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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: G/9947

Date/Time of Origin: 201622A

Date Time Rec'd: MARCH 010845

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AMG NAPLES COMMUNE CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES LIAISON GROUP

TO : HQ ALGOM

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Reference our C N L G/1475 of 25 February agreement yeachek and
strike ended. Reference N L G/1476. Cite Aclab.

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1ST MARCH 1946

CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER BFLS LIAISON GROUP

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PARA ONE TO REOPEN YOUR CASE ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX OF TWENTY EIGHT FEBRUARY
REGARDING TERMINATION OF SERVICE OF ELECTRICAL WORKING IS

PARA TWO TO ADVISE THAT YOUR CASE SURVIVED YOUR MEMORANDUM DATED TWO ONE
FOUR THREE OF TWENTY SIX FEBRUARY AND THAT NO ACTION IS REQUIRED BY US TO ADVANCE
MATTERS WITH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN DOME IS

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LARGE SUBCOMMISSION

S.J. LEONE
CNO USA
ASST ADJUTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Reference: NLG/14/5

of Origin: FEB 25

Message Centre No: 0/9941

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 28 1245

FROM: NAPLES LIAISON GROUP AC CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES LIAISON GROUP

TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACLAB

Precedence: PRIORITY

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Your 1400 of 25 February 3 District PES Navy all informed 22 February.

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Office of origin NAPLES LIAISON GROUP AG Date 25 FEBRUARY 1946
Classification UNCLASS (Restricted - Confidential - Secret) Telephone 54046 (direct)
Precedence PRIORITY (Delayed - Routine - Priority - Operational Priority - Urgent)

To: HQ ALCOM

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FOUR SEVEN FIVE PD CITE AGLAB PD FROM CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
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OUTGOING MESSAGE *LABOR*

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Date 28 FEBRUARY 1946

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Precedence PRIORITY

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To HQ ALCCM

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SEVEN SIX PD CITE ACLAB PD FROM CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES
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INCOMING MESSAGE**IN CABLES****HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No: **H/47**Date/Time of Origin: **MAR 021111 A**Date Time Rec'd: **FEB 021400 A**Precedence: **PRIORITY**FROM: **AME NAPLES COMMUNE CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER NAPLES LIAISON GROUP**TO : **HQ ALCON****UNCLASSIFIED.**

Your cable 1521 of 1st March and our memorandum C/2148 of 26 February refags. Strike ended no action required. Reference NLG/1477. CITE ACLAB.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

Date

31 OCT 1945

INTERNAL

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Fr	To	Fr	To
Vice President		ECONOMIC SECTION	
Col. Densmore		Ind & Commerce Div	
Col. Walton		Commerce S/C	
Lt. Col. Moore		Industry S/C	
Lt. Col. Tooby		FW & U S/C	
Maj. Smith		Supply Division	
✓ Capt. Highland		Requisition Branch	
Lt. Arensberg		Agriculture S/C	
Lt. Morgan		Food S/C	
Lt. DiLoreto		Transportation S/C	
Lt. Durber		WMD S/C	
Mr. Sullivan		Labor S/C	✓
Mr. Satrina		Finance S/C	
Mr. Dickens		Chief Commissioner	
Mr. Hughes		Executive Commissioner	
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Price Control Branch		Establishment Section	
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		G-1(British)	
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LIAISON OFFICE
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30 OCT. 1945

REF : LB/34

26 October 1945

SUBJECT : Causes of the Disorders
at LECCE, 24 and 25 Sept. 45TO : HQ Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section

The attached translation of a report by the Prefect of Lecce on the causes of the disorders which occurred there on 24 and 25 September is passed to you for information .

HSH/cb

H. S. HartleyH. S. HARTLEY, Col.
Liaison Officer
AC BARI

COPIES TO : Economic Section AC with translation
: Public Safety Sub Commission with transl.
: HQ 52 Area with translation
: HQ 54 Area with translation

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TRANSLATION EXTRACT FROM REPORT OF PREFECT OF LECCE FOR
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945

Disorder at Lecce 24 and 25 Sep. 45

"The very serious situation caused by recent events in this Province (the most important of which are the continuous arrival of ex-soldiers, the increase in unemployment and the rise in the cost of living) was aggravated during the Month of September, and culminated on the 25th in the mass demonstration in protest against the high cost of living, which unfortunately ended in bloodshed.

The economic conditions and general state of want among the working classes underwent a marked and sudden change for the worse at the beginning of the grape-harvest. It must be remembered that the culture of the grape is one of the principal sources of wealth in this Province; consequently the whole population is interested in this harvest either directly, as in the case of the producers, or indirectly, in the case of other categories, since the entire provincial economy is based upon the grape market.

This year the wine harvest has been characterized by the very high purchase price of the grape, which reached 4000 Lire per quintal, due chiefly to the arrival on the market of large Northern Firms, which, without apparent justification, enormously increased the price. As a logical result, for the reasons given above, the cost of living suddenly rose with prices and wages soaring madly.

The above mentioned demonstration, which was to end so tragically, arose out of a strike for higher wages by the masons' union on 24 September. The strikers started in procession from their headquarters with the leaders of the local Camera del lavoro marching at their head. A great mass of the population and all clerks belonging to public and private offices joined the crowd. They went to the Prefettura, where finding the gate closed, they forced it and, breaking through a cordon of Carabinieri and Questura Agents, they broke into the Offices, inclu-

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No further incidents took place on the 24th. However an feeling was still tense, Police reinforcements were requested. They reached LECCO that night and in the early hours of the 25th. On that day the grave and regrettable incidents already reported took place.

I have to report that the situation is still tense. The state of economic want, in which the working classes and clerks are living continues to be very serious. If we consider that, owing to the drought, almost all crops, specially the cereals and leguminous crops, have almost entirely failed, it is easy to foresee that the living conditions of the above-mentioned

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classes will become worse in the coming winter, with inevitable repercussions on public order. It is essential therefore that the Central Authorities should intervene with the timely despatch of considerable stocks of food.

The parties of the Left and the Camera del Lavoro certainly played a large part in the agitation. At one period, however, they were unable to control the crowd and, by the admission of the leaders themselves, they had lost their ascendancy. The parties of the Left affirm that hooligan elements had joined the demonstrators; still the events of these days have proved that the parties have scant authority either over the masses or over their own members.

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LABOUR SUB COMMISSION
A. C.
Routing Slip

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

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LSG/1003.HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Labour Sub-Commission
CMF

13 Sept. 1945

Dear Colonel Pennyquick,

With reference to your official memorandum of the 6th September with which you forwarded an article which appeared in "La VOCE" of 6th Sept. regarding the use of German prisoners of war, I think you would like to know that I have been very concerned about the use to which German prisoners are being put for some considerable time and have made repeated representations to A.F.H.Q. on this subject.

I do not think I could do any better than let you have a copy of a memorandum which I have addressed to the Executive Commissioner, which gives a full expression of my views on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-CommissionCol. J.A.C. PENNYQUICK,
Commissioner Naples Commune,
Headquarters AMG, NAPLES

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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File 214/809

REF : LSC/1003/809

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Employment of German Prisoners of War

TO : The Commissioner,
ANG Headquarters, Naples Commune

1. Your memorandum of 6th September on the use of German prisoners of war was helpful to this Sub-Commission and the question is being actively pursued and a statement on policy requested.

2. In connection with the same subject we should appreciate information regarding the premises of the Dopelavoro for Naples Railway Workers. It is believed that these premises have been requisitioned by the Post (POW) Liaison Section for use as offices and as quarters for some 175 men.

3. Could you confirm, stating the circumstances of requisitioning and whether the premises are in fact occupied by prisoners of war.

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : Ext. 493 10 Sept. 1945
REF : LSC/1003-515-809
SUBJECT: Employment of German Prisoners of War.
TO : Col. Denmore, Economic Section (1 + 2)

1. Reference is made to your Memorandum ES/14.05 of 7th Sept. 1945.

2. Your file 14.05/ES. on this subject has been perused and is returned herewith.

3. It is noted that you will inform this Sub-Commission of any further developments in policy.

M. E. BRAINS
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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File LSC/809

TEL : 489081 - 493
REF : LSC/515.
SUBJECT: Port Workers, Naples.
TO : See Distribution below.

3 SEPT. 1945.

1. Representations have been received from the Camera del Lavoro, Naples, in which it is alleged that large numbers of Italian port workers employed in the Naples docks are being discharged, and are to be replaced by German prisoners of war.

2. There is already a large number of Italian workers unemployed in the Naples area, and if the allegations made by the Camera del Lavoro are correct in substance, the situation in Naples in regard to unemployment will be very much worsened, and serious distress and unrest is likely to arise.

3. The Labour Sub-Commission strongly recommends that the question of employment of German prisoners of war to the exclusion of Italian nationals should receive urgent consideration at the highest levels.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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Distribution:

- 1) Col. Denmore, Economic Section: 1 + 2
- 2) Brig. Andersen, Economic Section: 1
- 3) Brig. Gen. A.L. Hamblan,)
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5) 1

Copy to:

Chief Commissioner,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

File 154/809

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMBUNE
APO 394

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22 August 1945

SUBJECT: AFHQ Administrative Memo No. 34.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
(Attention: Labor Sub-Commission). ✓

1. It is requested that this headquarters be
furnished with 5 copies of the above subject Memorandum.

For the Commissioner:

Daniel J. Mahoney
DANIEL J. MAHONEY
Major, CMP,
Adjutant.

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Sent on 24/8/45 *Jahr*

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Vice President		ECONOMIC SECTION	
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Col. Walton		Agriculture Sub-comm	
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Lt Col Tooby		Finance " "	
Mr Hughes		Food " "	
Maj Anson		Industry " "	
Maj Clark		Labor " "	3
Maj Rively		PW & U " "	
Maj Smith		Transportation " "	
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CONFIDENTIALALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE

BARI

Ref LB/65.

10th August, 1945

ABRIDGED REPORTJULY 1945PART I

1. The result of the British Election has been hailed by the BARI press as a Leftist victory. There is hope that our democratic Government will strongly support the democratic principles now being reborn in ITALY.

2. There is a reluctance on the part of farmers to assess their grain this year.
Uncertainty regarding the future value of the lira has some bearing on this situation.

3. The trial of General BELFONO took place at BARI between the 23rd and the 26th July without incident.

4. Action by the Italian Government to follow up the MINERVINO-ANDRIA disorders by arresting the ring leaders, recapturing liberated prisoners and confiscating illegally held weapons has met with poor success, which is chiefly due to the half hearted measures adopted.

5. Unemployment is rife in S.E. ITALY. (The possibility of giving uncultivated ground to the unemployed is under consideration).

6. 33 cases of typhus have been reported.

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Sullivan
S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Liaison Officer, A.O.,
BARI.

E. C. Dyer

Ex Comm

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Econ Sec

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

Ref : LB / 65.

10th August, 1945

MONTHLY REPORT

JULY 1945

PART II.

1. GENERAL.

(a) of supreme importance to all Italians is the announcement that the Big Three is preparing a peace treaty for ITALY, the conclusion of which will make it possible to support her membership to the United Nations. Such recognition of the country's war effort has been received with gratitude.

(b) A note of satisfaction appeared in the press at the result of the British General Election. As democracy is now being reborn in ITALY, the feeling exists that our new democratic Government will stretch out a hand to help ITALY through her teething troubles.

(c) The trial of General BELLICHO by an Allied Military Court took place at BARI between the 23rd and the 28th July. The duties of security were carried out by the Civil and Military Police, to such purpose, that not a single incident occurred during the trial.

An anonymous letter was received containing a warning the Court would be blown up, and this was treated with the respect it deserved.

(d) All parties are preparing for the coming election. Some difficulty is being experienced in appointing the Giunta Comunale, as each party wants to appoint its own Sindaco, who would be very useful at Election time.

(e) Sig. ZANFALONE has replaced Sig. PALMARÀ as Prefect of FOGGIA Province.

(f) In POTENZA Province funds of more than a million lire have been collected by subscription towards the provision of an Institution for abandoned children. It is proposed to name it the "VINCIGLIO Hospital" as a compliment to the Prefect, whose efforts are largely responsible for this project.

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2. CIVIL DISTURBANCES.

(a) MATTEA - Although this disturbance took place early in August, it might be as well to say here that it had little political significance. It was staged as a protest against the smassing of grain, and to draw attention to the needs of the unemployed.

(b) ANDRIA-MERLININO - (i) Increased activity by the Carabinieri, together with the presence of the GARIBOLDI Regiment at TIRANI, has kept this area free from violence during July. I think it is only a lull, and until all disposed persons have been disarmed, and their ring leaders arrested, there will be no real peace in the area.

(ii) Arms have not been handed in as directed. Up to 7th August, 1577 arms had been collected, of which 1275 belonged to owners who took no part in the disturbance. This means the receipt of only 302 arms from persons concerned with violence.

(iii) Many prisoners illegally released from ANDRIA prison on June, 26th have voluntarily returned to complete their sentence.

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3. ALBANIAN G. JUKOVIANS.

About 1,000 soldiers were concentrated during the month, and 789 now remain, viz.:-

Sick (not in hospital)	-	504
Starved (plus sick in hospital)	-	285

These will be gradually sent home.

4. LEGAL

(a) The examination of witnesses in the REKINDO in VULTURE case has taken longer than was anticipated. The trial will commence soon.

(b) The case against PERKARISTON has been dropped as N.C.I.C., TARANTO does not wish to prosecute.

(c) The principal offender in the case of the wounding of L/Opl. PRITCHER, C.N.P., at REKINDISI has been arrested.

(d) The case of theft at TARANTO in which 67 railway's employees are concerned is due for trial on the 27th August.

5. ITEMS OF INTEREST.

(a) On July, 12th at TARANTO a British soldier was murdered by unknown assailants. 7091

(b) On July, 21st at REKINDISI 3 Albanian subjects, sent to count the number of Albanian ships in use by the Allies, were admitted to the Port on a pass issued by the Albanian Military Mission. They exceeded their duty and boarded a number of Albanian ships. Under threat the masters were ordered to proceed to ALBANIA irrespective of their sailing contracts.

These incidents were telephoned to me by the Comdr, 94 Garrison, and were decided at once to look up the buccanniers.

A report was then made to the Albanian Mission, where acknowledgment was expressed at the conduct of the men concerned. The Mission agreed to take over the prisoners and arrange for their deportation to ALBANIA.

(c) On July, 22nd at KATTA the H.Q. of the Christian Democrats was set on fire by unknown persons.

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(d) On the night 22nd-23rd July, following a fight on the BRINDISI-BARI road, a British H.C.O. died of injuries inflicted by coloured troops. Four arrests have been made.

6. MILITARY POLICE.

(a) The following are some of the charges preferred by the Military Police during July:-

Speeding	"	552
Being in improper possession of Allied stores	"	231
Theft	"	68

(b) The value of PD property recovered is:-

52 Area (TARANTO)	0	0	0.
54 Area (BARI)	1720	12	8
	7554	3	11

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(a) The RAI OC. HQ. have been reinforced and are operating in the AREA-
SERVING area.

(b) Owing to the by organized bands, an officer and 30 Carabinieri have been sent to RAI, where, in co-operation with the Military Police, they have done much to restore order. They are remaining there temporarily at the request of HQ, 52 Area.

(c) Driving crew, petrol and ammunition are urgently required for the 12 tanks now in RAI for Internal Security Duties.

These AFVs would have been invaluable in the recent disturbances, and I strongly urge their full equipment without delay.

(d) There is a lamentable shortage of uniform, underclothing and boots for the Carabinieri. Perhaps the time is approaching when the claims of the Civil Police will be considered as important as those of the Italian Army.

(e) Relations between the Civil and Military Police is excellent.

8. LABOR.

(a) In ROMA Province, owing to building restrictions, unemployment is high. The Minister of Labour has assigned Lire 224,500,000 for expenditure on public works.

(b) In ROMA Province there are about 25,000 unemployed and this number will be increased when workers now employed by the Allies are dismissed.

(c) In ROMA Province unemployment figures are:-

Partially unemployed	36,834
Totally unemployed	4,404

* This figure includes 30,152 women workers in tobacco factories. The season is over, but the women will be probably re-employed later on.

(d) Complaints are general that bands of unemployed men are performing duties on farms without the owners' knowledge or consent. Inquiry cases payment by threat is demanded.

(e) The possibility of allocating unemployed ground to unemployed persons is being explored.

9. INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

(a) Industry is handicapped by lack of raw materials.

(b) Mills, pasta factories and building works are working satisfactorily.

(c) The Tobacco factories in ROMA Province have closed down.

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(c) In LUCHE Province unemployment figures are:-

Partially unemployed 36,334
Totally unemployed 4,404

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* This figure includes 35,332 women workers in tobacco factories. The season is over, but the women will be probably re-employed later on.

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(c) The Tobacco factories in LUCHE Province have closed down.

(d) The cement industry is impeded by lack of sacks. Steps have been taken to secure the release from storage of 150,000 jute sacks owned by Italcementi.

(e) The GIOVINAZZO Steel Works have been released.

(f) Regarding the reconstruction of local industries at BARIISI from war to peace production, please see para. 10 (d) of my June report. This would do much to solve the serious unemployment problem existing in this area.

10. AGRICULTURE AND PASTORALISM.

(a) Persistent drought and heat have seriously affected crops, and in some cases ruined them. Olive trees and vines have also suffered.

(b) Fodder for winter supplied now in order to stock villages now bound and inaccessible in winter. This seems reasonable.

53a. 14, June 1943.

(c) The fish market is active. There is a serious shortage of fishing implements and nets throughout APULIA. It is desirable that the maximum food supply should be taken from the sea. More fish could be obtained if the fishermen were properly equipped, and it is recommended their requirements should receive a high priority.

(d) Owing to a shortage of fodder and water, cattle are being slaughtered in large quantities.

(e) A revised forecast of the harvest has now come in from the Agricultural Inspectorate. It is less optimistic than the original one:-

PROVINCE	WHEAT	BARLEY	OATS	BEANS	PEAS
BAZI	250,000	42,000	137,000	23,500	1,200
FOGGIA	1,320,000	66,000	252,000	120,000	5,000
LECCE	75,000	22,000	70,000	6,300	20,000
BRINDISI	90,000	9,000	50,000	26,000	1,000
TARANTO	145,000	9,000	90,000	17,000	1,000

(f) Threshing is nearly finished.

11. FOOD SITUATION.

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- (ii) Sugar - - 100 gr. a month.
- (iii) Olive Oil - 200 gr. a month.

(b) Unrationed Food - (i) Meat - plentiful.

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- (d) BRINDISI - "The housing of the civilian population is becoming more and more difficult, so that the de-requisitioning of available premises is urgently requested, especially the I.N.C.I.S. building."

I am pressing for replies to these complaints.

Part of the Post Office at BARI-NO is requisitioned and application has been made to HQ, 52 Area for its release.

13. TRANSPORT SITUATION.

ROAD.

- (a) Main roads are very good.
 Practically all secondary roads are in poor condition and their maintenance will provide work for many unemployed.

(b) All A.D. vehicles operated by SITA and SUD-EST have been handed over to the Italian Government, viz:-

101 x 3 tonners
 50 x 1½ tonners

(c) The allocation of the above vehicles to provinces will still be controlled, (a) The allotment of petrol to the Provinces by the Italian Government appears to be inconsistent. In some cases where the estimate of IMAC for August is less than for July, the allotment has been INCREASED, and where it is greater it has been DECREASED. This is being investigated.

RAILWAYS

(a) A new system of traffic limitation is being tried out, control being by wagons rather than by tonnage. 100 wagons a day have been allotted to BARI Compartimento so that care must now be taken in allotting priorities. It is too early yet to say if the system will result in the better use of available rolling stock. (b) The movement of freight traffic continued to be less than programmed, viz:-
Tonnage Programmed - 65,431
Tonnage Moved - 44,391

SHIPPING

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by sea - 5,160
by rail - 11,104
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LECCE		19	39	3	97	25
BRINDISI		1	21	2	16	3
VIESTE		12	12	12	9	1

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FROM Lecce and South TO Eboli
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FROM	TO	NUMBER
Lecco and South	Bohli	417
Lecco, South and Bari	Naples and Rome	400
Bari	Lecco and South	300
Potenza and Matera	Naples and Frosinone	253
Brindisi and Lecco	Abruzzi	400

(b) A programme of refugee trains is issued each week by HQ, Allied Commission, which gives the barest indication of the destination or composition of the train, e.g. "GASIMIA for the South" or "RAFI for the South" means just what it says. It would be of considerable help if a break down showing numbers and destinations could be given.

16. DISPLACED PERSONS.

(a) A total of 2,902 Displaced Persons arrived at No. 1 Transit Camp during July and 2,791 departed. The increase consists chiefly of Greeks and Stateless Jews.

(b) The Commandant of the Camp has taken energetic steps to stop the stealing of blankets and clothing and his efforts have met a deserved success.

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17. EDUCATION.

- (a) Education is hampered owing to the continued occupation of schools by the Allies.
- (b) I am ascertaining the names of schools so occupied and will forward report in due course.

S. W. Miller

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Liaison Officer, A.C.,
R.A.U.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

NAS/fg

TEL : 489081 - 493

16 July 1945

REF : L30/403/916

SUBJECT: Issue of clothing to UNRRA
Civilian EmployeesTO : Col. Sheldon
A.F.L.R.B.

1. I enclose a copy of a letter dated 9th July from Lt.Col. Guy Warren, Deputy-Commissioner, A.M.C. Naples, addressed to this Sub-Commission.

2. It is understood that the wages, bonuses and allowances paid to Italian civilians employed by UNRRA are as laid down in the Armed Forces Wage Scale, and that the clothing referred to is clothing, obtained from UNRRA's own sources, which is made available for purchase by the employees.

3. It is presumed that no action is contemplated to make similar facilities available for A.C. employees, but you may wish to consider whether you wish to have the matter raised at the Allied Forces Local Resource Board.

Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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	Initials	Date
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Mr. PROCTOR		
Miss STEVENSON		
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ECONOMIC SECTION

Date 4 June

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	Lt Col Thompson		FINANCE	
	Lt Col Murtash		FOOD	
	Maj Doe		INDUSTRY	
	Maj Teoby		LABOR <i>with 7/5</i>	(2)
	Capt Atkins		P. & U	
	Capt Williams		TRANSPORTATION	
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	Lt Arensterg		ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
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	Mr Cerrito (Price List)			
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Remarks:

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

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TELEPHONE

ROME.

(Station)

Date Mailed 3/6/45

From: - NAPOLI - CABINA

To: - ROMA - Telephone 34440

CASA MODERNA

Via Terensio, 15

(Callee - una signora)

(Caller - un signore)

Number of previous
comment sheets:

Disposition:

Caller R/T/14154

Passed

Callee

Refused

Caller warned

Callee warned

Call cut off

Language: - Italian Observation started 1545

Recording No.

Total time: 3 MINS.

Date 2 JUNE 1945

NONE.

INTERURBAN CALL.

COMMENT

SHOP STRIKE AT NAPLES

Il chiamante - Qui a Napoli ieri c'è stato lo sciopero. I negozi resteranno chiusi per 3 giorni.

La chiamata - Perché? Che cosa c'è stato?

Il chiamante - Ieri si sono dati un sacco di botte. Sono stati svaligiati molti negozi. Tutti i magazzini sono chiusi all'infuori di qualche negozio di articoli di profumeria.

La chiamata - Perché?

Il chiamante - Per il ribasso dei prezzi del 30%

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Comment by—

Monitor 104

Reviewed by—

JOSEPH P. GARROTTO

CAPT. INF.

Copy to—

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W. D. A. C. O. Form No. 312h
February 15, 1943

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO. 394.

LSC/809

29 May, 1945.

R/1931.

SUBJECT : Cameo Workers.

TO : A. C. HQ.
(Attention Local Resources Sub-Commission
Labour Sub-Commission)

1. I attach a letter I have written to the local Commerce and Industry Office, regarding the transport of a consignment of red shell, now lying at Beyrouth to Naples.
2. I understand that this consists of about 49 sacks weighing between 3 and 4 Tons, of easily transported material and it is this raw material which gives employment to about 100 Cameo workers at Torre del Greco and considerably more persons in Naples finishing and working the products.
3. The shell has been paid for and in view of the importance of providing work I should be very grateful if any help that is possible may be given to get this material brought over to Naples on any ship that may be coming from Syria.

HEADQUARTERS
30 MAY 1945

J. A. C. Pennycook
J. A. C. PENNYCOCK
Colonel
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
AFO. 394

29 May, 1945.

R/1930

SUBJECT : Shells for Cameos.

TO : The Director,
Ufficio Provinciale del Commercio e dell'Industria.
Palazzo della Borsa, Napoli.

1. I understand that a consignment of red shell, the raw material for Cameos, is available and paid for, awaiting shipment from Beyrouth, Syria, to Naples.
2. It consists of 49 bags of shells weighing between 3 and 4 tons, and this substance provides skilled work for a large number of people in Torre del Greco and Naples.
3. I suggest, therefore, you should ask the Italian Government Rome Office to enquire urgently if facilities can be made available for this small consignment of easily transported and important merchandise to be brought over to Naples.
4. The name of the head of the working firm is: Signor Gennaro Picardi, Torre del Greco, Naples, Italy, and the shell was bought from Messieurs Pichot & Rennecon of 16 Rue Beauvan, Marseilles, in 1940, it is now lying with the Agents of the Messageries Maritimes at Beyrouth.

J. A. C. Pennyquick 3081
J. A. C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.

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Mr. Irving has seen Dr. Sora (in absence of Aaron Simons) of authority of Industry Council in London on this matter.

Dr. Sora agrees that in the general interest Kampar should, if possible, be provided for this project and would be willing to take the necessary steps and would advise us in due course what he has been able to arrange.

particular case of 2-7-47
discussed at 2-7-47
with Mr. Sora
MRS

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includes postage
and return

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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	Initials	Date
Mr. W.H. BRAINE	<i>W.H.B.</i>	3/15/41
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Mr. DI PEDR		
Mr. AIRY	<i>for action</i>	<i>SM</i>
Mr. SCOTT		
Mr. PROCTOR		
Miss STEVENSON <i>J.M.H.V.</i>	<i>S</i>	7/16
Chief Clerk		

I think we should follow this up
 as it presents a unique if not unique case
 in transportation. The relative importance
 may not be great on the surface but as it
 would feed an industry which does not require
 coal, & which may help to support trade, it
 is worth pursuing. *W.H.B. 2/15*

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

LSC/402-809

AG 230.65 BSAGO

30 April 1945

SUBJECT : Union of Armed Forces Employees, Naples

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
Attention : Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

1. On 15 April 1945 the Camera del Lavoro of Naples called a public meeting of employees of the Allied Armed Forces to discuss the formation of a union to be composed of such employees. Approximately 50 persons attended. Individuals in the group complained that the cost of living was rising faster than Armed Forces wage scales, and that the end of the war might leave employees of the Armed Forces without jobs. The meeting adjourned without reaching any concerted conclusion, and without arranging a further meeting. It is understood that the Camera del Lavoro was disappointed in the attendance and lack of results of this meeting, and plans to have a steering committee prepare for wider publicity and a more definite agenda before having another one. One Verini appeared to be a leader in the discussions.

2. It is believed that the Labor Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will be concerned to observe with interest steps tending toward the formation of a union of Armed Force employees.

For the COMMANDING OFFICER:

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A. J. MARSHALL JR
1st Lt., FA
Actg Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 478828

REF. : LSC/1102-809

6 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Ispettorato del Lavoro - Naples.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
Attention Regional Labour Officer.

1. We have noted the contents of your letter dated 24 February, 1945, with respect to the position of the Ispettorato del Lavoro vis-a-vis the regional and provincial Labour Offices.

2. There is no Italian legislation nor ministerial regulation which provides that the Ispettorato shall be under the direction of the Regional Labour Director. The Ministry maintains the Ispettorato as a separate entity.

3. There is no present ruling at the Ministry of Labour which could in anyway be interpreted as indicating that the Ispettorato is considered a part or a branch of the labour offices. Such a provision was made by A.M.G. ruling but it has not been recognized by the Italian Government.

4. The differences which have arisen between the Ispettorato and the regional labour office of Naples are being considered by the Ministry and action is being taken by the Minister.

5. We should not in anyway intervene even though part of the city of Naples (the port) is still considered under A.M.G. control.

6. For your information we may state that the Italian Government is drafting legislation which will decide the future status of labour offices and the Ispettorato. We shall keep you informed as to new developments.

W.H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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

LS/377/91

24 Feb. 45

Subject : Ispettorato del Lavoro - Naples

To : Director Labour Sub Commission

1. The Regional Labour Office of Campania is shortly proposing to move its offices from Via Roma to the same building as the Naples Provincial Office in Via Duomo. This is for purposes of convenience and economy.
2. It now appears that the Prefect is proposing to requisition the offices for the use of the Ispettorato del Lavoro which has hitherto been a division of the Regional Labour Office.
3. It is not known whether the Italian Government ²⁶⁷⁵ has decided to change the previous policy and to divorce the Ispettorato from the Labour Offices. If this is so then it is felt that at least a Ministerial Decree will be necessary.
4. Since Naples is still under A.M.G. Control direct intervention is possible but is considered unadvisable.
5. Can the matter be considered please and a ruling be given. ?
6. The complete correspondence is forwarded and should be returned with the reply.



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

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APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC/809

Subject: Acquedotto di Napoli

Date: 6 March 45

To: Regional Commissioner - Southern Reg.

From: N. H. Brumie

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LABOUR DIVISION
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LS/374/200

20 Feb. 1945

Subject : Acquedotto di Napoli
TO : Director Labour Sub Commission

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a statement left with the Regional Commissioner by the a/m Company together with my report and recommendations to him.

2. I will keep you advised of further development.

Denis L. Botham Capt. RA

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

See the statement in file n° LS/526

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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: 286/809

TEL : Ext 204

SUBJECT : Ispettorato dell' lavoro, Naples. February 26 1945

TO

: Capt. Denis L. Botham
Regional Labor Officer
Southern Region

This will acknowledge receipt of your LS/377/41
of 24 February. The matter is being taken up with the
Italian Government.



W. B. SWAINE

Director

Labor Sub-Commission

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SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
LABOUR DIVISION
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LS/367/20

24 Feb. 1945

Subject : Castellammare Port

see file # LSC/208

To : Director Labour Sub Commission.

1. Further to Capt Dorf's recent visit to Castellammare the attached correspondence has been received and is forwarded for your information.

2. No further complaints have since been received from Capt. Palmer by this Division.

Denis L. Botham Capt. RA.

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

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APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

Cross Reference Sheet

File: LSC/809

Subject: Application of Decree 303

Date: 16 Feb. 45

To: Reg. Commissioner - Southern Reg.

From: Mr. W.H. Braine

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

*Mr Sachs**on return**Please speak**erc 1-8-49**Feb. 13, 1945*

LS/ 366/20

Subject : Centralised Control of Allied Labour in Naples.
TO : Director Labour Sub Commission

1. The present position of Allied Labour in Naples Province is that there are at least three large employing agencies none of whom use the Italian Collocamento. D.A.D.L. (British) 8th Port Labour Office and R.N. Labour Office between them employ some 7500 workers and there is no exchange of information with the Collocamento. In addition there is no control whatever over individual American Units who can and do employ persons off the street.

2. Discussions have taken place between Regional Labour Officer and A.D.L. A.F.H.Q. (Lt.Col. Pearce) the Inspector of Labour A.F.H.Q. and D.A.D.L. (Capua) all of whom have expressed a desire for unified control.

3. The attached scheme at appendix A. is submitted as a draft and it is proposed to call a conference in Naples at a suitable date, of all heads of employing services at which this scheme could be discussed. It is hoped that Director Labour Sub Commission will either attend or at least be represented.

4. The scheme itself is based on that already ³⁰⁶⁹ operating successfully in Capua and it is believed Leghorn and other places.

5. Your comments and instructions are awaited.

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

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

DRAFT

13 Feb. 1945

Subject : Scheme for centralised control of Labour employed by the Allies in Naples.

1. A central Allied office should be set up under the Command of a Senior Officer whose word must be law to all employing units whatever their nationality.

2. The office and staff of D.A.D.L. (British) Major Davey, 2905 C.L.U. could be the nucleus of this Allied Office but its functions should be radically changed.

3. The staff of officers and N.C.O.'s would not be engaged in employment exchange duties but out in the field in the duties of inspectors and controllers of Labour.

4. Every unit requiring labour for any purpose would demand from the Allied Office stating requirements and date and time of pick up. This demand would be transmitted by the Allied office to the Italian collocamento who would have already provided daily availability figures.

5. At the delivery point (normally the Ufficio Collocamento) an N.C.O. of the C.L.O. would check the numbers and gratifications of the Labour supplied and supervise loading into the correct transport.

6. Periodical inspections of labour conditions ³⁶⁶⁸ hours etc. and investigation of complaints in quality etc. would be made at all units.

7. A central black list would be kept at the Allied Office.

8. An essential preliminary would be registration of all Allied employees by Italian Collocamento employees on the existing Italian system. This would not interfere with work in progress if units were ordered to permit these inspectors to interrogate workers on the spot. Three minutes per worker should be sufficient. The register at present compiled by D.A.D.L. would probably be useless as it is not on the Italian model, registers one skill only and applies only to skilled workers.

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9. The obvious advantages of such a scheme are:

- (a) By the use of the existing Italian framework and personnel, the personnel of both CLU (B) and 8th Port Labour Office (A) are released for their proper duties of inspection and control.
- (b) Useless duplication of registration is avoided.
- (c) Registration is complete and statistics and labour information become at once more reliable.
- (d) The black list becomes of practical use. At present there is nothing to prevent a worker, sacked for theft, being reemployed by a different unit.
- (e) Control of labour becomes a practicable possibility.
- (f) The Prefect's order that all civilian employees will engage labour through the collocamento is given additional weight.
- (g) The Italians are given a working system which can continue after Allied evacuation if desired.

10. A certain amount of opposition is expected both from 8th Port and D.A.D.L. 8th Port have recently become extremely security minded and are withdrawing Port passes indiscriminately. Opposition to the initial registration is expected to be strong here.

D.A.D.L. has indicated already that he considers his labour now to be "hand picked" and he is afraid of poaching.

Both these objections could and should be easily overcome.

11. It is submitted that a scheme on these lines would prove of inestimable value both to the Allied and Italian Labour Authorities. Although it is here set out purely for Naples it is already working in other places and is easily adaptable for use throughout Italy in all places where collocamenti or their equivalent exist.

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DENIS L. BOTHAM, Capt. RA
Regional Labour Officer

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File: LSC/809
Subject: Registration Cards for Provincial Lab Office - Salomon
Date: 13 Feb. 45
To: Capt. D. L. Rothen - Southern Reg.
From: Director Labour HE
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APO 394
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 489081

REF. : LSC/1102 + 809

13 February 1945

SUBJECT : Labour Registration Cards for Provincial
Labour Office of Salerno.

TO : Dr. GRA,
Capo Divisione Uffici del Lavoro,
Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

1. Pursuant to our telephone conversation of February 12, I am herewith transmitting to your office for payment a bill in the amount of L. 10,400 for cards which were ordered by the Salerno Provincial Labour Office.

2. Your prompt action in this matter will be appreciated.

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JOSEPH DI PEDE
Labour Relations Adviser

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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File: LSC/809
Subject: Railways in Puglia
Date: 9 Feb. 45
To: Labour &c
From: Capt. D.L. Botham
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SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
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LS/363/21

9 February 1945

SUBJECT : Railways in Puglie

TO : Labour Sub Commission (Att. Mr Sacks)

1. Attached report, apparently requested direct,
is forwarded for your information.



DENIS L. BOTHAM, Capt. RA
Regional Labour Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

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25 January 1945

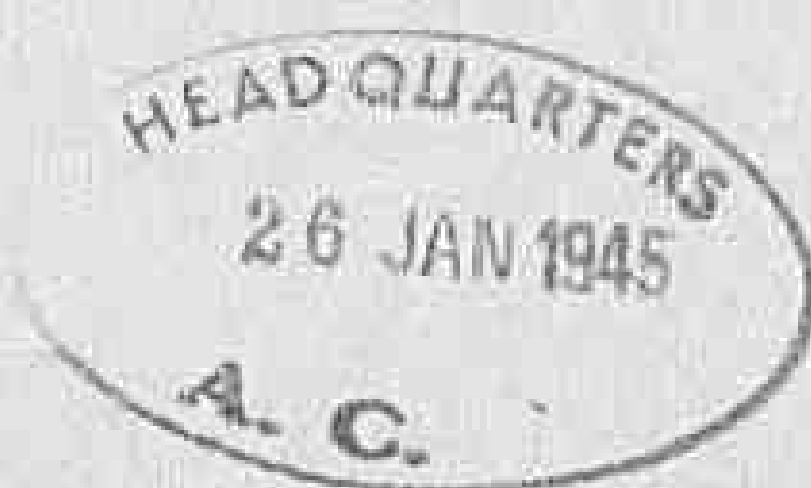
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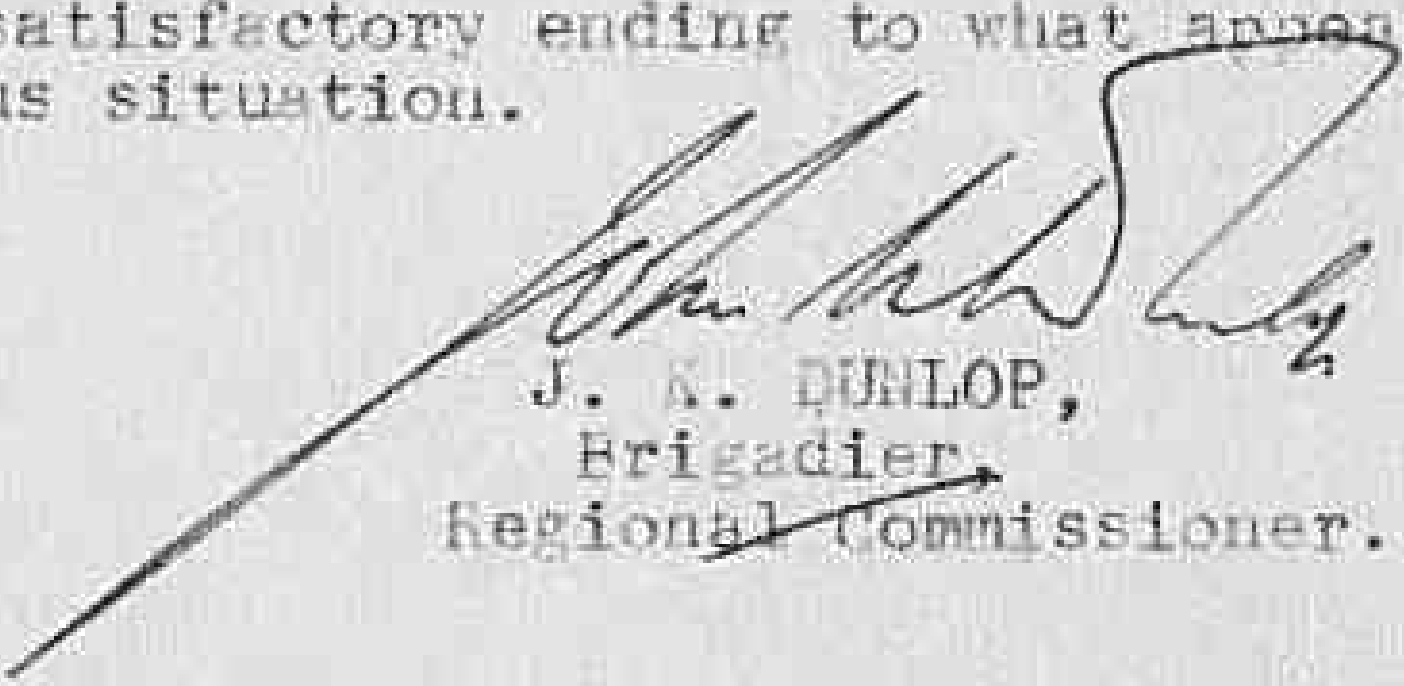
TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission,
(Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, ECONOMIC SECTION). ✓

1. I am obliged to you for your letter of 22 January, carrying the situation report, received by you from the Labour-Sub-Commission.

2. I greatly appreciate the efforts that you have personally made to secure the satisfactory ending to what appeared to be at one time a dangerous situation.

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J. A. DUNLOP,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner.

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22 Jan. 1945

Subject : Arbitration rules
TO : Labour Sub Commission ✓

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a circular letter put out by the Campania Regional Labour Office.

For the Regional Commissioner.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis L. Botham Capt. R.A.".

DENIS L. BOTHAM Capt. R.A. 2060
Regional Labour Officer

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CAMPANIA REGIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

8 January 1945

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TO: LABOUR PROVINCIAL OFFICES of
Naples - Avellino - Benevento
Salerno -

and for information

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND
LABOR - Rome -

TO: Capt. DENIS L. BOTHAM - Naples -

From the experience acquired through the first arbitration procedures carried on by the Labour Offices we have noticed that the constituted arbitration boards take too much time in making their decisions and that they ask advance payments from the parties concerned.

This office believes that arbitration procedures must be carried on rapidly, since they deal with matters which cannot undergo any delay, especially in view of the particular situation of the working masses who must keep on running after the cost of living. 3059

On the other hand the new labour organisation - which is now being formed on a basis of practical experiences - is in need of a means that will guarantee a prompt and rapid justice.

It is also necessary to avoid that arbitration procedure be so costly since this handicaps workers in respect to employers.

Therefore for these reasons we suggest you to grant arbitration boards a very short length of time to take decisions. Except for particular cases, such a length of time must not be longer than 15 days.

Furthermore arbitrators must be called on to work free of charge or at least to reduce their fees to the time dedicated to the arbitration.

The above objectives must be reached in order to strengthen the arbitration institution in the labour field, which is, especially in wartime, the only means to do away with labour disputes.

GENERAL SECRETARY
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Subject: Memorandum (Ital. Port Labor and Port Company)

Date: 21 Jan. 45

To: Capt. D.L. Botham - Southern Reg.

From: Mr. W.H. Braine - Director Labor S/C

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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20 January 1945

SUBJECT : Threat of Strike - State Employees Bari
Situation Report.

TO : Col. L. D. Denmore Acting Deputy Chief of
Staff.

FROM : Labour Relations Officer

THROUGH : Director Labour Sub-Commission

Ref. above

1. H.E. Bonomi received the C.G.I.L. representatives and the representatives of State Employees in Bari yesterday.

2. I am informed by Mr. Di Vittorio, C.G.I.L. joint Secretary, that the question has been virtually resolved, personnel employed in Bari being granted the scale of indemnities outlined for "città disagiatissima". Mr. Di Vittorio assured me that the general strike field for January 25th will be called off. 3053

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E. SCICOLUNA, Major
Labour Relations Officer
A.C. Labour Sub-Commission

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Date: 17 January 1945
To: Labor S/c 3052
From: Economic Sect.
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To: Labour H/C
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Subject: Wage Rates - Building Industry Foggia

Date: January 13, 1945

To: HQ. A.C. Labour HC

From: Capt. Denis L. Botham

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Date: 13 January 1945
To: Regional Commissioner
From: Labor Officer Southern Reg
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Subject: Wage Agreement Esattoria Commune of Monte dei Paschi
di Siena at Naples

Date: 12 January 1945

To: Southern Region

From: Labor I/c

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File: LSC/809
Subject: Threatened strike Paris zone
Date: 11 Jan. 45
To: HR. AC
From: Southern Reg - Regional Commission
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LS/326/94

10 January 1945

SUBJECT : General Strike Threat - Bari
TO : Director Labour Sub-Commission

1. Enclosed herewith are (1) report from Labour Officer Bari Zone (2) report of Regional Labour Officer (3) report of Regional Commissioner.

2. Regional Labour Officer's report was originally transmitted by the hand of Regional Commissioner with a request to him to hand it to Labour Sub-Commission. He left it instead with Col. Densmore and a further copy is sent in case it has not yet reached Labour Sub-Commission.

3. Urgent action with the Government is requested.

For the Regional Commissioner.



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

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R/1392

8 January 1945

SUBJECT : Labor - Threat of Strike at Bari

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Chief of Staff)

1. On the occasion of my visit to Rome yesterday, I spoke to Colonel Densmore and Brigadier Upjohn on the possibility of a serious strike in the Bari area. I also left with Colonel Densmore a copy of a memo, produced for me by the Regional Labour Officer. I attach herewith a further copy of this memo.

2. In brief, the position is, that a meeting was held in Bari on 5 January 1945 at which State and Public Services employees were represented. At this meeting there was a very strong movement in favour of a general strike in order to obtain better wage conditions. Wiser counsels prevailed and it was decided to send a commission, representing the meeting, to Rome, to lay their requests before the Government and the Allied Authorities. A further meeting would be called, provisionally fixed for the 25th, when the delegation returned from Rome and, if the answer obtained were not satisfactory, a strike of all Government employees would take place.

3. I have, on previous occasions, drawn to the attention of the Finance and other divisions the serious state of discontent which exists among all Government employees (our ref R/1305 of 18 Dec.). They feel that their salaries have not been raised in a manner commensurate with the increases which have been authorized for commercial employees and employees of the Allied Armed Forces. It is true that an increase was granted in November, but this was so hedged around by reservations that in effect the majority of Government employees did not gain very much.

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6. It will be, however, obvious that, once strike action commences, it will be almost impossible to prevent such action injuring the Allied war effort. No 3 District are almost certain to ask for our assistance and I wish to have your guidance as to the action, that I should take. Should a strike eventuate, it will be the first occasion on which there has been a serious, large scale strike in Italian governed Italy. It must be remembered that many of the normal means of enforcing law and order will, either be actually on strike, or at least in sympathy with strike action.

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7. I presume that it would be possible for us to declare AMG rule over the entire territory covered by the strike and to order the strikers back to work on the terms of Allied Military Government. Such an action would have grave, political repercussions, which, I am sure, you fully appreciate. On the other hand, I do not think that No. 3 District would be content to allow the strike to drag on until exhaustion compelled the strikers to return. Moreover such a policy would almost inevitably lead to rioting and looting by hungry strikers.

8. If the Italian Government, advised by the Finance and Labour Sub-Commissions, decided that it is not possible to grant any wage increase, something very dramatic will have to be done to persuade State employees to accept this decision. So far there has been little decisive lead from any senior minister. There was, it is true, a very good article in "Il Giornale", which is the Naples paper of the liberal Party, entitled "Chi paga?". This article pointed out the whole vicious circle of continually rising wages and costs. I think the Italian people are very sensitive to the threat of inflation and many have appreciated the object lesson of the catastrophic collapse of the Greek Drachma. A very well conceived and energetically executed anti-inflation education campaign might do a great deal. I doubt, whether at this present juncture, it would entirely satisfy the feelings of the Government employees.

9. We have possibly two weeks before the situation becomes really dangerous. I am very anxious that we should not be caught unawares by serious events.

(signed) J. K. DUNLOP
Brigadier General
Regional Commissioner.

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

Memo

6 January 1945

LS/321/94

SUBJECT : General Strike - Apulia
TO : R.C.
FROM : Regional Labour Officer

1. At a mass meeting held in Bari on 5th January at which all State and Public Service employees were represented there was a very strong movement in favour of a general strike. The leaders however were able to prevent precipitate action and a Committee was elected to proceed to Rome to present their demands to the Government and the Allied Authorities. It was clearly stated that if the Committee was not satisfied in Rome a general strike would ^{be} called at once. Another meeting was scheduled for 25th Jan. when the delegates were expected to be back from Rome.

2. The Labour Officer Bari Zone attended the meeting and he states that although the general strike would be called only in Apulia, the meeting hoped to be able to spread it throughout Southern Italy and Sicily if the Government did not meet their demands.

3. The personnel involved in the strike would be all employees engaged in the Public Service whether directly paid by the State or not e.g. Court employees, Finance, Industry & Commerce, Post & Telegraph, all Public Utilities, University teachers, Railways, Commune employees, etc.

4. In view, of the scope of the strike interference with the war effort seems inevitable and Military intervention might be necessary. It is recommended that 3 District and A.F.H.Q. be kept informed of developments.

5. Original signal from Bari Zone has already been passed by telephone to Labour Sub-Commission.

6. Contact has also been made with Sicily but the Labour Officer there reports that at present everything is quiet although the State Employees, as everywhere else, are more than dissatisfied.

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7. The grievance of the State employees is one of very long standing and has been reported upon monthly to H.Q. A.C. for at least 9 months. A decree was published in November which purported to increase their salaries, but, as it also cancelled two indemnities they were receiving, the increase was reduced almost to vanishing point and in some cases even led to a net reduction.

8. In Naples, the process servers have ceased work for nearly a fortnight on the ground that they are 3 months behind with their pay. At present they merely demand arrears but they also have the other demands very much in mind though at present they are willing to discuss them without a threat of striking.

9. It cannot be too strongly recommended that pressure be brought to bear on the Government by H.Q. A.C. to remedy the manifest and inexcusable hardship to which this class of employee has been too long subjected.

(signed)

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

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SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
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4 January 1945

SUBJECT : Public Utilities Strike-Naples 2 & 3 Jan. 1944

TO : Regional Commissioner Southern Region
Labour Sub-Commission H. A. C. ✓
Col. Simson, Commissioner, Naples Zone

1. On 2nd January 1945 the clerks and maintenance staff of S.M.E. in Naples staged a "white" strike. Essential services were not affected. The strike was led, as usual, by Balzano, Secretary of Federazione Regionale Campana dei Pubblici Servizi.

2. The dispute arose out of the recent grant by the Italian Government (not yet translated into a decree) of a special "gratifica 1944" consisting of one month's carovita, presenza and mensa indemnities in addition to the usual Christmas gratifica and 13th month pay, weekly workers also receiving a 54th week's pay.

3. The workers contended that the wording of the Government announcement of the special gratifica entitled them to receive the three said indemnities on their ordinary gratifica. That is they claim to be entitled to the following:-

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- (a) 1 months' indemnities for carovita presenza and mensa (being the special "gratifica 1944")
 - (b) The normal 53rd weeks' or 13th month's pay
 - (c) The same three indemnities in respect of (b)

4. The employers take the view that (a) and (b) above are payable but that since (b) is governed by the collective contracts which were all in existence before any of the indemnities were introduced, the indemnities under (c) are not due.

5. A meeting was held at the Regional Labour Office on the evening on 2nd January at which these arguments were discussed with representatives of all the Public Services - Gas, Electricity, Water and Telephone.

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6. On the proposal of the Regional Labour Office, when it became apparent that an agreement was not possible there and then, all parties agreed that the matter should go to arbitration. But the workers then demanded an advance payment, arguing that arbitration would take some time. This the employers refused.

7. The Regional Labour Office then proposed that a time limit could be set for the arbitration - names to be submitted next day and the Court to have three days only to publish its findings. The principle was agreed to but there were some who expressed doubt as to whether nomination would be possible by the following day. The meeting broke up in a friendly but tense atmosphere having been warned by the Regional Labour Office that the Allied Labour Officer would not permit any arbitration whatever on the matter while the workers were on strike.

8. On 3rd January the workers of the Gas and Aqueduct Companies joined S.M.E. in the "white" strike. Services were not affected.

9. Lt.Col.Simpson, Naples Zone Commissioner, called Balzano before him and spoke very strongly promising that if the workers were not at work on the morning of Jan 4th severe action would be taken against Balzano and other leaders. Balzano promised that the strike would end at once.

10. At approx 1630 on 3rd Jan the Regional Labour Office informed the undersigned that the Aqueduct Directors had refused to attend the meeting called to nominate the arbitrations because the workers were still on strike. It was requested that the Directors be ordered to attend. As the meeting with Col.Simpson only ended shortly before 1600 and as this is the normal time at which the day's work ends, Capt.Botham refused to make such order and recommended that the meeting be postponed until Jan 4th. It was thereupon called for 0930 hrs Jan 4th.

11. On Jan 4th both Aqueduct and Gas workers were at work normally and although S.M.E. workers were late in starting, normal work proceeded.

12. Following the meeting at 0930 hrs on Jan 4th arbitrators were appointed for the Aqueduct Company and as the other companies had already nominated theirs, the situation is now quiet pending the result of the arbitration.

Dennis L. Botham, Capt. R.A.
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Regional Labour Officer.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

MEMORANDUM

26th, December 1944

To : Col. Junius R. Smith

Subject: Naples Regional Labor Office

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1.- This is somewhat like a laymans approach to the fishery business, the first impression is the smell.

2.- Capt. Botham made a report in November; Ciferelli and Rubinacci made a trip to Gronchi; Mattarazza was called on the carpet by Gronchi; then on first of December Gronchi sent a telegram to the Prefect of Naples to remove Matarazza as Provincial Labor Director and appointed Ciferelli temporarily in his place. Thus Matarazza was blamed and made the goat for something which started last April when Ciferelli became Regional Labor Director and which has grown like a mushroom ever since.

3.- Right after Col. Lane left last April, Ciferelli's first budget for April-May-June was L. 3.443.3038 for payroll as compared with L. 2.697.000.- for Jan-Feb-Mar. He had already started to expand. This was not for Regional Office only but was submitted by Ciferelli jointly for Regional Office and Provincial Offices of Avellino and Naples. There appears to be juggling of the budgets of these three offices and a confused combination of figures varying with each budget, and a later mixing in of the Provincial Offices of Salerno and Benevento. One thing is evident that it was not the individual Provincial Offices that submitted budgets but Ciferelli juggled the figures around and submitted for all offices on a lump sum basis for the region and as expenditures were made they were drawn against the general fund and charged against the respective offices.

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4.- After some wiggling around was able to screw out a fairly consistent basis for comparison of this mushroom growth as evidenced by budgets submitted. This was by sticking to figures for Avellino and Naples Provincial Offices and the Regional Office as follows:

Jan-Feb-Mar	Lire 2,697,000.=
April-May-June	" 3,443,000.=
July-Aug-Sept	" 4,800,000.=
Oct-Nov-Dec	" 6,747,000.=

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These are for salaries and were submitted by Ciferelli for the last three quarters and it would take a team of certified Public Accountants and Philadelphia Lawyers to figure out how he spent it. The fact that the last budget was not approved or disapproved or commented upon after submission on 6th October 1944 to Ministry of Labor and Ragioneria Generale del Ministero delle Finanze; this did not delay the expenditure. For example during month of November Ciferelli spent for personnel in Regional Office, only, L. 603,044,15, whereas his last approved budget, which was period ending September, the monthly sum approved was L.500,000.-

5.- While Ciferelli pointed the finger at Matarazza, it is to be remembered that this situation came out into the limelight in early November when Matarazza went to Capt. Botham and complained that for sometime Ciferelli in his capacity of superiore to Matarazza, had been insisting that Matarazza increase his staff and sent people to him from time to time with notes ordering Matarazza to hire the people. However, when Matarazza saw that he would have Capt. Botham's support he then wrote to Ciferelli refusing to hire more people. Ciferelli when to Gronchi, Matarazza was called in to Rome, Matarazza was dismissed, Ciferelli was put in his place. (Does he get paid for both jobs). It is very simple.

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6.- Meantime, the money was spent even though not appropriated to Ciferelli for these last three months. The employees nearly went on strike for not being paid.

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Gronchi was in Naples last Sunday and promised that appropriation would be made to cover the expenditure; In fact although budget has not yet been approved the Intendenza di Finanza has advanced two million lire in anticipation. Furthermore on Monday Gronchi sent Dr. Pratico, an Inspector, to resolve the situation. On asking if he was the one to make the decision to reduce the organization was told "NO", that he only reported to Gronchi who would make the decision. It seems, however, that a smoke screen is going up and Dr. Pratico has been pulled out by Ciferelli to Avellino and other Provincial Offices away from the Naples situation where the money has been spent.

7.- With respect to this monumental staff on the payroll, Ciferelli is shifting people from Regional Payroll to Provincial payroll and vice versa, and no one will be able to figure out just what did happen. But from the future toward correction of this over expansion, Ciferelli is studying personal background of each person, family, education, titles of study, politics and those persons selected will be retained accordingly. This seems a back hand approach. Would seem more sincere to make a job analysis of each person, establish position vacancies most necessary to perform the work of the Region and then select the persons best qualified and most capable to fill those position vacancies. May be this latter would not be good politics nor meet with approval of Dino Gentile who is a close friend of Ciferelli. The attitude appears to be to reduce number of personnel gradually over a period of months in provincial offices but not in the Regional Office.

8.- Other oddities and items of interest are :

a) There are approx 100 persons employed in Regional Office, 270 in Naples Provincial Office, and average of 60 in each of other provincial offices of Avellino, Benevento, and Salerno.

b) Actually there are more industrial establishments in Naples Region than anywhere else in

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Italy south of Rome. A larger staff in the Labor Offices might be understandable due to large number of industrial workers and the scattered industrial centers of Torre Annunziata, Castellamare, Capua, Nola, Caserta, Bagnoli, Pozzuoli, which need sub-offices for zone problems.

c) The Naples Unions refer proportionately more disputes to the Provincial Labor Offices than occurs in Rome where the Rome Chamber of Labor is better organized and washes most of its own dirty linen.

d) The Naples Provincial Office handles an average of 400 individual personnel labor disputes per month, each of which individually takes considerable time.

e) Combined in Regional Organization and on payroll is that of Ispettorato del Lavoro which is considerable, G.O. 28 does not define this as part of Labor Offices.

f) The Regional Labor Director has been involved in liquidation proceedings of fascist syndicates. This also is not defined as a function of Labor Office in G.O. 28. This is temporary and should soon be finished.

g) Regional Labor Office has encouraged what is known as "Servizio Assistenza" which amounts to doing work that should be done by Previdenza Sociale, Infortuni and Malattia. This requires extra personnel too. 3035

h) A Dottore Porzio in Regional Labor Office with staff of at least ten persons states he is regularly occupied with statistical studies, cost of living, labor movement etc, requested by various members of Labor Sub-Commission. This take extra personnel.

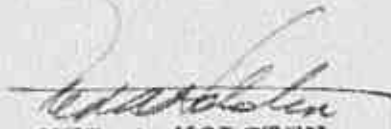
i) There is an attitude to point onus to Allied Authorities for each miscellaneous and odd activity that has pyramided up this monumental Regional Organization and the implication was passed that members of the Labor Sub-Commission spend more time in Ciferelli's Office on their visits to Naples than in Capt. Botham's.

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J) Dino Gentile is a regular visitor to Ciferelli's office, and further the Union of Public Services has its offices in Rooms of the Regional Labor Office. This latter represents the group that have instigated most of the strikes among public utility workers and perhaps the group that have had more strikes than any other in southern Italy.

h) My visit to Regional Labor Directors Offices was around eleven o'clock in the morning which is usually the busiest time of the day around such Italian government offices, and of the hundred odd employees over two third did not have any work to do.

9.- This information may be prejudiced in parts but it represents my impressions of what I heard and what I saw, with a reasonable attempt to be fair minded, and perceptive, in the short time available, as well as with the limited authority which does not permit of a detailed analysis. This is a head ache for the Italian government and will take a strong forceful attitude on the part of Gronchi to break this organization that Ciferelli has built up.


NED.A.HOLSTEN
Captain QMC.

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