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TEL : Ext. 804

20 December 1945

REF : LSC/725

SUBJECT: British Trade Union Delegation - Visit to Northern Italy from 9 December to 13 December 1945.

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1. Attached is a brief report of the visit of the British Trade Union delegation to Northern Italy in December 1945. I met the delegation on their arrival in Italy and accompanied them throughout the tour. As I state in the report, every care was taken to recognize that the British delegates were present at the invitation of the CGIL and to avoid detracting from the latter's position as official hosts. Accordingly, military officers in uniform were not in evidence at any of the general meetings, although they were present by invitation at the lunches and functions. I should, however, like to pay a tribute to the assistance rendered by the Military Authorities and the Regional Commissioners in each Region without whose aid the tour could not have been completed so successfully.

2. The invitation to visit Italy was extended by the CGIL to the British Trade Union delegation at the World Trade Union Conference held in Paris in September 1945 when the American and Soviet Trade Union representatives were also invited to visit Italy. Some American trade unionists are at present in Rome, but it is understood that they are not an official delegation from the American Trade Union movements.

W. H. BRAINE
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Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION ITALY
APO 294
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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REF : LSC/918

20 December 1945

SUBJECT: BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION - Visit to Northern Italy from 9 December to 18 December 1945.

1. At the invitation of the Italian General Confederation of Labour five representatives of British Trade Unions visited the North of Italy from 9 December to 18 December 1945. The delegates were Mr. Will Leather, Mr. Jack Tanner, Mr. R. L. Bullock, Mr. E. P. Harries, and Mr. A. E. Carthy. They arrived in Italy on Sunday, 9 December, from Austria, having visited Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria to examine the development of the trade union movement in those countries. An Anglo-American delegation, of which Mr. Will Leather had formed part, had also visited liberated Italy south of Florence in September 1944.

2. AFHQ arranged transport, accommodation and other facilities for the delegation, but the programme was arranged by the Italian General Confederation of Labour as hosts of the delegation. The delegation was received at Udine and visited Padova, Milan, Genova, and Turin. In each city the Italian General Confederation of Labour had arranged a meeting with the local trade union executives and a public meeting, together with a reception by the local civic head, and official luncheons and dinners. On these occasions the British delegates addressed the gatherings, and speeches were also made by the representatives of the Italian General Confederation of Labour who accompanied the party as well as by local representatives.

3. The British delegates emphasized on all occasions the necessity of avoiding party politics in trade union organization. They recognized the progress that had been made in the past twelve months in rebuilding the democratic trade union movement in Italy and referred to the general influence which the trade union movement could bring to bear on national policy, as in the case of the establishment of a labor government in Great Britain. They drew attention to the destruction of material assets resulting from six years of world warfare, and reminded their Italian listeners of the difficulties confronting the population of Great Britain and other countries who suffer, like the Italians, from lack of coal and raw materials. They offered comradeship and moral support to the Italian trade unionists who they hoped would take their place with trade unionists of other nations in the labour movement,

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and in this connection they referred to the readmission of Italy to membership of the ILO and to the part taken by Italian trade unionists in the newly formed World Federation of Trade Unions. They brought home to the Italians the fact that their country was a member of the Axis in the early part of the war, and that the Fascist movement, which had been allowed to develop in Italy bore its share of responsibility for the war. They referred also to Italian activity in Abyssinia and in Spain and suggested that the memory of these activities had still to be expunged.

4. In each centre visited the Italians took the opportunity of recounting their need for material assistance, viz., coal and raw materials, and drew attention to the miserable condition of the workers which threatened to worsen during the winter with lack of employment, and shortage of fuel and food. These representations did not over-impress the British delegates who in Germany and Austria had seen devastation and misery, and in Czechoslovakia had seen evidence of vigorous approach to national problems. In Turin particularly the Italian speakers admitted the fault of the Italian people in allowing Fascism to develop and of the workers in not opposing its growth from the earliest days; they recognized their moral debt towards the countries which had suffered from Italian Fascist aggression; but they invited attention to the support which Fascism had received from other countries and to the fact that Italians such as Turati, who had spoken in foreign countries against Fascism, had been informed that it was a phenomenon of internal interest only. The Communist Secretary, Di Vittorio, took the opportunity of attacking land owners in general, and industrialists whom he accused of opposing workers' just demands for political and not economic reasons, as well as elements in the Liberal Party whom he accused of causing the recent political crisis in the interests of reactionary Neo-Fascists. His speech was repeated in each centre, but in Turin the response was mixed.

5. The British Trade Union delegation received a hearty welcome throughout the North. Posters were displayed expressing, both in English and Italian, greetings to the delegates; the attendance at the meetings of local trade union leaders varied from 200 to 600, and at the public meetings the accommodation was packed, except at the final meeting in Milan where a raid on the BEPRAL organization by the bakkers proved, for some time, a rival attraction. The Prefects and Mayors of the respective cities received the delegation with appropriate expressions of welcome, and the Camere del Lavoro arranged lunches, dinners and entertainment, including places at the opera or special

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concerts, with the obvious desire of discharging to the best of their ability their liabilities as hosts of the delegation. AMO Officers, and particularly the Regional Commissioners and their Officers, gave every assistance without, however, detracting from the position of the Italian General Confederation of Labour as the official hosts in their own country. It is considered that the delegation made, in this brief and hurried visit, ample contacts with organized labour in Northern Italy and obtained an adequate idea of the desire of the Italian workers in the North of Italy to organize themselves efficiently and to cooperate for the furtherance of the ideals of the trade union movement. Delegates were able to compare the Italian trade union movement and its members with the German and Austrian workers, and although they may have been inclined to class them together at the beginning of their tour, it is probable that they eventually appreciated the sincerity and self-reliance in the North of Italy, which had maintained a resistance movement and collaborated with the Allies. Despite the plain speaking of the British delegates on several occasions, the visit served to bring closer together the workers of the two countries and there is a strong desire on the part of Italian trade unionists that they, in turn, may be allowed in due course to visit Great Britain.

W. H. Braine
E. H. Braine
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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VISIT OF BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION TO
NORTHERN ITALY.

Itinerary and Programme.

Friday, 7th December, 1945.

UNITE. Arrive by Road from Eisenfurt about mid-day.
To be met by C.G.I.L. representatives, Brigadier Dunlop,
Regional Commissioner, British Embassy representative.
Lunch with A.M.G.
Proceed to Padova.

PADOVA. Dinner with A.M.G.
Meet Italian Labour representatives from Venice and Veneto
Overnight at Padova.

Saturday, 8th December.

By road from Padova to MILAN, arriving lunch time.

MILAN. Lunch C.G.I.L.

After lunch meet Regional Commissioner, Prefect and Sindaco
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Conference with Lombardy Trade Union
Executive.

6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. - Public meeting.
8.30 p.m. - Dinner - C.G.I.L.
Stay overnight at Milan.

Sunday, 9th December.

By road from Milan to GENOA, arriving lunch time.

GENOA. Lunch C.G.I.L.

After lunch reception by Prefect, Sindaco and Regional
Commissioner.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Meeting with Trade Union Executives,
and Camera del Lavoro.
6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. - Public meeting.
8.30 p.m. - Dinner C.G.I.L.
Stay overnight at Genoa.

Monday, 10th December.

By road from Genoa to TURIN, arriving lunch time.

TURIN. Lunch C.G.I.L.

After lunch reception by Prefect, Sindaco and Regional
Commissioner.

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and Camera del Lavoro.
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8.30 p.m. - Dinner C.G.I.L.
Stay overnight at Turin.

IF PROCEEDING BY AIR.

Tuesday, 8 a.m. - Airport, Turin.
11th Dec. Arrive Rome Mid-day.
Stay overnight at Rome.

IF PROCEEDING BY OVERLAND
ROUTE THROUGH FRANCE.

Tuesday, at Turin - visiting
11th Dec. industrial establishments
Wednesday, Turin to Milan, visiting
12th Dec. industrial establishments.

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Sunday, 9th December.

By road from Milan to GENOA, arriving lunch time.

GENOA. Lunch 1.0 p.m.

After lunch reception by Prefect, Sindaco and Regional Commissioner.

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6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Public meeting.

8.30 p.m. - Dinner 8.0 p.m.

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8.30 p.m. - Dinner 8.0 p.m.

Stay overnight at Turin.

IF PROCEEDING BY AIR.

Tuesday, 8 a.m. - Airport, Turin.

11th Dec. Arrive Rome mid-day.

Stay overnight at Rome.

Wednesday, Rome to Naples.

12th Dec. Stay overnight at Naples.

Thursday, Leave Naples for U.K.

13th Dec. by air.

IF PROCEEDING BY OVERLAND ROUTE THROUGH FRANCE.

Tuesday, At Turin - visiting 11th Dec. industrial establishments.

Wednesday, Turin to Milan, visiting 12th Dec. industrial establishments.

Thursday. Free day.

13th Dec.

Friday, 10.10 a.m. in Train at Milan Central Station.

14th Dec. for Chiuso, Basel, Paris.

Saturday, Travelling.

15th Dec. Arrive Paris.

Sunday, 16th Dec.

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3 December 1945

Dear Dunlop:

With the support of H. M. Government a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFM has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant them every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, E. Bullock, A. E. Conley, F. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genoa mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Distribution:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

- 1) Brig. J. E. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner
Venetia Region
Padova
- 2) Col. E. R. Mofee - R.C. - Piemonte Reg.
- 3) Col. J. J. Selby - R.C. - Liguria Reg.
- 4) Col. A. M. Hantock R.C. - Lombardia Reg.

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(In Visit of President
Franklin D. Roosevelt)

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Meccanica, Macchine, Chimica, Scienze naturali, Impianto ed organizzazione

zione del cantiere e tecnologia delle costruzioni, Resistenza dei materiali, Costruzioni Edili, stradali ed idrauliche, Disegno di costruzioni, Disegno architettonico, Topografia e Disegno relativo, Estimo, Elettrotecnica, Laboratorio tecnologico, Officina e Cantiere.

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- b) Corso biennale per disegnatori meccanici
- c) Corso quadriennale di perfezionamento per tecnici qualificati.

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T.U.C. DELEGATES VISIT TO NORTHERN ITALY -

6th December, 1945.

1. Advise Italian Minister of Labour.
2. A.P.H.Q. to grant entry permits.
3. A.P.H.Q. to arrange transport from Vienna.
4. A.P.H.Q. to provide cars and drivers in Italy.
5. Interpreter at meetings with Italians.
6. Accommodation facilities for Italian civilians.
7. Press hand out to be prepared by Press Attaché for each centre.
Ta. Rules for Press.
8. Consul-General to be informed.
9. American Embassy to be informed.
10. Russian Embassy to be informed.
11. French Embassy to be informed.
12. Official receptions: Milan

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6. Accommodation facilities
for Italian civilians.

7. Press hand out to be
prepared by press
Attache for each centre.

7a. *Info for Press.*

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informed.

11. French Embassy to be
informed.

11a. *Brig Lash is re-point*

12. Official receptions: Milan

Turin

Genoa

Bologna

13. Memorandum on Italy for
Delegation.

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Tel. R.30560.
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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

Labour Division
Vienna
C.M.F.
December 14th 1945.

W.H.Braine Esq.,
Labour Division,
Allied Commission Italy,
ROME.

Dear Mr. Braine,

I am sorry our car accident made it impossible for us to bid you adieu at Venice. We should, however, like to say a special Thank You for your kind offices in arranging our accommodation. Our stay was very pleasant and we hope to repeat it when the warmer weather comes along.

Yours sincerely,

aluminium
E. C. C.

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MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI

Dispaccio Telegrafico

Tanner.	119438
CARTHY.	49681
Bullock	213115
HARRIES	14041
LAWTHER	41963

O/c Cooks. requires above info. today.

Orders for Proctor to be taken to Milan

Expecting HIRD Milan 13/12 by plane.

British Embassy
Rome

11 December 1945

Sig. Piccoli
Cooks, Wagonlits
Rome

Passport numbers for the five British Trade Union delegates who are travelling by rail from Milan to Paris on 14 December, are as follows:

Mr. J. Tanner	119438
Mr. A. E. Carthy	43691
Mr. H. Bullock	213115
Mr. E. P. Harries	14041
Mr. E. Lawther	41963

K. J. HIRD

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION

4 December 1945

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DIG/HQ/86

SUBJECT : British T.U.C. Delegation - Visit to Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Att Director, Labour Sub-Commission)

Reference your ISC/205 dated 27 Nov 45, subject: British
T.U.C. Delegation - Visit to Italy.

1. I have confirmed by telegram that accommodation will be available.
2. I will not be present as I am going on LIAP. Colonel Jordan will also be away on the 9th December but Lt Col Vining will do the honours to the Delegates.

J. G. Selby
J. G. SELBY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

JGS/gch

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UNCLASSIFIED

LIGURIA REGION

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4 DECEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION VISIT TO
NORTHERN ITALY PD

PARA TWO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LIGURIA REGION GENOA CMA ATTENTION

Contd ENCLY FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS SITE AGLAB PARM

PARA TWO PD REVISED ITINERARY PROVIDES FOR DELEGATION TO VISIT
GENOA ON TUESDAY ELEVEN DECEMBER PD KINDLY ADVISE CAMERA DEL
LAVORO PD

PARA THREE PD THEY WILL PROCEED TO TURIN ON WEDNESDAY TWELVE
DECEMBER PD

PARA FOUR PD SHOULD BE GLAD IF YOU WILL ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMODATION
ACCORDINGLY FOR FIVE TRADE UNION DELEGATES ACCOMPANIED BY BRAINE
AND PROCTOR PD

LANCOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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UNCLASSIFIED

VENEZIA REGION

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4 DECEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION VISIT TO
NORTHERN ITALY PD

PARA TWO PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONER VENEZIA REGION CMA ATTENTION BRIGADIER
INTELCO FROM ALCOH HEADQUARTERS GITE AGLAB PAREN

PARA TWO PD DELEGATION NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE UDINE ON SUNDAY
NINE DECEMBER AT MIDDAY PD PLEASE ADVISE PADOVA CAMERA DEL
LAVORO PD

PARA THREE PD BRADY AND PROCTOR WILL ARRIVE PADOVA ON THURSDAY
AFTERNOON SIXTH DECEMBER PD WE SHALL TRAVEL ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON
TO UDINE TO MEET THE PARTY PD

LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
ADJT ASSISTANT

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PIEMONTE REGION - LOMBARDIA REGION

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4 DECEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION NOW DUE TO ARRIVE IN UDINE ON SATURDAY NINE DECEMBER ABOUT MIDDAY PD

PARA TWO PD REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE REGION CMA TURIN CMA ATTENTION COLONEL ROYER CMA TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION CMA MILAN CMA ATTENTION COLONEL HANCOCK CMA FROM AIR ON HEADQUARTERS CITE AGIAE PAREN

PARA TWO PD REVISED ITINERARY IS SUNDAY NINE DECEMBER UDINE TO PADOVA MONDAY TEN DECEMBER PADOVA TO MILAN TUESDAY ELEVEN DECEMBER MILAN TO GENOVA WEDNESDAY TWELVE DECEMBER GENOA TURIN THURSDAY THIRTEEN DECEMBER TURIN TO MILAN DEPART MILAN BY TRAIN FOR PARIS ON FRIDAY FOURTEEN DECEMBER TEN TEN HOURS PD

PARA THREE PD GRATEFUL IF HOTEL ACCOMMODATION COULD BE RESERVED FOR PARTY OF FIVE TRADE UNION DELEGATES BRAINE AND PROCTOR ACCORDINGLY PD

PARA FOUR PD AIR TRANSPORT RESERVATIONS ALREADY MADE FOR ELEVEN DECEMBER FROM TURIN TO ROME SHOULD BE CANCELLED PD

PARA FIVE PD KINELY ADVISE MAJOR SCICLUNA AND MISTER AIRRY OF REVISED ARRANGEMENTS AND ALSO CAMERA DEL LAVORO PD

PARA SIX PD SCICLUNA ACCOMPANIED BY DOTTOR ROGNETTA TO BE AT UDINE BY NOON ON SUNDAY NINE DECEMBER PD

LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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G.J. LEONE

CWO USA

ADJT ASSISTANT

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UNCLASSIFIED

VENEZIA REGION

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4 DECEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION VISIT
TO NORTHERN ITALY PD

PARA TWO PD PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER VENEZIA REGION UDINE CMA
ATTENTION COLONEL BRIGHT FROM ALCON HEADQUARTERS QITH AGLAB PARMA

PARA TWO PD DELEGATION NOW EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN UDINE FROM
KLAMPORT ABOUT MIDDAY ON SUNDAY NINE DECEMBER PD

PARA THREE PD BRAINE AND PROCTOR WILL ARRIVE IN UDINE ON
SATURDAY AFTERNOON EIGHT DECEMBER CMA COULD YOU PLEASE ARRANGE
TO RESERVE ACCOMMODATION FOR US FOR SATURDAY NIGHT PD

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LABOUR SUBCOMMISSION

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G.J. LEONE
CWO USA
ADJY ASSISTANT

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NORTHERN ITALY.

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IF PROCEEDING BY AIR.

Tuesday, 8 a.m. - Airport, Turin.

IF PROCEEDING BY OVERLAND
ROUTE THROUGH FRANCE.

Tuesday, at Turin - visiting

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6 p.m. to 7.30p.m. Public meeting.
8.30 p.m. - Dinner - C.G.I.L.
Stay overnight at Milan.

Sunday, 5th December.

By road from Milan to GENOA, arriving lunch time.

Genoa. Lunch C.G.I.L.

After lunch reception by Prefect, Sindaco and Regional Commissioner.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Meeting with Trade Union Executives, and Camera del Lavoro.

6 p.m. to 7.30p.m. Public meeting.
8.30 p.m. - Dinner C.G.I.L.
Stay overnight at Genoa.

Monday, 10th December.

By road from Genoa to TURIN, arriving lunch time.

Turin. Lunch C.G.I.L.

After lunch reception by Prefect, Sindaco and Regional Commissioner.

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Meeting with Trade Union Executives and Camera del Lavoro.

6 p.m. to 7.30p.m. Public meeting.
8.30 p.m. - Dinner C.G.I.L.
Stay overnight at Turin.

IF PROCEEDING BY AIR.

Tuesday, 8 a.m. - Airport, Turin.
10th Dec. Arrive Rome Mid-day.
Stay overnight at Rome.

Wednesday, Rome to Naples.

12th Dec. Stay overnight at Naples.

Thursday, Leave Naples for U.K.
13th Dec. by air.

IF PROCEEDING BY OVERLAND
ROUTE THROUGH FRANCE.

Tuesday, at Turin - visiting
11th Dec. industrial establishments
Wednesday, Turin to Milan, visiting
12th Dec. industrial establishments.

Thursday, Free day.
13th Dec.

Friday, 10.10 a.m. in train at
14th Dec. Milan Central Station,
for Châtenay, Reims, Paris.

Saturday, Travelling.
15th Dec. Arrive Paris.
Sunday, 16th Dec.

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ITALIAN TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION

There is no Italian law or Decree which recognizes, regulates, or gives legal status to trade unions. Fascist legislation on the subject was annulled on liberation of territory and the nearest approach to legal regulation is ASU General Order No. 88 which declares the right of free association. Successive Italian Ministers of Labor have drafted Decrees but without reaching the stage of presentation to the Council of Ministers.

Italian trade unions have, however, been formed on a non-party, non-religious basis and membership was claimed of 1,800,000 in January 1945, i.e., before the liberation of the North of Italy, while in October 1945 membership of 5,000,000 was claimed. The largest body of membership is agricultural workers.

The unity of the workers agreed in the pact of Rome of 4 June 1944, depends upon collaboration of the three left-wing political parties; namely, Socialist, Communist, and Christian-Democrats. The Secretariat and Executive Committee of the CUIL and of the respective Camere del Lavoro throughout the country are shared equally between these three parties, there being, for example, three Joint Secretaries of each organization. Therefore, although ostensibly on a non-party basis, consideration of party enters into the various forms of activity.

In the Autumn of 1945 the Christian-Democrats began to complain that their whole-hearted collaboration had not been met by similar readiness of concession and compromise on the part of the elements of the other two parties, and that instead of the Socialists maintaining a middle and balancing position between the extremes represented by Communists and Christian-Democrats, there had been virtually an alliance between Communists and Socialists which inevitably operated against the Christian-Democrats. There is a possibility of withdrawal of Christian-Democrats from the tripartite workers' organization and the formation of separate Christian trade unions. The adverse effect of such a step upon the organization of the workers is recognized on all sides, and it is generally desired that this should be avoided. Imperfect though it may have been, the collaboration between the three main political parties in the labor field in Italy for a continuous period of eighteen months is the most striking, if not the only, example of continuous collaboration of parties in Italy where the multiplication of political parties has led to an unsettled state in the political field, punctuated with crises which have paralyzed

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administration and recovery for various periods.

An example of disagreement within the CGIL is in respect of the establishment and functions of Government Labor Offices (Ufficii del Lavoro). These were established by ANU to succeed the Fascist system of labor regulation and are on the model of Employment Exchanges in the United Kingdom. Their scope and functions have been agreed in general terms with the Italian Government and a recent inspection by an Italian Ministry of Labor official produced general commendation of their activities. While the Christian-Democrats favor the establishment of these offices, and in particular the voluntary registration of workers seeking employment and notification of vacancies by employers with a view to the development of placement in employment, the Socialists and Communists seek the cessation of placement activities and the compulsory filling of all vacancies through the local Camera del Lavoro. In Government and industrial circles this is regarded as an attempt to seize placement and to use it as a political weapon. It is probably this issue, as much as any other, which delays the promulgation of trade union legislation.

The first National Congress of the CGIL was held in Naples at the end of January 1945. Delegates from the then liberated parts of Italy attended with a few representatives from the North. A constitution of the Confederation was agreed and an Executive Committee, with Joint Secretaries, was elected. The Executive Committee comprises equal representation of the three political parties.

It was agreed that as soon as possible after the liberation of the North a special Congress should be held to confirm the constitution and to arrange adequate representations of Northern labor.

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REPRESENTATION OF WORKERS IN THE CONSULTA

Prior to the holding of general elections for the establishment of a Constituent Assembly, a Consulta has been set up in Italy. It is noteworthy that the CUI, as representing organized labor, has been given 24 seats in the Consulta and that a corresponding number of seats has been given to the various representatives of employers.

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WAGE REGULATION - NORTHERN ITALY

The so-called Gothic Line, or military front, divided North and South Italy into two economic zones prior to the liberation. Living conditions were different and prices and wages in the North were markedly lower than liberated Italy. The economic policy was to allow North and South to become uniform in this respect without encouraging profiteering in goods or starting an inflationary spiral by the immediate introduction of southern rates of wages. There was no freezing of wages and AMG General Order No. 41 referred to the freedom of negotiations for revision of wage agreements. It required new wage agreements to be referred to AMG before operation. AMG referred to the MIJACs for advice and invariably accepted their recommendations. The Italians were encouraged to work out their own agreements, and the recently concluded Rome Agreement of November 1945, establishing minimum basic rates for the whole of the North of Italy by agreement between employers, workers and the Italian Government, is evidence of the development of industrial negotiations under the encouragement of AMG. There is practically uniformity between North of Italy and Center and South, except that in some respects the North is now more favored than the other areas.

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EMPLOYERS' ORGANIZATIONS

The employers' organizations in existence at the time of liberation were naturally suspect of collaboration with the Fascist regime. The Confederation of Industry was revived in Rome and in the Northern Regions individual industrial employers federations were started for each Region (Unioni Industriali). For the first six months they acted independently and only recently are they linking up with the National Confederation of Industry. There are separate employers' organizations for commerce, agriculture, and banking and insurance.

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REGIONAL ITALIAN JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEES

To avoid many of the mistakes committed in the Center and South of Italy, Allied Commission, Labor Sub-Commission arranged in advance to have Regional Italian Joint Advisory Committees established for each Region of the North after liberation. The Italian Government, Italian labor and Italian industry agreed to cooperate, and the Committees included representatives of these three groups. The functions were to advise AMG on labor questions generally, including the operations of the Uffici del Lavoro, wage agreements, trade disputes, etc. They have operated for the past six months and have provided a meeting place for the various interests. The AMG Regional Commissioners have invariably followed their advice on questions referred to them. It will be open to the Italians to maintain and develop this form of cooperation on labor issues, or to allow it to fade out. Impartial observers have reported appreciatively on the RIJACs activities.

COMMISSIONS, INTERNAL AND WORKSHOP CLNs.

There are two forms of factory committees (not to be confused with Consiglio di Gestione or Works Management Committees referred to below). The standard form is the Internal Commission composed of representatives of workers in industrial establishments who safeguard the interests of the workers much on the lines of the English Works Committees. They should not deal with general wage questions or other matters within the scope of the trade unions, nor have they any direct connection with management functions. They were revived immediately after the downfall of Mussolini by agreement between workers' and employers' representatives in Rome and their establishment has been encouraged by the Allied Commission, Labor Sub-Commission in establishments conducted by the Allies or in which the Allies have a large interest. The election of members of Internal Commissions is arranged to give equal representation to the three political parties of the Left.

The CLN Aziendale or Workshop Committees of National Liberation were clandestine committees formed before liberation to oppose the interests of the Nazi and Fascist authorities. They thus had a more political basis and their general scope was different from Works Committees. They still survive and are active in various respects although it might be said that their primary function has been fulfilled.

Workers' Participation in Management -- Works Management Committees (Consiglio di Gestione). Various Mussolini Decrees provided for the socialization of various types of industrial establishments, including the representation of workers in management. These Decrees were not generally put into effect. Fascist Decrees automatically fell on liberation and the question of the socialization of industry in Italy is still open. One school of thought demands that legal backing should not be given to socialization of industry until the general elections are held and there is an elected body to debate the issue. Others demand immediate representation of workers in management, and in the North of Italy the Socialists and Communists have produced a joint scheme. The Council of Ministers has not yet received for consideration a draft Decree from any of the interested Ministers.

In some particular establishments, notably those under the control of IRI, a semi-state corporation, workers have been given representation on management boards.

WAGES IN ITALY

In November 1943 there appeared the first result of attempts to clean up the confused wage structure in Italy. The earlier collective contracts under the Fascist regime established basic rates and allowances but from September 1942 changes in the economic field had been reflected by increases disguised as bonuses for particular purposes instead of regulation of the basic wage contracts. Bonuses for bombardment, for conditions of hardship, messing allowances, emergency indemnities, were added in block sums to a basic structure which, owing to the devaluation of the lire, ceased to differentiate between skill and proficiency. The Rome Agreement of November 1943 now provides for the North of Italy for a basic hourly rate graduated according to industry, category of worker, with provisional differentiation; plus a cost-of-living bonus designed on a sliding scale according to the cost-of-living which will be averaged out from statistics applying to four selected cities of the North of Italy. The principles of this Agreement may be extended to the remainder of Italy.

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WORKING WEEK

In industry in Northern Italy the normal working week was reduced from 48 hours to 40 hours per week with a view to spreading out available work over as large a number of workers as possible; and also to provide opportunities for engagement of returned prisoners and demobilized soldiers under their accrued rights.

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SURPLUS WORKERS IN INDUSTRY IN NORTHERN ITALY

Surplus workers in industry were a problem for which stop-gap measures have been evolved. From February to mid-October (but for the North of Italy only) there was a general ban on dismissals without agreement, coupled with a payment of three-fourths of normal wages for idle time from 0 to 48 hours a week. From 15 October onwards there was agreement, in principle, for the discharge of certain categories of workers not normally in industry in the North and a reduction of make-up pay to an equivalent of two-thirds normal pay for idle time from 0 to 40 hours per week. For the first period the employers were required to contribute one-third of the make-up pay directly, but for the succeeding period they were relieved of this direct payment. However, the remaining payments of make-up pay come from Cassa Integrazione to which employers in industry contribute 5% of their payroll. It should be noted that contributions are due from employers in Center and South Italy, as well as North Italy, although the system of make-up pay for idle time is operative mainly in the North. Criticisms and complaints from the Center and South are not lacking. The Cassa Integrazione is, however, in deficit and the Italian Government has from time to time authorized substantial subsidies.

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COMUNE OF PADOVA

Regional Commissioner: Brig. J.K. Dunlop

VENEZIA REGION

POPULATION 1938:

Percentage of population
over ten years of age
engaged in agriculture,
fisheries, etc.:

4,286,806

53.2

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES IN 1936:

Engineering, Building, Clothing, Textiles.

TYPICAL RATES OF WAGES:

Minimum daily take home wage
of a labourer (Manovali comuni)
with wife and two children, in-
cluding family allowance and
all bonuses:

Engineering -Sept. 1943- 233 lire per day.

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COMUNE OF MILAN

Regional Commissioner: Col. A.M. Hancock

<u>Lombardia Region</u>	<u>Population 1938:</u>	Percentage of population over ten years of age engaged in agriculture, fisheries, etc.:
	5,836,342	28.6 %

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES IN 1936:

Engineering, Textiles, Building, Clothing, Chemicals.

TYPICAL RATES OF WAGES:

Minimum daily take home wage
of a labourer (Manovali comuni)
with wife and two children, in-
cluding family allowance and
all bonuses

(a) Engineering, Sept. 1945, 242 lire p.d.
(b) Building, " " , 242 " " "

COST OF FOOD:

a. Monthly food expenditure of a
typical family of 5 persons
(3.73 consuming units) on the
basis of a consumption of
2,200 calories per consuming
unit.

11,514 lire Sept. 1945

b. Cost of some of the main items
of food per Kg.

	<u>Purchased by</u> <u>Food Card</u>	<u>On Free</u> <u>Market</u>
	(Sept. 1945)	

Bread	18	48
Pasta	22	35
Olive Oil	--	733

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COMUNE OF GENOA

Regional Commissioner: Col. J.T. Selby.

LIGURIA REGION

POPULATION 1938:

Percentage of population
over ten years of age
engaged in agriculture,
fisheries, etc.:

1,466,915

25.4 %

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES IN 1936:

Engineering, Building, Food, Metallurgical, Clothing.

TYPICAL RATES OF WAGES:

Minimum daily take home wage
of a labourer (Manovali comuni)
with wife and two children, in-
cluding family allowance and
all bonuses

(a) Building - Aug. 1945 - 268 lire per day
(b) Engineering- " " - 258 " " "

COST OF FOOD:

a. Monthly food expenditure of a
typical family of 5 persons
(3.73 consuming units) on the
basis of a consumption of
2,200 calories per consuming
unit:

10,588 lire - Sept. 1945.

b. Cost of some of the main items
of food per Kg.:

	<u>Purchased by</u> <u>Food Card</u>	<u>On Free</u> <u>Market</u>
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(Sept. 1945)

Bread	18	50
Pasta	22.50	118
Olive Oil	--	601

PORT WORKERS:

No. of registered port workers 1939 - 3839
No. of registered port workers 1945 - 2960

Traffic: Daily average goods loaded and unloaded 1939 - 23,344
Daily average goods loaded and unloaded August
1945 - 4,489

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COMUNE OF TURIN

Regional Commissioner: Lt.Col. W.Turner-Coles

PIEMONTE REGION

POPULATION 1938:

Percentage of population
over ten years of age
engaged in agriculture,
fisheries, etc.:

3,506,134

42.6 %

PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES IN 1936:

Engineering, Textiles, Building, Clothing.

TYPICAL RATES OF WAGES:

Minimum daily take home wage
of a labourer (Manovali comuni)
with wife and two children, in-
cluding family allowance and
all bonuses:

Engineering -Sept.1945- 248 lire per day

COST OF FOOD:

a. Monthly food expenditure of a
typical family of 5 persons
(3.73 consuming units) on the
basis of a consumption of
2,200 calories per consuming
unit:

11,846 lire Sept.1945.

b. Cost of some of the main items
of food per Kg.:

	<u>Purchased by</u> <u>Food Card</u>	<u>On Free</u> <u>Market</u>
	(Sept.1945)	
Bread	18	58
Pasta	8	91
Olive Oil	-	869

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Mr. Braine

3. December 1945

REF : LSC/928

Dear McFee:

With the support of H.M. Government a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFM has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, E. Mullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genova mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

M. B. BRINE

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Col. E. R. McFee
Regional Commissioner
Piemonte Region
Turin

Distr. 10/11

RCs. Lombardia, Liguria, Venezia

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British Trade Union delegation.

League telegram No. 8 of 4th December agrees firm dates for the visit of the Trade Union delegation to Italy and confirms that the party will return to U.K. on 14th December by rail via Paris.

Submitted for your consideration and -

(a) Draft telegram to Rome giving the confirmation promised in Rome telegram No. 22 of 21 December, and asking verification that currency to pay rail and other expenses through Switzerland will be made available;

(b) Draft telegram to Robert Stucchi, Paris, replying Rome telegram No. 40 of 21 December.

It is hoped that reservation of 4 seats have been made and provided with fares and some available at Chicago. All arrangements for the journey to Paris are complete.

K.J. RLB.

League for Democracy,
11th Division.

21st December, 1945.

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British Trade Union Delegation

1. Hague telegram No 8 of 4th December agrees firm dates for the visit of the Trade Union Delegation and confirms that the party will return to U.K. ^{on 14 Dec} by rail via Paris.
2. ~~Submitted~~ Submitted for your consideration are cable telegrams to Rome and Paris, giving the confirmation promised in Rome telegram No. 8.

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INCOMING

Vienna

Rome

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11.30 on 4.12.45

09.00 on 5.12.45

Addressed to Rome, repeated to Prague.

Reference your signal, re programme T.U.C. in Italy.
Estimated Time of arrival in Udine afternoon 9th December or
10th December. Duration visit Austria uncertain. Will
signal firm date of arrival in Udine when known.

Copy for
L.A.

GMB.

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INCOMING

CYPHER OFF

Foreign Office

Rome

2619 of
4th December, 1945.

08.16 on 5/12/45.

09.50 on 5/12/45.

IMMEDIATE.

Following received from Prague. Begins.

Addressed to Rome, telegram No. 8 of December 4th, repeated to Vienna and P.O.

Rome telegrams nos. 8 and 9.

T.U.C. delegation have been consulted in the light of telegrams under reference and request that their programme after Prague be as follows.

2. Arrive Vienna at approximately 17.00 hours December 8th; leave Vienna by air for Udine December 9th, whence proceed to Padua for overnight stay; December 10th Milan; December 11th Genoa; December 12th Turin; December 13th back to Milan, whence departure December 14th by wagon-lits service for Paris.

3. Paras. 1 to 3 of Rome telegram No. 8 are thus agreed but with dates postponed by two days. In view of uncertainty of air travel, however, the delegation consider it prudent to exclude Rome and Naples from the programme.

TC/5/GMB.

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Prague
tel. No. 8
4/12.

Telegram
Bologna.

No.

of 3/12.

W.H. Braine
3/12.

Captain Makinson Sanders, Press and
Information Officer, British Information
Office, Bologna.

Braine and Proctor, proceeding to
Udine to meet British Trade Union
Delegation, will stop at Bologna
Wednesday 5th December and would be
grateful if you could reserve hotel
accommodation. Also for two Italian
Assistants.

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LOMBARDIA REGION

8938

3 DECEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD THE SUBJECT IS BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION TOUR OF NORTHERN ITALY PD

PARA TWO PD LOMBARDIA REGION CHA ATTENTION ECONOMIC COMMISSIONER AND MILAN FROM ALONG HEADQUARTERS SITE LOCAL FAIR

PARA TWO PD MAJOR SCIENCE LABOR OFFICE AND DOCTOR ROBERTA ARE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION THROUGHOUT THE TOUR PD

PARA THREE PD SUBJECT TO YOUR CONVICTION THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN WORK TO NEXT DELEGATION AT MIDDAY ON FRIDAY NEXT SEVENTH DECEMBER PD

PARA FOUR PD PROVIDED YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE FOR ORDERS TO BE ISSUED ACCORDINGLY PD

LABOR OFFICER

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R.J. LORNE
CHD 511
ADJ ASSISTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

FP/ce

TEL : 489081 - 493
REF : LSC/113.
SUBJECT : Request for Transport.
TO : Transport Officer,
A.C. Headquarters,
(attention: Maj. Bendley.

3 December 1945.

1. Ref. telephonic conversation of this morning. It is desired to confirm that Mr. W.H. BRAINE, Director Labour Sub-Commission, and Mr. F. PROCTOR, Labour Sub-Commission, are required to receive and accompany a British Trade Union delegation who are touring Italy under the auspices of the British Government.

2. It is requested that a car be allocated for the conveyance of the two officers mentioned above in accordance with the following itinerary:-

Wednesday, 5 December,	Rome - Bologna,
Thursday, 6 "	Bologna - Udine,
Friday, 7 "	Udine - Padova,
Saturday, 8 "	Padova - Milan,
Sunday, 9 "	Milan - Genoa,
Monday, 10 "	Genoa - Turin,
Tuesday, 11 "	Turin - Milan
Wednesday, 12 "	Visiting industrial establish- ments in Milan,
Thursday, 13 "	- do. -
Friday, 14 "	return Rome.

3. We shall be glad to be advised, as early as possible, of the allocation of a suitable vehicle and to be supplied with the name of the driver, in order that such details may be incorporated in the official Travel Orders.

W.H. Braine
W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labour Sub-Commission

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BRITISH TRADE UNION DELEGATION ** TOUR OF NORTH CAROLINA

1 1/15 Exec. Com.

I should be glad if you would consider signing the attached semi-official notes to Regional Commissioners informing them of the forthcoming visit of the British Trade Union delegation.

W. B. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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Mr Braine

HMF : LSC/318

December 1945

Dear Selby:

With the support of H.M. Government a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFRC has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, H. Bullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genova mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Col. J. G. Selby, M.C.
Regional Commissioner, Genova
Liguria Region

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For Brian

REF : LSC/928

December 1945

Dear Dunlop:

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The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFHQ has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant them every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Bill Lawler, H. Mullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genoa mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Brig. J. E. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner
Venetia Region
Padova

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Mr. Brain

REF : LSC/298

December 1945

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The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, R. Bullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Towner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genova mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Col. E. S. McFee
Regional Commissioner
Piemonte Region
Turin

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Mr Braine

December 1948

REF : LSC/928

Dear Hancock:

With the support of E.M. Government a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFHQ has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, H. Bullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Dairn mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genoa mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Colonel A. E. Hancock
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region
Milan

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Mr. Braine

REF : LSC/928

December 1945

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The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Levler, H. Bullock, A. E. Conley, L. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Rome mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genoa mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Colonel A. E. Hancock
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region
Milan

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REF : LSC/928

December 1945

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The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFSA has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, H. Bullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genova mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Col. J. G. Selby, R.C.
Regional Commissioner, Genova
Liguria Region

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File

REF : LAC/328

December 1945

Dear Dunlop:

With the support of H. M. Government a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFSA has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant them every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Bill Lecker, H. Bullock, A. E. Conley, S. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genova mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Orig. J. E. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner
Venetia Region
Padova

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WFF : LSC/sis

December 1945

Dear Mr. Fox:

With the support of U.S. Government, a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFSA has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Messrs. Will Fowler, H. Mullock, A. L. Conley, E. F. Harries and Jack Tegner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Venice mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genoa mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Col. E. H. McKee
Regional Commissioner
Piemonte Region
Turin

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File

#57 : LEC/988

December 1945

Dear Hancock:

With the support of E.M. Government a delegation of British Trade Unionists is visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria to consider the development of the trade union movement in those countries. The respective Allied Commissions are granting them facilities during their tour.

The delegation has also accepted an invitation from the General Confederation of Italian Labor to visit Northern Italy. It may be recalled that last year a similar delegation came to this country but was only able to visit the then liberated territory south of Florence. AFM has given the necessary entry permits and is authorizing transport, accommodations, etc. I should be glad if you will also grant every facility during the tour of the delegation through your Region.

The members of the delegation are: Masars, Bill Lawler, W. Bullock, A. E. Conley, E. P. Harries and Jack Tanner, and they will be accompanied on the tour by the Director and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission. They are due to arrive at Udine mid-day 7 December, Milan mid-day 8 December, Genova mid-day 9 December, and Turin mid-day 10 December. These dates will be confirmed and particulars of the itinerary will be sent to you as soon as definite information is available.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Colonel A. M. Hancock
Regional Commissioner
Lombardia Region
Milan

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

ROME.

30th November, 1948.

Dear Brig. Dunlop,

Thank you so much for your letter of 28th November. The original intention was for the delegation to come by air from Vienna to Udine, but I understand that air travel is so uncertain these days that it is proposed that they shall travel by road, reaching Udine via Klagenfurt about mid-day on Friday, 7th December. It will be very much appreciated if you could receive them on arrival there, their first stop in Italy. I think it will be most appropriate that the first Military Governor they meet should be one who, like yourself, has played a part in the Allied administration of so many zones of liberated Italy; especially since throughout this period your attitude towards labour has been most sympathetic.

I was proposing to stay at Udine the previous night, Thursday, 6th December, if the provincial commissioner will be so good as to reserve accommodation for me, so that I shall be on the spot, although I do not think that they can arrive much before mid-day on Friday.

The suggestion is that they should lunch at Udine and that after reception by yourself they should meet local notables and a few local labour leaders, but without too much ceremony, otherwise they will be late getting on to Padova, where they will have to meet a large collection of Italian Trade Unionists from Veneto and Venezia areas.

A.P.H.A. is, I hope, providing two cars and these should be at Udine in time, so I do not think we need trespass on your kindness in this respect, although of course a reserve is always useful.

With very many thanks for your assistance,

Yours sincerely,

Brig. J.R. Dunlop,
Regional Commissioner,
Venezia Region,
C.M.F.

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For Boston

S.E.
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British Trade Union Delegation.

1. The program for the visit for the T.U. Delegation provisionally arranges for return from Turin to Rome by air on 11th December and thence to Naples for return to U.S. by air. I begin to have doubts whether air passage will be possible. For the last three days there have been no planes leaving Milan for Rome, owing to the mist and fog overhanging the Lombardy Plains, and I do not think the weather will have improved by the middle of December. It would be an anti-climax for if the delegation had to wait about in Turin or Milan for three or four days, and possibly to have similar delays on the return journey from Naples, if air passage is proposed.

2. I understand that travel by wagon-lits can be arranged from Milan to Paris and this seems more certain as a means of getting the delegation home. I would cut out any likelihood of visiting Rome, but it will be recalled that the original telegram suggested that the delegation were not keen on going South. Draft Telegrams to Prague and Vienna enquire the wishes of the Delegation.

W.H. BRIDGES.

26th November, 1945.

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29th November, 1946.

Telegram
Prague
Re.
of
Report to:
Vienna

It was proposed that British T.U. Delegation should travel by air from Turin to Rome or Naples and by air from Naples to U.K. on completion of tour. Air travel from Northern Italy is uncertain owing to weather conditions and intending passengers have recently been held up for three days. Travel from Milan to Paris in wagon-lits train service can be arranged for Friday, 10th December, and Paris 10th December.

I shall be glad to know if the Delegation will prefer this to air transport.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION

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TO : Mr. Braine

28 November 1945

1. There are no general rules for contributions to be paid by the workers to their Trade-Unions.

As these contributions are not legally compulsory as it happened during the fascist period, there is also some difficulty in collecting them.

2. For the time being the workers members of C.G.I.L. and of the Unions which have joined it, must pay:

a) A yearly contribution for the card (tessera) of 8 lire, of which 5 lire go to C.G.I.L. and 3 lire to the National Federation concerned. The card is the same for all the workers, railways men excepted.

An additional yearly contribution for the card is paid in favour of the local Camera del Lavoro. The amount of this additional contribution varies from a province to another and it brings the total contribution for the card to from 25 up to 30 lire.

b) A monthly contribution paid by means of stamps to be affixed on the reverse side of the card, and the average amount of which is 10 lire. The funds derived from this contribution are distributed among the National Federation, the Camera del Lavoro and the local Union concerned.

3. The collection of contributions is free and in several cases it happens that they are paid only for the first months of the year.

Only metallurgical Unions have adopted a special system of collection, i.e. contributions are paid by means of deduction from wages, under the supervision of the internal Commission concerned.

4. No special rates are established for women.

Unemployed and underemployed workers must, theoretically, continue to pay their contributions.

5. This information was given by Mr. Baldelli of C.G.I.L.

L. RIVA SANSEVERINO

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Mr. Proctor

27th November, 1945.

Telegram

Prague

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of 27/11.

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Revised to:

Foreign Office

Genoa

Vicenza

M.H. Brains
27/11.

1. Following programme proposed for British Trade Union Delegation in Italy:

7th December arrive in Udine, reception by Italian Labour representatives; transfer to A.S.N.A. transportation; proceed to Padova for overnight stay.

8. At Padova meet representatives of Camera del Lavoro of Venezia and Veneto.

9th December - Milan; 9th December - Genoa; 10th December - Turin.

3. At each city, reception by Mayor and local notables after lunch; then meeting with executive committee of local Trade Unions and Camera del Lavoro followed by address to public meeting in local theatre.

4. Should be glad to know if Delegation agree this part of programme; also if they agree to proceed on 11th December by air from Turin to Rome, arriving mid-day, and to attend reception at British Embassy in Evening.

5. On conclusion of tour it is proposed that Delegation proceed on 12th December

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APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

WHS/ac

REF : LSC/205

26 November 1945

SUBJECT: British Trade Union Delegation

*Revised to Prague
Reported to P.O., London, 1945*

1. Following programme proposed for Delegation in Italy:
7th December arrive in Udine, reception by Italian Labour representatives, transfer to AFHQ transportation, proceed to Padova for overnight stay.

2. At Padova ^{MAC} ~~address~~ representatives of Camera del Lavoro of Venezia and Veneto. 8 December Milan, 9 December Genoa, 10 December Turin.

3. At each city, reception by Mayor and local notables after lunch then meeting with executive committees of local Trade Unions and Camere del Lavoro followed by address to public meeting in local theatre.

4. Should be glad to know if Delegation agree this part of programme; also if they agree to proceed on 11 December by air from Turin to Rome arriving midday and to attend reception at British Embassy in evening.

on condition of being it is proposed that delegation
5. On 12 December proceed to Naples for return air passage to United Kingdom.

W.H. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-commission

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Mr Braine

WRB/rmw

27 November 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS SANSAYENING

1. For the information of the visiting British Trade Union delegation we should like to know something about the payment of subscriptions to Italian trade unions, namely, the average amount of subscription per worker, and whether it is fixed or whether it is a percentage of his wages. Whether the worker is excused payment of dues when unemployed, and whether the subscription is reduced if underemployed; the rates for women; the subscription to the Camera del Lavoro from various trade unions, and the subscription to the CGIL. Would you please obtain this information from the CGIL or other sources?

W. R. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

WHD/rmw

TEL : Ext. 204

27 November 1945

REF : LSC/205

SUBJECT: British T.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy.

TO : Col. J. G. Selby, M.C.
Regional Commissioner, Genova
Liguria

1. A delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CGIL to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AFHQ have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegates are: Messrs. Will Lawler, Jack Tanner, H. Bullock, E. P. Harries, and A. E. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec. from Klagenfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genova, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.K., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Braine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

4. It is expected that the party will arrive at Genova from Milan about lunch time on 9 Dec. The CGIL representatives will arrange lunch and after lunch there will be reception by the local notables (Prefect, Sindaco, etc.) followed by a meeting at the Camera del Lavoro of members of the Executive Committees of the local trade unions. At 6:00 p.m., a public meeting in a public hall or theater is proposed at which members of the British trade union delegation will address the audience.

5. I should be glad if accommodations could be provided for the five trade union delegates, and for Dott. Rognetta, Regional Labor Director and myself on the night of 9 Dec., and should welcome a note confirming the reservations.

6. It is proposed that the party should leave Genova for Turin after breakfast on the morning of 10 Dec.

W. H. Braine
W. H. BRAINE
Director

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WHB/taw

TRE : Ext. 804 27 November 1945
REF : LSC/835
SUBJECT: British T.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy
TO : Col. E. R. McFee
Regional Commissioner, Turin
Piemonte

1. A delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CCIL to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AFH have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegates are: Messrs. Will Lawler, Jack Tanner, H. Mullock, E. P. Harries, and A. E. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec. from Klagenfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genoa, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.K., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. W. E. Braine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

4. The party will arrive in Turin by lunch time from Genoa and lunch will be arranged by the CCIL representatives. After lunch it is proposed that they should meet the local notables (Prefect, Sindaco, etc.) and that at 6:00 p.m., there would be a meeting of members of the Executive Committees of the Piemonte trade unions followed by a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., in a public hall or theater, at which members of the trade union delegation would address the public.

5. I should be glad if accommodations could be reserved for the five members of the delegation and myself for the night of 10 Dec., and I would appreciate it if you would drop me a note confirming the reservations. It is proposed that the party should proceed by air from Turin to Rome on the morning of 11 Dec.

W. E. Braine
W. E. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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File
WHD/rmw

TEL : Ext. 004 27 November 1945
REF : LSC/295
SUBJECT: British T.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy.
TO : Col. J. G. Selby, M.C.
Regional Commissioner, Genova
Liguria

1. A delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CGIL to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AFHQ have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegation are: Messrs. Will Lawler, Jack Tennor, H. Mallock, E. P. Harries, and A. E. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec. from Kienfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genova, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.K., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. E. H. Braine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

4. It is expected that the party will arrive at Genova from Milan about lunch time on 9 Dec. The CGIL representatives will arrange lunch and after lunch there will be reception by the local notables (Prefect, Sindaco, etc.) followed by a meeting at the Camera del Lavoro of members of the Executive Committees of the local trade unions. At 8:00 p.m., a public meeting in a public hall or theater is proposed at which members of the British trade union delegation will address the audience.

5. I should be glad if accommodations could be provided for the five trade union delegates, and for Dott. Rognetta, Regional Labor Director and myself on the night of 9 Dec., and should welcome a note confirming the reservations.

6. It is proposed that the party should leave Genova for Turin after breakfast on the morning of 10 Dec.

E. H. Braine
E. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

REF : L30205

26 November 1945

SUBJECT: Visit of British TUC Delegation

ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR
TRANSPORT ETC.

1. Cars leave Rome:

Wednesday 5 December for Bologna

Thursday 6 December: Bologna to Udine

Friday 7 December : Udine to Padova

Saturday 8 December: Padova to Milan

Sunday 9 December : Milan to Genoa

Monday 10 December : Genoa to Turin

Tuesday 11 December: Turin to Florence

Wednesday 12 December: Florence to Rome.

2. Air transport from Turin to Rome 11 December for 8 persons
(5 delegates, 3 members of Labour sub-Commission)

Transport Rome to Naples 12 December

Accommodation Naples 12 December

Transport Naples to United Kingdom 13 December.

W.H. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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26 November 1945

TEL : Ext. 804

REF : LSC/805

SUBJECT: British T.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy.

TO : Lt. Col. H. H. Bright
Provincial Commissioner, Udine

1. A delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CGIL to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AFM have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegates are: Messrs. Will Lawler, Jack Tanner, R. Bullock, E. P. Harries, and A. H. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec. from Klegenfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genova, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.K., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Braine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

4. I should be grateful if you would reserve accommodation for myself and Dott. Sognetta, Regional Labor Director of Turin, on the night of 6 December. We would receive the delegation on their arrival in Italy about lunch time on 7 Dec., and after lunch, following a reception by the local notables (Prefect, Sindaco, and Camera del Lavoro) we would proceed to Padova as early as possible.

5. I should be grateful to have a line from you stating where accommodations will be available.

W. H. Braine
W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

WRB/rmw

TEL : Ext. 204

26 November 1945

REF : LEC/205

SUBJECT: British T.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy.

TO : Brig. J. K. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner
Padova, Venezia Region

1. A delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CGIL to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AKR have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegates are: Messrs. Will Lawler, Jack Tanner, H. Bullock, E. P. Harries, and A. E. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec. from Klagenfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genova, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.K., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Braine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

4. I should be grateful if you could reserve accommodations for the five delegates and for myself and Dott. Rognetta, Regional Labor Director in Turin, at Padova on the night of 7 Dec. We propose to meet the party on arrival at Udine and to accompany them to Padova and throughout the tour.

5. The local notables (Prefect, Sindaco), the three representatives of the CGIL in Northern Italy (Rusca, Carcano and Nicolai), together with some twenty representatives of the Camere del Lavoro of Veneto and Venezia would assemble in some place arranged by the Italian labor representatives, to meet the British delegates and receive an address from them after arrival or after dinner at Padova.

6. It is proposed that the party should proceed by road to Milan after breakfast on 8 Dec.

7. I should be glad to have confirmation from you that accommodations have been reserved.

W. H. BRAINE, Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

SHB/rw

EXT. : 804

26 November 1948

REF : LSC/805

SUBJECT: British I.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy.

TO : Colonel A. M. Hancock
Regional Commissioner
Milan, Lombardy Region

1. A delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CGIL to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AFHQ have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegates are: Messrs. Will Lawler, Jack Tanner, H. Bullock, E. P. Harries, and A. E. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec., from Klagenfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genova, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.K., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Scaine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

4. I should be glad if accommodations could be reserved for the five delegates and myself and Dott. Rognetta, Regional Labor Director, at Milan for 8 December.

5. It is expected that the party will arrive in Milan about lunch time and that lunch will be provided by the CGIL representatives. The program after lunch would include reception by the notables (Prefect, Sindaco, etc.) and then at 4:00 p.m., a meeting at the Camera del Lavoro where about 1,000 members of the Executive Committee of the Lombardy trade unions will be addressed by the delegation. At 6:00 p.m. a public meeting, in a public hall or theater, is proposed, at which the British delegates and others will address the audience. On the morning of 9 December after breakfast, the party would proceed by road to Genova.

6. I would be glad to know if this program proposed by the CGIL meets with your approval, or if there are any details you would wish to vary.

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7. I should also be glad to have confirmation that accommodations will be reserved as necessary.

W. H. Braine

W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

File
VRB/raw

TEL : Ext. 104

26 November 1945

REF : LSC/205

SUBJECT: British T.U.C. Delegation -- Visit to Italy.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. A Delegation of five British trade unionists has been invited by the CUIA to visit Italy and they propose to come to this country on completion of a tour of Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. It is understood that AFHQ have authorized the necessary permits and also facilities including transport and accommodations.

2. The delegates are: Messrs. Will Laxler, Jack Tanner, H. Bullock, E. P. Harries, and A. R. Conley.

3. The party is expected to arrive at Udine on 7 Dec. from Klagenfurt, and the provisional program is for them to visit Padova, 7 Dec.; Milan, 8 Dec.; Genova, 9 Dec.; Turin, 10 Dec.; Rome, 11 Dec.; Naples for return flight to U.S., 12 Dec. The party will be accompanied by Mr. W. H. Braine and/or other members of Labor Sub-Commission.

W. H. Braine
W. H. BRAINE
Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

WHR/ao

REF : LSC/205

26 November 1945

SUBJECT: British Trade Union Delegation

1. Following programme proposed for Delegation in Italy:
7th December arrive in Udine, reception by Italian Labour representatives, transfer to AFHQ transportation, proceed to Padova for overnight stay.
2. At Padova address representatives of Camera del Lavoro of Venezia and Veneto. 8 December Milan, 9 December Genoa, 10 December Turin.
3. At each city, reception by Mayor and local notables after lunch then meeting with executive committees of local Trade Unions and Camera del Lavoro followed by address to public meeting in local theatre.
4. Should be glad to know if Delegation agree this part of programme; also if they agree to proceed on 11 December by air from Turin to Rome arriving midday and to attend reception at British Embassy in evening.
5. 12 December proceed to Naples or return air passage to United Kingdom.

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W.M. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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LABOUR SUB COMMISSION

REF : L30205

26 November 1945

SUBJECT: Visit of British TWC Delegation

ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR
TRANSPORT ETC.

1. Cars leave Rome:

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Thursday 6 December: Bologna to Udine
Friday 7 December : Udine to Padova
Saturday 8 December: Padova to Milan
Sunday 9 December : Milan to Genoa
Monday 10 December : Genoa to Turin
Tuesday 11 December: Turin to Florence
Wednesday 12 December: Florence to Rome.

2. Air transport from Turin to Rome 11 December for 8 persons
(5 delegates, 3 members of Labour Sub-commission)

Transport Rome to Naples 12 December
Accommodation Naples 12 December
Transport Naples to United Kingdom 13 December.

W.H. BRAINE
Director,
Labour Sub-Commission

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INCOMING.

Foreign Office

Rome.

No. 2549

of 24.11.45.

d. 24.11.45

r. 25.11.45

Addressed to Rome No. 2549 of 24th November.

Following received from Prague. Begins.

Prague No. 6

24.11.45.

Addressed to Berlin No. 31, reported to Vienna,

Caserta, Rome and Foreign Office.

Foreign Office telegram No. 496 to me.

The Czech Czech Union confirms that British

delegation's arrival at Prague on November 29th is

acceptable.

2. Whatever date of arrival may be, Czechs count on a

four day visit. The answer to paragraph 3 of telegram

under reference is four days.

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INCOMING.

Foreign Office

Rome.

No. 2549

of 24.11.45.

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Addressed to Rome No. 2549 of 24th November.

Following received from Prague. Begins.

Prague No.6 addressed to Berlin No. 31, reported to Vienna.

24.11.45. Caserta, Rome and Foreign Office.

Foreign Office telegram No. 795 to us.

The Czech Trades Union confirm that British

delegation's arrival at Prague on November 15th is

acceptable.

2. Whatever date of arrival may be, Czechs count on a

four day visit. The answer to paragraph 3 of telegram

under reference is four days.

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No. 2549 3. 24.11.45

of 24.11.45. P. 25.11.45

Addressed to Rome No. 2549 of 24th November.

Following received from Prague. Regine.

Addressed to Berlin No. 31, reported to Vienna,

Caserta, Rome and Foreign Office.

Foreign Office telegram No. 796 to me.

The Czech Trade Union confirm that British delegation's arrival at Prague on November 20th is acceptable.

2. Whatever date of arrival may be, Czechs count on a four day visit. The answer to paragraph 3 of telegram under referenced is four days.

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