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MINUTES OF SEVENTH MEETING OF LOAN PROGRAMMING
AND POST RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE - HELD WEDNESDAY 15/2/46
IN UNRRA H.Q. ROME.

PRESENT:

MR. L.E. SMITH	CHAIRMAN	W.S.A.
MR. G.A. BELL		M.R.T.A. (Italian Area)
MR. J.A. MAC.CONOCHIE		M.V.T. (Naples)
MR. V. WILLIAMS		M.R.T.A.
LT. J.M. ORNSBERG		ECON. DIST. A.C.
CAPT. A.A. COLER		MOVEMENT DIVISION, A.C.
MAJOR M.P. LARAMAN		TRANS. DIVISION, A.C.
MR. C.C. CROOKS		A.C./UNRRA
MR. E. REGID		A.C./UNRRA
MR. J.H. BOEDASS		UNRRA
MAJOR A.G. PING		L.C.I.T.C. /ORCA
LT. COL. P.A. COULSON		O (MOV) A.H.C. HEADQ
MR. A.T. [illegible]		ITALIAN MIN. OF [illegible]
GEN. ATTOLICO		ITALIAN MINISTRY [illegible]
MR. M.J. BERMOLZ		A.C.C. COAL DIV. [illegible]
MR. T.A. BURNS		COAL DIVISION A.C.
MR. J. MOSKOWITZ		COAL DIVISION, A.C.

(Not Present but requiring minutes):-

CAPT. A. TOSI	A.C. Trans. Division
MR. P.A. HAMILTON	U.S.A. (Naples)
ING. STIRITI	F.A.A.C.

Secretary Miss F. Cooper UNRRA.

50. MR. SMITH opened by reference to the minutes of the last meeting.

51. SARDINIAN COAL.

MR. SMITH reported that U.S.A. had arranged for one of the ships allocated to the Sardinian coal lift to make an additional six voyages to meet the request of Coal Division for further equipment.

52. DELAYS IN DISCHARGING.

Referring to the plan for sending two ships which was agreed at the last meeting, Gen. Attolico said that a scheme concerning new rates was prepared and, subject to this Committee's concurrence, would become effective immediately.

53. USE OF TORPEDO ANNUNZIATA.

MR. SMITH said that reports following the recent explosion in this port had shown that it was still possible to receive coal ships and that U.S.A. were willing to accept bids for same.

MR. WILLIAMS said that only ships up to 10[illegible] draft could enter the port because of damage to harbour.

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MAJOR M.P.LARMAN	[illegible]
MR.C.C.CROOKS	T.P.S.(UNCOL.) A.G.
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MAJOR A.G. PING	UNRRA
LT.COL.P.A.COULSON	E.C.I.T.O. /O.[illegible]
MR.'.T.[illegible]	S (GOV) S.N.O. [illegible]
GEN. [illegible]	ITALIAN UNIT. OF [illegible]
MR.W.J.DE HOLM	ITALIAN [illegible]
MR.T.A.[illegible]	I.C.I.COAL DIV.
MR.J.HOSKINSON	COAL DIVISION A.G.
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It was therefore accepted by the Committee that ships up to 10' draft could use the port and that in planning this it could be borne in mind that there were these lighters available.

MAJOR LAPMAN said the port of Torre Annunziata might also be used for the discharge of phosphates.

54. MOVING OF SHIPS.

MR. SMITH said he had sent a letter to his agents at the ports saying that ships may be moved by night on orders from the Captain of the Port and that standing orders would be forthcoming.

55. EXCESSIVE USE OF GENOA.

MR. MARTIN said he had instructed the Captain of the Port at Savona and Genoa that he was the sole authority for handling traffic in order that both ports were equally occupied.

MAJOR LAPMAN said that from figures of January discharging it would appear that Genoa and Savona were still not being used equally but expressed the hope that in future things would be in order in this respect.

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MR. MARTIN said there was no fear of a time lapse since they were in contact with the Captain of the Port as to what would be needed.

57. SCHOONERS.

The plan of the Italian Navigation to limit their movement to essential commodities would be in operation by the 1st of March, he reported.

58. DIVERSION OF SHIPS FROM TRIESTE TO VENICE.

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MR. SMITH said he had sent a letter to his superiors at the notice saying that ships may be moved overnight on orders from the Captain of the Port and that standing orders would be changed if necessary.

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MR. MARONI said he had instructed the Captain of the Port of Savona and Genoa that he was the sole authority for handling diversions in order that both ports were equally occupied.

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MR. BEGAN said they had been fortunate so far in learning the agents, but that the trouble lay in the fact that they did not receive information regarding diversions until it was too late.

MR.MAC.CONOCHIE said that the procedure should be, if no Greek Party was to hand and the ship's owners were not known, the request for diversion should be made through Navy House. When his department was no longer handling these matters, then diversion arrangements would be handled through the agents Lungotood who handled all U.K. shipping.

59. SALVAGING OPERATIONS AT CIVITAVECCHIA.

MR.CROOKS said that, in agreement with the Salvaging Officer, the salvaging operations at Civitavecchia had been delayed until the 1st of May. It was hoped by then to have a further road-served berth (No.1.) in use so that this would be available whilst No.2. was turned over for the salvaging operations.

60. HANDING OVER OF PORTS TO THE ITALIANS.

MAJOR LABMAN reported that telephone advice had been received to the effect that Bari was to be turned over to the Italians on the 23 March, and Taranto by the 28 February. The question of necessary port equipment for those ports would be taken care of in the usual way.

61. AFHQ LIAISON OFFICE.

COL.COULSON explained that he was present in Rome as a liaison officer between the military and the organisations represented on this Committee. His office was to act as an outpost of AFHQ Movements, and if any members had problems affecting military movements, he was ready to help in any way he could.

The Committee were advised that A.C. Transportation Subcommission was closing down.

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TO: Major LARAMAN, AC, Transportation Sub-Commission.

The next meeting of the Import Programming and Port Reception Committee will be held in the UNRRA conference room at 1000 hours on February 13, 1946.

Agenda: Minutes of meeting of January 22, 1946; Import program for March, 1946; any other new business.

M. Ramsay,
Secretary

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MINUTES OF SIXTH MEETING OF IMPORT PROGRAMMING AND PORT RECEPTION COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 22ND JANUARY 1946 AT 1000 HRS IN UNRRA HEADQUARTERS, ROME.

PRESENT:	MR. L.R. SMITH - Chairman -	W.S.A.
	MR. G.A.BELL	M.W.T.R.(It.Area)
	MR.C.CROOKS	UNRRA
	MR. S.BEGAN	UNRRA
	MR.H.HANSEN	W.S.A.
	MR.A.T.MARENA -	It.Min. of Marine
	COL.LAUFFILLA -	" " "
	GEN.MATTEINI -	" " "
	DR.CAMBIOLI -	" " "
	MR.R.B.SCRIVEN	A.C. COAL Division
	MR.J.MC.SWEENEY	" " "
	CAPT.I.CLINGING	A.C. Trans.Subcom.
	CAPT.E.A.JEFFREYS	" " "
	MAJOR LARAMAN	" " "
	BRIGADIER FELLOWES	F.C.I.T.O.(OPMOA)
	MR.WILLIAMS	M.W.T.(NAPLES)
	LT.ARONSBERG	ECON.Sect.Supply Grp.
	LT.COL.BORDASS	UNRRA

(Not Present but requiring copies of Minutes:-)

	CAPT.A.TOSI	A.C. Trans.Subcom.
	MR.P.A.HAMILTON	U.M.A. (NAPLES)
	CAPT.V.CHRISTIAN	A.C. Coal Division
	SUB/Lt.MacMillion) C.N.W.R.	Staff Salvage Officer
	ING. STRITTI	E.N.A.C.

Secretary - Miss M.Ramsay UNRRA.

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37. MR.SMITH opened by reference to the minutes of the last meeting and the following points arose.

38. MR.SCRIVEN asked how many voyages the two ships allocated for the Sardinian coal lift were making. Coal Division required a further two ships is possible.

MR.SMITH said that if a bid were placed through U.M.A. in the usual way, W.S.A. would assist in this connection.

39. DELAYS IN DISCHARGING.

MAJOR LARAMAN referred to a meeting which had been held on this subject and said that one point arising from discussion was that ships were in some instances only working 8 hours instead of 16.

MR. MARENA, for Ministry of Marine, said that a plan was in the course of being drawn up which would improve this situation and two shifts would be operated instead of only one.

It was agreed that two chutes would be set up in the collieries without waiting for this new plan to be put into effect.

MR. HANSON said in a report he had received it was stated that some of the delay in discharging at Bagnoli during November and December had been due to lack of waggons, and also lack of electricity. As to the waggon situation, this had improved of late.

40. USE OF TORRE ANNUNZIATTA.

In view of the recent serious delay in the discharge of a vessel carrying Sandizian coal, the question of using Torre Annunziatta had arisen. Three members of the M.W.T., including a Mining Superintendent, a representative of the Provincial Office of Commerce and Industry at Naples, and the Captain of the Port, had made a thorough examination of this possibility.

MR. WILLIAMS submitted a report in which the Capt. of the Port said that vessels of any draft could be lightered off the breakwater at this port, and, with fine weather, a daily discharge of 1200/1500 tons per day of 8 working hours could be guaranteed. With a draft of 24' it was possible for a vessel to enter the Port and, lying astern in the inner harbour, with available lighters discharge at the rate of 1200 tons could also be achieved. With a draft of 19' a vessel could come alongside the coal quay and discharge into the dump at the same rate. The coal could then be shipped from the dump when waggons became available.

A further point submitted was that vessels could lighter to 24' and 19' draft at Bagnoli and then proceed to Torre Annun: if additional cargoes were arriving at Bagnoli.

MR. MAFTHA questioned the figure of 1200 tons given by the Capt. of the Port and agreed to check such figure and confirm its correctness.

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41. MOVING OF SHIPS.

MR. SMITH said that the ships crews would be available to move ships when necessary, except if such movement was necessitated at midnight when standby crews might be needed. A figure of 10 men per ship was given as the number of such a crew, and it was confirmed that the expense of such crews would be that of the receivers. The whole matter would be an arrangement between the Master of the ship and the Capt. of the Port, the former advising the Capt. of the Port when he needed such crews.

42. EXCESSIVE USE OF GENOA

MAJOR LARAMAN reported that, although it had previously been agreed

that Genoa and Savona would be used equally for the reception of coal ships, it recently happened that 3 coal ships were in Genoa whilst Savona was empty. The Marine authorities had apparently disregarded requests to divert the ships to Savona.

MR. MARENA said they had received a report to the contrary, saying that the Captain of the Port had reported that Allied authorities refused to divert ships to Savona. It was agreed that some misunderstanding had been created and the Ministry of Marine Dept. promised to look into the matter and ensure that necessary action was taken to ensure that both ports were used equally in future.

43. USE OF LEGHORN

BRIG. FELLOWES said he had heard that four berths were to be handed over to the Italians in the port of Leghorn. Two were reported to be rail served. This information was given by the Port Commander.

MR. MARENA said they had been advised of this and the necessary equipment and gear was being requested through P.P.S.

44. DISCHARGE

MR. COHEN asked when time commenced to count at discharging point.

MR.SMITH replied that this counted from the first working period after ship's arrival.

45. SCHOONERS.

GEN.MATTEINI submitted the following proposal to the Committee.

The Italian Ministries concerned have agreed to limit their procurement to a minimum of essential commodities (rationed food) which will amount practically to 5/6000 tons per month. It is therefore suggested that, subject to this Committee's approval, schooners be allocated only for these limited essential commodities, leaving the remaining schooners to carry any other cargoes. The essential cargoes to be lifted at fixed freight rates and with first priority. A scheme for this had been worked out and all schooner traffic made subject to the Ministry of Marine's supervision.

MR.CROOKS asked who, other than the representative on this Committee, were interested in schooners.

MR.BELL said that under the terms of the Armistice schooners had been placed at the disposal of the Allies, but in May it was agreed they be returned to the Italian control, without the Chief relaxing his control. There are now more schooners than cargoes and it was no longer necessary to control them.

MR. MAFENA confirmed that schooners up to 300 tons gross were those under discussion.

The Committee expressed its approval with the proposal put forward by Gen. Mattoini.

46. CHANGE IN SECRETARIAT.
COL.BONDAGS submitted that, since Mr. Crooks was now in charge of UNRRA Shipping Section, the secretariat should be handed over to Mr. Crooks for future.

MR. CROOKS agreed to take over this responsibility. The Committee expressed its thanks to Col.Forlaso for handling the secretarial work up to the present.

47. DIVERSION OF UNRRA SHIPS FROM TRIESTE TO VENICE.
SIG.FELLONIS gave the information regarding UNRRA's proposalto divert some of their shipping from Trieste to Venice. This was given at a recent meeting. It was understood that the UNRRA representative in Trieste would contact the representative in Venice regarding this diversion, and it was assumed that the Venice representative would in turn consult Rome H.Q. as to the diversion.

MAJOR LAMAMAI expressed some concern at first and expressed too, the hope that the diverting of ships to Venice would come through the usual channels and after consultation with A.C.

SIG.FELLONIS said he was simply giving the information to the Committee and that he had no doubt that when UNRRA's proposals were detailed more fully, they would be tied up with existing procedure.

48. COAL FOR BUNKERS.
MR. MAFENA reported that they were extremely short of coal for bunkers at various ports and were at present borrowing for their needs.

MR.SCRIVEN said that if they made their request of stocks needed, the Coal Division would make arrangements to allocate the coal to the various ports. The use of such coal should be limited to ships for the Italian Account and not for ships leaving the theatre.

49. MR.CROOKS agreed to be responsible for getting out the March figures and for calling the next meeting.

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MINUTES OF FIFTH MEETING OF IMPORT PROGRAMMING AND PORT RECEIPTS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 1946 AT 100 HRS IN UNRRA HEADQUARTERS, ROME.

PRESENT:

MR. L.P.SMITH	Chairman -	W.S.A.
MR. G.A.BELL	-	M.V.T.P. (Italian Area
CAPT. W.CHRISTIAN	-	Coal Division, A.C.
MR. C.C.CROOKS	-	Trans.Subcom.A.C.
COLON .MAUTICELLI	-	Inspector of Ports - Italian M. of Marine.
DOTT. CANBIOLI	-	Ministry of Marine.
CAPT. A.TOSI	-	Trans.Subcom. A.C.
BRIG. R.W.L.FILLOWES	-	P.C.I.T.O. (ORMOD).
MR. W.H.NAISH	-	W.S.A.
MR. S.A.HAMILTON	-	U.S.A. (Naples)
MR. W. WILLIAMS	-	M.V.T. (Naples)
CAPT. T.A.JEFFERIES	-	Trans.Subcom(Rail)A.C.
LIEUT/COMD.P.D.MCMILLIN,USNR.	-	Staff Salvage Officer F.O.I.L.
LT.COL.J.H.FORDASS	-	UNRRA

(6TH MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY 22 JANUARY AT 1000 HRS IN UNRRA H.Q.)

Secretary Miss Margaret Lansay - UNRRA

24. THE CHAIRMAN opened the meeting by reference to the Minutes of the fourth meeting, and the following points arise.

25. SARDINIAN COAL.
MR. SMITH stated that W.S.A. had requested two ships, COLMERVILLE 6820 tons unloading towards January 9th, and the ZAREMBO 7622 tons unloading 5 January, for assisting in this matter.

26. DELAYS IN DISCHARGING.
MR. BELL said he had received complaints about delays in discharging at Bagnoli. He wished to know what really to make and the real reason for such delays.

A general discussion took place on this whole situation, particularly in regard to coal ships, and it was finally agreed that a Committee be formed to meet with Transportation Subcom. people to discuss the reasons for delays and study the question thoroughly so as to reach a solution to avoid them in future.

27 IMPORT FIGURES FROM MINISTRY OF FOOD.
The Secretariat reported that they had received such figures.

28. USE OF GEROA FOR EVACUATION OF S.AFRICAN DIVISIONS.
MAJOR BARNES reported that he had been in touch by phone with AFHQ and had received information that no specific reservation of any

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28. USE OF SUEZ FOR EMBARKATION OF S.AFRICAN DIVISIONS.

MAJOR LANGLEY reported that he had been in touch by phone with AFHQ and had received information that no specific reservation of any particular berths in this port would be made for the purpose of embarking South African troops. They would simply allocate ships to the port and use the most convenient berths. No firm information

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as to date or ships was available at present, but this matter would in no way effect our port programmes.

29. MOVING OF SHIPS.
MR. SMITH said it was realized that it is impossible to keep port machinery working to full capacity, but every effort was going to be made to do this in future. The question of standby crews therefore arose. It was pointed out that if a ship docked at, say, 5 p.m., the crew was automatically given shore leave and if for any reason the ship was to be moved, the ship's crew would hardly be expected to return at 2 a.m. in the morning to commence unloading for this purpose. If standby crews were on hand, the work could be carried out by them and the ship moved without any delay.

CAPT.TOSI asked if the expense of this extra labour was the responsibility of the ship or the receivers.

MR.SMITH said he was quite sure that their rates were based on one berth for loading and one for discharging and that diversion or movement to another port was the expense of the receiver. He promised to verify this answer tomorrow and advise the Committee accordingly. He said it would be a matter of reference to the ship's Captain and that if the original crew could not return to unload the ship, then the standby crew would be employed. It was decided that, after Mr.Smith had verified the question of payment, the Italian Ministry of Marine would be approached to supply such crews.

30. USE OF LEGHORN.
MAJOR LARMAN reported that Leghorn was already in use and that it was an advantage to have the use of this port. The question as to use of La Spezia was raised at this juncture.

MR. SMITH said that he had been asked if La Spezia could be used to take in a lightened liberty ship. All such requests were referred by W.S.A. to the Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean. The Commander had replied, in this instance, that he did not regard the port as being safe for the reception of the liberty. W.S.A. abided always by the decision of the Commander and that unless the decision was altered La Spezia would definitely not be used at present.

MR. BELL mentioned that he had heard that American Export Lines would be taking over berth 53 for outward loading. They would, however, have no priority over the incoming cargoes for the Italian programme.

MR. CROOKS asked if small cargoes, for instance a quantity of parcels now in Palermo, could be loaded on returning vessels.

MR. SMITH replied that commercial cargo would be handled through their local shipping agents. If the cargo in question was 500 tons or more, the port of loading could be selected, but if it were lesss than the ship's port of discharge must be accepted. These cargoes could be accepted by returning ships since it lessened the amount of ballast.

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31. BACKPILING.
MR. SMITH asked if the question of backpiling at any port was of immediate importance.

BRIGADIER FELLOWES said that if Czechoslovakian cargoes were accepted in the port of Venice, it was possible that they would have to be warehoused whilst awaiting arrival of Czech rail cars. It was pointed out that the reception of Czech cargoes into this port would in no way interfere with the Italian programme since the Czech waggons were being provided.

32 DUNNAGE.
MR. SMITH said that W.S.A. had made arrangements to sell dunnage to the receivers at a rate of $27 per 1,000 kilos. This had to be paid for in dollars. If a vessel needed the dunnage for reloading elsewhere the dunnage would not be available for sale. It was confirmed that dunnage is ship's property.

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SUB/LT. MACMILLAN, on behalf of the Salvage Officer, said he would like to be given a specific date as to when salvage operations could be commenced on Berth 2. Their department had to complete salvage work as quickly as possible and he did not wish the matter to stay in abeyance indefinitely.

CAPT. TOSI interpreted the Inspector of Ports' views on this matter stating that due to the proposed position of Berth 12, it had been deemed advisable to hold up salvage operations on Berth 2 and so prevent the necessity of using Berth 12. It was agreed that Sub/Lt.MacMillan, the Inspector of Ports (It.Ministry of Marine), Capt. Tosi and the Salvage Officer should meet and discuss the question so that a definite date for commencing salvage work could be reached. They agreed to advise the Secretariat of their proposal for submission to the rest of this Committee.

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MR. SMITH said that owing to diversions it was unlikely that this position would improve though every effort was being made to press for improvement. He pointed out that under the Charter Party it was not the responsibility of W.S.A. to do other than advise the date the ship sails from U.S. and the port to which she is destined.

35. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
MR. CROCKE said that Customs officers had asked him if they could be given permission to board vessels for inspecting any items which might be dutiable. The Committee's reply was to the effect that since the Armistice terms disallowed this and as our cargoes were not of a dutiable nature, it was a matter which was entirely out of their hands.

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MINUTES OF FOURTH MEETING OF IMPORT PROGRAMMING
AND PORT RECEPTION COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 14 ~~NOVEMBER~~ DEC 1945 AT 1000 HRS
IN UNRRA HEADQUARTERS, ROME.

PRESENT:	MR.C.A.BELL	Chairman	- M.R.T.P.(Italian Area)
	CAPT.CUNNINGHAM		- A.C.Coal Division
	MR.R.B.SCRIVEN		" " "
	MR.C.GROOKS	-	- A.C.Ports & W/housing Div.
	MR.BOVIO		- Requisition Branch?F.I.A.
	CAPT.A.TOZZI		- A.C.Tn.Subcom.(Shipping)
	MAJ.M.T.LEAMAN		- " " "
	MAJ.C.E.BURRITCH		- " " "
	LT.J.M.MCWSLEY		- Econ.Sect.Supply Group.
	MR.A.T.MANNA		- Ital.Ministry of Marine
	MR.CAMPOLI		- " " " "
	GEN.MATTEINI		- " " " "
	MR.M.SELLE		- UNRRA
	LT.COL.BOLDASS		- "
		-	- "
Secretary	Margaret Ramsay		

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12. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.
The Chairman opened by reference to the minutes of the last meeting and the following points were raised in connection thereto.

MR.SCRIVEN referred to the Sardinian coal question. W.S.A. had said they would make a ship available provided freight was paid for in dollars to the U.S. They had been informed that there would be the necessary funds available and it was then put on the responsibility of the Italians to see that they could do to procure the necessary dollars and come to freight agreement with W.S.A. Since this, no action had been taken.

MR.BELL said it was outside the scope of this Committee to decide freight rates.

MR.REEAM, speaking for W.S.A said a ship was already available and that all they required was a letter from the Italian Government assuring availability of dollars for freight payment.

GEN.MATTEINI said he would take immediate steps with the Italian Treasury to get such a letter written.

No further points were raised regarding the last minutes.

14. FIGURES FOR PORT CAPACITIES - JANUARY.
COL.BOLDASS, in submitting these figures, asked that members should study the schedule and if any alteration was desired in the general layout, he would make any suggested changes.

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	MAJ.C.F.SPERINGE	- " " "
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	MR.A.T.MARINA	- Ital.Ministry of Marine
	MR.CAPIONI	- " " " "
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It was felt that many of the figures shown were not correct in the light of actual amounts handled, and that in future figures should be based on this experience. It was agreed that in future, the Sub-Committee should meet prior to the general meeting, for the purpose of going over the figures sent in, and that when satisfied that these were as accurate as possible, the final schedule should be drawn up.

COL.FORDASS promised to ask Rail Sect. of Tran.Subcom to correct the January figures.

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15. MINISTRY OF FOOD IMPORT FIGURES.

MR. BELL asked if the Ministry of Food had sent in import figures for Sicily since they had promised to do so.

THE SECRETARY said no such figures had as yet been received.

16. USE OF GENOA FOR REPATRIATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DIVISION.

MAJOR LAMAN said he had information that no more Austrian cargo would be coming into Genoa. He said, however, that the South African Army had asked to embark a Division through Genoa and this would speed up and affect the port capacity situation.

MR. BELL said he would contact Lt.Col. King about using Genoa for this purpose.

17. HOURS WORKED AT PORTS.

CAPT. CHRISTIAN said that some ports did not work the number of hours shown on the schedule. It was decided to omit the 24-hour column from future schedules, leaving only the 8-hour and 16-hour ones.

CAPT. TOSI said that Savona was actually working to full capacity. He remarked, however, that 5 hours had been lost whilst one ship was moved in order that another could discharge.

MR. BRYAN said this delay question had already been taken up.

18. CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

MAJOR LAMAN said that the length of the holiday at Christmas should be settled. It was decided that the holidays should be set as the 25 and 26 December.

GEN. MATTEINI promised to arrange for these days to be made official holidays.

19. LEGHORN.

MAJOR LAMAN said we were going to be able to use Leghorn in the near future.

20. BACKPILING

MR. BRYAN asked if the question of possibility of backpiling at certain ports could be considered.

MR. SCRIVEN said this was under consideration. At the moment, however, they were not getting sufficient coal in the country to warrant backpiling.

21. DUNNAGE.

MAJOR LAMAN raised the question of whether dunnage belonged to the ship or to the consignee. The Consorzio at Messina had sought the return to him. It was confirmed that dunnage was ship's property.

22. CIVITAVECCHIA.

The Italians had requested that Berth No.2. at this port be turned over to them in order that they could carry out salvage operations on a German

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MR. PHIL said he would contact Lt.Col. Kine about using space for this purpose.

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22. CIVITAVECCHIA.
The Italians had requested that Birth No.2. at this port be turned over to them in order that they could carry out salvage operations on a German warship. He had asked the Ministry of Marine to place Birth 12 at our disposal first and that when this was done, Birth 2 could be lent for the salvage work.

23. NEXT MEETING.
The next general meeting was fixed for TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY 1946.

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IMPORT PROGRAMMING & PORT RECEPTION COMMITTEE

TO: MAJOR. LARAMAN. [A.C. ~~CMPTO.~~ TN S/C].

THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE IS CALLED FOR FRIDAY, THE FOURTEENTH (14TH) OF ~~NOVEMBER~~ DECEMBER, 1945, AT 1000 HOURS IN ROOM 14 (CONFERENCE ROOM) OF THE UNRRA HEADQUARTERS, INA BUILDING, VIA DI ST. NICOLA DA TOLENTINA, THIRD FLOOR.

THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS SHOWN BELOW:

Margaret Ramsay
Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

2. PORT FIGURES FOR JANUARY.

3. ANY FURTHER BUSINESS.

NEXT MEETING 8th Jan (TUES)

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MINUTES OF THIRD MEETING OF THE IMPORT PROGRAMMING & PORT RECEPTION COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1945 AT 1000 HRS in UNRRA HEADQUARTERS, ROME.

PRESENT:	MR. L.R.SMITH (Chairman)	-	U.S.A.
	MR. G.A.BELL	-	M.O.W.T. (Italy)
	GEN.MATTEINI	-	Mercantile Marine
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	MR. GINGIOLI	-	" " "
	ING.STEFFITI	-	E.N.A.C.
	CAPT.A.W.CHRISTIE	-	A.C. Coal Division
	MAJOR M.P. LARAMAN	-	Th. Subcom. A.C.
	MR. R.B. SCRIVEN	-	A.C. Coal Division
	MR. J. MC.STEWART	-	U.S.A.
	CAPT. I.F. GLINGING	-	Th. Subcom. A.C.
	TEN.COL. BINETTI	-	Ministry of Marine
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Secretary - Miss M. Ramsay

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2. The Chairman opened by reference to the minutes of the last meeting and the following points were raised in regard thereto.

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MR. SMITH said he had not understood that the bid was taken as read and that U.S.A. had received no bid for this liberty. He had anticipated that UNA would be placing such bid.

MR. SCRIVEN said the Vice President at A.C. took a very grave view of this matter and that the question was an urgent one.

MR. SMITH said he was at present questioning the safety of the port of San Antioco for receiving a liberty type ship. As soon as this question was settled and UNA had placed the necessary bid, the liberty would be provided.

MR. SCRIVEN informed Mr. Smith in reply to his question as to who this Sardinian coal was for, that it was for A.C. on account of the Italian Ministry of Industry and that discharging ports would be Naples, Bagnoli, Genoa and Savona. He also intimated that they would require assistance in handling up to 20,000 tons.

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MAJOR MC.CANDLISH said he felt, in view of the misunderstanding and delay in the above bid, that it should be made clear that allocation of any shipping by shipping authorities here does not preclude the necessity of putting a bid in through UNA.

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MAJOR LAPAMAN raised a second point in regard to the minutes of the previous meeting. He wished the point of the Central Office for the clearance of shipping documents to be clarified.

MR. SMITH said that FSA Rome was now the central office for this purpose and would be responsible for distribution of such documents to all concerned.

COL. BORDISS said, in looking ahead to the time when UNRRA is to be responsible for the whole of Italy, UNRRA had a proposal that a Shipping Office be set up in Naples in which a section operate on behalf of the Italian Mission since this Mission was responsible for shipments intended for the Balkan missions.

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MR. BELL expressed surprise at the grain available since he had heard none was available for export.

MR. SCRIVER informed Mr. Bell that he had heard recently that there was grain available and that perhaps this was accounted for by some financial arrangement having been made.

MR. SMITH said his Government were most anxious that we did not fall down on reception of any of these cargoes.

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MR. SMITH said he would contact MAJOR KING (British) and COL. LIBBY (American) of G.A. NTOUSA and try and obtain the necessary information. If he was successful in doing this, he felt there would be no need to have a representative from AFHQ on the committee. He asked CAPT. CHRISTIAN also to endeavour to get the bid information.

11. OVERCROWDING IN PORT OF GENOA.
MAJOR FARMAN spoke about the situation in Genoa where it was known that some ships had stood off for 8 days and yet Savonia had been in a position to accept them.

MR. SMITH questioned Gen. Matteini as this.

GEN. MATTEINI said his people understood that if the ship was allocated to Genoa it should be received there. He also mentioned the difficulty of waterways being flooded and bridges damaged which slowed up movement of cargoes.

MR. SMITH said that, although Genoa should be given preference, if at any time a ship was held up there to the detriment of a following ship, then Savonia must be used and the cargo placed in the stockpile there. No ship should be delayed when delay could be obviated by using Savonia.

GEN. MATTEINI understood this point as explained to him and noted it for future guidance.

12. COL. BORDASS said he would like to request that all figures should be sent in in good time for inclusion in the final schedule in order that the picture presented at the next meeting could be a clear and concise one. UMA and Army bids were still awaited and upon receipt of these, he had the necessary data for January figures.

The meeting closed with the understanding that when January figures were compiled, the Secretary would call a further meeting.

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MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF THE IMPORT PROGRAMMING & PORT RECEPTION COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER 1945 AT 1000 HRS. IN M.W.T. OFFICES, ROME.

PRESENT:	MR. G.A. BILL (Chairman)	- M.W.T.R. (Italy)
	MR. R.NICOL	- U.S.A.
	MR. L.P.SMITH	- U.S.A.
	GEN.MATTEINI	- Mercantile Marine.
	CMDR.MANTOLI	- M.W.T. Liaison, Italy.
	LT.COL.MARELLO	- G.R.A.
	COL.H.P.EVANS	- A.C. Coal Division
	COL.H.M.WALKER	- " " "
	MR.E.B.SCRIVIN	- " " "
	MR.T.M.FREEDAY	- D.M.W.T.R.
	MR. A.T.MARENA	- MINISTRY of Marine.
	LT.CAMBIOLI	- " " "
	COL. LAUTICELLA	- " " "
	MR.C.C. CROOKS	- A.C. Ports & W/housing Div.
	MAJ.M.C.LARAMAN	- A.C. Tn. Subcommission
	ING. STIRITI	- E.N.A.C.
	MR.A.G. THOMAS	- D.M.W.T.R.
	MR. R.A.HAMILTON	- U.N.A.
	MR. W. WILLIAMS	- D.M.W.T.R.
	MR. J. MC.STRENNY	- U.S.A.
	MAJOR D. MC.CANDLISH	- UNRRA - AFHQ
	LT.COL.J.BORDASS	- UNRRA - Rome.
Secretary:	Miss M. Ramsay	- UNRRA.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

THE CHAIRMAN opened by referring to the Minutes of the last meeting. He mentioned two small points in these:- Para 5, the words "port of sell" should read "port of discharge". Para 10 - as the question of a central office was left in abeyance pending A.C's views, Maj. Laraman was asked to give the decision on this point. It was decided by A.C. that documents would in future be handled by a central office set up outside A.C.
At this point it was thought fit to clarify the whole question of secretariat of this committee.

2. CLARIFICATION OF SECRETARIAT.

LT.COL.BORDASS stated that UNRRA was agreeable to act as Secretariat. All documents would therefore be cleared through a central office within UNRRA. He stressed that in future all figures required for the compilation of plans for the Committee's work must be sent in to UNRRA direct. For the information of all Committee members the following is the name and address of the present Secretary of the Secretariat;-

Secretary - Miss Margaret Ramsey - Tel. No. 471371 Ext. 76
Room 75, 3rd Floor, Ina Building,
Via San Nicola da Tolentino, Rome.

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3. FIGURES FOR PORT CLEARANCES, ETC.

MR.R.D.SULLIVAN	-	" "
MR.F.M.FREEDAY	-	D.M.W.T.R.
MR. A.T.MARENA	-	MINISTRY of Marine.
MR.CAMBIOLI	-	" " "
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Secretary: Miss M. Ramsay - UNRRA.

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

THE CHAIRMAN opened by referring to the Minutes of the last meeting. He mentioned two small points in these:- Para 5, the words "port of call" should read "port of discharge". Para 10 - as the question of a central office was left in abeyance pending A.C's views, Maj. Laraman was asked to give the decision on this point. It was decided by A.C. that documents would in future be handled by a central office set up outside A.C.
At this point it was thought fit to clarify the whole question of secretariat of this committee.

2. CLARIFICATION OF SECRETARIAT.

LT.COL.BORDASS stated that UNRRA was agreeable to act as Secretariat. All documents would therefore be cleared through a central office within UNRRA. He stressed that in future all figures required for the compilation of plans for the Committee's work must be sent in to UNRRA direct. For the information of all Committee members the following is the name and address of the present Secretary of the Secretariat;-

Secretary - Miss Margaret Ramsey - Tel. No. 471371 Ext. 76
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3. FIGURES FOR PORT CLEARANCES, ETC.

It had not been possible to produce in clear and final form the figures asked for at the last meeting. This was due to the fact that the data necessary for their compilation had not reached UNRRA until 6 p.m. on the evening preceding this present meeting. It was agreed that COL.BORDASS should study the figures now to hand and prepare final form for circulation to the other members as soon as possible. As soon as this had been done, UNRRA would fix a date for the next meeting and notify all concerned.

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4. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

In reply to a question raised by MAJ.MC.CANDLISH as to whether consideration was to be given to exports as well as imports, MR.NICOL said it would be the right of this Committee to give rulings on exports as well as imports.

5. BIDS PLACED BY MILITARY FOR USE OF PORTS.

It was mentioned that a signal had been received from military signifying their intention to use Genoa for supplies for Austria. MR.NICOL said we would have to take these bids into account and the appropriate military personnel must be contacted on this matter. MR. SMITH agreed to contact COL.LIBBY of G4(A) on this point.

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LT.COL.ROBBASS asked for clarification as to what was required by asking for road figures. He explained that these estimates would have to be very rough since they were dependent on availability of gasoline, etc. etc.

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MR.NICOL said even rail estimates were not 100% and that an estimate of road figures would not need to be actual basic figures.

7. SARDINIAN COAL.

COL.EVANS said that because of the American strikes intakes of coal will be very low. It was a very serious situation and the Coal Section of A.C. asked if extraordinary steps could be taken to increase the tonnage during November, when the gap would be most seriously felt. He estimated that 90,000 tons would be needed, this included 45,000 tons out of stocks.

The question was raised as to what steps had already been taken to increase the coal tonnage, and MR. HAMILTON of UMA said he had not as yet approached W.S.A. for help.

MR. NICOL said a bid for a liberty should be placed with W.S.A. through the proper channels and that Col.Evans could take it as read that the ship would be provided in order to get the necessary amount of coal in for November.

MR.HAMILTON asked for a ruling as to whether, on U.M.A. Zone 3 Voyages, a vessel could load to her capacity for two ports if desired, instead of lessening capacity for one port of limited draft. His idea was to fill up to capacity and lighten with priority at first port down to draft required to enter second port.

MR.NICOL said the ship should load to full capacity and, provided it was included in port allocation bidding, enter the second port not with priority but taking her turn.

The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the Secretariat call the third meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 1945
AT 1000 HRS AT M.W.T. OFFICES, ROME.

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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF NEW COMMITTEE.

PRESENT:	Mr. R. Nicol (Chairman)	– War Shipping Administration
	Mr. J. McSweeney	– " " "
	Mr. V. Mesaras	– M.W.T.
	Mr. L. Campbell	– UNRRA.
	Lt.Col.Bordass	– Supply Div. Econ.Sect.A.C.
	Lt.J.M.Orensberg	– Tran.SubCom. A.C.
	Maj. M.P. Laraman	– " " "
	Mr.A.C. Allman	– U.N.A.
	Mr.R.A. Hamilton	– D.M.W.T.R.(C.S.R.C.)
	Mr.W.E.Foreday	– A.C. Coal Section
	Col. H.M.Walker	– " " "
	Mr.R.B.Scriven	– E.N.A.C.
	Ing. Stiriti	– D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr.G.A.Bell.	– M.W.T. Liaison I.
	Cmdr. E.Mattoli	– A.C.Liaison.
	Lt. A.T. Marena	– Ministry of Marine
	Dr. Gambioli	– Mercantile Marine.
	Gen.Matteini.	– G.R.A.
	Ing.Sarnello	– M.W.T.
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5. FORECAST OF GRAIN SHIPS.

Major Loraman mentioned the vagueness of information regarding grain ships and the fact that their exact port of call was a difficult thing to forecast for December.

The Chairman pointed out that it would be the duty of this Committee to programme the grain ships. With the knowledge of

grain needed we could call ships forward in an even flow to the ports where it was needed.

6. BIDS FOR COAL REQUIREMENTS.

It was decided that these bids should go through the Committee and not receive priority.

It was submitted by Col. Walker that it was essential for his section to continue to handle coal bids in order to keep an even flow of the commodity. The Chairman pointed out that the Committee would be responsible for an even flow of all commodities and that, if future bids were all scrutinized by the Committee according to port clearences, this should be possible.

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11. TIME AND PLACE OR NEXT MEETING.

It was arranged that the next meeting be held on November 1st at 1000 Hrs. in M.W.T. Offices, U.N.R.R. Main, 25 Corso d'Italia, Rome.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

PAPER DISCUSSED AND PASSED BY MEDBO 9 OCTOBER 1945

IMPORT PROGRAMMING AND PORT RECEPTION
COMMITTEE.

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2. Terms of Reference.

It will be the responsibility of the Committee

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(iv) The Committee shall have power to co-opt other members when it is considered necessary.

4. Place and dates of Meeting.

The Committee shall sit in Rome.
Meetings shall be held once a month to examine and agree the monthly import programmes prior to submission to the Supply (Importing) Authorities. A preliminary meeting will be held at 10.00 hours on 11 October in the MWT Office, U.N.R.R. Main, 25 Corso d'Italia, Rome.

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