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SICILIA REGION - CORRESPONDENCE

Jan 1944 - Nov. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PO 284
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 204

19 November 1945

REF : LSC/808

SUBJECT: Your Report of 10 October 1945 on Pantelleria.

TO : A.C. Liaison Officer
Palermo, Sicily

1. Para 6 of your report of 10 October, in which reference is made to the fact that AMG employees do not receive cost-of-living bonus has been referred to this Sub-Commission.

2. In order that we can take the question further and can issue any necessary advice or instruction, it is desired to know the employing unit. Are the workers directly employed by the Allied Forces, and, if so, which unit of the Army or Navy is concerned? Perhaps also you would indicate whether there is any special reason, of which we are not cognizant, why cost-of-living bonus has not been paid, or whether the difficulty is merely absence of detailed information, rates, etc., which we shall be glad to arrange for you to receive.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

ECONOMIC SECTION

INTERNAL

EXTERNAL

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Lt. Col. Moore		Industry S/C	
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Price Control Branch		Establishment Section	
Message Center		G-1 (American)	
		G-1 (British)	
		ATTENTION:	
For appropriate Action		Note and Return	
Remarks/Recommendations		Signature	
Dispatch		Investigation & Report	
Information		File	
Circulation & Return		Note & Retain	
Please see me		Concurrence	

REMARKS:

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6 Nov 45 - LSC/108

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Tel. 415

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

CM/3d

Ref. W/3.01

6 November 1945

SUBJECT : Pantelleria and Lampedusa

TO : Supply Group

1. Enclosed are four copies of reports on conditions in the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa, concerning which the Executive Commissioner, in letter 569/77/AM, has requested:

"Would you please pass these copies to the appropriate sub-commissions for action, and inform the Executive Commissioner what is being done to relieve the situation."

2. Request you please take action as desired by the Executive Commissioner. Paragraph 6 of the report on Pantelleria has been passed to Labor Sub-Commission for action.

Carl M. Hildard, Jr.
CARL M. HILDARD, JR.
Capt., Infantry
Staff Officer

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Encls. - 2

- Incl. 1 - Report on Pantelleria (4)
2 - Report on Lampedusa (4)

Copy (with enclosures) to:
Labor S/C - See para 2 above.

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REPORT ON PANTELLERIA

1. Public Works program - (1) nothing done yet except to clean the streets.
 (2) roads on South & SE of island dangerous due to rocks and material having rolled down from the sides.
 (3) no hospital fit for work.
 (a) the present location cleared would liberate houses for the people.
 (b) a place possible for the hospital in old Naval barracks after repair.
 (4) no school.
 (5) no church - (church walls appear not too bad - a move in right direction to repair it).
 (6) no municipio.
 (7) Port must be cleared up as it is dangerous now in bad weather.

2. This commune not on list of "War-Damaged." It is 95% at least destroyed.

3. Cooperation from prefect and genio civile of Trapani does not exist. It is time that one of them actually saw the conditions on the island. There is at least one firm on the island that can do the public works program and there were enough men as labourers. There is no need for outsiders.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

A ship, the "Lampedusa" or another one, is needed at once. Its non-arrival is seriously affecting the allegiance of the islanders to Italy. It is nearly impossible now to travel on anything like a schedule between Sicily and Pantelleria and there is no allowance made for passengers on the fishing schooners, the only present means of communication. An Italian naval boat is supposed to do runs 3 times a month but once a month is its best average to date.

A plane service weekly Malta-Lampedusa-Pantelleria-Palermo should be possible

5. SUPPLIES

Glass, cement, lime and roofing materials are needed at once.

Salts, is the most necessary material next to food on the island. ³⁰³⁹ Everything runs on it - water, transportation, electricity, hospital. A greater quantity needed. (see para 7 (a)).

Boots & leather, clothing or clothing materials are requested but not at the prices prevalent in Sicily.

6. FINANCIAL

Sussidio has been paid to many foreigners here without homes and hence the money allowed them is not enough.

The workers do not get the "cost of living" bonus that is normally given. Even AMO employees do not get this.

7. GENERAL

(a) Why can Pantelleria not get some of the diesel oil at Ragusa? They can send 200 bbls. by schooner and four return trips with 50 full bbls. each trip and they have it, enough for electricity for nearly all winter.

(b) AMO mail arrangement to be made through Italian Navy at Trapani.

(c) Salvage work on port should be started at once.

(d) What is the status of war material left by, or taken from Italian forces on Pantelleria?

/s/ W. J. MacCallum, Lt Col.

10 Oct 45

COPY

10 October 1945

REPORT ON LAMPEDUSA

1. This island has been neglected and much building material which was on the island has been removed or wasted by a former administration. At present cement or lime, and roofing materials are needed, together with glass. There are many large buildings with walls standing and untouched by bombing, etc. these were partly completed barracks, etc. With roofing and glass, they would house many people.
2. A church is needed but one of these buildings could be adapted. There is no place for nuns, a necessity, apparently, for the children who at present are running wild.
3. Communications here are as for Pantelleria. The island tends to lean to Malta.
4. Doctor wants to stop traffic to Malta if more cases of bubonic plague are reported.
5. Food was coming to the island in bad condition and representing the culled material from Agrigento. This has now improved due to the intervention of high commissioner.
6. The firm of Consiglio Vincenzo of Porto Empedocle have a claim for about 2,000,000 lire which is the cost of transportation of food from Agrigento to Lampedusa. This should be looked into by the high commissioner's office at once.
7. The fish cannery have a great problem as follows:-
 - (a) An order from the high commissioner makes them set aside 20% of their production for Sicily and Italy at a price of 280 lire/kg.
 - (b) The oil costs 300 lire/litre because although they had authority from High Commissioner to take oil from Sicily they were not given the oil from the ammasso.
 - (c) The cost of fish 130 lire kg.; 2 Kg. fresh give 1 Kg. ³⁰⁰⁰ canned: high cost of oil; result is that the price should be (in their figures) 500 lire/kg.
8. Coal or wood for the winter is the great concern of the authorities now as winter approaches. It is possible that Pantelleria and Lampedusa could come to a mutual agreement on that.
9. Medical supplies are urgently needed on the island and, although asked for several months, none has arrived. A list of the needs is attached to this report.
10. Two years ago a number of mules were taken to Malta from the island and the owners have not yet been paid. Since the Maltese authorities have paid the Italian Government -- may the owners now be reimbursed?
11. There is much salvageable material on the island, i.e. tyres, motors, car and truck bodies, all of which are useless to the people of Lampedusa, but could be of invaluable assistance to Sicily.
There are 4 vessels sunk in the harbour and one of them is a tugboat, not very badly damaged. All of these could be salvaged. /s/ W.J. MacCallum
Lt Col
12. Activities of a former CAO are discussed in a separate letter.

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
A.C.
Routing Slip

	Initials	Date
Mr. W. H. BRAINE	for	
Mr. SACHS		
Mr. HIRD		
Mr. SCOTT		
Mr. PROCTOR ←		
Miss STEVENSON		
Miss SANSEVERINO		
Chief Clerk		

N 3 District

Check report for City of London
on AMG contract of the Subcom.

(Admin. Procedures)

John London states no more free employees
in area. Check with Capt. Highland & set up

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

VP/ce

TEL : 489081 - 416
REF : LSC/402/808.
SUBJECT : Allied Forces Employees.
TO : The Secretary, Allied Forces
Labour and Wages Committee, AFIRS.,
R O R E
(for attention: Major L.J.B. Louden)

6 November 1945.

1. The attached communication, which has been addressed to Rear Admiral Ellery Stone, is passed to you for attention and any action you may be able to take.

2. The letter has been acknowledged, and Signor Duse has been advised that it has been forwarded to the appropriate Authority for attention.

DAVID G. SACHS
Deputy-Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

TP/cc

TEL / 489081 - 416
REF : LSC/402-808
AL : Signor Elie DUSE,
34, Via Polveriera,
CATANIA.

6 Novembre 1945.

1. Ci preghiamo accusare ricevuta della Vostra lettera del 29 Ottobre, indirizzata all'Ammiraglio Ellery Stone.
2. La Vostra lettera è stata inoltrata al competente ufficio per essere presa in esame.

DAVID C. SACHS
Deputy-Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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UNCLASSIFIED

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AMG LIAISON OFFICER PALERMO

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27 AUGUST 1943

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS STRIKE OF AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN
SICILY PD

PARA TWO PD REQUEST REPORT GIVING ALLEGED GRIEVANCES AND THEIR
BASIS IN FACT PD STATE NUMBERS INVOLVED AND WHETHER NEGOTIATIONS
FOR SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN OPENED AND IF SO PROGRESS OF SUCCESS PD
PARA THREE PD CAN YOU ALSO STATE WHETHER STRIKE WAS SPONTANEOUS
OR WHETHER ORGANIZED AS A POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC ISSUE PD

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LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

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NICHOLAS PIGNELLO
OWO USA
ASST ASSISTANT

Translation Balczazi

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LABOUR AND SOCIAL INSURANCE MINISTRY

Rome, 9.7.1945

Prot.561 - AG.21

TO: THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SICILY
Palermo

for information

TO: THE ALLIED COMMISSION
Labour Sub-Commission
Rome

SUBJECT: Specialized workers for the tunny fishing.

Following a request from the Allied Commission - Labour Sub-Commission - concerning the enrolment in Sicily of specialized workers to be sent to Tripolitania for the next tunny fishing campaign, this Ministry took care to inform the Presidency of the Council of Ministers about the request in question, in order to act accordingly.

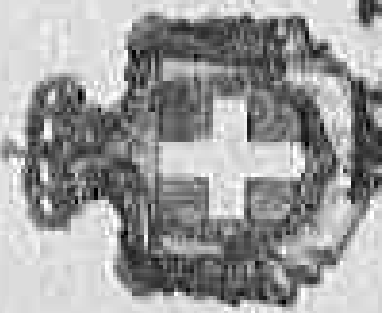
But now we have learned that the Prefect of Trapani has given assurance that in his province there are available for the above mentioned enrolment and conveyance to Tripolitania, 5000 fishers as requested and even more. We are therefore sending you herewith = because this matters falls within your competence = the note concerning this request which we received from the above-related Labour Sub-Commission, so that
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may take a suitable action.

THE MINISTER
Simeone

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NEL LA VORO

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~~MINISTERO DEL LAVORO~~

Direz. Gen. Lavoro - Div. VI

Roma 9-17

1945

- Alto Commissariato per la Sicilia -

- PALERMO -

P.C.

- Commissione Alleata APO 394 - Sottocom-
 missione per il Lavoro - (Rif. EXT: Tel. 204
 REF: LSC/808

- ROMA -

Proposta al P.C.

OGGETTO Specialisti pesca del tonno.

LSC/808

Ind. No. 561 / A. L. 21
 Allegato

In seguito alla richiesta della Commissione Alleata - Sot-
 tocommissione per il Lavoro relativa al reclutamento in Sicilia degli
 specialisti da trasferire in Tripolitania per la stagione del tonno
 questo Ministero provvede a segnalare la stessa alla Presidenza del
 Consiglio, per l'ulteriore corso.

Poichè ora questo Ministero è venuto a conoscenza che il
 Prefetto di Trapani ha dato assicurazione che in quella Provincia,
 sono disponibili per l'ingaggio e l'avvio i 60 pescatori di cui
 trattasi e occorrendo anche un numero maggiore, si trasmette per
 competenza il foglio di richiesta pervenuto dalla prefata Sotto-
 commissione del Lavoro.

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IL MINISTRO

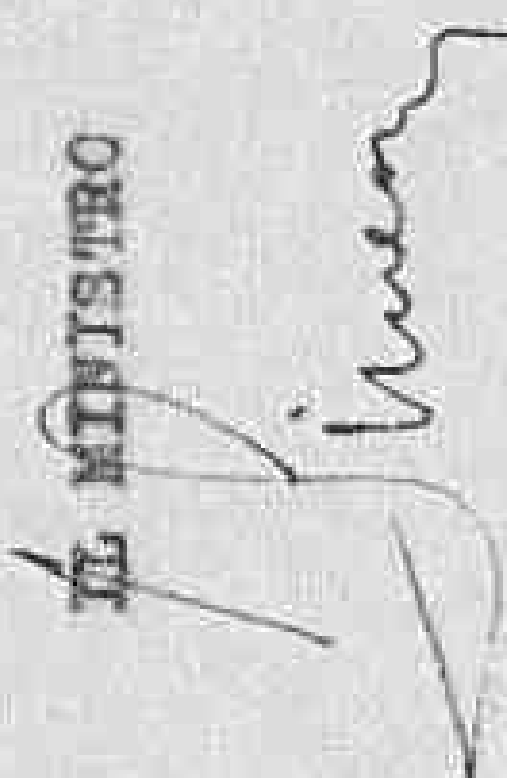
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In seguito alla richiesta della Commissione Alleste - Sottocommissione per il Lavoro relativa al reclutamento in Sicilia degli specialisti da trasferire in Tripolitania per la stagione del tonno questo Ministero provvede a segnalare la stessa alla Presidenza del Consiglio, per l'ulteriore corso.

Poichè ora questo Ministero è venuto a conoscenza che il Prefetto di Trapani ha dato assicurazione che in quella Provincia, sono disponibili per l'ingaggio e l'avvio 160 possessori di cui trattasi e occorrendo anche un numero maggiore, si trasmette per competenza il foglio di richiesta pervenuto dalla prefata Sottocommissione del Lavoro.

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IL MINISTRO



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 489061 - Ext. 204

REF. : LSC/808

12 giugno 1945

OGGETTO: Impiego di specialisti per la
pesca del tonno.A : S.M. E. PARESCE
Ministro dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro

1. In relazione a precedente corrispondenza sull'argomento in oggetto, s'informa che abbiamo ricevuto notizia che il reclutamento di specialisti per la pesca del tonno è stato completato.

2. Non occorre, pertanto, ulteriore interessamento al riguardo.

W.H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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RESTRICTED

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BEMA TRIPAREA

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4 JUNE 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE OUR CABLE OF TWELFTH MAY NINETEEN
FOURTYFIVE NUMBER SEVEN FOUR TWO NINE REGARDING RECRUITMENT
OF TUNNY FISHERMEN IN SICILY PD

PARA TWO PD WILL YOU PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU REQUIRE US TO
TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION OR WHETHER RECRUITMENT HAS NOW BEEN
COMPLETED PD

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LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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NICHOLAS STOMBINO
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

Translation Baldazzi

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PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERSLiaison-bureau with the High Commissaryship
for Sicily

35803/10478 - 64/8.2

Rome, 19 May 1945

TO : the HIGH COMMISSARYSHIP FOR SICILY -Palermo-
and for information:

: the ALLIED SUB-COMMISSION - Rome -

SUBJECT: Engagement of specialists for tunny-fishery.

We are forwarding herewith, for proper action to be taken on the matter, a copy of the letter N° 403 - AG of 21.9.1945, with an enclosure sent to this Presidency and also submitted for information, to the Allied Commission of Rome, from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour. The said letter deals with the question of an engagement in the Trapani' area of 60 specialists for the next tunny-fishery season, submitted by the above mentioned Allied Commission.

We kindly ask this High Commissaryship to let us know, as soon as possible, the steps that it has the intention to take, in order to comply with this request.

HEAD OF THE CABINET COUNCIL

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Translation Baldezzi

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Rome, 9 May 1945
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND LABOUR
General Direction of Labour - Division VI

Prot N°403 - A.G.21

TO: the PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTRY
Liaison-bureau with the High Commiss-
aryship of Sicily - ROME -

and for information:

the ALLIED COMMISSION
Labour Sub-Commission
Reference 3/4/45 - ROME-

SUBJECT: Engagement of specialists for tunny-fishery

The Allied Commission-Labour Sub/Commission- has informed us about a request received by telegraph from the Allied Authorities of Bena Works - Tripolitania - concern- ing the engagement in the Trapani' region of 60 specialists for the next tunny-fishery season, and has asked at the same time the opinion of this Ministry on the same question.

Owing to the fact that the High Commissaryship for Sicily is the competent agency on the question under consi- deration, because the specialized workers as requested are to be found in that territory, we take pleasure in giving you this information for an eventual action to be taken on the matter and we express our opinion favourable to grant the request under discussion.

for THE MINISTER
(sgd) Paresce

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ation: BALDAZZI

COPYHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

3 April 1945

LSC/202

SUBJECT: Supply of workers

TO : H.Ex. E. GRONCHI
Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

Sir,

We have received the following telegram from the Allied Authorities (Bema Works), Tripolitania.

"Have received requests for 60 specialists from Sicily for next tunny-fishery season. Trapani is proposed as the engagement area for these workers. You could start to engage and carry the requested workers to this territory for the date of next 15 April, by paying advances to the employees against delivery of the respective receipt. We would be ready to give further details on the requested specialists".

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If you would be so kind as to point out to this Sub-Commission who is dealing with these questions in your Ministry, we should arrange to put him in touch with the authorities of Tripolitania.

It looks as your Ministry could undertake the engagement of the above mentioned specialists in Sicily; therefore I would like to know whether you would be willing to take this matter in hand.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission



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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON L'ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LA SICILIA

35763/10478.64/8.2

Roma, 19 maggio 1945

ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER LA SICILIA - PALERMO
e, per conoscenza:

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per il Lavoro

ROMA

OGGETTO: Reclutamento specialisti pesca tonno.

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Si trasmette, per competenza, copia della nota n. 403/A.O. - 21 del 9 u.s. - con l'allegato-diretta a questa Presidenza, e per conoscenza alla Commissione Alleata in Roma, dal Ministero dell'Industria, del Commercio e del Lavoro, concernente la richiesta di reclutamento nella zona di Trapani di 60 specialisti per la prossima stagione del tonno, avanzata dalla predetta Commissione Alleata.

Si prega codesto Alto Commissariato di far conoscere, con tutta sollecitudine, a questa Presidenza, i provvedimenti che riterrà opportuno di adottare al riguardo onde dare esito alla richiesta.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione per il Lavoro

ROMA

OCCETTO: Reclutamento specialisti persona tenno.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO

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MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA DEL COMMERCIO E DEL LAVORO
Direzione Generale del Lavoro - Div. VI

Roma, 9 maggio 1945

Prot. E.403/A.G. 21

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEL
MINISTRI - Ufficio Collegamento
con l'Alto Commissariato per la
Sicilia - R O M A
e, per conoscenza
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATA - Sottocommis-
sione per il Lavoro R O M A
Riferimento 3/4/45

OGGETTO: Reclutamento specialisti pesca tonno.

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La Commissione Aliata - Sottocommissione per il Lavoro, nel far presente la richiesta pervenuta telegraficamente dall'autorità Alleata di Bona Wurm - Tripolitania - relativa al reclutamento nella zona di Trapani di 60 specialisti per la prossima stagione del tonno, chiede di conoscere in merito l'opinione di questo Ministero.

Poichè la questione in argomento riguarda la competenza dell'Alto Commissariato per la Sicilia, in quanto la suddetta mano d'opera specializzata dovrebbe essere prelevata in quel territorio, si rende quanto sopra noto per l'eventuale seguito, esprimendo parere favorevole allo accoglimento delle richieste.

OGGETTO: Reclutamento specialisti pesce tonno.

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La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per il Lavoro, nel far presente la richiesta pervenuta telegraficamente dell'Autorità Alleata di Roma Verba - Tricolitania - relativa al reclutamento nella zona di Trapani di 60 specialisti per la prossima stagione del tonno, chiede di conoscere in merito l'opinione di questo ministero.

Pelchè la questione in argomento riguarda la competenza dell'Alto Commissariato per la Sicilia, in quanto la suddetta mano d'opera specializzata dovrebbe essere prelevata in quel territorio, si rende quanto sopra noto per l'eventuale esecuto, esprimendo parere favorevole allo accoglimento della richiesta.

P. IL MINISTRO
 P.º Paresce

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QUARTIERE GENERALE COMMISSIONE ALLIATA
APO 394
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE LAVORO DCB/JS

Inf.: Tel. 204

Rif.: LSC/303

3 Aprile 1945

OGGETTO = Fornitura di mano d'opera.

A S.E. Gronchi
Ministro dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro.

Signore,

abbiamo ricevuto il seguente telegramma delle Autorità alleate

(DESA Roma), Tripolitania:

"Ricevuta richiesta per 60 specialisti della Sicilia per pressie
na stazione tonno. Trapani propone quella zona reclutamento. Po-
trante intraprendere reclutamento e trasporto meno d'opera ri-
chiesta questo territorio 15 aprile pagando anticipo impiegati
su ricevute rimesse. Si fornirebbero dettagli sugli specialisti
richiesti.

Se volete cortesemente indicare a questa Sottocommissione chi
tratta tali questioni nell'ambito del Vostro Ministero, favore in modo
che possano prendere contatto con la autorità in Tripolitania.

Sembra che si tratti per il Vostro Ministero di prendere in esse-
me il reclutamento di tali specialisti in Sicilia e credere sapere che
ve ne vorreste occupare.

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Signore,

abbiamo ricevuto il seguente telegramma dalle Autorità alleate

(BMA Works), Tripolitania:

all'ovate richieste per 60 specialisti dalla Sicilia per presso-
na stazione tonno. Trepani proposta quale zona reclutamento. Po-
tente intraprendere reclutamento e trasporto mano d'opera ri-
chiesta questo territorio 15 aprile pagando anticipo impiegati
su ricevute rimessa. Ci fornirebbero dettagli sugli specialisti
richiesti.

Se volete cortesemente indicare a questa Sottocommissione chi
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Sembra che si tratti per il Vostro Ministero di prendere in esa-
mo il reclutamento di tali specialisti in Sicilia e quindi sapere che
ve ne vorreste occupare.

W. L. BRATTIN
Direttore
Sottocommissione Lavoro

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REGISTER

BEMA TRITAREA

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12 MAY 1945

ROUTINE

REGISTERED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE BAKER NINE ABLE TANK SLANT ONE ONE
 FIVE NINE NINE ABLE DOOR ZERO EIGHT ONE SIX ZERO ZERO ABLE ONE
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN APPROVING RECRUITMENT OF TUNNY FISHERMEN
 IN SICILY HAVE ADVISED HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY THAT THE
 MATTER MUST BE HANDLED BY HIM PD

PARA TWO BEMA TRITAREA FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS CITE ASIAN PAPER

PARA TWO PD DO YOU REQUIRE US TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION PD

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LABOR SUBCOMMISSION

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NICHOLAS FIORBINO
 SMC USA
 ADJT ASSISTANT

TRANSLATION LATORRACA

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MINISTERO INDUSTRIA , COMMERCIO ; LAVORO

9 May 1945

SUBJECT: Recruitment skilled fishermen.

TO : Presidency Council of Ministers
Liaison Office High Commissioner Sicily

and for information

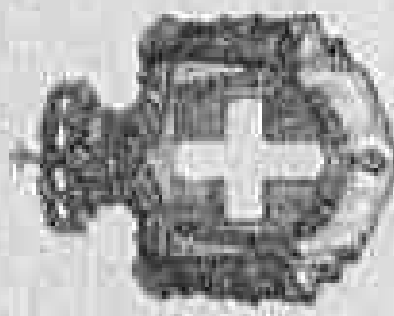
Labour Sub-Commission A.C. - Rome

The Allied Commission - Labour Sub-Commission - in informing us of the telegram sent by the Allied Authorities of Bema Works (Tripolitania) concerning the recruitment in Trapani of 60 skilled fishermen for the next tunafish season, is desirous to know this Ministry's opinion.

In granting our approval we inform you that the question must be handled by the High Commissioner Sicily since the manpower required resides within that region.

For THE MINISTER
(signed) Enrico Paresce

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Ministero dell'Industria
del Commercio e del Lavoro

Direzione Generale del Lavoro - Div. VI

Prot. N. 403 / Allegato 1
A. G. 21

Oggetto: Reclutamento specialisti pesca tonno

LSC/808

5 - 1945

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEL MINISTRI
Ufficio Collegamento con l'Alto Com-
missariato per la Sicilia - ROMA
e per conoscenza:

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - SOTTO-COM-
missione per il Lavoro - ROMA
Riferimento 3/4/45

Disposta al N. 1

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La Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione per il Lavoro, nel far presente la richiesta pervenuta telegraficamente dall'Autorità Alleata di Pema Works - Tripolitania - relative al reclutamento delle zone di Trapani di 50 specialisti per la prossima stagione del tonno, chiede di conoscere in merito l'opinione di questo Ministero.

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IL MINISTRO



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

DCS/ia

EXT. : Tel. 204
REF. : LSC/808
SUBJECT: Labour Supply.
TO : H.E. G. GRONCHI,
Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour

3 APR. 1945

Sirs:

We have received the following wire from
Allied Authorities (BEMA Works), Tripolitania:

"Applications received for 60 specialists from
Sicily for approaching tunny season. Trapani
suggested as recruitment area. Could you under-
take recruitment and transport of required
labour this territory by 15 April and pay ad-
vance to dependents on receipt of remittance.
Details of specialists required would be
furnished".

If you will kindly notify this Sub-Commission
of the person handling such matters within your Ministry,
we will arrange to have contact made with the authorities
in Tripolitania.

It would appear to be a matter for your Mi-
nistry to consider recruitment of such specialists in
Sicily and I should be glad to know that you will under-
take this.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: *EMAT/1159*
Date/Time of Origin: *MAR 081600A*

Message Centre No: *D/4618*
Date Time Rec'd: *MAR 091800A*
Precedence: *ROUTINE*

FROM: *BEMA TRIPAREA*
TO: *ACTION: ALLIED COMMISSION FOR REGIONAL LABOUR OFFICER PALERMO*

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Action - Labour SC
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Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **EMAT/1218**
Date/Time of Origin: **APRIL 2/1400**

Message Centre No: **D/6703**
Date/Time Rec'd: **APRIL 3/1010**
Precedence: **IMPORTANT**

FROM: **REMA TRIP AREA**
TO : **HQ ALLIED COMMISSION**

IN CLEAR.

Major DE VELLA CLARY accompanied by NAHEM LOGENIO proceeding by air to recruit promised specialist urgently required this territory for duration Tunny season. In continuation of attempt recruit labour through regional labour left PALERMO unsuccessful owing to closing that office on 12th March.

Your signal 4536C refers

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ACTION : LABOUR SC

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC
AGRIC SC
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BAMA TRIPAHRA

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31 MARCH 1948

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE TO BAKUR KIRK ABLE TARK SLANT ONE ONE FIVE NINE OF NINE MARCH CMA ALLIED COMMISSION NO LONGER HAS LABOUR OFFICER FALBINO PD

PARM TO BAMA TRIPAHRA FROM ALSON CITE AGLAR PARM

PARA TWO PD YOUR REQUEST FORWARDED TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHO WILL ADVISE US OF PROGRESS PD ADVISE WHETHER YOU CAN SEND OFFICER TO HANDLE NECESSARY DETAILS PD

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LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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NICHOLAS PIONBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjutant

Ref: 538

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
ECONOMIC SECTION

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LSC/808

Ref: ES/2.06

28 March 1948

SUBJECT: AC Withdrawal - Sicilia Region

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission
Commerce " "
Finance " "
Food " "
Industry " "
Labor " "
PW & S " "

1. Regional Commissioner, Sicilia Region reports that the Economics and Supply Division of his Headquarters will probably close approximately 27 - 28 March.

C Watkins
C. W. ATKINS, Capt. R.A.
S.O.III, (C.A.),
Economic Section

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
A.C.
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	I nitials	Date
Mr. W.H. BRAINE	<i>WMB</i>	3/13
Lt. Col. BABCOCK	<i>QMB</i>	1/4
Capt. DORF	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/10
Capt. TOPLISS	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Mr. SACHS	<i>KS</i>	
Mr. DI FEDE	<i>J. H.</i>	3/4/40
Mr. AIREY	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Mr. SCOTT	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/4
Mr. PROCTOR	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/4
Miss STEVENSON	<i>[Signature]</i>	2/4
Chief Clerk		

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ALLIED LABOR COMMISSION

ALC 374
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL : Ext. 204

JOB/TM

REF : LSC/308 (402) (905)

20 February 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Allowances

TO : Capt. C. J. Mason, R.A.
Regional Labor Officer
Vicily

1. This is in response to your memoranda of 20 January 1945 and 3 February 1945.

2. While it is recognized that the travel allowance rates were set by the now defunct Labor and Wage Control Committee of the Local Resources Board (Leilian), no authority now exists for the payment of any other travel allowance rates than those promulgated by the Allied Local Resources Board of A.L.C. You will therefore take necessary steps to enforce the A.L.C. rates.

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W. H. Bralton
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SIAMIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394

LSC/808 + 402 + 906

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File RLA/248

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Allowance

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
(Attn. Labour Sub-Commission)

1. On 20 January, under File RLA/248, a decision was requested in connection with the payment of travelling allowances to the staff of the Export Division of this region.

2. May I be informed of your decision, please?

W. F. Mason 3064
C.F. MASON
Capt. R.A.
Regional Labour Officer.

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394

LSC/808 cum 402 & 996

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File RIA/248

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Travel Allowances
TO : A.C. Headquarters
(Attn. Labour Sub-Commission)

1. In the early part of 1944 the Director of the Commerce Sub-Commission visited Sicily and requested that certain salaries and travelling expenses be paid to the Citrus Fruit Inspecting Staff of the Export Division. A formal request by the Director of that Division, supported by the Regional Commissioner, was made on the 17 June 44, to the Labour Division - a copy of which is attached for your information.

2. You will notice, inter alia, that a Travelling Allowance of Lire 400 per day of 24 hours and Lire 200 per day of 12 hours was requested. Approval was given by the Regional Labour Officer in concurrence with the Allied Force Local Resources (Sicilian) Board in July 1944.

3. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No 65 which authorizes rates of subsistence allowance has now been issued from which it will be seen that the allowances are considerably lower than those quoted in para 2.

4. May I be informed, please, whether the Citrus Fruit Inspecting Staff, of which there are now only two employees, may continue to be paid travelling expenses at the original rates, or whether it will be necessary to conform to those laid down in Administrative Memorandum No 65.

5. It should be pointed out that these inspectors are experts in the Citrus Fruit Trade, and upon their decisions depends largely the success or otherwise of the export programme.

6. It is recommended that as a special concession the original rates be allowed to remain in force and I shall be grateful to have your decision.

C.F. MASON
Lt. R.A.

Regional Labour Officer

Copies to: Capt. Turnbull A.F.A.
Major Stephens Export Division
Capt. Hayward Export Division

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SIXTH FLOOR HANCOCK BUILDING
APO 394

CATS/MP

FILE : 091.31/2/5

17 June 1944

SUBJECT: Wage classification.

TO : REGIONAL LABOUR OFFICER.

1. It is requested that a decision may please be made regarding the salaries and travelling allowances payable to the Citrus Fruit Inspecting Staff of the Export Division, Region I.

2. This Staff is not actually AOC clerical Staff, but individuals specially employed because of their specialized knowledge (for which no category exists) on which depends the success of Foreign Exports of Citrus Fruits, their by products etc. 3002

It is submitted that these wages etc should be debited to U.K. U.S.A. etc against Foreign Trade Export Expenses (as is the case of storing) and not against AOC clerical Staff.

3. Colonel EVANS, Director Industry and Commerce Sub Commission, instructed the undersigned to submit to the Regional Commissioner a request for authority to increase specific salaries as under:

Dr. G. FOIS	Mrs	400	per day
Dr. SURICO	"	350	" "
Citrus Fruit Inspectors	"	250	" "

this was done in mid April 44.

4. At the time of writing only one inspector is engaged, seven more will be needed when exports are shipped. None of these inspectors will be engaged until the program is more definitely fixed.

5. CLASSIFICATION.

DR. FOIS - Consultant to Export Division on all matters concerning Citrus Fruit, their by products and Agricultural products.

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as in general for the whole Region.

DR. SURICO - Chief Inspector Citrus Fruit etc posted for duty at Catania.

6. It is requested that this matter may receive urgent and favourable consideration otherwise it will not be possible to retain the services of Dr. Surico who wishes to be allowed to resign and return to the mainland. It will be very difficult to replace him.

7. May it be pointed out that one of the main objects in asking for sanction of these special salaries is to close the door to possible bribery by unscrupulous merchants.

8. Travelling Allowances.

Col. EVANS instructed that travelling Allowances be submitted for approval.

Rate	400	per day of 24 hours	
"	200	" " " 12 "	

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These travelling allowances to be applicable only when the individual is on tour out of his regular ~~station~~ station.

Citrus Fruit Inspectors have to inspect not only fruit but also orchards in order to obtain crop information for placing orders to the best advantage. Thus they have to visit different localities paying for their own transportation in many cases, obtain meals and accommodation for short periods. They cannot carry out their duties unless they can meet living expenses. At present, according to the maximum travelling allowance rate 150/- per day is the most that can be paid to them.

9. Colonel EVANS personally informed Dr. FOIS that his salary would be Lit. 400 per day and that travelling allowances would be as stated above, and instructed me to inform Dr. SURICO, which was done. Both persons are anxious to know when the increases will be sanctioned. I request that they be made retrospective as from 15 April 1944.

W. Stephens
 CAPT. STEPHENS
 Major
 Export Division
 Hq. Reg. I AGC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL : Ext. 204
REF : LSC/308 (515)
SUBJECT: Rates for Sicily Stevedores.
TO : Captain C. F. Mason, R.A.
Regional Labor Officer
Sicily

JRS/rmw

19/2/45

1. This will confirm wire of recent date authorizing execution of a contract involving new wage rates for Sicily stevedores. Rates contained therein can be approved without submission to AFLRB inasmuch as they are in conformity with recent increases in the Allied Forces Wage Scale.

W. H. BRAINE

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

JRS/ac

REF : LSC/402

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Approval of New Wage Rates for Sicily Stevedores.

TO : Mr. Braine.

1. New contract for setting up increased tonnage rates for work done by Sicily stevedores was submitted by Lt. Mason (now Captain) on behalf of the unauthorised Labor and Wages Committee and the defunct Sicilian Local Resources Board. The matter was considered by the Labor and Wages Control Committee at its December meeting, and decision taken that the submission of such a matter must go through proper channels.

2. In the meantime, the subject was again raised directly with this office by Captain Mason as being urgent. I then conferred with the Resources Section of the AFTRB to determine, first, whether intervention could be taken by myself as Chairman of the Committee, and secondly, whether a decision could be made by this Sub-Commission without reference to AFHQ. We had already studied the details of the new rates and determined that they did not exceed the Armed Force Wage Scale. In fact, the rates are lower than those used for similar work on the mainland.

3. Inasmuch as there was no question of changing or exceeding the Armed Force Wage Scale, it was agreed between the Resources Section and myself that the matter need not come under consideration by either the Labor and Wages Control Committee or the Resources Board.

4. The answers to the questions posed in your memo are therefore as follows:-

- (a) This new wage contract can be approved without permission of AFHQ. ✓
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- (c) It will not be necessary to inform other bodies of the decision made. ✓
- (d) The wage rates approved are definitely in order. ✓

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Para 2 should be deleted, and para 3 be subject of a separate letter.

Junius R. Smith
JUNIUS R. SMITH
Deputy Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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*Colonel Smith**Agreed**Will you please let**accordingly**WMS/17*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TEL : Ext. 204

JRS/rmw

RMP : LSC/808 (515)

16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Stevedore Rates

TO : Captain C. F. Mason, R.A.
Regional Labor Officer
Sicily

1. Reference is made to your letter RLA/848 dated 5 February 1945 on the subject of stevedore rates in the Port of Catania. Formal approval of your action with respect to payment of dispatch money on certain types of cargo will not be necessary providing such additional payment, when added to the workers regular pay, does not exceed the Armed Forces Wage Scale for similar employment.

W. H. BRAINE

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W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394

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File RIA/248

5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Stevedore Rates
TO : A.C. Headquarters
(Attn. Labour Sub-Commission)

1. Your signal 565 of 26 January authorizing the application of the revised Stevedores Contract has been received and the new rates are now in operation.

2. A strike occurred recently in the Port of Catania when stevedores refused to unload two coal ships. The matter was investigated and I attach for your information a copy of my report to the Regional Commissioner.

3. During the investigation the Ministry of War Transport expressed grave concern at the time it was taking for ships to be unloaded, and suggested that a possible solution to speed up discharge would be the payment of dispatch money on certain types of cargo. It was proposed to pay an additional 10 Lire per ton on tonnage in excess of:

a. Coal	165 tons per hatch per day
b. Grain	180 " " " " "
c. Phosphates	120 " " " " "

These proposals are reasonable and should be an encouragement to the stevedores to work for the maximum output. I have agreed to their taking effect from 1 February and would appreciate your confirmation of this action.



C.F. MASON
Capt. R.A.
Regional Labour Officer.

*Col Smith J. reply. See also
your minute of 8/2 attached*
[Signature]

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
LABOUR DIVISION
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File HIA/004.07

3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report on Strike at Catania
TO : Regional Commissioner, Sicilia Region

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1. At the request of Lt. Col. Walker I proceeded to Catania on 25 January to investigate a strike that occurred on 23 January in the Port of Catania.

2. A meeting was held at the offices of the LMT at which representatives of the workers were present, and the following facts emerge.

The strike commenced on the morning of the 23 January when approximately 200 men refused to unload two coal ships, stating that the Allied tariff was insufficient to give them a living wage. The DMWR (Mr. Stoker) refused to see the men until work was resumed and the following morning the ships were diverted to other ports. When the strikers knew this they requested DMWR to let the ships remain and stated that they would return to work.

At the meeting the rate of pay was examined and it was agreed that the rate was fair and provided a reasonable wage if a sufficient tonnage was turned over per day.

The men receive 31 Lira per ton and allowing for an average turnover of 100 tons per hatch per day a wage of 200 Lire per day can be earned. It was pointed out that the tonnage moved was considerably less than 100 tons per day, consequently wages were lower. An average daily turnover in Palermo is 120 tons. The low rate of turnover is partly due to the fact that only one railway line services the coal quay and much time is lost in waiting for wagons. The other factor is slackness on the part of the workers. With a little more cooperation on the part of the railway company and greater efforts from the men, 200 tons per day could be unloaded. The matter is being taken up with the railway

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With regard to the rate of pay, the men were informed that a revised tariff, which would give them an increase of 2 Lire per ton, had been submitted to Rome for approval. Approval has now been received, effective 1 February 45.

In order to speed up discharge of ships, DMWR suggested that the normal peacetime practice of paying dispatch money be reinstated. I have agreed to a figure of 10 Lire per ton on tonnage discharged in excess of 165 tons per hatch per day. It will be interesting to see the result of this proposal.

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3. It was the opinion of DMWR that political agitators were possibly in the background. A call was made upon the O.O. 21 Port Security Section who expressed a similar opinion and stated that a report was being compiled on the matter, a copy of which would be sent to this office.

4. Attached is a draft letter to the High Commissioners office for your consideration, please.

File

C.P. MASON
Capt. R.A.
Regional Labour Officer.

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Encl.
1 letter.

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394

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File RLA/300.2

9 February 1945

SUBJECT: Press Releases

TO : Allied Commission Headquarters
(Attn. Labour Sub-Commission)

1. An article has appeared in today's issue of the "Giornale di Sicilia" stating that with the Government's decision to abolish the political price of bread it is proposed to pay an indemnity of 75 lire per month to workers and each member of the family.

2. The truth or otherwise of this release is not known, but bearing in mind the confusion that is caused in the labour field the moment an increase or bonus is announced, I feel that the matter should be brought to your notice. A repetition of the unrest that resulted from premature press releases when "carovita" was under consideration, would be highly undesirable at the present time.

3. May I be informed, please, if it is the intention of the Government to pay this indemnity?



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C.F. MASON
Capt. R.A.
Regional Labour Officer.

Mr di Fede

Send a short note to all R.L.O.s

that the It. Govt propose to allow the cost of
bread to rise to its economic price:

to approve bonuses

with bonus as one means of recompense:

AND THAT it is possible that A.S. wage scale will be
similar adjustment.

W.H. BRAINE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

FILE

JRB/ac

REF : LSO/402

8 February 1945

SUBJECT: Approval of New Wage Rates for Sicily Stevedores.

TO : Mr. Brains.

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JULIUS R. SMITH
Deputy Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

WHS/rmw

31 January 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL SMITH

I see that the telegram approving new wage rates for Sicily stevedores was sent off in my name, and the attached minute of 29 January has been prepared for my signature.

I should like to have a memorandum stating whether it would have been within my power to approve a new wage contract without permission of AFHQ, and whether any other Sub-Commission, such as Finance or Transportation, should have been consulted; whether such other bodies (AFHQ and/or other Sub-Commissions) should now be informed, and whether in fact these wage rates are in order.

If it could have been done so easily the question arises whether an earlier reply might not have been sent to Mason's minute of 26 December.



W. H. BRAINE

Director

Labor Sub-Commission 293J

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

DCS/rmw

TEL : Ext. 204 29 January 1945
REF : LSC/808 (LSC/515)
SUBJECT: Stevedores Contract for Sicilia.
TO : Regional Commissioner, Sicilia
Attention: Regional Labor Officer

1. This will confirm wire of recent date authorizing execution of contract submitted. This contract was approved without A.F.H.Q. action after being screened for approximate conformity with recent increases in Armed Forces wage scale.

2. It is observed that the 1 October increase in the Armed Forces rate for the stevedores classification was from 85 lire to 110 lire, or approximately 30%. This might provide some latitude for still further increases, if necessary, to promote sound labor relations in the Island.

3. A report has been received through the Italian Government of a recent strike among dock workers in Catania. Forward report on causes and settlement of this strike at your earliest convenience.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
LABOUR DIVISION
APO 394

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File RLA/004.07

6 February 1945

SUBJECT: Labour Unrest
TO : A.C. Headquarters
(Attn. Labour Sub-Commission)

1. At the present moment there is much discontent amongst State and Parastatal employees in Sicily, and the following preliminary report is submitted for your information, please.

2. During the past fortnight there have been many rumours that State and Parastatal employees intended to call a General strike throughout the island for:

- a. Payment of a Christmas bonus
- b. Payment of a wage commensurate with the cost of living.

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Whilst it has not been possible to obtain very definite information a tentative date of 5 February was mentioned as the day when Palermo workers would strike. Enquiries were instituted by this Division and on Saturday 3 February I was assured that the strike would not take place.

On 4 February a meeting was held at which representatives of the Tribunale, Registry and Tax Offices were present. It was agreed that the proposed strike would not be called, but a meeting for 11 February has been fixed when further decisions will be made.

3. The situation is being watched and I will advise you of any future developments.


C.F. MASON
Capt. R.A.
Regional Labour Officer

LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
A.C.

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	Initials	Date
Mr. BRAINE		
Colonel SMITH		
Lt.Col.BABCOCK		
Major SOICLUNA		
Capt.DORF		
Capt.TOPLISS		
Capt.SOLENBERGER		
Mr. SACHS		
Mr. DI FEDE :	For Strike report.	
Mr. GERNITO		
Dr. LA JOGGIA		
Chief Clerk		

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Spec 2987

W.H.B.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILIA REGION
ATTENTION REGIONAL LABOR OFFICE

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6 FEBRUARY 1949

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AREA 024 PD PLEASE REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED CAUSES OF THREATENED
GAMBLING CRIME PD

AREA 024 PD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
ATTENTION REGIONAL LABOR OFFICE FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
AREA 024 PD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
ATTENTION REGIONAL LABOR OFFICE FROM REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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SICILIAN REGIONAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC/P08
Subject: Strike of dock workers at Catania
Date: 29 Jan. 45
To: Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor - Rome 2985
From: Labor Hq - (Mr. Sachs)
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Subject: Agreement on a wage and salary adjustment
for the personnel of the Industrial Autolux Co. of Palermo

Date: 29 Jan. 45

To: H. E. The Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour

From: Labour f/c

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ATTENTION REGIONAL LABOR OFFICER

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ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY
STEVEDORE CONTRACT FOR SICILIA RECENTLY SUBMITTED PD

PAREN TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILIA REGION ATTENTION REGIONAL
LABOR OFFICER FROM ALCOA HEADQUARTERS PAREN

PARA TWO PD HEREFOLLOWING SIGNED WILLIAM HENRY BRAINE DIRECTOR

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Subject: (Letter to Lt. Mason announcing his promotion to the rank of Captain)

Date: 24 Jan. 45

To: Capt. C. F. Mason

From: Mr. W. H. Braine - Director 2987k

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18 January 1945

SUBJECT: Labour Offices

TO : A.C. Headquarters
(Attn. Director, Labour Sub-Commission)

1. Attached for your information is an article that appeared in today's issue of the "Giornale di Sicilia" in reference to a strike that took place amongst the employees of the Provincial Labour Office and Collocamento of Palermo.

2. It is felt that the publication of such matter, apart from being harmful to the prestige of the Labour Office, is calculated to give a completely erroneous impression as to what actually did take place.

3. The true facts are these. When the employees of the Provincial Labour Office and the Collocamento knew that Minister Gronchi was visiting the Regional Labour Office, they decided to go "on bloc" and ask:

a. For the Christmas bonus of Lire 2000 granted to State employees.

b. For clarification of their position, whether, State, Parastatal or private employees.

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The Minister gave satisfactory replies and work was resumed the same day.

4. This report is submitted as further evidence of the necessity for the Italian Government to pass legislation for the official recognition of the Labour Offices as established by A.M.G.


C.F. MASON
Lt. R.A.
Regional Labour Officer.

Giornale di Sicilia Palermo
18 January 45

Un ordine del giorno dei dipendenti dell'Ufficio del Lavoro

Ieri 16 gennaio alle ore 16.30 sono stati eletti i rappresentanti della Lega dell'U. P. L. e collocamento di Palermo votando il seguente ordine del giorno: «Il personale tutto si dichiara aderente allo sciopero iniziato questa mattina alle ore 10.30, previa votazione».

A tal uopo si sottopone al giudizio del segretario della C. G. L. di Palermo, compagno Lipari, il quale invita gli aderenti alle elezioni del direttorio che si rimetterà alle direttive che verranno emanate dal segretario stesso.

Gli impiegati di detto Ufficio riprenderanno lavoro quando saranno stati soddisfatti degli averi stabiliti per tutti i dipendenti statali in occasione delle feste natalizie in base alle norme a tale scopo emanate le quali danno il diritto ad ogni impiegato di percepire L. 2.000.

Chiedono che sia loro corrisposto l'anticipo di L. 800 sulla indennità di carovita, somma che nel mese di dicembre u. s. non è stata pagata.

Chiedono inoltre che venga chiarita una volta per sempre la loro posizione: se dipendenti statali o parastatali oppure considerati come privati.

Gli aderenti eleggono capi lega i compagni: Spoto Francesco, Belli Silvio, Duca Pietro e Perrotta Guglielmo.

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