

diminishing rapidly. In addition, large quantities of food, coal, clothing and other commodities have been imported into Italy by the United Nations largely in United Nations ships to supplement local resources and to alleviate distress.

Article 20.—Allied Military Government was rigorously enforced in combat zones for obvious operational reasons. This was progressively relaxed as the battle moved forward until territories were handed over wholly to Italian administration.

Article 21.—As Allied forces are redeployed, facilities are progressively being handed back to Italian control.

Article 22.—With the declaration of war upon the Germans by the Italian Government in October, 1943, and the co-operation and loyalty of the Italian people to the Allied cause, there has never been any necessity to invoke this Article.

Article 23.—The Italian Government has been informed that the Allied Commission will no longer intervene in Italian internal financial affairs (except in cases of Allied military necessity) and that, with certain exceptions in Italy's own interest, the Italian Government need no longer obtain the approval of the Allied Commission prior to the execution of external financial transactions. The Italian Government is now free to fix or negotiate exchange rates for the lira without prior consultation with the Allied Commission.

Article 24.—Private export trade may now be resumed and all types of commercial and financial correspondence may now go forward from Italy to the non-enemy world, subject to the Italian Government putting into force certain trade control measures similar to those employed by the United Nations against enemy interests.

Article 26.—This Article is no longer enforced, and provided an individual has the necessary civil documents, such as passport, visas, etc., there is nothing to prevent him leaving Italian territory, subject of course to the immigration laws and regulations of the countries of intended destination.

Articles 30 and 31.—The Italian Government has of its own volition done all that would have been required.

Article 32.—This Article has been complied with and is, in the case of Clauses (A) and (B), no longer applicable. As regards Clause (C) the Italian Government has co-operated loyally in carrying out such instructions as have been given concerning the preservation and administration of United Nations property in Italy, previously sequestered by the Italian Government.

Article 33.—The part of Clause (B) that deals with the disposal of foreign assets has been modified in favour of the Italian Government (see under Article 23).

Articles 36 and 37.—The execution of these Articles has been modified by the Macmillan aide-mémoire of the 24th February, 1945.*

Article 41.—In practice the armistice conditions have not been applied to Albania or to any former Italian territories overseas.

* See Appendix D above.