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Interrogation of FRITZ SAUCKEL

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PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLICATED, AND SUBJECTS

1. SAUCKEL
 - a. Control of wages for conscripted labor (P.1-7).
 - b. Subordination of his representative for Balkan labor, Dr. Kuhn, to military commanders and Foreign Office, (P.13-15).
 - c. Subordination to military governors in labor procurement from Denmark and Norway (P.15).
2. KESSELRING, SPEER
 - a. Employment of Italian PW's in Germany (P.12-13)

CONTROL OF WAGES

Disburses the German Wage problem and his attempts while in office to prevent inflation. (2) Also the status of the skilled and unskilled worker in German industry. (3) He maintains that Germany and occupied territories had the same basic wage policy, refuting document signed by him at Oberursel, 4 Sept. 1945. (5) States, however, that he was not set on increasing the wages in occupied countries. (6) Primarily because he did not want inflation. (7) Discussions with Laval on price control emphasized the maintenance of wage levels of 1941 and 42. (7) Denies detailed knowledge of black market operations. (9) Explains in detail the effect of a 15% wage increase in Italy. (

EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN PW'S IN GERMANY

(10) In the German operation zone, Kesselring had created a Labor Department. (11) And one of the main problems was the questioning of Italian prisoners sent to Speer by special permission of Hitler. (12) In 1942, about 1,000,000 Italian civilians worked in Germany; in 1943 and 1944 between 100,000 and 1,000,000 Italian PW's went to Germany.

RECRUITING OF BALKAN LABORERS

(13) Defendants representative in the Balkans, Dr. Kuhne, was subordinate to the military commander. (14) Few Balkan laborers were used in Germany. (15) All dealings with these countries went through the foreign office. (15)

RECRUITING OF SCANDINAVIAN LABORERS

(16) In Denmark and Norway, the military governors had labor departments subordinate to them --- no laborers, in any number, were brought from these countries to Germany. (15)