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PROPOSAL OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY FOR CONTINUATION
OR REESTABLISHMENT OF "CONSIGLI ECONOMIA"

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INDUSTRY FOR CONTINUATION
OF "CONSIGLI ECONOMIA"

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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15 September 1944

SUBJECT : Prov. Econ. Council.

TO : Col. Smith.

1. In 1926 the Camera di Commercio, the Comitato Forestale and the Consiglio Agrario were urged into a Provincial Economic Office (later became Consiglio dell'Economia).

2. It is now proposed by Italian Government to abolish the Consiglio and replace it with a Camera di Commercio. Certain of functions of Consiglio (related to Collocamento and labor organizations) to be absorbed by Labor Offices.

3. Under the circumstances it would seem best to advise all AMG regions to permit continuation of Provincial Economic Councils pending such time as new decree regularizing their functions under new auspices can be extended to AMG territory.

4. Meanwhile, houseclearing of personnel would be in order.

W. E. S.

W. E. SOLENNBERGER
Captain S.R.
Social Insurance

(Translation - D'Amato)

The Corporations Provincial Councils were instituted in 1925 as branch organizations of the then National Economy Ministry - (later Corporations). Their organism was repeatedly modified, up to T.U. September 28 - 1934, No. 734, and this latter also modified still later: it dealt with public organizations; destined to represent, in an integral and unitarian manner, the interests of the economic activities of the respective provinces, and to promote coordination and development.

The attributions of the councils can be distinguished as: active, consultative, advisory, tutelary and jurisdictional.

The active functions, which naturally were the most important, consisted in:

- a) Coordination of the activities of the syndicate associations.
- b) initiatives for the coordination of production and improvement of the social and economic conditions of the province.
- c) compilation of the forest and apotechnical regulations.
- d) administration of the Chambers of Commerce
- e) compilation of the lists of citizens to function as experts in the magistracy of Labor.
- f) verification of ways and customs.
- g) control of prices (functions which were held, up to 1937, by Fascist Party organizations, that is inter-syndicate Committees).

Tutorship functions comprised, among others, the control on the employment offices existing in the province.

In its meeting of September 3 - 1934 the Council of Ministers has approved an outline of decree which suppresses the Councils and the Provincial Offices of the Corporations (these last were decentered organs of the Ministry of Corporations): in their place there would be instituted Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture and Provincial offices of Commerce and Industry, whose administration heads should be chosen by election, and with the participation also of the laborers representatives. As a transitory regime the Chambers shall be directed by special Councils formed by, tradesmen, industrialists, agriculturists and workers. It is to be noted that this is not the simple restoration of the old Chambers of Commerce, but of institutions which extend their activities in every sector of the economic activities.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
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9 April 1944

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT: Request of Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor for
Continuation or Reestablishment of Consigli del' Economia.

TO: Finance Sub-Commission (Thru Economic Section)

1. Reference attached.
2. The Labor Sub-Commission does not feel that it should take
action on this matter, but it raises no objection to the recommenda-
tion of Minister Corbino.

J. F. H. BAIN,
Colonel,
Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

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Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Work.

Vetri, 27 March, 1944

Ref: 1335

Allied Control Commission
 Sub-Commission of Industry and Commerce
S A L E R N O

(for kind attention of Colonel Grump)

Labor Sub-Commission

S A L E R N O

(for kind attention of Capt. Albright)

SUBJECT: Dissolution of Provincial Council of Economy.

The Prefect Commissioner of the Provincial Council of Economy in Potenza, by his note No. 724 dated 20/3/44 which is included in Italian with English translation, has informed us that an ~~AND~~ Financial Officer has again insisted on the dissolution of the local Council of Economy.

With this in mind this Ministry, by its note 170/G of 30/12/43 which it also attaches, made it clear to the Allied Military Mission that the Provincial Councils and Offices of Economy are not Entities of a Political Nature but organs and offices of an administrative nature dependent of this Ministry which through them, carries out in each Province its decisions.

These Councils and Offices were created in place of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry -- which juridically existed since 1862 -- and they function as peripheral bodies and after a long period of experience they have proved to be indispensable to the functioning of this Ministry.

The Italian Government by Royal Decree No. 23 of 27/1/44 (Official Gazette No. 4 of 29/1/44) confirmed the above and it now deems it necessary to comment on Art. 1 thereof: "The administrative organs of Provincial Councils of Economy are dissolved, and the relative powers are entrusted, until further order, to the Prefects as Extraordinary Commissioners."

The idea of the legislator is clearly expressed in that the administrative organs (presidents, councillors, sections) are being dissolved and not the Entities, and as the organs cease to function, the relative powers are entrusted to Prefects acting as extraordinary Commissioners of the Provincial Councils of Economy. The Councils and Offices continue to function as peripheral organs of this Ministry, entrusting to the Prefect those powers which for political reasons had been entrusted to administrative organs (presidents, councillors, sections) now dissolved.

In order, therefore, that the Councils and Offices of Economy be able urgently to resume their economical functions in the Province, in accordance with the directives issued and being issued by this Ministry, in consideration that apart from the other tasks already established by law (keeping of the commercial registry, market price lists, statistical data, administration of certain agencies such as stocks and shares market, franchise, commercial lab-

oratories, etc.) certain powers, in agreement with the Allied Government, are again entrusted to the Councils for the distribution of liquid fuel, fuel and oil, whereas others, also of a national and contingent interest, are being examined; it is requested, therefore, that the Allied Commission examine urgently this question and submit it to the Financial Sub-Commission in order that urgent directives are given accordingly to Regional Commissioners of ACC and AMD.

This Ministry recommends very specially that the Allied Commission take urgent steps to re-establish the Councils and Offices of Economy in the Provinces where they have been dissolved. It will be necessary therefore to:

- 1) Ask the Bank of Naples to suspend immediately the liquidation of council activities and the paying-off of personnel;
- 2) Give instructions and take steps to get the entities in working order, allowing them the return of office premises and furniture which may have been used otherwise.

THE MINISTER

Attached: Letter from CEP Potenza No. 724

Notes from Minister Interior, Commerce, Work N. 170/G

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ECONOMY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND OFFICE
Industrial Items Distribution Office
P O T E N Z A

File No/ 724

Potenza, March 20th, 1944

To the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and
Labour -- Vietri sul Mare.SUBJECT: Resumption of the Provincial Economy Council.

In reference to telegram No. 1064/C dated March 18th, 1944, with which the immediate resumption of the operation of the Economy Provincial Council was ordered, we wish to inform you that the Finance Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission, to which a copy of the telegram was sent, has again given the local Bank of Naples the previous instructions regarding the continuation of the closing of accounts of the Council, which are as follows:

".....with this opportunity we inform you that the Council and the Office of Corporations, as previously stated, must be closed. Consequently, since the employees have been paid the salaries for February, we wish to ask the Bank to make the necessary arrangements with the officials of the Office for the reimbursement of the salaries with the increases that were granted."

Since the abovementioned Finance Sub-Commission insists that the operations of closure be hastened, and since the closing of accounts incurs the payment of the liabilities of the syndical organization with the assets of the Council, we wish to ask the Ministry to request the Allied Control Commission to give, as soon as possible, the necessary instructions to the Regional and Provincial Commands for the suspension of the proceedings of closure of the Provincial Economy Councils.

Your applying to the Commission is a particularly urgent matter since, as it was stated above, the A.M.C. has ordered a total settlement of assets and liabilities of the syndical organizations and of the Councils.

THE PREFECT, SPECIAL COMMISSARY

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TRANSLATION -- Pfc. Bonanni
No. 138

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Draft of letter to be sent:FROM THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
FROM THE LABOR SUB-COMMISSION

TO THE FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

With letter.....dated.....the Ministry of Industry,
Commerce and Labor has reported the following:

1. A Finance Officer of the A.M.G. has again insisted on the suppression of the Provincial Economic Council of Potenza, appointing the Bank Of Naples as the closing of accounts agency.

2. The Ministry has explicitly informed the Allied Military Mission that the Provincial Economic Councils are not agencies of a political nature, but bodies and offices of an administrative character, dependent upon the Ministry itself which discharges its economic functions in every province through them.

3. With the R. L. Decree of January 27, 1944, No. 23, (Official Gazette, January 29, 1944, No. 4), the Italian Government undertook the dissolution of the administrative bodies of the Provincial Economic Councils and not of the Councils; in fact, the powers, before entrusted to the administrative bodies, are given to the Prefects as Special Commissaries of the Economic Councils, by virtue of, and in accordance with the mentioned decree.

4. Hence, this Sub-Commission deems it necessary and urgent that the Provincial Economic Councils and Offices resume their economic function in the Provinces, actuating directives emanated or emanating from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor.

The reason being that besides the other functions entrusted to the Economy Councils by law, they are being charged with the distribution of fuels, while other functions are being considered.

5. It is finally revealed that the Economy Councils and Offices are not bodies of a political nature, and that the political administrative bodies have been dissolved.

6. This Sub-Commission proposes the following:

a) To reinstitute the Provincial Economy Councils in the Provinces where they have been dissolved;

b) To ask the Bank of Naples to suspend the closing of accounts and stop dismissing the personnel of the Councils;

c) To give instructions to the effect that the Economy Councils be

put back in a condition whereby they can function, returning to them totally, or in part, the offices and the office equipment which might have been removed to be used elsewhere.

7. We are sending the following for a study of the case:

a) A letter from the Prefect of Potenza, No. 724, of March 20, 1944, sent to the Ministry;

b) A letter from the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor, No. 170/G of December 30, 1943, sent to the Allied Military Commission.

We wish to stress the urgent character of this matter and, therefore, urge you to make a study of it at the earliest possible time.

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TRANSLATION -- Pfc. Manni
No. 135

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No. 170/G

30 December,

SUBJECT

Re-institution of the
Provincial Economic
Councils and Offices.

TO: ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
BRINDISI

This Ministry has been informed that recently the Regional bodies of the Allied Military Command have dissolved the Provincial Economic Offices and Councils in those territories not yet under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

On this matter we wish to make it clear that the abovementioned Provincial Councils and Offices came into being through proper legal provisions, and are not agencies of a political character, but administrative organs working under this Ministry. Through them this Ministry carries out its economic functions in each Province.

The said Councils and Offices are therefore indispensable for the operation of this Ministry. In fact, they make up its peripheral organization, and have exclusive authority in the various branches of Industry and Commerce, an authority that is based on directives from this Central Administration.

On the basis of the above disclosure, I wish to ask the Mission to urge its Regional bodies to authorize, as soon as possible, the re-institution of the dissolved Councils and Offices, so that they may resume their function also in the interest of the same Allied Regional bodies.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the Provincial Economic Councils and Offices in the Provinces of Brindisi, Bari, Lecce and Taranto have been engaged, and are at present engaged in those activities which are discussed daily by this Ministry and the representatives of the Mission.

I would appreciate your kind and reassuring reply.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
/s/ Corbino

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
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Ref. AGO/5038/RC

1 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Provincial Economic Councils

TO: ~~Economic Section~~

The enclosed correspondence, translations of which are also enclosed, has been received from the Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour and is forwarded for your consideration with the following comments:

1. The Economic Provincial Councils are not agencies of a political character but administrative agencies, under Government control, for the purpose of coordinating all economic activities and, by virtue of the experience gained through many years and of their statistical records, are indispensable institutions both to the various Ministries and, for the time being, to the various Sub-Commissions of this C.
2. The Italian Government with R.D. No. 23 of Jan. 27th 1944 dissolved the administrative organs of the Provincial Economic Councils and their relative attributions were transferred to the prefects acting as special Commissioners of the Economic Councils. It was not the intention of the Italian Government to abolish the Councils as institutions.
3. The Economic Councils in addition to the functions referred to in para. 1 also supervise the activities of the alimentations, perform duties in connection with the distribution of liquid fuels, and many other useful tasks.
4. It is recommended that the Economic Councils be reconstituted in those provinces where they have been abolished and that all possible facilities be granted to them in order that they may perform their useful purpose.
5. Finally it is recommended that, unless there be special reasons not known to this Sub-Commission, action be taken to prevent the closing down of the Potenza Provincial Economic Council as an institution, whatever may be the measures necessary, if any, regarding some of the personnel.

6 Incls. - as above

Copy to:

~~Finance Sub-Commission~~
Labour " " " " " "

R. P. AVARS *W. Evans*
Colonel,
Director, Industry &
Commerce Sub-Commission.

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MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATI
BRINDISIRicostruzione Consigli
ed Uffici Provinciali dell'Economia.

Risulta a questo Ministero che gli Organi Regionali del Comando Militare Alleato, hanno, in questo ultimo tempo provveduto allo scioglimento dei Consigli ed Uffici Provinciali dell'Economia, nelle zone non ancora passate sotto la giurisdizione del Governo Italiano.

Al riguardo si precisa che i Consigli e gli Uffici Provinciali suddetti, creati da apposite disposizioni di legge, non sono enti di natura politica, ma organi amministrativi dipendenti da questo Ministero che, a mezzo di essi, attua in ogni provincia i propri fini economici.

Detti Consigli ed Uffici sono pertanto indispensabili per il funzionamento di questo Ministero, di cui costituiscono infatti l'organizzazione periferica, con esclusiva competenza nelle varie branche dell'industria e del Commercio, competenza che si applica in base a direttive di questa amministrazione centrale.

Dato quanto sopra esposto, prego codesta Missione di voler interessare gli organi regionali dipendenti perche' autorizzino con cortese sollecitudine la ricostruzione dei Consigli ed Uffici disciolti; in maniera che essi possano riprendere la loro funzione anche nell'interesse degli stessi organi regionali Alleati.

Con l'occasione si segnala che i Consigli ed Uffici Provinciali dell'Economia nelle provincie di Brindisi, Bari, Lecce e Taranto, hanno lavorato e lavorano attivamente per l'adempimento di quei compiti che quotidianamente vengono discussi da questo Ministero con i rappresentanti di codesta Missione.

Gradirei ricevere un cortese cenno di assicurazione.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

P.to : Corbino

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File No. 170/G

151 December 30th, 43.

TO THE ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
BRINDISI

Reconstruction of the Economy Provincial Councils and Offices.

This Ministry has been notified that the regional Authorities of the Allied Military Command lately have provided for the abolition of the Economy Provincial Councils and Offices in the zones, not yet under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

In this regard we wish to point out that the above Provincial Councils and Offices, created by appropriate law provisions, are not organisms with political nature, but administrative agencies under the economical activities through such agencies.

The above Councils and Offices are therefore indispensable to the functioning of this Ministry, of which they are the branch offices, with exclusive jurisdiction in the various sections of Industry and Commerce, jurisdiction which is carried out on the basis of directives issued by this central administration.

In the light of the above explanations I kindly ask this Mission to give instructions to the dependent regional agencies to promptly authorize the reconstruction of the dissolved Councils and Offices; so that they might resume their functions also in the interest of the same Allied regional agencies. We take the opportunity to point out that the Economy Provincial Councils and Offices in the Provinces of Brindisi, Bari, Lecce and Taranto have worked and are still actively working in the performance of tasks that are daily subject of discussion by this Ministry with the representatives of this Mission.

I will be very glad to receive a favourable reply.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

/s/ Corbino.

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CONSIGLIO E UFFICIO PROVINCIALE DELL'ECONOMIA

P O T E N Z A

No. di prot. 724

Potenza 20/3/1944

AL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA DEL
COMMERCIO E DEL LAVORO
VISTRI SUE MARE

e p.c.

AL MINISTRO DELL'INDUSTRIA
SALERNOOggetto: Ripristino funzionamento
Consiglio Provinciale Economia.URGENTISSIMA

In riscontro al telegramma n. 1054/2 del 18 corr. col quale è stato disposto l'immediato ripristino del funzionamento del Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia, si comunica che l'Ufficio Finanziario della Commissione Alleata di Controllo al quale è stata inviata copia del telegramma, ha nuovamente confermato al locale Banco di Napoli le disposizioni precedenti circa la continuazione delle operazioni di liquidazione dell'Ente, che si trascrivono di seguito:

"Comissio.....con l'occasione si conferma anche che il Consiglio ed Ufficio Prov. delle Corporazioni, come precedentemente disposto, deve essere posto in liquidazione. Di conseguenza, poiché agli impiegati di tale Ufficio sono stati corrisposti gli stipendi del mese di febbraio, si prega codesto Banco prendere i necessari accordi con i dirigenti dell'Ufficio, per il recupero degli stipendi stessi, con gli adempimenti accordati."

Poiché il predetto Ufficio Finanziario insiste a che le operazioni di liquidazione siano affrettate, e poiché la liquidazione comporta il pagamento delle passività delle organizzazioni sindacali con le attività del Consiglio, si prega codesto Ministero di voler sollecitamente intervenire presso la Commissione Centrale di Controllo perché impartisca

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con quanta urgenza è possibile, le disposizioni del caso ai Comandi Regionali e Provinciali per la cessazione delle operazioni di liquidazione dei Consigli Provinciali dell'Economia.

Tale intervento presso la Commissione Centrale riveste carattere di particolare urgenza in quanto, come fatto presente precedentemente, l'A.M.G. ha disposto una liquidazione di massa delle attività e passività delle Organizzazioni sindacali e dei Consigli.

IL PROSPETTO COMMISSARIO
STRADORDINARIO

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ECONOMY PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND OFFICE

Industrial Items Distribution Offices

P O T E N Z A

File No. 724

Potenza, March 20th, 1944

To the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and
Labour - Vietri sul Mare.SUBJECT: Resumption of the Provincial Economy Council.

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"...with this opportunity we inform you that the Council and the Office of Corporations, as previously stated, must be closed. Consequently, since the employees have been paid the salaries for February, we wish to ask the Bank to make the necessary arrangements with the officials of the Office for the reimbursement of the salaries with the increases that were granted."

Since the above-mentioned Finance Sub-Commission insists that the operations of closure be hastened, and since the closing of accounts incurs the payment of the liabilities of the syndical organization with the assets of the Council, we wish to ask the Ministry to request the Allied Control Commission to give, as soon as possible, the necessary instructions to the regional and provincial commands for the suspension of the proceedings of closure of the Provincial Economy Councils.

Your applying to the Commission is a particularly urgent matter since, as it was stated above, the A.C.C. has ordered a total settlement of assets and liabilities of the syndical organizations and of the Councils.

THE PREFECT, SPECIAL COMMISSARY

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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND LABOUR

File No. 1135

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
SALERNO
(attention of Col. Gramp)
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION
SALERNO
(attention of Col. Albright)

Subject:

Abolition of the Potenza "Economy Provincial Council"

The Prefect Commissioner of the Potenza "Economy Provincial Council", with communication No. 724 of March 20th, 1944 - a copy of which in Italian with the English translation is hereto attached - has notified that a Finance Officer of the AMG has again insisted upon the suspension of the local Economy Council.

In this regard, this Ministry, with communication 170/G of Dec. 30th, 43 - a copy of which is also hereto attached - has made known to the Allied Military Mission that the Councils and Provincial Offices of the Economy are not agencies with political nature, but agencies and offices with administrative character under the dependency of this Ministry, which performs in every province a considerable part of its activities through the same agencies and offices.

The above Councils and Offices created in place of the former Chambers of Commerce and Industry - juridically existent since 1862 - function as branch offices and it has been in a long time of experiences that they have rendered themselves indispensable to the functioning of this Ministry.

The Italian Government with R.D.M. of Jan. 27th, 44, No. 23 (OPP. GAZZ. of Jan. 29th, 44, No. 4) has confirmed the above statements, and in this connection it is useful to comment upon art. 1 as reported in the Official text: "the administrative organs of the Economy Provincial Councils are hereby dissolved and the relative attributions transferred, pending further orders, to the Prefects in the quality of Special Commissioners."

The thought of the legislator is clearly expressed inasmuch as the administrative organs (presidents-advisers-sections) are the ones which are being dissolved and not the "Enti" and as the organs as Special Commissioners of the Economy Provincial Councils. The Councils and the Offices continue to function as branch agencies of this Ministry transferring to the Prefects those attributions which, because of orders of political character, had been entrusted to the administrative organs (presidents-advisers-sections) now dissolved.

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In the light of this, considering the necessity and urgency that the Councils and Offices of the Economy resume their economic function in the province, in execution of the directives issued and to be issued by this Ministry; considering that, besides other duties already established by law (care of the register of commercial census, commercial publications, management of special firms as the Stock Exchange titles, free deposit, merchandizing Laboratories, etc.), other attributions be again entrusted, in agreement with the Allied Government, to the Councils in regard to the distribution of liquid fuel, carburants and lubricants, while other attributions, also of national and pressing interest, are under study; it is kindly requested that this Commission promptly examine the problem and call the attention of the Finance Sub-Commission to it so that urgent instructions may be given to the Regional Commissioners of the AGC and AMG.

Particularly, this Ministry kindly asks that the interest of the Allied Commission in the matter be prompt and intended for the reconstruction of the Councils and Offices of the Economy, according to the present regulations, in those provinces where they have been dissolved. Consequently it becomes necessary:

1 - to invite the Banco di Napoli to suspend immediately the liquidation of the advisory activities, the dismissal and liquidation of personnel;

2.- to issue instructions so that the above agencies be again set in condition to function, returning totally or partially the office room and equipment eventually destined to other activities

/s/ THE MINISTER.

Attached documents: letter of the C.P.E. of Potenza n° 724;
note of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce
and Labor No. 170/S.

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VIETRI S.M. 27 MARZO 1944

MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA
DEL COMMERCIO E DEL LAVORO
----ALTA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SUB-COMMISSIONE INDUSTRIA E COMMERCIO
S A L E R N O

(Alla cortese attenzione del Col. Crump)

SUB-COMMISSIONE DEL LAVORO

S A L E R N O

Prot. n. 1335

(Alla cortese attenzione del Cap. Albright)

OGGETTO: scioglimento del Consiglio
Provinciale Economia di
Potenza.

Il Prefetto Commissario del Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia di Potenza, con nota n. 724 del 20.3.44 - che si allega in copia in testo italiano e traduzione inglese - ha fatto presente che un Ufficiale Finanziario dell'A.M.G. ha nuovamente insistito per la soppressione del locale consiglio dell'Economia.

In proposito, questo Ministero, con nota 170/G del 30/12/43 - che pure si trasmette in copia - ha precisato, alla Missione Militare Alleata, che i Consigli e gli Uffici Provinciali dell'Economia non sono enti di natura politica ma organi ed uffici di carattere amministrativo dipendenti da questo Ministero, il quale, a mezzo degli stessi, attua, in ogni provincia una notevole parte dei propri fini.

Detti Consigli ed Uffici creati in sostituzione delle cessate Camere di Commercio ed Industrie - esistenti giuridicamente sin dal 1862 - funzionano da organi periferici ⁵⁹⁷ durante un lungo periodo di esperienza che gli stessi si sono resi indispensabili per il funzionamento di questo Ministero.

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Il Governo Italiano con R.D.L. 27.1.44 n.23 (Gazz.Uff. 29.1.44 n.4) ha inteso confermare quanto sopra esposto ed in proposito torna utile commentare l'art.1 che si riporta nel testo ufficiale: " gli organi amministrativi dei Consigli Provinciali dell'Economia sono sciolti e le relative attribuzioni sono demandate, fino a nuova disposizione, ai prefetti in qualità di Commissari Straordinari."

Il pensiero del legislatore è chiaramente espresso in quanto sono gli organi amministrativi (presidenti - consiglieri - sezioni) che vengono sciolti e non già gli enti e poi che gli organi cessano di funzionare, le relative attribuzioni vengono devolute ai prefetti in qualità di Commissari straordinari dei Consigli Provinciali dell'Economia. I Consigli e gli Uffici continuano a funzionare come organi periferici di questo Ministero demandando al Prefetto, quelle attribuzioni che, per disposizioni di carattere politico, erano state affidate agli organi amministrativi (presidenti, consiglieri, sezioni) ora sciolti.

Qid premesso, in considerazione della necessità ed urgenza che i Consigli ed Uffici dell'Economia riprendano la loro funzione economica nella provincia, in attuazione delle direttive emanate ed emanando in questo Ministero; in considerazione che, oltre ad altri compiti già stabiliti per legge (tenuta del registro dell'anagrafe commerciale - pubblicazione di mercuriali - rilevazioni statistiche - gestione di aziende speciali come le Borse Valori, i Depositi Franchi, i Laboratori merceologici, ecc.), alcune attribuzioni vengono, d'accordo col Governo Alleato, nuovamente affidate ai Consigli, per quanto concerne la distribuzione dei combustibili liquidi, carburanti e

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lubrificanti; mentre altre, pure d'interesse nazionale e contingente, sono in corso di studio; si prega codesta Commissione di voler sollecitamente prendere in esame la questione e sottoporla alla cortese attenzione della Sub-commissione della Finanza affinché vengano date urgenti istruzioni ai Commissari Regionali dell'A.C.C. e A.C.C.

In particolare, questo Ministero prega affinché l'interessamento della Commissione Alleata giunga tempestivo ed inteso alla ricostituzione dei Consigli ed Uffici dell'Economia, ai sensi delle vigenti disposizioni, in quelle province dove sono stati sciolti. Conseguentemente si rende necessario:

1. - Invitare il Banco di Napoli a sospendere immediatamente la liquidazione delle attività consiliari ed il licenziamento e liquidazione del personale;
2. - dare istruzioni perché gli enti in parola siano rimessi in condizione di funzionare, reintegrandoli in tutto od in parte dei locali e degli impianti d'ufficio eventualmente stornati per altre attività.

IL MINISTRO

Allegati: lettera del C.P.C. di Potenza n. 724;
nota del Ministero dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro
n. 170/G.

TRANSLATIONFUNCTIONS OF "CONSIGLI ED UFFICIO PROVINCIALI DELLE CORPORAZIONI", AND
THE "CONSIGLI PROVINCIALI DELLA REGIONE".

Before alluding to the activities normally carried out by the CONSIGLI and the Provincial offices of the Corporations, we must make a distinction.

The CONSIGLI are public corporations, endowed with "giuridical" (legal) personality, while the offices are offices of the State and hence *peripheral* organs of the Ministry of Corporations (now Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor.)

CONSIGLI

Organs of the Consigli are: The President (Prefect of the Province); the Vice-President; the Presiding Committee; the General Council; the *Sections* (normally there are 2; viz. 1st mixed industrial and commercial section, 2nd section of Agriculture & Forests, but they may be 4 in number, viz. 1st Industrial section; 2nd Commercial section, 3rd Section of Agriculture and Forests, & 4th Maritime section) Special Commission for treatment of special problems.

The provincial consigli of the corporations represent, in an overall and integral way, the interests of the economic activities of the respective provinces, assure and promote their coordination and development in accord with the general interests of the nation (Art 2 of law of 18 April 1926, N. 731).

They provide for:

- 1st Coordination of activity of professional association for increase and perfecting of production.
- 2nd Coordination of assistance activity exercised by professional association.
- 3rd Promoting the foundation of Institutes of professional instruction and other institutions in the interest of economic development of the Province.
- 4th Proposing, in the field of education, modification and adaptation in programs of technical institutions, with reference to local conditions and special needs.
- 5th Proposing special regulation of provincial character, aimed to assist efficient application of laws affecting agriculture, industry, commerce, credit, savings and social security.
- 6th Giving opinion on regulation of rural police and on those concerning the enemies of cultivated plants, cure of malaria, misuse of pastures, supervision of lands and crops, on the regulations for civic uses of common domain and concerning collective holdings, on rules for fairs and markets and on every other question concerning production, credit, savings, social security, and professional instruction.
- 7th Proposing, on the basis of appropriate rules, the lists of public entertainers and vaudeville, in general lists of experts, specialists and midwives.
- 8th Administering the Commerce Exchanges (Stock Market) and founding and operating organizations and special services in the interests of agriculture, industry and commerce.
- 9th Supervision of Uffici di collocamento in the province.
- 10th Preparation and revision of register of citizens prepared to function as expert consiglieri.
- 11th Ascertaining agriculture and commercial uses and customs of the Province and Communes.

The consigli in addition have the duties assigned by law and special regulations to the deficient Chambers of Commerce and Industry and to the Provincial Agrarian Councils.

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The offices have the following functions, in addition to those assigned them by law or special regulations.

- 1° They collect data and information concerning economic and social activity of the Prov.
- 2° They receive and record reports on constitution, modification or dissolution of commercial, industrial and agricultural firms.
- 3° They carry out the rules in force on the subject of trade design and models, and trade-marks.
- 4° They issue the certificates of origin of goods and authenticating cards to commercial travelers.
- 5° They draw up price lists.

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