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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Violent protest against the govt's requisitioning of cars. The Allies had some right to it; after all they came over here to fight for us. But the government has no case, in the eyes of the writer, and there is the usual privilege and favoritism shown in the business.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. National Party Council. Nenni, writing of party meeting to begin to-morrow in Naples, says that there are three phases in the party's policy. The first began with 8 September and was directed to making sure that the reactionary-Badoglio-monarchist group would not succeed in dominating the political scene. To this end the party worked with all liberal-leftist elements and the first phase ended when Bonomi came in and the form of the oath was changed. The second is the "pre-Assembly" phase which is rapidly approaching. This will mean the struggle for the democratic republic and the present form of accord between the six parties will yield to the new pattern of coordination of all parties and groups determined to vote for the republic. The third phase will be that of the Assembly when the old trusts and privileges will be definitively liquidated by socialism. Only after this phase will one be able to say that Fascism is destroyed. It is because the socialists look ahead with perception of these various phases that they seem to be both in the government and in the opposition, as IL POPOLO suggested the other day. The party is in the government and is supporting it - but it is also looking ahead.

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3. Milk. Some discussion of background of problem; the writer then shows that the price of fodder has gone up 1000 per cent while the milk price has been strictly controlled. It has reached the point where the producer loses by selling and the circumstances of the time are such that these cattle raisers need much encouragement rather than discouragement. Raise in price of milk would be justified.

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2. Comment on meeting of Council of Ministers is that Sicily was the most important matter discussed. Danger of separatism stressed, advantages of regional autonomy indicated.

3. Another strong article on Lucifero in the Royal Household and how he is making life easy for Fascists.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. The Augean stables. Article by Lucifero, criticising

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Scoccimarro's statement that epuration is impeded by attitude of some parties of C.L.N. and by bureaucratic red tape and calling for an epurative dictatorship of the Marxist parties. This, says Lucifero, would be all wrong; what is needed is the strictest legality in order to avoid the danger of making new "martyrs".

2. Article in praise of Art show at Palazzo Venezia. Finds arrangement of pictures very satisfactory.

3. The Italian cinema. Rather general article on the industry. Suggests that Italians should try for quality rather than quantity. Against govt interference on old "Ministry of Popular Culture" style. Urges study of French and Russian films.

4. Prominence given to UNRRS announcement that potatoes may now be brought in without restriction on quantity.

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3. There has been some talk of suspending the service of "camioncini". Comment is made that the authorities have the right to organize, dispose or substitute but they are implored to remember the many inconveniences of life and see to it that some kind of transportation is left to the citizen.

4. On gas. It is good to have it but what is to be the new price?

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Despair and hope. On Carlo Fecia, Spano writes that while one must salute the memory of this hero of the Italian Navy, it must

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also be said that he is just one more victim of Fascism. Apparently he confused the traditional institutions and trappings of Italy with the country itself. Many useless and harmful survivals must die when a new nation comes to birth and Carlo Fecia was in error in not seeing that he had a more vital Italy to live for, an Italy whose new and saving force is the people itself.

2. The peasants are hungry for land. Indeed, writes Giuseppe di Vittorio they are already moving in on the neglected parts of the latifondi. They have been very patient but this is a matter that must be settled if democracy is to have any meaning in Italy. Meanwhile it might be well to encourage the peasants taking over such parts of the great estates as would otherwise go uncultivated.

GENERAL :

1. Meeting of Council which dealt with problem of the press and control of ex-Fascist publishing houses, conditions in Sicily and measures for helping the island, and minor matters of administration.

2. Report of Committee on Ardeatine Caves to Col. Poletti is given much prominence.

3. Announcement of pasta ration and permission to bring in potatoes.

4. Col. Pollock's statement that Allies are keeping Fascist prisoners until govt is ready to deal with them.

5. Meeting of Anglo-American workers delegates with CGIL, presence of Schevenels stressed by some.

6. Sforza's announcement that Albanian Senators may be considered as having resigned.

7. Rules for travel permits as announced by Col. Pollock, other routine announcements.

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3. Working for Sicily. Commenting on the two immediate problems of Sicily writer says the Granai del Popolo are really not going too badly; thinks the Allied fixed the quantity to be amassed a little to high. Separatism however must be combated and it is good news that the six parties intend to work together to this end. Regional autonomy of rather generous nature is to be encouraged however. Sicilians should be asked and given an opportunity to say what they really want.

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4. Letter from one Sepigni Giorgio who is very anxious that the partisans remain "apolitical". He even views with alarm the Partisan Association as a possible nucleus of a new squadrismo. The comment is that RICOSTRUZIONE too shares his views on the need of keeping the movement free from politics but reassures him that the Association is in no danger of becoming a political organisation.

5. Article pointing out need of professional people - lawyers for example - to have light for study. Transformers suggested to step down current if necessary.... Also plea for use of elevators; some people have to climb six flights of stairs, often carrying water.

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MORNING PAPERS

"AVANTI" (Socialist"

1. Saluting the reappearance of "Humanite" and "Populaire" Nenni

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writes of the necessity of accord between Latin peoples and the need for work to reestablish the position of workers in Latin countries.

2. Paragraph in defense of peddlers. It is pointed out that such ambulant merchants always were numerous at times when crowds of strangers were in town; nothing more natural then, than their presence now. And many have turned to this trade as the only way of making a little money. They should not be discouraged, it is better to have the streets a little crowded than to have an increase of delinquency and prostitution.

3. Article reassuring and at the same time scolding ITALIA LIBERA for its fears that Anglo-American labor delegates would concentrate their studies through the CGIL. This is the natural channel, says the writer, and the proper channel but there is no intention of "violating minority rights".

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4. Cantachiaro. Feelings a little hurt by review of that name, in one scene of which a black shirt appears wrapped up in a copy of Italia Nuova. But good naturedly approves of show.

5. Bread. Notes in heavy type that ACC has fixed 31 % as maximum humidity. Good news, this.

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3. Factual article of some length on death of Fecia di Cossato. His attempt to resign from the navy had had repercussions and led to manifestations; naturally political factionalism on nowever High a plan can not be tolerated in the services. He had then been removed from the command but he had not been imprisoned. His story is told very sympathetically but the article points out that he had simply confused patriotism with personal loyalty to the King.

4. Article asking the Questura to clear the shoe shine boys off the streets. And suggesting schools should be cleared and reopened.

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Also Anglo-American delegates visit to Fosse Ardeatine and tributes paid by them to Buozzi and Matteotti.

Some papers remark on absence of current which prevented hearing Pope's speech; further mention Gigli's presence at the opera, some disagreement on mood of audience towards him.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Gonella writes in praise of Pope's broadcast. Finds that the Pope's economic and social thinking puts the Church in the vanguard of democracy.

2. Article on currency by A. Gilardoni, following lines of that in VOCI REPUBBLICANE (supra) but less critical of government. Need of controlling issue of notes is stressed.

3. Notice of coming measure to oblige owners to inform authorities of vacant apartments.

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2. Letter from one Vito Lella protesting indignantly against anti-Masonic article in POPOLO, 25 August.

3. No gas turned in Monte Mario. And discourtesy from company when appealed to.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Principal first page article is Action party's labor platform, in favor of free, democratic, anti-totalitarian labor organization.

2. Long discussion of the grain situation in Sicily. Much detail given; no conclusions reached. There is a suggestion that the govt is keeping the price too low and the writer is impressed and alarmed by a new kind of class bitterness - city against country. For he makes the point that those who are hiding the grain are not the big proprietors only but farmers of all economic ranks. (s;g;)

3. Article on Gigli at the opera. Finds it in poor taste that he should go with two Allied officers when only a few months ago he had been photographed smiling with Maeltzer. And criticises his efforts to get his "claque" to have him reinstated by false "popular applause".

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2. Long discussion of the grain situation in Sicily. Much detail given; no conclusions reached. There is a suggestion that the govt is keeping the price too low and the writer is impressed and alarmed by a new kind of class bitterness - city against country. For he makes the point that those who are hiding the grain are not the big proprietors only but farmers of all economic ranks. (s;g;)

3. Article on Gigli at the opera. Finds it in poor taste that he should go with two Allied officers when only a few months ago he had been photographed smiling with Maeltzer. And criticises his efforts to get his "claque" to have him reinstated by false "popular applause".

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

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1. A new world. Such is promised by Pope's noble speech, according to the writer. The new world as indicated by the Pope is one that appeals to the liberals and they welcome his message with gratitude and hope.

2. Sindacalism and politics. Objects to the monopoly of the three parties of "the masses" in labor organizations. Article on lines similar to ITALIA LIBERA's protest of 1 Sept.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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2. Notice that the "Movimento Rinnovazione Democratica" of Naples has fused with the Democratic Party.

3. Fifth Column ? Notes incident in which four "girls" accompanying American soldiers were the objects of invective from a group of women standing by. On being questioned as to their reason for protesting one of the women answered: "I don't know; they gave me 50 lire for it."

4. Another article of homage to Fecia di Cossato, signed by "una donna italiana."

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Saragat affirms that the difference between Socialist democracy and other democratic elements lies in the greater determination with which Socialists fight the forces of reaction. This determination and awareness of the need of battle is of course signalized by hypocritical reactionaries as anti-democratic fervor. But, says Saragat, we know this music and we know the players too - we shall not be deterred.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Work and fight. Writer (b.3.) writes an appeal along now familiar lines for the Italians to be given opportunity to work and fight.

2. National inventory. Need for same argued by "g.f.c." (This is a theme also heard before, notably from AVANTI).

3. The suicide of Tecia di Cossato is again commented on. IL POPOLO believes that while the integrity symbolized in his gesture may well stand as a reproof to the easy cynicism of so many today, nonetheless one must live in order to fight for ones ideals and by the very act of suicide Tecia di Cossato ceased to be the fighter and the hero that was so worthy of admiration.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Box on first page urging epuration of the Guardia di Finanza. It still contains even officers who have shot patriots, Don Morosini for example.

2. Appreciative article for Nenni's speech at the Socialist Party congress telling of working with Communists.

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3. The Sicilian problem. After stating that the people of Sicily are thirsting for land and liberty and that nothing can be expected of the "philofascist" aristocrats the writer makes the following suggestions: renovate the administrative system by allowing the working classes to take it over, attack seriously the problem of land distribution and prepare immediately a program for a general economic reawakening with specific and constructive measures for industry, housing and transportation.

4. Notes message of encouragement and exhortation sent by Henry Grady, ex- V.P. of Economic Section to the Italian partisans.

5. Mario Alicata gives report of interview with Pesenti, Under-Secretary of Finance. Pesenti reported that the ravages of war were now relatively invisible in Sicily, reconstruction of buildings has gone very well (even in Messina) reconstruction of men is another matter. Any one who has land or is connected with the latifondisti looks well and prosperous but the great mass of workers and poor farmers are badly off. They are not given a chance to speak; most communes have no Giunta. He produced figures to prove that where the latifondisti were strongest the contributions to the Granai del Popolo were smallest. He added that the Communist party was well organized and prepared to carry on a real struggle for better administrative organisation and settlement of the agrarian problem. He also said the State would have to come to Sicily's aid in the matter of economic reconstruction.

6. Indignant article on Del Vecchio, one of the most Fascist of all professors at University of Rome. He would be allowed to take his place to-day however, if he were not sick. And why ? Simply because he is a Jew ? But that will hardly do; all of us, says the writer, were opposed to dismissing a man simply because he was a Jew, we are equally opposed to reinstating one of the blackest of Fascists simply because he is a Jew. The racial laws were a "kick in the pants" for Del Vecchio but a kick from a master he had served loyally since even before the March on Rome.

GENERAL: Epuration committee of press, list of prefects suspended, relaxing of restrictions on Italian interned in U.S.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Another long article on street urchins. Only concrete suggestion is reopening of schools.

RICOSTRUZIONE. Unobtainable.

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5. Bakers protest of yesterday morning noted. A number called at AVANTI's office and pointed out the impossibility of getting fuel. A paragraph following contains statement of the Annona that lack of transport is the reason.

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6. Another protest, good natured but vigorous, against curfew.

7. Suggestion to advance clocks an hour and get more light at end of day.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Difficulties. The feeling in the air that all is not going well is due as much to the slowness of the epuration process as anything else, writes Giulio Andreotti. Justice and fairness are necessary of coures but speedy and efficient action are what the people are looking for.

2. Some harsh words about Humanite, the reappearance of which was saluted by Nenni the other day. It is pointed out that Humanite was suppressed because it was pro-Axis in the early days of the war when the Russian-German accord still existed.

3. Article by Luigi Corvaccin, urging one food supply agency with full powers. One trouble with the situation now is that there are too many authorities having a hand in the business.

4. Note on censorship in line with AVANTI's.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Comments approvingly on discourse of Corradini which it calls a program for work, work of clarification and criticism among the parties work of political reconstruction to give an impulse to new forms of political economy to the government, work of spiritual rehabilitation for the individual.

2. Much space and prominence given to ACC release on Via Tasso.

3. Party militia. Article alleges that bands are being formed, armed and paid by certain syndaci in Foggia province. These are said to be a special militia and wear red arm-bands. The govt should intervene.

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3. Letter from reader expressing doubts about successful functioning of ENIC.

4. Too many gas leaks. Suggested the Company investigate before turning on gas.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Velio Spano writes on the need of holding local elections as soon as possible: too many communes are still in control of ex-Fascist and reactionary officials who have been appointed in

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hasts and who do not truly represent the new order. Nenni's suggestion for immediate free election of provincial and communal officials.

2. Box at top of page urges epuration of Guardia di Finanza, saying again that officers of the G.F. have shot patriots.

3. Scorching criticism of Carandini. He doesn't seem to have learned anything, he has no sense of reality - unless this apparent innocence masks a tenacious desire to protect the status quo. He is all for the protection of private initiative, industrial capitalism, even the latifundia - for the next hundred years anyway. Comments that the audience was typically "bourgeois" and apathetic.

4. Opinions. Notes that the ITALIA NUOVA speaks of epurating the communist party. Advises the writer to go out to the towns and villages of Italy and then coming back - if he gets back - he will have a good idea of how many millions would have to be epurated.

5. Comment on press censorship in line with that of other papers.

6. ACC Via Tasso release given prominence and much space.

GENERAL : Largely taken up with speeches of Nenni and Carandini. Nenni aside from what is noted also asked the Allies to extend lend lease, to reduce the "gigantic machinery of ACC to functions of proper military control", to refrain from disarming partisans and to increase Corpo di Liberazione. Also provisions recommended by special ministerial committee for subsidy for High Cost of living.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Notes warning of Walter Schevenals to Italian Labor that labor organizations must be free of politics.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Calls attention to private efforts to deal with street urchin problem. Urges more interest on part of individuals.

2. ACC release on Via Tasso briefly summarized.

3. Report of head of Deputazione Provinciale for Rome province is summed up: urgent matters are repair of war damage, reorganization of hospital and welfare institutions, road mending.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. Favorable comment on Carandini's speech. Notes that Liberals would like to be a center part and agrees that such is their logical place; expresses regret - as Carandini did - that there is no real conservative party. Agrees with Carandini on his resistance to certain socialist tendencies in the world to-day; Labor Democrats do not wish state control extended to all industry but only public services and monopolies. Admires Carandini's frankness and admitting his party contained both monarchists and republicans - the Labor Democrats are for a republic but a democratic republic and not a soviet republic.

2. Article in praise of hard work being done in Scoccimarro's epuration office. Attention is called to lack of means and difficulty of setting office in motion. But now the work is going forward - and would go better if there were not a cabal at work "in high places" to protect certain individuals, Malfettani being the best example.

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Deputazione Provinciale as in QUOTIDIANO, 3, supra.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) - Text - Introvabile.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Calls attention to private efforts to deal with street urchin problem. Urges more interest on part of individuals.

2. ACC release on Via Tasso briefly summarized.

3. Report of head of Deputazione Provinciale for Rome province is summed up: urgent matters are repair of war damage, reorganization of hospital and welfare institutions, road mending.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Article by Renato Ghitvi on metallurgical industry. Recommends a Commissario to collect scrap - there will be a lot available as a result of the war - and obtain raw materials from abroad and then distribute them to various industries according to their importance in national reconstruction.

2. Why the bakers get no wood. Article claiming the reason is in part the fixed price and in part the desire of owners of

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transport to use their trucks: for goods that bring a higher return. Suggests that a Communal Agency be formed, entrusted with tasks of provisioning the city (and fuel would also be in its province). The approach of winter makes the question particularly urgent.

3. Pathetic note about requisitioning of car belonging to a "mutilato di guerra". The thing is shocking, says the writer; even more shocking the "ultrafascist" manners of the carabinieri. Is this "Freedom from Fear" ?

4. Another note on pitiful condition of those living on pensions. And no measures have been taken yet on their behalf.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Note on reproving of Via Ostiense. The damaged part of the road is being left as it is; another section, perfectly good, is being torn up and repaved with inferior material. This is the old Fascist racket.

2. Asks Allied authorities to turn off broken fountains; some streets are full of mud and there is a great waste of water. Also with some bitterness asks where is the improvement that was supposed to be visible in water supply after the citizens had been asked to go without water for 72 hours.

3. A Branch of Regina Coeli. Forte Boccea is to be a prison for the "repubblichini". It is hoped that the prisoners will not live in comparative luxury - as they are said to do in the concentration camp for example. The Allies are too kind to these people.

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2. Prominence and approval given to Schevenals remarks on need of keeping Labor Unions free of politics.

3. Long article on necessity of keeping politics out of the Associazione Nazionale Mutilati ed Invalidi di Guerra. It is feared that politics are creeping in.

4. Half a column on hard treatment accorded state employees who refused to go North with Germans. They are still waiting for

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their pay.

5. Humorous picture of life at Regina Coeli. The Allies treat the prisoners so well that several genuine anti-Fascist who never owned a shirt of any color but white have been seriously asking if singing Giovinezza under the window of Allied HQ might not get them a room in the jail.

6. Paragraph in Italics calling attention to unseemly condition of pavement of Galleria Colonna.

POPOLO (Christian Democratic)

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TEMPO (Independent)

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Velio Spano asks some searching questions of the "Scalera gang", touching their grafting operations under Fascism. Suggests they "spontaneously" return their illicit profits to the people.

2. Giuseppe Di Vittorio writes on De Gasperi's circular letter

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regarding Labor organization. While much of it is good, he says, he is greatly disturbed about De Gasperi's plan to form "Professional Association" of partisan nature within the framework of the national union. This would of course call forth similar organizations among the other parties and would destroy the very idea a unified labor group which De Gasperi and the other pioneers in the movement have considered essential.

3. Announcement that Gas Company has consented to supply 120 tons of coal to bakers. (No source given).

4. Officers of The Guardia di Finanze the Killers of Patriots. Long and detailed account, naming names.

GENERAL : Bonomi's message to the patriots: harass the enemy in occupied Italy, surrender arms and cooperate with Allies in Liberated Italy.... Formation of new party of Catholic Communists to be known as Christian Party of the Left... Announcement of possibility of writing to POWs in Russia, the Italian Red Cross to help... Meeting of Liberal Party Executive Committee... Control Commission of epuration of journalists.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Article defining Church's position on private property. It is, according to Catholic concept, a natural right of man but that does not mean that the monopolistic distortions of modern Capitalism are to be defended. The state is justified in intervening.

2. Bonomi's message to patriots (as in yesterday's papers.)

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2. Melancholy description of the present state of Villa Sciarra, the famous "Villa of the Peacocks"... Even the peacocks have gone - roasted and devoured no doubt like any common fowl.

3. Complaint from a group of "incaricati" University professors that their position is unsatisfactory - there should be a "ruolo d'incaricati."

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5. Casati's order of the day to the Army, quoting General Browning's complimentary remarks at ACC meeting and saying that all members of the Army should share in the praise bestowed.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Our frontiers. Pacciardi recalls the remark of a member of the ACC to the effect that Sicily is not ready for democracy and wonders what is behind it. He admits that the centralization of the Italian state has created many problems and he is in favor of

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regional autonomy but this specific allusion to Sicily disturbs him. He makes the remark that a few months study of Italy in a training school and a few months acquaintance with her in her present exceptional state hardly justify summary decisions. It is true that Sicily is in many ways different from Latium but what would Americans, for example, think if an Italian, noting somewhat similar differences, should observe that Texas was not ripe for Democracy because it was not like New York ? He feels the government - perhaps under pressure - has made a mistake in the appointment of High Commissioners for the Italian islands.... He then passes to a discussion of the Eastern frontier and here there is even more obscurity; no clear cut answer has been given as to where the Eastern boundary will be drawn. He declares that these matters must be worked out by cool, internationally minded representatives on both sides but affirms that some things are simply beyond discussion, notably Trieste, Gorizia and Istria.

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realizes that Italy's problem is only a part of the great European problem and proposes an International Socialist Congress to "precede and accompany" the Peace Conference. The Socialist Party, in the field of immediate needs, asks of the Allies recognition of the right of the Corpo di Liberazione and the patriot bands to bring to the war a contribution commensurate with the strength of the popular forces they represent. It asks also that Lease Lend be extended to Italy and for progressive demobilitazion of administrative, economic and financial branches of the ACC in order torestore to Italy its autonomy of decision, and for a statement of reassurance on the financial policy being pursued by the Allies. It asks of the government that immediate attention be given to the unemployment problem. It asks for rigorous application of epuration sanctions, especially towards high functionaries, prefects etc. And as a first step in allowing the people to express themselves the party demands that municipal elections be held. It concludes with a statement of cooperation with the Communists and again invites the Christian Democrats to join in the battle for the republic and for Socialism. The attention of the workers in drawn to the possibility that the monarchy and other forces of reaction may well turn to violence to stop the movement towards a new political and economic order. If this should happen the Socialist party would not hesitate to ask the workers to cut short by revolutionary violence any such attempt.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Strong criticism of Socialist program. It is even more Left and more intolerant than the speeches of Nenni or the program of the Communists. Apparently all private property is condemned and the future is visualized as either Marxism or nothing. This is Trotskyism in the opinion of the writer and indeed in tone and largely in program it is Fascism. It is pointed out that hostility against non-Marxist nations ill accords with the appeal for lend lease from the United States. The provocative talk at the end of the

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statement reminds the writer of the tone of the Fascists in the early days.

2. Feature article on the soup kitchens. It is made clear that they are frequented by the middle class of professional and white collar people whose salaries no longer allow them to buy their normal meals. And the "proletariat"? They have become black market dealers or have taken up other unworthy careers - they do not need to frequent the "cucine popolari".

3. Box calling attention to the fact that there are too many people in illegal possession of arms. The crime statistics show that. These arms might serve for another "march on Rome" - they should be collected.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Acknowledgment made of many letters of protest on publication of hours of rationing for light, gas and water. Il POPOLO answers that it merely prints the official story; the editor well realizes that schedules don't work out as they should. In the future he will say what the rationing "is supposed to be" and not what it is.

2. Comment on release about sentences passed on Moroccans is that the punishment has been severe but the crimes were such as to call them forth. And at the time it was said the guilty would be punished; it is good to know that promise was kept.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Report of discussions that have been going on between Govt and Allied authorities on POWs. Announcement is made that some prisoners are now being repatriated by the Allies - those who are sick and those in certain age categories. Other classes are under discussion. As yet no news from Russia and the position of those in Germany is even more obscure.

2. Vigorous protest on the telephone companies' spy system. The company claims that it investigates thoroughly all alleged violation of rules. This investigation is infringement of personal liberty - who is the telephone company that it should take on the functions of a secret police ?

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2. The destruction of the Teatro Caracalla. There is talk of doing away with this theatre on the grounds that it is of Fascist construction. TEMPO, associating itself with the employees of the Teatro dell'Opera protests against any such project; this is now a part of the patrimony of the people and to many of the people it provides employment.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Favorable comment on arrest of Sansonelli, Rinaldi and confiscation of goods of the Piscicelli at Naples.

GENERAL : Meeting of Committee of Ministers on subsidy for workers... Punishment of Moroccans...Message of Bonomi to Prime Minister of Belgium... Socialist Congress... Statement of Annona that fuel supply for baking has been sufficient... Preparation of Court for Caruso.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Notes visit of Poletti and Bizzozzero to Hospitals.

2. Under "Exemplary sentences" : account of punishment accorded Moroccans implicated in train crime.

QUOTTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Comment on accusation of the Annona that bakers are not making proper use of fuel (see ITALIA LIBERA, 7 Sept.). Il POPOLO feels that the bakers are not at fault and that the only real difficulty is transportation. Reproaches the Annona for this general accusation of a whole class of people.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

1. It can't go on this way. Disquieting reports of Communist interference with other parties in the communes of Latium. If the party really means to work with the other parties in the government some action will have to be taken against these communal disturbers of the peace.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Zuccarini has another article on the need of clarifying the currency situation. He repeats all the old arguments and concludes by saying that whatever Italy's obligations are she will honor them but the Allies should make some clear-cut statement on their monetary policy.

2. Reprints TIME (July 3) story of all members of the govt of Bonomi being obliged to sign armistice terms.

3. Many letters pouring in asking for speed and efficiency in epuration.

4. Some indignat observations of "vir". He notes for one thing that the religious plays in the Sapienza attract a large audience. The tickets cost 250 lire and almost everyone has his car waiting. Where do they get the money, where do they get the gas? Again, given enough money it is possible to get two meals a

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1. It can't go on this way. Disquieting reports of Communist interference with other parties in the communes of Latium. If the party really means to work with the other parties in the government some action will have to be taken against these communal disturbers of the peace.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Zuccarini has another article on the need of clarifying the currency situation. He repeats all the old arguments and concludes by saying that whatever Italy's obligations are she will honor them but the Allies should make some clear-cut statement on their monetary policy.

2. Reprints TIME (July 3) story of all members of the govt of Bonomi being obliged to sign armistice terms.

3. Many letters pouring in asking for speed and efficiency in epuration.

4. Some indignat observations of "vir". He notes for one thing that the religious plays in the Sapienza attract a large audience. The tickets cost 250 lire and almost everyone has his car waiting. Where do they get the money, where do they get the gas? Again, given enough money it is possible to get two meals a day in a number of Roman restaurants - a meat course with each meal. He calculates that 180,000 meat portions are served. Yet many Romans haven't seen meat for months and it is hard to get even for hospitals. Of course every time a restaurant serves meat it is in violation of law but no one pays any attention to it.. We deplore the excesses of the French Revolution but such spectacles make it easy to understand them.

5. Appeal for abolition of the Centrale del Latte as well as the Annona.

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AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Anniversary noted. Badoglio's message is recalled: he said Italy was obliged to cease fighting because overcome by superior forces. But while this was true enough, remarks AVANTI, the armistice didn't bring peace to Italy. The deeper truth - that the people did not want to fight on the side of the Germans - was ignored and between the 25 July and 8 September Badoglio made no preparations for the new war that was inevitable. Actually the General Staff and the Monarchy did not intervene to destroy Fascism but to save it.

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5. Provisioning of Rome. Prints UNRRA release and remarks that, no matter how optimistic it sounds, the fact is that nothing but fruit and vegetables has come in. No meat, no fowl etc. And there is a lack of oil and salt.

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6. Text of two telegrams sent by Omodeo to Universities of Louvain and Paris.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

1. Anniversary. Enzo Selvaggi writes that the 8th of September last and the days immediately following were perhaps the bitterest in recent years. The Nation had trusted in the Army, the best units of which had been expended in various foreign campaigns. Those who might have taken charge and used their prestige to unite the people were silent. To many the King's departure seemed an escape, a flight. Yet the people were aware what the gesture of surrender and what should have been consequent action might serve as redemption for twenty years of Fascism and as preparation for being received on a footing of dignity as an Allied Nation with full rights. Reason - apart from errors of judgement which time will decide on - would indicate that the essential thing was scrupulous observation of the armistice. And, alas, there is still no one in sight able "to direct the people according to its will and its interest."

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3. There are 5000 Italian refugees from Libia; the office charged with taking care of these people was transferred to Cremona and there is no place for them to turn. This situation should be remedied.

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4. Notes with some irony Antonini's alleged speech, quoted by the Socialists, to the effect that the Socialist party should be the strongest in Italy and similar speeches by Communist leaders. Wonders how these two contestants for the primacy will get along.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Some harsh words for Casendini's critics who are said to be Fascist in tone. In spite of all that has been said the Liberal party is just what Casendini said it was: progressive, believing in the need of a spiritual and material renewal in Italy, not the slave of doctrinaire dreams but "classic rather than romantic".

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - nihil novum.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic) - idem.

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who, in collaborating with the King have made others share in his guilt. The parties seem to be sorry for it now but are they in a position to bring to trial their own allies? It is to be hoped that they are; otherwise however there are "uncontaminated popular forces" who will be glad to bring to the bar those guilty of the crimes of 8 September, 25 July - and others.

2. M. Frecone observes that a committee of magistrates is calling for restitution of independence of executive power; in his opinion the magistracy is at present unworthy of any such independence. He enumerates its deficiencies and asks for election of the "judiciary magistratura".

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4. Formal resolution of the Camera del Lavoro on urgent need of high cost of living subsidy now under discussion. The resolution mentions that certain employers are planning on dismissing personnel if and when subsidies have to be paid and protests vigorously. AVANTI approves, recommending the government's vigilance on the latter point.

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5. General Brown explain reason for electric shortage. Factual account.

6. AVANTI adds its voice to others protesting against projected dismantling of Teatro di Caracalla.

7. Sympathetic description of return of Antonini to Vallata Irpina, his place that he had left 36 years ago.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Our frontiers. Agrees with Pacciardi (in VOCE REPUBBLICANA, 7 Sept) that Gorizia, Trieste and Istria are and must remain Italian. Goes on to say: "We are against all nationalism, including Italian and Slavic nationalisms. The fight will be hard, therefore all who think along the same lines should remain united.

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of the people to their own political careers and revolutionary schemes, are taking on a terrible burden of responsibility.

2. Luciforo, quoting story of banditry in RICOSTRUZIONE (8 Sept, 1) uses it as point of departure for an attack against the C.L.N. which he asserts the local committees of Florence and Northern Italy have repudiated and against the government, which, even according to some of the parties which form part of it, is incapable of keeping order. The government is asked to have the decency to resign.

3. Apropos of the notice of distribution of medicine for certain zones (announced yesterday) the suggestion has been made that there should be a Board of production and a board in charge of distribution. ITALIA NUOVA favors only the former.

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some time to set up machinery.... Comment is sympathetic and urges confidence and patience on the part of the public.

5. Another anti-Masonic article. (E.E.)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal). Niente di notevole.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Protest for treatment of certain anti-Fascists (specifically Giuseppe D'Annunzio) who are still confined in the insane asylum, on the pretext that they are mad. Those jailed were released but these unfortunates, the majority of whom are perfectly sane, have been forgotten.

2. Notice of coming census as a necessary prequisite of reconstruction - and of getting Lend Lease. It is to take place between 15 Sept. and 15 Oct. There will be three aspects : demographic, agricultural, industrial. It will not have any "fiscal or inquisitorial intention" and all citizens are urged to cooperate.

3. Bread, the wrath of God. Paragraph state that the time has passed for observation and comment; the bread produced by some bakers has reached such a state that it is a matter of simple denunciation. For example the baker on Via Tacchini, in whose shop bread was sold yesterday of such a nature that we invite the authorities to come to our office and taste the samples.

4. Where is the soap promised for the first week of September?

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2. Notice of coming census as a necessary prequisite of reconstruction - and of getting Lend Lease. It is to take place between 15 Sept. and 15 Oct. There will be three aspects : demographic, agricultural, industrial. It will not have any "fiscal or inquisitorial intention" and all citizens are urged to cooperate.

3. Bread, the wrath of God. Paragraph state that the time has passed for observation and comment: the bread produced by some bakers has reached such a state that it is a matter of simple denunciation. For example the baker on Via Tacchini, in whose shop bread was sold yesterday of such a nature that we invite the authorities to come to our office and taste the samples.

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GENERAL: President Roosevelt's statement appears in all papers, usually bracketed with Gen. Stone's... Notice of the census... Resolution of the Camera del Lavoro... Notice of Anglo-American Labor people's visit to Bari.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - rien a signaler.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. L. Bitter comment on the indifference of the Romans who do not seem to care - if they even know - that people are actually dying of starvation in the city. Not many, it is true, but even one death from hunger should arouse the citizens out of their indifference.

2. Comment on Gen. Brown's exposition of electric situation: the explanation is indeed exhaustive and the appeal for rigid economy is approved. Practical suggestion made that domestic electric equipment be detached and all current used for more regular ration of light.

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2. On the oath of the workers VOCE remarks acidly on the devilish slyness of two classes of RR employees who did not take the Fascist Republican oath. One group refrained out of "bestial attachment" to the House of Savoy, another because they were shrewd enough to see the Fascist Republic would not live long. Now both these groups are making a virtue of their refusal to swear.

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3. Workers subsidy. F.G. writes as follows: The govt, in response to the appeal of the Confederazione, has granted a subsidy but if there are not more goods available and if the progressive devaluation of currency continues there will be another appeal for another subsidy before very long. It had been hoped that the response to the just demands of the workers would have taken the form of a co-ordinated and organic long-range economic plan, including, among other things definite attack on the crucial problem of transport. Nothing of the sort.... Propaganda pamphlets, distributed by Allied aviators promised liberation and not occupation. We ask that a few of our ships be left to us, a few railroads, some means of transportation - and above all we ask to be left to our own devices. Let us make contacts with other countries that know us, that have given us credit and will do so again, that can supply us with raw materials - and leave the rest to us. We shall do as the people of Cassino and Viterbo, who are setting about the rebuilding of their own houses, all by themselves. We too will, by ourselves, secure the necessary international co-operation if we are allowed to... Without any supervision which is justifiable only when the means are adequate and the plans clear cut. Italy has fallen before and has arisen again. By herself.

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2. On supply problem: there are rumors that the Allies are about to form a consorzio of merchants and give them charge of the provisioning of Rome. This would be a grave mistake, thinks AVANTI, and a step backward. Obviously such a group would try to profit by its position and monopoly and corruption would spring out of such a scheme.

3. Comment on "Pasquino", comic weekly. It appeared under the German regime; while it was not favorable to the Fascist republic in

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tone it was definitely under the protection of the Germans. Now it turns up again (with a new name but recognizable). The editor, Maiuri, is asked to explain just what his relations were with the Germans.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. New Tasks. Article pointing out that a great part of liberated Italy (until the last few weeks) had been territory which had not lived under German domination and had not had the same trial by fire, with consequent growth of committees of liberation . etc. Further the South still contains a number of reactionaries - or at least conservative - elements which have seen no need of changing their ways simply because there has been a change of government. The contrast between the two zones was very evident at the time of the formation of Bonomi's ministry. But since the South was predominant in number the months in Rome have come perilously close to making of Rome and Latium not so much the Southern front of the new Italy as the Northern front of the old. Now with the rapid liberation of the North there is no doubt of the supremacy of the way of thought of the renewed Italy. Some committees of liberation have indeed taken power in their own hands. It is clear that for the future the C.L.N. must work even more closely with the government, to whom it can render valuable service.

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POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Against arrogance and violence. Fiery words by Gonella against certain activities in the provinces which seem to be leading to the "regular Sunday brawls". For the first time, he says, the Socialists and Communists are in power in Italy; this should mean

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harmony and attention to preparation of the new social order but this order, awaited eagerly by all and especially by the masses, will never be established if the parties on the one hand have a common policy in the government and on the other hand fall upon each other outside the government. The C.D. party has clearly stated at Naples that "it will not tolerate handing over the destinies of the country to plutocratic or Jacobin cliques nor to party squadristi nor piazza insurrections." To this statement the Party is faithful and in order that the present disease may not spread it appeals to the action of the government and to the sense of responsibility of all citizens.

2. Public Welfare. Comment on Pacciardi's remark that Chevalier has already been shot while Caruso has yet to be tried: this is not a difference to be ashamed of; it is precisely the difference between real justice and the justice, say, of Caruso himself.

3. Need of provincial elections. Opposed to RICOSTRUZIONE (9 Sept) which thinks elections should be postponed until prisoners and refugees have returned. POPOLO is for holding them now: they can always be regarded as provisional, of course.

4. "Diogene" has some words of amazed indignation at the sort of people - one can still find them - who say that after all Fascism did a lot for the country. There are even people who in all good faith still think everything would have been all right if Mussolini had stopped after the Ethiopian war.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. V.S. writes in favor of immediate provincial and communal elections.

2. Another article urging the A.S.A. be given wide powers as supply agent.

3. Interview between Bonomi and Nenni on holding elections.

GENERAL : Arrest of Giannini.... Confiscation of property of Edmondo Rossoni, Starace, Grandi etc... Meeting of ministerial committee on salary adjustment... Meeting of Christian Democrat National Council.

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12 September 1944

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - nihil novum.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Box at top of page asking: What is the difference between the most repugnant bourgeois capitalist and the workman who charges 100 to 300 lire for turning on the gas - an operation of 10 minutes?

2. Federici calls attention to the moral aid the Pope has given and is giving Italy. Suggests that his words on necessity of unity be taken to heart and reminds the extremists that one cannot identify a political system with a social class, no matter what Marx may say. Still basing his argument on the Pope's words the writer concludes by asking the Allies "to help us organically to set in motion again the national economic machinery."

3. Prominence given Pope's message to President of Poland, promising to do all he can (President had described German atrocities and asked aid). (+)

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1. Article, inspired by the film, in honor of Toscanini, whose moral and political integrity no less than his artistry are worthy of admiration. Refers to his well known hatred of the King and Badoglio and his desire to see a republic established and longs for the day when it will be possible to send the message to him that Mameli once sent to Mazzini: "Rome - republic - come!" (Pacciardi)

2. Sharp criticism of the condition of the streets. Appeal to Board of Health and to the responsible officials for action.

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4. (+) De Gasperi, referring to Churchill's message to Italians is quoted as saying that C.D. s are in accord with Churchill in being aware of the dangers of a new dictator ship. The party will aid the people to escape that danger. From the allies more than "control" Italy needs co-operation in solving her problems. (This from the C.D. council; see IL POPOLO)

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni urges importance of international socialist congress to run concurrently with Peace Conference.

2. Report of meeting of tramdrivers union (5,000 attendance) in which anxiety was evident about salary adjustments still under discussion by Ministry. AVANTI also feels it is high time action was taken.

L'ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Provisional Peace. On the meeting between Churchill and Roosevelt at Quebec II observes that it will be in essence a preliminary peace conference, since the peace at least in Europe, is clearly imminent. It is recalled that Allied leaders have indicated that rather than one peace conference at the end of this war there may be many with a slow and deliberate approach to the various problems. There is something to be said for this but one can also leave things in a "provisional" state too long. Uncertainty about institutional questions and about frontiers will impede the work of reconstruction. And it cannot be said that Italy's case - for it has been a year since the armistice and the terms of the document are not known nor is the Allied policy yet clear - proves the value of leaving things in fluid state over a long period of time.

2. Paragraph on Gen. O'Dwyer's report to President. Gen. is alleged to have said that the Italian economic situation is dangerous for Italy and also for the political position of the U.S. in the post war world.

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3. Comment on Churchill-Roosevelt talk is that it is to be hoped some good for Italy may come out of it. The good-will shown by the two leaders and the data supplied by ACC give reason to hope.

4. Comment on Allied Courts and specifically on Col. Elder. Recalling the harsh things said about American justice in the Fascist press, "Sicilfo" observes that it is a strange irony that has now brought this justice to Italy and one cannot but admire the combination of scrupulous riger and humanity that has characterized the functioning of Allied courts in Rome.

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5. On the new "Ente di approvvigionamento" on the initiative of the Allies the observation is that this is all very well unless it is monopolistic. "Do not strangle private enterprise."

PDPCLO (Christian Democrat)

1. C.D. National Council. The "motion of the congress" is as follows: defense of liberty, postponement of decision on monarchy until all party is united, confirmation of tripartite pact per syndical unity, appeal to the govt to "recognize the unions as autarchic organs through public right based on the political and religious liberty of the workers, organized democratically with their own autonomy and independence of political parties", re-establishment of communal autonomy with relative free election of officials, votes for women, an end to commissarial administration of public and private corporations and return to responsibility of directors, co-operation of all anti-Fascist parties and creation of advisory councils.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. What to do with Germany. M. Lucinacci suggests creation of a number of "Switzerlands" on German borders including bits of Germany and border peoples.

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3. The light that fails. Energetic protest; in recent days the light has not been forthcoming even on ration days.

UDIPO (Independent)

1. Should Italy have a place at the Peace conference? P. Scarfoglio writes that all states would probably answer in the negative but they would be wrong... Today England and America must interest themselves deeply in European affairs; England, in particular must abandon her policy of "historic terror" of allowing any continental nation even the appearance of domination over another. This has been the historic guilt of England in her relations with Europe. Creating "parity" in Europe means loosing the German fury; thus the treaty of Versailles was not only an error but the premeditated assassination of 10,000,000 men. England through fear of a France or an Italy (sic) that might become too strong threw away the victory of 1918. Unhappily up to now nothing in English history goes to show that the English yet understand the desperate life of the Latins in Europe. There will be no peace until it is recognized that Italy and France are the only islands

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1. Should Italy have a place at the Peace conference? P. Scarfoglio writes that all states would probably answer in the negative but they would be wrong... Today England and America must interest themselves deeply in European affairs; England, in particular must abandon her policy of "historic terror" of allowing any continental nation even the appearance of domination over another. This has been the historic guilt of England in her relations with Europe. Creating "parity" in Europe means loosing the German fury; thus the treaty of Versailles was not only an error but the premeditated assassination of 10,000,000 men. England through fear of a France or an Italy (sic) that might become too strong threw away the victory of 1918. Unhappily up to now nothing in English history goes to show that the English yet understand the desperate life of the Latins in Europe. There will be no peace until it is recognized that Italy and France are the only islands which are constantly menaced by the barbarians and from them alone can come the only possible future resistance to recrudescent barbarism.

2. Under announcement of pasta ration notes that heavy workers have been waiting for their supplementary ration since June.

UNITA' (Communist)

Box at top of page says 75 generals have been suspended; it would be interesting to know their names and places of residence.

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2. Compliments to Churchill on his appearance in Quebec. The sky is clear in Quebec; it is clear in Italy too in a sense. For though Italians realize they have a hard road ahead they now have unity among themselves.

3. Velio Spano writes in support of Socialist program.

4. Complaint that everyone finds it hard to get a permit for a car - except Fascists and their wives and friends.

5. Article by Marzi-Marchesi on the Annona, which he claims will have to do more than it has in the past. Private initiative is not adequate to the present situation. The difficulty is to find the right officials for the Annona. This is not easy but they are being found.

GENERAL: Arrest of Buffalo.... Churchill and Roosevelt meeting... Remarks of Sforza on Senators under judgment.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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4. Calls for epuration of the "Fascist musician" Maestro Mario Labroca.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Parties in review. On Socialist "g.c." observes that this is a party which is honestly republican and yet it collaborates with a govt under the monarchy. Does it not realize the dangerous ambiguity of this line? As for the C.D.s they are still postponing decision; they have a right to of course but it all accords with talk of "dynamism of all forces" and "ardor of youth" (De Gasperi's phrases) especially when everyone knows that a large part of the D.C. longs for the republic. As for Ruini he too states that the L.D.s want to return to Mazzini and hence democracy. But what does this mean in fact when the Labor Democrats are working with the King - nay, under the King. Speeches are all very well but this is a time for action; if all these spokesmen want a republic they must realize that the first step is to get rid of the monarchy and not preserve it by cooperating with it.

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2. Prudence of the Christian Democrats. They are still saying neither yes nor no but AVANTI sees some signs of progress in the party's declaration. It is certain, in the opinion of AVANTI, that if the C.D.s are waiting for the views of their adherents in the North the Party will declare itself republican.

3. Cartels and Trusts. Pietro Bottero comments on Pres. Roosevelts letter on cartels. Notes the President's disapproval of them but reminds its readers that this vicious system is by no means limited to Germany - as might seem to be implied in the President's letter - but is rather a phase of capitalism and can be encountered in any capitalistic country - or indeed on an international scale. Indeed the trusts are particularly well developed in America where their growth was sheltered for years behind a protectionist tariff wall.

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3. Answer to Tullio Vecchietti, who in AVANTI described the action party as one believing in the predominant role of the intellectual bourgeoisie. Ridiculous, says I.L.

4. Light ration. Claims to have learned from competent sources that there will be six hours a day to all users beginning Oct. 1.

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5. Indignant letter from one G.B. who was called to arms - only to find that the expression is now used to mean labor battalions.

6. The jewels of the crown. Ironic allusion to the rescue of the Crown jewels and honors passed out as a result of it. The new commendatori, it would seem, include in their number a veteran squadristi. Worthy of Dumas, the whole affair!

7. To Count Sforza. Why is not Senator Carlo Torlonia included in Senators to be tried?

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Commissari. I.N. distinguishes between three kinds of industrial corporations; those in existence before Fascism, those growing up in the regime which answered a real economic need, those born of Fascist politics and policy. The last class may well be put in charge of special Commissioners, the first two it is dangerous to tamper with at a time so delicate in the economic life of the nation. (Enzo Selvaggi)

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2. Short article deploring the talk of violence and force that is now being heard, not only from unofficial sources but even in party platforms.

3. Discussion of what Churchill-Roosevelt talk may mean for Italy. It is now a month since the first allusion to Lend-Lend

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and nothing has come of it. It would be welcome but it should be remembered that lease lend really means war materials more than anything else. Perhaps there is something to hope for in the UNRRA conference.

4. Bonomi too, it would seem, thinks the time has come to prepare for provincial elections. It is understood that voting lists will be prepared according to rules laid down in the electoral law of 1919.

5. List of crimes and robberies; comment being that crime wave is growing and police are not on the job.

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2. Permessi di...circolazione. Bitter letter, signed l.l., on his efforts to get a pass to revisit his home. Two days spent waiting in line in offices, only to be sent to another office and finally to be denied. Having spent 8 months fighting the Germans, having sheltered many Allied fugitives his "heart is filled with a great sadness."

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Problem of the land. Criticism of Christian Democrat agrarian program. AVANTI finds the C.D.s too anxious to protect and increase small holdings (when it is obvious that nowadays they are uneconomical) and too reluctant to accept the true co-operative principal. (E. Villani)

2. Epuration indeed! It is stated that men who served the Fascist Republic, even those who served in the Republican Guard, are now being admitted to the CC RR, provided, of course, they swear to the King.

3. Caustic attack on the Ministero degli Esteri; more than epurated it should be seared with fire from top to bottom. Quite apart from Fascist character of the personnel it has been swollen out of all legitimate proportion in recent years and represents an unjustifiable burden on the nation.

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2. Eggs. Notes that they are now for sale (at 18 lire each) on a free market; no tessera required. Unhappily the eggs are not always fresh; lack of transport, some hoarding among the peasants being among causes for this. Indeed it is the impossibility of storing them and keeping them fresh that makes a free market possible. It is unlikely the situation will improve before January. Meanwhile

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consumers are warned - and a special caution is added against buying from house to house vendors who claim to offer strictly fresh eggs at 30 lire each. They are invariably the eggs one gets in the market at 18 lire.

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5. Publishes another part of C.D. program, favoring more regional autonomy.

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RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Production and distribution. G. Granata comments on C.D. agrarian program. They have favored small holdings and that seems to be the general trend of the parties - even those of the Left. The Liberals have no particular prejudice in the matter. But it is essential that production should be kept up; one should think of the consumer as well as the farmer. It seems likely that in this, as in other matters, a combination of private initiative and state control may be the wise course; just in what measure is a delicate matter which will have to be studied.

2. Defense of lowering discount rate.

3. On wine provisioning. Article says the Allies at first allowed only very few the privilege of importing wine into Rome. The wine was scarce and the price high. Then they changed their system and allowed relatively free traffic. Price came down. Now, because they are concerned about transport used in this commerce, it is learned that they are going to set up a Consorzio - a few privileged dealers - and we shall be as badly off as before. The least that might be expected - especially in view of the anxiety of the producer to get rid of his stock - is to do away with restrictions on horse-drawn vehicles.

4. On the communique that household electric appliances are to be cut off and a greater light ration given comment is that it is poor and non-informative. When is this to take place? And what about the rationing of light - since that of power seems to be fixed in the communique? Very obscure indeed and as for the measure to turn the clocks back that is, under present circumstances, simply stupid.

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2. Problems of the Annona. Many difficulties, writes Marzi-Marchesi, are beyond the powers of the ACA to cope with. There is a lack of clear directives, too many restrictions, and all the practical difficulties connected with transport. All that can be done is to appeal and keep appealing to the Italian and Allied authorities who can do much.

GENERAL: Terms of Roumanian armistice given in all papers, UNITA' calling them "generous"...Delay in trial of Azzolini noted (with suspicion by most)...Roosevelt's statement on purposes of Quebec conference...Allusion to labor meeting to-morrow in most papers... Prominence given to various partisan feats.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - rien de nouveau.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Notes lowering of legal interest rate by half a point. Thinks this will not have much effect but what effect there is will be beneficial. Quotes Soleri as saying that "he will fight for the defense of our currency, supported by the Allies and by the healthy optimism of the people who will make many sacrifices if they can be sure they will be fruitful." Prophetic words and indicating a progressive preparation remarks the writer, A. Gilardoni.

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3. Against changing time. No electricity, candles expensive, likewise petroleum - in these circumstances a return to standard time is absolutely unjustified. The authorities should reconsider.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. A tactical failure. The monarchists, with their talk of unrest

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in the provinces, insults offered to the monarchy etc. are trying to convince the people that there is need of a military government. They have powerful weapons; the carabinieri, the prefects, the Corpo di Liberazione are all monarchistic and there are powerful foreign elements on the side of the King as well. The tactics of the leftist parties have failed; they made the mistake of attempting to co-operate in a Royal Government and now they see themselves handcuffed and compelled to frustrating press campaigns. It is time to change tactics. The republic is not something that should come out of shady political manoeuvring; it should emerge as what it is: a logical development of historical evolution in a country proud of its republican tradition. Its constitutional structure answers the "almost physiological exigencies" of the nation; its social structure, eliminating injustices and respecting small property, while educating the workers in the direction of taking over production will eliminate any danger of dictatorship. The republic is not a vendetta; it is rather the solution of our difficulties. We must have it or we shall have been beaten. Nor will words and newspaper articles save us.

2. We are beneath King Michael. The armistice with Roumania is fair, clean-cut, above all it is openly revealed. Only Italy is forbidden to know what the terms of her armistice are and what fate awaits her. How can the govt accept this treatment which puts them on a lower footing than King Michael?

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3. Communique from Sottosegretariato della Stampa denying that there is any truth in the stories (printed by ITALIA NUOVA) of prefects asking the govt for instructions on how to deal with acts of violence. There have been no such acts.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Discussion of the C.D. Party proposal for "sindacati autarchici di pubblico diritto". Such unions would be free only within certain limits; in the sense that they would be organs of the state to which all workers would be obliged to contribute they would be very similar

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to the Fascist unions. This is not the kind of organization the Action Party would like; it seems rather to indicate a nostalgia for medievalism or a trend toward the organization of Dollfuss or Franco or Salazar. Why does not the C.D. Party suggest a workers' referendum - especially since the party is quite willing to consider a referendum in other matters.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Envy on the banks. Recommends going slow with epuration of bankers. In modern banking the banker merely follows government directives; the banking policy obviously had to be what the government laid down. It is absurd to hold bankers responsible; they were - and are - merely technicians. Naturally purely political appointments, cases of dishonesty or incompetence masquerading behind a scarpe littorio call for epuration. But one should proceed with caution in this field.

2. Complaint of young men called to arms only to find it means labor battalions is answered by Ministry of War which points out that any one who really wants to fight can enroll as a volunteer. And many of the labor battalions, who perform very valuable service, are near the front and under fire.

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8. Italian soldiers passing through Rome have a miserable time, says I.N. They should have a club where they can get a good meal,

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a good bed. And perhaps some music for dancing - if there are any girls in Rome who remember when their "dream hero" wore a grey green uniform.

9. Appeal for starting professional and technical schools - even if by private initiative at first.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Article insisting on need of keeping Summer Time, in line with other journals.

2. Notes the varying comments which have followed resignation of the Consiglio of the Press Association. UNITA' very pleased about it and insistent that the new Consiglio be chosen from men of a different sort; ITALIA NUOVA taking the opposite view and accusing the Consiglio of "aventinismo". IL POPOLO thinks the new election a good idea and hopes it will be preceded by democratic consultation.

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3. Protest against raise in electric rates. This is called an "absolutely illegal measure":.. Likewise, says the article the Annona is out of line in declaring void contracts for transportation of Rome's food supply... And very unsympathetic comment on the Ufficio Trasporti which is to be in charge of all supply transportation.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. Article in praise of Nitti, now a prisoner in Germany. Had he only been heeded.

2. Volunteers for the firing squads. Detailed list of officers and men of the Pubblica Sicurezza who volunteered and participated in the shooting of patriots. Many of these "wild beasts" are still serving in the police. Comment unnecessary.

3. Gio writes again on Sicily, this time under title of "Innocence of the masses". The familiar thesis that Sicily has always been mismanaged by the barons is repeated. Col. Hancock, who found the people not sufficiently mature for democracy probably never knew the real people, says the article, but was judging by this decadent class.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - rien a signaler.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Vigorous protest against ENAC. It will do more harm than good, it is a Fascist idea.

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1. Carbonia. Report by Saragat of what he saw in Carbonia. The most impressive modern mine machinery and workers whose condition was nearer serfdom than anything in present day society. They lack everything; shoes clothing, sufficient food. True the new directors of the mining company as well as the High Commissioner are aware of

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the situation and are trying to do something. But this is merely one aspect of the grave social problem that will have to be solved on a national basis.

2. Let's put the cards on the table. AVANTI is tired of hearing of these rumours of violence in "certain provinces". What provinces? Make the charges specific, is the appeal. Possibly in areas recently liberated there is a natural continuation of violence. But anything else we should like to know about. We don't mind the Fascist Radio nor the Marchese Lucifero (of ITALIA NUOVA) but when the RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE makes these same vague alarmist commentaries (at the same time it chooses not to publish an official communique denying certain stories of unrest) we are concerned and have a right to ask what this means.

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4. Survey of the Breda works, noting destruction and impossibility of functioning. 7,000 employees are affected.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Unity of Italy. Lucifero writes in approval of the Christian Democrats resolution that Italy must be built up on a system of greater regional autonomy.

2. Publishes exchange of letters between Togliatti and De Gasperi. Togliatti's is dated 9 Sept and is a note of good wishes for the C.D. national council deliberations. De Gasperi's, dated 12 Sept., while thanking T., expresses alarm for attacks made by communist groups on C.D. meetings in Latium. (ITALIA NUOVA makes no comment but prints the letters in heavy type.)

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3. Ambiguity. Comments on Togliatti's appeal for ~~non-cooperation~~ cooperation. Again I.N. points out the paradox of the government; here is a man actually in the government who blames it for not acting. We quite agree with Togliatti, says I.N., we need more energy in the govt.

4. Signor Gullo's figures on the Granai do not quite coincide with those of Captain Stone or Mr. Antolini, says I.N. (See AVANTI, 15 Sept.) And even taking them at their best we do not see how they can be regarded as "satisfactory" since they are only a little more than half what the A.C.C. (Antolini) has estimated as necessary.

5. Violent protest against increase in electricity rates. The measure is unjust it is a mistake for other services will follow and inflation will be that much advanced, it is, says I.N. an example of the real black market, all the more vicious because it is sanctioned. I.N. proposes an association of consumers to check and control the electric companies.

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Italo-Soviet Affairs

1. Aid from the Allies. Lend Lease, it is noted refers only to war materials. There may not be too much grounds for hope in UNNRA either unless Italy is declared an Ally. But the Montreal conference is being followed with anxiety and anticipation by the Italians. Of course UNRRA's task is great and many nations, including England herself, will have a place in line ahead of Italy. But all we ask is a minimum. That minimum that we think Italy has now earned.

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2. Small box ~~stating that Radio London in a Spanish broadcast~~ stated that Marshall Tito had asked for Istria, Trieste, Fiume and part of Gorizia. (No other paper carries this).

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Exchange of letters between Togliatti and De Gasperi (see ITALIA NUOVA) is followed by statement saying charges will be investigated and the actions attributed toCommunists are certainly not in the party line. Suggests party secretariat and C.D. officials get together and send a message to their following urging tolerance and collaboration.

2. Interview with Casati on Army epuration. Comment is that his intentions are good but there is still a long way to go. (Spano)

GENERAL: Labor convention given good coverage, particularly in UNITA' and AVANTI...All papers report dismissal of Generals.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Noting UNITA's article of 13 Sept on the frightful conditions in which the refugees are living, the OSSERVATORE states that for some months the Vatican has been doing all it can, with its appropriate organizations, to help these unfortunate people. But all appeals for aid from Romans have been unanswered; the people of the city seem indifferent and selfish. The refugees do not need articles and discussions; they need material help. The OSSERVATORE hopes that UNITA' will co-operate in finding real help for these people.

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Whether or not the republic is socialists or liberal will depend on events as much as men; it will probably have something of both. But until the people really share in the administration of the country - as of course they would under a republic - it is idle and dangerous to quarrel about what kind of a republic it should be.

2. Another article of protest against the electricity companies, charging them with profiteering and making money on all kinds of charges when they had the chance. They should put up with a few lean years now. And how about epuration in these companies? Provision was made for it but it seems to be lagging.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democratic)

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nations enjoying full liberty both internal and in foreign relations. Two the application of the measure presupposes full confidence of the Allies. In our case these things are interdependent. To assure our liberty it would be sufficient to replace the ACC by representatives of the various united nations armed directly to our government. Similarly Italian representatives should be sent abroad. This would lead to mutual respect and co-operation. But in order to accomplish this the second goal must be attained; i.e. inspiring the Allies with faith in Italy. This is our task and can be done by our working together earnestly and in harmony.

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2. Notes that the new Commissioner of the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari has taken possession of his office. R.L. is very sceptical of the utility of this giant organization and hopes the Commissioner means what he says when he speaks of "Conditions of emergency" which have altered the original conception and tasks of the Federazione.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. The plumber's hour. The gas company having found it impossible to turn all the meters on (though it had no trouble turning them off) has urged its customers to get their own plumbers. And for less than 10 minutes work they charge anything from 50 to 200 lire.

2. There are still a number of districts in Rome that have not had water for months. What is the water company going to do about it?

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Criminal violence. On Carretta affair writer remarks that in the past arbitrary wilfulness, in pretended service of law and order, created legal violence and the catastrophic absurdity of order based on disorder. Now we have the same symptoms, the same phenomenon. It would be an illusion to think this a mere sporadic episode, caused by immediate circumstances. The nation must be epurated of its elements of violence whatever they may be, both those who through arbitrary violence have offended and those who would seek revenge by similar means.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. On the lynching episode comment is that this is a shocking and disgraceful thing. "This will absolutely not do."

2. Igino Giordani writes that the man in the street is now expecting the parties to get down to business. They have had enough time to make their ideological stand clear; let them now deal with real problems.

3. Long interview with Spataro on Press, tourist industry and show business. Generalizations about freedom of press, new press law, necessity for reviving cinema etc.

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QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. On the lynching episode comment is that this is a shocking and disgraceful thing. "This will absolutely not do."

2. Igino Giordani writes that the man in the street is now expecting the parties to get down to business. They have had enough time to make their ideological stand clear; let them now deal with real problems.

3. Long interview with Spataro on Press, tourist industry and show business. Generalizations about freedom of press, new press law, necessity for reviving cinema etc.

RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat)

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1. Ferruccio Liuzzi comments on unruly behavior of the crowd at Palace of Justice. Thinks it due to lack of preparation; too much publicity, too little room, too inadequate police preparations. These are things the Italians will have to learn. (Written without knowledge of the Carretta lynching, which is covered in news article but no comment).

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2. The Gothic Line. Who built it? Who built or helped to build various German defense lines in Italy? Some of these people must still be among us. Let us find them, suggests R., it would be a work of justice and their traitorous profits would be useful tothe state treasury.

3. Protest against nomination of Bompiani as epurator of the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche. He is a good deal too close to Giannini, in opinion of R.

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2. Statement of Anglo-American Labor delegates. Italian situation very pessimistically viewed, unemployment, malnutrition, inflation etc.

3. Notice of creation of Distributing Committee for Italian Relief. Proposed by Myron Taylor, Prince Doria elected president of Directive Committee.

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2. Responsibility. Long and documented history of the stories of Leftist agitation in the provinces. Lucifero makes a good case for his arguments which are (a) there has been violence. (b) the government has never really denied the rumours. (c) the various government papers have made the charges before I.N. brought them up. (d) the govt has done nothing. (e) those responsible for what is happening in the country are first the parties who are agitating, second the other parties and third the government itself.

3. Coverage of Carretta story includes two references to efforts of Lt. Atkinson PRB, ACC, (Advt.) to restore calm.

4. Observes, as other papers do, that it is now learned that the increase in electricity rates is not necessarily to take place. This was a UNRRA release of a few days ago and I.N. indicates some peevishness with its headline: "What kind of communiques are these?" Notes also that Allied Authorities are studying the question.

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3. R.L. deploring the Carretta affair, considers the causes. There are two; in the first place Berlinguer was too anxious for this case to be given publicity. In the second place justice has been too slow; a man like Caruso should have been tried by a military court within the first 48 hours of his capture. The High Court should be reserved for political crimes.

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4. The winter comes. The Allies have done much but not yet enough. We ask more humane and sympathetic understanding from both Allied and Italian authorities as the winter closes in. List of things needed follows, including milk sugar, medicine etc.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Government. Tempo recalls that in early June it had expressed its doubts concerning the formation of the Bonomi government. Not, as the accusation was made at the time, because TEMPO was anxious to preserve Badoglio but because a government of so-called "popular" nature seemed to have too little chance of success in a time of "occupation and control" and because the variety of parties represented afforded little hope for any unity of action. The shocking episode of yesterday somewhat justifies these doubts. For it was the result of the government's inability to be truly revolutionary; epuration, a matter "for the flaming sword of St Michael" had become bogged down in bureaucratic red tape and the debates between right and left had created a feeling that nothing was being done; hence the people - notably the women who have suffered and expected justice - took the law into their own hands. Let us once and for all extend the olive branch to the inoffensive "little men" of Fascism and proceed to summary justice on the leaders. And let us throw away ideologies and somehow get a government that can express the will and the power of a strong, just and incorruptible state.

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4. Interview with Labor representatives. The usual lines: some open criticism of ACC wage scale voiced by the American and English delegates. (Riccardo Longone).

GENERAL: Most papers note that census is now under way...Quebec and Montreal mentioned in most papers...Final meeting of American and British Labor delegates also well covered.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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1. Publishes govt communique, stating that enquiry into Carretta affair will be in charge of Rosati, Deputy Police Chief. Also says the Questore, Morazzini, was present at the scene but only as a witness, and it is false to say he wanted to give orders to fire on the crowd. ...Comment is that govt shows its realization of gravity of the affair. The episode itself is one of those sporadic, unpredictable outbreaks of mob violence that occur in time of crisis. The govt must assure order but it must also accept as a factor in the situation the psychological condition of the people.

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4. The end of Greater Bulgaria. It is to be hoped that the report is true that Bulgaria is to be a republic. Thus will she be freed of the burden of national expansion which her kings have forced on her.

5. On journalists. V.R. states that there has been much irregularity in the procedure followed to secure the various posts in the Associazione Giornalisti and the Federazione Stampa. Now, after the resignation of the Consiglio, an attempt is made to hold new elections on the old model. This wont do. All journalists, especially the antifascists must decide about their own association and those who were epurated by the Fascists should today be the epurators.

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4. Account of wounding of Licausi in Villalba (Caltanisetta). (Episode alluded to in Nenni's article, supra). Hand grenades were thrown by separatists to break up communist meeting.

5. When will everyone get light regularly? The commune should bestir itself.

6. Announcement of cooperative group, the Alleanza Cooperativa Romana, founded to unite all consumers cooperatives; non profit-making and non-political.

7. Reports statement on radio that UNRRA has discussed aid for Italy.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Some alarm shown over rumors of Tito's territorial demands. It has been impossible to get the true text of what he said and probably rumor exaggerates. However any such claims from Tito, who has so far shown much better understanding of Italy than the old leaders of Jugoslavia, are disquieting. It is important that both countries understand each other and do not let themselves be misled by nationalist minorities. One good thing about the Italian

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4. Account of wounding of Licausi in Villalba (Caltanissetta). (Episode alluded to in Nenni's article, supra). Hand grenades were thrown by separatists to break up communist meeting.

5. When will <u>everyone</u> get light regularly? The commune should bestir itself.

6. Announcement of cooperative group, the Alleanza Cooperativa Romana, founded to unite all consumers cooperatives; non profit-making and non-political.

7. Reports statement on radio that UNRRA has discussed aid for Italy.

<u>ITALIA LIBERA</u> (Action)

1. Some alarm shown over rumors of Tito's territorial demands. It has been impossible to get the true text of what he said and probably rumor exaggerates. However any such claims from Tito, who has so far shown much better understanding of Italy than the old leaders of Jugoslavia, are disquieting. It is important that both countries understand each other and do not let themselves be misled by nationalist minorities. One good thing about the Italian armistice, as far as can be learned, is that it calls for no territorial concessions or occupations.

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2. <u>Attack on the Annona</u>. It is all very well to talk of epuration but there is a suspicion that more than Fascist politics is wrong with Annona. Why is it that fruit costing 6 and 7 lire a kilo at Naples sells for 35 to 40 at Rome? Similar examples follow.

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3. Supplementary rations for invalids. Most of the sick don't get their supplement, those that do have been finding the rations (especially oil) of inferior quality.

4. On electricity. Again the contradiction in reports is remarked. But no matter what they call it a retroactive increase in rates is simply illegal according to I.I.

5. Violent attack on Vittorio Ferrari, Commissario per il Consorzio Nazionale fra distillatori spiriti di II categoria. This man worked with the Germans until June 4th, cooperating even with the Todt enterprises. And now he struts around the corridors of Via Lucullo, mouthing the word "alleati".

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2. Passages from all the newspapers of Rome, carefully chosen and rather freely interpreted to show that the vote is against the government by an overwhelming majority, 12 against it and RICOSTRUZIONE abstaining.

3. Much space given to letter of a Triestino maintaining the essentially Italian character of Trieste.

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9. Bonomi has asked certain people in his confidence to advise him on the request of landlords to be allowed to raise rents 25%. I.N. says: "No sir, no raising of rents until there have been raises in wages.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. Gonella writes again on the bourgeoisie. He admits, as the liberals have maintained, that there are some good things to be

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said for it and it is a group to be respected. But his real objection remains for it is not based on class reasons but on moral ones. The bourgeoisie is in essence materialistic. And as to saying it is not responsible for fascism that is false. Who hired the original squadristi etc etc.

2. Survey of reaction to the Carretta case. Quotes UNNS statement from Sforza that Carretta had aroused the crowd by his arrogant behaviour on the witness bench and points out this couldn't be true as he never got to the witness bench...statement of Tupini on the case...Notes Nenni's proposal for a Committee of Public Safety and UNITA's failure to print govt communique deploring the event.

3. The Comune, in answer to the request of IL POPOLO announces there will be a noon siren. Thanks.

4. Notes as other papers do the contradiction between statement at PWB press conference and release saying light increase will go on as "emergency charge". It may be true that both sources can be brought in harmony but the implications of the press conference were certainly to the effect that there would be no increase. Playing on words seems hardly the right thing at the moment and on a subject of such importance, is comment. Indeed even as an emergency measure increase is unjustified.

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concrete matter still under discussion is UNRRA which remains a possibility". Meanwhile the control over Italy is very strict and the Allies continue to issue currency with no backing and no opportunity of supervision on our part. These are the sources of the government difficulties in the work of reconstruction. We shall know some day what the causes are, whether the real intentions of the Allies are at the bottom of it, the insufficiency of the govt, the conservative preferences of Churchill, the quarrels between the parties. Epuration too as it proceeds hits certain classes and cert in vested interests and hence meets increased resistance. These are the "motives of crisis" which explain certain recent events; they may also be motives of unity among the six parties in their desire to checkmate the manoeuvres of the reaction which is girding its loins for the battle.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Denies that its remarks on the lynching were a vote of lack of confidence in the govt, as affirmed by IT.LIA NUOVA (See I.N. 20 Sept.) Notes that the press may be divided into two camps, one holding that if the courts do not act quickly it is supreme justice to proceed to lynching, the other implying that, while lynching is not normal justice the parties to be accused are not the perpetrators but rather those who have not been able to prevent it. Indeed the inquiry speaks of finding those "responsible" and not "the guilty". Perhaps that is understood. In any case the people must be made to understand the anomality of the thing and how much it merits reproof.

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RICOSTRUZIONE (Labor Democrat) - Nichts neues.

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3. Article urging the railways be reactivated and those that are already repaired be put to greater use. The Allies do not need them so much since they now have ports other than Naples. Their attention should be called to the railroads which could do so much both to bring in supplies and evacuate refugees.

4. Notes that there are plenty of pastry and cakes in display windows but flour is still hard to get for biscuits theoretically available on ration cards. Why is this ?

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Socialist Party Executive Committee meeting. Three point declaration issued: (a) there is a reactionary plot in the making which the govt and the C.L.N. should check; (b) it is high time something was done about workers' wages; (c) the present chaotic conditions of food supply should be met by organizing producers and consumers cooperatives which should work together under a national Commissariato. This means democratization of the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari.

Nenni's editorial on the above concentrates on the second point. He recalls that the workers original appeal was made on 9 August and nothing has yet been done. It is said the Allies are holding it up. He discusses the alleged reasons for this delay and then says that it is time the Allies should let Italians "at least administer their own misery". Control of Railroads, public order and strictly military problems of that nature are understandable. But for the rest "leave us alone" is the appeal of all Italians to the Allies.

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2. Fusion of Civilth Democratica del Lavoro and Partito del Fronte Unico Nazionale with Democratic party. (The first named are groups whose formation dates from 1943, the first in Bari, the second in Naples.)

3. Lucifero attacks UNITA' on two counts. In the old days, he says, when there was a penal code, the words of UNITA' on the lynching would have resulted in a charge against the paper of "apologia di reato". (i.e. defense of crime.)...Likewise when UNITA'

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4. The Villalba incident is very briefly mentioned. Comment is that those responsible should be punished, I.R. is against any violence of this sort.

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nor to become accomplices in creating impossible situations. It is well that all know our position before it is too late.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Starting with the Villalba affair and eloquently deploring the attack on Lizzadri, Leonida Repaci develops the thesis that there is a real reactionary movement on foot. The people sense it; they have no confidence in the government as is shown by the Caruso affair, the feeling of suspicion that Caruso may get off free - is he not being tried "on the quiet" and that Graziani may likewise escape. The situation must be faced; a govt that hesitates between Right and Left (and in practice seems to prefer the former) is not a govt for Italy to-day. Let us have a Leftist front. The following elements could serve: Socialists, Communists, Republicans, Action Party, Christian Socialists. As for the Christian Democrats if they don't choose to come in it will be their mistake.... This is what we hoped to do at Bari and the parties eminently will be certainly strengthened with the liberation of the North. These Leftist forces will agree on what should be done and we shall get action and not delay and uncertainty which is giving the forces of reaction time and opportunity to prepare.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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1. Discoveries in America. The opinion of Italy in America is a false and harmful version; a sort of air-photograph which does not get close to the reality of things. It does not see that the people are anxious to work, to rebuild, to arise again. In order that the right picture may be visible in America, it is necessary, as Don Sturzo says, that we have unity, an accord of souls and of parties.

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2. The Alleanza Cooperativa Romana. In union there is strength and it is desirable that all the Cooperative experiments in Rome should strengthen themselves by fusion. To this end the Alleanza has been created and appeal is made to both workers and employers to join and help.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Zuccarini maintains that if the resolutions expressed at the meeting of the Camere del Lavoro, namely that unions should be democratic and non-political, mean anything they should certainly signify the end of the three party domination of the sindacati. The Confederazione del Lavoro needs a new structure. It is admitted that elections on a new basis would be difficult but if the resolution is to be taken seriously such elections must be held - and free of party machinations.

2. V.R. has been accused of wanting to overthrow the govt. It is not the govt that is to be changed but rather the basis of collaboration with the monarchy. V.R. is anxious to see this change but is not anxious to get rid of the present govt.

3. Farewell salute to LA PATRIE on occasion of its leaving Italy. (Other papers carry news but without comment).

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2. Appeal from High Commissioner for Refugees. These people need very badly, blankets, mattresses, bedding.

3. Comment on latest light communique is that it is to be hoped there will not be another contradicting this.

4. Notice of new police corps, the Guardia Nazionale di Polizia, to be formed. This news given out by vice-questore De Carolis at Press Conference.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

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2. On electricity rate R. points out that the measure is still illegal in that it is retroactive whether so-called or not and that furthermore it violates the regulation fixing price of utilities. Notes with pleasure that a daily light ration is coming but cynically calls attention to the fact that the increase in price comes first.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Article by Pacciardi blaming King and Badoglio for not defending Rome.

2. Croce's speech. Agrees with what was said but thinks Croce should have discussed internal problems.

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3. Article by Lizzadri on how cooperatives can function to control prices.

4. It was announced several days ago that 180 tons of potatoes were on the way. Where are they ?

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Article by La Malfa defending Action point of view against Liberals and Socialists.

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2. On rationing. System seems to be working better since it has left Annona and been taken over by XIth division of Commune. Less private arrangements between dealers and favored customers... Complaint of lack of sugar and oil and proper meat for the sick.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. France, la doulce. "Babeuf" writes that it is with dismay that one reads the mounting list of names great in science and in the arts marked for epuration in France. It is evident that in the third Republic love for liberty and democracy was dead. For the state of France is even worse than ours; it was the whole Third Republic that collaborated with the Germans. The writer considers with horror the number of English, American and Russian soldiers and civilians who died because of this French collaboration. A significant example is the invention of the flying bomb by George Claude, of the French Academy. In this connection it is consoling and encouraging to consider the number of Allied lives saved by the desperate courage with which antifascist Italy took up their cause. The Italian fleet did not sink in port but went over to the Allies in perfect discipline. It has been said that in the matter of epuration De Gaulle did more in a week than Italy in several months. This is hardly to be wondered at he had a much wider field to work in.

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3. News that the film of the lynching is already on its way to U.S. and England calls forth sad commentary on what the foreigners will think of Italy. Followed by sharp protest on behavior of

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newspaper photographers at trial, against which "even Col. Pollock had to take action."

4. Croce's speech admired; Q. finds it contains the lesson of moral regeneration so necessary to Italy.

5. On Manoni's being named President of the court thinks he should receive "parity with first grade" from govt.

6. On the "stand" that the Annona is to set up in the market; the idea is good if one can get the right personnel.

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1. On occasion of the Conferenza Provincial of the Communist Party in Rome Spano remarks that the two positive elements which give Italy hope are the partisan war and the 6 party govt. In both of these the Communists have had a good share, through the enthusiasm of their fighters, the "equilibrium" of their leaders and above all the parties influence with the masses. This is a source of strength for the future struggles that lie ahead. It can be said on the basis of this record that the stronger the Communist party is the sooner will Italy regain liberty and wellbeing.

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2. Sordid class selfishness. The great landowners, represented in the Federazione Nazionale degli Agricoltori, have turned down the legitimate requests of the confederation of labor, on behalf of share-farmers. The subject is now a matter of ministerial investigation.

3. Gullo writes on organization and development of Granai del Popolo. Considers some of the difficulties. (Nothing novel in his article which is to be followed by others.)

4. Arrival of Russian Labor delegates in Italy announced.

GENERAL : Sentence carried out on Caruso with various descriptions of scene at Forte Bravetta...Roosevelt's statement that Italy was discussed at Quebec....Last words of Anglo-American delegates, special reference to Antonini's....Notice of Maroni being made President of Court. Council of ministers: final measures for workers and state employees subsidies, plan for Price Control Committee, measures to speed epuration.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

1. Comments approvingly on Croce's remarks about the need of preserving Italy's dignity as a nation and the sacredness of her frontiers. Both of these points, says the writer, had been affirmed in the OSSERVATORE some time before Croce's speech.

2. Responsibility. Agrees with VOCE REPUBBLICANA in its thesis that all Italians, all Europeans, all men are co-responsible with Caruso. However writer congratulates himself and his brothers in the faith for not having had a hand in destroying the authority of Christ in the modern world.

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2. Comment on Quebec. Finds the statement of Roosevelt "sybilline" and again bitterly deplores the fact that the armistice was made with representatives of the old Italy and not with the Italy of the people.

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3. Noting with surprise that there was some opposition to extending UNRRA aid to Italy and says bitterly that "those who have taken it upon themselves to keep Italy in a condition of political minority have also assumed the duty of providing for her most urgent needs."

4. Again on the bad record of the police in Italy and repeats the appeal that young men of decency should keep out of the force.

5. News item on sentences given at Florence for unauthorized travel from Rome.

MORNING PAPERS

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2. Congratulations to Cenelo Baldazzi on his nomination as Commissario for the Dopolavoro.

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3. Pio Vittorio Ferrari has written to ask us for a denial of what we said of him on 20 Sept. Finding that we were perfectly right we do not deny but rather call the attention of the proper authorities to our statement.

4. Notes that 35 of the 50 "giudici popolari" have refused to swear to the King. Approves their firmness.

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2. On Sicilian Separatism. Il P. resents the patronizing tone of AVANTI and maintains that the C.D. party has always been in the vanguard in the fight against Separatism. This is more than the Socialists can say since many former Socialists are now in the separatists ranks. A paragraph at end states that Aldisio, when asked, absolutely denied he had said the C.D. party was implicated in Villalba incident (as reported by AVANTI).

3. The TIMES has stated that the taking of Rimini was a great victory. We know, says IL P., what these victories cost. Probably there is nothing left of the city.

4. Extension of UNRRA aid to Dodecanese islands has been interpreted by some journalists as implying return of islands to Greece. This is a hasty assumption especially in view of the Atlantic Charter policy of self determination.

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4. "They're Italian." Enthusiastic account of passage of Italian Unit through Rome yesterday.

5. The Vasolli company, though now under a special commissioner, is still exploiting the workers.

GENERAL : £ 50,000,000 set aside for Italy by UNRRA... 20 patriots condemned to death in North... Hungarian border crossed by Russians...Warrants for arrest of Lotti, Federzoni, Rossoni etc... Arrest of one of planners of murder of Rosselli brothers... Meeting of Anglo-American and Russian Labor representative.

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3. The invincible. Ironic admiration of the Mercato Nero. The Gothic Line totters, the Hitler Line has gone, the Siegfried Line will go - the Black Market remains.

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4. Denial that any of the organizers of Rosselli murder have been arrested.

5. Long account of what Italian Red Cross does for POWs.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Military and political strategy. Essentially an appeal for a large Italian army now, showing how this could fit in with the strategy of the war. Bitter words for Col. Stevens who is urging the Italians "not to draw the logical deductions from their liberation" but to remain quietly under the throne of Casa Savoia. And the most galling thing, says V.R. is that we now have a govt presumably of liberty and democracy which follows exactly this policy.

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2. Nenni's speech at Aquila. The state of Italy is not due to the mistakes of Mussolini but to the very essence of Fascism, he said. The collapse of Italy began with Fascism and not when

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Mussolini guessed wrong. Hence all traces of Fascism must be ruthlessly removed. One must have faith in the people, it would be well to entrust them with epuration. They could manage it without too much paper work...It would be absurd to say that we and the Communists could settle all the problems. If there is a division into two blocs there will be a civil war. We do not want it but if it is forced on us we shall accept it.

3. To IL POPOLO: On the Villalba case the facts are that the sindaco of the town, one of the leaders in the outrage, is a Christian Democrat. This was the information given by prefect of Caltanisetta to Aldisio. The latter never denied that; he merely denied that the information had originated with him.

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3. News item: America permits sending money to Italy.

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4. Remark on Greek press conference (see GENERAL, below) is that Italy surely has no objection to a plebiscite in the Dodecanese. But I.N. feels that the Greeks are out of line in asking to be considered first in the matter of aid from UNRRA etc. For, if it is true that Fascist aggression is responsible for Greece's misery - at least in part - it is also true that the United Nations owe a good deal to Italian armistice and subsequent collaboration.

5. Criticizes ITALIA LIBERA for its attitude in congratulating the giudici popolari who did not swear to the King.

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4. It is learned that Poffano and Oliva have been named to Consiglio d'Amministrazione of ENIC. These were both well known in the Fascist cinema industry.

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Unity of Labor. Vincenzo Mazzei takes note of the recent resolutions to the effect that labor unions should be free of politics

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and democratic. Examines the background and finds reasons for skepticism, feeling that the proportional representative system in itself will make a non-political union almost impossible.

2. It is understood that Il Messaggero is to come out again. TEMPO fails to understand why; the government has six papers. Does Bonomi need one personally?

3. Red patches. Regret and dismay expressed for defacing of maps on Via dell'Impero.

4. Urges payment of Buoni del Tesoro due 15 Dec. 1943.

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2. Togliatti's speech to Rome Communists. Follows the usual line: wants more freedom from Allied control, more opportunity to participate in war, more rapid epuration. Refuses to condemn violence of people's feeling on last named. Says that the only possible govt for Italy now is one of collaboration of forces; the Communists have no intention of provoking a crisis. Mentions that Croce is a little too theoretical in his survey of Italy's position; in a national sense Italy obviously has lost the war.

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3. All papers mention Roosevelt's speech.

4. Gift of coffee by Brazil picked up by all - sometimes with grateful comment.

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Daily Digest of Rome Press.

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2. Responsibility of the government. Still on the UNAC. Letter from one Sideros pointing out that UNAC has not been coordinated with RRs as it properly should be. Letter preceded by some sharp questioning of the govt. Who has authorized Cerncona to set up UNAC? What is in back of it? Where is this passion for state initiative of great scale going to take?

3. Statements of the Assessore of the Annona about improving condition of supply are not regarded as satisfactory. Another plea for free commerce follows.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Nenni, returning from tour of the Abbruzzi, describes conditions as appalling. "The only thing well organized is the black market." Need of epuration is apparent. The government should be ready to act as soon as the territory is handed back. No one expects miracles in the matter of physical reconstruction but the government can do much to restore morale by prompt action. The country cannot afford to live in a constant state of alarm. This is why the Socialists have shown an impatience that has been misunderstood and indeed criticized even in meeting of the govt. But speedy action is necessary to create faith in the people. Once we have that we can look forward to the Costituente with confidence.

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4. Report of Dr. Fiocello on hospitals. Some improvement in recent months.

5. 18 bakeries closed because of bad bread turned out.

6. Letter from A. Vergano, one of the giudici popolari. Gives history of the oath-taking. As things stand now 10 have sworn to the King, 5 to the Lord Lt. and about 35 have taken no oath. Tupini is to settle the matter; Vergano, who has not taken the oath, awaits the ministers judgement with confidence for he has shown himself courteous and sympathetic.

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ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. Comment on communique from Hyde Park is that it represents "a step forward." "We are still far from that full alliance which our efforts deserve and from that parity to which we have a sacred right", says Lucifero. But somewhat grudgingly he admits things are looking better: it is to be regretted that nothing is said about the PCWs.

2. On govt communique: I.N. remarks that for months the paper has been the target of vulgar abuse simply because it insisted on the govt's need for cohesion and authority. Now the campaign has been rewarded. It is hoped that the men and the parties of the govt will live up to their declaration.

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2. Approval of government resolution of solidarity.

3. Appeal for maintaining blocked rents.

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4. Attack on electric companies. The turns of electricity no longer come with any regularity but quite fortuitously - if at all. And the companies do nothing - apparently don't care.

5. Publishes letter of Roosevelt to Generoso Pope, promising good news on Italian relief. (Letter dated 18 Sept).

TEMPO (Independent)

1. Pleased that at last the govt shows signs of appreciating the importance of its mission. Up to now its record has been very bad. With the new resolution of solidarity and the opportune message from Hyde park which seems to promise freedom of action there is new hope. (R.A.)

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3. Much space given to last day of communist conference. The usual line taken; need of communal elections stressed.

GENERAL

1. Government's resolution of solidarity given prominence. The parties are to postpone solution of major political problems, resolve their differences within the govt, coordinate the action of the press in line with solidarity principle, maintain the impartial authority of the state and defeat all attempts of reactionaries to return to power.

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2. Anglo-American decision on Italy. ACC to become AC, Italian representatives in Washington and London etc.

3. Roman Christian Democrats vote in a majority of officials with Republican sympathies.

4. Govt declares Munich pact null and void.

5. Formation of partisan group (ANPI) under tutelage of CLN.

6. Matteotti case to be reopened.

7. Rumor that Hungary wants armistice.

8. Executive Committee ofCamera Confederale del Lavoro makes statement on cost of living subsidy. (a) The fact that the subsidy - to be paid by employers - will be higher for workers having large familes may prejudice opportunity for employment of such workers. Measures should be taken to prevent this. (b) These living on pensions should not be overlooked in the matter of subsidies.

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VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

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2. Togliatti has invited the Republican Party to join the C.L.N. the V.R. thanks him for his courtesy and recalls that in many centers

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of Italy the Republicans are working in harmony with all the anti-Fascist parties. But it would be intolerable for them to join the central C.L.N. as long as its govt collaborates with the monarchy.

3. Remarking on the Communist declaration (in Rinascita) that they intend to approach problems from a collectivist - i.e. national - point of view and on the fact that Jugoslav claims for Trieste are put forward by the communist Tito, Pacciardi says this will put Italian Communists in difficult position. All Italians ask of them is that they make it clear to their Jugoslav comrades that Italy is unanimous in its reaction to such territorial requests. This will be the trial by fire of Italian Communists.

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4. Statement on difficulties of administering the communal patrimony by the assessore Mazzolani.

5. What is going on at "Luce"? Workers unemployed since Sept.43. No pay settlement, no liquidation, not even epuration. What is the Commissario doing? He has been in charge for two months.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Yesterday's two statements indicate a new stage in the

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progress toward national rebirth. The progress made so far is not so much due to the government's policy as to the sacrifice, tenacity and "sens de mesure" of the Italian people. The writer affirms that criticism and public debate - even for fundamental problems whose solution must be postponed - are necessary and useful in the democratic framework. By this means it is possible to avoid mistakes and to grow gradually towards that political maturity which Italians need and cannot get overnight.

2. Immunity for ex-Ministero delle Corporazioni. The ministry reappears under the new name of ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor. Is this something new? It hardly seems so, says I.L., if many personalities, compromised by their association with old ministry, are to enter the new one. Such people are unworthy to serve the new Italy and are logical candidates for epuration.

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3. New horizons. Attack, in playful language but with serious intent, on licensing the Messaggero.

4. Potatoes! Announced some time ago. Where are they?

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. What's going on at the UNRRA ? Protest because the electrical companies will not give service unless customers bills are paid whereas many bills are the result of German use of telephones against which

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no complaints were made by the UNCS while the Germans were in Rome... Anyway, Duca Caffarelli, president of Electric Co. is a notorious ex-Fascist.

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. Point de partir. Thus is defined the Allied statement on Italy. The coincidence of that statement with the motion of the Council of Ministers is regarded by R.L. as an example of the close relationship between internal and foreign policies. The greater powers to be given the Italian govt must, it is argued, permit that freedom of movement and decision that apparently was forbidden by the armistice. The sum set aside by UNRRA is not sufficient for the purpose and since Lend Lease seems to be excluded some other method must be found to help Italy to her feet. One inexpensive aid that could be given would be the return of the POWs whose strength and enthusiasm would be of great assistance to the country. In conclusion it may be said that the problem of Italy has been set up on a new basis and is on its way to being solved. This is due to the spirit of sacrifice and cooperation on the part of the people, the war effort of both regular and irregular Italian soldiers and the prudent and measured work of the govt. Perseverance along these lines will lead to better things.

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3. The new road. Spano writes that Fascism had been the organization defending the interests of the imperialistic class. It would be a great misteke to follow the imperialistic and essentially Fascist line in foreign affairs; the only path of safety and rehabilitation is through a policy of cooperation with other peoples.

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4. ENIC. How has Spataro managed to ratify the personnel of the Consiglio di Amministrazione of ENIC ? People like Oliva, Proia, Foffano, Monaco etc. What is the epuration sub-commission going to do about it ?

5. Letter from DeFeo stating baldly that ITALIA NUOVA lied yesterday when it said De Feo and the Socialist Committee member voted to license Il Messaggero. They voted against it.

6. Survey of condition of Ostia. Much to be done but the problems are capable of solution.

GENERAL

1. Reception and Remarks of Russian Labor Delegates.

2. Statement of Visconti Venosta on Allied declaration. "An act of justice." Looks to changes in ACC. Ready to fight Japan though there is officially no state of war. Summing up, declared that the Allied statement was a "starting point" and not the final goal.

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AFTERNOON PAPERS

OSSERVATORE ROMANO - Nihil novum.

QUOTIDIANO (Independent Catholic)

1. Replies to RICOSTRUZIONE's defense of ENAC. Q. still thinks it an organization Fascist in character, destined to fail.

2. Snake-worshippers. Reports ironically Stars and Stripes' article on snake worshippers of Kentucky. Then comments bitterly that in Kentucky people are allowed to worship serpents but here one is not permitted to protest against the viperish tongue of radio program. (Bernoni case again.)

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6. Teachers who don't teach. Article pointing out number of presidi etc. still carried on the rolls and still paid, whose duties are purely nominal. Suggests epurating action.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican)

1. Two more articles against ENAC.

2. The Americans and Italy. La V. writes that this is the time to "beat the iron"; the elections in America throw the Italian problem very much into the limelight. To-day President Roosevelt

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writes letters to the friends of Italy and to-day Italy's concerns are an American internal problem. To-morrow, after the elections, it will no longer be the case. Reprints article by one prof. Tagliacozzo, written in magazine Italia Libera (N.Y.) Sept 1, containing criticism of Allied policy and ACC administration.

3. ??? The VOCT had intended to report reactionary violence in Teramo. But the story was stopped (presumably by censors). VOCT admonishes its readers to patience; sooner or later the truth can be told.

4. Letter from Secretary of Hungarians resident in Rome, stating their loyalty to Allied Nations and their hatred of Germans, enumerating their services and sacrifices (including a victimof the Fosse Ardeatine massacres) for the common cause.

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6. Protest against Polish poster in center of Rome, reading: We are fighting for our liberty, not asking for it.

ITALIA LIBERA (Action)

1. Lessons of a crisis. The govt crisis ended the only way it possibly could, says La Malfa. Any other ending would have meant

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chaos. For, when all is said and done, the govt, though in one sense "self-elected", is the representative of the sane and forward-looking majority of Italians. One thing is to be taken to heart, the govt must proceed along a definite and continuous line of progress and not by oscillation from Left to Right.

2. Article by Tarchiani applauding revocation of Munich pact and stressing need of good relations between Prague and Rome for future of Europe.

3. Destiny of Italian art. After surveying the destruction the writer suggests a survey of the remaining patrimony and passing of all necessary measures to safeguard it. And in future buildings recommends less plaster of Paris pomp - so dear to Mussolini - and more conservative and sober construction.

4. Fascism out of uniform. To bring the Messaggero back with the simple prefixing of "nuovo" would be exactly the same as allowing Bottai or Rosconi to walk about Rome unmolested on condition they remove their black shirts and put on civilian dress.

5. Appeal for "temporary workers" of public administrations. These people are still living under measures drawn up by Fascists. Financially their condition is pitiful.

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4. Doubt expressed as to how well Ministerial Price Control Committee will function. Perhaps if it is willing to examine various [illegible] on their own merits and does not go in for sweeping decisions some good may come of it.

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3. Another article criticising appointment of Olivo and Soffano to UNIC.

4. Violent protest because AGEA has already sent out bills with increased prices for current. This is illegal. Customers are urged not to pay their bills; the company can hardly threaten to turn off light since getting it is a matter of pure chance anyway.

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TEMPO (Independent)

1. The new Risorgimento. If actions follow the declarations of the Allies we are at the beginning of a new risorgimento says Ciolli. It is for us to give a worthy answer to Churchill's expressions of confidence and sympathy. As for the war in Japan we are willing but a war effort is something that can be asked of a live nation and not one that is on the point of death.

2. On "The Armistice Clauses" in "Politica estera". Regret that the implication is given that the clauses themselves are printed rather than simply a discussion of them. And greater regret that the secret document should have been revealed to a reporter for purely polemical purposes - if indeed they really were - and not openly to the Italian people who certainly by now have a right to know. (B. Cialdea)

3. A case that should be reopened. The Matteotti case is well enough. But an urgent one is the Banco di Sconto which was suppressed in 1926, ostensibly to protect name of Marconi, who was president, actually to protect Perrone who had many links with the ruling clique.

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GENERAL: Churchill's speech...Reception of Russian Labor delegates by Bonomi... Pope's message to Czechs.

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OSSERVATORE ROMANO

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2. Whom and what does the army serve? Reprints a letter from the anti-Fascist parties of Teramo reporting violence against them on the part of the Nembo division. VR comments vigorously, asking government measures against this sort of thing. Is the Army to be a force of provocation and defense for monarchist reaction?

3. Sugar for pastries and sweets but not for children or the sick.

4. Asteria writes on the womens' vote. All parties have promised it but no concrete steps have been taken. She observes that the ministerial decree for preparation of voting lists goes back to the

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measures of 1919 at which time of ccurse women did not vote. Suggests that this be brought up to date by provision for including women in the lists.

MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. Article by Sandro Pertini of the virtues of the Socialists of Apulia. They are determined on various reforms, notably abolition of the latifundia.

2. Epifane writes on necessity of national control of exports.

3. Another protest against epurating the lower ranks of state employees while the big fish go untouched.

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2. Article by "g.r.d." on musical schools and conservatori. Inflated by Fascism they will have to be rebuilt on sounder principles.

ITALIA NUOVA (Democrat)

1. The mask and the face. Usual criticism of the government as not being truly representative of the people, not being competent to give unified direction, etc. Even that confidence in the govt which was expressed in the statement of Roosevelt and Churchill (speaking of greater autonomy and removing the word "control" from the commission) has been nullified by the words of Churchill which indicate that the

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control will pass to Allied Military authorities, thus becoming a police control. In such conditions and the govt being what it is the writer fails to see how the govt can become, as Churchill hopes it may, stronger and more autonomous. Thus the people will suffer the burden of a government which is not its own master and which the people have not chosen. Yet this very people which has not been allowed to choose its govt would know very well how to defend itself against any form of tyranny, however well masked - and without tutelage either. (E. Selvaggi)

2. Sovietski attacks the system of Commissari. They represent a compromise between the Marxist hopes for state control and the Liberals' desire to keep private property in control. Politically it is ingenious but it means economic paralysis. Particularly when in the nature of things the Commissari are largely incompetent since all first rate industrialists were perforce in some way linked with Fascism. And it preserves a condition of uncertainty just at a time when Italy must find capital and can look for it only in England and America whose investors will look for security first of all.

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1. Politicus writes on the danger of a left and right cleavage. There is a growing tendency for the moderate parties to identify democracy with inaction and the status quo. Fear of Leftists' excesses does not justify this attitude and it is for the center groups to make it clear that democracy must have a progressive direction. Otherwise, democracy will fail again in Italy.

2. Another protest against licensing Il Messaggero.

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UNITA' (Communist)

1. Spano notes with approval Churchill's words on temper of Italian people; criticizes his attitude toward the lynching. Considering the provocation the people have had one lynching is hardly a matter for surprise. There are other countries with worse records.

2. Need of more honest and less secret epuration in the R. Aeronautica.

3. Remarks on the number of carabinieri in evidence in Via Veneto yesterday. Had some leading Fascist escaped from Regina Coeli? No, merely a peaceful union meeting.

4. The cucine popolari are functioning badly and need control, in the opinion of U.

5. Many bakers are cheating on flour quantity in bread and selling it to black market. This needs investigation by the police.

6. Protest against licensing of Messaggero by the Federazione Provinciale Comunista of Rome.

GENERAL

1. Council of Ministers with special attention to Scelba's report.

2. Statement of Roosevelt that there will be an announcement about La Guardia shortly.

3. Reception of Russian labor delegates. (Very fully covered in AVANTI; IL POPOLO finds the tone "too political.")

4. Visit of Cardinal Villeneuve to Pope.

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