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Fall of Rome Adds Two Million To Be Fed by United Nations

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Algiers, June 4.—The fall of Rome adds some 2,000,000 people to those whom the Allies have assumed the responsibility of feeding, it was estimated by the Allied authorities today. But the Allied Military Government, now operating under the Allied Control Commission has long prepared for this task and is believed to be ready.

The normal population of the Italian capital is estimated to have been swollen by 750,000 refugees from Naples and other towns and is believed to be short of food.

The Allied authorities have stocks of wheat, canned milk and dehydrated vegetables ready to send to Rome quickly with the co-operation of the 5th and 8th Armies.

At Anzio, landing facilities have been built since the creation of the bridgehead and ships can be unloaded at Gaeta.

Rome has been divided into regions for the distribution of food-stuffs by Italian and Allied personnel under the authority of the commission. An emergency system has been prepared involving strict control over the black market which otherwise might absorb local produce destined to go into the Allied pool for distribution on a ration basis to the masses who cannot afford the black market.

Mathias F. Correa, former United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and now Chief Prosecutor of the Allied Military Government in Italy, has a staff of investigators, including 150 Guardia di Finanza, ready to do battle against the black market racket which closely resembles those in the United States where some Italians learned its technique.

The plan for Rome is based upon the lessons of Palermo and Naples, where the Allied authorities believe they have achieved success in meeting similar problems.

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