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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. Quis custodiet custodem? Defascistization is all very well but since the magistracy is to have so much to do with it we should be sure of absolutely honest and impartial magistrates, above politics and pressure groups. The article has some doubts about qualifications of the present group.

3. Constructive democracy. The article begins with some kind words about President Roosevelt and points out that his renomination is a blow to German hopes. Then it proceeds to develop the theme of how necessary it is that Italy become a beneficiary of the Lease Lend measure.

4. Article quotes Don Sturzo's telegram to Christian Dem. party saying that " negotiations are under way for provisional peace treaty between Allies and Italy." Thinks this is only fair in view of evidence given by Italians of desire to help in war.

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2. First page converage of Christian Dem party in Naples, including Sturzo's telegram.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. A perversion of history. The six parties are like so many alpinists held together by the cord of the mountain climber as they attack the steep ascent of National reconstruction. This, cord which symbolizes unity, must not be broken. If they were to fall a part of Italy would fall into the hands of reactionaries which would be a perversion of historical development. There are elements, ex-fascist, realists and "Badogliani" who are working to destroy this unity. They must not succeed. (M. Ponteviva)

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2. The crime on Via del Mare. Wednesday evening an Allied soldier was killed and two trucks stolen by criminals who were later apprehended. This is a shocking matter but with all respect we should like to point out that incidents like this have their source in the very real food shortage, the low rate of pay and the unemployment that is rampant.

3. Cianca's speech applauded but there was nothing in it to show the reason for existence of an action party as such.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. A generation between two wars. Mario Pannunzio calls attention to the state of those under 40. They have known nothing but Fascism. Which most of them hated. Yet all are in one way or another involved; they had to be. The older men who are to judge them must not be vindictive but should try to be understanding.

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UNITA' (Communist) Urgent Problems.

1. The general situation in the city has got worse and there is at present a feeling of pessimism and despair. The shops are full of articles for sale, the black market allies well stocked with food but who dares approach them? The cinema and the hotels are gay with illumination and merriment but the worker returning to his home, finds no light and no food. Can nothing be done?

2. Interview with Scoccimarro, one of Sforza's vice Commissioners.

3. Another article on Bentivegna.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Article on disgraceful situation in hospitals.

2. Salute to Balderzi, American labor leader who is to come to Italy.

3. Stories of anti-monarchical demonstrations in the Castelli.

ALL PAPERS : Most carry bread announcement, one or two strong articles on inferior quality of bread. Cianca's speech covered by all though some summarize and make no comment. Same for Sforza's interview.

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1. News from the East. Saragat writes that the victories of the Russians are due to the close identification of the Army and the people. This is something new in war. The strength of the Russians is not in armored cars nor battalions but in the individual man, soldier or worker.

2. The objectivity of De Gasperi. Another attack on Christian Dem. leader for his refusal to take sides on the monarchy and for his profession that the party is against enemies of democracy whether on the Right or Left. At this time there is no danger from the Left but very real danger from the ex-Fascist and reactionaries. (Ulisse)

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2. France Italy, Jugoslavia. Salvatorelli notes that Cianca was applauded when he referred to the partisans of Italy, France and Jugoslavia working together. This is a happy augury for the future. For these nations are not Italy's enemies as Fascism tried to teach, they are her natural partners and their harmony will be one of the cornerstones of a

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new Europe in which all nations - even Germany - will have their proper place.

3. In miscellany on first page opinion is expressed that Unità is perhaps making too much of a hero of Bentivegna but Italia Nuova is certainly absurd to take the line it does and make out that he should have proclaimed himself guilty. The martyrs would not have been saved.

4. Bakers and bread. Article stressing need for good baking. Wants 100 gram loaf. Reports complaints from bakers of lack of wood.

5. Notes appeal made by counsel for Bentivegna. Hopes appeal will be granted and Bentivegna released.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Box on first page announces from Washington that Bonomi has asked for lease-lend for Italy.

2. Assemblies. Enzo Selvaggi does not think much of Cianca's speech but what can you expect when the party is made up of such odd elements - including some disgruntled ex-Fascists ? Comments on the Social Dem. convention and approves their declaration that the problem of the day is moral rather than political. But how can the party call itself "the party of law" and then go on to approve of "revolution"? Agrees with De Gasperi's favoring a referendum.

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6. Remarks on Sforza's statement that he wanted to attack the "rascals", not the "imbeciles". So we shall now know that anyone keeping his state job belongs in the second category. It would almost seem as if Sforza had been so long in America that he had forgotten the language and remembered only the strong terminology of the regime he is opposed to.

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POPOLO (Christian Dem.)

1. First page place for Bonomi's request for Lease Lend.

2. Position of youth. Inspired by Risorgimento Liberale of yesterday Giulio Andreotti also discusses problem of youth. Does'nt have much to add except reference to useful work of Catholic Action.

3. Why the potatoes dont arrive ? Analyzing the situation the main problem seems to be high cost of transport. Poletti has a fixed tariff; it should be adhered to.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

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1. Cianca's speech. Article notes that Cianca said the reaction of his audience indicated they had made up their minds in favor of the Republic. But one should not decide the institutional question, says the R.L. on the basis of Evviva and Abbasso at a political rally. It is a matter for serious reflection. It should be studied and meditated in sobriness and tranquility.

2. Note on fruitsellers profits. Glad to see

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that the market has been disciplined but notes great gulf between wholesale and retail prices. Calculates a fruitseller can easily make 3600 lire a day which seems disproportionate to other wages and salaries.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Conspiracy of silence. The Sindaco and new government of Rome have solved none of the pressing problems: food, transport, fuel, city cleanliness. Yet they preserve a tomb-like silence. Let them speak up and tell us what is wrong.

2. Another story of attempted rape by Moroccans Sunday night in Via Lepanto. Complains that these people are never punished.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Carries big story on arrest of Azzolini.

2. Asks for revision of Bertivegna's sentence.

3. Letter from soldier fighting in Balkans with Tito, attacking govt for its failure to supply Italian Garibaldi division engaged in Balkan fight.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Justice for all. Approves Sforza's attitude: suggests King and Prince be purged too. If this is not done by law the people will, in their own good time, take it in hand themselves.

2. Arturo Toscanini for the Republic. The paper observes that Toscanini did'nt answer Badoglio's telegram because he despises the King and his generals. Claims LIFE magazine says as much and hopes to publish the article.

3. Long article on charcoal. The price at Rome has been fixed too low to give any hope of getting a supply. Suggests meeting of all interested to arrive at reasonable price. And pleads for gasoline for transport.

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1. Party program and government program. The parties have their separate programs which do not all coincide. Consequently the government is made up of elements that cancel each other out and so has no program. Natural it desires to carry on the war, to stamp out Fascism and to rebuild Italy. So does everyone. But when it comes down to ways and means the parties can't agree and so the government can do nothing. (Lucifero)

2. Exchange of parts. Defends remarks made in the paper the other day about epuration committees.

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Article says we are all supposed to applaud new epuration decree and we do. But we must stress need of rigorous severity with the magistracy. Otherwise the whole thing becomes a travesty.

2. Justice. Plea for lease lend for Italy. (Franco Narano)

3. He's no fool! Yesterday only Unità and Avanti had story of Azzolini's arrest. Imagine the scene in other newspaper offices. But now we learn that the story was released through Scossimarro's office. Freedom of the press therefore means among other things the right of a man in government appointment to give his party journals a scoop.

4. Green and white. Two linotype workers stopped and treated in high handed fashion by MPs. Not the only cases of this sort. Inconsistency noted; one linotypist had his pass torn up, the other had his returned. The public would like clear cut orders and consistent administration of them.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The right to property. From the church's point of view the right of property and the right to succession are connected with the human being and regarded as inviolable.

2. Radio Berlin has announced destruction of Tower of Pisa. It is hoped the news is false and that everything will be done to save the tower.

3. Epuration of the Academy of Italy is very well but the large sums given it for scientific and cultural purposes should be safeguarded.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Lend lease. Article by L.B. stressing Italy's need for the application of the law.

2. Phoenix Arabiae -- the pasta ration. Everyone knows that pasta is on hand and no one knows why the order is not given for distribution. Unlike other cases where the order was given and the pasta was not there. The one thing in common is perplexity and impatience of the people.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Society and we. Another article on the line of one published 30 July stressing that politics can have no meaning without religion. Stresses that this is true even

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Therefore means among other things the right of a man in government appointment to give his party journals a scoop.

4. Green and white. Two linotype workers struck and treated in high handed fashion by MPs. Not the only cases of this sort. Inconsistency noted; one linotypist had his pass torn up, the other had his returned. The public would like clear cut orders and consistent administration of them.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. The right to property. From the church's point of view the right of property and the right to succession are connected with the human being and regarded as inviolable.

2. Radio Berlin has announced destruction of Tower of Pisa. It is hoped the news is false and that everything will be done to save the tower.

3. Epuration of the Academy of Italy is very well but the large sums given it for scientific and cultural purposes should be safeguarded.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Lend lease. Article by M.B. stressing Italy's need for the application of the law.

2. Phoenix Arabian -- the pasta ration. Everyone knows that pasta is on hand and no one knows why the order is not given for distribution. Unlike other cases where the order was given and the pasta was not there. The one thing in common is perplexity and impatience of the people.

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2. Article protesting against decision to have government employees work on Sundays. Even though their schedule is abbreviated there is something wrong in this. Even "Masonic" governments do not work on the day of rest.

3. Notes with approval improvement in tram service. But points out that it is better on Sunday than week days and asks that week day service be brought up to Sunday level.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. A situation to be cleared up. The syndacal organis.shave been suppressed and the organization of the workers has been begun all over again. However on the employers' side the appointment of Government Commissioners is causing confusion, givin the impression of continuing activity of the syndacal bodies. (g.d.t.)

2. Long article on future of Naples, quoting Col. Chapman at length. (Edoardo Longoni.)

3. Silence from the Campidoglio. Another protest against city government for not taking people into its confidence.

DISORIENTATO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Cooperation and submission. Article answers criticism made of the R.L. to the effect that it considers the government illegal and it (the liberal party) a sort of internal opposition. The first statement is untrue and the second equally so. Full collaboration with Bonomi is intended, he is regarded as a friend.

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3. Front page article noting exploits of Italian Corps of Liberation.

4. Article calling for more milk.

5. On bus lines. Remarks that new and shiny busses have appeared and they have tires and gasoline. - but they are not used for Romans, but to take carefree young Americans in khaki up to the Casino delle Rose to watch the dancers.

TEMPO (Independent)

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2. On milk question suggestion is made that raising price might increase supply. Pointed out that in Naples price had to go up a good deal

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UNITA' (Communist)

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2. Liberty for people and not for profiteers. Gabelli case is used as starting point develop two arguments 1. Need for raising salaries. 2. Necessity for proceeding vigorously against all who have profiteered at expense of people whether in fascist days or during the collapse. (v.s.)

3. Mentions again the "government spokesman" on advisability of lease lend. Points out that such extension of the measure would not necessarily mean modification of armistice terms.

4. Strong article by Antonio Pesenti on need of raising wages as defense against inflation.

5. Article notes that Universale is to appear shortly. It will serve the old interests of the old fascist papers; only the heading will be changed. It will find that this is not the same Italy, however.

6. Second page story of sad conditions of twons immediately outside Rome.

7. Scandalous story of mistreatment of 9 year old boy in the Istituto Gabelli.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The war. Deplores the small part Italy is allowed to play. And the war and the victory are terribly important for Italy as reconstruction can only begin when the war is over.

ALL PAPERS. Morning ones carry Bonomi's radio talk though not full text. No comment.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The troubles of Italy and the Allies. Nenni quotes Time, July 24, on the subject of the feelings of the Allies toward Italy. Time says France cannot forget the stab in the back nor can the English and American soldiers forget their comrades killed by Italian bullets. Nenni emphasizes that the present Italy is simply not the Italy of Mussolini or even Badoglio. Italy is now the Italy which fought Fascism even at a time when the Western democracies admired it. Italy of today is not and never was the accomplice of Fascism but rather its first victim.

2. Government and Country. Points out necessity of keeping alive the Committees of liberation.

3. School and democracy. Article urges democratisation of school which means epuration, abolition of burocratic pyramid and more participation of pupils and their families in work of the school. (Tullio Vecchietti)

4. Food problem. Contrasting prices of vegetables outside Rome with those Romans have to pay article concludes that the Commissioners of food distribution centers get too large a percentage and that transport is too expensive.

5. Column entitled Odds and Ends. 1.The practice of cutting hair of women who associate with Allied soldiers may be regarded as originating from hot-headedness and mischief but it may possibly be deliberately instigated by certain elements who want to create tension between Allies and Italians. At best it is foolish, one does not defend a nation honor by cutting the hair off the heads of a few loose women. 2. Approves idea, suggested by readers, that newspapers publish list of editors with biographical data.

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2. For correct behaviour in our political life. Article sharply chides Togliatti for attack on Action party at the very moment when the socialists and communists a

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(including Togliatti) were working out plans in agreement with action representatives on both the syndecal and the partisan questions.

3. Strong, ironic attack on Senate.

4. Morals and music. Article against Bellezza, chosen to direct opera. Recognized that artists are different; we cannot treat Bellezza or Molinari as we would Caruso. But a sense of decency would suggest we might "quarantine" them at a time like this.

5. Puritanism, neo-Fascist style. On the hair-cutting practice. Article finds the behaviour of some women frankly disgusting but others are tempted by need of food or romanticism or merely pleasure. In any case it is a matter of personal morality and not a matter for discipline by gangs of hoodlums. The whole practice smells of fascism and recalls the caster-oil days. The article also points out that no one would have thought of that sort of behaviour under German occupation. True there were fewer women who took up with the Germans, but there were some. And no attacks were made on them. Perhaps because the Germans went armed. And our young men should see in the fact that Allied soldiers go about unarmed not an opportunity for showing how brave they can be but a symbol of the friendship that exists between the Allies and the Italians. The gangs who wilfully take advantage of the situation are very probably Fascist-inspired.

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3. Minimum wages. Some employers are taking advantage of Allied ordinance issued on taking of Rome to keep wages down.

4. Bread and work. Lengthy article complaining that nothing has really been done in food and employment situation. The "political and military" authorities should compel action.

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5. Catty article pointing out that the "Fascio" of Nenni was functioning after the war and as late as April 1919 and further that Nenni had been acclaimed Duce by his followers.

OSSERVATORE ROMANO. Nothing noteworthy.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Churchill optimistic. Comments on Churchill's speech. Stresses need of international nature of post war world. Commente favorably on Churchills allusion to "increase" in Italian Forces. (Gonella)

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2. Highly technical debate on reform of civil code between two experts, Cevelotti and Amati.

3. Protest against poor distribution of supplementary rations to sick.

4. Lawyers assembly at Court house was a great talk fest and nothing more. Ricostruzione is shocked. And shocked too to note that on the legal epuration commission there is not one representative of the fighting partisans, in whose ranks there could be found many good lawyers.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Redemption. Churchill's phrase about Italian forces used as text for the usual appeal to allow Italy fuller collaboration in war effort.

2. 50,000 refugees. Condition of refugees pitiable. Some cannot return because their villages are in ruins. Others lack transport. It would be well to regularize what transport there is, fantastic prices are being paid by the refugees to casual drivers apparently under no kind of control. And are there not trains bringing foodstuff into Rome that return empty?

3. Oil and butter for the sick. But when are other supplies to be furnished them?

4. Comment on supplementary ration. Similar to that in POPOLO but briefer, less emotional.

TEMPO (Independent)

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2. New York and Westminster. Article comments on visits of Archbishops Spellman and Griffin as indicating alertness of the Vatican and its awareness of weight of Anglo-Saxon world in present set-up.

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3. Mysteries of the ATAM. Buses have been seen in circulation. Why they cannot be used for public service is a mystery. We should like to know.

4. Article suggests removing fascist symbols and imperialistic map from Via dell'Impero. It would also be a good idea to change the name.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Long and passionate article addressed to President Roosevelt asking that Italy be given a chance to work and to fight and to become a nation again. (Pacciardi)

2. Letter from one Crisafulli who writes that the appointment of professors in the south may have been irregular but the Allies after all had to keep the machinery running.

3. Denial that the party is going to be absorbed in the Action party.

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August 5, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The Mayors' oath. Suggests that sindaci too should take the modified oath of the ministers and not swear to the crown.

2. Primum vivere.iv. Mancini suggests money necessary for reconstruction should come from 1. Allies, 2. confiscations of profiteers wealth 3. a national loan to be called "Reconstruction Loan".

3. Indulgent not weak. There is a feeling abroad that all is not going well. This is justified. The malaise springs from the struggle between the reactionary forces anxious to keep alive the old economic order and the new forces of the people, eager to create a new democracy. The reactionaries are clever, they take advantage of the conservative tenuencies of the Allies and of the deeply rooted fear of novelty. But there is no doubt about which side will win. We shall have the workers of Milano and Turin soon with us to counteract the conservatives of Rome an Naples. And we are perfectly willing to be indulgent and conciliatory but let no one think that if we fail on this line we are defeated. We shall know how to be strong and hard too if the necessity arises. (Nenni)

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2. States that Italian academy will be suppressed today at meeting of ministers.

3. Announces with approval the coming visit to Italy of Antonini and Baldenzi.

4. Acqua Marcia. Complaint that lower quarters of the city are not getting their share of water. Suggests provisional rationing - but nothing like the electricity system, please!

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Let's begin. Article notes with pain that most political discussion turns on ideological problems and not on questions of practical importance at the moment. (G. Ciarrotti)

2. Article on the lodging situation. Complains that many people living in roomshave been dislodged because the Allied soldiers can afford to pay for a night what only recently was the rent for a month. Asks the Allied Command to act on this, pointing out soldiers always have billets to turn to and the citizens have not.

IL POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Collaboration for reconstruction. Outlines principle on which collaboration with communists is possible. Certainly in first phase of reconstruction, beyond that it will depend on communists' willingness to surrender doctrinaire attitude on some points.

2. Publishes Sprigge's dispatch of yesterday on new relationship shaping up between Italy and the Allies.

3. Calls attention to shocking prices boldly posted in restaurants. What must the evacuees, the refugees, the unemployed think?

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2. Speeches and radio messages of Pius XII (March 1 '43 - March 2, '44) has been printed. Quotidiano comments warmly and favorably .

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1. The sense of defeat. A mistaken optimism has led us to believe that we would not be too badly viewed as a conquered people. We have been disappointed and the disappointment is the more bitter because we suffer it at the hands of those we had come to regard as friends. We will not ask now if it might not have been possible to spare us this bitterness, we only ask that the present state may not be unduly prolonged. From the time of the arrival of the Allies our country has lost all independence, financial

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us again to hope, as has the possibility of application of lend lease. We do not want to be beggars, only men, in misery it is true, but anxious to rebuild our lives in dignity. Help us, we ask, it is a human duty and will be useful as well to our benefactor. And helping us is an indispensible prerequisite to the peace of the Europe of tomorrow. (E.M.)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Unwitting Fascists. Fascist mentality survives in the combination of apathy and taste for meetings and words of leaders. Democracy and liberty mean self-reliance and a certain solitude of thought and decision. Many now think they have passed beyond Fascism when judging by their particular habits of looking to the top for favors, expecting (if they are leaders) servile followers rather than co-workers, playing on discontent rather than building up faith, they have remained unwittingly still enveloped in the mentality of the regime. (Mario Ferrara)

2. Italy and lend lease. Records efforts of Bonomi, first in his message to Roosevelt, later by "interesting an American citizen" to have Italy included. Possibly too approaches have been made to Alexander Kirk. Article gives some definition of lend lease measure and points out how useful its application would be to Italy.

3. Electricity problem. Refers to certain labors undertaken at a nearby plant to add to Rome's power supply and then were mysteriously interrupted. There is also a "certain other plant" more distant but which could be used. Feels that more should be done on these lines and that there should be less talk about the level of the Tiber and the working out of better rationing of what we already have. For it would be a mistake to accept the present supply as the best possible when these "certain other possibilities" remain unexploited.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Faith. Article lists various indications that the Allies are regarding Italy with more sympathy: Don Sturzo's telegram, stating that peace is to be signed, message of Philip Murrey, coming visit of LaGuardia, probable consent of Roosevelt to application of lend lease in Italy, kind words of Churchill and Attlee, Alexander's praise of partisans.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Russian opinion of AMG. Translation of first part of article appearing June 1 in Russian paper: War and the Working Class. It is a description of the organization of AMG. Functions and set-up well described. The article calls attention to the "apolitical" character of AMG which sometimes resulted in leaving Fascists in office and caused the "apathy" of the masses of which AMG officers themselves complain. Thinks this neutral attitude was responsible for failure of farmers to collaborate in grain campaign.

2. Calvary of the unemployed. States that the unemployed have not received unemployment insurance or subsidies.

3. Bread and pastry. Many firms in Rome are cutting losses by discharging employees. A worker who makes only enough to buy bread for his family is fired without hesitation but of course the directors and officials of the firm continue to draw their fat sums - and provide their wives with pastry. Cutting out a few such people would certainly not affect the economic situation of the country very much but is would be morally advisable; all the sacrifices should not be male by one class.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Article stressing the only way to cure Italy's numerous ills is to turn to a republican form of gvt.

2. Reconstruction of large cities. This is the most urgent problem in economic life of country. With winter the situation will become tragic. In Voce Repubblicana and Avanti discussed it. Other papers are asked to make concrete suggestions.

Most papers carry story of suspension of 25 professors of University of Rome.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Politics of the Socialist party. Article by Nenni. States that mere collapse of Fascism is not enough. Without the overthrow of the monarchy, expropriation of monopolistic capitalism and solution of the agrarian problem there can be no democracy in Italy. These things are what the party is working for.

2. Grain, granaries, agrarians. Notes that crops are good, ammassi relatively bad. Suggests one could scrutinize the returns and make a few examples in the case of big proprietors.

3. Cost of auto-transport. Publishes some "carefully-checked" charges for transport and contrasts them with the official scale of the transportation S/C. Example 100 quintals of wine from Brindisi to Rome should cost by Allied tariff 29, 559.42 lire. Cost for one such actual trip 400,000.00.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Agnosticism. Ugo della Seta writes that there are various classes of politicians and intellectuals who refuse to take a position on the institutional question. Analyzes these classes and finds them all evasive and pusillanimous. Prefers the outspoken, honest monarchist.

2. Under Food problems a paragraph states that everyone knows the pasta is ready for distribution, no one understands why it doesnt begin.

3. Paragraph saying "it has been officially announced" (doesn't say by whom) that by the end of the month all quarters of Rome will have water. Hopes that this time at least deeds will correspond to promises.

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1. Misunderstandings. Lucifero takes up the note of Ricostruzione yesterday on the disappointment the Italians have had with Allied policy. He agrees with Ricostruzione but thinks Italians may be a good deal to blame. They have given the Allies the totally false impression that Italy is the Committee of Liberation. The Italian people transcends the Committee; it asks

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2. Unemployment and insufficient wages. Account of the visit of two representatives of C.G.I.L. and their conversation with Bronchi. They told him the present workers wage is not enough even to buy thefew rationed goods which are regarded as only 45 % of what is necessary to sustain life.

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3. Long letter by the Engineer E. Ricci del Riccio on electricity situation. Does not feel the matter is being given the urgent consideration it merits.

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4. Pears and tomatoes. Black letter box saying Rome has been living on pears and tomatoes for two weeks. Yet it is known there is a large supply of fruit and vegetables in the environs. Why is this?

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Publishes the interview with Gronchi in heavy type and adds comment that the position of the workers is indeed frightful but other classes as well are suffering.

2. Strange silence. Comments on odd reception of recruits formally called up a few days ago and volunteers who had also been encouraged to enroll in the Army. They were turned away however with "provisional leave" or, in the case of the volunteers no explanation at all. Nor has there been any since.

3. Report of Pope's broadcast to Italian PWs in Africa, hoping they could soon come home.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Article complaining about bad functioning of all public services: water, light, gas, transport, food, welfare, mails. The public never knows what to expect and there is general confusion.

2. News item: the Opera Nazionale Assistenza Religiosa Operai has distributed, in the first two weeks of July, a million bowls of soup in the city of Rome alone.

3. Publishes full text of Pope's radio message to People of S. Africa and to Italian prisoners.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Democracy and Regionalism. It is clear that the Italy of tomorrow will have a regional organization, writes G. Persico. There are two kinds of regionalism, a simply bureaucratic decentralization and an organic, institutional decentralization which would have to bring in a new concept of the state. In the second type the Region would be a really self-governing body with its own finance. This latter type is to be preferred it would, in the opinion of the author, not weaken the cohesive force of the national state, as some have argued.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Again article on poor service of Italian Red Cross. Scandalous case cited.

2. Brief paragraph, literally as follows: Goethe, on his death bed cried out, "More light." And historians relate that a committee was immediately formed to supply him with it - insofar as it was available.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. A Presidential Republic. Such in the opinion of D. De' Cocci is the best form for the government of the new Italy.

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It should have a written constitution and it would be well to study the U.S. as a model.

2. Amusing article on Lili Marlene, captured, disinfected and pressed into service by the Americans. She is a nice girl now.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Speed the day. Togliatti remarks on the slowness of epuration in the South. Certain sinister fascist figures in Naples have felt the ax only recently though the city has been liberated for 10 months. The same or worse can be said of other parts of Southern Italy. What about the famous "Statement on Italy" of last October? There is no time to lose; Italy must be democratic and anti-Fascist if it is to live at all.

2. Soviet opinion of ACC. Second part of article from War and the Working Class, summarized in yesterday's edition. The article by Ruzin tells of the fusion of ACC and AMG and explains the functions of each. Points out that many officers have to know how to be administrators (AMG) and advisers (ACC) Contends that this is a difficult thing psychologically and administratively and believes that the administrative tendency will predominate. This would not be so important if the Italian situation had not changed but the Bonomi Govt. is made up of truly responsible elements who will want autonomy. Points out that the advance information on organization for Western Front (the article was written June 1) seems to demonstrate that the Allies have learned that ACC and AMG combined is an impossible or at least inadvisable way to work

3. Article against one Gino Calza-Bini, Fascist pezzo grosso still at large. Claims he is the man who organized the March on Rome.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Are we or are we not a liberated country. Article takes up the cry of Ricostruzione of yesterday and asks for an honest answer to the question: Are we a conquered country in the eyes of the allies or a country associated with them in the common struggle? Generally speaking the behavior of the allied soldiers is excellent, there are a few exceptions of course. If the Allied government would make some gesture the troops would behave 100 % perfectly. The article then asks if the Italian government is sufficiently strong to guard the nations honor and interests. If it is merely a puppet government to serve as a pawn in international politics it will do Italy more harm than good. We have seen the French Comite National act with vigor; can we hope, in case of need, Bonomi's cabinet would do the same?

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2. Public works in Rome and in the Castelli. Noted that the allies and the government have made plans for road repair, bridge building etc. Hopes the work will be carried on without political favoritism and graf ting.

3. Notes Pope's message

GENERAL: Papers give coverage to Council meeting yesterday which dealt with reconstruction of houses, payment on treasury bonds, and dismissal of a number of Fascist prefects. Also the release on UNRRA is given usually in full and in prominent place. No comment. A number of papers carry announcement of opening of safety deposit boxes. Most at least mention the Pope's broadcast.

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August 8, 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Interview with Saragat. The minister speaks of several classes who are working against national harmony: the first who are trying to make capital out of party disagreements will be disappointed for these disagreements are not and will not be profound enough to shake the government and there will soon be tangible truth of their basic solidarity. Others say the government is simply incompetent to deal with the great problems of the present. But they are wrong; the government is made up of men who know what it is to fight and struggle and they will not give up. A third class - "authentic adventurers" and ex-Fascists -- are trying to take advantage of this period of crisis to try to poison peoples minds against the government. They will be unmasked and anti-Fascist legislation will take care of this group.

2. A personal case. Nenni, irritated at references to the fact that he once belonged to a "fascio" and was even called "Duce" answers his critics. He has been a Socialist since 1921 and has fought Fascism, Hitler, Mussolini and Franco for 20 years. Let his malicious critics say the same if they can. And now an end to personalities.

3. Ad audiendum verbum. Notes daily visit of Lucifero of Italia Nuova to Quirinale. He goes regularly, says the article, both for subsidies and direction.

4. Malicious note on retirement of Acquarone to his estates. Like some French aristocrats in the days of the revolution who went away from the court **untill** things should blow over. But the directoire found them.

5. Comment on UNRRA. Gives some idea of what the organization is and stresses need for immediate relief fo Italy.

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2. First page report of LaGuardia's broadcast, in which he asks that Italians be treated as friends in view of our promises

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to them. And says he will not broadcast again until he has some news for them.

3. Millions. On Cabinet's decision to pay treasury bonds article comments that this will take millions; yet when the question of raising salaries comes up we are told the government has no funds. And similarly for pensions. We also hear that story when it comes to discharging employees. Yet there is enough for meeting the bonds and for maintaining the "demogogic" price of bread.

4. Scuola media. Article by GIMPLE approving of scuola media and insisting it be autonomous.

5. Resignations. A propos of the professors of U. of Rome article cannot understand why Caronia is considered fit to judge. Cites his friendship for DeVecchi and his words of praise for Duce. Asks for his discharge.

6. 200,000 unemployed. This is concluding article of series on unemployment in Rome. Makes strong plea for some emergency measures for these people. It is true that there were many Fascist organizations that had no functional purpose and had large payrolls. It is right that such organizations should vanish. It is true too that the great concentration at Rome, encouraged by Fascism, was a mistake. Meanwhile the concrete fact remains that there are 200,000 unemployed who are hungry.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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2. Reports interview given by Bonomi to a reporter of NY Times. Bonomi is quoted as saying that Italy will survive this crisis if she is allowed to join the community of nations and if she receives the aid she deserves from application of lend lease. He also said, according to the article, that considering the sphere of influence in which Italy belongs she will be under no pressure from Russia.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. The cooperative movement. Article stressing that cooperatives should be unconnected with politics at least at present.

2. Article on rebuilding private houses. It is too early to say how much the state can afford to contribute to this vast work. But a commission should be formed immediately to deal with the homeless before winter comes.

3. Announcement of water as in Sunday morning papers.

4. Pope's broadcast to South Africa given in full.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Increase of wages and salaries. Referring to Parenti's statement RICOSTRUZIONE agrees that wages should go up. Also salary of middle class office workers etc. The Allies are afraid this will intensify inflation trend but the real reason for inflation at the moment is shortage of goods. Parenti has suggested that another reason is disproportionate amount the rich have to spend. Article is not sure of this but thinks heavy taxation of rich might help. Main desideratum is importation of more goods.

2. Men and instruments. E.M. writes that it is necessary not only to do away with Fascists but also with Fascist laws, many of which still exist and were often designed to protect monopolies and hence strangled the industrial life of the country. As for example the law forbidding enlarging existing plants or building new ones. There are many such laws and they should be cleared away.

3. Open the control blocks! Article on food situation. Complains that in many homes there is literally nothing to eat. The black market at best would serve only the wealthy class and even the black market is running dry. The Allies seem optimistic; it is to be hoped they do not base their ideas of Rome's condition on the dinners they are given in the homes of certain people who were entertaining the Germans before June 5th. In any case one thing to do is to allow free traffic and do away with the control posts on the outskirts which prevent supplies from getting into city.

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2. The voice of America. Notes with approval LaGuardia's speech and says that his silence will be more eloquent than anything he could say. We too, says the article will wait until we have something to say - or better something to answer.

3. Requisitions. Article protesting against requisitioning of cars. Claims that 200 doctors are now without their cars. And the prices paid are pre-war prices because the Allies refuse to recognise the existence of the black market. It asks them at least to recognize the high cost of living.

4. Article on election of a committee of mechanical and metalurgical industrialists. This committee is composed of the same people which dominated the Fascist Union of Industrialists and which last June, by railroading tactics, got themselves approved as leaders of the abovementioned industries.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (8 Aug.) (Liberal)

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2. On LaGuardia's speech. Comments on his strained Italian and his rather comic declamation which however Italians had listened to with pleasure during the war. Now he says he will not speak again and hopes his friends will understand why. Article says Italians understand all right. Invites LaGuardia to come over and see them.

TEMPO (Independent) Rien à signaler.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Vaselli gang. Article begins by applauding arrest of Azzolini and Pennavaria and epuration of Senate. But points out that action must be taken against Vaselli gang. Vaselli was in jail but is now out again. He, with others of his family

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2. On LaGuardia's speech. Comments on his strained Italian and his rather comic declamation which however Italians had listened to with pleasure during the war. Now he says he will not speak again and hopes his friends will understand why. Article says Italians understand all right. Invites LaGuardia to come over and see them.

TEMPO (Independent) Rien à signaler.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Vaselli gang. Article begins by applauding arrest of Azzolini and Pennavaria and epuration of Senate. But points out that action must be taken against Vaselli gang. Vaselli was in jail but is now out again. He, with others of his family had numerous Fascist honors and are profiteers of the first order. Gives some figures on their ill-gotten gains, which may be exaggerated but are certainly sufficient to merit attention.

2. Interview with Italian Red Cross Official. Main point made is intention to "democratize" the I.R.C.

3. Children on the street. Concerned about condition of pre-school age children article suggests reopening of asili infantili.

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4. Doctors and circulation permits. Only 200 permits are given and this is not sufficient for a city of Rome's size. The situation is worse when we look into the list of permits granted and discover they seem to have been issued haphazardly, some on a basis of favoritism, many without regard to the practical aspects of the case. Calls for review of situation.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Reprints, with approval, an article of LaGuardia in the Free World written in defense of the Atlantic Charter and its principles.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Most of first page given to alliance of Socialist and Communist parties. Mancini, Gullo, Saragat, Nenni, Togliatti, Scoccimarro and other important members of both parties were present. An official communique was issued, and is published in AVANTI. States the common aims of both parties; greater war effort, further defascistization of prefects etc, urgent measures to relieve misery of workers in which are included raises in pay and reactivation of industry. Both parties believe the new government of Italy should be a democratic republic and invite collaboration of Christian Democrats.

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4. The food situation. A very frank article saying that the situation cannot be improved without the help of the Allies, especially in the matter of transport. Realizing that war needs come first it still seems that some of the trucks and cars we see might be used for food supplies. And the seizing of the few busses the ATAG could find - was that really a war necessity? And is it a war necessity to curb every private initiative that might help in bringing in food? It almost seems that in spite of all we have done to drive out the Fascists and in spite of our cordial welcome to the Allied troops they still look upon us with coldness and suspicion.

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2. The English and the flying bombs. Bruno Archi has words of admiration for the English and Londoners in particular. They were alone against the world in 1940 and they are facing this new menace with the same sang-froid as before.

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3. "Breathing zone" for Rome. Suggests Rome be allowed a wider area from which to draw fruit and vegetable supplies. If this is not done things may go very badly.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Promise to Reconstruction. Lucifero writes that a survey of Italian economy and industry is so discouraging one hardly knows where to begin the work of reconstruction. He makes the suggestion that one thing very much needed is confidence; that requires a firm government and not one which admits its own provisional nature.

2. The Minister for War. Article by G.M. He says nothing has been done for the soldiers in service 8 Sept. last. Theirs is a pressing problem and the solution of the ministry is still awaited since the measures recently promulgated are so patently unjust.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. A center party. Gonella, accepting this definition given by Don Sturzo to the Christian Democrats, explains what the policy of the center party will be. It is against the Right in that it desires, in a revolutionary fashion, a radical

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change of a political order and affirms the supreme values of liberty and cooperation of peoples. It believes in the right of property for all and is heartily opposed to bourgeois hypocrisy and selfishness. It is against the left in that it denies the "myth" of classes and stresses the social and moral necessity of cooperation among the classes. Stresses that being a people's party it hopes to create from among the people, by education and training, a new directing class.

2. For the inquisitors of Italia Nuova. Defense of Prof. Caronia, attacked in yesterdays Italia Nuova for Fascist connections. Quite untrue, says Popolo.

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2. Friend LaGuardia. Commenting on his phrase: "what are we waiting for?" the article says that is the question that is being asked in Italy too. The people of America are with Italy, the policy of the Allies vis-a-vis liberated Europe is having its first trial here. We hope it will in accord with the Italian heart and Yankee logic of which LaGuardia is the symbol.

3. Employees cannot live. Cites number of letters from whitecollar class stating absolute impossibility of supporting life on present pay. Points out that morals decay in such a situation.

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4. Article on shoe-shine boys. Some people want them cleared off the streets. But the article says they would only become beggars and shining shoes is an honorable way of picking up a few pennies.

5. Announcement of reopening of schools in Rome province.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Promises. There is a battle now going on, writes Manlio Lupinacci, which is not fought with weapons but is just as important as any military engagement. It is the diplomatic battle waged by Bonomi for more help from the Allies. Specifically extension of lease lend to Italy would be a great gain, not only materially but morally. Italy needs a helping hand and also a handclasp of friendship. It is true that the old government had sinned but that is no reason for not recognizing the legitimate needs of the new government. The parallel of Russia is drawn, when Russia was invaded and became an ally all former differences were forgotten. Italy is to be sure not Russia, the Italian Army is not the Red Army nor is Bonomi the world figure that Stalin is. But the principle remains. And in a sense, Italy can give an ultimatum. If the Allies do not help the Mediterranean area will become a scene of jungle and the intervention that sooner or later will have to take place will be far more costly and troublesome than any help offered now.

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TEMPO (Independent) Niente di nuovo.

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UNITA' Communist)

1. Coverage of Socialist-Communist alliance similar to that given in UNITA'.

2. Bonomi's interview as given in other papers yesterday.

3. Bread and bakers; a suggestion. Complains that the bread is not good and expresses suspicion of bakers. Suggests that the baking school in via Sabotino be opened as an experimental bakery to check the bread turned out by the bakers.

4. Article attacking OPINIONE for publishing article of one Marza. This is the pen name, according to Avanti, of one Marino Zanetti, author of some laudatory work for the German-Italian air forces.

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NB: The following newspapers OSSERVATORE ROMANO, QUOTIDIANO, RICOSTRUZIONE, VOCE REPUBBLICANA, dated 10 Aug. were on sale the late afternoon of 9 Aug. Such being now the normal schedule in the future the digest of these papers will be made first. They will appear under heading AFTERNOON PAPERS. Other papers will follow under heading MORNING PAPERS.

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1. The Committee of Liberation. Traces history of C.L.N. and points out that the local committees in North are carrying on the original work while the central committee is a valuable channel for contact between government and parties. The ministers without port-folio are also a very valuable institution in this respect. (M.F.)

2. Just but not too just criticism. Article pointing out that all the mistakes of period between wars were not those of

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Italy. In the field of international economics the US immigration laws of the 20s, the Smoot Hawly tariff and the devaluation of the pound and the dollar contributed to economic strain and were short sighted and selfish just as the Fascist nationalistic autarchy was. (v.m.)

3. In column From Day to Day comment on epuration of Senate. It is found to be a little hard to understand. Why is Vittorio Scialoja, "a man of science" on the list and not Innocenzo Cappa, the tool of the monarchy and of Fascism?

4. Gas light and transport. In line with usual tone. Need of all three; unfairness of electricity distribution; places of entertainment are illuminated while there is not enough for homes.

5. Article about radios being taken from Jews. Suggests inquiries be made as to what happened to them; meanwhile unfair they should pay subscriptions.

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3. United for the Republic. Stresses need for anti-monarchical parties to forget their differences until the institutional question is settled. (Ugo della Seta.)

4. Gas, electricity, charcoal - and candles. Article on usual lines but adds irate comment on cost of candles. White ones are 30 lire each.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Women. Article on new position of women. Should have their place in politics but the article is not very clear about what that should be.

2. An unfortunate phrase. Criticizes Bonomi for "sphere of influence" phrase. Is not the war being fought for the principles of the Atlantic Charter which exclude all possibility of return to the power politics of the past? Hopes Bonomi will use all his efforts for getting lease Lend and will not again use a phrase so repulsive to Italian ears.

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3. Notes arrival of representative of Comite National in Vatican.

4. Todays meeting of council of ministers. Announcement of agenda: naming of prefects and high officials, abolition of Italian Academy etc.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. The socialist-communist alliance. The Liberal party

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is not disturbed by the alliance of the two parties of the Left but it is troubled by their offer to the Christian Democrats to join them. If the C.D.s yielded to this temptation there would be a very difficult situation created in the Committee of Liberation and in the government itself. For such a coalition of three parties representing the masses against the other parties which, Heaven knows why, are not supposed to represent them would be dangerous. It seems that the old game is being played again; the extremist parties are trying to annul all representation of interests not exclusively those of the workers' class. The attack on the bourgeoisie, on the middle class etc. The version of Fascism as an expression of the bourgeoisie is absurd and childish. If when the extremist parties fight Fascism they also include under that name all those who do not believe in Marx or Lenin and who do not accept the principle of dictatorship of any class, they have started on a dangerous path, in the opinion of the liberal party. There should be no unjust distinctions at this time but rather unity of effort for reconstruction.

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2. No joking with bread. Another article on familiar lines. The bread still not satisfactory.

3. On provisioning of Rome. Regional Ordinance published with favorable comment. RICOSTRUZIONE pats itself on the back saying that it started the campaign. Hopes that "abusive interpretations" will not be given the ordinance.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. American opinions on Italy. Quotes from TEMPO the summary of LIFE article which appeared yesterday. Favorable

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comment, insisting that Italy must not be a scapegoat but has earned the right to be an equal and an ally.

2. Epuration in the army. Remarks that epuration has been severe as regards those officers who went over to the Fascist Republic. But this proves only monarchical vindictiveness, not really anti-Fascism. For Fascism doesn't begin with the famous 25 July. Not satisfied about epuration of monarchical Fascists.

3. Words of approval for food ordinance. Hopes it will soon be 20 Kg instead of 10 and that transport can be made available.

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2. Bread and bakers. Some not very sympathetic comment on the words of Palombi, "the dean of Roman bakers". His explanations and excuses are skeptically received.

3. Epuration in Foreign Office. Reproduces the official communique. Long commentary saying this all sounds very well but actually while there has been reduction of staff there has been no true purge of this department. Indeed one of the members of the epuration committee is a man who was once in charge of the special branch for keeping track of anti-Fascist exiles, to say nothing of his membership in the Fascist militia.

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2. From correspondent in Naples a dispatch stating that at Christian-Democrat congress representatives from Sardinia

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and Calabria gave detailed accounts of communist collection of bombs and weapons and incitements to violence.

3. Publishes two articles from New Statesmen on treatment of Italian prisoners. Makes the point that plain speaking of these articles indicates value of true freedom of the press. And adds further that the Anglo-Saxon, slow and deliberate, is opposed in temperament to the Italian but both nations have common basis of humanitas.

4. Prints, with favorable comment, a motion of the Association of partisans, protesting against the governments relative neglect of them and stressing their desire to remain a non-political group.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. The supernation of Europe. Two world wars show the suicidal failure of nationalism as a policy. It is time all

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Europeans thought of themselves as such and not as French, Italian etc. A federation is necessary perhaps on the lines of the British Commonwealth of Nations. A vital premise for the new orientation of Europe is the harmonizing of democratic and Communist schools. (F. Giulli)

2. New Democracy. The meaning of democracy must be examined carefully and with respect to the terrain. For Italy capitalistic democracy would signify a return to the old cycle and would bring Fascism and war in its train. Italian democracy must be socialist in character or it will not be democracy at all. (T. Vecchietti)

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GENERAL: All morning papers give prominence to meeting of Council. The suppression of the Accademia d'Italia, dissolution of boards of directors of state-financed firms, readmission of magistrates dismissed by Fascist laws were matters acted upon. Various emphasis given by the newspapers, most give prominence to suppression of Academy.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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2. Refers to Pope's speech of 28 July on Poland, quoting his words of Hope and confidence for future of that country.

3. Article on obscure military situation in Warsaw.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Food and shelter. Discussion of these essential problems. For housing principal difficulty is lack of transport. For this the Allies' help is necessary. In the matter of food the main trouble is that there is wanting a single market. That is to say at Avezzano potatoes are rotting while there is a shortage of them in Rome.

2. Freedom of traffic and black market. Objects to Avanti's argument for need of one central body to control food.

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What is really needed is a free market. This would reduce the "black" prices. The fear is that "someone will get rich". But this is already happening on a more vicious scale.

3. Article against carabinieri who continued to serve under the Fascist Republic.

4. Article asking for reform in Faculty of Chemistry, University of Rome.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Camere del Lavoro and Unioni Nazionali. Discusses the two types of labor groups, the first regional the second based on trade or skill. Contends that the day of the first has passed and expresses surprise that there should be an attempt to revive it, especially, as seems to be case, among RR workers. (O. Zuccarini)

2. School and freedom. Article stressing necessity for more freedom in teaching, less following of ironclad teaching plans. Conclusion given to developing the thesis that the "scuola media unica" (middle school) is not democratic. (Francesco Egidi)

3. One "vir." writes in to quote "an Allied journalist" as saying "there will be no strikes in Italy as long as Allied troops are present." Finds the remark sarcastic; why talk of strikes when the aspect of so many unemployed suggests nothing so much as a nationwide lock-out ?

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3. Article on plight of workers in Naples. Says it is all very well to speak of moral reform but the figures on unemployment give an indication of what is really wrong. For example among workers in industry and transport there are now 45,000 employed whereas in March 1943 there were 210,000; artisans have 25,000 employed as against the 1943 figure of 107,000. Other figures are given.

4. In the central market. To have an idea of the serious days Rome is facing, says the article, one should go to the market at 6 in the morning. "There is an absolute lack of order,

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both in administration and vigilance, except for the guardie di finanza who stand by to witness the daily footrace that takes place when the doors are thrown open." Food is hidden for favored customers, false weight is given, porters and small boys are allowed to plunder the stocks destined for the smaller markets. And it is this lack of order that permits potatoes to rot in the central market while people look for them in vain in the smaller shops.

5. For a reasonable distribution of current. Suggestion made by "a competent engineer" that "devices for limiting current" be installed in each house. This would cut down the amount of current available to each consumer but would assure a "modest" daily supply.

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5. Rome is hungry ! Vigorous article from the Women's Association of the Action Party. Draws attention to food situation and the need for transport and abolition of control posts. These appeals are made directly to the Allies. Concludes by saying that if in a month or so something is not done, Mr. Malkin, already harsh in his criticism of Italy will be able to write that all Italians live on the black market and all Italian women "go

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with the Americans". For the rest of us, says the writer, will quite simply be dead.

6. Stenography. An important problem, calling for revision of official attitude, which at the moment in the schools will accept only one system of stenography though others are taught by private teachers.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. The problem of the war. Article on the usual lines. The Italians want to fight; it is a moral and a political necessity. They want their government to present their case vigorously to the Allies and they want the Allies to accede. Interesting note in this article is open reference to peace conference and humble position Italy will have if not given a chance to participate in the war. (Enzo Selvaggi)

2. Epuration of foreign office. Chides Italia Libera for yesterdays article, suspecting that what the Action party desires is not so much epuration as jobs for their own people. Reminds them that a diplomatic training is technical and arduous and one cannot do away with experts in these matters.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Article on the titles "squadrista", "sciarpa littoria" etc. Some people are now claiming these titles were forced on them and without their knowledge. This is simply not true; all such titles had to be asked for and were given only on investigation.

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2. On the appeal of the Confederation. Commenting on the appeal made to Bonomi, Grandi, member of the Secretariat of the Confederazione defends the statement against the criticisms made on IL POPOLO and QUOTIDIANO. He calls attention to the delicacy of his own position but stresses that while some of the criticisms are well made - that particularly suggesting other classes should be protected as well as the workers' - he feels on the whole the memo was soundly written and certainly contained no recommendation of "hasty and ill-planned" measures.

3. Another article urging liberty of traffic and transport.

4. When do we get pasta ? It is known it is ready; Why not distributed ?

TEMPO (Independent)

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knowing our own country it is easier for us to solve the practical difficulties which arise at this time.

2. Article criticizing remarks in YANK about Tuscany. Yank claims the Tuscans are cynical, calls Macchiavelli typical, refers to use of magic among peasants, etc. All this is not serious but a little more accuracy would be a good thing - both for Tuscany and YANK's readers.

3. Reports petition of butchers for collecting meat from Umbria for city supply. Suggests Allies give sympathetic attention to request.

GENERAL : All morning papers comment on reports of coming Finland-Russia Armistice, resignation of Antonescu, Churchill in Italy. Also a number of articles on epuration and food; those extracted seem the most significant.

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2. Letter from Giuseppe Sotgiu answered by Cevellotto. Letter and answer are a rather technical debate on the merits of the Fascist penal code. Sotgiu finds the "scientific content" of the code worth preserving.

3. Carries interview with Berlinguer as reported in yesterdays Italia Nuova. (Interview was general press conference.)

4. Fifth column. Calls attention to meetings of the Democratic Party. Points out that attendance is dropping

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off, first meeting had 100 fourth meeting 11. At the first meeting proposals were made definitively Fascist in character which explains the dropping off - and also gives some idea of the character of this party, says the article.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Italy's problems to-day. Approving commentary on the manifesto of the Confederazione presented to Bonomi. Discussing the condition of Italy F.G. remarks that the Allies can see for themselves the truth of the situation as set out in the manifesto. We have liberty to be sure but liberty without bread is meaningless. He suggests sending two Italian emissaries to London and Washington to explain Italy's need and ask for direct action. He then goes on to discuss details; transport and prices are studied again. In the matter of price he points out that raising salaries will have no meaning unless more goods are made available.

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MORNING PAPERS :

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1. Open letter of Nenni to British Labor party. Asks for an International Socialist congress before the peace treaty is signed. And then makes a plea for interest in Italy on the lines which have become familiar in recent weeks: more participation in the war, more internal independence, practical aid etc.

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2. Reactionary manoeuvres against the Bonomi governments. Article says that the reactionaries are exploiting the food situation to discredit the government, they are approaching allied officers of Rightist sympathies and even larger plans are in store. The organ of the Monarchical Union Party will soon be transferred to Rome to add its voice - even more conservative - to that of Italia Nuova. The immediate end is to discredit Bonomi and bring in Orlando and Badoglio. Article claims there is also in formation a veterans group of nationalistic character and the reactionaries are counting on returned POWs to swell the membership of this organization.

3. Long article on Atlantic Charter, giving history of its development, analysis of its clauses etc. document itself is reproduced. But the point is made that the Charter must be implemented - if not it will signify no more than the protestations of the Holy Alliance or the Constitution of the League of Nations. (Zimarcas)

4. Explicit denial that Communist have any armed bands. This is the sort of talk the Fascists used to create, says the article.

5. Why there is no plowing. Writer says that farm animals have been taken away by Germans and there is no fuel available for farm machinery. Hopes the Allies will not overlook necessity of supplying gasoline; after an intial modest supply for threshing they seem to have forgotten the matter.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Open letter to Winston Churchill. Admiration is expressed for his leadership and heroism and regret for some of the harsh words he has used towards Italy. The letter asks him to consider the case of Italy, cease to regard her as an enemy, define her position with respect to the Allies and hopes he will be moved the spectacle of the nation's suffering.

2. Defending wages. Article on usual lines, arguing either for complete state control of prices and wages or complete liberty in trade.

3. Action party congress at Cosenza. Report from Lussu saying that the party has taken a firm position. It will be a party of the masses and a party of the Left.

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4. Explicit denial that Communist have any armed bands. This is the sort of talk the Fascists used to create, says the article.

5. Why there is no plowing. Writer says that farm animals have been taken away by Germans and there is no fuel available for farm machinery. Hopes the Allies will not overlook necessity of supplying gasoline; after an intial modest supply for threshing they seem to have forgotten the matter.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Open letter to Winston Churchill. Admiration is expressed for his leadership and heroism and regret for some of the harsh words he has used towards Italy. The letter asks him to consider the case of Italy, cease to regard her as an enemy, define her position with respect to the Allies and hopes he will be moved the spectacle of the nation's suffering.

2. Defending wages. Article on usual lines, arguing either for complete state control of prices and wages or complete liberty in trade.

3. Action party congress at Cosenza. Report from Lussu saying that the party has taken a firm position. 5465 It will be a party of the masses and a party of the Left. The immediate program is to combat the reaction.

4. Criticism voiced of officers now occupying the War Ministry. They pretend to be saviours of the country when most of them are old Fascists and practically all ran away in the hour of trial. They get special treatment and have special rations - though legally only front line soldiers should draw them - and they have a military mass every Sunday with prayer for the King. Such are the charges made by one G. Gen. -

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Fifth Column. Charges made Thursday by this paper, says the article, that Communist are forming armed bands in the South were not our charges but reported from speakers at the Christian Democrat Congress. As yet there has been no specific denial from Avanti. This means that the communist party is either playing a double game with its leader or its leader is playing a double game with the country...A postscript to the article records arrival of special communique from Avanti. Communique is not printed but article concludes from it that there have been such armed bands but organized with out party consent.

2. People and liberty. Commentary rejoicing over delivery of Florence. Goes over history of Florence under Fascism and says that now the city has regained its old charm.

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6. Sympathetic commentary on ceremony in honor of Amendola. Compliments the speaker Ferrara on his tact in handling the embarassing situation created by a "boorish" member of the audience who tried to interject the institutional question into the ceremony.

7. Bachelor civil service employees. Calls attention to their unjust treatment under Fascism and suggets it is time for reform of Mussolini decrees on the subject.

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10. No gas. The announcement made by some papers yesterday morning was false.

11. New prices. They have been issued, says a brief paragraph, for fruits and vegetables. We do not publish the list since the products are in general not on hand.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Party of the masses. The C.D. party while it is a center party is also a party of the masses, writes Gonella. It appeals to the peasants and workers and also to the middle class and intellectuals. There is a similarity of political orientation between the workers who are not Leftist and those of the middle class who are not Rightist. But the C.D. conception of their duty to the masses is that of education. It is a party of the masses which looks to the liquidation of the masses as such.

2. Another article violently defending Caronia against repeated attacks from L'Italia Nuova.

3. Article urging reorganization of the Corte dei Conti.

4. "g.f.c." reports that the Regional Ordinance abrogating for the Governorate of Rome "the moratorium proclaimed in virtue of certain decrees of the Ministry of Grace and Justice" is obscure and confusing.

5. Ironic heading: Finally, pasta ! is given to ACC announcement of pasta ration.

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4. On gas. Paper regrets that it must base all its news on official communiques, points out absurdity in paste situation when, it claims, there was every haste to inform the public that dealers had been supplied and then a long delay in announcement of distribution.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Commenting on the accord between the Socialists and the Communists the writer, Politicus, says that the Alliance is such as to give the two parties the initiative in Italian political life, and to oblige the other parties

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to take a clear cut position and to form other alliances. Thus it is a step in the right direction towards simplifying and clarifying the Italian political scene.

2. On pasta announcement some questions are asked. What coupons will be called for ? Have those subscribing to the "cucine popolari" a right to the ration? What coupons of the month, those for the first two weeks or those for the second, must be presented. The important thing is to see that the dealers are not left with any pasta for it would go to enrich the black market and the pockets of speculators.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The masses await the answer to the manifesto of the C.G.L. For the workers, writes G. Di Vittorio, at times like this a day may seem an age. The government and the Allies are urged to give immediate consideration to the plea presented to Bonomi by the Confederazione Nazionale.

3. Denial. Categorical denial of stories circulated by a Roman paper on alleged organization of armed bands of Communists. This is an official party communique.

4. Attack on Alberto Consiglio of the Italia Nuova, calling him responsible for Fascist crimes.

5. Article on Polish Committee of National Liberation which it says is the true representative of that country rather than the exile government.

GENERAL : All morning papers, even when not specially noted, carry publication of pasta ration, denial of gas distribution. Also all cover, with varying degrees of thoroughness ceremony in honor of Amendola, Roosevelt's speech and Churchill in Italy. Much space given to liberation of Florence.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

MORNING PAPERS (Monday 14 August)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. A policy of solidarity. Conditions in Italy, writes G. Pepe, are critical as we know. But they will be the same in other European countries devastated by war. It is for the victors to say whether they are going to make the post war world one of rehabilitation and collaboration or one of narrow nationalism and autarchy. The second course will lead to Fascism. The point is stressed that rebuilding the devastated nations will be economically useful to the victors in that it will supply customers and consumers and keep industrial wheels turning.

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2. Article on difficulties of proper feeding of children over 1 year old.

3. Parco Virgiliano. Calls attention to neglected condition of park and bad behaviour of children in it.

4. Article on vandalism of urchins in district of Via Giulia and Piazza dei Pellegrini. Windows have been broken in S. Filippo

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Neri and S. Maria delle Querce and none of the young rascals has yet been apprehended.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. F.C. writes in article entitled On the middle class that the economic structure should be based not on the interlocking interests of big firm but rather on small industry of artisans, tradesmen and farmers.

2. From Day to Day. Column lauds govt for recalling to service those University professors who were discharged for not taking Fascist oath.

3. D. Longoni writes of his trip over devastated areas south of Rome. Has words of praise for all Allies have done in rehabilitation but says Italians must work hard themselves and not expect everything to be given them.

4. Notes that Senators Croce and Gatto were also recommended for dismissal.

5. Gas and charcoal. On Pelotti's interview. Article would like to know if Col. Pelotti could tell where the charcoal will go. At the moment it is selling in the black market at 28 lire a chilo.

6. The Clue squadristi. Article observes that Italia Nuova tries to defend itself against charges made of encouraging reactionary meetings. Ricostruzione admits it was wrong on place of meetings but there were such meetings, attended by Italian officers, and at least one presided over by Enzo Selvaggi, editor of Italia Nuova. This man is new in the political field but was a Fascist until July 25, 1943, says the writer.

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2. P.G. continues his comment on the manifesto of the Confederazione presented to Bonomi. On currency thinks the thing to do is to have the allies "define" the occupational currency and differentiate it from the currency issued in the North. Urges need for transportation for food and coal.

3. Another reference to the case of the man who could bring in charcoal in quantity at one lira above fixed price and was not allowed to do it. (See Risorgimento Liberale for Aug. 13)

4. On pasta ration it is noted that this is only adventitious and not the beginning of regular distribution.

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GENERAL : Afternoon papers give coverage to ceremony in honor of Amendola, speech of Saccingdi, interview of Poletti and situation in Florence.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Motives for anxiety. Survey of Italy's position with stress on internal difficulties. Trusts in government's good intentions and vigilance of people. Mentions that it should not be forgotten that lack of transport, difficulties of industry and impoverishment are due to German activities.

2. Invitation of C.G.I.L. to American, British and Soviet workers to send delegates to study situation in Italy. Expressed gratitude for all the allies have done.

3. Brief paragraph calling attention of Minister of War to political nature of editorial issued by press bulletin of war office.

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3. Lussu writing of Action party congress at Cosenza denies there was any centralizing or "totalitarian" tendency. On the other hand the party recognizes the trend toward regional autonomy and is in favor of it.

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4. Article on sorry condition of the "avventizi" (i.e. supplementary) state employees who lost their jobs because they did not go North with Fascist Republic and for whom no provision has yet been made. And Postal and telegraph employees "fuori ruolo" also appeal for help.

5. Paragraph applauding reintegration of University professors not taking Fascist oath.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Crisis of Liberalism. On the fusion of the two liberal parties. Roberto Lucifero writes that the new party has such disparate elements that it cannot really be called a party; as soon as a definite program is called for it will split. Calls the Committee of Liberation "anything but liberal and points out the inner dissidence of the Committee. The Democratic party, says Lucifero, which is truly liberal, welcomes this development which is a clarification of the situation and indication of the eventual dissolution of the Committee.

2. 15 August. Salvaggi regards the hand over as proof of Allies' good faith and symbol of beginning of new era. Stresses practical problems of food and reconstruction which all Italians must attack now with energy and harmony. His party is in opposition to be sure but wishes the government well and assures them that the opposition will be fair and legitimate.

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4. Strategic positions. Criticism of government's action in creating commissari for state and parastatal entities. This is a fascist scheme and leads to state surveillance of industrial and social life, says the article.

5. Interview with Vincenzo Sofia Moretti, secretary of Partisans associations. Moretti stresses non-political nature of the group and complains of hostile attitude of Committee of Lib.

6. Transport. There has been much talk of transport but the question remains still unsolved, writes Dell'Andrio. Suggests encouragement and organization of private initiative, fixing of regular tariff, adequate gas supply, among other things.

7. Report on cooperatives and their recent freedom to import food. Also, they cannot bring in charcoal or potatoes.

8. On the incident in Piazza Chiesa Nuova (reported 13 Aug.) a letter informs the I.H. that the meeting was not run by the Catholic Communists but by the Confed. Gen. del Lavoro. And the victim was not lynched but only beaten.

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1. The Atlantic Charter. Today marks the third anniversary and the writer recalls with what enthusiasm it was hailed in Italy. Now "the indecisions and the politics" of the Allies make it very uncertain what Italy may expect from it. She still looks to us for the helping hand of brotherhood. A propos of the Four Freedoms printed on the back of AMG currency the article says it is time the currency situation were carefully studied and some kind of limit fixed to the issues if not "our capacity of economic resistance will be destroyed".

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2. On hand-over of Rome, G. Andreotti writes that the city now goes over to the Bonomi Government, recently so much criticized. Most of the criticism has been purely destructive. Andreotti urges sympathy and cooperation with the government for if it should fail we should have "anarchic conflicts between selfish interests and ambitions harmful to the rehabilitation of the nation."

3. Notes that epuration of banks, under Henry G. Thaon of Finance s/c is proceeding "without rest".

4. Notes visit of Minister Tupini to Terni.

5. Article in honor of Giuseppe Donati, founder of paper.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. A proof of faith. The hand over of Rome is so described by the writer. He says that Fifth Columnists who have been circulating all kinds of rumors intended to discredit the Allies' good faith and the Italian Govt will be disappointed. The Italian people is now happily immune to certain kinds of poison.

2. Totalitarian sanctions. On the order of the Electric Companies that if one tenant is guilty of breach of regulations the whole building pays the penalty, the article observes that this is a perfectly monstrous ruling born for the principle of co-responsibility and repression. Article notes that the porter is again put in his Fascist role as informer. The whole thing is wrong and formal appeal is made for its revocation, as is certainly not to be hoped, says the writer that the "democratic" allies will take up with Fascist customs. "Grazie cepte...."

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3. Granai del popolo. Criticism of PWB film. Finds it "an honest film" with a tone of "perhaps too easy optimism".

GENERAL : All morning papers carry story of hand-over of Rome (significant commentary indicated where it occurs), Bonomi's speech (somewhat summary coverage but in general, except for Italia Nuova, sympathetic), trial of agitators in market of 24 July, epuration of banks.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

MORNING PAPERS (16 August)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. First step in reconstruction. Quotes Lt. Col. Birchett as announcing plan for public works for Rome, worked out between ACC and Genio Civile.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. For the feeding of Rome. Suggests the Giunta Comunale reactivate the Office of River Navigation, suppressed 29 July. Useful for bringing in supplies.

The above were the only papers to appear on 16 August.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Article expressing concern for fate of Polish patriots who rose to help the Russians in Warsaw. It now seems that they may be cut off.

2. The Atlantic Charter. Recalls that it is now three years old. The conferences of Hot Springs, Bretton Woods and now Washington seem to be destined to implementing it. Hopes that these declarations - in harmony with the Christian teachings of Pius XII - will receive the urgent concrete implementation the situation now calls for.

3. Pope receives Minister of Holland. Hopes for peace and liberty for Holland.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Article explaining how, contrary to opinion expressed in RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE, liberty is a part of Catholic ethical conception but not of Protestant. Therefore religion comes first and liberty follows.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Article expressing concern for fate of Polish patriots who rose to help the Russians in Warsaw. It now seems that they may be cut off.

2. The Atlantic Charter. Recalls that it is now three years old. The conferences of Hot Springs, Bretton Woods and now Washington seem to be destined to implementing it. Hopes that these declarations - in harmony with the Christian teachings of Pius XII - will receive the urgent concrete implementation the situation now calls for.

3. Pope receives Minister of Holland. Hopes for peace and liberty for Holland.

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3. Public works story of Col. Birchett (see papers for 16 Aug.)

4. Bonomi's message to Alexander.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Small and great problems. E.M. writes on importance of getting rehabilitation and reconstruction under way. The so-called "greater" political problems can wait.

2. Democracy and Regionalism. iii. Proposed new Regional set-up in line with theory of greater regional autonomy.

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3. In column From Day to Day there is a semi-humorous accusation that the "parties of the masses" are buying adherents by gifts of potatoes.

4. Publishes Bonomi's message to Alexander.

5. Paste again! Good to see it but discontent is expressed at the unappetising color and the manner of packaging, which breaks up the paste.

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5. Favorable comment on increases of pay made by the Associazione Romana Industriali del legno. The increases are inadequate but they are a step in the right direction.

6. 500 quintals of potatoes per day to come in Rome.

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ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Wine problem. Recommends way be left free to private enterprise.

2. Poletti's talk summarized briefly.

3. Another protest against light ruling.

4. In Ciociaria. Survey of situation in Pontecorvo, Roccasecca region. Some kind words for Maj. Lee "stroart" and Capt. Willis.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Comments on message of parties to Bonomi. Favorable but makes two points: 1. The govt should not suppress private initiative in its haste to get reconstruction under way. 2. Takes objection to the phrase "barring forces of reaction" and defends the position of the Democratic party, anxious to collaborate to be sure but refusing to believe that the six parties have all the wisdom in Italy and can never be wrong.

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4. Pope's speech to Dutch minister given in full, stressing need of return to fundamental concept of law as basis of society.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. A manoeuvre that failed. Applauds the manifesto of the six parties which expresses faith in the Bonomi government and points out that this declaration gives the lie to the rumours current about the break up of the government. Such rumours had been circulated by "certain political groups" and "certain reactionary currents."

2. We await an answer. For some time the R.L. has been complaining of the apathy and ineptitude of officials of the

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Commune and public utilities. There has been no sort of answer from those criticised. Why ?

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Again on electric ruling. Calls it "odious and incredible".

2. Sharp criticism of mismanagement and confusion prevalent during examination at school of Economic Sciences of University.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Armenise, another account to settle. Catalogues Armenise's Fascist background and his opportunities for graft and asks that he be epurated and if necessary, punished. And if the law doesn't fit him, change it. (Spano)

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5. Warning to certain buyers. Points out the danger of stealing or even coming into illegal possession of Allied supplies. Asks Italian people to have greater sense of dignity and responsibility.

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6. Exemplary epuratorsEpuratori esemplari. Trifogli, Minucci and Galantino are cited as bad examples. They are all equipped with fine Fascist records and yet expect to be the epuratorsepuratori of the Red Cross.

7. Article on the "recent Poletti ordinance" which, intended to wipe out some Fascist measures, has for effect making all notes fall due on the same day. This would be of course absurd.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Financial Bureaucracy before and after June 5. Article by L. Speranza pointing out that the bureaucrats were "immovable" in Fascist days and the same men are still here and still in the same places. For example in the five departments of the Uffici delle Imposte at Rome epuration has affected only a few dozen people. Article calls for 100% purge.

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2. For reduction of prices and profits. Comment on the manifesto of the Confederazione. Article says increase in wages is not so necessary as reduction of prices; points out that the few people who have means of transport are making enormous sums and their charges alone raise the cost of living 50%. Further

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retailers of all kinds - notably in clothing - are charging fabulous prices out of all relation to legitimate profit.

3. Notes meeting with prefect of officials concerned with food problems. The meeting took place yesterday and an indication of the problems discussed may be seen from an interview accorded by Marchesi, Food Commissioner, in which he said the charcoal problem was on its way to being solved and the Allies had been approached with regard to allowing importation of potatoes from Naples. They are already coming in from Viterbo.

4. Notice of approaching visit to Italy of President of British Union of Miners.

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6. Report of information given over radio on work of Public Health S/C in combating malaria. Suggests reclamation of Pontine Marshes.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Faith and reconstruction. G. Claretti writes on need of

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coordinating govt measures for reconstruction. Planning is essential in that sense of the word. But above all the Italians need faith in themselves and the Allies must have faith in Italy's intentions and capacities.

2. Article by Manfredi Bianchi, stressing point that partisans must be regarded as patriots and heroes and not party figures. Agrees with Croce that talk of party "martyrs" is out of place and points out that within the partisan bands, the question of party allegiance is simply not raised.

3. Lucifero writes on Action Party Congress. Admires its frankness in revealing its doubts and dissensions to the world. Says however that it is not really a party of the masses but belongs to the intellectuals. Its career and its debates are valuable as clarifying the real meaning of liberalism, however.

4. The "drama" of passes. Article complains about difficulties of getting permits for transporting supplies. The Allied authorities do not seem to understand civilian problems. Of course, says the writer, there are other difficulties - among them the selfishness of the peasant who would rather let his goods rot than sell them at a price short of his greed - but facility in getting permits would be of great help.

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2. Complaint registered because of suppression of the "Scuola dei Bimbi" (Kindergarten) by the Istituto Case Popolari. Now as never before it is important to keep the children off the streets and squares.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Poland. Lupinacci, after advising Russia that it is not enough to beat Hitler, one must also learn not to imitate him, suggests the Russians should recognize the government in exile, which in its turn should accept the Curzon line.

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2. The price of grain. G.M. finds that the price of 1000 lire was a good thing and at the time appeared to be the beginning of a sane economic policy after years of tinkering. Unhappily, he says, the measures which followed are such to interfere with delicate business relationships and are in essence the same as the fascist regulations.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. 8000 straw mattresses and 8000 blankets have been sought in Rome for the use of war refugees. But the response has been disheartening. Rome is callous to the sufferings of these unfortunates. The writer thinks that this may be due to the old well-to-do class "suspicious of the future" to which has been added a large number of recently enriched Black Market dealers. The collective influence of this group contaminates the whole social life of Rome and makes it a heartless city.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Arrest of Suvich given prominence.

2. Comment on Sicily stating that after a year of democratic regime the old feudal system of the latifundia is still vigorous. (Di Vittorio)

3. Report from Naples that the Camera del Lavoro has voted to join the C.G.I.L.

4. Report from Aquila stating that ex-Fascists are still in power, including the head of the consorzio agrario who is a squadrista. And although the genio civile has had millions from the Allies it goes about its work with disheartening slowness.

5. Article on Fascist vice-prefect Fusco, saying he should be in jail.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Arrest of Suvich given prominence.

2. Comment on Sicily stating that after a year of democratic regime the old feudal system of the latifundia is still vigorous. (Di Vittorio)

3. Report from Naples that the Camera del Lavoro has voted to join the C.G.I.L.

4. Report from Aquila stating that ex-Fascists are still in power, including the head of the consorzio agrario who is a squadrista. And although the genio civile has had millions from the Allies it goes about its work with disheartening slowness.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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8. Attention, spies! Record of arrests and trials; names given of 28 in prison awaiting trial.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Ministerial harmony and the Republican party. Harmony is all very well and the Republicans are not against it but the article points out that the Party's willingness to help in the struggle against reaction does not mean approval of the Committee

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of Liberation which, in the opinion of La Voce, has retarded and endangered democracy in Italy by accepting the monarchy.

2. Who governs ? On AVANTI's appeal for epuration in the army. La VOCE agrees and says that epuration has so far only meant getting rid of officers who deserted the monarchy, not of those guilty of more serious crimes against the nation. But, says the writer, if AVANTI wants to protest why not protest through the Govt ? The Communists have even an undersecretary in the War Ministry. Or, is it the same old story of the army being a government within a government ?

3. Moral sense. Article against women who are callous to the sufferings of their country and find solace in American cigarettes and motor rides with Allied officers. (Asteria)

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2. Shades of the lictor. In the Sottosegretariato of the

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Press things are not going too well. There has been an attempt to make newspapers publish articles supplied by the Sottosegretariato. There is the Rassegna Stampa (Digest) which won't do. It is badly written, servile in tone, too given to citing ITALIA NUOVA.+ The news bulletin too; that is largely a repetition of the UNNS. Lastly there is still a censorship, not of the press but of pamphlets and booklets, which is too "bureaucratically long." Let us hope that Spataro will be able to take things in hand and make his office worthy of him.

3. Article against Italo Vannutelli, maggiordomo of Palazzo Venezia. Claims the man has a Fascist record and furthermore organised parties for the Germans. Yet he is still there and somehow has wormed himself into the confidence of the Allies. Article doesn't see how they can tolerate him.

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2. War damage. The efforts of workers, artisans and pensants in the damaged areas is a matter of marvel but they should receive more help from the govt. The time has perhaps come to review and streamline the old legislation on war damages.

3. Maximum prices and real prices. Points out that the consumer is often cheated because he doesn't realize that the maximum retail price of vegetables is not a fixed thing but has a relation to the wholesale price. And the dealers do not inform their customers of this. Long list of prices given.

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1. Poland tomorrow. Comments on the OSSERVATORE'S article and says one must have faith in Russian military decisions. If a pause was necessary at a time when the fate of the Polish patriots hung in the balance, there were no doubt good reasons for it. Nor should there be undue alarm at the apparent failure of negotiations between Poland and Russia, the matter can be taken up again on the general principle of European liberty, which will not allow Poland to become a "sphere of influence".

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Epuration in the Army. V.Spano complains that it is proceeding too slowly and too indulgently. It is not even certain whether the Epuration Committee for the Army yet exists. Certain units of the Corps of Liberation are not imbued with a spirit proper to the times, there are superior officers who sabotage the work of the government and are given to making reactionary speeches, recent measures for the war effort and the volunteers have remained a dead letter. It is time to say frankly whether or not the intention exists to transform a Fascist Army into a really national army.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. How many refugees? According to the Vatican Commission the number in Rome and Cesano alone is 80,000. And very little help is being given them. This is not a matter for the authorities, it is for us. The heart of Rome seems very small.

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4. SEPRAL. Article speaks of the serious situation of this body (Sezione provinciale alimentare). Hope is expressed that the new Commissioner, Ceresdini, will proced to a "radical work of renovation" of the SEPRAL.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Two opposite conceptions of syndical politics. Zuccarini writes that it is absurd to speak of unions being "apolitical". The only question is will politics be forced on them from above by specific parties getting control or will their politics emerge from their own organization. The latter is the healthy course, he feels.

2. Comment on Carandini's statement that "De Nicola, while furnishing the formula for fusion of the Liberal groups, yet remains outside the party." V.R. asks what this means ? These are days when a man should have a party, especially if he is going to provide formulas. But they are not days when formulas are adequate.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. Conference for World Security. On the discussions to begin tomorrow at Dumbarton Woods, Zimmern writes as follows: There are now three plans, not all officially sanctioned or formalized, for post war organization. The Americans conceive of an Assembly, a Council and an International Court as organs of international administration. The English are anxious to "put teeth in it" and would like an autonomous military force capable of dealing with peace-breakers. The Russians lean to a world order supported by an international aviation. All these ideas look to the past rather than to the future. The place to begin is by study and necessary readjustment of the international economic and social order.

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7. Protest because farmers of Rome Province have not permission of free circulation. Such permission is limited to those owning more than 100 hectares and this seems unreasonable to the writer.

8. Woes of the bachelor. Article pointing out how difficult it is for a bachelor to live. Restaurant prices too high and he mean't home food nor the time to wait in various food lines as housewives do.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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7. Protest because farmers of Rome Province have not permission of free circulation. Such permission is limited to those owning more than 100 hectares and this seems unreasonable to the writer.

8. Woes of the bachelor. Article pointing out how difficult it is for a bachelor to live. Restaurant prices too high and he hasn't home food nor the time to wait in various food lines as housewives do.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. First page taken up with patriots in Florence. The headline of the first page is: Honor to the Action Party of Florence, Honor to our Partigiani.

2. Notice of coming trial of Caruso.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Letter to the Liberals. Lucifero writes as follows: The Liberals are to be censured for having taken part in the Committee of Liberation, for the Committee was conceived not as a non-political union of anti-fascists but as a coalition of certain political tendencies and aspirations which made the anti-fascist struggle

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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TEMPO (Independent) Niente di particolare.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Large box announcing arrest of generals Pentimalli and Del Tetto. Comment: "Good. It's a beginning."

2. What we can ask of the Allies. Essentially two things, says the article: One is application of lend lease measure to Italy.

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We can not make any return now but we can in the future if we are helped to work. The second thing we can ask for is more liberty in controlling our interior economy. We are as much interested in checking inflation as the allies. But we find their methods lead to "contradictory situations". Let the Allies watch us of course but give us more liberty in working out our own solution. (Pesenti)

3. For making wages adequate. Article pointing out absolute urgency of acting on manifesto presented by Confederazione to Bonomi.

GENERAL: All papers carry interview with Scoccimarro on epuration, meeting of committee of Ministers to consider division of funds among various departments of govt for public works, reply of Alexander to Bonomi and official announcements affecting rationing and food and need of permit to leave Rome. Most say something about arrest of Del Tetto, freeing of Bentivegna and conclusion of trial of alleged agitators in market riot of July 14.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Approval of Sforza's speech which is said to show "political clairvoyance".

2. Doubts and fears still expressed for state of Warsaw. How to explain that flights of planes have come from England to rescue the patriots, at a cost of 20 out of fifty machines, when the Russian bases are so much nearer.

3. On the Dumbarton Oaks Conference fears are expressed lest the victor nations assume the hegemony of the world but comfort is drawn from the recent speech of Cordell Hull stating that the Allies have no intention of making a permanent military pact but expect the organisation of the future to be based on the "sovereign equality" of all peace-loving states.

IL QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Administrative decentralization. Article by G. Leodeschi stressing its advantages. Given the differences existing in various regions it seems very clear that the regions will know better than a central govt how to improve their state and work out their peculiar economic life.

2. Churchill at the Vatican. Article expresses "profound satisfaction at the visit". It goes on to say that the idea of a Papacy hostile to England is now definitely dead. Speaks of the heroism of the Maltese and the numerous Catholic Canadians fighting for England. True in England itself the Catholics are a minority, "an intellectual and spiritual aristocracy", but England cannot be unaware that there are millions of Europeans who look to the Church as their spiritual fatherland.

3. Orders and counter-orders. Comments on the counter-order saying that it is not necessary to get a permit to circulate in Rome province. Why are any permits necessary to go South? There is only one office of issue with thousands of people to be served. Hence long lines, protests etc. The government should not allow such a system to exist.

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4. Article pointing out that winter is not far off and some better system must be worked out for electricity ration.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Sforza's speech at the Eliseo. Full coverage given, attendance of Bonomi and other Ministers noted. Sforza said the Anglo-American occupation of Italy was something unique in history. They might have come in as invaders but actually they have come to us as brothers. Turning to colonial problems he felt that Italy's colonies in Africa should be restored but perhaps an even better solution would be a sort of international

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tutelage of various African colonies by a directive "consorzio" in which Italy too would have her place. As for the Dodecanese if they voted to return to Greece Italy, he was sure, would put no obstacles in their way. He did not like to leave talking of Africa without a word of commendation for Haile Selassie whose humane treatment of Italian prisoners was a "most noble revenge" for the insults he had been subjected to at Geneva. Speaking of Fiume and Trieste he suggested that Fiume might take the place of Geneva as an international meeting place, Trieste should remain Italian but with a free port. He ended by saying that international solidarity would have to be the basis of future world organization; even if he didn't believe in it - and he does - he would pretend to for Italy has everything to gain by it.

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2. Corporative economy or liberty ? Ignazio Lazzarino writes that the Consiglio di Economia of Rome has [illegible]

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. National inventory. Nenni writes that representatives of

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American and British trade unions have arrived in Italy and the time has come for a national inventory. An estimate should be made of needs for industry: raw materials, fuel, RR cars etc. We should have a clear idea, he says, of what we have on hand and what must be lent us. We should also have some idea of the number and condition of the unemployed, what industries can function immediately, what is the state of the currency etc. And the govt should, with the inventory, also prepare some general draft of reconstruction plans. To entrust the situation entirely to private initiative would create chaos; private initiative has its place in the general scheme of things but the plan should be well organized and in the interest of the Nation as a whole. Nor should investments of foreign private capital on a vast scale be permitted; that would end by making Italy a colony. Loans from state to state in the general framework of the organization of the peace would be advisable. But the point must be stressed; to discuss reconstruction with the Anglo-Americans accurate figures are indispensible.

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2. Article on need of starting up merchant marine and making use of excellent qualities of sailors of Italian Navy who did their duty so well and so uncomplainingly in the war. They have always been loyal to the king but they will learn that he is but a symbol - and now an empty symbol - of their true loyalty which is to their country.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Favorable comment on Sforza's speech. But complains the 5448
the version given over Radio Rome was a poor summary, quite "inexact."

2. Notes meeting on this coming Thursday of Ministers without portfolio with Spataro. Expects new measures on press.

3. Long article on the electric societies. A propos of the rules of co-responsibility and the use of porters as informers the

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Companies have answered that they are obeying "higher authorities". But the article says the only document is still Regional Order no. 19 which says nothing of such severe measures. Goes on to point out to the light authorities that the winter is coming on and better service is necessary. And concludes by asking why electric plants and equipment were not better protected from the Germans. Claims partisans approached directors with this suggestion and were turned away.

4. Box in heavy type stating that a number of bakers were unable to bake bread yesterday for lack of wood.

5. Headlines the account of the Prince and Bonomi attending mass for Lt. Casati.

6. Small paragraph on clandestine sheets. These should be suppressed and parties who are always looking for a "Fifth Column" might find it represented by these papers.

IL POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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3. Announcement of three art shows: ancient sculpture at the Campidoglio, old masters at the Palazzo Venezia, contemporary art at the Galleria Nazionale. Adds that it is time to close the Fascist Revolution show at the modern Art Gallery.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Long article on the conditions and methods of the police. There are still fascists in the Corpo di Polizia. Need of complete epuration is stressed.

2. Buonaiuti analyzes Sforza's speech with approval, especially for his phrase describing the Italians as capable of thinking in "universal" terms.

3. The price of coal. Before June 5 charcoal used to cost 7. lire the kilo. Now, when the transportation is certainly no more difficult, it has doubled.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. The Scalera gang. Cites this family as an example of Fascist grafters. Gives some of their history and asks that their illicit gains be returned to the people.

2. Italian foreign policy. P. Togliatti examines the position of Italy, states that the country has suffered a complete defeat which was the consequence not only of the malcious policy of Fascism but also of that nationalism from which Fascism sprang. He wonders whether the country is really determined to destroy Fascism, since only by such action will help be forthcoming from outside. Yet up to now little has been done, none of the really guilty Fascist has been shot, the state machinery still awaits real epuration and the army cadres are what they always were, cells of reaction. Have we indeed really shaken off the sickness of nationalism. If we have not, he says, how can we expect to be taken seriously when we say we are animated by a new spirit in attacking international questions. The solution of the problems of our foreign policy is today to be sought in the field of internal politics.

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EVENING PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Most of first page given to death of Cardinal Maglione.

2. Another article on Poland, concluding with the statement that world public opinion will not accept any peace treaty that does not recognize Polish independence.

3. Churchill in Italy. After saying that the British Empire is too solidly put together and the gifts of its people are too great for it to collapse under the impact of war - as many had expected in 1940 - the article says that Churchill, now in Italy, will realize that as Italy responded to his appeals so it now waits for his adequate answer to her requests.

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3. Meeting of ACC. Summarised account of meeting. Prominence is given to tribute paid Italian Navy. Special mention of Hancock's pessimism about ground in Sicily, MacCleary's allusion

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to Communism in Potenza and Brindisi and Poletti's statement that Romans have been promised things not yet delivered.

4. Report of a number of bakers left without sufficient fuel to bake their bread. This points up urgency of fuel supply.

5. Four party commission of fruit and vegetable market has issued a strong statement on feeding of Rome. Suggestions are made that there is a deliberate attempt to keep food out. It is pointed out that fixing prices is meaningless unless transport prices are fixed too. It is suggested - not for the first time - that either all prices be controlled or free commerce be permitted.

6. Another article on Democracy and Regionalism by Parsico. Contains detailed scheme for administrative organization of Region.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Foreign policy of Royal Italy. Article by Giovanni Conti on the thesis that the foreign policy of Italy has always been the policy of Casa Savoia. It is therefore useless for Sforza, for example, to put the blame on various ministers.

2. Quotes AP article from Stars and Stripes on the Atlantic Charter and possible limitations of its application.

3. "a.m." has article on reconstruction, pointing out that inventory of damage is of first importance.

4. Why ? Brief but aggressive paragraph asking why it is necessary to have permits to leave Rome province. In view of the crowding of Rome it would seem to be a good idea to encourage such emigration rather than to check it.

5. Short article on poor bread which some bakers are turning out. "It is dirty and glue-like."

6. Prominence given to sentences given in Sicily to individuals not cooperating with grunai laws.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Brief notice of ACC meeting, quoting Capt Stone:..."our present task is to help the Italian govt to overcome the many difficulties that confront it."

2. Nenni has leading article as follows: The 8 September offered to Italy perhaps her only chance to tear up the armistice of Casablanca and Malta and to redeem, by fighting, the shame of her submission to Fascism. The chance was lost through the fault of the government and the military commanders who failed

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Foreign policy of Royal Italy. Article by Giovanni Conti on the thesis that the foreign policy of Italy has always been the policy of Casa Savoia. It is therefore useless for Sforza, for example, to put the blame on various ministers.

2. Quotes AP article from Stars and Stripes on the Atlantic Charter and possible limitations of its application.

3. "a.m." has article on reconstruction, pointing out that inventory of damage is of first importance.

4. Why ? Brief but aggressive paragraph asking why it is necessary to have permits to leave Rome province. In view of the crowding of Rome it would seem to be a good idea to encourage such emigration rather than to check it.

5. Short article on poor bread which some bakers are turning out. "It is dirty and glue-like."

6. Prominence given to sentences given in Sicily to individuals not cooperating with armed laws.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

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3. Let us not boycott epuration. The High Commissioner is indeed acting but the hearty cooperation of the masses and of

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all the parties is not in evidence. The police are sluggish, the authorities inert, the magistracy itself slow and reluctant. Personnel and means are very stingily dealt out to the Committee of Epuration. This must be changed or AVANTI will begin to name names.

4. Mancini writes on the need of connecting epuration visibly with indictment of Fascism. The true history of Fascism must be brought out in the purge, he says, the corruption of the Ministers, the twenty years of graft for the ensuns and the dissipation of the Duce and the Fascist leaders, the useless and insane "construction" projects. Our young people must learn what Fascism really was; exposure of its real nature will create a national conscience hostile to the regime.

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2. Lucifero writes that the phrase "lurking reactionary forces" is becoming just another empty phrase and the enemies

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of the Democratic party would do well to drop it. For, according to him, reactionary properly means reaction to liberalism, which is to say a favoring of dictatorship but the only dictatorship to be feared nowadays is class dictatorship. Therefore if there are "lurking reactionary forces" they are to be found among the critics of the Democratic party.

3. Brief paragraph answering RICOSTRUZIONE. States that the reason I.M. doesn't offer precise, constructive criticism of the govt program is that the govt doesn't have a program.

4 Translation of article in the TIMES of Aug. 7. The article discusses the situation in Italy and points out that the man in the street is confused and frustrated by the ambiguous position of Italy vis-a-vis the Allies.

5. Talk between Saraget and Ingerberg. Comment is very sharp; it is pointed out that these "talks" between all sorts of ministers and foreign officials are becoming quite common and these contacts are properly the business of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. Concludes by asking whether this Saraget is the Minister without portfolio or the Socialist leader?

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2. Notes that the property of Arnonise, Visalli, Igliori, Bottai, Pedrazzoni and Rosseni have been placed under "protective sequestration". Commentary expresses fear that a good deal of the property of these gentlemen may not be under their own names.

3. Lacunae and distortions. Comment by Gonella. 1. On Togliatti's article in yesterday's UNITA. Does not agree that

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Italy has still to justify herself in the eyes of the Allies, cites the fall of Mussolini, the abandonment of the war on the side of Germany and the declaration of war against her as three historical facts which show that Italy carried through what the Allies asked of her. So when Togliatti says "Our internal policy carries within it the solution of our foreign policy" one must say "yes", as far as our duty to liberate ourselves from reactionary forces is concerned but "no", inasmuch as our power of reconstruction is directly conditioned by the possibility of our getting supplies. 2. Follows line of QUOTIDIANO in epiding ITALIA LIBERA for accusing church of favoring Fascism. Defence of Papacy along the usual lines.

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the food situation is in general satisfactory. General conditions good in Calabria and Tuscany. Refugee problem is noted. The report of the Public Health S/C is called "a cry of alarm", though sanitary conditions are good the rations must be increased before winter sets in. Report on condition of art objects in Florence is noted in some detail. Commerce and Industry, it is stated "naturally are languishing".... Capt. Stone stated intention of cooperating with Bonomi govt. Admiral Morgans story of the man who blew up his ship is reported as well as his words of praise for the Italian Navy.... Detailed report stops at this point and article concludes with remark of Gen. Wilson that ACC must not be drawn into politics but simply do its job of guidance and administration. Says that ACC officials may of course make mistakes but they should have the loyal cooperation of Italians and one should strive for relationship of friend to friend and not "occupier" to "occupied". (This is the best account of meeting, well written and full of detailed information.)

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4. Nothing impossible. Article asking that something be done about the food situation. Again the high-handedness of prefect of Naples in forbidding export of potatoes is singalized. The people are aware says the article of the govt's difficulties but they do look to it to abolish injustices on this level. The Vaselli type still eat well and the worker doesn't.

GENERAL: Still many stories of Florence and partisan action there. Death of Cardinal Maglione reported in all papers with considerable space in Quotidiano and Il Popolo.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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4. Special paragraph given to Admiral Morgan's story of recommending for a medal the man who blew up his ship.

5. Another paragraph on inedible sample of bread brought into office as a proof of what some Romans have to eat. (This sampling of bread in offices with resultant outbursts of disgust has been fairly frequent of late.)

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Democracy and "laburismo". Fonteviva describes the position of the Democratic Labor party. It is based, he says, to a certain extent, on imitation of the British Labour Party which is a party for workers and artisans but not Marxist in conception. The Labor Democrats in Italy, he says, are not hostile to Socialism but feel that their party responds to the needs and convictions of many Italians both among workers and middle-class intellectuals.

2. Fusion and Confusion. Cevolotto discusses recent alliances and fusion of parties. Makes no original comment save that if the Christian Democrats join the Socialist-Communist Alliance, as they have been invited to, we should have confusion rather than fusion since the C.D.s are not a Socialist party. Similarly he finds the action party's declaration that it is a "party of the masses" somewhat at odds with its record and its previous history.

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4. Profile of Churchill. Laudatory article, saying that the real test of Churchill's stature will come with the peace but even as things are every man who loves freedom owes him a debt. Hopes he will have thirty more years of healthy life but when his hour comes he should be buried "debout" as Clemenceau wanted to be.

5. Meeting of Churchill and Bonomi. Account is given prominence and meeting is described as "cordial". Bonomi is

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said to have pointed out Italy's needs and to have stressed advisability of extending Lend Lease measure to the country.

6. On Gigli the article would like to know what are these "glittering proofs" of the singer's innocence which have earned for him the petition for his reinstatement, signed by so many artists.

7. Food supply of Rome. Notes that from what was said at ACC meeting the food situation is not good and makes the usual demands, viz: Do not impede the activities of citizens who can bring into the city the necessary supplies. There are means of transport; what is needed is gas; it should not be difficult for the Allies to supply that. Do away with the control posts. Facilitate all possible communications with the South. Take in hand the problem of getting the refugees out of Rome. Set in motion as soon as possible a public works program to ease the unemployment situation.

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2. Notes that Christian Democrats have supported the Action Party's idea of women suffrage. Some people have said this indicates the conservatives are banking on the women's vote. But this is a mistake - if Sp in and Germany seem to prove it true it is because the reasoning is false; there were other causes. In England certainly women have not added to conservative strength. Nor will they in Italy if by women we mean women of the working class and not old fashioned lady of leisure who is becoming rather rare anyway.

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2. Notes that Christian Democrats have supported the Action Party's idea of women suffrage. Some people have said this indicates the conservatives are banking on the woman's vote. But this is a mistake - if Spain and Germany seem to prove it true it is because the reasoning is false; there were other causes. In England certainly women have not added to conservative strength. Nor will they in Italy if by women we mean women of the working class and not old fashioned lady of leisure who is becoming rather rare anyway.

3. ACC session. This is an article of impressions only. Very well written. Remarks on piquancy of having this democratic gathering in the Ministero delle Corporazioni. Describes the 5441 gathering: "soldiers in shirt-sleeves and shorts, with the muscles of athletes or venerable paunches" made up of all types "stiff Oxford graduates, genuine New York types, grey haired pioneers of the West". Certainly Italy of today, says the writer, is alien to these men and their habits. But their democratic ways, their informality and honesty, have given us a new breath of life and, without any mental reservations, new hope.

4. Gas and electricity. Uses General O'Dwyers statement

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that gas will be available Sept. 1 as a point of departure for discussion of gas and electricity situation along familiar lines.

5. Publishes petition in favor of Cigli and under another heading has some scathing commentary on it. How is it, for example, that the name of Gen. Mualtzer doesn't appear on the list ? Italy can of course do without houses, transport, light and bread but not without Cigli's voice, concludes the writer.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Post war Security. Enzo Selvaggi writes that the attempt to keep the world at peace failed after the last war for many reasons but chiefly because there was no international police force set up. Such a force is absolutely necessary until the world has been sufficiently educated in freedom and democracy to do without it. But this force must be set up by all nations on a basis of equality, otherwise it will become merely the instrument of power. This can be done if the nations are really anxious for peace.

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5. Coverage of afternoon session of R.C.s meeting. Service S/Cs given in some detail, in heavy type. Col. MacCarthy's report summarised as also the plan to select Italian officials and move them to forward areas.

6. Great prominence given to promise of gas for Sept.

7. Notice that Naples has withdrawn embargo on export of vegetables. Approval - followed by article on chestnuts and need of facilitating their transport.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Continuation of report on ACC meeting. Good words said of Italian army and patriots are printed in heavy type. Commerce and Industry S/C report summarized and the recommendation is noted for setting up Ministry of Labor. The report that the harvest is good but the amassing not going too well is also noted. Summary of report of Public Works S/C and mention made of situation of transport which allows wine to go to waste in Puglia while it is needed at Rome. It is observed that transport is perhaps the most vexing problem.

2. ACC communique on prospects for bringing in coal from Grosseto.

3. University notes. 1. The young men who have signed up for the army should not go to labor battalions but really expect to fight, the implication being that the examination schedule should not be changed for any but real fighters. 2. Some students with degrees in medicine and surgery could not take the "abilitazione" examination. This was through no fault of theirs and it is recommended that the examination be waived or specially arranged. 3. Contrast is noted between the short time students have to prepare for exams and the severity of the professors. Article says afternoon classes are worth considering.

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2. Gas Sept. 1. Gratitude expressed for the good will of the authorities.

3. Telegram of Doria Pamphili to Gen. Koenig, Governor of Paris.

4. There is a report that permits will no longer be necessary to go South. Let us hope, says the writer, that this report is confirmed - and then not denied again. The people are not pleased by contradictory orders.

5. Brief notice of report of Cols Jenny and Todd at ACC meeting.

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6. On wine and charcoal. Two articles, one urging abolition of restrictions on wine transport, another cutting out the middle man in charcoal dealings. Both problems are pressing. Particularly from a national point of view the wine of Apulia going to waste is a scandal.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Telegram of solidarity sent by Communist party to French govt.

2. ACC meeting. This is comment and not a news article. Capt. Stone's remarks on support of Bonomi government are approved and the hope is expressed that his statement will put an end to a lot of malicious gossip to the effect that ACC does not like the govt. The work of the ACC is praised but the article then goes off into a discussion of what the proper function of a control commission is. (Control to an Italian has the meaning of "check", "supervise") It is pointed out that "deliberative and executive functions" do not properly belong in a control Commission. The Commission should not discourage or suppress the initiative of the administrative organs of the govt. Sometimes however the control is exercised in such a way as to hamper if not destroy initiative. The Grenzi del Pogolo are cited as an example; the writer feels that if the matter had been left to the Committees of Liberation and the local agricultural sindicati the results would have been much better. And the same may be said of the supplying of food needs of the large cities; left to the local Aziende Annonarie Municipali there would be less restriction and easier traffic. Lastly the article observes Col. Zellars remark that Communism has had a great development in Potenza and Brindisi. In the opinion of the writer the life of the parties, except as they may effect the country's war effort, is no affair of the ACC. (NB Actually remark should be attributed to Col. MacCleary who reported for Col. Zellars Region.)

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2. Another article on Italy's foreign policy, on the thesis that it has always been framed by Conte Sforza. (Giovanni Conti)

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4. Food situation. Report of Col. Legg given, with paragraph on Gen. O'Dwyer's speech.

5. Another article on nauseous bread sampled in office of the newspaper.

GENERAL: Much space given to liberation of Paris and Rumanian situation. Meeting of Churchill and Bonomi given prominence in all morning papers. Free export of goods from Naples and damage sustained by Giotto's tower in Florence and other items appearing in all journals.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Roumania and the armistice. History of Roumania's politics since 1918. On present situation notes that the proclamation of the King says the Army will take up arms against the Germans so the war will go on in Roumania but "with new objectives".

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. A. Lucente writes that Russia has no official relations with the Red Cross nor with the Welfare Office of the Vatican; that is why there is lack of specific information on Italian prisoners in Russia. The radical change in relations, which came about a year ago, between Russia and Italy gives room to hope that we shall soon be able to get the data on the prisoners which are so necessary to the tranquillity of their families.

2. Telegram of good wishes from Christian Democrat Party to Gen. De Gaulle.

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3. Aspects of disappointment. Commenting on Poletti's statement that hopes of Romans had been disappointed writer says that the simple minded who expected to see jeeps and trucks filled with olive oil and pasta need hardly be considered seriously. What is disappointing and puzzling is the contrast between the lack of so many things and the various black market luxuries. For example in the Pasticceria Ungherese in front of the Grand Hotel pastry is on sale at exhorbitant prices, the Torrefazione Folli in Via Sant'Andrea delle Fratte is selling cocoa at 2000 lire the kilo.

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Other examples are given; these are the really disappointing aspects of the situation.

4. Another article on the "comandati" (See RICOSTRUZIONE 18 Aug.)

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. The other destruction. Zuccarini writes that Italian currency has reached a pass where the destruction caused by unchecked emission of notes bids fair to be as serious as the physical destruction of war. He insists that something be done. As for the North, where the Germans are turning out notes, the govt should fix a date beyond which such money would be declared invalid. And as for the issue of the Allies it is time one asked what is behind it. If it is issued without metal or credit reserve then for every million issued a million Italian notes should be withdrawn. But the important thing is to be aware of the problem and act. Otherwise we shall be worse off than Germany after the last war.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni has article on peace plans, stressing that they must be based on two fundamentals of "free circulation of work and workers" and free access to raw materials.

2. Notes with approval adoption of measure for high cost of living indemnity to workers.

3. Mention of arrival of Antonini and Baldanzi and their visit, accompanied by Col. Lane, to the C.G.I.L.

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4. Antonini's visit to office of AVANTI where he received a "brotherly welcome" from Nenni.

5. Interview with Soleri on financial situation. The Minister said it was impossible to state what amount of currency was in circulation. Data on German issued notes in North and Allied issue in Liberated Italy was lacking. As far as depends on the government the issue in Liberated Italy is rigorously controlled. Many things beyond the govt's control tend to have a bad effect on the monetary situation, among them the unfavorable exchange rate set up by the Allies at the time of their landing. However the people may rest assured that the lira will be energetically defended. Nor should the situation in Rome lead to undue pessimism; Rome is a special case being a great metropolitan mass without sufficient productive country near by and suffering from lack of transport. The prices in Southern Italy are now nearly stationary and the they are still low in the North. As for measures of recovery the govt has confidence in its own resources, particularly labor and in the help of the Allies. It is hoped that the latter will limit their issue of banknotes and "compensate for them with supplies of products".

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3. Letter of one Chirone on condition of Tivoli. Much destruction but the letter is optimistic in tone and says the spirit of the people is good.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Publishes letter of a brother of one of the victims of the Fosse Ardeatine who says he was shocked by the behavior and the speech of a Communist during the mass for the victims. The pretext of the speaker was the display of the flag, bearing the cross of Savoy. The writer asks whether his brother's death was really in vain, since such people as this Communist live in Italy. No comment by I.N.

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2. More light! Paper asks if it is true that the Electric Companies of Rome refused the offer of the patriots to protect the plants. Suggests this charge should be investigated. And the I.N. still wants to know what is the authority for the "multiple sanctions". And then tells the story of a visit paid by agents of one of the companies yesterday to a house in Via Fonseca, where, observing that the oven was hot they applied a fine of 2000 lire, shortly reduced to 500 which they pocketed without giving a receipt. This sounds like blackmail, says the writer.

3. Curfew. Asks its abolition or at least relaxation.

4. Colosseum. Protests against unseemly uses to which the monument is being put.

5. Notes hour and a half talk between Churchill and Prince.

6. On measure to pay indemnity to workers complaining that even this decision is not implemented and the matter is urgent.

7. On press conference of Soleri brings out the fact very clearly that currency situation depends on the Allies. Also reports Washington observation that Italy, though a co-belligerent, was not invited to Bretton Woods conference.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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2. Article on the miserable condition of the 80,000 refugees. Suggests since Rome now merely enough for itself the

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5. Notes hour and a half talk between Churchill and Prince.

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2. Article on the miserable condition of the 60,000 refugees. Suggests since Rome has hardly enough for itself the solution is to "evacuate the evacuees".

3. Churchill's visit. Enumerates various contacts of the Prime Minister. Concludes by saying that it is not known what was said or decided but at least it has served to break through Italy's "isolation".

4. Milk or movies? Article saying that milk supply is difficult and one of the troubles is that the companies cannot get necessary current for refrigeration. But there are plenty of cinema running.

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5. Roman scandals. Bitter comment on insufficiency of supplementary rations for sick. Rice is cited as an example. Another paragraph points out that reports show vegetables cheaper in Florence than Rome though there is street fighting in Florence. And yet another saying that Naples decree allowing export of vegetables sounds good but doesn't mean Romans will get potatoes, since there is still an ordinance forbidding their importation.

TEMPO (Independent) Niente di nuovo.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Attack on Eugenio Gualdi, who is called "il gran feudatario dell'Immobiliare." His epuration is asked.

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3. Article on the plight of state employees. There are between 90,000 and 105,000 such at Rome alone, and in the country about a million. Calculations show that even adding a very modest increase to their pay the burden on the treasury would be staggering. The individual would gain little and the country would be brought close to ruin. Yet something must be done. Following suggestions are made. 1. In considering possible increases it must be remembered

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that the need is not so great at Brindisi or Potenza for example as in Rome. 2. Any increase that is made should carry with it the repeal of the political price of bread. 3. It is worth the trouble to look into the possibility insuring the employees a number of fundamental foodstuffs at nominal prices instead of raising pay. (Till)

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Paris. Article rejoices in liberation of Paris but urges caution in predicting speedy downfall of Hitler. Ends by the usual appeal to allow Italy to take a more active part in the war.

2. On Soleri's press conference objection is made that the government is not really in control of the situation and seems to have no currency program. "Optimistic generalizations are not enough."

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3. Interview with Marino Costa, Undersecretary for Labor. On the conditions of the workers he refers to the manifesto of the CGIL and says "increases... are indispensable whatever the effect may be on currency and the Finance S/C must realize this"... On union organization notes progress of CGIL and says some sort of provisional legislation is needed to bring national order into Union situation. Believes in democratic principle of free unions but thinks the new law while leaving unions out of politics should be so formed as to "polarize the working masses" towards an

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association which would have the juridical representation not only of its own membership but also of all workers in the industrial category.... Speaks of encouragement and growth of cooperatives, organization of "ministerial messes" at cheap prices and hopes the system may be expanded.

4. Water for the suburbs. In outskirts of Rome there are many houses and farms where the water supply is almost non-existent because of lack of current for pumping apparatus.

5. Patriots and traitors on the same level? Calling that Air Force ruling n. 514 of 14 July touching pay of dependents of personnel treats those who have gone North and those still serving their country. Concludes with expression of distrust for the Aeronautica, "the most Fascist arm of all."

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1. Financial Policy of the Government. Article by Enzo Selvaggi based on Soleri's interview. He feels that the Minister has the best of intention but that the government is simply not in control of the currency situation and talk of "defending the lira" is pure rhetoric. He approves the statement that the political price of bread will be abandoned but deplores the Governments intentions of sticking to principle of controlled prices. Notes Soleri's hopes for Lend Lease and concludes approving his statement that the lack of international solidarity which had so much to do with the beginnings of this war must not characterize the future.

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2. China and the Pacific. Long article by U.S. Lin on the future of the Far East. Russia is the great mystery. A minor question is the eventual destiny of the Marshalls, the Caroline and the Mariana Islands.

3. Daily Telegraph and Times dispatches from Rome are reported. The correspondent of the first "it writes that is believed that Churchill let it be understood that Britain would be willing to extend Lend Lease to Italy if the United States would consent."

4. Notes meeting of Ministers of Labor and Finance under chairmanship of Bonomi and the announcement of indemnity for living costs to workers. These measures should go into effect Sept. 1. The Minister also announced abandonment of the political price of bread and I.N. comments that this device was obviously useless from the beginning as a check on inflation.

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2. On the ministers' committee to consider indemnity for workers. It is noted that the indemnity will be higher for the zone of Rome than for other areas. For Rome the proposed indemnity would be 50 l., 45 and 30 for men, women and children under 20 respectively. Nothing decided as yet for state employees.

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TEMPO (Independent) Rien a signaler.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. The reactionary situation of Poggio Molano. V. Spano denounces conditions in above named village, claiming fascist elements dominate and there are occasional shootings. Article says there are other towns like this; it is apparently inspired by the incident which is recounted in detail and is as follow: The 16 Aug. the epuration committee arrived; a lieutenant and sergeant of carabinieri who formed part of it immediately accepted the hospitality of a noted local fascist whose name appeared on the list of those to be investigated. One Piombo (Communist) and Col. Lamboni, of the Rieti C.L.N., also members of the commission, were arrested and when the crowd intervened there was some shooting.

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1. Has words of grief for the report that Lisieux is to become another Montecassino. Remarks again that there has not yet been adduced any real evidence to justify regarding the latter as a war objective.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Article on "profound humiliation of Italian people" who feel their true colors have been misrepresented by the "men of the armistice". The monarchy handicapped them before, the Lieutenant General Handicaps them now. Some harsh words for Badoglio, who "was invited to lunch". How can he fail to feel shame when the Duce reminds him, accurately enough, of his protestations of loyalty. Etc.

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2. Another article by F.C. on Reconstruction Program. Stresses need of electric power and RRs. Foreign help will be needed and private initiative must be enlisted. Stresses that Italy is a part of Europe, "it cannot be amputated". Adds that the Allies must not judge normal Italy by the harassed and devastated land that war has made of it. Shows how Italy is a necessary part of economic life of continent and of the world. On emigration hints that the solution is in finding land but promises fuller discussion of problem.

3. Epuration of financial bureaucracy. Not enough done yet to please Lucio Speranza who makes some concrete suggestions; stream line the numerous offices, make a "totalitarian" transfer of personnel, abolish the "three hour working day" and finally decentralize the various big companies and send their directorates back to seat of the actual operations.

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2. Visit of Saragat to Rieti in order to commemorate 600 dead in the struggle against the Fascists will give him a chance also to look into the strange political situation in that province. Reactionary elements are raising their heads and it would seem that the patriots are being persecuted.

3. Notes with approval suggestion to form Matteotti brigade, made by "comrade Bertini" to a member of the Allied Command.

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4. Salutes presence of Atlee in Italy.

5. Emergency indemnity to state employees is to be proposed to next Council of Ministers. Opinion is expressed that ammount of indemnity should be same for all - or else higher for those who are lower in grade and hence getting less pay.

6. Suggestion is made to wipe out all bureaucratic organizations from the SEPRAL to the Magazzini Generali. Replace them by one commission of honest technicians and the food situation in Rome will improve.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Towards a better future. Although there has been no official information on the results of the Bonomi-Churchill talks it is to be hoped that the policy of mistrust and the "iron control" of Italy will come to an end. Giving greater liberty of action to the govt and conceding to Italy all aids necessary to heal the wounds of the country - such are the only ways of preventing distrust in everything and everybody from taking hold of Italy.

2. Italians in Egypt. Comment on their sorry state. The Italia Libera movement has managed to get 1500 internees enrolled in Labour Corps but aside from that no concession has been made by British authorities. Even the present democratic govt of Italy, aside from radio messages, has done nothing to ameliorate the situation of so many unhappy compatriots.

3. Practical system. Large notices have been put on windows of certain shops, forbidding Allied soldiers to buy because of high prices. A good idea, comments the writer, when will the govt put up similar signs for the protection of the citizens?

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Time for action. The demonstrations against the National Flag which are alleged to have taken place at the time of celebration of liberation of Paris are strongly criticized. I.N. calls attention to the opinion expressed in Il Popolo on the same subject. The agitators went as far as to violate the right of domicile. The government is asked if it intends to tolerate such "neo-squadristic" behavior. The flag is still the national flag and rights of individuals must be respected. If the government is unwilling 740.00432 unable to take action on these basic matters, it should go.

2. Emigration. Notes appointment of Caruso as indicating a more generous attitude on the part of the US than prevailed after last War. But though emigration will be necessary for Italy the suggestion is also made that a better solution would be encouraging

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1. Towards a better future. Although there has been no official information on the results of the Bonomi-Churchill talks it is to be hoped that the policy of mistrust and the "iron control" of Italy will come to an end. Giving greater liberty of action to the govt and conceding to Italy all aids necessary to heal the wounds of the country - such are the only ways of preventing distrust in everything and everybody from taking hold of Italy.

2. Italians in Egypt. Comment on their sorry state. The Italia Libera movement has managed to get 1500 interness enrolled in Labour Corps but aside from that no concession has been made by British authorities. Even the present democratic govt of Italy, aside from radio messages, has done nothing to ameliorate the situation of so many unhappy compatriots.

3. Practical system. Large notices have been put on windows of certain shops, forbidding Allied soldiers to buy because of high prices. A good idea,comments the writer, when will the govt put up similar signs for the protection of the citizens?

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Time for action. The demonstrations against the National Flag which are alleged to have taken place at the time of celebration of liberation of Paris are strongly criticized. I.N. calls attention to the opinion expressed in Il Popolo on the same subject. The agitators went as far as to violate the right of domicile. The government is asked if it intends to tolerate such "neo-squadristic" behavior. The flag is still the national flag and rights of individuals must be respected. If the government is unwilling or uneble to take action on these basic matters, it should go.

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3. Sinister influence. The mad claims of Rumania at the time of its domination by Germany are cited as example of the absurdities created by the spirit of nationalism.

4. Problem of war veterans. Giuseppe Ungarini writes that it will be more difficult than ever. He lists the various bodies formed to take care of the veterans and finds them inadequate. Proposes no solution but insists the matter is pressing.

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5. Another article on revolting bread sampled in office. Many bakers are giving flour instead of bread because they are without fuel for baking. Many others are turning out inedible bread.

6. Gas in Zone I beginning to-morrow. Heavy print, prominent display of notice.

7. On the camioncini. Notes that proposal has been made to organize the services. Pleads that they be let alone - they represent the only un-controlled initiative in the city and they are about the only thing that works.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat) Niente di speciale.

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2. The defense of Caruso. Comments that all kinds of technicalities and tricks are being produced to defend Caruso but they will not avail. He will be condemned and shot.

3. Salute to the representatives of American Labor.

GENERAL: Announcement of gas distribution and rules for permits for circulation appear in all papers.

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3. Article on need of lights for bicycles and trucks now that night is coming on earlier.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Our place. Another article on history and purpose of party. Going back to the Risorgimento the writer says the party has a traditional position; it is anti-conservative without being revolutionary. Liberty is the core of its creed.

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2. Remaking Italy. Fonteviva, after some appreciation of the vision of Turati, attacks the general problem of what must be done. Planning is necessary and planning in cooperation with the United Nations. At this stage everything depends on their sympathy as was clearly indicated, to give an example along one line, by Soleri in his discussion of currency situation.

3. Another article on the Italian Red Cross and its need of thorough epuration. Many details are cited to show that it has not been purified. Names are called: it is said that one Lt. Cecinelli is working with the Allies at Cinecittà although he was specifically mentioned as a promotor of the neo-fascist "Green Shirt" movement by Radio Bari. Another, one Lt. Santoboni, also employed at Cinecittà, was once a "moschettiere del Duce."

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AVANTI (Socialist)

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2. Notes meeting of Attlee, Hall, Gronchi and Nenni.

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3. Provisioning of Rome. Objective, cool article on developments in food supply since Sept. 43. Feels the best thing to do now is to create one all powerful body to coordinate rules and take charge of supply problem. The Azienda Servizi Annonari, having been purged of Fascist personnel, is suitable for this task.

4. Unjustified exclusion. Protests that students of the "scuole medie" who took the "licenza" in June and Oct. 43 have been allowed to enroll in University with retroactive privilege; this has been denied those who took the licenza only in July because they chose to avoid enrolling among Nazi-Fascists. This seems to penalize patriotism.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

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2. The double track. Doubt expressed of sincerity of sincerity of communists' desire to cooperate. Anti-Catholic violence on their part alleged to have occurred in Taranto. POPOLO asks that if, as is quite possible, such violence is the result of undisciplined hot-heads, Communist Party openly disavow it.

3. Comments on Nenni's article: Things that are not going well. Emphasizes that Nenni's party is represented in government and wonders how long a party can continue to play both sides of the fence.

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4. "The heart of Italy." Article on Palazzo Venezia; how it represented the hated Habsburgs and then the equally sinister "peudo-Renaissance tyrant"; now, thanks to the Allies art show, something of this unhappy air of menace has gone from it.

5. On turning on gas a release is issued, prepared, it seems, by gas compeny, calling attention to technical difficulties after long disuse. Patience is asked and consumers are recommended to call in private plumbers if there is any difficulty with the pipes.

6. Notes half hour audience accorded by Pope to Antonini and Baldanzi.

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2. On the Commissariato alloggi it is observed that the activities of this body have so far been "passive". The matter

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of shelter is urgent and the Housing Commission should not simply sit and register the vacant apartments but should proceed vigorously with the task of searching for them. The Commission is equipped to do this if it but will.

3. Notes Roman RR workers "reconfirm their membership" in C.G.I.L. and Camera del Lavoro.

4. Immediate investigation sought on what happened to the PWB film of the ceremony at the Fosse Ardeatine. Quoting film man as saying the demonstration against the cross of Savoy was spontaneous and not instigated, UNITA calls destruction of film an act of "Fascist banditry."

GENERAL: All morning papers carry Churchill's farewell remarks, most giving prominence to allusion to " larger Italian forces" soon working with Allies. No editorial comment. Meeting of ministers without portfolio on subject of Italian POWs, Naples CGL merging with CGIL, visit of British Trades Unionists also noted. Various political speeches of week-end, Saragat, Gronchi, Spano etc. noted.

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2. Brief paragraph pointing out that the pictures on exhibition at Palazzo Venezia were protected by storage in the Vatican during the last year.

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4. Food problems. Article urging abolition of the "permessi" - the only result of which is "to keep supplies from coming in."

5. Problems of Rome Province. Report of Persico, the Prefetto. Notes 40 communes damaged, 70 intact. Has postponed date for delivering of grain to Grandi because of shortage of transport.

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6. Vigorous protests against large profits being made by sub-letting apartments.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. On Churchill's speech notes that C. does not seem to understand the depth of hatred the Italian people feel for the monarchy. Indeed La VOCE finds the speech "favorable to the monarchy." "But we will allow anything to be forced on us - except that."

2. Ironic comment on Soleri's remarks on economic situation. The increase of fiscal pressure as a medicine for inflation, as announced by the minister, is called a silly measure.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni comments on Churchill's message. He agrees with what the P.I. says but he adds that the war against Fascism has not ended but goes on, this phase being a war against reaction. This is the eternal struggle of the people against feudal institutions. Circumstances and the Allies, he says, have imposed on us a truce which weighs heavily upon us; when we can hold the Constituent Assembly, it will resolve once and for all the problem of Italy's liberty.

2. Notes with appreciation the press conference of General O'Dwyer. Makes the general criticism that the technicians of ACC have been working along "general lines", whereas what is needed is immediate attention to specific problems. Resume of matters discussed: Reconstruction of housing under way, plan for Cassino has already been approved, 240 familes to be taken care of within 3 months. The Granai del popolo are giving excellent results. The electricity situation is serious, it will take from 2 to 4 years to rebuild the plants which have been 80% destroyed; next week, for reasons of military necessity, supply of current will be reduced. It is hoped that supply of gas to Rome may be doubled within a few weeks. Beginning with early September the importation of potatoes will go up from 70 to 300 tons. Next week, by repairing a bridge, it is hoped to bring in to Rome enough fuel to insure that the bakers can bake their bread.

3. Welfare problem. Assessore Cesari makes statement on taking care of needy. Among other things he says that, with the support of the Commissario all'Annona and the Allied authorities, it will be possible this winter to give hot lunches to thousands of children.

4. Nation and proletariat. The fight carried on [illegible]

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2. Notes with appreciation the press conference of General O'Dwyer. Makes the general criticism that the technicians of ACC have been working along "general lines", whereas what is needed is immediate attention to specific problems. Resume of matters discussed: Reconstruction of housing under way, plan for Cassino has already been approved, 240 familes to be taken care of within 3 months. The Granai del popolo are giving excellent results. The electricity situation is serious, it will take from 2 to 4 years to rebuild the plants which have been 80% destroyed; next week, for reasons of military necessity, supply of current will be reduced. It is hoped that supply of gas to Rome may be doubled within a few weeks. Beginning with early September the importation of potatoes will go up from 70 to 300 tons. Next week, by repairing a bridge, it is hoped to bring in to Rome enough fuel to insure that the bakers can bake their bread.

3. Welfare problem. Assessore Cesari makes statement on taking care of needy. Among other things he says that, with the support of the Commissario all'Annona and the Allied authorities, it will be possible this winter to give hot lunches to thousands of children.

4. Nation and proletariat. The fight carried on by partisans all over Europe has a deep significance, writes Tullio Vecchietti. The France of the 200 families and the Poland of the Colonels fell in a short time but the resistance of the proletariat never ceases in these countries. This means that the 19th century capitalistic nationalism was essentially false. Now with the resurgence of the truly democratic armies of the peoples of Europe there will also be a resurgence of nationalism. But it will be a new kind of nationalism, based on democracy and cooperation and not on privilege and exploitation. It must be so, unless all Europe is to relapse into the status of a colony of the new world.

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5. Note on Maurice Chevalier along the lines of that in RICOSTRUZIONE (supra.)

6. Notes growth of Associazione di difesa dei contadini in Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana. This group is made up of Christian Democrats, Socialists and Communists and is an example of solidarity of the peasant masses.

ITALI. LIBER. (Action)

1. Free labor. Article rejects the statement often made that the fundamental force for Italian reconstruction is labor. Labor must be free and must feel that the country is its concern. Not, as under Fascism when the imposed labor unions gave the worker no sense of cooperating in something of his own. Labor must move forward; it must know how to claim its rights and not be frustrated, nor must its freedom be distorted by organization of labor groups for party purposes.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Lucifero writes on Churchill's speech. Finds he had many pointed things to say; his remarks on true liberty were definitely meant as an admonition to Italy. The right to criticise, even change, the government, necessity of a judiciary absolutely above

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politics, freedom from fear of party or extra-legal tyranny - these are the essence of democracy. And these points; writes Lucifero, were left out of the summary of Churchill speech as published in AVANTI and UNITA'.

2. Notes praise of Italian share in anti-Nazi fight expressed over CBS.

3. Meeting of British Trade Union delegates at British Embassy.

4. Art and politics. Augusto Pancaldi writes expressing skepticism of art shows that are sponsored by political groups. UNITA' has one now and the Action party is to have another. The parties protest their innocence but the writer suspects these shows have recruiting as their purpose.

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3. Economic Section Press conference. Adequate summary; the most optimistic piece of news, according to writer, is the intention of Allies to bring in raw materials rather than finished products.

4. Notice of resumption of tram service to Frascati within the next 10 days.

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5. R.L. also notes that UNITA' and AVANTI omitted certain parts of Churchill's speech.

6. Suicide of Focin di Cossato is given some prominence. One of Italy's most valorous submarine commanders, he had asked to be relieved when the new government refused to swear to the King. For this he had been sentenced to three months imprisonment in Naples, where he committed suicide.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article on epuration, asking that it be just and legal; no arbitrary acts should be perfomed.... Also calls attention to the abuse of institution of Commissari for private firms; says that such practice is not in best interest of the firms.

2. Approving comment on Churchill's speech.

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UNITA' (Communist)

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Press Conference of Economic Section briefly but accurately covered. Comment is that the idea was a good one and there was a noticeable air of cordial frankness. Perhaps there were too many questions to allow sufficient time for consideration of problems in detail.

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2. Pardon, Mr. Churchill! Article reminding Churchill that the "ideals of the Risorgimento" to which he bids Italy return were Republican ideals. Garibaldi and Mazzini, the heroes of that period, were constantly opposed by Casa Savoia.

3. Another long article on electricity, making the point that, by technical measures, a better light ration could be given. Complains the power companies don't really want to improve the light situation.

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4. Brief coverage of Economic section conference. Only Gen. O'Dwyer quoted... Remark is made, a propos of black market, that the question is not whether one detests the black market but whether by suppressing it the food situation is improved or worsened.

GENERAL: Afternoon papers note Mr. Attlee's various visits and meeting of British and American labor representatives in British Embassy.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Under heading ODDS ENDS. 1. AVANTI notes that various journals of Rome have suspected some anti-democratic censorship in omission of some of Churchill's phrases. (See ITALIA NUOVA etc, 30 Aug.) The omission was due purely to lack of space. But, adds AVANTI, the people who protest so vigorously now in the cause of liberty, were oddly missing when liberty and democracy were being fought for in Spain. 2. Plea for reversal of sentence of young officer of Bari. (ITALIA LIBERA, 5, 30 Aug.)

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2. Notes investigation being made to find out what happened to the film made at the Fosse Ardeatine on the 24th. Col. Pollock has ordered an investigation; it is hoped action will be speedy.

3. Waiting for pasta. The column on food matters observes that the food ration as announced for September is very comforting. But where is the pasta, promised for the 28th not only by an official communique but also viva voce by Col. Poletti ?

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Italy in the world of tomorrow. Notes Churchill's phrase in which he speaks of the "gift of liberty" which will certainly be bestowed on Italy and reacalls the other phrase about "Italy" taking its place again among the great powers of Europe". Putting these two together it is clear that Italy will be allowed her independence and a position of prominence in the new world. But such a position has its duties. Especially if the world is to be formed of sovereign states, equal in the juridical and moral sense, and not another strained equilibrium of hostile blocs. Italy will have to work hard to fulfill her task of a catalyzing agent between Eastern and Western Europe for she will be a sort of "frontier state". Hence it is important that the country be united; at the moment, Salvagni feels, the C.L.N. is a pretentious oligarchy working in the direction of disunity.

2. Notes the new directive on epuration, giving the High Commissioner special emergency powers. "Wetold you so", says the writer; this is another example of the extra-legal pretensions of the C.L.N.

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4. Article in approval of cooperatives.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. G. Granata writes on the privilege of culture. The task and the opportunity of Italian culture are alike great these days. On this level the meeting of the bourgeoisie and the proletariat could be useful for the life of the parties and might well serve to initiate a new civilization which would satisfy the socialistic demands of a workers society and at the same time safeguard the rights of the individual.

2. Under "Roman Scandals". 1. There is a porter, Viale

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Eritrea no. 2, who does a good business in selling 50-centesimi pieces (necessary for phone calls) at 7 lire each. Perhaps he is merely cooperating with the phone company to keep calls at a minimum. 2. An invalid, obliged to have his case verified in order to get supplementary rations, had to stand in line five times in order even to make an appointment for examination. 3. The was some complaint when workers employed by Allies were given a card with special ration privileges. In one sense, says the writer, the complaint was justified but in practice it is not because as it happens the workers don't get the supplementary ration anyway.

TEMPO (Independent) Niente di particolare.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Box first page upper right clamoring for epuration of the army.

2. Article protesting that Cocchietto, private secretary of Caruso, has been protected in a concentration camp instead of facing trial like his chief.

3. Let's get on with it. Vigorous article by Spano on slowness of epuration. If ordinary measures don't suffice let us use emergency measures, he says.

4. Fascist journalists, according to an article entitled "Spazzole" (freely: "New brooms"), are gleeful over the rumored nominations to the press epurating committee. They believe it will consist of Bergamini, Vinciguerra and Tosatti. Their rejoicing is out of order; it is unlikely that Bergamini, for example, would feel at his ease on an epuration committee.

5. Article by Gullo defending grain laws. The "piccolo proprietario" cannot be the object of special defense, save at the cost of other groups, no less deserving.

GENERAL: Bonomi receives Attlee. Meeting of Anglo-American labor representatives with CGIL. Bronchi talks with British Labor People. Pope to speak to-morrow; all Rome to have electricity at 1900 hrs to be able to listen to radio. City of Naples awarded decoration for valor by Lieutenant General.

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