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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

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SUBJECT: Situation Report as of 2359 hrs 3 Jun 45.

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TO : HQ Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. The general situation west of the ISONZO continues to be satisfactory, although some incidents are still reported. The partisans are becoming somewhat unpopular with the population owing to their continued living off the country, and there has been some desertion and voluntary disarmament among both the OSOPPO and GARIBOLDINI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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RMF. : LSC/⁷¹²~~666~~ 14 March 1945
SUBJECT: Monthly Reports, 8th Army Area
TO : Regional Labour Officer Emilia.

1. With reference to your minute of 2nd March, the heading "Northern Area" in the Labour Sub-Commissions monthly report has been amended to read "8th Army Area" in accordance with your suggestion.

W.H. Braine

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

File RMA/ac 712
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REF : LSC/606⁷¹²

2 March 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports, 8th Army Area.

TO : Mr. Braine.

1. Attached is a copy of the Labour report from the 8th Army Area for the month of February 1945. This is the third monthly report submitted from this area.
2. The regular channel for communication from the 8th Army area is through 8th Army AMG to the Labour Sub-Commission, and the original of this report has already been forwarded through that channel.
3. 8th Army AMG has asked why its section of the Labour Sub-Commission monthly report is included under the heading "Northern Area" instead of 8th Army Area. It is suggested that the heading be changed accordingly.

R. M. Albright

R. M. ALBRIGHT, Major
Labour Officer
Emilia Region.

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HQ EIGHTH ARMY
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Reference: RIX/LAR/43

23 February 1945

Subject : February Labour Report, AMG Eighth Army Rear.

To : SO 1 (2)

1. Attached is the monthly report from the Labour Division for February 1945. This is the third monthly report submitted since the establishment of the Labour Division.

2. The Labour Sub-Commission A.C. Hq has requested that a copy of the Monthly Labour Report be forwarded in time to reach AC Hq by the 5th of the month in order to be incorporated in the Monthly Report of the Sub-Commission. The form followed is that prescribed by the Labour Sub-Commission in its Appendix IIA.

3. An extra copy of the report is attached for forwarding through channels to the Labour Sub-Commission.

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1 February 1945

JANUARY LABOUR REPORT - AMG EIGHTH ARMY REAR

A. Regional Summary

1. General Labour News: During January a new Labour Policy was established, cleared and coordinated with all Army and civilian officers concerned with labour matters in Forlì and Ravenna Provinces. In both provinces, legal abolition of Fascist Labour Offices was completed; Social Security agencies were surveyed, reopened and assisted; conferences were held with all AMG and Army officials concerned with labour, all Italian officials; four different Camere del Lavoro and the two Federations of Cooperatives. Wage studies were made, and recommendations for wage increases equal to those in Italian Government territory were approved by Eighth Army to be effective 1 February 1945.

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7. Regional Activity of Ispettorato del Lavoro: No officers of the Ispettorato can be located in either Forlì or Ravenna. Prefects and others report that the only officers for this area were in Bologna. It is planned to have any necessary inspection work done directly by the Provincial Labour Office.

B. Regional Office Administration

No Regional Labour Office is contemplated until Region 1890 liberated unless earlier needs arise.

C. Provincial Labour Office Administration

Since General Order No. 26 is not used in this area, the following materials have been developed for establishing and developing the Provincial Labour Offices:

- 1) An explanatory statement for Provincial Commissioners, Prefects and new Directors.
- 2) Directions as to budgets, personnel; signs, etc.
- 3) Revised Rules and Regulations.
- 4) A public notice (stating purposes, divisions, duties, relationships).
- 5) A news story to be released through PRB.

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Plans were completed for opening a Communal Labour Office to be later made a branch of the Provincial Labour Office.

D. Miscellaneous:

Unable to staff its new offices or solve all of its own problems during the current month, the Labour Division nevertheless distinguished itself in international affairs when Private Martin A. Watkins received the Mediterranean Theater award (a 500 dollar bond) for the winning essay on "What Shall We Do With Japan?".

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HQ. EIGHTH ARMY
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21 January 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Labor Program, Ravenna 17-20 January.

TO : SO 1(2); Provincial Commissioner; L.G. CAO.

1. Conferences on labor matters were held with the Provincial Commissioner, Executive Officer, Finance Officer; with the CAO; with Lt. R. L. Spencer of the Civil Labor Unit; and with the following Italian officials:

- The Prefect, the Sindaco, the Vice Sindaco;
- The head of the Cooperativa di Muratori-Bonetti;
- The head of the Committee of National Liberation-Bade;
- The Vice-President of the Federation of Cooperatives-Coletti;
- The Commissario of the Previdenza Sociale-Venturi, Dante;
- The Commissario of the Infortuni-Singazzi, Giulio;
- The Commissario of the Mutua Malattia-Pietta, Luigi;

and with the following committee of the Camera del Lavoro or "Comitato Sindacale":

- Garovini, Camillo (Socialist)
- Balzano, Antonio (Democratic Christian)
- Berli, Uliano (Sindacalist)
- Cervellati, Enrico (Communist)
- Gelfieri, Enrico (Republican)

2. The purposes of these conferences were:

- (a) To complete the abolition of Fascist Syndicates
- (b) To begin the organization of a Provincial Labor Office
- (c) To survey and reactivate the Social Security agencies
- (d) To survey the existing labor organizations and explain Army labor and wage policy to labor leaders.

3. The following results are reported:

- (a) Provincial Labor Office-
The Prefect, the Civil Labor Unit and the CAO expressed the need for a Labor Office at the earliest possible time. The Comitato Sindacale said it favored the idea except for the Employment Service or placement branch which they considered a Camera del Lavoro function. They wanted to know the official position of the Confederation of Labor at Rome and said if the Confederation favored the plan, the local Camera would favor it. (In this regard

the failure of the Italian Government to enact Labor Office legislation and the critical attitude of the C.G.I.L. towards the Labor Offices makes difficult the winning of tradeunion support in the Provinces.)

They promised to consider it further and report. They were given the opportunity to suggest candidates for positions in the Labor Office. Nominations were also requested from the Prefect, the Committee of National Liberation and others. Only one nomination was made—Garovini—and he stated that he preferred to remain in the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ field of the cooperatives and had also been chosen as Commissioner of the Consiglio del Economia by the Provincial Commissioner. The Vice-Prefect, Fietta, was considered qualified but could not be released from present duties.

In view of strong leadership and large membership of labor organization, it was felt necessary to delay appointment until a Director acceptable to labor could be found. In the meantime, the CAO has located office space, and a budget and plan of organization have been left with the Provincial Commissioner and discussed with the Prefect. The Provincial Commissioner, CAO and Prefect will continue to search for a suitable Director.

(b) Social Security Agencies:

Previdenza Sociale is established Via Roncinelli with approximately 35 employees. The Previdenza normally functions through Post Offices and has no branches outside of the Provincial seat.

The Commissario is Venturi, Dante. The Director, Reggente is the former Vice-Director, Saccani, Agilio. The office functions for all types of Previdenza insurance.

Infortuni is established at Via Nove Maggio 27 and has small branches at Cervia, Faenza and Baginocavallo, all functioning at the present time. There are medical officers only at Faenza and Ravenna. 1887 documents come into the main office at Ravenna. Malattia. The present Commissario is also the Vice-Prefect, Fietta, Luigi. Not previously an employee but interested and informed. Present location is Via San Vitale No. 3. and includes all three divisions of Malattia. About 30 employees. Functions fully but without adequate supplies or equipment.

All three directors have been requested through the Prefect to submit written full reports on the status and on the operating needs of the agencies.

The Prefect has been asked to submit his nominations for Directors to the Provincial Commissioner for approval, together with Scade Personale.

Present Commissioners were appointed by the Committee of National Liberation and have served

without pay.

Procedures and directives obtained through Hq. A.C. from the National agencies for the Ravenna Branches of Previdenza, Infortuni and Malattia were left with the Executive Officer for delivery to the Directors when their appointments are approved by the Provincial Commissioner.

All three are ready to begin benefits to employees of Allied Forces when plan goes into effect. They have received no instructions at present time.

(c) Labor Organizations

The Fascist Syndicates have been already abolished by action of the Committee of National Liberation. The Prefect has already appointed Commissaries to look after what was left of their property. The Finance Officer had been requested to pay salaries for October and November only from blocked accounts, to those clerks and officers who remained on duty during those months, provided no salary of more than 18000 monthly be allowed.

The Army Order abolishing Fascist Syndicates was received by the Provincial Commissioner and given to the Provincial Public Safety Officer for posting.

The Camera del Lavoro, established by the C.N.L., claims 36,124 members in the Province, 17,616 of whom are in Ravenna Commune (See Attachment "A"). Of these 26000, 17000 are agricultural workers and 9000 industrial workers.

(Note: In Ravenna Province there are approximately 120,000 in the "working population" of whom 86,000 are in agriculture; 24000 in industry; the balance in commerce and service occupations.)

The Camera has been functioned as a registration and placement office serving the Civil Labor Unit and some private employers. (C.L.U. says it has promised but generally failed to deliver).

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- 1) That they be permitted to issue one poster announcing the formation of the Camera del Lavoro.
- 2) That they be allowed to send delegates to the Naples Conference of the Confederation of Labor on 25 January.

They were told that written requests with full details might be submitted to the Provincial Commissioner but that present policy did not allow that either.

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NOTE: The Naples request was refused. The draft poster has not been presented, but it is understood that it will not be approved, at least until after the Labor Office has been established and has received full cooperation from the Camera.

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CAMERA CONSULENZA DEL LAVORO NELLA PROVINCIA
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ATTACHMENT "A"

Specchio riassuntivo delle iscrizioni

al 15-1-1945

Comune di appartenenza	AGRICOLTURA			INDUS- TRIA	COM- MER- CIO	IMPREGATI VARI	TOTALE ISCRITTI	NOTE
	Brac- ianti	Santa- dini	Totale Agric.					
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ATTACHMENT "B"

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THE
8th. MOUNTAIN ARMY
AREA

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1 February 1945

JANUARY LABOUR REPORT - 8th MOUNTAIN ARMY AREA

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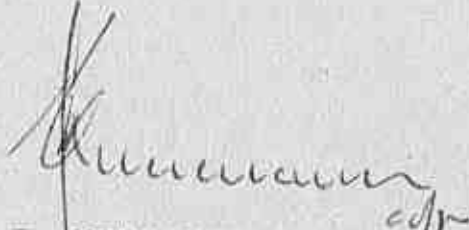
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TO : Labor Sub-Commission.

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