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APO 397

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19 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Report, weekly.

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TO : Regional Allied Commissioner, Sardinia Region,
Hq Alcom: Industry S/C, Mining Division, APO 394

1. Coal Mining

Production for the week ending 17 March totalled 8947 tons of washed coal.

On 15th March a white strike or slow-down was started at the Bacu Abis mine as a protest against piece work. Production dropped from an average of 528 tons to 439 on 15 March, 267 on 16 March and 160 on 17 March.

President Sanna has informed this Hq that if this white strike continue work at the Bacu Abis mine will no longer be practicable and that he intends to have about 1,000 miners from Bacu Abis moved to the south group of mines. In this way he hopes to maintain production and the men who are organizing the slow-down will be left at Bacu Abis for maintenance work. President Sanna feels that piece work is popular in the South Group and that by employing the Bacu Abis men on the second shift at Serbariu and other South Group mines production will increase sufficiently to make up for the closing down of Bacu Abis.

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2. Metal Mining

Capt Dix from 40 Ord Paint Factory Naples visited this Hq on 17th March. He visited the mines producing paint pigments and arrangements have been made for the continuation of pigment production for a further nine months. Capt Dix is making arrangements for a British Corporal to be permanently stationed in Sardinia to look after shipments and to check the grinding and color of pigments produced.

For The Chief, Regional Mining Division

/s/ G. F. Hatch
G. F. HATCH, Major
Regional Mining Div.

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TEL : Ext. 804

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REF : LSC/803 (807)

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Labor for Sardinia

TO : Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Executive Director
Economic Section

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 26 February (RS/15.12) on the above subject. When it was agreed that Labor Sub-Commission should interest itself in the supply of additional labor for the Sardinian coal mines, the new directive had not been publicly announced. Under that new directive I am in some doubt as to the extent to which Labor Sub-Commission can, without special invitation from the Italian Government, intervene in this question.

2. My impression is that a great deal of discussion has taken place with Sardinian personalities without the knowledge and full agreement of the responsible Italian Minister. For example, a firm proposal has been made by Allied Officers and by Sardinian officials that various "agitators" should be deported. But one of the men designated for deportation has, in fact, been nominated by Minister Gronchi to take an appointment as manager of one of the mines.

3. Before proceeding further I should like to have a clear lead as to the responsibility of the Italian Government for maintaining the output of Sardinian coal, the extent to which they are aware of Allied proposals to that end, and whether we can initiate action without waiting for formal approach from the Italian Government.

W. H. BRAINE

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Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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APO 394
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TEL : Ext. 204

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REF : LSC/887

26 March 1945

SUBJECT: Labor

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

1. I am transmitting to you herewith for action,
memorandum from Regional Commissioner, Sardegna, dated
18 March 1945 (TPW/1610) reference the above subject.

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S. H. CHAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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10 February 1945

TEL : Hrt. 234

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SUBJECT: Sardinian Coal Industry

TO : Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Economic Section

1. Last evening I discussed with Colonel Pennyquick the paragraphs in the proposed letter to him which deal with labor. The following will summarize the results of this discussion.

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2. With reference to 3 (a) (Recruitment), Colonel Pennyquick agrees that the recruitment of miners from the Mainland on any substantial scale is impracticable, and intensive recruitment efforts should be made on the Island. With reference to the last sentence, Colonel Pennyquick advises that the recent Army call-up has already made provision for occupational deferment of miners actually employed in the mines. He suggested, in addition, that non-miners who are called up be given an opportunity to elect whether to work in the mines or serve in the Army. I concur in this thought except that I think it would be preferable to accomplish the same result through a post-induction furlough. It is suggested that action be taken via WHIA.

3. With respect to 3(b) (Eviction of Miners from Houses), it was agreed that we recommend that this be undertaken with extreme caution.

4. With respect to 3(c) (Present Recruiting Efforts on Mainland), we both agreed that this was inconsistent with the recommendations in 3(a) and should be eliminated.

5. With respect to 3(d) (Coordination of Grievance Handling), Colonel Pennyquick was in enthusiastic agreement with the proposals suggested therein. In view of the fact, however, that we are going to pull out of Sardinia entirely, it is submitted that the recommendations along the lines described be forwarded to the Italian Government for action.

6. Colonel Pennyquick and I did not agree on the recommendation contained in 3(e) (Removal of "Political Agitators"). The Colonel suggested that our position be modified to "proceed with caution" attitude rather than outright disapproval. He made this

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suggestion because he has already requested the High Commissioner to remove five so-called "political agitators". He could not furnish details as to the offenses with which these men were charged. He stated that there was a procedure by which they could be removed from the mining district, and characterized it as "arbitrary". I suggest the comment in this paragraph remain unchanged.

DAVID C. SACHS
Labor Sub-Commission

cc: Mr. Spence

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From: Col. Smith

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Shipping for coal is subject your TX 89824 refers. In addition to ships already
destinated 6680 tons mine run mix and 2000 tons number 1 size will be available for export
to end February. January production will not exceed 34000 tons because of strike. End
Signed RATTENB

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