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AFHQ WEEKLY SITREPS

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28 December 1944

TEL : 478904
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SUBJECT: AFHQ Weekly Sitrep
TO : Economic Section

Reference your ES/17, October 31, 1944, the Labor
Sub-Commission has no items for this week's Sitrep to AFHQ.

JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel, QMC
Acting Director,
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TEL : 204 13 December 1944
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TO : Economic Section.

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : 473904

5 December 1944

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SUBJECT: AFHQ Weekly Sitrep.

TO : Economic Section

1. At a meeting held on 5 December of the Labor and Wages Control Committee, of which Colonel Junius R. Smith, Acting Director of the Labor Sub-Commission, is Chairman, it was agreed, by a vote of 12 to 3, that the 16 November Armed Forces wage increase be considered a cost-of-living bonus to be added to the 1 October basic rate scale. Need for clarification grew out of the fact that a number of the Services had already started to pay on the basis of making all calculations on the total of the 1 October base rate plus the 16 November augmentation.

2. It was also agreed at this meeting, that the 16 November increase would apply to all parts of occupied Italy, with discretionary powers being placed in the hands of the Area or District Commanders in sections North of AMG territory.

3. The situation is generally quiet in the labor field due to the recent inauguration of wage increases, although it must be pointed out that the amount of food available for consumption is still the principle factor in all discussions.

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29 November 1944

TEL : 478904
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TO : Economic Section

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SUBJECT: AFHQ Weekly Sitrep.
TO : Economic Section

21 November 1944

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1. An answer has been prepared to the letter of 16 November from the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labor, indicating that adverse action might be taken with respect to the Regional and Provincial Labor Offices because of undue expense and excessive personnel connected with the conduct of the Naples office. It has been suggested to the Minister that a joint investigation be made at once. Figures submitted for certain other offices show that expenses for operation are very reasonable.

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TEL : 478900

14 November 1944

REF : 031.47231

SUBJECT: AFRC Weekly Litrep.

TO : Economic Section

1. The new wage increase for the Armed Forces, mentioned in last week's Litrep, was formally approved by the Resources Board on Saturday, November 11, such increase to be effective November 15. Another important approval of the Board covered a new set of "Conditions of Employment" for Armed Forces' employees, including new rules with respect to overtime, annual leave, social insurance coverage, and the like.

2. This sub-Commission has again stressed to the Director of Industry, Commerce and Labor the importance of organizing the Regions' or Provincial Labor Offices by Royal Decree. Such a decree was promised as of 15 October. Reports from various areas show the increasingly prominent role that Labor Offices are playing in the Labor Field, and it is felt that further delay in this action is unjustified.

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Tel : 478904

6 November 1944

REF : *Let. 091.43251*

SUBJECT: AFHQ Weekly Sitreps.

TO : Economic Section

1. The most important activity of the Labor Sub-Commission for the current week was the part played by the Acting Director, who as Chairman of a Special Sub-Committee of his own Labor and Wages Control Committee, Allied Local Resources Board (Italian), at a meeting held in Naples, November 2, approved an increase in the Armed Forces Wage Scale, granting from 40 to 60 lire per day as addition to the workers' present wage. This action was taken in order to match the October 31 announcement of the Italian Government which granted a mandatory increase of approximately 55 lire to the lowest paid workers, retroactive to August 16.

2. On returning from Naples, the Chairman secured agreements from members of the Labor and Wages Control Committee by telephone and telegraph; subsequently the Co-Chairman of the Resources Board approved the action, and it has by now been communicated to the various Army and Navy units. This increase becomes effective November 16.

3. Attached are minutes of the Naples meeting referred to, and the English version of the Italian Wage Increase Law.

JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel, GMC
Acting Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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Colonel BAIN		
Colonel SMITH		
Major BABCOCK		
Major ALBRIGHT		
Major SCICLUNA		
Capt. DORF		
Capt. TOPLISS		
Capt. GIAMMARCO		
Capt. SOLENBERGER		
Mr. CROSETTO		
Mr. SACHS		
Mr. DI FEDE		
Mr. CERRITO		
Chief Clerk		

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ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

Tel: 316

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31 October 1944

SUBJECT: AFHQ Weekly Sitreps.

TO : All Sub-Commissions.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of an AFHQ weekly sitrep. These reports are prepared by the C. of S. office on information obtained from Regions, AMG 5 and 8 Armies, and the various Sections and Sub-Commissions of this HQ. The contents are ultimately received in Washington and London who evince considerable interest in them and in consequence AFHQ are not satisfied that all available "news" is incorporated in them.
2. From the attached copy it will be noticed that news from Economic Section Sub-Commissions is conspicuous by its absence.
3. The British are reputed to have a flair for modesty and for being masters of understatement while Americans are not famed for hiding a light under a bushel and in consequence the result of their cooperation should be fairly well balanced, certainly not as shown in paragraph 2 above.
4. Sub-Commissions will forward to this Section each Wednesday morning a memo giving brief particulars of all matters of interest that have occurred during the previous week and which it is thought could be included in the sitrep. It is better to submit say several items of which only one is ultimately included in the sitrep than not to submit any at all.

for C. Watkins Lora
L. D. HENNER, JR.,
Col., FA, CSO,
Economic Section

cc: C. of S. Office -
your 154/392/COS of 20 Oct. 1944 refers

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GENERAL SITUATION - NUMBER SEVEN.

Political: Discussion of Roosevelt-Churchill message continued in press; toward the end of the week the possible participation of Italians in war against Japan came to the foreground. Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Visconti Venosta, said at press Conference that Italy was anxious to collaborate fully but there was as yet no state of war existent between Italy and Japan. In general leftist press view the possibility with some diffidence, the conservative parties see in it an opportunity for political reinstatement. All groups feel that Italy should be given Allied status as a main prerequisite to any such enterprise.

On home front most important matter was report of Soleri, Minister of Treasury at Council Meeting September 29. He gave a detailed report of Italian financial position, which is not good. Made a guess at amount of ALC lire in circulation and stated the public debt could be roughly estimated at 653 billion lire.

Earlier in the week the government observed the anniversary of the Munich Pact by declaring it null and void.

Food and Raw Materials: No important change. Reduction of rations in Sardinia to ALC scale has caused some dissatisfaction as was expected. Situation not serious. Soap factory at BARI now producing 100 tons per month for British Forces.

Crimes: Position generally satisfactory. 8 persons arrested at BARI for forgery of ALC currency. 30,000 lire seized 40,000 Lire believed still in circulation. Gang of 16 dealing in eggs, wheat, flour, olive oil, cigarettes, and salt prosecuted at TRIESTE and 21,000 eggs confiscated.

Health: Generally satisfactory. Typhoid continues to decrease in BENEVENTO city but persists in neighbouring provinces. Smallpox now reported on the increase in BENEVENTO AND FROSINONE (Lazio Province). About 100 cases infantile paralysis in Sicily.

Personnel: Lt. Col. KROEMER, AMIA, and Major KRAUER, Communications Unit B., reported missing following crashing of plane off SARDINIA on 19 Sept. Brig. G. S. Parkinson Director of Public Health, AMIA, Commission appointed ALC liaison officer between Allied Red Cross organizations and the Italian Red Cross; also appointed liaison officer between ACC, AMIA and the National Agency for Distribution of Relief Supplies in Italy.

Col. Adams and Mr. Villa, Economic Section, and Director General Italian State Railways, have left for LONDON to represent ACC at European International Transport Organization Conference.

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Resumes: Unauthorized movement in South continues.

Price Increases: General upward tendency.

Wheat Collection: Total to date 8,070,941 quintals. 62% of target fig.

1st Fifth Army: Copy of sitrep for period 25 - 30 Sept. has been sent to you.

2nd Fifth Army: RIMINI is reported very seriously damaged. On entry there were no civilians but there is now a daily influx of 4/500 - normal population 64,000. Unlikely that more than 20,000 can be allowed in the town owing to occupation of habitable buildings by large numbers of troops. There is no electricity but some water on the outskirts of the town. Water and sewage system not yet inspected but it is anticipated badly damaged. All civilians being provided with regular rations. Bakeries were established on 28 Sept and communal feeding centres set up.

Greek troops are cause of unpleasant incidents with civilians. General Remarks: Reorganization HQ ACE on agreed lines put into effect 2 Oct. Basic wage scale of civilian employees of Allied Forces increased by 12-40% on 1 Oct.

SMIA has agreed to issue clothing and equipment sufficient for 43,000 Carabinieri. Italian Red Cross organizing a Red Cross week commencing 13 Oct. to collect clothing, blankets etc. for refugees.

One enemy agent dropped in SARDINIA 27 Sept. apprehended on 29 September.

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1st Lt. AMB
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