per iniziativa privata abbia avuto inizio, sia pure in misura limitata per la mancanza delle materie prime (ferro, cemento ecc.) l'inizio dei lavori di ricostruzione e riattamento di opere danneggiate a seguito dello svolgersi degli avvenimenti bellici.-

Negli altri settori lo stato della disoccupazione potrebbe essere temperato, qualora, da parte delle competenti autorità si provvedesse a rimettere in funzione i vari complessi industriali esistenti, pienamente efficienti, sopratutto in provincia di Catanzaro, con un adeguato rifornimento di materie prime.-

7°) Gli Uffici del Lavoro, continuano a svolgere attività assistenziale, tutte le volte che ne sono richiesti, sopratutto nei confronti di quelle categorie che non risultano inquadrate sindacalmente.-

H) L'attività dell'Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale si svolge normalmente, così anche quella degli altri Istituti di Assistenza e Mutualità.-

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I- J) Confermo quanto fatto presente con la precedente relazione.-

IL DIRETTORE
(Avv. Alessandro Bruni)

MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA COMMERCIO E DEL LAVORO
UFFICIO PROVINCIALE DEL LAVORO DI CATANZARO

For Capt. Bottiau

di prot. 4420 Sigla EP/VR Catanzaro, 28 Nov. 1944

OGGETTO : Statistica disoccupazione.

CAPITANO ALESSANDRINI
Ufficiale del Lavoro - Quartiere Generale A.C.
B A R I

Alleghiamo la statistica della disoccupazione per il mese di novembre quale risulta dalle segnalazioni fatteci dai ns. Uffici di Collocamento dei vari Comuni e frazioni.

Riteniamo però doveroso ed utile illustrare la statistica con alcune considerazioni.

Non ci soffermiamo più sulla elasticità delle cifre conseguenti all'assunzione libera della mano d'opera; desideriamo invece fare presente che avendo avuto elementi sommari sulla effettiva situazione della mano d'opera, abbiamo desiderato compiere, per il capoluogo di provincia, una indagine dettagliata per accettare - non già la disoccupazione - ma l'occupazione della mano d'opera.

L'indagine fu condotta a Catanzaro azienda per azienda e dalla stessa è risultato che, nel settore dell'industria, risultano occupate 652 persone.

Alla fine dell'anno 1942, sempre per il comune di Catanzaro e per il settore dell'industria, risultavano occupate 5839 persone. Per maggiore evidenza alleghiamo uno specchietto dimostrativo distinto per singole categorie di lavoro.

Comunque, da questa indagine risulta che, su 5839 persone normalmente assorbite nel settore industriale, attualmente abbiamo ben 5117 persone che non dedicano la propria attività nel loro naturale campo di lavoro. E poichè questa massa non preme sui vari uffici e sulle Autorità per essere occupata, vuol dire che trae i mezzi di sostentamento per sè e per le proprie famiglie in campi diversi dalla loro attività collettiva normale, e quasi sempre illeciti.

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A tal riguardo si può fare un'altra considerazione, circa la possibilità di assorbimento di questa imponente massa di lavoratori: se essi dovessero presentarsi agli Uffici di Collocamento e alle Autorità per trovare lavoro, non potrebbero essere soddisfatti, perchè, allo stato attuale, a Catanzaro non ci sono aziende che possano assorbire anche in percentuale limitata i lavoratori disoccupati. E lo specchio allegato fornisce la prova.

Occorre tener presente inoltre che ai disoccupati risultanti dallo specchietto allegato, vanno aggiunti tutti gli impiegati che vengono licenziati dalle varie disciolte organizzazioni sindacali enti assistenziali

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Situazione identica a quella di Catanzaro si riscontra negli altri centri importanti della Provincia, e particolarmente nei capoluoghi di circondari: Crotone - Vibo Valentia - Nicastro, dove le industrie sono pressochè ferme e la massa dei disoccupati imponente.

Sorge, in conseguenza, evidente la preoccupazione che, qualora il mercato tendesse a normalizzarsi, e non potesse più dare sostentamento a questa massa di lavoratori, che abbiamo visto essere quasi la generalità di alcune categorie, le autorità si troverebbero davvero sulle braccia una gran parte della popolazione, senza poter soddisfare le loro richieste di lavoro.

(Sgd) EDOARDO POLACCO - Direttore
Ufficio Provinciale Lavoro

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STATO DELLA DISOCCUPAZIONE ALLA FINE DI NOVEMBRE 1944 E RAFFRONTO DEI RELATIVI TOTALI CON ALLA FINE DEL MESE PRECEDENTE

N°	CATEGORIA ED ATTIVITA' PRODUTTIVA	Mano d'opera disoccupata alla fine del mese precedente			Mano d'opera disoccupata alla fine del mese		
		M	F	T	M	F	T
1	AGRICOLTURA - Salariati ecc.	507	316	823	612	341	953
2	INDUSTRIE ESTRATTIVE	252	=	252	261	=	261
3	INDUSTRIE DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE	46	17	63	48	18	66
4	IND.SIDERURG.METALL.MECCANICHE	163	=	163	176	=	176
5	" EDILIZIE E STRADALI	1871	280	2151	1942	293	2235
6	" IDRAULICHE,GAS,ELETTRICHE	19	=	19	23	=	23
7	" TESSILE E ABBIGLIAMENTO	27	7	34	29	8	37
8	" DEL LEGNO (Arredamento)	288	=	288	290	=	290
9	" CHIMICHE E VETRO	733	=	733	742	=	742
10	" DELLO SPETTACOLO	11	=	11	11	=	11
11	ESERC.PUBBLICI,ADDETTI ALBERGHI ecc.	71	8	79	84	11	95
12	INDUSTRIE CARTA E STAMPA	21	=	21	23	=	23
13	AZIENDE COMM.DIR.AZ.COMM. ecc.	66	29	95	73	31	104
14	AZIENDE PRIVATE DI COMUNICAZIONI	3	=	3	3	=	3
	TOTALE..	4078	657	4735	4317	702	5019

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PROVINCIA DI CATANZARO

ALLA FINE DI NOVEMBRE 1944 E RAFFRONTO DEI RELATIVI TOTALI CON QUELLI REGISTRATI ALLA FINE DEL MESE PRECEDENTE

TITA' PRODUTTIVA	Mano d'opera disoccupata alla fine del mese precedente			Mano d'opera disoccupata alla fine del mese			Differenza	
	M	F	T	M	F	T	in +	in -
ti ecc.	307	316	623	612	341	953	130	
	252	=	252	261	=	261	9	
TAZIONE	46	17	63	48	18	66	3	
ECCANICHE	163	=	163	176	=	176	13	
LI	1871	280	2151	1942	293	2235	84	
ETTRICHE	19	=	19	23	=	23	4	
AMENTO	27	7	34	29	8	37	3	
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	733	=	733	742	=	742	9	
	11	=	11	11	=	11	=	
I ALBERGHI ecc.	71	8	79	84	11	95	16	
MPA	21	=	21	23	=	23	2	
OMM. ecc.	66	29	95	73	31	104	9	
MUNICAZIONI	3	=	3	3	=	3	=	
TOTALE..	4078	657	4735	4317	702	5019	284	

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C O M U N E D I C A T A N Z A R O
(comprese le frazioni)

Lavoratori appartenenti all'Industria divisi per categoria nel 1942		RISULTATO CENSIMENTO AL 20/10/1946			DIFFERENZA
		Lavoratori occupati	Lavoratori disoccupati	Totale (2 e 3)	
1		2	3	4	5
ABBIGLIAMENTO	334	1	==	1	333
A.G.E.	419	55	4	59	360
ALIMENTAZIONE	319	24	==	24	295
LEGNO	467	15	==	15	452
CARTA E STAMPA	27	6	==	6	21
CHIMICI	100	68	==	68	32
EDILIZIA	2579	321	58	379	2200
METALLURGICI	410	14	3	17	393
SPETTACOLO	20	==	==	==	20
VETRO E CERAMICA	18	2	==	2	16
COMUNIC.ELETTR.	12	==	==	==	12
AUTOFERROTRAMV.	300	==	==	==	300
AUTISTI	79	7	2	9	70
PORTUALI	190	==	==	==	190
AUSIL.TRAFFICO	120	==	==	==	120
ESTRATTIVE	45	==	==	==	45
PESCA	200	==	==	==	200
IMPIEGATI	200	139	3	142	58
TOTALI	5839	652	70	722	5117

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R E L A Z I O N E

del mese di novembre 1944 dell'Ispettorato
Industria e Lavoro di Potenza

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a) Introduzione

Economic situation difficult - lack of transport, especially rail (distribution of agricultural products.

La situazione economica della Basilicata permane critica a causa della deficienza dei mezzi di comunicazione - specialmente di quelli ferroviari - che intralciano lo scambio e la distribuzione dei prodotti agricoli.

small industries, on private initiative, especially wool and leather. Produce on large scale for heavy and unsuitable dealing with the North from where the Basilicata imported previously, chemical and farmed products.

Benché - come già segnalato con la precedente relazione - l'iniziativa privata abbia fatto sorgere nella Regione un'infinità di piccole industrie, specialmente nel settore dell'industria laniera e dell'industria del cuoio, purtuttavia la situazione economica della Regione risente fortemente della sospensione dei rapporticommerciali con le regioni industriali dell'Italia settentrionale, dalle quali la Basilicata importava i prodotti dell'Industria

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dell'abbigliamento e sopratutto i medicinali e i prodotti chimici.

Per quanto riguarda la vita sindacale delle forze produttive della Regione, può ripetersi che gli Enti e gli Organi preposti continuano a svolgere la loro attività intesa a riunire in sindacati liberi la massa lavoratrice.

In Provincia di Potenza, durante il mese in esame, sono stati costituiti i seguenti sindacati aderenti alla Camera Federale del Lavoro:

1- sindacato provinciale dipendenti dagli Enti comunali;

2- sindacato provinciale dipendenti dagli Enti provinciali.

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Nella stessa provincia sono state costituite le sezioni comunali di Camera di Lavoro, nei Comuni di Balvano, Pietrapertosa e Potenza.

In Provincia di Matera - contrariamente a quanto si verifica in Provincia di Potenza ove l'attività dei sindacati viene coordinata e promossa dalla Camera Federale del Lavoro, si nota la tendenza dei lavoratori ad iscriversi - per la tutela dei propri interessi - ai vari partiti

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politici, anziché riunirsi in sindacati liberi.

Durante il mese sono state risolte a cura degli Uffici Provinciali del Lavoro e delle Associazioni sindacali interessate le seguenti vertenze di lavoro: pending bargaining at ptrol.

- in Provincia di Potenza n.4 vertenze di lavoro, riguardanti il settore agricolo, per un importo complessivo di L. 85.000 -
- in Provincia di Matera n.10 controversie di lavoro di natura varia per un importo complessivo di L. 12.101-

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Mass of workers: distrubed: wages inadequate to cost of life.

E' da segnalare il vivo malcontento esistente fra le masse lavoratrici - in ispecial modo fra i dipendenti statali, che non riescono a fronteggiare - con le loro retribuzioni - i prezzi, in continuo aumento, che vengono praticati sul mercato, specie dopo l'avvenuta concessione dell'indennità di carovita -.

Employees of the State living in sad conditions. They are selling their possessions to cope with urgent needs. Bad state of health and hygiene.

Le condizioni di vita del predetto personale sono veramente precarie; esauriti da tempo i loro risparmi, costretti a vendere oggetti e indumenti familiari per procurarsi gli alimenti indispensabili per il sostentamento, il personale statale -privo di altri mezzi di fortuna - vive in condizioni

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igieniche e di salute gravi.

Poiché - come si é constatato - la concessione dell'indennità di carovita non ha migliorato le condizioni economiche dei lavoratori, ma ha portato - soltanto - ad un ulteriore e sempre crescente aumento dei prezzi, é necessario che siano presi dei provvedimenti atti ad alleviare - in modo concreto - le condizioni di vita, delle classi lavoratrici a reddito fisso, esaminando la possibilità di corrispondere parte della loro retribuzione in prodotti alimentari, a prezzo di calmiere, e, in articoli di abbigliamento d'uso comune.

The concession for indemnity for high cost of life indeed proves the economical condition has been [illegible] [illegible] salary partly given in food and clothes.

Per venire incontro, poi, ai dipendenti statali - i quali risentono particolarmente della presente crisi economica in cui si dibatte la Nazione - sarebbe necessario prendere a favore di essi i seguenti provvedimenti che permetterebbero loro di affrontare i disagi della stagione invernale:

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Proposed providements:

Loan lit 10.000 - 1) concessione di un mutuo aggirantesi sulle L. 10.000 - da concedersi da Istituti bancari o direttamente dallo Stato e da rimborsarsi, in quote mensili, con un opportuno piano di ammortamento;

Guaranteed by Bank or State to be deducted in monthly quotas

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a part of the salary to be paid in food.

2) concessione di parte dello stipendio in prodotti alimentari;

3) istituzione di mense presso tutti gli Uffici statali; Institution of mess for Office of the State.

4) concessione di indumenti e scarpe da distribuirsi - a prezzo di calmiere - per il tramite dell'Amministrazione dello Stato. Clothing to be distributed at cost and through for economic price.

b) Occupazione operaia-

Nel settore agricolo, a causa delle continue piogge, i lavori di aratura dei terreni e di semina del grano si sono svolti con lentezza e di conseguenza la mano d'opera disponibile ha trovato scarsa possibilità d'occupazione.

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Industry: unemployment on account of lack of material and transport especially house construction.

Nel settore dell'industria - a causa della scarsa attività industriale e data la mancanza di alcune materie prime, ma sopratutto, per la deficienza dei mezzi di trasporto che impediscono lo scambio e l'approvvigionamento dei prodotti, dando origine a continue sospensioni di lavori - la disoccupazione permane grave, specie fra gli addetti all'industria edilizia.

Nel settore del commercio - in considerazione

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Commercial Sector

owing to the artisan and familiar nature of the commerce in the Basilicata the labour situation is satisfactory

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della natura artigiana e familiare della quasi generalità delle aziende di commercio esistenti in Basilicata - la situazione lavorativa permane buona e la mano d'opera disponibile, fra gli addetti al commercio, risulta sufficiente al fabbisogno delle aziende.

Activity less than last month - less contract works owing to lack of material. Transport difficulties are slackening production.

c) Attività industriale-

1- Edilizia - L'attività di questa industria é diminuita rispetto a quella del mese precedente in dipendenza dei pochi lavori concessi in appalto e delle note deficienze di materie prime.

2- Boschiva - Le difficoltà dei mezzi di trasporto influiscono sulla capacità produttiva delle aziende boschive che sono costrette a rallentare il ritmo della produzione.

The conditions of workers in the Mezzogiorno have not yet been improved by extension of supplementary rations.

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Non sono ancora migliorate le condizioni di vita dei lavoratori, addetti a lavori pesanti all'aperto in località di media ed alta montagna, mediante la concessione di adeguati supplementi di generi alimentari di prima necessità.

3- Molitoria e pastificazione - L'industria molitoria e di pastificazione risente in modo grave

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Mills and Paste factories have difficulties - lack of transport

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della deficienza dei mezzi di trasporto.

Quasi tutte le aziende hanno bisogno di cinghie di cuoio e di canapa e di veli di seta per buratti.

Il molino Di Ciommo & Caporale di Lavello, infatti, é stato costretto a sospendere la sua attività per alcuni giorni, per non aver avuto la disponibilità di carri ferroviari per il trasposto delle farine prodotte.

4- Grafiche - L'attività di queste industrie é stata inferiore a quella del mese precedente in dipendenza della deficienza di carta e di inchiostri.

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Le aziende tipografiche si limitano per lo più a stampare giornali periodici locali.

5- Laterizi - A causa delle condizioni metereologiche sfavorevoli le ditte S.A.L.A. (Società Anonima Laterizi e Affini) e Ierace Vincenzo di Potenza hanno sospeso le loro attività.

Entrambe, con pochi operai alle dipendenze, hanno eseguito soltanto lavori in cava per la preparazione delle argille.

La ditta Rag. Arcangelo Annunziata di Matera

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ha svolto notevole attività con una media di 80 operai alle dipendenze.

La deficienza dei mezzi di trasporto incide sensibilmente sulla produzione e sullo smercio dei prodotti in considerazione anche del fatto che le Ferrovie Calabro Lucane hanno aumentato del 100% le tariffe e non hanno ammesso il trasporto a P.V. dei laterizi mentre hanno consentito tale ammissione per i prodotti ricchi.

La stessa incontra, inoltre, non lievi difficoltà per ottenere le assegnazioni dei vagoni adatti per le spedizioni dei diversi tipi di prodotto.

Le industrie dei laterizi desiderebbero avere delle assegnazioni di carbon fossile e sanse esaustе.

6- <u>Tessile</u> - La ditta Guida Pietro & Figli di Longobucco svolge regolarmente la sua attività.

La stessa avrebbe bisogno di tacchetti di cuoio buffalo per telai meccanici, di corde e cordette di cotone per filatura automatica e di un autocarro per il trasporto di legna da ardere per alimentare le caldaie a vapore.

La ditta Gallo Michele & Figli da Bella produce attualmente circa Kg. 20 di filati al giorno e mt. 25 di tessuti.

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La capacità di produzione potrebbe aggirarsi sui Kg. 40 di filati al giorno e m. 50 di tessuto, se la ditta fosse in grado di riparare il macchinario logoro e di approvvigionarsi di montature, fune di cotone e cordine.

7- Del Legno - Le industrie del legno svolgono discreta attività.

d) Attività mineraria-

La mancata ricostruzione del ponte ferroviario sul tratto Castelluccio-Lauria, demolito dai tedeschi in ritirata, non permette ancora la ripresa dei lavori della miniera di lignite di Castelluccio Inferiore della L.I.M.S.A. sospesi data l'impossibilità di esitare il prodotto estratto.

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Sono a buon punto i lavori intrapresi dalla Società Lucana per imprese idroelettriche di Potenza per la rimessa in efficienza della Centrale di Muro Lucano, sensibilmente danneggiata dai tedeschi in ritirata.

La stessa ha incontrato molte difficoltà per la fusione dei pezzi speciali e per ottenere degli organi di interoettazione e di manovra onde

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iniziare i lavori di ripristino della suddetta centrale.

In seguito a bombardamenti aerei sono state pure danneggiate linee ad alta e bassa tensione e cabine per le cui riparazioni occorrono i seguenti materiali: trasformatori trifasi, interruttori, olio minerale, coltelli di sezionamento per cabine, ferro per mensolame, valvole di alta tensione per cabine, pali di legno, isolatori, conduttori in rame, morsetterie e attrezzi.

La produzione annua normale di energia elettrica é di 8.700.000 Kwh, mentre quella attuale é di 6.000.000 Kwh.

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e) Attività agricola-

Materie prime alimentari - Nella prima quindicina di novembre l'andamento climatico é stato caratterizzato da frequenti piogge e venti impetuosi di ovest, che hanno provocato la cascola di olive e ghiande e dalla caduta, nel giorno 10, per la prima volta, della neve che,pur essendosi completamente sciolta nei giorni 11 e 12 a causa di forti piogge, ha avvantaggiato la tempera del terreno, mentre nella seconda quindicina le preci=

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pitazioni atmosferiche si sono alternate con giornate di sole che hanno sfavorito la germinazione e vegetazione delle colture autunnali.

I lavori agricoli durante tutto il mese, sia in montagna che in collina, sono proceduti regolarmente a causa delle piogge cadute, che hanno dato al terreno quella tempera necessaria per la lavorazione; anche i lavori di semina, specie nelle giornate di sole della seconda quindicina, si sono svolti favorevolmente.

La disponibilità della mano d'opera é stata normale durante tutto il mese.

Si lamenta sempre la deficienza dei concimi minerali specie dei perfosfati e nitrati, tanto utili nella fase di accestimento del frumento, accestimento che influisce enormemente sulla produzione futura.

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Anche gli antiparassitari necessari per la disinfestazione del grano da semina, sono del tutto deficienti.

1- <u>Cereali</u>- Sono quasi ultimati i lavori preparatori, sia in collina che in montagna, dei terreni da adibirsi alla coltivazione dei cereali e si é iniziata la semina in montagna del frumento autun-

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nale, della segale, dell'orzo e dell'avena.

In alcune zone é cominciata pure la germinazione del frumento, favorita dal buon andamento climatico della 2^ quindicina del mese.

Le operazioni di ammasso sono ultimate nei Comuni della Lucania di minore importanza, mentre negli altri restano ancora da conferire alcune partite di cereali, specie da parte di piccoli produttori.

L'ammasso dei cereali minori che continua ancora, lascia prevedere un conferimento inferiore alla media degli anni precedenti.

2- Leguminose - Si é iniziata la lavorazione del terreno per la preparazione di esso, sia in montagna che in collina, alla semina della fava; anzi in montagna si sono già avute le prime semine.

Per tale coltura si manifesta all'atto della semina il bisogno della concimazione fosfatica, che influisce notevolmente sulla produzione futura e rende la pianta più resistente agli attacchi parassitari.

Purtroppo però non v'é alcuna disponibilità di perfosfati monocalcieri e tricalcieri.

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L'ammasso delle leguminose raccolte é stato ultimato nei primi del mese e non ha dato quel risultato soddisfacente che si attendeva.

3- Viticultura e vini - La raccolta delle uve, che si presentano ottime, perché i vigneti durante tutto il ciclo si sono presentati immuni da malattie crittogamiche ed in buone condizioni di vegetazione, ha dato una produzione veramente soddisfacente.

Nel mese di novembre é avvenuta la vinificazione; si sono avuti vini pregiati in molte zone della provincia di Potenza.

I vini da taglio e da mezzo taglio, ricavati da uve prodotte in località situate non oltre i 400 metri di altitudine, in terreni particolarmente favorevoli per la loro composizione e per l'esposizione a sud, condizioni che caratterizzano specie la zona del Vulture, si presentano di colore rosso rubino carico, molto limpido, con alcoolicità dai 12° sino al 15° e leggermente profumati.

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Per tali requisiti di forza e di finezza, i vini del Vulture sono molto apprezzati e ricercati in commercio; infatti negli anni scorsi venivano

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acquistati dagli industriali dell'Italia settentrionale che li adoperavano come efficaci correttivi per la fabbricazione di vini di marca superiore.

Molto pregiati e largamente ricercati sono anche i vini di Maschito; il territorio pur non rientrando nella zona del Vulture, produce ed ha prodotto anche quest'anno, vini dotati di ottime qualità organolettiche, che gareggiano con i migliori delle zone di Barile e di Rapolla; anche apprezzate sono le produzioni vinicole dei Comuni di Venosa, Forenza e Ruoti.

La produzione dei vini bianchi in provincia di Potenza, in prevalenza di moscato e malvasia, é stata sempre, e lo é stata anche quest'anno, in confronto di quella del vino rosso Aglianico, piuttosto ristretta.

I vini bianchi sono buoni; sarebbero ottimi se fossero lavorati razionalmente, per ottenere spumanti bianchi, mentre risultano molto gradevoli, robusti, profumati, non hanno la caratteristica della brillantezza, onde si presentano velati, pur possedendo eccellenti qualità organolettiche.

La malvasia di Rapolla e il moscato di Barile,

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di Rionero e di Maschito, difatti, si presterebbero moltissimo per la preparazione di eccellenti vini da dessert e di ottimo spumante ove, al metodo di preparazione empirica, subentrasse il sistema razionale imposto per la confezione di tipi di vini di marca superiore.

Infatti i vini in Lucania generalmente sono prodotti con sistemi alquanto primitivi e destinati subito al consumo, perchè la generalità dei produttori é formata da modesti e piccoli proprietari, molti dei quali, oltre a non essere bene attrezzati, sono sforniti finanche di locali necessari e dei minimi indispensabili mezzi di lavorazione, condizione che impongono maggiormente la necessità di promuovere ad ogni costo, l'istituzione di organi associativi.

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In conclusione si può affermare che in Lucania vé un'eccellente materia prima che opportunamente valorizzata, può divenire, non solo una fonte cospicua di ricchezza economica, ma potrà anche, se perfezionata la tecnica della vinificazione, assicurare vini pregiatissimi all'Italia.

4- <u>Olivo</u> - L'andamento climatico della prima quindicina del mese di novembre é stato sfavorevole alla

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coltura dell'olivo, a causa dei venti impetuosi che hanno determinato cascola dei frutti; tuttavia però, date le vicende climatiche favorevoli per tutto il periodo della vegetazione, l'olivo si presenta in buone condizioni sia in collina che in montagna, eccetto in qualche zona ove si sono avuti attacchi di mosca olearia, inferiore diminuita nella 2^ quindicina del mese per le condizioni atmosferiche avverse allo sviluppo ed al propagarsi dell'insetto.

Si sono iniziati i lavori di raccolta in collina, e la produzione si prevede soddisfacente.

L'olivo in provincia di Potenza é esteso su una superficie, sia in coltura promiscua che in specializzata, di 20 mila ettari; la produzione media normale si aggira sui 320 mila quintali di olivo, con una percentuale in olio che raggiunge in media un totale di 60 mila quintali annualmente.

Tale coltura potrebbe, in provincia di Potenza, incrementarsi col perfezionamento del sistema di coltivazione dei suoi fattori principali, quali: la concimazione, la potatura e la lotta contro i parassiti.

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5- Foraggi - L'andamento climatico del mese in esame, é stato abbastanza favorevole, a causa delle precipitazioni atmosferiche, alla produzione delle foraggere.

Tuttavia la disponibilità foraggera in Lucania, si presenta sempre scarsa, ed é costituita prevalentemente dalla produzione dei prati naturali e dei pascoli, la cui entità e dell'80% superiore a quella derivante dai prati artificiali e dagli erbai.

Ciò dimostra che in Lucania assume massima importanza la produzione spontanea, che insieme a quella coltivata é del tutto insufficiente all'alimentazione del patrimonio zootecnico esistente.

Infatti le razioni alimentari utilizzate dal bestiame in questa regione, assumono un valore limitato rispetto al minimo delle esigenze da esso reclamate, valore che, può affermarsi, compensi appena la razione di mantenimento e poco o niente viene somministrato per la funzione produttiva cui adempie, sia che il bestiame venga considerato quale macchina di lavoro, sia quale fonte di reddito in carne, latte e lana.

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Bisogna promuovere un'azione d'intensa propaganda a favore delle foraggere per assicurare l'alimento necessario al patrimonio zootecnico lucano.

6- Prodotti ortofrutticoli - La produzione ortofrutticola della Lucania ha beneficiato delle buone condizioni climatiche della seconda quindicina del mese di novembre.

Il melo ed il pero vegetano discretamente, sebbene si notano attacchi di cimpe (Euproctis Chrisorrhoea) con notevoli danni alla fogliazione ed ai frutti. La raccolta di tali fruttiferi continua.

Il pesco vegeta pure discretamente; si é verificato qualche attacco di Monilia Cinerea.

Gli altri fruttiferi in genere si presentano ovunque in buono stato di vegetazione, pur lamentandosi lievi attacchi d'insetti.

La produzione della frutta durante tutto il mese é stata abbondante e non é mai scarseggiata sui mercati.

7- Agrumi - Nel mese di novembre si é notato ancora deficienza di limoni sul mercato, mentre si é iniziata la vendita degli aranci e mandarini.

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8- Piante oleaginose- Leggermente si sono avvantaggiate, a causa dell'andamento climatico favorevole della seconda quindicina del mese predetto, quelle pochissime colture di cotone esistenti in Lucania. Si é iniziata di già la raccolta.

9- Carne, pesce e latte- La già lamentata deficienza di mangimi e di pascoli, non ha migliorato la produzione della carne e del latte, specie nella provincia di Potenza, che si presenta sempre bassa.

A ciò si unisce pure l'infezione aftosa, carbonchiosa e colerica, che sebbene nel mese suddetto sia migliorata, pur tuttavia é ancora diffusa.

Dal presente prospetto si rileva meglio l'intensità del male, che influisce notevolmente sulla produzione del latte, della carne e del lavoro da parte del bestiame:

Specie	Stato sanitario	T p i z o z i e		
		Natura	decorso	diffusione
bovini	mediocre	focolai di afta	benigno	molta
ovini e caprini	mediocre	carbonchio ematico - afta	mortale	limitata
suini	mediocre	colera	mortale	limitata
pollami e conigli	cattivo	colera	mortale	limitata

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L'industria della pesca ha mantenuto il suo ritmo ridottissimo ed il pesce é affluito in misura esigua ai mercati.

10- Materie prime e prodotti agricoli per l'industria - Ginestra- Abbondante é la produzione delle vermenè in provincia di Potenza, produzione che ha beneficiato anche del buon andamento climatico del mese in esame.

La ginestra fornisce un'ottima fibra che si impiega nel Lagonegrese, largamente nella preparazione dei sacchi, di tovaglie, di asciugamani etc.

Le vermenè attualmente non vengono utilizzate a causa dell'inattività dei due Ginestifici esistenti in provincia di Potenza, per mancanza delle materie prime da adibirsi nella lavorazione.

E' da augurarsi una ripresa delle lavorazioni da parte dei stabilimenti predetti, perché l'utilizzazione della ginestra in provincia di Potenza, specie nei momenti attuali, avrebbe riflessi di ordine economico e sociale piuttosto rilevanti, e nello stesso tempo, riuscirebbe a valorizzare diecine di migliaia di ettari di terreni quasi improduttivi, a causa dell'ingente massa di fibra

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che si ricaverebbe da questa pianta, fibra che, per i pregi che la caratterizzano, può costituire in pieno quella del cotone.

11- Atteggiamento degli agricoltori di fronte ai provvedimenti del Governo e di Organi locali-

In tema di provvedimento legislativo per la concessione "delle terre incolte" ai contadini, gli agricoltori della Lucania hanno compreso che il decreto si é ispirato allo scopo di avviare tale complessa materia verso una sistemazione legale.

Essi riconoscono la necessità di evitare i tumultuari movimenti collettivi di occupazione e di sostituire all'arbitrio di una parte, la regola di una legale procedura, per tutelare non solo i legittimi interessi loro che devono cedere la terra, ma anche e più ancora, i superiori interessi della produzione.

Pertanto gli agricoltori della Lucania plaudono a tale iniziativa del Governo, però essi chiedono che la materia venga regolata in modo da contenere tutte le necessarie garanzie in rapporto alle condizioni effettive in cui si trovano le terre da concedere, alla capacità dei concessionari di espli-

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care la loro funzione produttiva, alla competenza ed imparzialità degli organi destinati a decidere in merito.

Il decreto in linea di massima contiene queste garanzie essenziali per quanto riguarda la costituzione delle commissioni arbitrali; però gli agricoltori della terra lucana chiedono che per il decreto riguardante i contratti agrari di compartecipazione e colonia parziaria, esso decreto non si limiti ad un solo grado di giurisdizione, ma sia consentito l'appello per il merito della concessione e non solo per la misura dell'indennità.

E' da augurarsi che la complessa materia venga ben disciplinata ed ancora perfezionata dal Governo tale da assicurare i legittimi interessi degli agricoltori e dei contadini.

f) Fonti di energia-

La produzione dell'olio greggio da parte del Comitato Italiano Petroli di Tramutola é ancora sospesa dal 14.9.1943 per difficoltà di trasporto del combustibile estratto.

La produzione del gas metano continua sempre a ritmo ridotto secondo le richieste dei privati e delle ferrovie Calabro Lucane.

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La ditta ing. Viceconti & C., esercente industria elettrica nel Comune di Lauria, desiderebbe approvvigionarsi di fili di rame, isolatori, portalampade per fanali pubblici, valvole, fili di piombo, olio, lubrificante e cinghie di trasmissione per la riattivazione delle linee ad alto potenziale della centrale Caffaro alla cabina di trasformazione, dalla centrale Torbido alla cabina di trasformazione, dalla centrale Torbido a Lagonegro, per la riparazione dell'apparecchio di manovra alla presa d'acqua della centrale Torbido e dei danni subiti dalle Officine Caffaro e Torbido a seguito di azioni aeree.

La Società Ofantina Lucana di Elettricità, con sede a Napoli e Direzione a Tescopagano, ha già proceduto alla riparazione di danni provocati da azioni aeree per l'importo di L. 18.900-

g) Servizi-

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Un certo miglioramento si è notato nel mese di novembre in tema di trasporti in Lucania.

Infatti sono stati istituiti i seguenti servizi automobilistici trisettimanali ad opera della S.I.T.A. di Potenza:

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1) Potenza - Melfi
2) S.Severino Lucano - Chiaromonte
3) Castronuovo S. Andrea - Senise
4) Lavello - Bari
5) S. Severino Lucano - Valsinni
6) Potenza - Napoli
7) Pescopagano - Avellino
8) Castronuovo S. Andrea - Chiaromonte-

Sebbene la situazione sia leggermente migliorata, pur essa permane tuttora critica per l'insufficienza dei mezzi di trasporto a disposizione del pubblico-

h) Erogazione acqua-

L'erogazione dell'acqua durante tutto il mese é stata regolare-

i) Corsi di istruzione professionale-

Non risulta che ne siano stati tenuti-

l) Prezzi e consumi

La distribuzione dei generi alimentari razionati é stata limitata, nel mese, a un solo kilogrammo di farina e a 200 grammi di olio a persona.

Nessun altro genere é stato distribuito alla po-

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polazione.

Vivissimo é quindi il malcontento fra la popolazione che é costretta a procurarsi sul mercato nero i generi non distribuiti ed indispensabili per il sostentamento.

Di conseguenza il mercato nero imperversa e si é sostituito completamente al mercato legale.

I prezzi sul predetto mercato continuano a subire nuovi aumenti e i lavoratori, a reddito fisso, vedono sempre più peggiorare la loro situazione economica e vedono soprattutto sfumare i benefici che sarebbero dovuti loro derivare dalla corresponsione dell'indennità di carovita.

I prezzi sul predetto mercato, dei generi alimentari risultano aumentati di 20 - 30 volte i prezzi di calmiere, la farina si vende a L. 50 al Kg; il prezzo dell'olio é in continuo aumento ed oscilla sulle L. 250 al litro; i grassi si vendono a prezzi altissimi (L. 500 - 600 al Kg.) e sono spariti del tutto dal mercato.

Ad eliminare o mitigare l'imperversare del mercato nero, non basta sequestrare ai detentori partite di merce acquistate clandestinamente, specie quando tale sequestro colpisce capi di famiglia che cercano procurarsi altrove gli alimenti necessari per il

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fabbisogno familiare e che non vengono loro di= stribuiti con il sistema del razionamento. Sareb= beinvece necessario che gli Alleati venissero me= glio incontro ai bisogni delle nostre popolazioni mediante l'invio di altri generi alimentari, di calzature e di articoli di abbigliamento di prima necessità da distribuirsi direttamente dallo Stato ai cittadini secondo un piano prestabilito di di= stribuzione.

La merce, in altri termini, dovrebbe essere distribuita a consumatori direttamente dallo Stato a mezzo di propri organi seriamente controllati o da Cooperative bene organizzate.

In Lucania lo scatolame generosamente inviato= ci dagli Alleati é scomparso in un dato momento dal= le vetrine dei negozi di generi alimentari ed é an= dato a finire nei ripostigli dei negozi medesimi per essere venduto dagli stessi commercianti o da altri ingordi speculatori a prezzi proibitivi.

In definitiva, la classe che maggiormente sof= fre, e che ha sempre maggiormente sofferto nei perio= di di crisi, é quella impiegatizia.

E' doveroso, pertanto, da parte dello Stato ai

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venire incontro alle classi impiegatizie mediante la somministrazione di viveri e di altri generi di prima necessità in considerazione anche dell'apporto non modesto che esse attualmente danno silenziosamente alla ricostruzione economica, sociale e morale della Nazione, tra sofferenze fisiche, e purtroppo anche morali per il disconoscimento a volte della loro diuturna fatica iniziatasi dopo accurati studi e continuata, purtroppo fra stenti e privazioni d'ogni specie.

m) Importazioni ed esportazioni-

Non si é avuto commercio con l'estero-

n) Mercato finanziario-

Le Banche non ricevono cospicui depositi nonostante l'abbondante quantità di moneta in circolazione.

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ATTIVITA' DEL CIRCOLO

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Nel mese di novembre sono stati mantenuti frequenti contatti con il Prefetto di Potenza e di Matera e con gli Enti economici, previdenziali ed assistenziali.

Il personale ispettivo ed i componenti il Nucleo CC.RR. ha eseguito nel mese di novembre n. 17 ispezioni ordinarie, di cui n. 14 ad aziende industriali e n. 3 ad aziende commerciali; n. 178 ispezioni straordinarie di cui 132 ad aziende industriali, 39 ad aziende commerciali e 7 ad aziende agricole, n. 39 visite ed autorità diverse.

Gli ispettori hanno partecipato a 2 commissioni presso la Camera di Commercio, Industria e Agricoltura di Potenza, per la distribuzione dei prodotti industriali.

Sono stati eseguiti n. 35 accertamenti tecnico-economici e n. 31 sopralluoghi diversi.

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I verbali di contravvenzione redatti nel mese ammontano a 30; di cui 6 per assicurazioni sociali, 12 per assegni familiari, 7 per contratto di lavoro e 5 per leggi diverse.

Sono stati compilati 3 rapporti per nuovi impianti industriali.

Le visite ed i chiarimenti forniti in ufficio sono stati 148.

Sono pervenute n. 68 denuncie.

Sono state protocollate n. 474 lettere in partenza e n. 332 in arrivo.

Il numero delle pratiche evase ed archiviate é stato di 180, col recupero di L. 89.988,80, così distinte:

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Premio infortuni	L.	1.974,20
Contributi ass. sociali	"	58.139,40
Contributi ass.familiari	"	12.057,60
Assegni familiari	"	6.236,70
Contributi mutualistici	"	10.188,90
Differenze salariali	"	1.392,00
Totale	L.	89.988,80

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Collegi e Organi Tecnici	Commissioni	Accertamenti diversi	Caldaie a vapore: Rilascio patenti	Caldaie a vapore: Rinnovo patenti	Caldaie a vapore: Colloquio col pubblico
-	2	31	-	-	148

Ricuperi	
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A.F. (contributi)	" 12.057,60
A.F. (indennità)	" 6.236,70
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Capt. SOLENBERGER		
Mr. SACHS		
Mr. DI PEDE		
Mr. GERRITO		
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